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Fearing Trump, Democrats up pressure on Sanders to exit race

The Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — Pressure is mounting on Bernie Sanders to end his campaign for president, with Democratic Party leaders raising alarms that his continued presence in the race is undermining efforts to beat presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump

this fall. The new concerns come after Sanders' recent wins over front-runner Hillary Clinton in Indiana and West Virginia. While those victories have provided his supporters a fresh sense of momentum heading into next week's primaries in Kentucky and Oregon, they did almost nothing

to help Sanders cut into Clinton's nearly insurmountable lead in the delegates who will decide their party's nomination. "I don't think they think of the downside of this," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a Clinton supporter who hosted the 2008 meeting that brokered post-primary peace

between Clinton and then-Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. "It's actually harmful because she can't make that general-election pivot the way she should," Feinstein said. "Trump has made that pivot." Clinton, her aides and supporters have largely resisted calling on Sanders to drop

out, noting that she fought her 2008 primary bid against Obama well into June. But now that Trump has locked up the Republican nomination, they fear the billionaire businessman is capitalizing on Sanders' decision to remain in the race by echoing

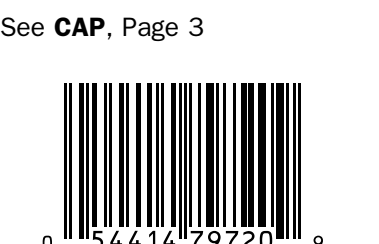
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Cap & gown time at colleges HC, SWCID graduations set for today

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 Howard College will hold graduation ceremonies on the Big Spring campus tonight at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to cap off a week of activities.

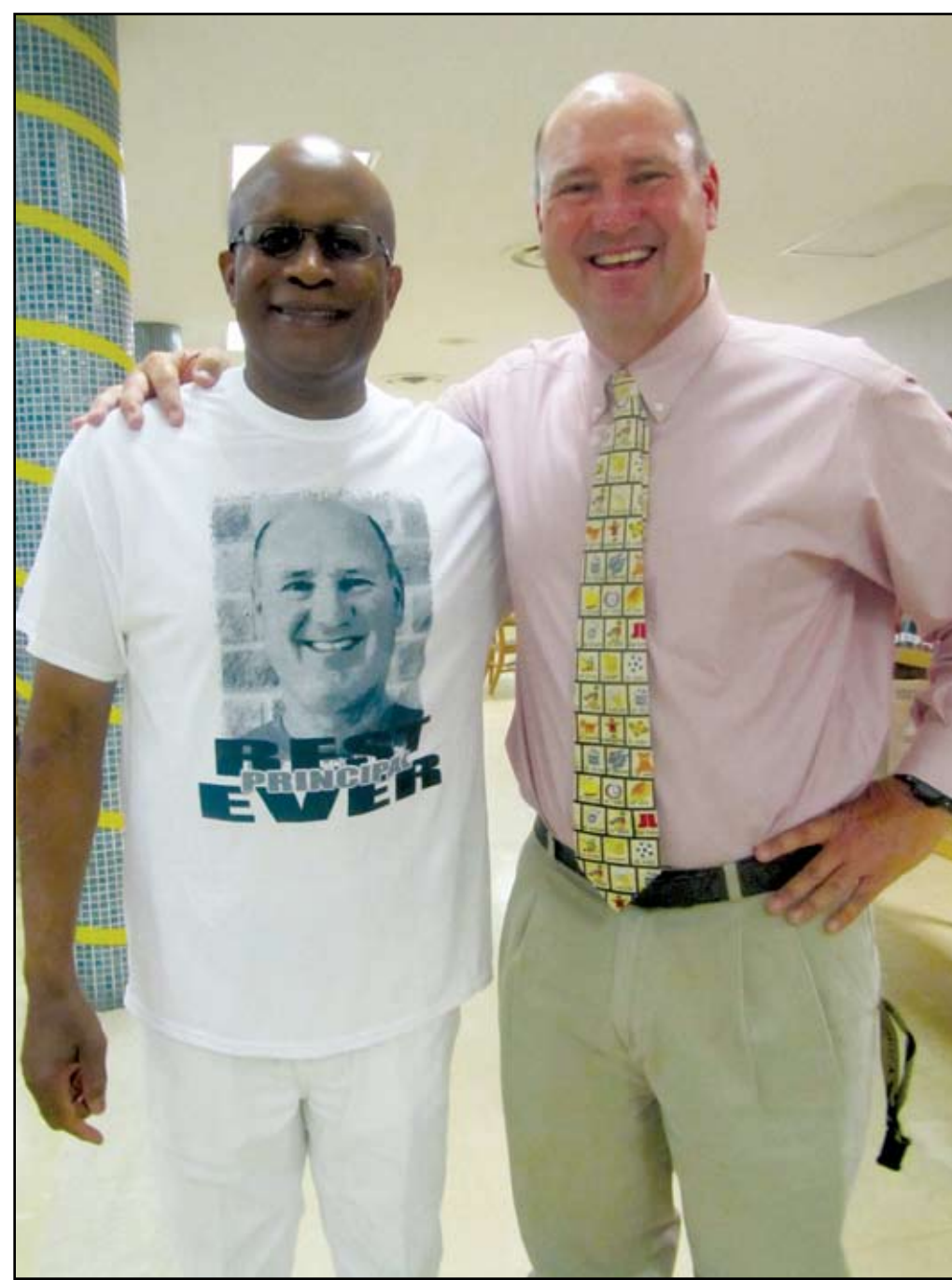
This morning, the South-West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) held ceremonies at 10 a.m. in the Foster Communications Coliseum. The ceremonial pinning to recognize completion for students in the dental hygiene and LVN programs were also held this week. Earlier this month, Howard College held an award ceremony to honor its top students.

The Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year is the most prestigious award given to a student of Howard College. The first award was given in 1978. The recipient must be a sophomore. Selection is based on academic excellence, participation in student life, leadership qualities, and overall college spirit. Ominations are received from all employees. This year, Jackelina Martens and Cory Renschel were the recipients of the Presidential Award. "Jackelina Martens has been called a 'model' student



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Happy retirement, Mike



HERALD photo/LYNDEL MOODY
 Hillary Payne, an employee of Big Spring High School, shows off his Mike Ritchey t-shirt by the man himself on Thursday. High school staff held a surprise reception for Ritchey, the high school principal, who will be retiring this year after more than 30 years in education. Scattered about the party were life-size cutouts of comic superheros with Ritchey's face pasted on the displays.

Courtesy photo
 Jeanie Knocke shows off the second-place prize — a brand-new John Deere Gator — that will be given away Saturday in the 10th Annual Cars, Stars and Handlebars fundraiser for Big Spring State Hospital. The reverse drawing begins at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club. Tickets are still available for \$100 apiece and gives the ticker holder and a guest entry into the event. For more information, call (432) 268-7535 or 268-7536. All money raised benefits the patients at Big Spring State Hospital and children's literary efforts supported by Big Spring Rotary Club.



BSISD facing shortfall

Drop in appraisals, state funding have school officials looking at belt-tightening

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 To say Big Spring ISD trustees will have to tighten their belts when they turn toward fine-tuning the budget this summer may be a little understated.

"Currently our estimate loss of local and state revenue totals is about \$2.2 million, and this is on top of what we lost last year, which is about \$3.3 million," Debbie Green, Big Spring ISD chief financial officer, informed trustees when they met Thursday night.



Green

Estimated figures released by the Howard County Appraisal Office recently show the school district's values to be around \$1.4 billion, down \$300 million from 2015's final numbers. Adding to the pain, the district is soon to lose its 11th biggest taxpayer, Western Container, which announced earlier this year it would be closing the Big Spring plant. Green said that will mean a \$250,000-a-year hit to revenue.

This year, the district is working on a

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Obituaries

Lloyd Everett Thomas



Lloyd Everett Thomas, age 94, died May 12, 2016.

Lloyd was born in Martin County, Texas, September 18, 1921, to Roy and M.A. Thomas. Losing his father at the age of 11 in an accident, life became hard for his family during the depression and he was forced to leave school after 8th grade to help his mother farm.

When World War II began, Lloyd joined the Navy serving as an underwater repair diver. While stationed in Alameda, Calif., he met and married the love of his life, Ruth Lesley Thomas; they were married 65 years until her death in 2011. They raised their family in Big Spring, later moving to Midland after his retirement from Fina. Lloyd was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and he was blessed with many friends.

Lloyd worked hard all his life; he loved the Lord, his country and his family. Lloyd rarely met a stranger and loved to talk and learn everything he could from all those he met. He had an exceptional sense of humor, loved to laugh and never tired of talking politics much to the dismay of many.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth; his daughter Pat (Patsy) Thomas Greer; his son Roy

Cecil Thomas; his parents; brothers L.B. Thomas and Doyle Thomas; and sister Louise Thomas.

He is survived by his daughter, Elaine Wagner of Eureka, Mo.; daughter Nina Thomas of Midland; daughter-in-law Maureen Thomas of Fort Worth; and son-in-law Randy Greer of Dahlonga, Ga.; grandchildren Luke Thomas (Paula) of Knoxville, Tenn.; Adam Thomas (Heather) of Fort Worth; Matthew Greer (Jena) of Lilburn, Ga.; Fletcher Wagner of Pacific, Mo., and Sarah Latch (Chris) of Helenwood, Tenn.; great-grandchildren Jordan, Terah and Julia Thomas, Fletcher Wagner Jr., Hannah and Maddie Latch and Peyton, Lily and Ashlyn Hannah.

Lloyd embraced life and was unafraid of death. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends and will never be forgotten. His hilarious stories will be repeated for many years to come.

A special thanks to Crossland Care of Odessa whose caregivers provided amazing loving care and dedication during dad's last months.

The family will receive friends on Friday, May 13, 2016, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Graveside services will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 1 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

D.W. "Dub" Day



D. W. "Dub" Day, 83, of Forsan died Wednesday, May 11, 2016, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Darren Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Dub was born Dec. 20, 1932, in Big Spring, Texas,

and married Faye Camp Jan. 17, 1953.

