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County GOP confab

Area Republicans to hold convention on March 19

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The Howard County Republican party will hold its 2016 Precinct and County Convention on Saturday, March 19 at the Howard County Courthouse.

During the local meeting, party members will elect delegates to send to the state convention set for May 12-14 at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas and consider adoption of resolutions. Also members can submit their own resolutions for consideration. The resolution must be placed in writing.

Republican party members will meet at 10 a.m. for the precinct convention and then again at 11 a.m. for the county election.

The county courthouse is located at 300 S. Main.

Nationally, the three top presidential candidates in the Republican Primary still remain Donald Trump, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida.

On Tuesday, Cruz received 1,822 votes in the Howard County primary vs. 1,084 for Trump, who leads nationally. Rubio was the third choice locally, earning 447 votes.

Overall, Cruz comfortably captured more than 42 percent of votes cast in the Texas primary and picked up at least 52 delegates on Super Tuesday, but still lags behind front-runner Trump, according to the Associated Press.

The field of candidates running to become the Republican nominee is now down to four. According to media reports, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson has effectively ended his campaign. Now the field stands at Trump, Cruz, Rubio and John Kasich, Governor of Ohio.

Showing her clout



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Makenzie Roberts hits a home run during the Lady Steers' win over Tuscola Jim Ned in opening day action of the Tournament of the Crossroads at Anderson Sports Complex Thursday. See related story and photo, Page 9.

A necessary headache

Howard College begins accreditation process

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College officials have begun work on a once-a-decade project that is as important as it is painstaking.

Every 10 years, the college must be accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. And the process is anything but pleasant.

"This is the fourth time since I've been here that we've gone through this," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said, "and it just keeps getting harder and harder".

The work may be difficult, but it is unarguably vital — without accreditation, HC student will not



Sparks

be eligible for federal financial aid, nor will their college credits be transferable to another institution.

And Howard doesn't get a bit of a break because it is a junior college — it must go through the same administrative hoops and follow the same recertification procedures as four-year colleges and universities.

"It takes a massive amount of work," Sparks said. "A lot of people don't know that we have to go through the same process as Rice University or the University of Texas ... We all have to follow the same

principles and we all have to work from the same book."

The process — which involves reams of paperwork, peer reviews and visits from a SACS accreditation committee, will last until mid-June, when the association will make its decision.

The good news is that Howard has never failed the accreditation process and Sparks highly doubts they'll fail now.

"It's up to us, as an institution of higher learning, to hold ourselves to a higher standard," she said.

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Trump rivals vow to back him if nominated

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Republican establishment and its last best hopes to defeat Donald Trump spent a long and extraordinary day denouncing the billionaire businessman as dangerous, a "phony" and a "con man" unfit for office. Then, when it was all over, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and John Kasich swallowed hard and said they'd support



Trump

Republican Party faces as Trump continues to dominate the race for delegates and the campaign conversation.

Beyond harsh words, GOP leaders see little opportunity to stop Trump's march toward the presidential nomination. Panicked party leaders are poring over complicated delegate math, out-

lining hazy scenarios for a contested national convention and even flirting with the idea of a third-party effort to derail Trump's insurgent candidacy.

A tumultuous day opened with Mitt Romney, the party's 2012 presidential nominee, making a rare public appearance to denounce Trump as a fraud who is "playing the American public for suckers." Speaking to NBC's "Today" Friday, Romney said he will "do everything within the normal political bounds to make sure we don't nominate Donald Trump."

He ruled out that he will run for the presidency but

also ruled out ever voting for Trump or the Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton.

Also publicly criticizing Trump: House Speaker Paul Ryan, who was Romney's running mate, and 2008 GOP nominee John McCain. Ryan said Trump's more controversial ideas "disfigured" conservatism, and McCain voiced concern about Trump's "uninformed and indeed dangerous statements" on national security.

Trump lashed back. In the evening debate in Detroit, he called Romney "a failed candidate" who lost to Barack

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A day at the lake

Rotarians host fishing tourney for youngsters

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's eighth annual fishing contest for boys and girls, ages 17 and under, will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center at Comanche Trail Park and

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Obituaries

Mary Lomax

Mary Helen Lomax, 87, of Alpine, formerly of Big Spring, died March 3, 2016. Services are pending under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Daniel Wright

Daniel Wright, 60, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 03, 2016 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOHNNY LEE ELLIS**, 39, of 703 W. 18th St. was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility - 2nd offense and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **WILLIAM ANTHONY MORRIS**, 33, of 407 E. 8th St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JESSICA HIPP**, 31, of 5450 Suncrest, El Paso, Texas was arrested on warrants for speeding and

failure to appear.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Ave. and the 800 block of W. I-20.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane and the 1500 block of E. FM 700.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 10th St. and Gregg St.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2100 block of Scurry St.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Lexington.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.
- **HARVEY GENE ANDREWS JR.**, 56, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, more than 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds.
 - **JOHNNY LEE ELLIS**, 39, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions, failure to maintain financial responsibility and possession of a dangerous drug.
 - **FELIX MARTINEZ GUTIERREZ III**, 49, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for bondsman off bond – driving while license invalid with pre-

vious convictions/suspensions and bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **JESSICA HIPP**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for speeding and violate promise to appear.
- **WILLIAM ANTHONY MORRIS**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **GARY LEE SCOTT**, 65, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation – evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
- **ANDREW THOMAS SLATE**, 23, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions.
- **ADAM ANTHONY STARR**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a bench warrant.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 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.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

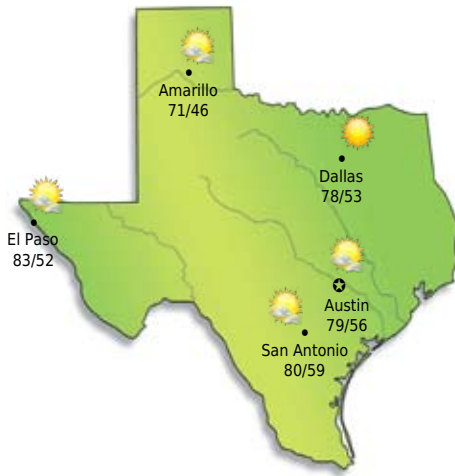
FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 3/5	Sun 3/6	Mon 3/7	Tue 3/8	Wed 3/9
78/55 Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 78F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	78/55 Cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	77/47 Windy with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	72/44 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	61/40 Showers and t-storms. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM

Texas at a Glance



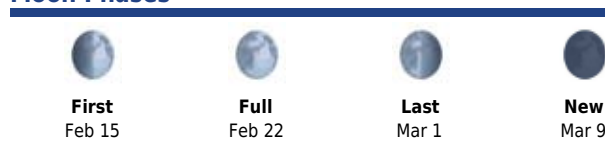
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	49	Sunny	Kingsville	81	57	Sunny
Amarillo	80	37	P Clody/Wind	Livingston	77	46	Sunny
Austin	78	52	Sunny	Longview	74	46	Sunny
Beaumont	75	49	Sunny	Lubbock	82	40	M Cloudy
Brownsville	78	61	M Cloudy	Lufkin	77	44	Sunny
Brownwood	77	44	M Cloudy	Midland	83	50	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	76	60	Sunny	Raymondville	81	62	Sunny
Corsicana	75	49	Sunny	Rosenberg	76	51	Sunny
Dallas	74	49	Sunny	San Antonio	79	53	Sunny
Del Rio	82	55	Sunny	San Marcos	77	50	Sunny
El Paso	85	51	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	73	47	Sunny
Fort Stockton	88	53	Sunny	Sweetwater	80	50	Sunny
Gainesville	72	45	P Cloudy	Tyler	75	48	Sunny
Greenville	72	46	Sunny	Weatherford	76	48	Sunny
Houston	77	50	Sunny	Wichita Falls	77	47	M Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	33	Cloudy	Miami	86	68	M Sunny
Boston	35	25	Cloudy	Minneapolis	39	30	Cloudy
Chicago	38	34	P Cloudy	New York	40	31	Snow Showers
Dallas	74	49	Sunny	Phoenix	91	59	P Cloudy
Denver	65	37	P Cloudy	San Francisco	65	58	Cloudy
Houston	77	50	Sunny	Seattle	60	48	P Cloudy
Los Angeles	71	55	M Cloudy	Saint Louis	52	41	M Cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 3/5	Sun 3/6	Mon 3/7	Tue 3/8	Wed 3/9
6	4	7	7	4
High	Moderate	High	High	Moderate

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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Lottery

- AUSTIN, Texas (AP) – These Texas lotteries were drawn Thursday:
- Daily 4 Night 3-2-1-2, Sum It Up: 8
- Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$144 million
- Pick 3 Day 5-6-2, Sum It Up: 13
- Pick 3 Evening 9-8-1
- Pick 3 Morning 0-5-6
- Pick 3 Night 4-8-1, Sum It Up: 13
- Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$40 million
- Triple Chance 01-05-06-14-20-29-38-39-44-55
- Two Step 09-14-15-24, Bonus: 20
- Estimated jackpot: \$1.17 million
- Daily 4 Morning 6-6-8-0

Food 2 Kids Big Spring

It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) March 28 and 29.

The sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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Calling all rockhounds: Gem show Saturday



By **AMANDA ELSTON**
Managing Editor

The Big Spring Prospector's Club has been polishing up its gear and is ready for the county to come visit for their 47th annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show this weekend. Located in the Howard County Fair Barn, the show boasts a variety of rocks, artifacts, jewelry, and even fossils.

"The displays are brought in by our own club members," said club member Lola Lamb. "We have a ton of dealers coming in all around the state as well as two from New Mexico."

