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Day of prayer

Voters head to the polls Saturday

Municipal, college races to be decided

Howard County voters head to the polls Saturday to decide city and Howard College leadership positions with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Coahoma voters will also decide whether or not to allow beer and wine sales within the city.

About 7.5 percent of registered voters have participated in this year's city/college board elections so far, according to early voting figures released by the Howard County Election's Office.

Polling stations will be at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus and at the Coahoma Community Center.

Races on the ballot are:

City of Big Spring

Mayor: Larry McLellan (I), Shannon Thomason.

Precinct 5, Raul Benavides (I), Becky Winters.

Howard College board of trustees

Precinct 1: Michael Flores (I), Steve Escanelas.

Precinct 2: Mark Morgan, Greg Moore.

At Large (two positions): Adriel Saldivar, Ryan Williams, both appointees, and Patricia Bennett.

Coahoma voters only: For or against to allow beer and wine sales for off-premise consumption in the city.

Voters must bring a valid ID to vote.

— Lyndel Moody



300+ crowd plaza for annual event

HERALD photo/LYNDEL MOODY

More than 300 filled the Heart of the City Plaza Thursday afternoon to bow their heads and pray for the nation in the annual National Day of Prayer. The 30-minute event featured community leaders from the medical science, education, religion, family, business/industry, and social media/entertainment industries offering prayers. Above, community leaders hold their hands over their hearts during the National Anthem played by members of the Big Spring High School band. At left, a man bows his head and holds his hat to his heart during a prayer.



Today's the day for Relay

Cancer fighting fundraiser kicks off at 6 p.m.

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

For the past week, Big Spring has been "painting the town purple" with decorations to raise awareness for Relay for Life. Now it's time to help stamp out cancer by circling the track at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. today with registration beforehand at 5:30 p.m.

The official opening ceremony is slated for 6:45 p.m., followed by the Survivor's Lap at 7 p.m. The event is scheduled to continue until midnight, with lighting of luminaria planned for 10 p.m. and a "Fight Back" ceremony slated for 11:30.

"We just want everyone to show their support," said Debbye ValVerde, director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. ValVerde is also a cancer survivor.

"There is no finish line until we have a cure."

The event is an important act of community philanthropy, ValVerde added.

"Just like we show our support for our local teams, let's show our support for our local Relay teams."

Relay coordinator Manny Negrón said the event has raised about \$46,000 with 21 teams, noting that

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Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held in downtown plaza Sunday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Although Cinco de Mayo was Thursday, the celebration in Big Spring will be Sunday in the Heart of the City Plaza, north of the Howard County Courthouse.

May 5, 1862: 2,000 poorly equipped troops under the leadership of Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza defeated an invading French army 6,000 strong at the Battle of Puebla, Mexico. Since then, Cinco de Mayo has been the best-known, and most widely celebrated Mexican holiday in the United States.

Big Spring's celebration of the Battle of Puebla will involve Tejano bands, food vendors, bounce castles, and a washers tournament, and starts at 2

p.m. Sunday. The event will continue until 10 p.m.

Robert Rios of Odessa's Pink Productions is putting on the bash, he said.

"I do shows there a lot," he said. "I try to do them about once a month. I love the Big Spring people. They give me more support than anybody."

Rios said the live music will have singer A.J. Castillo opening for headliner Ramon Ayala. Local bands Grupo Unido, Grupo Sekreto and Grupo Ex-

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Obituaries

Essie Person



Essie Person of Big Spring, died on Sunday, May 1, 2016, in a local nursing home at the age of 88 years, six months and six days. Funeral service will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 25, 1927, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Lucille Hannon Evans and Decatur Evans. She attended local schools, graduating from Douglas High School in May of 1946. Essie married Glenn L. Person on Dec. 26, 1948. Essie and Glenn came to Big Spring in 1950 where she was employed at the Settles Hotel for a period of time until she found work as a teacher at Lakeview High School in the English Department. She worked there for several years before moving to Goliad Junior High as an English teacher. She then returned to school at Texas Southern/Houston and East Texas State University/Commerce to become a librarian, retiring in 1988. She was an active member of Mt. Bethel

Baptist Church, where she served as Educational Director for 35 years. She was also president of the Deaconess Board and choir member for several years.

Essie is survived by two sons, Glenn L. Person, Jr. of Dallas and James Person of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Lakeisha Person, Kimberly Person and Glenn L. Person III, all of Dallas; three great-grandchildren, Flower Hamilton, Domonique Hamilton and Caleb Wright, all of Dallas.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 67-years; one sister, Imogene Alexander of Sulphur Springs; three brothers, Luther Evans of Los Angeles, Calif., Billy J. Crook of Sulphur Springs and Hubert E. Hannon of Charleston, S.C..

The family would like to say a special thank you to all of the staff at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care for the loving care they provided for Essie when she was there.

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

Paid obituary

Nellie "Lou" Darden



Nellie "Lou" Darden, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 4, 2016, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

She was born May 9, 1933, in Tucson, Ariz., and married G.A. Darden April 19, 1972, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death Sept. 20, 2000.

Lou was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She was a homemaker, enjoyed working in her yard and loved being with her children and grandchild-

dren. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include two daughters, Claudia Darden of Big Spring and Denise Davis and husband Lonnie of Elk City, Okla.; two sons, Kenny Davis and wife, Tami of Big Spring and Bobby Davis and wife, Tonya of Austin; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Wayne Trantham and wife, Joan.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Encompass Home Health, 1900 S. Gregg St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Margarita "Margie" Baeza



Margarita "Margie" Baeza, 66, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 5, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A vigil will be Friday, May 6, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be Saturday, May 7, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 6, 1949, to Rosa Arispe Rodriguez and Frank Rodriguez in Big Spring. Margie married Robert Baeza in 1964 and he preceded her in death Sept. 20, 2014. Margie was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a homemaker, but worked a short time at

the Big Spring Care Center. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Margie is survived by three sons, Eddie Baeza, Pete Baeza and wife Lydia, and Sonny Baeza and wife Amy, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Jo Ann Baeza of Odessa; one sister, Linda Polk of Big Spring; three brothers, Sammy Gonzales and wife Irene of Dallas, Jesse Gonzales and wife Linda of Houston; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

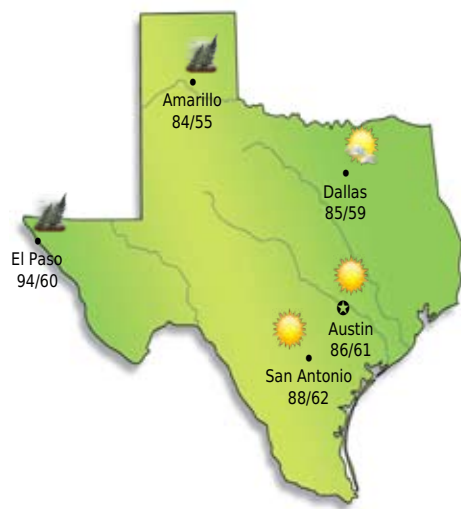
In addition to her husband of 50 years, she was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Pedro Rodriguez.

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Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 5/7	Sun 5/8	Mon 5/9	Tue 5/10	Wed 5/11
86/62	88/57	87/59	94/62	90/57
Partly cloudy and windy. High 86F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	Sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	60	Sunny	Kingsville	90	64	Sunny
Amarillo	84	55	M Sunny	Livingston	87	57	Sunny
Austin	86	61	Sunny	Longview	82	54	Sunny
Beaumont	83	59	Sunny	Lubbock	89	60	M Cloudy
Brownsville	86	67	Sunny	Lufkin	84	55	Sunny
Brownwood	85	56	Sunny	Midland	91	65	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	84	68	Sunny	Raymondville	90	67	Sunny
Corsicana	83	58	Sunny	Rosenberg	86	59	Sunny
Dallas	85	59	P Cloudy	San Antonio	88	62	Sunny
Del Rio	93	65	Sunny	San Marcos	85	59	Sunny
El Paso	94	60	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	81	57	Sunny
Fort Stockton	91	64	Sunny/Wind	Sweetwater	87	61	M Cloudy
Gainesville	82	56	Sunny	Tyler	84	56	Sunny
Greenville	82	56	Sunny	Weatherford	85	58	M Cloudy
Houston	87	59	Sunny	Wichita Falls	86	59	M Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	50	Sunny	Miami	82	62	P Cloudy
Boston	53	46	Cloudy	Minneapolis	88	55	Sunny
Chicago	76	60	P Cloudy	New York	54	50	Cloudy
Dallas	85	59	P Cloudy	Phoenix	77	58	P Cloudy
Denver	82	49	P Cloudy	San Francisco	60	53	Cloudy
Houston	87	59	Sunny	Seattle	75	53	M Sunny
Los Angeles	68	53	Cloudy	Saint Louis	80	57	Sunny

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 5/7	Sun 5/8	Mon 5/9	Tue 5/10	Wed 5/11
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **AMANDA GALE ROBERTSON**, 34 of 806 S. Lancaster St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **JORDAN DEAN BALIOS**, 25, of 1702 S. Monticello St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **CANDIDA LYNN WHITEHEAD**, 42, of 3706 Connally St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear, and

on another outstanding warrant.