He was a carpenter and a lifelong resident of Howard County. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Forsan Baptist Church.

Dub is survived by his wife Faye Day of Forsan; onson, Dennis Day, and wife, Denise of Sweetwater; two daughters, Cindy Loveless of Forsan, and Lisa Richardson and husband, Kary of Brownsville; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Dub was preceded in death by his parents Dewitt Paul and Leeroy (Franklin) Day; and one sister, Dorothy Mason.

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

Gilbert Aguilar



Gilbert Aguilar, 48, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at his residence.

He will lie in state from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2016. A vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers and Smith Chapel.

He was born August 12, 1967, to Amelia Miramontes Aguilar and Raul Aguilar in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was Catholic. Gilbert

was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and loved football. He enjoyed fishing, basketball and listening to music.

Gilbert is survived by one daughter, Chelsea Aguilar of Big Spring; two sons, Gage Aguilar of New Mexico and William Aguilar of Lubbock; his mother, Amelia Aguilar of Big Spring; five sisters, Gloria A. Garza, Jo Ann Torres, Diane Valencia Sanchez and husband Leondro and Yvonne Aguilar, all of Big Spring, and Belinda Chartier of Fort Worth; five brothers, Robert Aguilar Sr. and wife Angelina, Raul Aguilar and wife Christy, Andrew Aguilar, Gabriel Aguilar and wife Rachel, and Edward Aguilar and wife Patricia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Raul Aguilar; and one niece, Emily Gomez.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **YAHCHAAROA NAGGIZFONTE LIGHTBOURNE**, 27, of 2400 S. Monticello St. was arrested on warrants for failure to display driver's license, failure to yield right of way at an intersection and speeding.
- **MELISSA KAY WHITE**, 29, of 1704 1/2 S. Scurry St. was arrested on warrants for theft of prop-

erty (less than \$100) and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **FRANCISCO EMANUEL CANTU**, 35, of 1502 E. Cherokee was arrested on warrants for theft (\$50 to \$500) and criminal mischief, and on another outstanding warrant.
- **ANDRA COLLEEN SWANN**, 49, of 7772 Elk Run in San Angelo was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated/open container; and resisting arrest, search or transport.

- **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III**, 21, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.
- **WELDON MICHAEL GIBBS**, 37, was arrested on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 7800 block of North Service Road
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 900 block of South Scurry Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 92 inmates at the time of this report.

- **FRANCISCO EMANUEL CANTU**, 35, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft of property (\$50 to \$500) and bail jumping/failure to appear, and two warrants for criminal mischief.
- **WELDON MICHAEL GIBBS**, 37, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **KIMBERLY DEE HARGROVE**, 53, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$20 to \$500) by check.
- **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III**, 21, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.
- **KEVIN MICHAEL KUZMICH**, 36, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
- **YAHCHAAROA NAGGIZFONTE LIGHTBOURNE**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to display driver's license, speeding (42 mph in a 30 mph zone) and failure to yield at an intersection.
- **JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ**, 33, was booked by HCSO on warrants for bondsman off bond/driving while intoxicated.
- **ANDRA COLLEEN SWANN**, 49, was booked by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated/open container; and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **JOHNNY JOE WADDELL**, 27, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of service (\$1,500 to \$20,000).
- **MELISSA KAY WHITE**, 29, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft (less than \$100) and failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of East FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Trades.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Edwards.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Northwest 11th Street.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of South Goliad Street.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on North Highway 87.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton Street.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on Connally Street.
- **VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla Street.

Support Groups

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.

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.

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News in brief

US gives directive to schools on transgender bathroom access

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public schools must permit transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity, according to an Obama administration directive issued amid a court fight between the federal government and North Carolina.

The guidance from leaders at the departments of Education and Justice says public schools are obligated to treat transgender students in a way that matches their gender identity, even if their education records or identity documents indicate a different sex.

“There is no room in our schools for discrimination of any kind, including discrimination against transgender students on the basis of their sex,” Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in a statement accompanying the directive, which is being sent to school districts Friday.

In issuing the guidance, the Obama administration is wading anew into a socially divisive debate it has bluntly cast in terms of civil rights. The Justice Department on Monday sued North Carolina over a bathroom access law that it said violates the rights of transgender people, a measure that Lynch

likened to policies of racial segregation and efforts to deny gay couples the right to marry.

The guidance does not impose any new legal requirements. But officials say it's meant to clarify expectations of school districts that receive funding from the federal government. Educators have been seeking guidance on how to comply with Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding, Education Secretary John B. King said in a statement.

Top Lebanese Hezbollah military commander killed in Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group said Friday that its top military commander who was supervising its military operations in Syria, Mustafa Badreddine, was killed in an explosion in Damascus, a major blow to the Shiite group which has played a significant role in the conflict next door.

Badreddine, 55, had been the mastermind of the group's involvement in Syria's civil war since Hezbollah fighters joined the battle on the side of Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces against those trying to remove him from power.

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his attacks and trying to appeal to the same independent, economically frustrated voters that back the Vermont senator.

“I would just hope that he would understand that we need to bring consolidating our vote sooner rather than later,” said New York Rep. Steve Israel, a Clinton backer and former chief of efforts to elect Democrats to the House. “Democrats cannot wait too long.”

Though Clinton has for the past few weeks largely focused her rhetoric on Trump, campaign aides say the two-front effort hampers their ability to target both Sanders supporters and Republican-leaning independents that may be open to her candidacy. It also means

she's spending time in primary states, rather than battlegrounds that will decide the general election.

This weekend, for example, Clinton will campaign in Kentucky ahead of the state's Tuesday primary. She's also dispatched several high-level advocates to the state, including Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and Reps. James Clyburn of South Carolina, G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina, Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas and Hakeem Jeffries and Joe Crowley of New York.

While they can talk up Clinton, Sanders' determination to contest every state remaining has kept Obama and Vice President Joe Biden largely on the sidelines, benching two of her most powerful advocates.

“It all sort of slows the takeoff of her general-

election campaign,” said Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown, a member of the party's liberal wing from a perennial battleground.

Sanders is having none of it, frequently telling the thousands of supporters who attend his rallies that he still has a narrow path to the nomination.

“Please do not moan to me about Hillary Clinton's problems,” Sanders said in a recent interview with MSNBC. “It is a steep hill to climb, but we're going to fight for every last vote.”

Yet there is no question his campaign is on its last legs. His fundraising dropped by about 40 percent last month and he's laid off hundreds of staffers. Biden said this week he “feels confident” that Clinton will be the nominee. Even Obama is pointing out the realities of the delegate math, which puts Clinton on track to

capture the nomination early next month.

By every measure, Clinton is handily winning the Democratic contest. She has won 23 states to Sanders' 19, capturing 3 million more votes than her rival along the way. She has 94 percent of the delegates needed to win the nomination, which means she could lose all the states left to vote by a landslide and still emerge as the nominee — so long as all her supporters among the party insiders known as superdelegates continue to back her.

White House officials believe Obama has the ability to coax some die-hard Sanders' fans into the Clinton camp, particularly young people and liberals. But if he moves before Clinton officially captures the nomination, he risks angering those voters and undermining that effort.

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\$1.5 million deficit in its budget caused by 2014's sharp drop in values and loss in state funding.

However, the financial news wasn't all bad, Green added.

“We will be able to make two of the Big Spring Junior High School's principal bond payments,” she said. “That will leave us with just one payment for (20)16-17 and it will be paid for.”

Thursday's board meeting was also a bittersweet moment as Jim White, who had been serving as the interim assistant superintendent, attended his last meeting for the district.

“I want to thank Mr. White for the help he has given for a year-and-a-half,” said Chris Wigington, Big Spring ISD superintendent. “He has done a fantastic job for me.”

White will be replaced by Jay McWilliams, the current principal of McCamey High School. McWilliams brings 30 years of education experience to the job, Wigington said. In the past, he served as the athletic director at McCamey ISD and Eden CISD. He attended both University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Angelo State University.

White, who retired from Colorado City as the superintendent, served in the role temporarily after Daniel A. “Danny” Farrell died suddenly in January 2014.

“Ya'll have some great people in this district,” White said. “I fully expect our elementaries to come out (of low academic performing stat-

ues).” In other employment issues, Wigington is searching for a replacement for Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey, who announced recently he is retiring.

“Mike Ritchey is Big Spring High School,” Wigington told trustees. “He has been here a long time and I cannot tell you how excited I am for him, but also how sad I am for this district because he has done such a great job. You cut him and he bleeds black and gold. He is the reason I am in Big Spring.”

Wigington has interviewed four candidates so far and a decision to fill the position may come as early as late next week, he said.

Also during the meeting, trustees approved:

- To begin the process to lease mineral rights on 13 tracts of district-owned land at approximately 140.254 acres for \$2,000 an acre.

- Turnaround plans to help lift Goliad, Marcy, and Washington Elementaries along with Kentwood Pre-School to help improve academic performance.

The three elementaries have been found low-performing for multiply years by state-testing standards. The plans are posted on the district's website.

- A contract settlement agreement with AT&T Corp.

- Recognized all Big Spring ISD students who have qualified for state competition in various athletic and academic contests. Each student in attendance personally received a medal by one of the Big Spring ISD trustees in a ceremony held during the meeting.

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due to her strong work ethic and dedication to academics,” said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. “She has earned an associate of arts, associate of science, and will complete the Dental Hygiene Associate of Applied Science degree this spring. Jackelina has been on the President's list every semester she has been enrolled at Howard College.”

“During her enrollment at Howard College, she has been an active student participating in many student activities, she has dedicated countless hours to the Big Spring community by volunteering for different programs and has served as a Howard Col-

lege Diplomat,” Sparks continued. “Somehow she also found the time to maintain a part-time job at the Fitness Center.”