During the show, which runs Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the club will have demonstrations in which a club member will make something to show audiences. Lamb said they will also have someone on hand for some jew-

elry repair, as well as a few other things to see and do.

"We will have a barbecue food vendor on hand as well as some baked goods for sale," said Lamb. "We have a spinning wheel for kids, but we always see a few adults get excited about it too!"

Lamb invited all interested persons to Prospector Club meetings, which are held the second Thursday of each month at 606 E 3rd St.

"We invite anyone that has any interest in gems or minerals. For those who don't have their own equipment to make jewelry, we have work nights each Monday with tools available for you," said Lamb. "We all just enjoy taking something not so pretty and making it really beautiful."

The Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show is free of charge.

Take note

• Jury selection for Monday at 9 a.m. for the 118th District Court, before The Honorable Timothy Yeats, has been cancelled. If you have received a jury summons for this court only, there is no need to appear.

• The Kiwanis Club's Annual Pancake Supper will take place at the Howard College Student Union Building on March 11 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30

p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person and include all you can eat pancakes, sausage patties and bacon. There will be milk, water and coffee to drink. To go orders welcome.

• Coahoma Lions Club annual pancake supper will take place March 7 at the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria and will cost \$6 per person.

The Coahoma ISD open house will be from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Coahoma ISD Talent Show will take place in the CHS auditorium from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. and the pancakes dinner will be from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For

more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• 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 271-2176.

FISH

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door prizes will be awarded.

The Comanche Trail Park Lake has been stocked with almost 4,000 trout this season by the Texas Parks and Wildlife provided by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau.

There will be prizes for the first fish caught, the largest fish caught and the most fish caught by noon.

"Popular ways to catch trout include

fishing off the bottom with corn, salmon eggs or a variety of power baits. Small rooster tail and super duper lures work well too," according to a press release from Mike Richardson with the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

On average each year, approximately 100 kids and their parents or grandparents have participated in the fishing contest.

For more information, contact Richardson at 432-599-0351 or 432-267-5504.

- Julie Bass

TRUMP

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Obama four years ago.

"Obviously, he wants to be relevant," Trump said dismissively.

It was telling evidence of the party's conundrum when Rubio and Cruz, clearly lacking enthusiasm, signaled their willingness to vote for Trump after spending much of the debate leveling withering criticism at his "flexible" policy positions and personal ethics.

The two senators, who in earlier debates had devoted considerable time to throwing sharp elbows at one another, pressed Trump aggressively on his conservative credentials, his business practices and changing policies.

Questioned about any number of issues, Trump signaled a will-

ingness to deal.

He said it was fine that Florida Sen. Rubio had negotiated with other lawmakers on immigration policy.

He said he had changed his own mind to support admitting more highly skilled workers from overseas, adding matter-of-factly: "I'm changing. I'm changing. We need highly skilled people in this country."

He was also unrepentant about providing campaign contributions to leading Democrats, including 10 checks to Clinton.

"I've supported Democrats and I've supported Republicans, and as a businessman I owed that to my company, to my family, to my workers, to everybody to get along," he said.

When Fox News moderator Megyn Kelly told Trump his shifts caused some people to question his core, Trump insist-

ed: "I have a very strong core. But I've never seen a successful person who wasn't flexible, who didn't have a certain degree of flexibility."

The bad blood among the candidates flowed freely, a steady stream of insults interspersed with the policy debate. And early on in the evening, Trump nonchalantly tossed out a crude sexual reference.

Rubio justified his attacks on Trump by saying the billionaire businessman had "basically mocked everybody" over the past year. Trump countered with a feint, saying he'd called Rubio a "lightweight" in the past but "he's really not that much of a lightweight."

In one particularly sharp exchange, Rubio renewed his criticisms of Trump University, which charged students \$1,495 each for seminars that would teach them

the billionaire's secrets to making it big in real estate. A lawsuit filed by the New York attorney general claims the classes fell so short of promises that it amounted to fraud.

"He's trying to con people into giving him their vote just as he conned those people," Rubio said.

Cruz, tag-teaming on the issue, added, "If we nominate Donald, we're going to spend the fall and the summer with the Republican nominee facing a fraud trial."

Trump shrugged it off, saying: "It's a minor civil case. Give me a break."

And he turned the tables, saying Rubio is "the real con artist." He said the first-term senator "scammed the people of Florida" by skipping so many Senate votes.

With Ben Carson's exit from the race this week, the field of Republican candidates has now been narrowed to four. But any number of predictions that GOP voters would unite behind one anti-Trump candidate have come and

gone without a change in the overall dynamic.

Still, the front-runner is not yet on track to claim the nomination before the party's national gathering in July, according to an Associated Press delegate count. He has won 46 percent of the delegates awarded so far, and he would have to increase that to 51 percent in the remaining primaries.

The GOP mayhem contrasts sharply with a clearer picture on the Democratic side, where Clinton is drawing broad support from voters and her party's leaders. Rival Sen. Bernie Sanders has vowed to keep up his fight, though his path to the nomination has become exceedingly narrow.

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Juan Hernandez, 85, died Wednesday. A vigil will be at 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mark Edwin Fort, 59, died Monday. A memorial service will be at 3:00 PM Sunday at The Refuge Church, in Lubbock.

Daniel Wright, 60, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 03, 2016 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Trump supporters rail against the present

Sure, Donald Trump has the support of David Duke. But the membership of the Ku Klux Klan is small. So anyone hoping to understand Trump's electoral appeal must assume it goes beyond those whose favorite pastime is burning crosses.

Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., recently explained why he endorsed the GOP front-runner. “I come from an interesting rural county with a lot of Rust Belt union folks, and Donald Trump is truly resonating through western New York,” he told The New York Times. “It starts first and foremost with the leader who is going to make our borders safe again.”

His district is actually on the border — the border with Canada. But that's not the one Trump wants to secure with an impenetrable wall. Collins' constituents are about as far as you can get from the Rio Grande, and they have not been overrun by Mexican immigrants, legal or otherwise. Hispanics of all types make up just 2.6 percent of the population there.

Trump's ability to inflame such passions in so many places is puzzling because the number of foreigners coming here illegally has been declining. The number living in the United States is down by nearly 1 million from the 2007 peak. The volume of apprehensions by the Border Patrol along the border with Mexico has plunged.

Fear of terrorism has something to do with this urge to seal off the southern border. Republican presidential candidates have raised the terrifying specter of Islamic State terrorists sneaking into the country from Mexico.

None of them mentions that the 9/11 hijackers came here legally. Nor does anyone seem to recall that in 2011, the head of Customs and Border Protection said, “We have had more cases

where people who are suspected of alliances with terrorist organizations or have had a terrorist suspicion in their background — we see more people crossing over from Canada than we have from Mexico.”

Oddly, Trump pays no attention to our northern frontier. Something about Canada just doesn't frighten people — even people who can see Toronto from their homes — the way Mexico does.

Trump is fond of saying that the southern border is so porous as to be no border at all. “If we don't have a border, we don't have a country,” he asserts.

As a matter of history, he couldn't be more wrong. “The Mexico-U.S. border remained little more than a line on a map, entirely unguarded by federal authorities until 1924, when the

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U.S. Border Patrol was established,” writes Princeton sociologist Douglas Massey. Ronald Reagan, the hero of every Republican, envisioned a North America without border controls.

It's not just illegal immigration that alarms Trump fans. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., who endorsed him this week, favors a reduction in legal immigration. So does the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which has praised Trump's immigration plan. “I'm opposed to new people coming in,” he said in 1999.

Republican ‘takers’ take down establishment

Just as Donald Trump did a Super Tuesday stomp on the Republican establishment, the establishment showed why it deserved the rough treatment. The Republican Senate leadership yet again announced its refusal to consider anyone President Obama nominates for the Supreme Court until after the presidential election.

It is the job of the U.S. Senate to hold hearings on, and then accept or reject, the president's choice. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley said they will not take on the work — while showing no inclination to forgo their paychecks.

Talk about “takers.” Yes, talk about “takers.” That's how Mitt Romney described Americans benefiting from Medicare, Social Security, Obamacare and other government social programs during his failed 2012 run for president. Never mind that most of the “takers” have also paid for some of what they have received.

Working-class Republicans have finally rebelled against the notion that everything they get is beneficence from the super-rich — and that making the super-rich super-duper-rich would drop some tinsel on their grateful heads. They were done with quiet protest and ready to take down the Republican bastille, stone by stone. And the angrier Trump made the establishment the happier they were.

The Bastille was the symbol of France's Old Regime. The storming of the prison in 1789 kicked off the French Revolution.

Republican disrupters from Newt Gingrich on down liked to talk about a conservative revolution. They didn't know the first thing about revolutions. This is a revolution.

Back at the chateau, Republican luminaries were calmly planning favors for their financiers. They assumed their party's working folk would fall in line — out of both hostility to Democrats and through hypnosis.

“To be honest and impolitic, the Trump voter smacks of a child who unleashes recriminations against mommy and daddy because the world is imperfect”

So you had Jeb Bush amassing an armory of campaign cash over bubbly and hors d'oeuvres at the family estate in Maine. You had Marco Rubio devising a plan to do away with all capital gains taxes — the source of half the earnings for people making \$10 million or more. You had Ted Cruz concocting a plan to abolish the IRS. (Without the IRS, only the working stiffs would be paying taxes, the money automatically deducted from their paychecks.)

Not much here for the alleged takers, who actually see themselves as “taken from.” Unlike the others, Trump wasn't going

Racial prejudice undoubtedly motivates many of his supporters. One thing Mexicans and Central Americans sneaking over the southern border usually have in common with Middle Eastern refugees is a dusky complexion.

That doesn't win them points with the 70 percent of Trump voters in South Carolina who think the Confederate flag should still be flying at the state Capitol or the 16 percent who believe “whites are a superior race.”