- **TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III**, 36, of 806 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **AARON MIKEL BOUTIN**, 22, of 901 S. Runnels St. was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- **CASEY RAY BRACKETT**, 24, of 809 S. Runnels St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported on Interstate 20 near

mile marker 177 east-bound.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Johnson.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 5600 block of North Service Road, the 800 block of W. Interstate 20, the 1600 block of S. Gregg Street and the 1800 block of S. Gregg St.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 400 block of S. Goliad Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of S. 1st Street.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Mesquite.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Marcy.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of Runnels.
- **MEDICAL CALL**

was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Nolan.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 100 block of Birdwell.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Rebecca.
- **FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.

Take Note

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will be the guest speaker at the next Howard County Republican Party meeting on Monday. Wiseman and Brian Klinksiek, county road and bridge administrator, will speak on issues impacting the county. Members will meet at 11:30 a.m. for a Dutch-treat lunch in the Howard College Cactus Room located on the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The meeting will be held at noon.

West Texas Pets Alive will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts on the west door of Wal-Mart Saturday from 10 a.m. until they sell out. The money will be used to fund a new temporary shelter that will allow the group to pulled animals on the euthanasia list

from the city pound and housed them while volunteers find a permanent placement. The group's goals is to help the city's animal shelter become a no-kill facility. The group will also hold a adoption event at the same time Saturday at the Gamestop parking lot.

Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the The World Race with the non-denominational ministry, Adventures in Missions. She and her teammates will be living in tents most of that 11 months while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel. Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate directly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog at www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org.

Also, Dr. David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should be made to "Adventures in Missions" and also put "Bailey Pittman" on the note section of your check. You can mail or drop it by Dr. Ward's office at 1500 Scurry St.

Photographs of area military personnel — currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Anyone wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to park2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

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College hosting dedication ceremony

Special to the Herald

Howard College is hosting a dedication ceremony to celebrate the naming of the Big Spring Refinery Ballpark and the Britt Smith Family Clubhouse on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. All events will be held at the ballpark.

The dedication ceremony comes after needed improvements have been made at the ballpark and clubhouse

thanks to the generosity of the Big Spring Alon Refinery and Don and Verna Finkenbinder.

"Our donors have made these needed improvements possible and we are so grateful for their ongoing support of our baseball program," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, president. "We are honored to not only recognize the Big Spring Alon Refinery for their strong community presence but also to recognize Coach Britt Smith for his years with Howard College and his commit-

ment to our student athletes and the baseball program."

Immediately following the dedication ceremony, and in support of the Hawk Baseball team, a traditional "baseball, hotdogs, and apple pie" lunch will be available for free to all in attendance.

The Hawks will take on Odessa College in their last home game series of the season and certainly welcome the extra fan support in the stands. The doubleheader will begin at 1 p.m., of-

ficials said.

"This will be a great day for our community as we recognize the strength of our citizens and a great day for Howard College as we celebrate a vision becoming a reality," said Sparks. "We look forward to sharing some stand-out baseball, food, and fun with our community."

For more information on Howard College or Hawk Athletics, please visit www.howawrdcollege.edu or www.hchawk.com.

News in brief

AP Analysis: For Republicans fearing Trump, Ryan offers out

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Within the span of a single hour, Donald Trump gave Republicans wary of his presidential nomination yet another reason to worry — and House Speaker Paul Ryan tried to give them a way out.

In a surprise rebuke, Ryan announced Thursday that he was "just not ready" to support Trump, who became the presumptive Republican presidential nominee this week after a big win in Indiana forced his remaining rivals from the race. Ryan told CNN that his party should have a leader who "appeals to a vast majority of Americans."

Just before Ryan's stunning statement, Trump attempted to make that kind of appeal — in his own eyebrow-raising way. The billionaire businessman sent a tweet from his Trump Tower office featuring a picture of him eating a taco bowl and declaring his affection for one of America's fastest-growing and politically powerful minority groups.

"I love Hispanics!" Trump wrote. He noted that he sent the message on Cinco de Mayo, a holiday marking the Mexican Army's victory over the French in 1862.

Trump's ode to the taco bowl may have been sent with good intentions. But it reflected a political tone deafness that worries some Republican leaders as they not only weigh the real estate mogul's prospects in the general election, but also how far they should go in linking themselves to his candidacy.

Democratic advertising blitz awaits GOP's Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long before Donald Trump swatted away his Republican presidential rivals, his likely Democratic opponent and her allies began laying traps for him.

Priorities USA, the lead super PAC backing Hillary Clinton, has already reserved \$91 million in television advertising that will start next month and continue through Election Day. In addition, Clinton's campaign and Priorities USA have both debuted online videos that cast Trump in a negative light — a preview of what voters will see on TV over the next six months. So far, Priorities USA is the only

group on either side that has rolled out such an ambitious advertising plan geared toward the general election. The group's leaders say they're trying to avoid what they see as the core mistake made by Trump's Republican rivals — not pushing hard enough against him until it was too late.

"There's a reason that we have a head start," said Justin Barasky, a Priorities USA spokesman, "and it's that we've taken Donald Trump seriously all along, unlike the Republicans."

The group's ad strategy will test what has been a hallmark of Trump's GOP primary rise: his ability to withstand — even thrive in the face of — tens of millions of dollars in attack ads.

Behind closed doors, North Korea opens ruling party congress

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea on Friday opened the first full congress of its ruling party since 1980, a major political event intended to showcase the country's stability and unity under young leader Kim Jong Un despite international criticism and tough new sanctions over the North's recent nuclear test and a slew of missile launches.

North Korea's information committee said the congress began Friday morning. More than 100 foreign journalists — brought in to give the event a global audience — were bused to the venue but were allowed to view it only from outside. No one but presumably the thousands of delegates and officials were allowed inside the ornate April 25 House of Culture, draped in red party banners and flags.

The congress promises to be the country's biggest political show in years, if not decades. Pyongyang, the capital, has been spruced up, and large groups of students and workers could be seen around the city as a light rain fell Friday. They were preparing for parades and rallies that are to be held in conjunction with the political theater going on inside the congress hall.

Kim Jong Un, grandson of national founder and "eternal president" Kim Il Sung, is officially presiding over the congress, though North Korea has announced precious few details of what it will entail.

The last time North Korea's ruling party held a full congress was in 1980,

before Kim Jong Un was even born.

Los Angeles man guilty in 10 'Grim Sleeper' serial killings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former Los Angeles trash collector was convicted Thursday of 10 counts of murder in the "Grim Sleeper" serial killings that targeted poor, young black women over two decades.

Lonnie Franklin Jr. showed no emotion as the verdicts were read and family members who had wondered if they would ever see justice quietly wept and dabbed their eyes with tissues in the gallery.

"We got him," exclaimed Porter Alexander Jr., whose daughter Alicia, 18, was shot and choked. Her body was found under a mattress in an alley in September 1988. "It took a long time. By the grace of God it happened. It's such a relief."

Prosecutors will seek the death penalty during the second phase of trial scheduled to start May 12.

Franklin, 63, was also found guilty of one count of attempted murder for shooting a woman in the chest and dumping her body from his orange Ford Pinto two months after Alexander's killing. The survivor, Enietra Washington, provided a link to seven previous slayings and was a key witness at trial.

Community questions delay in Amber Alert for Navajo girl

Several hours after a stranger abducted an 11-year-old Navajo girl as she played near her home, few outside the reservation knew she was missing.

Cellphone alarms jolted New Mexico residents at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, giving the first warning beyond the Navajo Nation to keep watch for Ashlynnne Mike and the man who lured her into his van. He took the girl and her brother Monday afternoon soon after they got off the school bus in a desolate stretch of the reservation.

The Amber Alert's delay has drawn sharp criticism from those who believe more could have been done to find Ashlynnne alive, while others say issuing it earlier would have made

little difference. Officials and community members say it took too long for information to get from the tribe to the outside authorities who could help, wasting precious search time.

"My phone buzzed and I realized that this has gotten really serious. Why did it take so long for the Navajo Nation to issue an Amber Alert?" said Rick Nez, president of the tribe's San Juan Chapter, where Ashlynnne lived.

The country's largest American Indian reservation does not have a system to issue its own child abduction alerts, and a fraction of the 566 federally recognized tribes do. In most cases, state authorities coordinate with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to send word about abductions of children in danger of serious injury or death.