Remschel comes to Howard College from Fredricksburg, Texas.

“In her two years at Howard College, Cory has impacted many lives with her sunny disposition and kind heart. She is one of the most active students on campus,” Sparks said. “Cory served as the Student Government Association President, worked in the Residence Halls as a Resident Assistant and cheered at games as Howie. She has completed her cosmetology certificate and has started working on an Associate of Applied Science in Business. Like Jackelina, Cory has been on the President's list each

semester during her enrollment at Howard College.”

Awards also went to: Workforce Education CTE Outstanding Student Award, Tarrian Burrell.

American Legion Citizenship Award: Brittany Dover and “Kip” Williams.

Clubs and Organizations Awards:

1st yr. Dental Hygiene Student: Kaci Urbanczyk and Monica Frias.

2nd. Yr. Dental Hygiene Student: Kayla Bell.

SGA: Cory Remschel, Catholic Club, Oscar Barraza, The Wesley Club, Daniel Rodriguez

I AM SECOND: Samantha Cross

Criminal Justice Association: Joshua Martinez

RN Student Organization: Licia Robertson,

Sheena Howell
LVN Student Organization: Tina Fisher, Sara Stevenson

Departmental Awards

Student Biology: Marcela Norman and Prospero Yanez

Dance: Ariel Rockwell and Jessica Villarreal

English: Robert Lovelady, Brady Allen, Crystal Sneed, and Eileen Heuer.

History: Katherine Reyes and Jordan Lang

Sociology: Jessica Gutierrez and Shazay Norris

Theater: Corbin Stevens, Eric Valle, Paula Booth, Dakota Jones, Rachele Ball and Amy Winters.

Accounting: Tyson Mauser and Parker Towns.

Business Transfer: Lisa Balcazar.

Computer Information Systems: Juanita Tino and Bryan Huff.

Computer Web Design/Multi-media: Antonio Gallegos.

Cosmetology, Mary

Garcia and Frankie Ballard.

Criminal Justice Antonio: Tizerino

Workforce Education: Tarrian Burrell

Math: Oscar Barraza and Camille Hoover

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Welding: Tarrian Burrell

and CJ Ballard

Wind Energy: Tarrian Burrell and Zack Norman

Electricity: Quentin Ausbie and Billy Stacey

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges: Kayla Bell, Brittany Dover, Annabel Faught, Brittany Henderson, Jackelina Martens, Bryce Short, Tyler Green, Alexandra Gibbs, Patrick Laws, Victoria Martinez, Leksey Yarbar, Jordan Matthews, Katie King, Laura Thieme, Shelby Ume, Arielle Charuk, Katherine Reyes, Cory Remschel, Michael Washington, Cassidy Redlin, Angelica Diaz, Sara Stevenson, Shazay Norris and Kyle Davis.

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DAILY PRAYER

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

Trump or Ryan: Who speaks for the GOP?

No modern precedent exists for the revival of a party so badly defeated, so intensely discredited, and so essentially split as the Republican Party is today.”

Taken from “The Party That Lost Its Head” by Bruce Chapman and George Gilder, this excerpt, about Barry Goldwater’s defeat in 1964, led Thursday’s column by E.J. Dionne of The Washington Post.

Dionne is warning what could happen if the GOP perpetrates the political atrocity of nominating Donald Trump.

For weeks now, the Post’s editorial page has sermonized about the “moral” obligation of all righteous Republicans to repudiate Trump.

The Post’s solicitude for the well-being of the Republican Party is the stuff of legend. Yet it is a bit jarring to see these champions of abortion on demand, same-sex marriage, and visitation rights for cross-dressers in the girls’ room, standing in a pulpit lecturing on morality.

Yet, there was something off about that Chapman-Gilder quote.

First, both were members of the Harvard-based, Rockefeller-backed, liberal Ripon Society. Second, their prognosis of the party’s future proved to be spectacularly wrong.

The year, 1966, their book on the headless GOP appeared, to press hosannas, Richard Nixon led the party to its greatest off-year victory since 1946, adding 47 new seats in the House.

Two years later, Nixon won the presidency, inaugurating an era in which Republicans won five out of six presidential contests, two by 49-state landslides.

Out of Goldwater’s defeat came the New Majority and Reagan Revolution. And Chapman and Gilder moved rightward to serve with distinction in that revolu-

tion.

The prodigal sons were welcomed home, and Gilder would recant:

“The far Right — the same men I dismissed as extremists in my youth — turned out to know far more than I did. At least the ‘right-wing extremists,’ as I confidently called them, were right on almost every major policy issue from welfare to Vietnam to Keynesian economics and defense...”

While the Goldwater campaign, as an insurgency of outsiders, bears comparison with Trump’s, in other ways it does not.

Goldwater never compiled anything near the vote that Trump did. At this point in 1964, Goldwater was behind Johnson 79-18 in the Gallup poll. Trump is behind Hillary Clinton by single digits. New polls have him running even in Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania.

Now, consider the issues comparison with 1964.

In July 1964, Johnson signed the popular Civil Rights Act that Goldwater had opposed. The GOP Convention in San Francisco revealed a deeply divided party, subject to the charge, validated by the rule-or-ruin Rockefeller-Romney faction, that it was receptive to right-wing radicals.

Lyndon Johnson’s decision to bomb North Vietnam after the Gulf of Tonkin incident made him a war leader, and Americans rally to presidents in a time of war.

In 2016, however, Trump holds a fistful of face cards. After eight years of President Obama, he is the candidate of change in 2016, and Clinton is the candidate of same.

Trump may bring more excitement than some folks can handle.

But Clinton has become a crashing bore, until she gets agitated, and then the voice rises to where she sounds like the siren on the hook-and-ladder in “Chicago Fire.”

Other than that she would be the first woman president, what is there about her or her agenda

that has popular appeal? That lack of appeal explains why her crowds are a fraction of Bernie Sanders’.

The Clinton of 2016 is not the Clinton of 2008.

As for the issues dividing Trump and Speaker Paul Ryan, Trump appears to have won the argument, if the debate is decided by voter preferences rather than Beltway preferences.

Trump’s denunciation of NAFTA and other “free-trade” deals Ryan supports is echoed by Sanders, who opposed those deals when they were up for a vote. Hillary Clinton no longer rhapsodizes over husband Bill’s NAFTA, and signals she will not support Obama’s Trans-Pacific Partnership in a lame-duck session.

Ryan professes to be a man of principle. Why does he not then stand by his principles, as Goldwater did, and bring up TPP for a vote?

Is Paul Ryan’s “immigration reform” package as popular inside his party as Trump’s tough line? It would seem not. The longer the primaries went on, the closer the other GOP candidates moved toward Trump. And if Ryan believes in it on principle, why not bring it up?

Ryan voted for the Iraq War that Trump calls a disaster. The people seem now to agree with Trump that the war was misconceived.

Thursday’s Post reported that, five years ago, Ryan stood on the House floor to declare, “This is our defining moment.”

And what was Ryan’s defining moment?

“On that day in 2011,” said the Post, “the House’s new GOP majority approved Ryan’s budget plan — which ...called for cuts in a government program that voters knew and loved: Medicare.”

“Ryan ... wanted eventually to turn the massive health-benefit program over to private insurers.”

Come to think of it, Barry Goldwater wanted to turn Social Security over to private enterprise. How did that one work out?

Trump can win

For the umpteenth time, Donald Trump is no conservative. He is an economic populist. When asked to name the top three functions of government, he said national security, health care and education. Two of the three named “duties” one does not find in Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

This puts him exactly where the country is politically — center-left. Americans talk the talk as to their alleged concern for ever-increasing debt. But when asked, “Which programs to cut?” the same complainers look as blank as Homer Simpson when asked to help Bart with his algebra.

Trump says he wants to “fix” Social Security. For a time, President George W. Bush wanted to allow those under 55 to “invest” part of their payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts. Then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., could not have been happier, knowing that such a plan scared much of America, no matter how many times Bush tried to assure those over the age of 55 that their Social Security “would not be touched.” Bush’s poll numbers dropped and he abandoned his plan.

Trump flat-out proposes protectionism to stop jobs from being “shipped out” and to impose tariffs on our trading rivals to stop them from “cheating.” The problem is most Americans believe that other countries exploit by protecting their markets and “manipulating” their currency. Assuming this is true, econo-

mist Milton Friedman, a Ronald Reagan advisor, said protectionism simply protects against cheap prices for the American consumers. So on trade, Trump is wrongheaded, but no more wrongheaded than Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton.

Donald Trump recently pulled a 180 on the job-destroying minimum wage, first saying he opposed an increase, now saying he might support one. But this puts him on the same side as not only Democrats, but with Republicans like Dr. Ben Carson, former Sen. Rick Santorum and Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

As with socialist Bernie Sanders, economic anxiety fuels Trump’s candidacy. After eight years of Obamanomics — raising taxes, increasing regulations, “stimulus” and “investing” taxes on failed “green initiatives,” most of the country says that economically we are on the wrong track. Their near stagnant paychecks, unemployment and under-employment tell many Americans that this recovery is the worst in their lifetime.

Unfortunately, the correct prescription to deal with this — lowering taxes, reducing the size of government and reducing regulations — is not what voters want. They want the social safety net preserved, not reformed. This is what Trump is offering.

Trump, unlike Clinton, is not a global-warming alarmist. Asked about climate change, he called it an exaggeration argued that policies to stop it endanger job creation. This, too, puts Trump on the side of most Americans. Polls of likely voters show that of their top 23 concerns, climate change ranks at or near the bottom. A recent poll found even most millennials do not consider climate change much of a threat.

To the many conservatives who are unhappy with Trump vs. Clinton, consider this. Trump claims he would appoint Supreme Court justices like Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, a dramatic difference from the kind Clinton would nominate. Yes, Trump suggested appointing his pro-Roe v. Wade sister, but there’s no doubt that she is exactly the kind of justice that Clinton would appoint. As to the Second Amendment, Clinton wants to hold gun manufacturers liable for crimes committed by criminals who use guns.