UCLA political scientist Lynn Vavreck has documented that many of his supporters are “people who are responsive to religious, social and racial intolerance.” Latinos and Muslims get the blunt end of their response.

It clearly infuriates those drawn to Trump that they have repeatedly failed to get their way on the issues they are passionate about. Most Americans, polls show, are in favor of giving unauthorized immigrants a path to citizenship. Most think immigrants strengthen America. Most want to let those brought here illegally as children gain legal status. Most are fine with the country's becoming browner and more culturally diverse.

On these and other matters, Trump's supporters have been losing, year in and year out. That's not the fault of corrupt Washington insiders or cowardly politicians or weak leadership. They have been losing because the majority of Americans have considered their views and rejected them.

The fantasy Trump holds out to his followers is that despite being out of step with the majority of their fellow Americans, they can dismantle all the changes they detest. Win or lose, they're in for a disappointment.

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DAILY PRAYER

Your love, Lord, is available to us in unlimited quantities. Thank You.

Amen.



STEVE CHAPMAN



FROMA HARROP

Did you ever wonder: law for living

You really should read these "laws for living" in Ex 21 through 23 slowly and study them. Put them into the perspective of our present lives.

God has much to say about pre-marital sex. Today we totally disregard this. We think as long as we can sneak around and not get caught, we have won the game. Some may think, "So what if a young girl gets pregnant. It is her shame, not mine. People don't know I am the father." But God knows.

God keeps watch over creditors, too. Poor people often use credit as a means of raising their standard of living. Lenders should not allow them to over-extend their

means rather than repossessing from them later.

We live in a society that wants things both ways. Some people want to run over weaker people, those with less money and prestige. Then when they get caught doing what is unethical, they ask for grace. Sort of like, "I am so sorry. Please don't punish me. I promise never to do it again."

We hear that promise a lot, but most of the time it is not sincere. They are simply sorry that they got caught. In their hearts they plan to be more cautious in the future.

Or there is the other approach when one is caught doing something bad. "My daddy has a very good lawyer." "This is entrapment." "I demand my rights!" Here people are falling back on laws of the government to save them, not changing their hearts.

Ex 22:20-23 is very direct and con-

cise. Paraphrased, it says do not taunt or oppress people who are weaker than you. "If you cause them pain and they cry out to Me, I shall surely hear. And I shall kill you by the sword."

This is an oath from God meaning He will bring someone who is bigger and meaner against you. He will not protect you when a bigger bully comes along.

Does this mean that God is a big, mean god that enjoys hurting people? NO. God is just. He will give you much time to realize that He is loving and kind. His desire is for you to love Him back.

But there is a time set for every person that he may walk in his own desires. During that time each person may truly repent of the evil he has done and turn his heart to God. He can begin loving the One Who loves him and he will be forgiven.

However, when that time is

reached, it is like a brass ceiling is closed and God will no longer watch or hear. He permits a person's own evil to engulf him. God will not look upon it with pity.

God knows that we live in a fallen world and evil runs rampant. But He gives us strength to fight evil inclinations and to overcome them ... if we only want to.

It is very simple. We only need to love Him more than we love the things of this world. Once we make that choice we find that the things of this world lose their charm and glitter. We will no longer find any pleasure in them.

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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Church News

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Holy Trinity Catholic Church located at 1009 Hearn Street is currently meeting for mass in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center while improvements are being done in the sanctuary. Mass times are 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday. During Lent the Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday at 6 p.m. Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Our office telephone number is 432-714-4930 or visit us online at www.bigspringcatholic.org.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to join them for Sunday services at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Select the time that best fits your schedule and gather with BHDC for a time of praising and worshipping our faithful and loving Heavenly Father. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will share a message from Scripture. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Christian Church

Fellowship starts at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.
Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.
How many of us love our children unconditionally? How many of us make sacrifices for our children time and time again? How many of us, when they have done wrong, will continue to envelope them in our arms? Our heavenly Father does this time and time again for us no matter how many times we fall short. This Sunday our Guest Minister, Dan Miracle will be preaching a sermon on Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11b - 32 in regards to the Prodigal Son.
As always we are pleased to have Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault leading our choir in some beautiful selections that enhance our worship like, "O, How I Love Jesus", "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

Serving as our Liturgist this week is Joyce Davis. Servers at our Lord's table will be Wanda Brock and Shirley Lee.

We look forward to seeing any new faces. If you have any questions regarding our services, Isaiah 58 or if you just need someone to pray with you, please don't hesitate to call. We will be having a Maundy Thursday Service during Easter Week, more on upcoming events in our next Church News.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad Street, Big Spring.

We are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our phone number is 432-517-4821.

Spring Creek Fellowship

A new session of the Chronic Pain Management group begins Tuesday March 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Go inside the mall and look for the "Connect Four" sign on the doors.

All Ladies are invited to our new Women' Ministry Group called "The Cheese Nips." If you are interested in sharing your time and talents to help with various events around the church and getting to know the ladies of our church, join us on March 8th at 6:30 p.m. at SCF. You might also learn where we got the name of the group.

A new session of "Grief Share", a grief support group meets Sundays from 4-6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. For more info on "Grief Share", visit www.griefshare.org or contact the office.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-
8:15 a.m. - Classical Worship Service-More traditional music, etc. than our current Worship Service
9:15 a.m. - 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. - Noon - Worship Service
Tuesday-
Noon - 2 p.m. - Prayer team
Noon - Narcotics anonymous
6 p.m. - Pain management group
Friday-
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Narcotics anonymous
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"
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 Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

First Baptist Church - Big Spring

"How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!" declares Psalm 36:7. Join us at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday as we worship God and thank Him for His gift of our Savior Jesus Christ. In preparation for Easter, Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the message series "Everlasting Love" in which we are

humbly amazed at the evidence of God's great love for us as seen in the life of Christ from His birth to His resurrection.

At 9:30 Sunday school classes meet throughout the building with children gathering in the 'Good News Garage' on the first floor, and youth, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Come early for coffee and fellowship; greeters are happy to assist you in finding your class.

Kids' Connection begins at 5:30, and all area children are invited to participate in this fun time of Bible based games, songs, and activities. There is no fee to attend.

At 6 p.m., youth will come together at the Raffini's home for a time of Bible study and a light meal. Transportation is available; contact youth pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details.

Evening service starts at 6 p.m., and presents the opportunity to worship and prepare our hearts for the upcoming week.

Our Mission Center/Food Pantry is open Thursday from 9-11 a.m. It is located on Lancaster, one block behind HEB. You do not have to be a FBC member to volunteer; come at 8:30 a.m. if you would like to assist and be blessed by this amazing ministry.

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

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5-6, followed by activities for all ages. Call 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org for detailed information. Join us March 9 for turkey and dressing.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. If you are unable to attend Sunday morning, we invite you to worship with us through the live stream on our website at: fbcbigspring.org.

There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

Forsan Baptist Church

Quinton Burton will be our guest speaker this Sunday morning.

Our Wednesday study series on Ezekiel is underway, currently about halfway through the book. Join us as we gather together to study this major prophet.

Sunday evenings we are currently examining the topic, "Does This Mean Me?" We will be reading from the Bible and asking the pertinent question of whether the passage directly or indirectly applies to our current culture. Beginning this Sunday evening we will dig deeper into our topic from Sunday morning's message.

Wednesday youth activities begin at 4 p.m. Most of those who attend walk directly over from the school. We provide rides for those who need them after church. A meal is served at 5:30, and age-appropriate classes begin at 6 p.m. We have groups for all ages including Heroes in Training for age 3-5, RA's and GA's for those in first through fifth grades, CHAOS for youth, and an adult Bible study as well.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 9:50 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m., and evening Bible study at 6 p.m. For any questions please call 457-2342.

First United Methodist Church

The 9 a.m. Traditions service on Sunday morning features our pipe organ, the Celebration Choir led by Gershom Garcia, and the classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is led by our worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Gershom Garcia, Adrian Calvio, and many others. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

On Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will continue a message series entitled "Bona Fide: Faith According to James." The Lenten message series explores the meaning of discipleship in the Letter of James.



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First Baptist Church pastor Mark Lindsey wields the TP bazooka as the audience participates in one of the many games played at the recent "Kidz Blitz Live" program held at the church.

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One baptism: part 2

In the previous article, it was shown how “Holy Spirit” baptism was something that was specifically promised to the apostles by the Lord (Luke 24:29; Acts 1:4-5,8; 2:1-4, 16-17) and given to the Gentile Cornelius and his household as an undeniable sign of heaven’s approval of the Gentiles receiving the gospel (Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-18; 15:7-8). Therefore, the one baptism that the Apostle Paul affirms in Ephesians 4:5 is water baptism. The focus of this article will be



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water baptism and what we know about it from the New Testament. First of all, our English word “baptize” is actually a transliteration and not a translation of the Greek word “baptidzo”. Thayer’s Dictionary defines this word in the following manner: 1) to dip, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk); 2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging; 3) to overwhelm.

We understand that this act is immersion from New Testament passages. When Jesus was baptized (immersed) by John in the Jordan River, he came up from the water (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10). Also with the Ethiopian in Acts 8:26-39, we see that upon the eunuch’s belief and his confession of that belief, he

and Philip both went down into the water. Philip baptized (immersed) the eunuch and then they both came up out of the water (Acts 8:38-39).

Probably the most compelling passage showing that water baptism is immersion or submersion is Romans 6. Paul refers to the act of baptism (immersion) as a symbolic reenactment of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Romans 6:1-4, *What shall we say, then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from*

the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (ESV). When a person puts their trust in God to save them and submits to God’s will, they symbolically put to death their old life (Galatians 5:24; Colossians 3:1-3). They are symbolically buried (immersed) in water and symbolically resurrected as a child of God.