Insurer says child told Paterno in '76 Sandusky molested him

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A judge said that insurers in litigation with Penn State claim a boy told football coach Joe Paterno in 1976 that he had been molested by Jerry Sandusky, Pennlive.com reported Thursday.

The order by Philadelphia Judge Gary Glazer also cited reports by unnamed assistant coaches they witnessed inappropriate contact between Sandusky and children, Pennlive.com said.

Glazer wrote in a decision on insurance coverage for Sandusky-related claims there was "no evidence that reports of these incidents ever went further up the chain of command at PSU."

Sandusky is serving decades in prison for sexual abuse of 10 boys, for incidents that went back to the 1990s. Concrete evidence of earlier allegations had not previously come to light, even though Sandusky was convicted of abusing children he met through the children's charity he founded in 1977.

Paterno went to university headquarters with an assistant's 2001 report of Sandusky abusing a child in a team shower, and told a grand jury in 2011 he did not know of any other incidents involving Sandusky.

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the total is still well below the goal.

"We still need to bring in about \$100,000," he said.

Negron emphasized

that there is still time for people to sign up for the event.

"There's still time to register," he said. "We just want to encourage people to come out. This is a deadly disease. It's taken a lot of people, so let's fight back. Bring your families, bring

your teams, come out and let's have some fun!

For more information or to register for Relay for Life, visit the website at www.relayforlife.org

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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tremo will also perform throughout the day, he added.

"In between the sets we will have performances from the cheer teams from Big Spring High School varsity and junior varsity squads," he said.

The Cinco de Mayo observance will be sponsored by the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Budweiser, ALON USA, and 7-Eleven, Rios said.

Tickets to the event

are \$10 and can be purchased at the Kwikie convenience store in Big Spring.

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Opinion

Republicans must defeat Trump

Donald Trump is now the presumptive presidential nominee of the Republican Party.

I could not have imagined writing that sentence even a few short weeks ago, and it fills me with despair. How have we come to this point, and how do we move forward?

I have said it often enough, but it bears repeating: I will not vote for Donald Trump for president. There are millions like me. We fully understand the consequences — another four years of a Democrat in the White House — even if we do not like them.

Though I can only speak for myself, I think my sentiments are widely shared. I am an American first, a conservative second and a Republican a distant third. If Donald Trump is the face of the Republican Party, I want no part of it.

This goes beyond policy differences. Trump's positions on trade, immigration, health care, entitlements and foreign policy (muddled and confusing as they are) are mostly anathema to me. But it is the man's character, first and foremost, that makes it impossible for me to put aside my differences.

I was fully prepared to support Ted Cruz, whose position on immigration I vehemently disagree with and whose style I found

off-putting. But Trump is unfit in every way to be president. He has neither the intellect nor the discipline to learn what is necessary to occupy the office. More importantly, his temperament is all wrong. He's vindictive, mean-spirited, vain and unpredictable. He will never put the interests of the country before his own.

He wraps himself in red, white and blue and slogans of making America great again, but what has he ever done for this country? While young men of his generation were fighting and dying, and, as in the case of John McCain, being tortured for their country, Donald Trump was bedding down as many women as he could despite his fear of contracting a venereal disease. "It is my personal Vietnam. I feel like a great and very brave soldier," he told shock jock Howard Stern, explaining that he made sure the women he had sex with were checked out by his own personal doctor. And this is the man who had the nerve to say John McCain was no hero!

On the very day he tied up the nomination by winning all of Indiana's 57 delegates, Trump was on the campaign stump spreading vicious, unsubstantiated, libelous allegations against Ted Cruz's father, suggesting Rafael Cruz was an associate of John F. Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. He's insulted women, Hispanics, blacks, Jews, even his own supporters. Remember his "I love the poorly educated" line? There is no limit to his

depredations.

Reince Priebus, the chairman of the GOP, now wants Republicans to fall in line and support Trump. But doing so will doom the Republican Party — and worse, the country. Thankfully, not all GOP leaders are falling in line, most notably Speaker Paul Ryan, who said Thursday he was not yet ready to endorse Trump.

I don't think Trump can win the election, but I am not nearly as confident as I once was in that prediction. The best way to ensure it doesn't happen is for those of us who think Trump is unfit to be president to withhold support from him. That means not donating to the Republican National Committee as well as leaving the top of the ticket blank when we go into the polling booth in November. There are plenty of good Republican candidates worthy of support. Give to their campaigns directly — so long as they don't tie themselves to Trump too closely.

If the Republican Party is to regain its soul, it is important that Donald Trump be defeated resoundingly. This should be a landslide repudiation, not a tepid one. When the votes are tallied in each state, it is important that Trump's totals are lower than the totals of other Republicans on the ticket, not simply to save the Senate and House and other down-ticket Republican candidates but to send a clear message: Hillary Clinton did not defeat Donald Trump; Republicans refused to vote for him.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we communicate with You, Lord, in the morning and watch for wonderful things to happen. Amen.



Trump drives spike into culture war

Days before the Indiana primary, Ted Cruz paraded his two young daughters in matching pink dresses and spoke darkly of "putting little girls alone in a bathroom with grown men."

This was a visual that, frankly, we could have done without. Thankfully, Donald Trump locked it in Ripley's museum of the politically bizarre by trouncing Cruz in that conservative state's primary.

It was Trump who had said that transgender people should use "whatever bathroom they feel is appropriate." It was he who noted that there have been "very few problems" with transgender people using ladies' rooms. Trump didn't say — but could have — that men presenting themselves as women have been using women's facilities for a long time, with the other occupants none the wiser or unconcerned.

So has Trump deep-sixed the culture war gambit in Republican politics? The formula is to draw votes by pounding on some controversy of little consequence to most people, preferably with a sex angle attached. The 2004 presidential election in Ohio was a textbook case. Placing a measure to ban gay marriage on

the ballot probably gave George W. Bush — whose main game was tax cuts — a narrow victory.

Our friends the Koch brothers routinely give money to socially conservative groups to win over middle- or working-class followers otherwise not served by the family's economic agenda. The brothers themselves have shrugged at gay marriage, saying they have no problem with it.

Perhaps, just perhaps, the working-class whites targeted by culture warriors don't really care all that much about these issues — or care a lot less about them than they do about their falling incomes. Perhaps they've been voting all these years for an attitude, hitting back at the "liberal elites" who they feel rap them on the knuckles when they speak their mind. Trump's magic potion involves adding attitude while subtracting threats to Social Security, Medicare and other government programs average folks depend on.

Trump has stomped on so many of the right wing's most cherished wedge issues — while winning majorities among the Republican base — it gets you wondering how big that tide of moral umbrage really was. How much of it was a mirage pulled off with talk radio's smoke and mirrors?

Abortion is a truly difficult issue. Your writer believes an abortion should be easy (and free) to obtain early in a preg-

nancy and limited later on. Others oppose abortion altogether, and it is this group's genuine concerns that the right seeks to stoke.

As a result, it's the rare Republican who will put in a good word for Planned Parenthood, a nonprofit that provides a variety of women's health services in addition to abortions. But Trump praised the organization for doing the former without apology. And he won races in the heart of value-voter America — including the entire Deep South.

For liberals and moderates alike, Trump deserves gratitude for putting away Cruz. (Too bad about John Kasich, though.) It spared us from having to hear his running mate, Carly Fiorina, go on about Planned Parenthood's harvesting "body parts" from a kicking fetus, a complete fiction.

Making things up happens to be a Trump specialty, so there's some poetic justice in his volleying back some outright fabrications. His suggestion that Cruz's father helped John Kennedy's assassin is a classic of the genre.

Putting an end to culture war-mongering as a political strategy — or at least dialing it back — could go down as Trump's second-best contribution to the quality of America's civic life. His best contribution would be to lose badly in November. Luckily, on getting himself not elected in the general, Trump has made a strong start.



FROMA HARROP

Reflections: Selling our soul for entertainment

Last week, Will Farrell withdrew from playing Ronald Reagan in a dark comedy that portrays the former president lapsing into dementia in his second term. In the movie, President Reagan is duped by an intern to think he is "an actor in a movie." The script has received an enthusiastic response on the Black List, a catalogue of unproduced scripts, and was praised in Hollywood circles. Farrell's decision was apparently influenced by the outcry from Reagan's family.



BILL TINSLEY

For those who experience the disease, dementia and Alzheimer's are no laughing matter. Dementia and Alzheimer's are arguably the most painful and debilitating diseases anyone can face. President Reagan's daughter, Patti Davis, said, "I watched as fear invaded my father's eyes -- this man who was never afraid of anything. I heard his voice tremble as he stood in the living room and said, 'I don't know where I am.' I watched helplessly as he reached for memories, for words, that were suddenly out of reach and moving farther away. For 10

long years he drifted -- past the memories that marked his life, past all that was familiar ... and mercifully, finally past the fear."