Depending upon how the question is asked, most Americans want the borders secured before beginning any discussion on what to do about the immigration status of the millions here illegally — Trump’s position.

Whether Trump can build a wall, let alone get Mexico to pay is, at best, uncertain. But his views at least suggest that finally we may secure the borders, whether with additional manpower, fencing or other technology or a combination of both. Trump threatens to withhold money from “sanctuary” cities, which refuse to turn over arrested illegal aliens to federal immigration officials. He promises to end “catch and release,” and to require employers to check the immigration status of new hires.

Trump not only claims he opposed the Iraq War, but accuses George W. Bush of lying us into it. This is both wrong and shameful, but many Americans — certainly those on the hard left — oppose the war and feel deceived about it. So Donald Trump’s populism on the economy puts him right smack-dab in the middle of the center-left American mainstream.

So, yes, Trump can win.



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1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."
Psalms 91: 14-16

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Did you ever wonder: The golden calf

For the last few weeks we have been talking about the many instructions God gave to Moses while he was on Mt. Sinai for 40 days.

The people waiting at the foot of the mountain had run out of patience and out of faith. They had been in slavery so long that without a very strong leader they felt defeated.

Moses had been on a very barren mountain with thunder and dark clouds for 40 days. It was humanly impossible for him to still be alive. The people were panicking!

Aaron had been a part of the miracles performed in Egypt. They considered him a leader. But in their minds they were conditioned to need a god that they could see — like the gods they saw the Egyptians worship.

Moses had appointed Hur to assist Aaron while Moses was on the mountain. Hur was a respected leader; but while he tried to keep order and calm the mob mentality, they had killed him.

To stall for time, Aaron told the people to bring him their golden jewelry. He bound the gold in a cloth and threw it into the fire. He thought surely they would not worship a blob of molten gold.

There were sorcerers among the Egyptian rabble who had followed the Hebrews from Egypt. With their magic they

caused the gold to form into the shape of a calf which was one of the main gods of Egypt. These people said, “This is your god, O Israel!”

Aaron stalled for time by having the people build a large altar for their god. He proclaimed a festival for Hashem the next day. He was still trying to keep them from sinning until Moses came down from the mountain.

The next morning they began sacrificing to the new god. They ate and drank and began to revel. This involved drunkenness and licentiousness as they had seen in Egypt.

God sent Moses back down the mountain. “This people that you brought up from the land of Egypt has become corrupt. They have made a molten calf and worshipped it.” (Ex 32: 7-9 paraphrased) Re-

member the reason God had chosen the Hebrew people was because they said they would worship only Him.

But Moses pleaded with God to forgive the people and God reconsidered.

Moses went back down the mountain carrying the two Tablets of the Testimony. God had inscribed these stone tablets with His own finger. Ex 32:15-16 says “.. the Tablets were inscribed on both sides; they were inscribed on one side and the other. The Tablets were God’s handiwork, and the script was the script of God engraved on the Tablets.”

The Hebrew word for ‘engrave’ can also mean ‘freedom.’ The sages teach that these Tablets represented freedom from the Evil Inclination and the Angel of Death that were unleashed

when Satan tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God. Once the people learned these things that would please God and began obeying them, the evil one would have been defeated.

The world would have returned to the Garden of Eden because the people had already promised ‘they would obey and they would hear the Word of God.’

Satan knew he was about to lose his hold on the earth so he instigated their demand for a golden calf to worship.

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Church News

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with the church call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail aliveinchristtx@gmail.com

The church began new worship times. Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, you are invited to join church members in worship this Sunday.

Jill Alsbrooks will present the scripture readings this week.

Wednesday night Bible study began on Feb. 17. Class members are studying 1 John. The class is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to join in.

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

Cornerstone

Covenant Church

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

Wednesday at 7 p.m., all are welcome to the mid-week worship service. Ladies will meet with First Ladies, Bella Willard, in the Main Sanctuary. Men will join Pastor Willard in the Academic Resource Center (formerly the fellowship hall) for study of the Word.

Graduation service will be held May 22 at 10:30 a.m. for members of Cornerstone

Covenant Church who are graduating from school. The church will recognize kindergarten, high school and college students who graduated between December 2015 and May 2016.

June 6 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. For more information contact the church office.

July 11 to 15, Chosen Generation Youth group will attend church camp at Discovery Camp. To get your youth signed up or for more information, please contact the church office.

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“Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,” declares Psalm 149. First Baptist Church welcomes ev-

eryone to join their worship service Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Pastor Mark Lindsey will continue the sermon series “Submerged,” which is introducing listeners to the upcoming Vacation Bible School theme. The messages focus on finding truth below the surface, and serve as a reminder that Jesus sees people differently based not on external criteria, but for who they are on the inside. If you are unable to attend, you can join the worship with through the live stream on the website at: fbcbigspring.org

At 9:30 a.m., each Sunday, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building. Children gather in the Good News Garage on the first floor; and youth, college students and adults meet in second-floor classrooms. Greeters are happy to assist you in finding a class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and coffee.

All area children are invited to Kids' Connection at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday. This is a fun time of Bible based songs, games and activities. There is no fee to participate, and family members are welcome to attend with their children.

At 6 p.m., teens gather at the Raffini's home for a light meal and encouragement in God's Word. Transportation is available; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details.

Evening service begins at 6 p.m., and is a wonderful way to come before the Lord in preparation for the coming week.

Summer is almost here, and the church calendar is full of enriching and fun activities for children and teens. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green or Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 267-8223 for additional information and to register your children. Vacation Bible School will

be June 6 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a VBS registration party June 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the church. Bounce houses, carnival foods and games will ensure a great time for the entire family.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 to 6 in the Family Life Center followed by activities for all ages. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. May 18, the meal will be barbecue sandwiches. FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. in Big Spring. Church members are happy to invite you to join them Sunday for Pentecost Sunday.

The guest minister Rev. Joel Miller will preach a sermon called “Pentecost Day 50,” taken from the scripture text Acts 1:1-11.

As usual helping to enhance the worship service are “diamonds in the rough” Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault. They will delight the congregation with such pieces as “He Leadeth Me” and “Trust and Obey,” and other selections.

Assisting as liturgist will be Dan Miracle and serving at the Lord's table will be Wanda Brock and Dan Miracle.

The Fellowship Luncheon's theme this month will be “Dinner on the Grounds”: an old fashioned picnic! Chicken is being provided, so please call the office to R.S.V.P. and sign up to bring a side dish or dessert, if you haven't already done so.

Mark your calendars for June 4. Just a few weeks away, First Christian Church will be having a Garage Sale. Items are being priced and brought to the Fellowship Hall for the big day. We hope

to see you there.

As always you are all welcomed to join church activities. Each Sunday morning, coffee and fellowship starts at 9:15, Sunday School at 9:45 and worship at 10:50.

If you have any questions regarding services or any goings on at FCC, or if you just need someone to pray with you, please call the office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 432-517-4821.

First United

Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry streets 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 service at 11 a.m. is led by our 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 Whitsunday message entitled “The Contender.” The message celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and is taken from Acts 2:1-13. The congregation is encouraged to wear red as the congregation celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit this Sunday.

Hymns for the 9 a.m. Traditional service this week will include “From All That Dwells Below the Skies,” “See How Great a Flame Aspires,” and “O Spirit of the Living God.” The Celebration Choir will also sing an

Reflections: Raising children is a challenge

Nothing is as challenging as being a parent. Children have no on-off button. They cannot be put in the closet like clothes, turned off and parked like cars or placed in a kennel for the night like pets.

They are on a constant quest, poking, prodding, pushing, pulling and climbing. When our children were little, as soon as they got in the car they looked for buttons to push and knobs to twist. When I turned on the key the blinkers blinked, windshield wipers wiped and the radio



BILL TINSLEY

blared, vibrating the windows and rendering me momentarily deaf. The same was true for our bedroom and kitchen.

They grew up to be responsible adults. But the path wasn't easy. Every passage brought new challenges: the first day of school, a move from familiar neighborhoods to a new city, puberty, a driver's license, dating, computer games, technology and today, social media. Parenting requires a constant learning curve that never stops, even after children are grown and on their own. Relationships constantly change and adjust. As a parent, you are always entering new and unfamiliar territory.

I found across the years that there is no "fix it" book

for parenting, no "cure-all," "read this," or "do this" simple solution. Every child is different and every parenting situation has its unique challenges. But there are some essential tools that make the difference: patience, consistency, authenticity, trust, love, faith and a listening ear.

Most of us don't come naturally equipped with these essential tools to be successful parents. Most of us have to learn them and acquire them while we are on the job. And all of us have room for improvement.

Years ago I visited in the home of a young mother who was caring for several preschool children. I was amazed at her patience and attention with the children and commented on it. She

responded by telling me that this had not always been the case. Before she trusted Christ, she said, she had no patience with children, but after she gave her heart to Christ, He gave her a gift of patience, not only for her own children, but for others.

The Bible says that John came to introduce Jesus to the world by turning the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to righteousness. Every generation has to struggle against the natural desires of the flesh that result in envy, jealousy, resentment, anger and self indulgence. These attitudes destroy the family.

When we put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ He gives us a new heart. He produces in us the fruits of the Spirit that equip us to be the

parents and people that we long to be: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control." All of these, the Bible says, are the fruit of the Spirit.

When our hearts are right with God so that we are producing these fruits, we will be good parents. Then we will be able to fulfill the Scripture's instruction, "Do not exasperate your children, instead, bring them up in the teaching and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4).

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

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anthem by John Carter entitled "A Mighty Wind Blows Over the Land."

The congregation will receive this year's Confirmation Class into Church membership during the 11 a.m. worship service this Sunday. Students have been working with Pastor Ivins and our Youth Pastor, Beau Niewoehner for several weeks on the theme "Cross Training." A banquet for the kids and their families will follow the service at noon in Garrett Hall.