Lord willing, we will conclude our thoughts on the one baptism, that is immersion in water, in the next article. May we all desire, just like Paul to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace!

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

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Sunday’s message is entitled “Bona Fide Impartiality” and comes from James 2:1-13.

To help the congregation develop the daily habit of spending time alone with God, a daily Bible Reading Guide that follows the message series is also available. If you’d like a copy of the Guide, please phone our church office at 432-267-6394 and we’ll be glad to send you a copy free of charge.

Wednesday Noon Bible study is currently on hold as the congregation participates in the Lenten Lunch Series with other churches in Big Spring. Wednesday Noon Bible Study will resume on March 16.

On Wednesday, March 9, the First Presbyterian Church will host the final Lenten Lunch. The First Presbyterian Church is located at 701 Runnels Street. Pastor Mark Lindsey of the First Baptist Church will be the speaker.

First United Methodist Church is gearing up for Holy Week and Easter. Our Good Friday service will be Friday evening, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The Reverend Derrell Patterson will be our guest preacher that evening. Following his message, the reading of the Passion Story will lead us into a period of darkness and meditation at the cross.

The congregation is anticipating a glorious Easter celebration on March 27. Both morning worship services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. will include the Flowering of the Cross. At 9:45 a.m., our Children’s Ministry will be holding an Easter Carnival in the Youth Building.

Our Family and Parish Life Ministry Team also will be hosting a Brunch at 10 a.m. in Garrett Hall. The Brunch is in lieu of Sunday School for Easter Sunday only. Everything for the Brunch will be provided by the Family and Parish Life Team.

Our Children’s Ministry has begun work on an Easter Musical entitled “Crown Him with Many Crowns” on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children who are age four through fifth grade are invited to participate. The musical will be presented on Sunday, April 3 during the 11 a.m. contemporary worship service. For more information, please phone Becky Woodall in the church office.

We’re also gearing up for this year’s confirmation class. We’ll launch the class with a retreat for Junior High students who haven’t been confirmed on April 8, 9, and 10. The retreat will take place at Camp Butman. During the retreat, students will focus on the problem of sin and Christ as the answer to that problem. This year’s retreat theme is “Cross Training”. If your Junior High student has not been confirmed, please phone Pastor Bill in the church office.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

First United Methodist Church is located just off Greg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

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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 aliveinchristx@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.

Seth Bailey will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday night bible study began on Feb. 17, 2016. We are studying 1 John. A meal is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and class is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please feel free to join us once again. Confirmation Class is from 6:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday evening and is held in the Education Building.

Our Lenten Services will be held for the next 3 weeks on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

We will have a Seder Meal on Thursday, March 24, 2016, with Maundy Thursday Service to follow. Our Good Friday Service will be held on March 25, 2016 at 7 p.m.

For our Easter Services we will have a Sunrise Service at 8 a.m., followed by a Pancake Breakfast and the Celebration Service will take place at 10 a.m.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 a.m. each morning for these wonderful devotions: “Morning Meditation Thoughts”.

First Presbyterian Church

– Big Spring

Kim Villanueva is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for March are Buddy Cochrane, Helen Glass, Lynn Glass, and Danny Kennemur. Communion Servers are Katie and Jerry Grimes, Susan and David Wilson, and Ellen Austin. Jim Little will be Liturgist for March 6. The Liturgist for last Sunday was Glen Burch, representing the Youth.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and preside at Communion. The Chancel Choir will offer “Do not I love thee” as the anthem and the American spiritual “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” 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.

The Children’s Sunday School classes began new lessons for Lent on Feb. 28 with a video entitled The Life of Christ. The second lesson will be taken from the We Believe Workshop The Last Supper, the third lesson from The Garden of Gethsemane Power Xpress Workbook, with the last Sunday being Easter, March 27. The children will be singing on Palm Sunday.

On March 6, the adult Covenant Class begins a new Spring Quarter study entitled The Gifts of Faith. John Ferguson leads this group in Unit One: Tests of Faith: Lesson One, “Powerful Faith;” Lesson Two, “Simple Faith;” Lesson Three, “Struggling Faith;” and Lesson Four, “Resurrection Faith.” The adult Discovery Class begins a six-session

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At the recent “Kidz Blitz Live” event held at First Baptist Church, children and adults participated in activities reminding us that when hard times come, God’s family pulls together and overcomes.

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Reflections: image and first impressions

Abraham Lincoln was called an "ape." His voice had a Midwestern twang. He only had one year of formal education. Edwin Stanton, who would later serve as Lincoln's Secretary of War, first met him in Cincinnati in 1855. Lincoln had been invited to assist Stanton in an important civil case. Stanton described him as a "tall, rawly boned, ungainly back woodsman, with coarse, ill-fitting clothing, his trousers hardly reaching his ankles, holding in his hands a blue cotton umbrella with a ball on the end."



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After Lincoln introduced himself and suggested, "Let's go up in a gang,"

Stanton decided to have nothing to do with him. He even refused to invite Lincoln to dine at his table. Lincoln was elected president in 1860 with less than 40% of the popular vote. When he delivered the Gettysburg Address, few listened. The Chicago Times panned the speech stating, "The cheeks of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly, flat, and dishwatery utterances." Abraham Lincoln is now regarded as perhaps our greatest president. Every year millions visit his Memorial that overlooks the mall in Washington, D.C. And the speech that the Chicago Times called "silly and flat" is memorized by most students of American history. By contrast, in an open and free election on March 29, 1936, Adolf Hitler received 98.8% of the German

popular vote. His spellbinding oratory and promises to make Germany great again mesmerized an entire generation. He was proclaimed the savior of Germany. At his peak, more than a million gathered in Nuremberg each year to praise and adore him. But beneath those appearances lurked a sinister ego-maniac who would exterminate approximately 20 million people including Jews, the mentally ill, the infirm and the elderly. Today, Hitler's name is synonymous with evil. References to him have been virtually erased in Germany, except for the Document Center in Nuremberg, preserved as a reminder of the nation's darkest days.

Describing Christ 800 years before He was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote, "he hath no form

nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." (Isaiah 53:2-4). The public image and first impressions are often deceiving. What truly matters is that which resides within. The Bible says, "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7).

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

Determining the date for Easter

By **GENE MEACHAM**

Special to the Herald

Easter Sunday will come early this year - March 27. Next year it will come much later - April 16. A few years ago I became curious as to why Easter Sunday came on such widely different dates. With just a little Google research, I discovered that in AD 325 the Council of Nicaea established that the date for Easter would be determined by the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. Vernal equinox, of course, being the date in our spring when the sun crosses the equator on its journey north approximately March 21. Thus the earliest date Easter can fall would be March 22, and the latest date would be April 25.

But why is Easter connected with the spring equinox and the full moon? It all began with the Jewish festival called Passover. Passover, and the accompanying Feast of Unleavened Bread was the most important annual festival for the Jews. It commemorated the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt by an act of God in which an angel killed all the firstborn of both man and animals among the Egyptians, but "passed over," every home of the Jewish people, wherever the blood of the Passover lamb had been applied to the doorway. Christians would later find an appropriate identification of the Passover lamb with Jesus Christ, announced by John the Baptist to be "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," (John 1:29, NIV).

The Mosaic Law stated that Passover was to be celebrated on the 14th day of the month Nisan, the first month of the calendar year for the nation Israel, and roughly equivalent to our March-April. Thus the stage was set for the Passion Week of our Lord to come in conjunction with the annual festival of Passover.

Jesus clearly told His disciples, "I have eagerly desired to eat this

Passover with you before I suffer," (Luke 22:15 [Emphasis mine]). He told them that at that very time, "the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified" (Matthew 26:2). The gospel accounts of Jesus' Passion tell us that, after this Passover meal, during which Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He then went out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and was there arrested by the Judas-led mob. The trial before Pilate and Herod took place in the evening of Thursday into the early morning hours of Friday. The crucifixion took place about 9 a.m. on Friday. Darkness came over the whole area from noon to 3 p.m., and soon after 3 p.m. Jesus died with the final cry on his lips, "It is finished" (John 19:30).

Joseph of Arimathea boldly approached Pilate and asked permission to take the body of Jesus down from the cross and place it in his own new tomb. By sunset on Friday, the body of Jesus had been wrapped in burial cloths and placed in that tomb. Saturday, being the Jewish Sabbath, was a day of rest. No one came to the tomb on that day. But early Sunday morning, several women came to the tomb to complete the burial process by anointing the body with prepared spices. It was then they heard the words that ring triumphantly in our hearts to this very day: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

No other religious leader in history can make that claim. Christ is risen! Death is conquered. Our hopes for forgiveness of sin and of eternal life are sure. Easter is a glorious celebration of the new life that is possible when one has placed his faith in Jesus Christ.

NOTE: A former missionary in Africa who has pastored several churches in West Texas before retiring, Gene Meacham of Plainview has contributed a weekly series of articles to the Herald leading up to Easter.

CHURCH NEWS

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study for Lent by Adam Hamilton called "John-the Gospel of Light and Life." Throughout the study participants will be invited to reflect on the two themes of light and life as related to their own lives.

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The Children's Choir meets at 4:30 p.m. and the Young Women's Choir at 5:15. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:00 p.m. On Sunday evening the Male Chorus practices at 5:15, the Youth Handbells at 6:00, and Youth Group at 7:15 p.m.

The Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon series for this year concludes Wednesday at the Salvation Army and March 9, at First Presbyterian Church. The entire community is invited to attend.

The Service Committee, completed its Hygiene Products drive last Sunday; but if you forgot to bring your contribution, it will still be welcomed

at the church office.