As we age, we all experience the loss of health and strength. But, perhaps most of all, we fear the loss of memory and cognitive function. We all have friends who are fighting this terrible disease and many of us have watched families thoughtfully, faithfully and tenderly care for those they love as they slowly slip away.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, one in three senior adults will die with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S.

The proposed Reagan movie is another indication that we are in danger of selling our soul for entertainment. We are sacrificing human decency and respect for the latest laugh or another buck in the bank. We may be on the brink of becoming a demented society, not as the result of a disease like dementia or Alzheimer's, but by being seduced to seek our own gratification at the expense of others.

Many have watched with disbelief as a reality TV star stands on the verge of claiming the

Republication nomination for President. Reality TV is bleeding over into the real world and distorting our perception of real problems and real solutions. In our entertainment crazy world, we are on the brink of sacrificing sound and reasoned judgment.

It is increasingly evident that we need a moral and spiritual renewal. We need the kind of renewal that causes us to treat others with decency and respect. As Paul wrote, "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ... Give preference to one another in honor." (Romans 12:9-10). "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7).

We need to reclaim the aspirations of Solomon: "To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; to give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion." (Proverbs 1:2-4).

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

Church News

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church will host a Mother's Day musicale this Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

This concert of varied music celebrating Spring will be presented by the Children's Choir, Youth Singers, the Youth Handbell Choir and the Tardy Bells, accompanied by piano and organ. A highlight of the concert will be the two bell choirs joining together with organ to perform "All Creators of Our God and King."

Celebrate Mother's Day by taking your mother to hear this concert. The concert is free and the public is encouraged to attend. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of 8th and Runnels streets.

First Church of the Nazarene

The series titled "Super Heroes of the Bible" continues this week; bring your capes!

Check out all the church's small groups by visiting the website at nazfamily.org.

Sunday Morning Youth, Adult and Children's Classes at 9 a.m. throughout the campus. The Ladies Group is going through "The Armor of God" series on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Glass Class. Also, there will be a special Mother's Day event this Saturday at 2 p.m. For more info, please contact Lorinda Herrod. Wear your favorite hats on Sunday for Mother's Day.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children's Church at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly prayer starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of the service.

Contact the church office at (432) 267-7015 with any questions, or come by the glass class following Sunday Service to sit and visit.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry in

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

This Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will share a special Mother's Day message entitled "In Her Steps." The message is taken from II Timothy 1:1-7. There will also be a mass displays that members of the congregation have purchased to honor the special moms in their lives. Proceeds from the sale of the roses will go to benefit Food2Kids.

Hymns for the 9 a.m. Traditional service will include "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine," "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" and "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee." The Celebration Choir will also sing an arrangement of a spiritual entitled "Witness" by Jack Halloran.

The 11 a.m. Contemporary Service will be led this Sunday by Adrian Calvio, Chelsea Sheppard, Haley Martinez, Patrick Ruiz and Ethan Wills. Worship songs will include "Revelation Song," "Your Love Is Mine," and "Forever."

On Wednesday, Pastor Ivins will continue his study in the Gospel of Mark at Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall. A meal will be served beginning at 11:50 a.m. for a small fee.

On Wednesday evening, the congregation will continue with its full slate of activities, including band practice at 5:30 p.m.; groups for adults, children, and youth at 6 p.m.; and adult choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

The congregation will celebrate Pentecost on May 15 by receiving this year's Confirmation Class into church membership. Students have been working with Pastor Ivins and our Youth Pastor, Beau Niewoehner, for several weeks around the theme "Cross Training." Class members will be received during the 11 a.m. wor-

ship service. A banquet for the kids and their families will follow the service at noon in Garrett Hall.

On May 22, the Celebration Choir will premiere a choral anthem commissioned for First United Methodist Church entitled "O God, the Holy Spirit." Written by Mr. Clay Allen, the piece includes organ, a brass quintet, violin, and a child soloist. The premiere performance will take place during the 9 a.m. Traditional service.

Allen is an active member of the church's music ministry. He holds a bachelor's degree in piano performance and a master's degree in music composition. This fall, he will pursue a doctorate in music composition at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Also on May 22, the congregation will honor our graduating high school seniors during the 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service.

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

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Did You Ever Wonder? Sanctifying the priests

God gave Moses a detailed ceremony that he must perform to sanctify the priests who would minister in His Tabernacle.

Remember we talked about how holy God is? He wants to dwell among His people, but He must protect them from the power of His Holiness. The men who were to be His priests must be as sinless and holy as it is possible for men to be.

One reason for the elaborate design of the High Priest's clothing was to insulate the priest from the extreme holiness of God. Now, God introduces Moses to the concept that God will allow the blood of an innocent animal to cover over the sin of a repenting man so that the man himself does not have to die.

Moses' brother, Aaron, was God's choice to be High Priest. Aaron's four sons were to be his assistants.

There were several sacrifices with specific reasons for each.

For a week Moses slaughtered the specific animals. The priests laid their hands on the head of



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the animals, symbolically transferring the human sinfulness onto the animals. Moses lifted the animals up as a wave offering to God on behalf of the priests.

The most intriguing of these ceremonies was the anointing of the priests. Moses was to place some of the blood of a ram on the middle part of the right ear of Aaron and each of his sons. He was to place the blood on the thumb of their right hand and the big toe of their right foot. (Ex 29:20)

Sages say this signifies they were to "Hear," "Go" and "Do."

And the priests were preparing themselves to be obedient to God's will and his commands. Their's was a very high calling.

God gave specific instructions for His Tabernacle and Its furniture to be sanctified. And when this is completed, "I will rest My Presence among the Children of Israel, and I shall be their God. They shall know that I am Hashem, their God, Who took them out of the land of Egypt to rest My Presence among them, I am Hashem, their God." (Ex 29:45)

Next God told Moses to take a census of the Children of Israel. He was to number the members of each tribe, but he was forbidden to do an ordinary head count. If

Moses did this, God warned that a plague would break out among them.

Each man over the age of 20 years was to come before Moses and present a half shekel for the Tabernacle fund. Their names and heritage were inscribed under the name of their tribe.

Hashem named Bezalel and Oholiab to direct the work of building the Tabernacle and Its furniture. Sages say that Bezalel was only fourteen years old at the time. But Jewish boys become a man on their twelfth birthday and are expected to begin assuming responsibility. If the Lord chose Bezalel, He gave him wisdom to do the job.

The Lord's last command to Moses on Mt. Sinai was to observe the Sabbath and honor Him on this day as an eternal covenant between God and those who love Him.

Then God gave Moses the two Tablets of the Testimony inscribed by the finger of God.

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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Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 8, 2016

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in Our Lives"

The church is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 264-7818 or e-mail the church at aliveinchristx@gmail.com.

The church has begun new worship times: Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Those new to the area or who haven't been to church before or in a while, are invited to visit this Sunday.

Seth Bailey will present the scripture readings this week.

Wednesday night Bible study began on February 17. The current focus is on 1 John. Class is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM every morning between 6:45 and 6:50 for a "Morning Meditation Thoughts" devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour.

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. Pastor Jim Waltherhouse 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: jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites everyone to visit Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for fellowship, praise and worship, and the Word of God.

Monday, Far Above Rubies women's ministry will gather in the Youth Room. Bring a dish and invite a friend! For more information, please contact Debbie Rieger @ 432-935-1257.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. will be mid-week worship service. The ladies will meet with First Lady Bella Willard in the Main Sanctuary. In addition, men will join Pastor Willard in the Chapel (formerly the fellowship hall).

Monday at 6 p.m., The Soul Sisters woman's small group will continue their study on the Armor of God, by Priscilla Shirer. They will meet at 1709 Yale Ave (Katharine Lane's home). All ages are welcome to come.

Graduation Service will be held May 22 at 10:30 a.m., for members of Cornerstone Covenant Church. The church will recognize those graduating between December 2015 and May 2016. If you or a member of your family would like to participate in the service, please contact the church office at 432-264-0015 by this Sunday.

July 11 to 15, Chosen Generation Youth will be attending church camp at Discovery Camp and going to Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio! For more information, please contact Brandon Hughes @ 432-230-1297.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact the Administrative Office at (432)264-0015 or visit the church at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Baptist Church

Join First Baptist Church for worship each Sunday at 10:50 a.m.

This week, Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the morning sermon series "Submerged." If you are unable to attend, we invite you to worship with us through the live stream on our website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School groups meet throughout the building. Greeters are available to help newcomers find their class.

In observance of Mother's Day, there will be no Sunday evening activities.