The 11 a.m. contemporary service will be led this Sunday by Adrian Calvio, Chelsea Sheppard, Haley Martinez and Nadia Garcia. Worship songs will include "Sing, Sing, Sing," "You Are Good," "Holy Is the Lord," and "Your Love Is Mine."

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. All are welcome.

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.

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 Clay Allen, the piece includes organ, a brass quintet, violin and child soloist, Tucker Wegner. 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 website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

First Presbyterian Church

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 p.m.

On Sunday evening male chorus practices at 5:15, followed by the youth group dinner at 6 p.m.. Handbell practice is at 6:30 and youth group is at 7:15 p.m.

A special "thank you" for the wonderful Mother's Day Musicales last Sunday goes to Susan Dawes, Laura Holleman, Linda Miracle, Joseph Dawes, the children's choir, the young women's choir, the young women's choir, the male chorus, the youth handbell choir, guitarist Craig Holstedt, the Tardy Bells and all of the parents and grandparents who faithfully brought the children to practice.

The regular monthly stated Meeting of the Session is this Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the church library.

May 22, there will be a Pot Luck Meal at noon with members asked to bring a meat or vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. The Coahoma Presbyterian Church will be joining with the congregation for the meal. Ginny Lynch, a representative from the Presbyterian Chil-

dren's Homes and Services Organization, will be a guest speaker. There will be special music also.

Presbyterian women will meet on May 24 for lunch and officer installation. More information will be provided next week.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for May are Susan and David Wilson, Vicki and Mark McLean. Jim Little is lector for the month.

The lectionary for the Day of Pentecost is Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-35b; Acts 2:1-21 (or Romans 8:14-17); and John 14:8-17(25-27). The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will offer "Hymn to the Holy Spirit" by Craig Courtney as the anthem, and they will present "Come, Spirit, Come" by Mary Kay Beall as the offertory anthem.

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

If you cannot attend wor-

ship, you can 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 the website www.fpcbs.org. On the website, you can find a link to audio files of several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like the church's Facebook page.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning the message comes from Romans 5:6-11 and is called "Reconciled."

This Saturday at 11 a.m. the church will host the annual Ladies' Tea in the fellowship hall. You can bring your favorite finger sandwiches and join the other ladies for this time of fellowship and fundraising. The Girls in Action will put on a skit during this time.

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

Sunday evening worshippers are currently examining the topic "Does This Mean Me?" Those in attendance will read from the Bible and ask the whether the passage directly or indirectly applies to current culture. Each Sunday evening session digs deeper into the topic from Sunday morning's message. This Sunday evening's focus will be Romans Chapter 5.

Wednesday youth activities begin at 4 p.m. Most of those who attend walk directly over from the school. Rides after church are provided for those who need them. 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 1st-5th grade; CHAOS for youth; and an adult Bible study as well.

The 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. For any questions please call 457-2342.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Thirteen babies were dedicated on Mother's Day, May 8th. What a blessing to have so many new little ones in the church family.

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Israel honors priest who promotes Arab army enlistment

By TIA GOLDENBERG and
AREEJ HAZBOUN

Associated Press

NAZARETH, Israel (AP) — Israel's decision to honor a controversial Greek Orthodox priest at its official Independence Day ceremony is driving a wedge in the country's tiny Christian Arab community as the government recognizes him for his efforts to encourage Christians to enlist in the Israeli military.

Father Gabriel Naddaf's recruitment drive has deeply divided Israel's Christian Arabs, who make up just 2 percent of Israel's population. His inclusion in a ceremony tinged with sadness for many of the country's Arabs, along with new allegations accusing him of sexually harassing young people he helped, has only added to the anger and risks overshadowing what is meant to be a national celebration.

Naddaf has denied the charges, aired on a TV station this week, and the government said there are no plans to remove him from Wednesday night's festivities, where he will be one of 14 torch lighters chosen for their outstanding contributions to the country.

Since 2012, Naddaf has led recruitment drives in Christian communities, preaching about the need to enlist more Christians into Israel's military, which is compulsory for most Jews but voluntary for Arabs. He says it would better integrate them into a society where they often face discrimination.

"I will light the torch with great pride for the glory of the state of Israel and for the good of the Christians in Israel," Naddaf, 43, told The Associated Press on the sidelines of rehearsals for Wednesday's ceremony. He said the timing of the media report signaled "intentions to harm me personally and to also harm the lighting of the torch."

Israel's Arabs make up a fifth of the country's population of 8 million. Although they hold citizenship rights,

many identify with their Palestinian brethren in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. They also tend to view army service — a rite of passage for Israeli Jews — as taboo, in part because of Israel's military occupation of lands the Palestinians want for a future state. Members of the Druze and Bedouin Arab minorities often do serve.

Naddaf's enlistment drive, coupled with his calls to Christians to shed the labels of Arab and Palestinian and adopt an Israeli character, has set off an emotional identity debate among Christian Arabs. Opponents say the campaign's real goal is to divide and weaken Israel's nearly 1.8 million Arabs, who include Muslims, Christians and Druze.

"When Gabriel Naddaf stands on stage during Independence Day in Jerusalem, he will light the torch in the name of Gabriel Naddaf and not in the name of the Christian Palestinians inside the Israeli state," said Azmi Hakim, an Orthodox Christian activist in the Arab city of Nazareth. "We are part and parcel of the Palestinian people and ... we don't celebrate Independence Day."

Naddaf, whose own sons have enlisted in the military, says his activism has triggered threats to his life. Arab legislators are among his most virulent opponents.

"He is a person who sold his soul for the good of the regime he serves," said Basel Ghattas, a Christian Arab lawmaker.

In a new blow to Naddaf, Channel 2 TV aired an investigative report on Sunday in which anonymous people, whose voices were disguised, made claims of sexual harassment against Naddaf. They also claimed he had sought bribes for helping Palestinians obtain Israeli permits.

Naddaf dismissed the claims as an "evil plot" by jealous enemies. "God will punish these people for harming me, my wife and my two sons who are serving now in the military," Naddaf wrote on Facebook.

But Shadi Halul, a former associate

who had a falling out with Naddaf, said the allegations were too serious to dismiss. "As long as there is concern, even 1 percent, that it's really true, then I ask that (his invitation) to light the torch be suspended," he told Army Radio.

Israel's Culture Minister Miri Regev said unless Naddaf was proven guilty, he would light the torch. Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said some of the allegations would be investigated. She declined to elaborate.

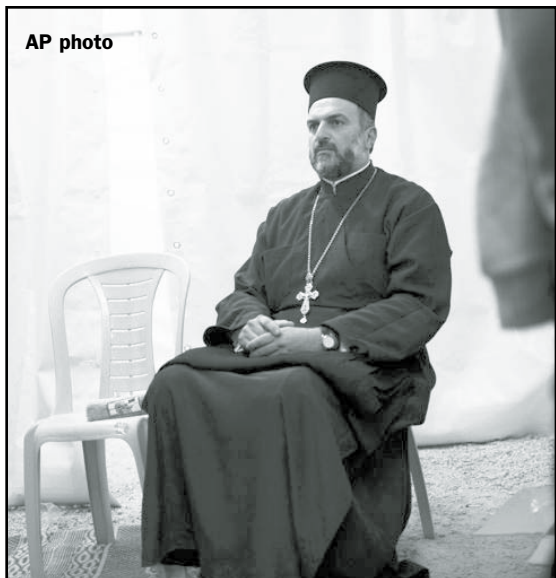
At the ceremony on Wednesday, Naddaf will light a torch, deliver a brief statement and intone the traditional phrase, "for the glory of the State of Israel."

While Independence Day is a celebration for Jewish Israelis, it is melancholic for Palestinians, among them Arabs with Israeli citizenship, who view it as part of their people's "catastrophe," as they mark the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Arabs who fled or were forced from their homes during the war surrounding Israel's creation in 1948.

Naddaf is not the first Arab to light a torch. Others have also faced criticism for participating in an event that opponents say only includes Arabs to project a misleading image of equality.

Israel recently approved a landmark, billion-dollar budget to improve the living conditions of Arab citizens. Even so, many Arabs are still scarred by comments made by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who, on election day last year, galvanized his supporters by warning that "Arabs were headed in droves" to the polls. Netanyahu later apologized.

Netanyahu threw his weight behind Naddaf in 2013, creating a committee to support his efforts while promising to protect him from "those inciting to violence" against him. Netanyahu has called Christian Arab recruits "loyal citizens who want to contribute to and protect the state."



AP photo

"He is a groundbreaking leader," said Ofir Akunis, an Israeli Cabinet minister who worked with Naddaf on Netanyahu's committee.

Despite the commotion, Naddaf's campaign has enjoyed only modest success, with about 150 Christians enlisting every year, compared to some 35 before the drive began, according to a spokesman for Naddaf. The military said "there hasn't been a marked increase" in Christian recruits in recent years.

Wadie Abunassar, a Christian activist, said Christians, and minorities in Israel in general, deserve equality, regardless of whether they serve in the military.

"The Christian community doesn't need people like Naddaf to tell us how to integrate. We need a strategic change in the attitude of the Israeli government," he said.

Goldenberg reported from Jerusalem.

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Tickets for the 2-day event at SCF are \$10. The church is offering boxed lunches from Gale's Bakery for \$7 each both days. To sign up for this Simulcast, download the Spring Creek Fellowship App from the app store, then click on the "Pink Impact" button (2nd -age) and fill out the form. You will be able to make choices about the lunches and will find information about how to pay for the ticket and lunch options. Or contact the church for more information.

The church continues taking donations for the new kitchen. If you would like to contribute or would like more information, please contact the church office or come on Sunday morning.

A new Sunday morn-

ing Connection group will be available Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the office kitchen area. Lloyd and Chelsea Wells will be leading this group called "The Kitchen."

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 25 at the church. The theme this year is "Noah's Ark" and is limited to 30 children. Please sign up as soon as possible. Volunteers may contact Donna Wennik.