Our Youth Group is selling Lilies for the Easter Service. Anyone wishing to buy one in honor or memory of loved ones may fill out the form enclosed in each week's bulletin or come by the church office to leave an order. Checks should be made to FPCBS Youth Fund.

We were pleased to be host to the BSHS Rhapsody Choir on March 1, as they presented a concert of selections they will be presenting at a Madrigal Competition this weekend in San Antonio. Some of the students also performed solos, and their accompanist played some works on our Peddy-Madden pipe organ.

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 Rev. Craig Holstedt. Like us on Facebook.

Trinity Baptist Church

announces the retirement
of our pastor,

Dr. Randy Cotton



Trinity Baptist Church is announcing the retirement of our long-time and much appreciated Pastor. Last September, Pastor Cotton announced to the church that he would be retiring after 23 years as Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, with over 50 years preaching the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. His last Sunday as our Pastor will be this Sunday, March 6. Since Bro. Cotton became the Pastor in January 1993, his ministry, among many other things, has included a major relocation of the church campus, the addition of a gym complex and the growth of the church family.

Bro. Cotton has been a constant, comforting presence for our community and for our church, and has seen many of our members through good times and bad. He, along with his wife JoAnn, have spent the last 23 years ministering to the needs of this congregation. They have been faithful servants and true examples to look up to and follow after.

There will be a reception Sunday night following our evening service. We celebrate the ministry of Pastor Cotton and Mrs. JoAnn! A ministry of high integrity, and an undying commitment to the Word of God.

Bro. and Mrs. Cotton, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, concern, and watch care over our church, and our families. May God bless you as much in your retirement, as you have blessed us throughout your ministry. Happy Retirement! We love you both so very much!

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Hawks back to .500, win 5-2

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

The Howard Hawks (7-7) used a new facet of their game to get a 5-2 win in the opening game of four game stretch.

They've dominated Wayland Baptist University for three wins this year, but when it comes to jucos, the Hawks have had a difficult time hitting their spots on the mound and holding opposing teams to respectable offensive numbers. In their seven losses this year, Howard is giving up an average of more than 15 runs per game. In their win against a good New Mexico Junior College Thursday, the Hawks had their best pitching performance of the season.

Jose Quezada started the game and looked his best so far this year. He pitched 5.1 innings, giving up four hits, two earned runs and striking out eight. He settled down after a shaky first inning in which he gave up a single, a walk and a run, and Howard head coach Britt Smith was happy with what he saw from his starter.

"After the first inning, he came to the dugout and I asked him, 'Are you ready to be great again?'" Smith said. "Kids just get caught up in focusing on the wrong stuff a lot of the time, and he made the adjustment to pitch today. That's who we need him

to be. He's so much better when he's a pitcher instead of just trying to light up the radar gun."

With one out in the sixth inning, Quezada walked the next batter to end his day. Reliever Jake Davis came in and continued the pitching clinic by immediately inducing a double play. He finished the game without giving up a hit in his 3.2 innings and adding three strikeouts.

"He did great. He came in and got a first pitch double play to get out of the inning, and he just cruised from there," Smith said. "He was really good, and that's who he can be. He's gotten better and better after the Houston trip."

The offense wasn't as effective as they can be, but they did their jobs in the early innings by moving the runners and figuring out ways to get them home. The Hawks scored four runs in the first four innings, but then went 1-for-11 from the start of the fifth until an RBI double in the eighth by second baseman Jackson Owens that made the score 5-2.

"We scored on everything that we work on execution-wise in batting practice. And then once we got away from being able to execute, or trying to execute, we go scoreless until Jackson has a really good at-bat."



Herald photo/Drew Williams

Catcher Robbie Lammons congratulates left fielder Cameron Williams after he scores the tie-breaking run in the bottom of the third inning.

The win gets the Hawks back to .500, but Smith expects his team team to play the same no matter their record.

"All the way through the end of the season, the circumstances shouldn't dictate how you play. You should try to play at the highest level you

can possibly play throughout the season," he said. "But it was a good win for us. New Mexico is a good team, probably one of the better teams in our league, and it wouldn't surprise me at all if they won the conference."

The Hawks will look to

make it a successful stretch through the weekend. They play El Paso Community College at 11 a.m. Friday, Frank Phillips College at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Clarendon College at 12 p.m. Sunday at Christensen Stadium in Midland.



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First baseman Mary Gomez catches the ball for the out against Jim Ned.

Big Spring remains unbeaten

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers (9-0) remain perfect on the diamond after two wins Thursday.

The Lady Steers beat Jim Ned 15-0 and Grape Creek 12-2 in games they won easily. Because the four-inning games were pool games to determine seeds in Saturday's tournament, the Spring won't bump Big Spring from 9-0 to 11-0, but the Lady Steers are showing that they have the talent to put together a great season.

First baseman Mary Gomez had a big game

against Jim Ned, going 3-for-3 with a run scored, and pitched Ysabel Soliz dominated on the mound. She gave up one hit in the game leading off the second inning, but followed it by striking out three straight. Third baseman Adrianna Rodriguez went 2-for-2 with a double and a home run in the victory over Grape Creek.

The Lady Steers pick back up with early action at 8:30 a.m. Friday, and their final pool game at 5:30 p.m. before the tournament starts Saturday morning.

West Texas Drillers Schedule

March 5 @ Wichita Falls Bullsharks (game will be in Granfield, OK)

March 12 (HOME) vs El Paso Seminoles (Grande Communications)

March 19 (AWAY) vs Borderland Warriors (Pecos, TX)

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April 2 (HOME) vs Texas Scorpions (Grande Communications Stadium)

April 9 BYE WEEK

April 16 (AWAY) @ El Paso Seminoles (Andress High School El Paso, TX)

April 23 (HOME) vs Borderland Warriors (Grande Communications)

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Royals fall to Rangers, 10-0

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — The Royals' Edwin Volquez (9-0) made his first start in an otherwise tidy spring training debut, though the Texas Rangers went on to rout Kansas City 10-0 on Thursday.

Volquez was pitching for the first time since Game 5 of the World Series, when he returned from the Dominican Republic for the funeral of his father to allow two hits over six innings.

The Royals went on to beat the New York Mets in 12 innings for their first championship since 1985.

"I've got some fans now. Somebody loves me," said Volquez, who gave a quick bow to the Royals-heavy crowd that cheered as he exited. "Getting a standing ovation in spring training, you don't see that too often."

The only run Volquez allowed came when left fielder Brett Eibner lost Mitch Moreland's high fly ball in the sun, allowing Lewis Brinson to scoot home from second base for a 1-0 lead.

Joey Gallo drove in a run and Ryan Rua's double brought in two more in the fourth for Texas, while Brett Nicholas hit a two-run homer in the eighth and James Jones

went deep in a four-run ninth.

Derek Holland, who was limited to 15 starts the last two years because of knee and shoulder injuries, allowed three hits and a walk in 1 2-3 innings for the Rangers.

"I don't talk about it. It's over. I focus on 2016," Holland said of his health. "I don't care about what happened in the past. It's over. I've got to look forward to now."

PROFAR PRODUCES

Once the No. 1 prospect in baseball, Texas SS Jurickson Profar played infield for the first time since March 22, 2013. He missed the last two years with shoulder injuries and was limited to DH duties during the Arizona Fall League. "I feel good," said Profar, who went 1 for 2 with a walk. "I wish I had more groundballs."

STARTING TIME

Royals: A notoriously slow starter in spring, Volquez was pleased with performance. He allowed two hits and two walks in 1 2-3 innings while working on a slight mechanical tweak with his fastball.

Rangers: Holland got Jose Martinez to ground out with the bases loaded in the first, then exited with a runner on base in the second. Holland threw 37 pitches.

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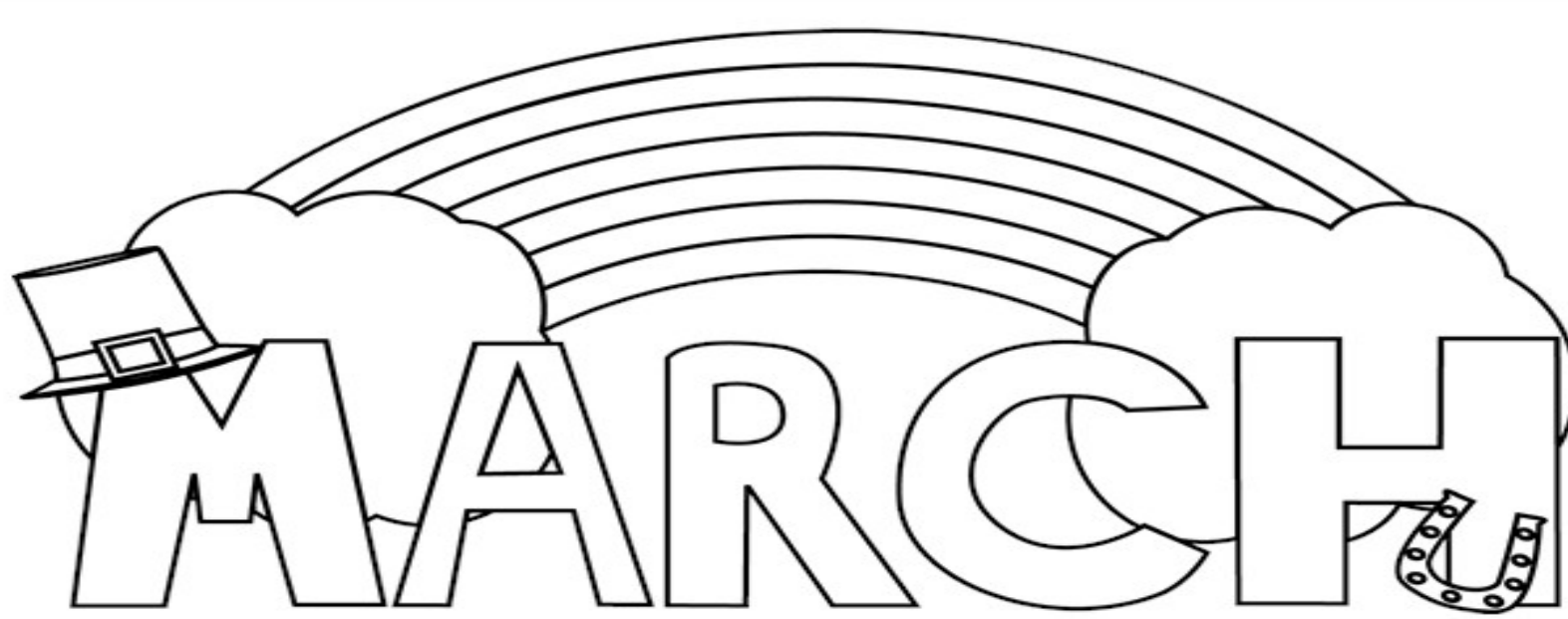
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Practical Planets