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

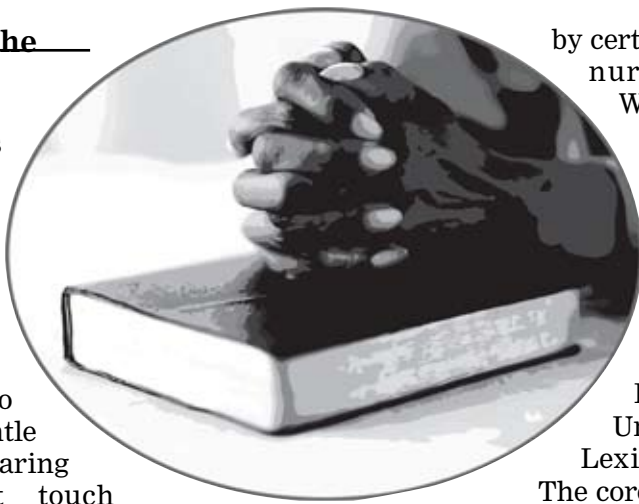
Summer is almost here, and Vacation Bible School will be June 6

FFC invites area nurses to attend annual Blessing of Nurses' Hands

Special to the Herald

Just as music and smiles speak forth the message of love around the world, in any language, so does the gentle touch of a caring hand. That touch knows no boundaries of age or gender. A gentle hand can still the cries of a tiny child, calm the storms of a troubled teen, and bring peace and comfort to all those facing the storms that life sometimes bring. Jesus himself told us to lay hands on the sick, whether in spirit, soul or body, and they would recover.

Although each one of us has the capacity to bless others through touch, there are those among us who have a special calling and gifting in this area. For these we are truly grateful and invite all Big Spring and surrounding area nurses and others who provide healing care to celebrate National Nurses Week 2016, which is observed May 6 through May 12, with the special tradition of the Blessing of Nurses' Hands to be held on May 11 beginning at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Family Faith Center, 810 East 11th Place (across from Big Spring



by certified parish nurse Les White, PhD APRN-BC. Dr. White received his certification in 2003 at

Bellarmine University in Lexington, Ky.

The core concept of parish nursing is to help church members understand the relationship between their health and healing and their faith. Dr. White notes that prayers is an integral part of this and conducts a healing service every Sunday morning for those who are ill or injured as part of his health and healing Sunday school class.

Dr. White has completed all the training necessary to be certified as Parish Nurse but explains that you do not have to be certified to use the title Parish Nurse. Any Registered Nurse my provide these services but would be expected to follow the Scope of Practice as outlined by the American Nurses Association. In addition to Dr. White, FFC has several registered nurses who perform spiritual nursing care as well as licensed vocational nurses that serves as congregational nurses for the fellowship.

High School.) May 6 is designated as National Nurses Day while May 12 is National Parish Nurse Day, May 12 is also the birthday of Florence Nightingale whose writings have helped advance nursing to the position it holds today.

Senior Pastors at Family Faith Center (FFC, Sam and Christina Segundo, will be hosting the seventh annual ceremony. The church motto is "Your Healthy Place To Be" and the church readily recognizes that prayer, nurses, and parish nurses play an important part in the health of a faith-based community.

FFC includes the Parish Nurse Ministry as one of the assets available to the congregation. A Parish Nurse is a registered nurse who specializes in matters of health and healing in local fellowships. FFC's Parish Nurse Ministry is known as "The Gate Called Beautiful." It is headed

to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a VBS registration party at the

church June 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be bounce houses, carnival foods and games; all area families are welcome.

For information about additional summer activities for teens and children, contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini or Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223, or go to fbcbigspring.org and click on 'newsletter'.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by prayer time and adult Bible study, "Real LYF" for children, Saturate Youth group and adult choir practice. Dinner this Wednesday will be chick

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en spaghetti. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church wishes "Happy Mother's Day" to all area mothers.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. in Big Spring. Fellowship is Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Leading Sunday School is Dan Miracle. Worship begins promptly at 10:50 a.m.

Guest minister is the Rev. Joel Miller, who will be preaching a sermon called "The Majesty of God/Jesus," taken from the scripture of Colossians 1:15-18. Several people will assist in the service this Sunday: Door greeters will be Ron and Loretta Farquhar, Liturgist will be Joyce Davis and serving at the Lord's Table will be Joyce Davis and Shirley Lee. Loretta Farquhar will also assist homebound members.

Worship music will be provided by the choir, led by director Tara Trowbridge and accompanist Lawrence Thibeault.

Both will also lead hymns including "My Jesus, I Love Thee", "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us", as well as more pieces.

Previously scheduled CWF has been cancelled for the month of May. More information for the next meeting will be posted at a later time.

Those with questions about services or events, or prayer requests, can call our office at 432-517-4821 between the

hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning the message comes from Romans 4:20-22 and is called "Unwavering."

The new Wednesday evening study is over the Book of Daniel.

Men's breakfast will be at 9 a.m. Friday. Please note: This will take place at the church rather than at Four Sands Café.

The first movie night of the season will be Friday evening; The movie is "Meet the Robinsons" and will begin as soon as the sun has set.

Sunday evenings the focus is currently on the topic "Does This Mean Me?"

The congregation will read from the Bible and ask whether the passage directly or indirectly applies to our current culture. This Sunday evening those present will dig deeper into Romans Chapter 3.

Wednesday youth activities begin at 4 p.m. Most of those who attend walk directly over from the school. Rides will be provided for those who need them after church. A meal is served at 5:30 p.m., and age-appropriate classes begin at 6 p.m. There are groups for all ages, including Heroes in Training for ages 3 to 5, RA's and GA's for those in 1st through 5th grade, CHAOS for youth and an adult Bible study.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main St. 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. Those with questions can call 457-2342.

Mother's Day Musical at First Presbyterian



First Presbyterian Church will host a Mother's Day musicale this Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

This concert of varied music celebrating Spring will be presented by the Children's Choir, youth singers, the Youth Handbell Choir and the Tardy Bells, accompanied by piano and organ. A highlight of the concert

will be the two bell choirs joining together with organ to perform, "All Creators of Our God and King."

Celebrate Mother's Day by taking your mother to hear a concert. The concert is free and the public is encouraged to attend. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of 8th and Runnels streets.

Kids sing praises at FBC



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First Baptist Church "Worship Arts Kids" participate in acting out the story of Zacchaeus during a recent service. Children's minister Justin Green takes on the role of the sycamore tree.

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High school playoff preview

Lady Steers, Buffs, and Lady Buffs ready for their weekend matchups

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers will travel to Greenwood to take on Monahans in a best-of-three series starting tonight at 5 p.m.

"They're a good solid ball club. They've got a good pitcher and they play good, solid defense. They haven't scored a lot of runs in some of their games, but they're capable of putting the ball in play, and they're very solid fundamentally and have had a good season," Big Spring head coach Howell Martin said.

Martin, who started Yzzy Soliz in game one and Mariah Sarmiento in game two last weekend against Borger, said he hasn't quite decided which of the two will be on the mound for the first pitch of the series.

"Haven't made up my mind yet. I want to keep that a little bit of a mystery," he said. "But I think either way we go, we'll get a good pitching performance from either one, and I just want to kind of keep my options open."

Monahans won their opening one-game series against Clint 10-0 on April 28, but were 4-3 in their last seven games prior to that. Howell's move to keep MaKenzie Roberts in right field while freshman Logan Terrazas gets the at-bats as the designated player has been paying off. Roberts continues to demonstrate her high-quality fielding abilities, while Terrazas keeps on showing what a force she's going to be at the plate for the next three years in Big Spring.

"Probably going to keep it the same. MaKenzie's doing a great job in right field, so we definitely want to keep her out there. And if it looks like someone else isn't hitting the ball, we can always hit Logan for someone else in the lineup," Martin said. "You don't want to mess with what's working."

Forsan boys

The Forsan Buffaloes (16-5, 8-0) will make the 150-mile trip to Pecos to take on the Anthony Wildcats (1-9, 0-8) in a one-game series tonight. Anthony qualified for the playoffs by finishing in the top four of a four-team 5-2A district.

"We really don't know a whole lot about them. We were in their football district, but baseball-wise, haven't heard a whole lot about them," Forsan head coach Dave Park said. "Hopefully we'll go out and compete that one game and take care of business."

Park said Anthony asked for a one-game series due to the travel reason with Anthony being further away than El Paso, and Park accepted. The Buffaloes will start Braden East on the mound, and plan to use Blaze Yeater in relief if need be.

"He's excited and he's been doing a good job. So we'll start him, and if needed, Blaze Yeater will come in," Park said. "They're blazing pretty focused, especially for this crazy time of the year. But they're working hard still and they're excited about what's ahead."



FILE photo/Drew Williams

Big Spring's Mariah Sarmiento pitches during the Lady Steers' 14-3 playoff win over Borger on April 30.

Forsan girls

The Lady Buffaloes (18-8, 10-0) outscored their district opponents 152-38 this year, and if head coach Shanna Taylor is right, they should be able to continue their hot streak against Abernathy High School.