The Harts are back in Africa. Please keep them and their family at home in your prayers.

Take look at the "E-Giving App." With this app you can make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains and learn about upcoming events. The app will also soon have a Bible reading plan. Check out the new app for "Baby On Board" featuring new babies coming to our church

family and Vacation Bible School. Go to your app store on your smart phone and search for Spring Creek Fellowship and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office so it keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-
8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

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

10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service
4 p.m.- Grief Share
Monday-
6 p.m. Beth Moore Bible Study-"Breaking Free"

Tuesday-
12 noon- Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group

Wednesday-Community Groups-various times and places


Thursday
7 p.m.-"Wild At Heart" Men's Bible Study

Friday-
7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday-
7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship
10 a.m.-"Sowing Seeds

of Hope" Crafting fellowship

If you would like any further information regarding any of the church's ministries or events, please contact the church office at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza in Big Spring.



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Bufs knocked out of playoffs, lose 9-4

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Forsan Buffaloes' bats couldn't find the ball in a 9-4 loss to the Hawley Bearcats Thursday night that ended their season.

The scoreboard was covered in fours on the Forsan line as the Buffaloes finished with four runs on four hits and four errors. In total, the Buffaloes were 4-for-25 at the plate. A fluctuating strike zone by the home plate umpire made it tough on both teams, but swing-and-misses by Forsan on pitches up and out of the zone ultimately did them in.

The Buffaloes got the first run of the game after Blaze Yeater walked and eventually came home on a groundout. Though they had a run on the board, Forsan's first hit didn't come until the fifth inning while down 7-1 after Hawley put up two runs in the first, four runs in the third, and one more in the fourth. Akkay McVae started a rally with a leadoff single that would be the first of three straight one-baggers by the Buffaloes, the two others coming from Blake Rosenbaum and Yeater. McVae would score to make it 7-2, and after Bryce Hergert flew out to right field, Braden East was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Ehren Hillger would follow with an RBI groundout, and Yeater came on a wild pitch during the next at-bat to cut the Bearcats' lead to 7-4.

The momentum looked to have flipped completely in Forsan's favor when the Buffaloes followed their rally with a pitching change and a 1-2-3 inning from Yeater on four pitches, but



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Forsan's Braden East delivers a pitch in the first inning of the Buffaloes 9-4 loss to Hawley.

Hawley would get it back with their own stellar pitching performance. After a groundout to leadoff the top of the sixth inning, McVae again came through, this time with a one-out triple. But with a chance to narrow the Hawley lead to just two with only one down, Rosenbaum and Yeater both

struck out to end the threat.

Hawley would add on two insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth, and Forsan would end the game going 1-2-3 to finalize the score at 9-4.

McVae had the big night offensively for the Buffaloes going 2-for-3 at the plate.

Rosenbaum and Yeater were the only other Buffs to register a hit.

On the mound, East pitched four innings, giving up four earned runs and three unearned runs on six hits while striking out three. Yeater pitched two innings, allowing one earned run on one hit.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Lady Hawks recognized at send-off

The Howard College Lady Hawks took part in a celebration send-off in Howard's Student Union Building Thursday. The team will be traveling to St. George, Utah for the National Tournament on May 18 that will crown a champion of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The team also announced individual honors for its players. Celeste Villagrana, Megan Darling, Lusi Stanley, and Shelby Ume were each voted All-Conference for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, while Alisha Quintero, Jackie Mercado and Kaylynn Lopez received honorable mention. Villagrana, Darling, Stanley, Ume, and Mercado were also each named to the Region V West All-Region team.

"Hawk softball wins as a team and loses as a team, but we are especially proud of our players getting extra recognition for all of their hard work," Howard head coach Kelly Raines said. "They have a 'never out of the fight' attitude and we appreciate the effort they put into every single game. The entire coaching staff is very excited for our players and the recognition they are receiving."

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WNBA in Big D: Wings land in Dallas, league's first team there

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Plenette Pierson has now been part of all three versions of the three-time WNBA champion franchise that is now called the Dallas Wings.

Pierson, who has played in the league 13 years, has two championship rings from her five seasons with the Detroit Shock (2005-09). The 6-foot-2 post player was an All-Star for the first time last season when she rejoined the Shock for the franchise's final year in Tulsa before it became the first WNBA team in Dallas-Fort Worth.

"This is the best market, I think, for the WNBA," said Pierson, a Texas native who played at Texas Tech. "Just expanding our brand, we want this league to be sustainable, and I think being in Dallas makes this league sustainable."

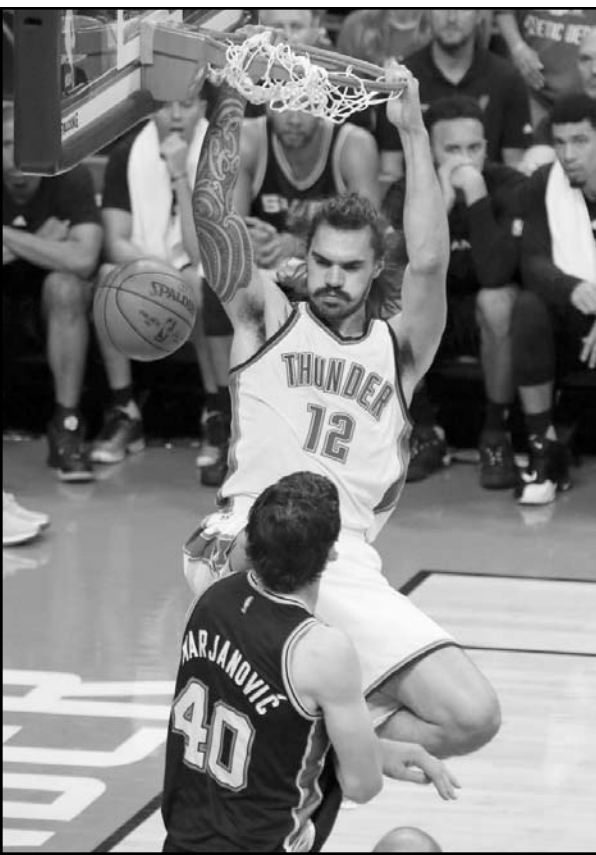
In its 20th season, the WNBA has made it to North Texas. The Wings will play on a college campus only about two miles from the home stadium of the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers, and about 20 miles from downtown Dallas, where the NBA's Mavericks play.

"There's a lot of growth there you can have in the future," said Wings coach Fred Williams, now in his third season with the franchise.

The 7,000-seat arena on the University of Texas-Arlington campus is halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth, an area with 7 million residents. One of the guards is third-year player Odyssey Sims, who before being an All-American at Baylor played at nearby Irving MacArthur High.

"This area deserves a pro women's basketball team, especially with the talent that comes out of here every year in the DFW area with women's

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Thunder beat Spurs, advance to Western Conference finals

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Thunder flipped the script, and now they're heading to the Western Conference finals.

Tim Duncan doesn't know yet where he's headed as the San Antonio Spurs face an uncertain future.

Kevin Durant scored 37 points, Russell Westbrook added 28, and Oklahoma City beat San Antonio 113-99 on Thursday night to win the Western Conference semifinal series 4-2.

Oklahoma City lost 124-

92 in Game 1, but first-year coach Billy Donovan led the Thunder to victory in four of the next five. Oklahoma City controlled Game 6, leading by as many as 28 points.

Westbrook said the Thunder never lost confidence.

"We had that game, and we left it behind us," he said. "We came out after that and had a different mindset. We knew what we had to do to win the series. They're a great team. They've been winning for 10-plus years, same pace. I'm just proud

of our guys."

Steven Adams had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Andre Roberson added 14 points for the Thunder. Oklahoma City now will face defending NBA champion Golden State, starting Monday in Oakland, California.

"Golden State's a great team," Donovan said. "It will be a great challenge. We've got a little bit of time to prepare before we play, but right now, for us, it's just to enjoy the opportunity to move on, get a chance to continue to play and get as

prepared as we can going into Game 1."

The Spurs were trying to extend the winningest season in franchise history after going 67-15. The 40-year-old Duncan struggled for much of the series before scoring 19 points as San Antonio tried to fight back in the fourth quarter.

Duncan didn't clear anything up about his future after the game. He has a player option for next season.

"I'll get to that after I

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Left: Oklahoma City Thunder center Steven Adams (12) dunks over San Antonio Spurs center Boban Marjanovic (40) in the second quarter of Game 6 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City, Thursday. (AP Photo/Alonzo Adams)

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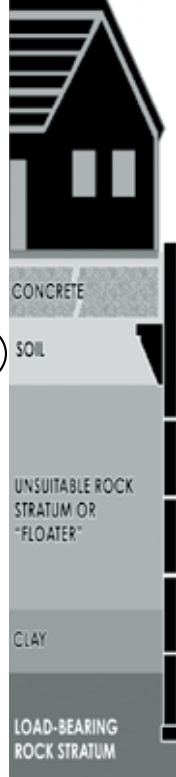
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Friday the 13th. Those who seem fatefully restrained from tasting the fruit of their labor need only to one-up the fates. Show even more restraint. Turn self-discipline into a game. The fates will be gobsmailed by the dignity in this and impressed by the intense will needed to pull it off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can see the event in your review mirror, but to understand how the events are connected, the view from an airplane is better. Distance plus altitude equals a very helpful perspective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A relationship will keep you guessing. One minute you'll be enthralled, the next you'll be baffled; then comes a heated exchange, either between

you and the other person or between you and your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's good to give. It's even better to give knowing that the favor will never be returned. Best of all will be an anonymous gift: That's the kind that will have the farthest reaching and most impactful repercussions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's the usual question on everyone's mind today: "What's in it for me?" Don't make your sales pitch or request until you can answer that one in a multitude of ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This afternoon features a steady stream of distractions, including but not limited to: phone calls, emails, enticing offers of every kind. Get at least three quantifiable tasks accomplished by lunch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your current interests overlap, and your future goals could, too. Keep talking. While it's still too early to make or receive a solid offer, it's fun to let the possibilities dance between you for a while.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Any learning process that's worthwhile will have its frustrations to overcome. If it were easy, everyone would be doing it. And remember, people pay a hefty price for the things that not everyone can do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This principle will apply: People in love prefer hanging out to going out. They want the one-on-one time and enjoy the concentrated personal attention that goes hand-in-hand with a less-stimulating environment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a reason someone annoys you so easily, and it has to do with history; unresolved past wrongs; and protection against future wrongs. Avoid, prepare, defend ... or irritation could turn into something much worse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you're more interested in the possibilities than the reality, that says something about the reality. Get up. Get out -- and go! A change of venue will be a far faster

solution than trying to fix what's wrong with where you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When the way you want to be shown respect differs from how a partner wants to show you respect, the remedy is in clear, kind and concise communication. There's no need for drama or even emotion. Just state your preferences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's peace on the relationship front. A troublesome friendship irons out. Couples strike mutually satisfying compromises. Neighbors let old differences go.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 13). The next three months will feature the kind of fun spontaneity to spark up new relationships, pop you out of a rut and keep the money train on an exciting track. Late August brings an important deal. September brings the chance for a new position. If popular vote is the way, you'll certainly win. Your elders will teach you in November. Sagittarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are:

5, 39, 2, 27 and 11.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Your more elevated tastes will be serviced. Oh happy day! **TAURUS:** Romantic connection will start with an intriguing, playful conversation. **GEMINI:** You will do well with a person who has clear wants and puts some swagger behind them. **CANCER:** You're nice, but not so nice that you'll finish last. Perfect! **LEO:** Opt for a casual get together and you'll learn much more about your date than you would in a formal setting. **VIRGO:** If you want to know what someone is really like, pay attention to the way they treat those who are in lowlier positions. **LIBRA:** You are complete, whole in yourself and free of excessive need or heaviness. Date the same. **SCORPIO:** Your work makes you happy. Truth-telling time: Does your love make you as happy as that? **SAGITTARIUS:** Friends influence you on matters of the heart. Just make sure you like the example before you follow the advice. **CAPRI-**

CORN: If you're having to fix a person's financial or emotional problems now, what kind of support system will this person really be for you later? **AQUARIUS:** The care and sense of fun you put into your personal appearance will pay off in interesting ways. **PISCES:** Play matchmaker to a friend now and you'll avoid third-wheel awkwardness later.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Virgo moon and Taurus sun are earth-sign complements smiling down on couples of these signs. Since these two generally "get" one another from the moment they meet, the relationship typically escalates so quickly that in a matter of weeks they've imprinted indelibly on each other's lives. A shared task serves to fuel the intense passion zinging between them this weekend.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'd like to fix the relationship between my fiancée and my mother before things get out of hand.

My fiancée, "Beth," fixates on instances where she feels my mother has slighted her. For example, Beth calls me by a shortened version of my name, a nickname my mother hates and has ranted on about. My mother has also raved about the many talents and successes of the friends I had in high school (a decade ago) while only complimenting Beth on how "cute" she is (something that annoys Beth to no end.)

I either don't recognize these issues in the moment, or I'm

not present when they happen. I have told my mother how much Beth means to me and asked her directly whether there is something she doesn't like about her, but it's made no difference. Mom has a tendency to run at the mouth and I'm not convinced she thinks about how her words impact those around her. I can understand why Beth feels animosity from Mom.

Both my family and my fiancée are extremely important to me. Beth gets along with the rest of my family, but it seems that every interaction with my mother leads to hurt feelings. I would suggest a direct con-

versation between the two, but that possibility seems remote. How can I improve this relationship before it reaches a breaking point? -- Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck: First we commend you for recognizing how damaging this dynamic is and making an effort to fix things. Your mother sounds jealous with her unflattering comparisons and subtle criticisms. But Beth seems insecure and overly focused on slights, intentional or not.

Please talk to them separately. Tell your mother firmly that she must accept your fiancée or she will be the one to lose out. Explain that she raised you well,

so she should trust your choice in a life partner. Add that getting along with Beth means having another person to love, and more access to you and future grandchildren.

Then speak to Beth. Tell her that Mom is anxious, and fearful that she is losing her son. She needs reassurance, tolerance and patience. Make sure Beth understands that you love Mom and aren't going to cut ties. But if the two of them refuse to accept one another, there is nothing wrong with visiting Mom on your own and letting Beth stay home.

Dear Annie: A while back you had a letter from "Stuff in the

Suburbs," who complained that her neighbor smoked on his back porch, and the smoke wafted into her bedroom. She liked to sleep with the windows open and her husband was allergic to the smoke.

A cheap, easy solution to the problem is to buy a window fan and direct the flow outward. There's no incoming smoke, and you get a nice breeze along with some white noise to aid slumber. -- Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Shreveport: We also recommended a fan, but we didn't mention the added benefit of the white noise. Thanks for the helpful postscript.

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ANSWERS

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ANSWERS

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable, in each of the following four hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠AQ♥AKQJ863♦Q942♣—
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass ?

2. ♠94♥K83♦KJ85♣QJ92
North East South West
1NT 2♦ ?

3. ♠AQJ4♥62♦Q3♣AQ972
North East South West
1♥ 2♣ 2♠ 2♠
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♥ Pass ?

4. ♠AK983♥KQ62♦Q8♣A5
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass ?

1. **Five notrump.** This is the "grand slam force," asking your partner to bid seven diamonds if he has two of the seven top trump honors (diamonds are treated as trumps in this sequence). If partner has only one top honor, he will bid six diamonds. In either case, you plan to play the hand in six or seven hearts after partner clarifies his diamond holding.

2. **Double.** East will probably go down 800 or 1,100, and you shouldn't let him off the hook by bidding three notrump instead. You don't often get a chance to inflict such a big penalty at the two-level, and it would be foolish to let the opportunity pass you by.

3. **Four hearts.** You have a very sound opening bid facing partner's opening bid, which means there's almost certainly a game somewhere. With partner unable to support either clubs or spades, and apparently unwilling or unable to play notrump, there is no other choice but to undertake game in hearts. Partner might have any of these three hands:
♠K73♥AKJ983♦J6♣86
♠986♥KQJ7543♦A8♣10
♠K5♥AQ98754♦K7♣63
and you would surely want to be in four hearts with each of them.

4. **Four notrump.** Partner has jumped to four hearts without knowing you have significantly more than an opening bid. You would have bid the same way without, say, the ace of clubs and queen of diamonds. These two treasures are almost surely worth two extra tricks, perhaps even more, so a slam is very likely. Even if partner responds five diamonds, showing only one ace, you should still bid six hearts.

Tomorrow: Reward for good behavior.

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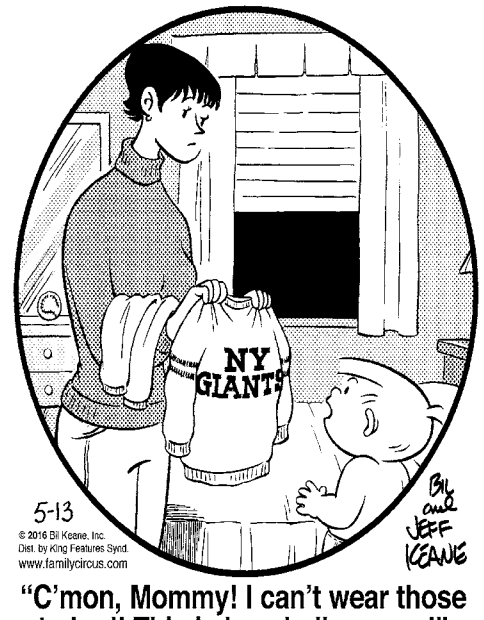
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"ARE YOU BLAMING THAT GRAY HAIR ON DAD, OR ME?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"C'mon, Mommy! I can't wear those to bed! This is baseball season!"

HAGAR



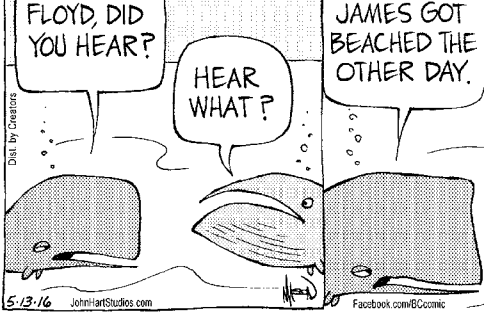
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HAGAR



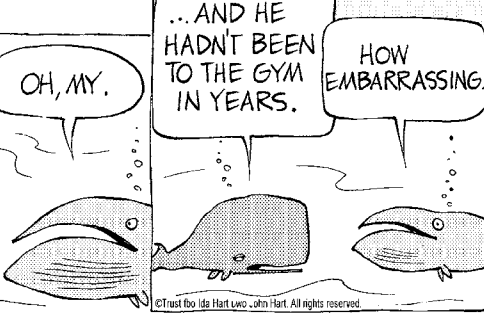
NO... JUST BY COMPARISON!

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FLOYD, DID YOU HEAR? HEAR WHAT? JAMES GOT BEACHED THE OTHER DAY. OH, MY. ... AND HE HADN'T BEEN TO THE GYM IN YEARS. HOW EMBARRASSING.