Tomorrow stirs the pot with shift of Mercury and, later MATHIS on, Mars, too. So what would you love about your life right now if you knew that tomorrow it would change? And don't worry. This change won't be for the worse or for the better -- just for the different. The Capricorn moon encourages practical action and a steady, even mindset.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are the invincible, all-powerful, benevolent warrior. You're also the mild-mannered opposite, content to blend in with society until it's clear that the people around you need heroic help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want to make sure that you're delivering all you can, doing your best, providing more quality than the other guy. A less analytical approach will

serve you well. Once you relax, you'll do even better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Bad times produce bad feelings, which produce bad times, etc. etc. The same pattern will play out with times that are good, exciting, interesting and more. Decide which tone you want to play in, and start playing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If it all goes exactly as planned you'll start to fall asleep mid-action. Alternately, a plan that goes awry can be just the beautiful bit of chaos you need to turn a regular day into a story.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In business, "no" isn't a bad answer, especially if it happens to come right on the heels of the question. It's much better to get a fast "no" than a "maybe" that wastes your time by dragging on indefinitely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're thoughtful, playful and artful. You add your style to every interaction, which is so attrac-

tive. Take your time. Enjoy yourself. The others certainly are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Nothing happens randomly. Even tropical storms are organized. Your strong intention will act as an organizing force. Everything fortuitous that happens will occur as a result of good organization.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The language of love is humor. Make someone laugh and you'll win that person's heart, attention and affection. You may even win devotion, dollars and a permanent spot in the inner circle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The good news you'll hear is actually an iceberg situation: The part that is readily apparent above the water is a mere implication as to the 90 percent of massive goodness that lies beneath.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It used to be that you had to force yourself to look on the bright side. Then you coerced yourself for a while until gradually all you had to do was suggest it to yourself.

Now optimism is easy; all you have to do is choose it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What's favored: finishing the unfinished business, righting a past wrong, turning the tables, flipping the switch and making a fast change. What's not advised: waiting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You support your friends, show up to their events, celebrate their victories and give help when they need it, too. Much of your weekend may be taken up in this regard, and it will be time well-spent.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 4). You have fans and more attention than you're used to! The person you find most interesting is the one who is genuinely fascinated with you. The next 10 weeks show you getting a work project into major shape. You may sell this in June. Family moves affect your domestic life. July brings a fantastic makeover. Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky

numbers are: 42, 25, 1, 19 and 37.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** The psychological wounds that your love has been unable to heal are being passed to you for help with the healing process. **TAURUS:** You'll see a friend in a totally new light. Could this be love? **GEMINI:** There's a reasonable difference between how you see yourself and the way your loved one sees you. **CANCER:** Of course your time and money are quantifiable, and yet when you use them to help a loved one, the result will be immeasurable. **LEO:** Expand your friend base. Your romantic life will also be enriched by the expansion. **VIRGO:** Don't let a lack of funds stop you from dating. **LIBRA:** All that you do to make yourself more attractive will work -- even the seemingly ridiculous efforts. **SCORPIO:** You'll be at your best when under pressure. **SAGITTARIUS:** Be loose with your schedule, building in wide margins for error, elastic timing and the

off-chance that you might change your mind. **CAPRICORN:** Don't labor over any one connection. The ones who get you will do so immediately. Keep moving until you find them. **AQUARIUS:** Your charms are downright dangerous, so wield them mercifully! **PISCES:** There will be many opportunities to feel attractive and attracted.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Emboldened by the sun, Pisces people will be cooking up a recipe for love this weekend. When the fish go knocking on a zodiac neighbor's door to borrow a little sugar, Aquarius will be receptive to requests and, however cool on the outside, secretly thrilled for the opportunity. Pisces has a way of making it safe for Aquarius to share deeper feelings than he or she would normally be inclined to.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Yesterday, I tried to help my son do his third-grade homework. One question was: "If Sue runs around the track twice, and John runs around the track four times more than Sue, how many times does John run around the track?" My son submitted his answer as 8, but the teacher said the answer was 6.

Do I speak up? Should I simply assume the lesson here is a "life lesson" to respect the teacher's answer even if it's wrong, and explain to my 8-year-old son that there is sometime more than one right answer? -- Perplexed Dad

Dear Perplexed: If the problem had read "four more times than Sue," it would be an addition problem, but "four times more" makes it a multiplication problem. The teacher made a mistake (she added instead of multiplied) and should be told. She may have been using an answer sheet that was incorrect, and she certainly wouldn't want to use it again with another

class. Most teachers have email addresses. Write to her and say that your son cannot figure out how the answer could be 6, and neither can you, so perhaps there was an oversight when the paper was graded. Be nice. Tell her you know how easy it is for these things to happen and thought she'd want to know so she can correct the papers that were mis-marked. The life lesson for your son is how to stand up for himself and register an objection without becoming objectionable.

Dear Annie: My husband passed away 10 years ago, when I was 57. After a year, I began dating again. I have met many nice gentlemen. Often, I am introduced by mutual friends, but I have also used online dating. Perhaps your readers would be interested in what I have learned about meeting dates online.

I quickly learned to weed out the ones who are just looking for money. Many of them are incarcerated.

If they cannot meet in person within one week, I block them from contacting me. I never share my name, address or phone number. I will take their number and call after blocking my own number from displaying on their cellphones or through caller ID.

I am attractive, get my hair styled regularly, use makeup and take care of my body and my health. I wear a size 4. I watch my diet and go to the gym. I have a good income and insist on paying my own way.

My profiles say I am interested only in dating. But after a few dates, many men tell me that they want to marry me. They are hurt that I am not interested. If a man is looking at online sites and wants something long-term, he should not be contacting a woman whose profile clearly states that she wants only to date. I am upfront about this and always feel bad when I have to break it off because the man gets too serious. -- Self-Sufficient Suzie

Dear Suzie: You seem to have a good handle on meeting men in a safe way. (We would add to meet them in public places for coffee, not dinner.) You also present yourself as an attractive, independent woman and we suspect your insouciance about marriage makes you quite appealing to men who are more accustomed to women who seem desperate or clingy.

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By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand. How would you play the hand? (Played correctly, the contract cannot be defeated regardless of how the North-South cards are divided.)

West
 ♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ K Q J 9 6 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ K 6 5

East
 ♠ A 10 6
 ♥ A 10 8 5
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ A J 4 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs, and North leads the two of hearts. You win with the queen and lead the four of trumps to dummy's queen, North following with the three and South the two. How would you continue?

West
 ♠ K 5
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ K Q 2
 ♣ J 9 8 6 4

East
 ♠ A J 8 3 2
 ♥ K J
 ♦ A J 7
 ♣ A Q 5

1. Draw the missing trumps, cash the K-A of clubs and, if the club jack is not yet a trick, lead a diamond. The defender who wins the diamond cannot return a spade or a club without establishing a 10th trick for you, so let's assume he leads another diamond. In that case, you discard your six of clubs! Again the defender on lead cannot

play a spade or a club without allowing you to make the contract, nor can he afford a diamond continuation, which would hand you a ruff-and-discard. You are certain to make 10 tricks whatever he returns, but note that at no point were you in danger of losing the contract.

2. The only real danger is the possibility of losing two trump tricks. This can occur only if the trumps are divided 4-1, so the question is how to guard against that eventuality.

If you were to cash dummy's ace of clubs at this point, you would go down if North started with the K-10-7-3. The best way to guard against this is to return to your hand by overtaking dummy's king of hearts with the ace and lead the nine of trumps.

If North produces the ten or king, you win with the ace and have the contract firmly in tow. If North produces the seven, you play low from dummy to assure the contract. At worst, you lose one trump trick by adopting this method of play.

Of course, North might show out when you lead the nine of trumps at trick four. This would occur if South, holding the K-10-7-2 originally, ducked dummy's queen of clubs at trick two. In that case, you can assure the slam by putting up the ace and returning the five toward your J-8-6.

Tomorrow: A crucial decision.