"They play a lot like the teams in our district. I think it'll be a good game, but we like our chances," Taylor said.

Forsan comes into the playoffs on an 11-game winning streak, and have won their last three games by the scores of 20-0, 11-1, and 11-0. Maddie Munsell started each of those games, giving up only two hits total. Oddly enough, in the win over Ira where she allowed a run, she pitched a no-hitter. She walked a batter, who stole second and third, and came home on a groundout.

"Maddie will start, unless something happens, then Ashtyn will start. But we're confident in both of them," Taylor said. Ashtyn Pearson relieved Munsell in one of the wins, not giving up a hit in two innings.

Taylor is also excited about game two and a possible game three at Lubbock Christian University. She said that the fences are a little bit shorter at LCU than at Forsan's home field, and if the Lubbock wind is blowing, the Lady Buffs could get the long ball working.

The first pitch of the series will be in Sundown at 6 p.m. tonight.

Weekend playoff schedule

Big Spring vs. Monahans softball

Game one — 5 p.m. Friday at Greenwood
Game two — 9 a.m. Saturday at Greenwood
Game three following game two if necessary

Coahoma vs. Wall baseball

Game one — 4:30 p.m. Friday at San Angelo Lakeview

Game two — 1 p.m. Saturday at Forsan
Game three following game two if necessary

Coahoma vs. Clyde softball

Game one — 6 p.m. Friday at Hermleigh
Game two — 1 p.m. Saturday at Hermleigh
Game three following game two if necessary

Forsan vs. Anthony baseball

Game one — 5 p.m. Friday at Pecos (one-game series)

Forsan vs. Abernathy softball

Game one — 6 p.m. Friday at Sundown
Game two — 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Lubbock Christian University
Game three following game two if necessary

Three Texas Tech football players kicked off the team

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Three Texas Tech football players have been kicked off the team.

Coach Kliff Kingsbury said Thursday that sophomore linebacker Dakota Allen, sophomore offensive lineman Robert Castaneda and redshirt freshman offensive lineman Trace Ellison have been removed from the roster.

Kingsbury says the players were dismissed "due to failure to uphold student-athlete expectations." He did not elaborate.

Texas Tech had no further comment on the dismissals.

OKC must stop Aldridge to beat Spurs, Cavs look to build on shooting record

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Basketball Writer

The Oklahoma City Thunder responded to their Game 1 thumping. The Atlanta Hawks? Not so much.

How each team shows up for Game 3 of their respective series on Friday night will likely go a long way toward defining just how long these matchups will last. The Thunder host the San Antonio Spurs four days after they evened the series with a tense 98-97 win in San Antonio in Game 2.

The Hawks head home looking to find themselves after back-to-back losses in Cleveland to the Cavaliers.

The Thunder lost Game 1 by 32 points and were thoroughly embarrassed. But Russell Westbrook and

Kevin Durant got things going for Game 2 and head home looking to mimic that effort.

The Thunder's 32 wins at home in the regular season were tied for fourth-most in the NBA.

"They played great," Spurs point guard Tony Parker said. "It's a great



AP Photo/Eric Gay

win for them and now it's our job to react. Everybody understands to win a championship you have to win on the road. That's our job now."

The Hawks were buried by a record-setting shooting performance from the Cavaliers in Game 2. Cleveland hit 25 3-pointers in the game, led by 36 at halftime and breezed to the win. They were 27-14 at home in the regular season, and need to find some serious magic to make this a series.

"If they shoot the ball like that, I don't know if anyone can beat them, to be honest," Hawks shooter Kyle Korver said.

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Stars even series at 2-2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — In short order, the Dallas Stars went from embarrassed to triumphant.

Cody Eakin scored at 2:58 of overtime and the Stars beat the St. Louis Blues 3-2 on Thursday night, bouncing back smartly from a blowout loss two days earlier to tie the second-round series at two games apiece.

"I said, 'It's time for us to man up,' and I thought we did," coach Lindy Ruff said. "I thought our leaders were our leaders."

Patrick Sharp set up the winner and also scored for the Stars, coming off a 6-1 loss in Game 3. Rookie Radek Faska had the other goal, his third of the postseason.

"I know it was ugly for

a lot of the guys and the team in general for Game 3," Sharp said. "Credit to the team, we were able to put it behind us."

Vladimir Tarasenko scored his sixth goal of the playoffs on a first-period breakaway and added an assist for St. Louis, giving him five points in the last

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Left: Teammates congratulate Dallas Stars' Cody Eakin on his game-winning goal during the overtime of Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Western Conference semifinals. (AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

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The new moon is always an ideal launching pad for fresh ventures, but this one is particularly lucky. That's because it happens to be a supermoon, meaning the moon is near its closest approach to earth. "Hunger" is the buzzword, but it's more like a buzz-growl as our animal nature is highlighted under this sky filled with appetite-driven Taurean influence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll need one or two more assessments of the situation before you can properly relax. So dive in, make your notes, surmise the outcome and then put the whole thing to rest so you can finally have some fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). "No help whatsoever," "more trouble than it's worth," "diminishing returns": These

phrases being bandied about don't reflect your feelings at all. You see potential where others see only risk and loss. You'll prove them wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are fair-minded and interested in the opinions of others. You'll go to extra lengths to make sure everyone who wants to chime in on a subject has the opportunity to be heard. Don't forget to add your own voice to the mix.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The money that makes your life easier is the kind you earn fair and square, free and clear. Then there's money that makes your life harder: It's borrowed or given with strings attached. Avoid that kind now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't let things get boring. Reversals will delight you, especially those pertaining to familial roles. You'll find charm in the way children act like adults and adults play like children.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you once struggled with is now so

effortlessly accomplished you hardly remember you're doing it. Details you got hung up on don't matter to you anymore -- all signs that you're on to bigger and better things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you're going someplace that no one has gone before, you're going to have to clear your own road. This is only worth it if the destination is a place your soul feels called to find.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to know much about gravity to follow its rules. The compliance of everything around is a perk that comes with being a force of nature. Guess what? You're a force of nature, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Try not to get too caught up in the long-term implication of a decision. Focus on whether or not it feels, in this moment, like the highest and best for you and everyone involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). That little pot of trouble brewing on the back burner needs some attention. If you

ignore it, it's sure to boil over. If you stir it, you'll only be stuck doing that the whole time it cooks. Turn off the heat. It's the only way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your "live and let live" policy usually serves you well, but not today. Bottom line: If you don't speak up in today's situation the other will assume you're a passive bystander.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may jump toward the sun, but you are not trying to land there or anything. It's just that having brilliant goals makes getting off the ground a lot more fun.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 6). You've been so kind to the people around you, and the warm social atmosphere you've built will be a source of pleasure and comfort this year. The next 10 weeks are for finishing a big project. The reward will come in August. September will bring a financial upturn. Traveling to see more beauty will be well worth the expense. Leo and Libra adore you. Your

lucky numbers are: 10, 30, 16, 2 and 29.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:

There's an impression you'd like to leave on the people you encounter. As long as you stay focused, you'll effectively do this. **TAURUS**: Joining another person in song will produce a spiritual bond, even if the two of you are merely listening to music together. **GEMINI**: Being handy and capable isn't always glamorous, but it's enormously attractive on you. **CANCER**: You like when the ball is in your court but not when dozens of balls come at you simultaneously. **LEO**: The less shy you are, the more fun you'll have. More fun leads to more attention and offers. **VIRGO**: Maybe you're not sure how to reach the other person; you'll find it, though. Scattered efforts are better than no efforts. **LIBRA**: You know what you want. Just say it. It's the brave, strong thing to do. **SCORPIO**: You're not getting even; you're just putting an unstable relationship back in balance. **SAG-**

ITTARIUS: They'll know you're successful by your excellent manners and relaxed way. **CAPRICORN**: The clothes don't make the person, but they sure add a lot to the image! **AQUARIUS**: Hang around people who are in love and you'll find the fever is contagious. **PISCES**: There's nothing to second-guess. If you feel like you're settling, it means you are.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Taurus and Gemini are zodiac neighbors who are likely to borrow a little sugar when the moon slips into Gemini on Saturday. Taurus is receiving all kinds of amorous attention, but Gemini is far too busy to flirt with just one person. Taurus may be bothered by the inattention while secretly finding Gemini's nonchalance enormously attractive. Taurus will love the challenge of capturing Gemini's imagination.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My married daughter has decided to estrange herself from her stepfather and me. We have not spoken since she rudely shrugged me off at her son's graduation party last June. I recently began counseling to help me deal with the situation. The counselor thinks my daughter may have narcissistic personality disorder. The additional heartbreak is that she told my sister I abused her terribly when she was a child. My sister suggested she seek therapy, but my daughter said she was "over it." Annie, this abuse never occurred, and I am sick about the accusation.