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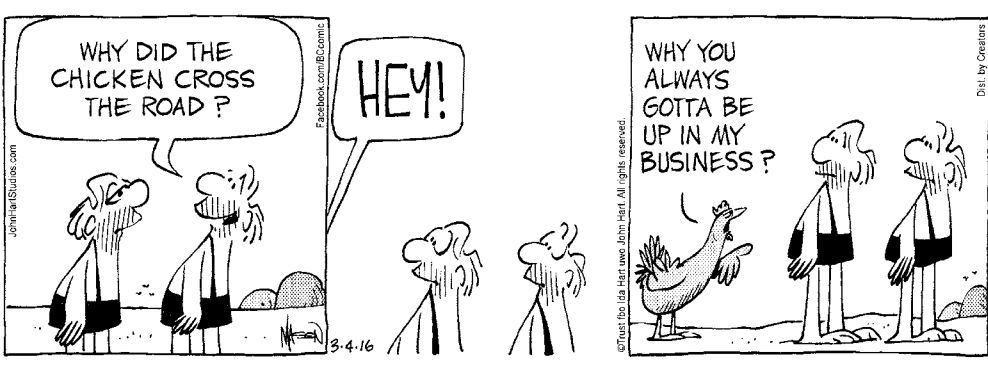
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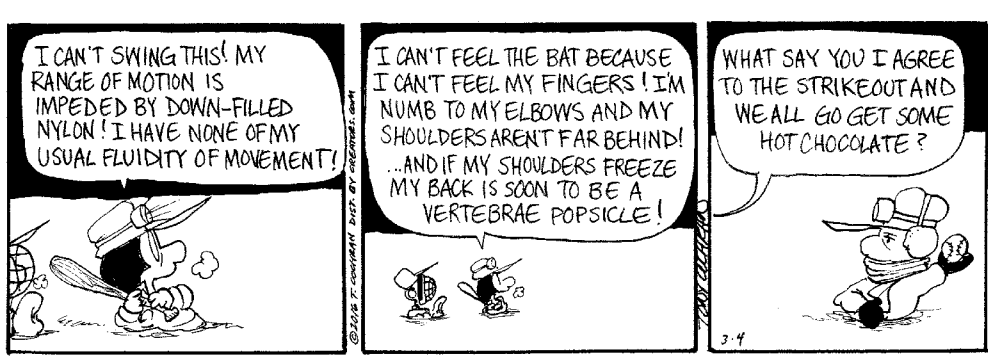
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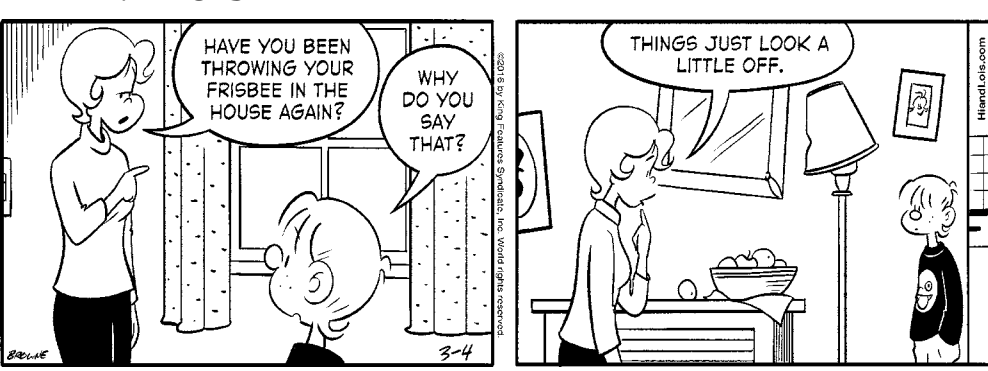
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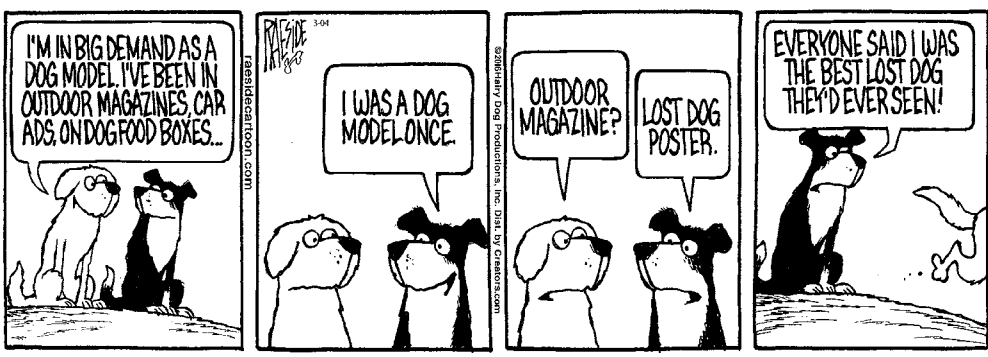
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 4, the 64th day of 2016. There are 302 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 4, 1966, John Lennon of The Beatles was quoted in the London Evening Standard as saying, "We're more popular than Jesus now; I don't know which will go first. 'Ai rock n' roll or Christianity.'"

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge's inauguration was broadcast live on 21 radio stations coast-to-coast. In 1930, Coolidge Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, former President Calvin Coolidge.

with a powerful attack on Zawiyah (ZOW'-ee-yuh), the closest opposition-held city to Tripoli, and a barrage of tear gas and live ammunition to smother new protests in the capital. NASA launched its Glory satellite from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on what was supposed to have been a three-year mission to analyze how airborne particles affect Earth's climate; however, the rocket carrying Glory plummeted into the southern Pacific several minutes after liftoff.

Thought for Today: "I want to live my life so that my nights are not full of regrets." D.H. Lawrence English author 1885-1930

Newsday Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Includes categories like Across (1 Beetle Bailey character), Down (1 Minor quarrels), and a list of 59 words to find.

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Kings end 22-game skid in Dallas with 104-101 win

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Rajon Rondo hoped for cheers but probably knew better going into his first game in Dallas since an ugly split with the Mavericks last season.

The Sacramento guard heard plenty of boos — almost every time he touched the ball — until the fourth quarter, when some in the crowd headed home with the Kings up by double digits on their way to ending a 22-game regular-season losing streak on Rondo's old home floor.

Rondo had 18 points and 12 assists, DeMarcus Cousins also had a double-double with 22 points and 13 rebounds, and the Kings snapped a four-game losing streak with a 104-101 victory Thursday night.

That shorter skid was the one Rondo wanted to talk about, perhaps just another way to needle the franchise that banished him during a first-round playoff loss to Houston last April after he clashed several times with coach Rick Carlisle following a midseason trade.

"We've lost four in a row, playing against another tough team in the West," Rondo said after just the fifth win in 17 games for Sacramento. "They've been playing well at home as of late so it was a good win for my team."

Chandler Parsons scored 28 to lead the Mavericks, who had a three-game winning streak snapped in the finale of a six-game homestand, their longest of the season.

Deron Williams hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer in double-overtime of a January win against Sacramento that kept alive the longest home winning streak in Dallas franchise history. Rondo sat out that night with back spasms, and the Kings squandered a big lead late in the game.

With Rondo on the floor this time, the Kings kept a safe distance until they started missing free throws in the final seconds and almost let Dallas erase a 14-point deficit in the final 5 minutes.

But the Mavericks never got a chance to tie, even after Marco Belinelli missed two free throws with a 102-99 lead and 10 seconds left. Parsons and Wesley Matthews lost the ball while both were going for the rebound, and Darren Collison ended up with possession, with several play-



Sacramento Kings' Marco Belinelli (3) weaves his way past Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) for a shot as Mavericks' Devin Harris (34) and Kings' Omri Casspi (18), of Israel, watch in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, March 3, 2016, in Dallas. (AP photo)

ers sprawled on the floor chasing the loose ball.

Collison made both free throws after Williams fouled him with 4.2 seconds left.

"It's disappointing, but we didn't deserve it," Carlisle said. "We didn't play well enough."

Rondo repeatedly got to the rim for layups to help direct Sacramento's first regular-season win in Dallas since Feb. 27, 2003. Dribbling out the final seconds of the first half while the crowd booed, Rondo easily beat Williams to the basket for a 50-45 half-time lead.

"We didn't do a good job today keeping him out of the paint," Dirk Nowitzki said. "Those pick-and-rolls, he's really smart with it. You've got to somehow find a way to not let him get seven, eight layups in a game. That's too many."

Belinelli had a pair of 3s in the fourth quarter and finished with 16

points. Collison, another former Dallas point guard, scored 14.

Nowitzki had 16 points but missed all five of his 3-pointers as the Mavericks went 7 of 29 (24 percent) from beyond the arc and ended a three-game streak of shooting at least 50 percent.

PAYBACK FOR THE KINGS
Sacramento blew a seven-point lead in the final 1:20 of the second overtime during its previous Dallas visit before Williams' winning 3. "The last time we played here we gave them a Christmas present, and we didn't want to do that again," Kings coach George Karl said. "I don't know if it was Rondo and/or what happened here the last time we played here."

LOST MOMENTUM
The Mavericks missed a chance at a 5-1 homestand with four straight wins over teams with losing records. They will soon be on a nine-game stretch against teams currently with winning records. "This is a team that

we should beat, that we're playing for something much bigger and more than they are," Parsons said. "This is the type of loss that kind of bites you in the butt that you wish you could have back in a couple of weeks."

TIP-INS
Kings: Sacramento did have a playoff victory in Dallas since its last regular-season win. It came on April 26, 2004, during a five-game series win in the first round. ... Ben McLemore was 2 of 7 from 3-point range and had 10 points as the Kings shot 28 percent (7 of 25) from 3.

Mavericks: The 22-game home winning streak was the second-longest active streak in the NBA behind San Antonio at home over Golden State (32 games). ... Williams had 15 points but was 6 of 17 from the field. ... David Lee had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

UP NEXT
Kings: At San Antonio on Saturday.
Mavericks: At Denver on Sunday.

Astros newcomer Fister fans 4 in win

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Houston newcomer Doug Fister struck out four in two shutout innings as the Astros defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 3-2 on Thursday.

The 32-year-old Fister spent the last two seasons with Washington, then signed a one-year, \$7 million deal with the Astros as a free agent in late January.