I also have a son who lives in our area. He and his girlfriend recently had a baby, and my daughter told the girlfriend things that I supposedly said and did, and now this young lady does not want to associate with us. I have tried several

times to talk to her, but she won't reciprocate. My son brings the baby over every few weeks on his own.

I am slowly coming to terms with my grief. My daughter has five children, four of whom live at home. The oldest, who is in college, is the only one who contacts us on occasion. My husband and I have always been supportive of both our children, making countless trips to visit. I don't see my daughter and I reconciling anytime soon, and I have given up on my son's girlfriend. Life is too short for so much stress. So, should I continue to send birthday cards and gifts to these grandchildren? I did not receive any acknowledgment for the presents I sent at Christmas. -- Confused and Sad

Dear Confused: The grandchildren haven't been taught to send thank-you notes, and Mom obviously has no

interest in encouraging them to correspond with you. However, sending cards (and gifts, if you like) is one way to maintain contact in an otherwise estranged relationship, so you might want to continue even with no expectation of acknowledgment. This type of situation is terribly sad for everyone.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "J.M." and your response mentioning the side effects of statin drugs. It did not cover seriously debilitating symptoms such as memory loss.

I went through the increasing frustration and puzzlement of not being able to find the word I wanted, forgetting everything from the name of my neighbor to vital current details, and it kept getting worse. I had muscle ache and joint pain in the feet, knees, legs and, most significantly, at the site of old inflammation and injury. I began to

stumble on the flattest, smoothest surfaces.

When notified, my doctors insisted that blood tests show these are not the side effects that appear in the common warnings, and that you repeated in your reply. My doctor said she had not heard of my symptoms being connected to statins and only once had a patient reported "more irritability." Yet there are hundreds of such anecdotal reports by patients on the Internet. It is too easy for doctors to ignore situations like mine. Statins were turning me into a haggard, feeble, mentally incompetent woman at 64. I notified my doctor that I would rather die than live this way and got off of them. -- Mara

Dear Mara: You may be right. However, sometimes it's not the statin alone, but rather the interaction between it and other medications (or even herbal supple-

ments) that is causing the problem. Make sure your doctor knows everything you are putting into your system.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts. North leads the ten of trumps, and you win South's queen with the ace. How would you play the hand?

West
 ♠ K 5 4 2
 ♥ A J 7 6 5 3
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ —

East
 ♣ 7 6 3
 ♥ K 9 8 4 2
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♠ K Q

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs. North leads the jack of diamonds, covered by the Q-K-A. How would you play the hand?

West
 ♠ 8
 ♥ A 10 7 4
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ A J 10 8 6 3

East
 ♠ A J 10 9 7
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ K Q 9

1. At first glance, it seems you could lose three spades and a diamond and go down one. However, the contract is certain — regardless of how the North-South cards are divided — if you play correctly. Cross to dummy with a trump at trick two and lead the king of clubs. If South follows low, ruff the club, enter dummy with a trump and ruff the queen of clubs. Now lead a low spade from your hand. The worst that can happen is that South wins and returns a spade. You play low again, and let's say South also wins the second spade. (If North wins either spade lead, he must hand you the game-going

trick.) South now finds himself end-played in three suits. He cannot play a third spade without establishing a spade trick for you. If he returns a diamond instead, your potential diamond loser disappears, while if he leads a club, he hands you a ruff-and-discard. There is no way out, whatever South chooses to do.

2. The best plan is to try to utilize dummy's spades, divesting yourself of the diamond loser in the process.

Draw two rounds of trumps, lead a spade to dummy's ace and continue with the spade jack. If South follows low, discard your diamond loser. Presumably, North will win with the queen or king and return a diamond. Ruff it, cross to dummy with a trump and lead the ten of spades. If South has the missing spade honor, you are home, because you intend to discard a heart (and another heart on a subsequent spade) if he follows low, or ruff if he plays high.

This approach produces 12 tricks whenever South has either one or both missing spade honors, which will occur about 75 percent of the time. Of course, if South produces the king or queen of spades when you lead dummy's jack at trick five, you ruff it, return to dummy with a trump and play the ten of spades, discarding your diamond if South plays low, and again the contract is assured.

Tomorrow: How to capture a damsel.

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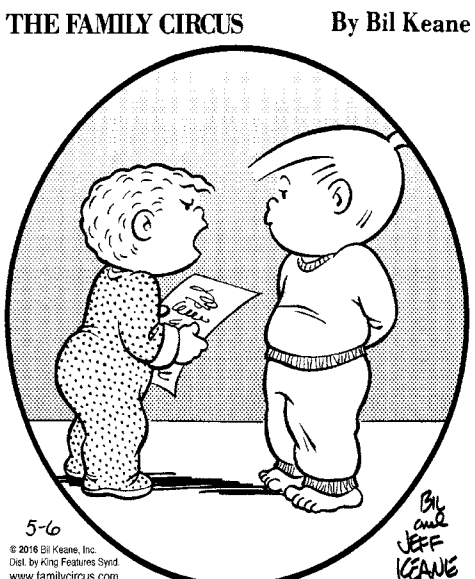
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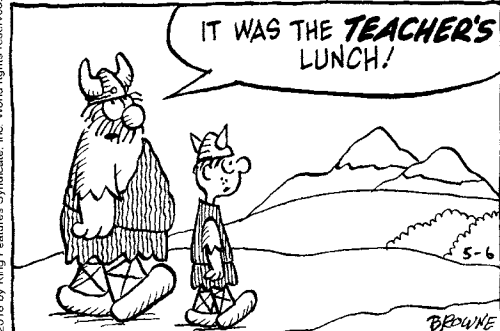


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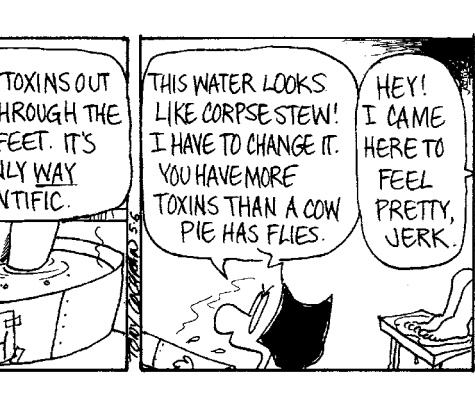
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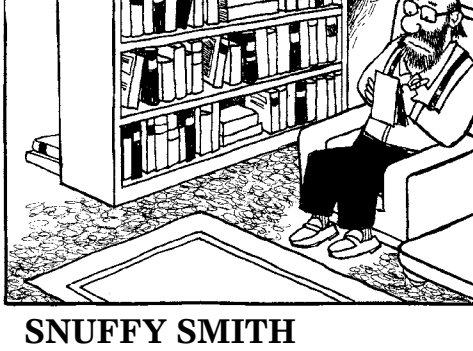
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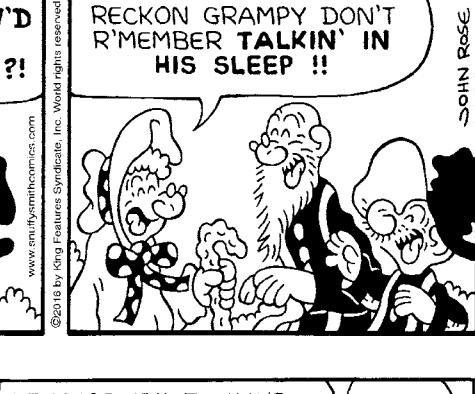
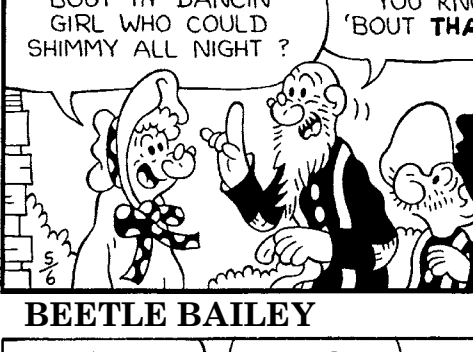
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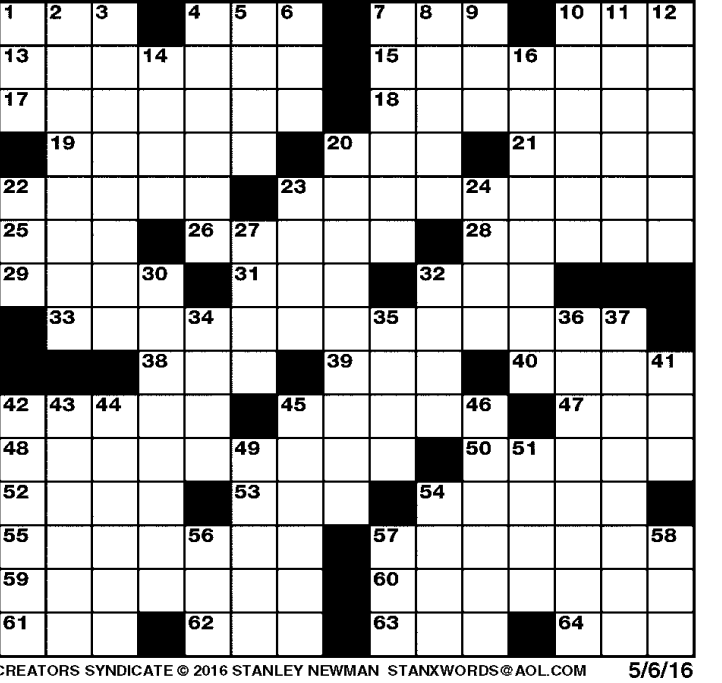
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Holland roughed up in Rangers' 12-2 loss at Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Derek Holland came in with a scoreless streak of 16 1/3 innings at Rogers Centre. It didn't take long for the Toronto Blue Jays to make it a distant memory.

The Texas Rangers' left-hander (3-2) loaded the bases on the first three Toronto batters he faced, and Edwin Encarnacion followed with a three-run double as the Blue Jays rolled to a 12-2 victory Thursday night.

Holland gave up five runs in the first and was chased in the third after giving up a two-out, two-run homer to Encarnacion that made it 11-1.

"I'm definitely upset with that," he said after giving up the 11 runs and on 11 hits and three walks in 2 2/3 innings. "It's just one of those starts, I've got to hurry up and put it past me. I'm pretty pissed off with myself. I didn't perform the way I should've and now I've got to get ready for the next start."

Encarnacion's home run, two doubles and six RBIs did much of the damage, but the Blue Jays also set season highs for runs and hits (15). The Blue Jays were the top-scoring team in the majors last year, reaching double figures in runs 27 times.

While manager Jeff Banister admitted that Holland, who had allowed three runs or fewer and pitched five or more innings in each of his previous five starts, was having problems with his fastball and his other pitches couldn't make up for it.

"He couldn't find a way



Toronto Blue Jays Edwin Encarnacion tosses his bat after hitting a three run home run against the Texas Rangers in the third inning of their baseball game in Toronto, Thursday, May 5, 2016. (Fred Thornhill/The Canadian Press via AP)

to get the ball down, and these guys, when you make mistakes up and over the plate these guys obviously can make you pay," Banister said.

Catcher Bryan Holaday, who, along with Prince Fielder, drove in the Rangers' two runs, said Holland and he

would have to take steps to ensure the outing doesn't repeat itself.

"We're going to sit down and figure it out," he said. "Obviously that's uncharacteristic of him but they've got some good hitters over there."

The Blue Jays have

now won three in a row and wrapped up their seventh consecutive series win against the Rangers, the team they beat in the AL Division Series last year.

Encarnacion's home run was his 202nd as a Blue Jay, tying former AL MVP George Bell for fifth on the club's career list. Still, for him it was about time his club broke out.

"I'm not surprised that we (reached) double digits in runs scored," he said. "We have a great offense so I think it's just normal for us."

J.A. Happ gave up one run and six hits in seven innings. The 33-year-old has permitted no more than three runs in 16 consecutive starts since Aug. 14 last year, when he was with Seattle.

"He's doing a tremendous job," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said.



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Derek Holland hands the ball to manager Jeff Banister after giving up a home run to Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion. (Fred Thornhill/The Canadian Press via AP)

NBA

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A look at the two games on the schedule for Friday night:

Spurs at Thunder, Tied 1-1. 9:30 p.m., ESPN

Oklahoma City might be in trouble going forward if it doesn't figure out how to deal with LaMarcus Aldridge. The 6-foot-11 post player exploded for 38 points on 18-for-23 shooting in San Antonio's 124-92 win in Game 1. He followed it up with 41 points on 15 for 21 shooting in OKC's win in Game 2.

The Thunder do not plan to make big changes to their defensive game plan for Game 3.

"The biggest thing is we've got to make it as hard as we can," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said. "Double-team in the right situations, and maybe try and keep him off balance a little bit."

Aldridge's efficiency so far has

not surprised Thunder forward Kevin Durant.

"He's an All-Star player," Durant said. "He's one of the best players in the league. There's a few times where we could have stopped him from scoring and a few times where you've just got to tell him, 'Hey, that's a good shot, that's a tough shot.'"

In Game 1, Aldridge's teammates made 33 of 61 shots (.541). In Game 2, the rest of the Spurs made just 25 of 73 shots (.342). The Thunder don't want to overcommit to Aldridge and let the other guys get going.

"You can run down there and start taking them away, and all of a sudden, it's opened up 3s, drives and a lot of other things," Donovan said. "So you've really got to make good decisions of where your help's coming from and when it's coming."

Cavaliers at Hawks, Cleveland leads 2-0, 7 p.m., ESPN

There was some grumbling from Hawks players after Game

2 about Cleveland continuing to shoot 3-pointers in the fourth quarter when the outcome was no longer in doubt.

Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue didn't fault his players for taking a shot at history, especially when the Golden State Warriors set the postseason mark with 21 3s made earlier in these playoffs.

"That's something that the players felt like it was within their grasp, they wanted to go for it," Lue said on Thursday. "I mean, records are made to be broken, I don't see anything wrong with it. We didn't do anything malicious."

There may come a time for the Cavaliers when the 3s just aren't falling with the accuracy that they have in the first two games of this series, and Lue is bracing for that.

"Some nights you might not have it," he said. "We're playing great basketball and there will be some nights where we don't play as well and hopefully we can still have game where we'll be fine."

STARS

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two games. Paul Stastny had his first of the post-season off a deflection from Tarasenko.

The Stars, who finished first overall in the Western Conference, regained home-ice advantage heading into Game 5 on Saturday in Dallas.

"It doesn't matter if we're in Dallas, if we're in St. Louis, if we're in the middle of nowhere," Blues captain David Backes said. "We've got to play our same style of game, put it out there and when we do that the chips fall on our side of the table more often than not."

Eakin has a goal and seven assists in the post-season and hustled to get into position on the deciding score. He beat Brian Elliott on a 3-on-2 break after getting a stick on Jori Lehtera's shot in tight on the other end against Kari Lehtonen.

"That's the nice thing about finishing first, we've got home court advantage back," Eakin said. "It's a race to two, and it's going to be a lot of fun."

The Stars are 1-2 in overtime in the playoffs and the Blues are 2-2.

Dallas is 5-1 with Lehtonen, who made 24 saves, in the playoffs. Ruff also has used Antti Niemi extensively, and joked about the daily controversy.

"Now, we've got a decision to make next game with these two goalies," Ruff said.

Elliott stopped 25 shots for St. Louis and thought he was in good position on the winner.

"It almost looks like it goes on the outside of the net and in, that's how close it was," Elliott said. "Just regroup and go take a game from their barn."

Tarasenko's goal was an exception to the rule in a tight-checking first period. Somehow he found the defense napping and scored his 16th career goal in 24 playoff games, beating Lehtonen between the pads.

The Stars looked worse on the play given they had six men on the ice, an infraction that went undetected.

"We still couldn't defend Tarasenko, which is kind of ironic," Ruff said. "But that was my mistake. That was on me."

Faksa, who had the deciding goal in the Stars' Game 1 victory, tied it on an unassisted goal off a giveaway by fellow rookie Joel Edmundson. Sharp had a tap-in for his first point of the series on a power play off an assist by Jamie Benn, giving the Stars two goals in 1:09 and the lead.

They'd been 0 for 12 with the man advantage before Sharp's fourth of the playoffs overall.

Edmundson played sparingly the rest of the period, totaling 2:38 in four shifts. He totaled 10:39, by far the fewest among the Blues defensemen.

"I don't want to get into going after a guy. Wrong time to do it," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Young player, they're going to make mistakes."

Stastny's first goal of the playoffs on a deflection from Tarasenko tied it on a 4-on-3 power play at 13:06 of the second.

NOTES: Tarasenko leads the Blues with 11 points in the postseason. ... F Colton Sceviour, who scored the Stars' lone goal in Game 3, was among their scratches along with F Curtis McKenzie, who was pummeled by Ryan Reaves late in Game 3. Brett Richie played for the first time in the postseason, and Valeri Nichushkin played in his seventh game. ... The Blues have been outscored 14-7 in the second period in the playoffs. ... Several Cardinals players attended the game, including Yadier Molina and Carlos Martinez. ... The Blues raised funds from a 50-50 raffle for victims of the Fort McMurray, Alberta, wildfires. ... Hitchcock has 82 playoff victories, tied with Mike Babcock and Toe Blake for ninth on the career list.



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