Fister faced nine batters and fanned Ryan Howard and Carlos Ruiz in back-to-back at-bats to end his first inning.

"I know it's early for me, but it's early for hitters, too. They have got to hone their skills in,

too," Fister said. "But I'll take it. Absolutely."

George Springer got hits and scored a run for Houston. Matt Duffy hit a long homer over the left field fence and out of the ballpark at Bright House Field.

Peter Bourjos, Odubel Herrera and catching prospect Andrew Knapp each had two hits for Philadelphia.

Both Bourjos and Knapp reached on hits in the opening inning against Fister, who responded by escaping trouble with a pair of strikeouts.

Last summer was one of Fister's most trying

seasons in the major leagues, as health and inconsistency led to a demotion to the bullpen in August.

"Obviously not where I wanted to be, I had some ups and downs," Fister said. "But we're going to face adversity, we're going to face some hard times."

"There's no room for complaining in this game. No one is going to feel sorry for you. You've got to go out here and earn it back. And for me, that's what I want to do. I want to build back as a starter and be somebody my teammates can rely on," he said.

TEXAS

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TRAINER'S ROOM

Royals: RF Jarrod Dyson has a strained right oblique and will likely begin the season on the DL. He felt pain Tuesday and hurt it during his first at-bat Wednesday.

Asked about the six-week recovery time, he said: "Anybody can throw a timeline out there. I have to see how my body is going to respond."

Rangers: RHP Jeremy Guthrie, who spent the past four seasons in Kansas City, was scratched before the first pitch with a stiff lower back. "I tried to pitch," he said, "but they wouldn't let me."

UP NEXT
Royals: RHP Yordano Ventura makes his spring debut against the Padres in Peoria.

Ventura had an up-and-down season a year ago after starting out as the opening-day starter.

Rangers: Ian Desmond makes his debut in LF against the Dodgers in Surprise. Desmond spent seven seasons playing SS for the Nationals. He made two appearances in RF for them.

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News in brief

N. Korea, on defensive after sanctions, makes nuclear threat

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered his military to be ready to launch nuclear strikes at any time, state media reported Friday, an escalation in rhetoric targeting Seoul and Washington that may not reflect the country's actual nuclear capacity.

The threats are part of the authoritarian government's ramped-up propaganda push to signal strength at home and abroad in the face of what it portrays as an effort by South Korea and the United States to overthrow its leadership.

In North Korea's first official response to the U.N.'s recent adoption of harsh sanctions over its recent nuclear test and long-range rocket launch, the North also warned Friday it will bolster its nuclear arsenal and make unspecified "strong and merciless physical" measures. A government statement called the U.N. sanctions the "most heinous international criminal act" aimed at isolating and stifling the country.

"The only way for defending the sovereignty of our nation and its right to existence under the present extreme situation is to bolster up nuclear force both in quality and quantity," the North's official Korean Central News Agency said, paraphrasing Kim. It said Kim stressed "the need to get the nuclear warheads deployed for national defense always on standby so as to be fired any moment."

Flipping the script: Could peace talks help defuse N. Korea?

TOKYO (AP) — The new U.N. sanctions on North Korea are out and they are going to pinch Pyongyang hard. But they also beg a big question — since sanctions thus far have failed to persuade North Korea to roll over and give up its nukes, are more, but tougher, ones really the most effective way to bring the North out of its hardened Cold War bunker?

Is it time to flip the script?

China, a key broker in the North Korea denuclearization puzzle, thinks so. It wants the U.S. and North Korea to sit down for peace talks to formally end the Korean War. That idea has always been a non-starter in Washington, which insists the North must give up its nuclear ambitions first, but some U.S. experts also think it might be a viable path forward.

For sure, advocates of sitting down with a nuclear-armed North Korea are the minority camp in the United States. And even those who do support the idea generally agree sanctions can be a useful tool in pushing negotiations forward, if there is a coherent and internationally coordinated follow-up plan on where those negotiations should go.

But sanctions can also backfire, pushing an insecure and threatened regime into a more defiant, and potentially more dangerous, direction.

Theory guiding Flight 370 hunt running out of sea to search

SYDNEY (AP) — As the two-year anniversary of the disappearance of Flight 370 approaches, the situation would seem decidedly grim. The un-

derwater hunt of a punishing patch of ocean that has trudded along since late 2014 has thus far come up empty, the stretch of water left to search is narrowing and skepticism of whether crews are looking in the right place continues to grow.

Still, the man overseeing one of the most complex searches ever conducted seems remarkably unfazed.

"Our best estimate back then was it would take up to two years," says Martin Dolan, chief commissioner of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, which is heading up the hunt in the desolate waters of the Indian Ocean 1,800 kilometers (1,100 miles) off Australia's west coast. "We were hoping we'd do it more quickly than that. But we knew this was potentially a long game and we planned for the long game."

The ending to that game is now in sight. By late June, crews are expected to finish scouring the entire 120,000-square-kilometer (46,000-square-mile) search zone. If they haven't found the Boeing 777 by then, there are no plans to expand the search area. And so the hunt will end — plane or no plane.

With that finality nearing, the ATSB has come under increasing scrutiny over the methods used to determine the search area. Dolan says crews still have a big chunk of ocean to scour — around 30,000 square kilometers (11,500 square miles) — and he remains relatively confident the plane lies somewhere within that patch. "We're not at the point where we're particularly concerned," he says.

Jordan test ground for large jobs program for Syria refugees

MUWAQER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, Jordan (AP) — A new trade deal with Europe, a rush of foreign investment and public works are to put 200,000 Syrian refugees to work in Jordan in what the international community has described as a radical new approach to tackling the biggest displacement crisis in decades.

Still, senior officials acknowledged that it may take several years to reach that target.

Such a slow pace could keep many Syrians in limbo and possibly undercut one of the main aims of the global intervention — to quickly reduce refugee migration from struggling regional host nations to Europe.

Shifting from handouts to helping refugees sustain themselves is now seen as the most effective way to deal with the fallout from a prolonged conflict that has defied a negotiated solution. The Syria war enters its sixth year later this month.

Up to now, humanitarian aid for Syrians has consistently fallen short because of the staggering needs of millions of displaced, forcing cuts in food and cash support, which helped trigger last year's exodus of hundreds of thousands to Europe.

2 Italians freed from Islamic State in western Libya

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — The head of Sabratha council says two Italian hostages have been freed from Islamic State group custody in a western Libyan city.

Hussein al-Zawadi told The Associated Press that Gino Pollicardo and

Filippo Calcagno were freed Friday from in a house in a northwestern district of Sabratha. The area has seen fierce fighting between IS fighters and Sabratha's local forces.

He says the Italians had managed to break down the front door themselves, and local fighters came to their aid after being tipped-off by neighbors.

Al-Zawadi says the Italians were in a "good condition" although they had not eaten in a week.

He also confirmed that two other Italian hostages had been killed in recent clashes between IS militants and troops loyal to the Tripoli government and their allied militias.

Carson spent heavy on consultants, light on 2016 campaigning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ben Carson ran for president, and his consultants won.

The political newcomer who said this week he sees "no path" to the Republican nomination raised more money than any other GOP contender, \$58 million since he began his bid last May.

But Carson's campaign burned through much more of that money on fundraising and consultants than on mass media advertising, on-the-ground employees and other things that could have swayed voters, an Associated Press review of his campaign finance reports found.

Carson's campaign is an extreme example of the big-money business of presidential politics. The candidate himself, a soft-spoken retired Baltimore neurosurgeon, has wondered aloud whether his campaign aides were taking advantage of him.

He employed "people who didn't really seem to understand finances," Carson said in a CNN interview last week. And then he added: "Or maybe they did. Maybe they were doing it on purpose."

US likely to report another month of solid hiring for Feb.

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. workers have been largely insulated from a global slowdown.

Job growth remains steady and wages are finally picking up — trends that will be put to the test in Friday's employment report for February.

Economists have forecast that employers added a solid 195,000 jobs last month, up from the 151,000 added in January, according to data firm FactSet. And the unemployment rate is expected to remain at a low 4.9 percent.

Hiring by construction companies, retailers and health care providers have offset layoffs at manufactur-

ers and fossil fuel companies — two sectors squeezed by the pressures of uncertainty in China, sluggishness in Europe, declining oil prices and a stronger dollar.

Consumers have provided the foundation for much of the job market's improvement in what's become something of a self-sustaining cycle. The 2.7 million workers hired in the past 12 months have bolstered spending on autos, housing and meals out. As unemployment has dropped, more companies have begun to raise pay to attract workers, thereby fueling more hiring as people's ability to spend, invest and save has increased.

Chinese propaganda machine places hopes in cartoon rappers

BEIJING (AP) — What's the world's largest propaganda organ to do when it finds itself struggling to get TV drama-obsessed young Chinese to pay attention to the latest raft of Communist Party slogans?

Standing over a video-editing computer on the third floor of the Xinhua News Agency headquarters, Li Keyong is convinced the answer lies in a cartoon character rapping while performing the 1990s dance move known as "raising the roof."

"Look at how we got this bald fat guy and a tiny cute girl singing together," said Li, a deputy director of Xinhua's All-Media Service, as he watched two animated characters promoting President Xi Jinping's "Four Comprehensives" political doctrine with a mix of high-tempo rap and choir singing in what might be called a neo-Communist hip-hopera.

"We thought, 'With such an abstract political theme, it's difficult for young people to accept,'" Li said. "Young people want fun, they want joy."

The fun and joy that Xinhua is searching for reflects a quandary facing China's leadership: As Xi navigates a difficult phase of his administration, his messaging machine — for decades one of the Communist Party's most crucial levers of power — has been struggling to make itself heard.

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