BLONDIE



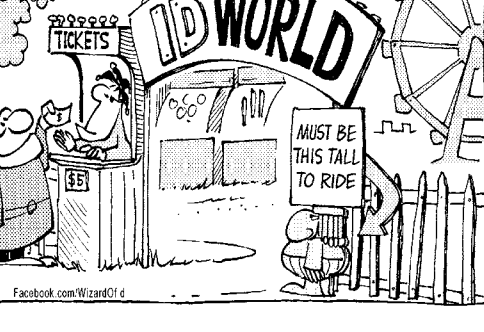
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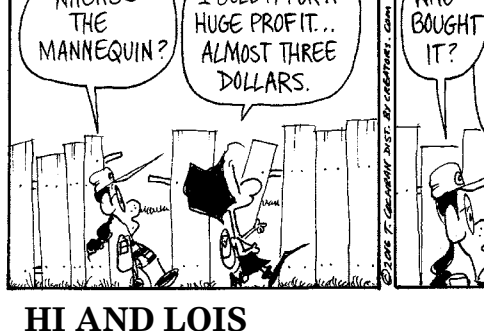
WORD IS THE KING VISITED HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO. YOU DON'T SAY... MUST BE THIS TALL TO RIDE.

AGNES



WHERE'S THE MANNEQUIN? I SOLD IT FOR A HUGE PROFIT... ALMOST THREE DOLLARS. WHO BOUGHT IT? FATHER GENE BOUGHT IT FOR A "WAGES OF SIN" HOMILY SERIES HE'S PREPARING. HA! I WONDER WHICH SIN THAT THING IS REPRESENTING. I THINK HE SAID EITHER GOOFINESS OR PUERILITY.

HI AND LOIS



THERE'S CINDY. DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT RINGTONE FOR EVERYONE? YUP. WHAT'S MY RING? LOUD SNORING. HEY!

THE OTHER COAST



SON, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE NEST, SO IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED HOW TO HUNT. YOU'LL SOAR OVER THE LANDSCAPE FOR HOURS, WHEELING AND TURNING, SCANNING FOR SMALL ANIMALS. SPOTTING YOUR PREY, YOU SWOOP DOWN, SNATCHING IT UP IN YOUR TALONS AND FLYING IT BACK TO A HANDY BRANCH. SEEMS LIKE AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK WHY NOT JUST HIDE BEHIND A TREE AND POUNCE ON THE PREY WHEN IT WALKS BY? WE'RE EAGLES, SON, NOT MUGGERS.

SNUFFY SMITH



DANG, GRAMMA-- MY DOG RAN OFF!! SHOULD I PUT AN AD IN TH' PAPER? I RECKON IT CAN'T HURT, CAL!! BUT I'M PURTY SHORE THAT PUP CAN'T READ!!

BEEBLE BAILEY



HEY, LOOK! A BIRD TAKING A WALK! STRANGE! HIS WINGS DON'T LOOK BROKEN. AIR TRAVEL HAS GOTTEN SO ANNOYING.

This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 13, the 134th day of 2016. There are 232 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 13, 1916, one of Yiddish literature's most famous authors, Sholem Aleichem, died in New York at age 57. On this date: In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day). In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico. In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, were issued to the public. (On a few of the stamps, the biplane was inadvertently printed upside-down, making them collector's items.) In 1935, T.E. Lawrence was critically injured in a motorcycle accident in Dorset, England; he died six days later. In 1940, in his first speech as British prime minister, Winston Churchill told Parliament, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and

Newsday Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Weasley family owl, 6 Certain work shift, 10 Economical, 14 Wombat cousin, 15 Electronically scored contest, 16 Conclusion introducer, 17 13 __, 20 Auden genre, 21 Crichton novel menace, 22 Copious, 23 Duplicative that might be near RSVP, 24 Wee ones with wings, perhaps, 26 Get noticed, 29 Frequency measure in physics, 30 New Czech mate in 1977 headlines, 31 Clamor, 32 Start-up helper org., 35 13 __, 39 Possible count conclusion, 40 "Let's all hope so!", 41 Pointless, 42 Name meaning "king", 44 Not impromptu, 45 Santurce's city, 48 Kids' author from Cardiff, 49 Lily family houseplants, 50 Carry on, 51 Epiphanic cry, 54 13 __, 58 Division of instruction, 59 Singer promoted by Barnum, 60 In the air, 61 Creature comforts, 62 "Ewww!", 63 Terrarium crawlers, 12 Mentally acute, 13 Reference material, 18 Unyielding, 19 "Blue Moon" lyricist, 23 Roman "well", 24 Taxi, typically, 25 Inconvenience, informally, 26 Bad temper, 27 Some NASA excursions, 28 Alleges, 29 Term of endearment, 31 Shakespearean Athenian, 32 Needing a bringing-down, 33 Main ingredient, 34 Breezed through, 36 Country singer, 37 Ready for broadcast, 38 Sportscaster's shout, 42 Bounces, 43 Thickly, 44 __ Club (Icelandair mileage program), 45 Prepare for a hearth, 46 Slightly flared garment, 47 Playground cry, 48 Just swell, 50 Subtle signal, 51 Swear to significance, 53 Non-bird nesters, 55 Strep, in grad school, 56 [Uncorrected], 57 Pamplona plaudit.

Answer to previous puzzle

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AP photo

Boston Red Sox DH David Ortiz hugs Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve (27) after hitting a double during the third inning.

Keuchel has no answers for Red Sox bats, Astros fall 11-1

BOSTON (AP) — Dallas Keuchel thought he was primed to turn a corner after a disappointing start to 2016.

A lackluster showing against the Red Sox has left the reigning Cy Young Award winner still searching for the kind of outing that was automatic last year.

David Price struck out 12, Mookie Betts hit a three-run homer and Xander Bogaerts had a two-run shot to help Boston beat the Houston Astros 11-1 on Thursday night for its season-high fifth straight win.

Keuchel (2-5) gave up 10 hits and eight runs a night after Houston pulled out a victory in a 16-inning game with Cleveland. He has allowed five or more earned runs in four of his last five starts, something he did only three times last year. The eight earned runs Thursday were a season-high.

“Five runs on two swings, that’ll do you in. Especially with a pretty

good pitcher over there,” Keuchel said. “I know (Price has) been scuffling, but he figured it out tonight. It’s just disappointing because I’ve been feeling better and I know the team’s been looking to me to do some good.”

Thursday was supposed to be all about the first matchup between Keuchel and Price, last year’s runner-up in Cy Young voting.

Boston’s bats ensured Price (5-1) easily took this one. He rallied after a slow start and allowed a season-low one run over 6 2/3 innings, dropping his ERA to 6.00. Keuchel snapped a streak of seven consecutive quality starts by Astros starters.

As they have in recent games, Price’s teammates had his back offensively.

Keuchel was getting ground balls early, but that quickly changed.

Bogaerts hit his two-run blast over the Green Monster in the first

inning. Bradley then extended his streak with an RBI single up the middle in the second inning that put the Sox up 3-1.

Since April 11, Boston has outscored opponents 40-11 in the opening inning and has hit 28 homers in its last 17 games. The Red Sox also have hit home runs in 13 straight games, their longest such streak since 2000.

Jackie Bradley Jr. singled twice and extended his hitting streak to 18 games, tying the longest streak in the major leagues this season. Bogaerts had three RBIs.

“They show you why and how contact — hard contact — can benefit you. We didn’t,” Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. “When the inning started in the first, we get two guys on with two hard contacts, and then David struck out the side.”

“Their lineup is built to wear down a pitcher early and put up good at-bats throughout the game.”

WNBA

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basketball,” said fourth-year guard Skylar Diggins. “This area is known for sports and the response we’ve gotten from the community, this area, has been amazing.”

There hasn’t been a high-profile women’s professional basketball team in the area since Olympian and Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman played for the Dallas Diamonds in their two seasons in the Women’s Professional Basketball League (1979-81). Lieberman was also on Dallas’ team for its lone season in the Women’s American Basketball Association in 1984.

The Wings will play their first three games on the road before the home opener May 21 against the WNBA’s other Texas team, the San Antonio Stars.

The Detroit Shock was one of the WNBA’s first expansion teams in 1998, and won league titles in 2003, 2006 and 2008 with Bill Laimbeer as coach. After the Shock moved to Tulsa in 2010, they didn’t make the playoffs again until last season when it was already known that the team would be moving again.

Williams is now part of a relocation after first being part of an expansion. He was an assistant coach for the 2008 inaugural season of the Atlanta Dream and later their head coach for two playoffs seasons — 2012 and 2013, when the

Dream lost in the WNBA Finals before he went to the Shock.

“An expansion team, you’re taking players who pretty much have one or two feet out of the door and you’ve still got to go play with them for that first year,” Williams said. “With a team that is moving, you pretty much have the same players in place. You get some pieces and parts and put them together. We’re basically the same team.”

Even though Diggins played only nine games last season before an ACL tear and two-time All-Star forward Glory Johnson was out for the birth of twins, the Shock made the postseason with their only winning record during a six-season run in Tulsa.

Diggins, the fourth-year player from Notre Dame, is getting close to being 100 percent again after a lengthy rehab. Johnson re-signed with the team, though she will miss the first seven games serving her WNBA suspension for a domestic violence arrest last year.

The Wings acquired two-time WNBA champion guard Erin Phillips in a trade with Los Angeles on March 1, and used their No. 5 overall pick in the draft to get Michigan State forward Aerial Powers. The team is hoping to see fans in the seats after an average home attendance in Tulsa last year of 5,167, a 7 percent drop from the previous season.

SPURS

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get out of here and figure life out,” he said.

Kawhi Leonard scored 22 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 18 for the Spurs. San Antonio lost just once at home during the regular season, but the Thunder beat the Spurs twice in San Antonio during the series.

In Game 6, Oklahoma City opened up a 47-29 lead late in the second quarter after a 3-pointer by Westbrook that brought a roar from the crowd. Durant’s 3-pointer with 2.3 seconds left in the half pushed the lead

to 55-31 at the break. Durant scored 18 points in the first half and Westbrook added 13.

The Thunder looked like the Spurs often do in the first half, running an efficient offense while committing just three turnovers.

It was a season-low point total for the Spurs in a first half. San Antonio shot 31.1 percent from the field before the break and missed all nine of its 3-pointers.

“I thought they did a great job of coming out and punching us in the stomach,” Leonard said. “But we got some open looks that didn’t go down, turned over the ball a couple of times, and that’s all on me.”

Oklahoma City kept the pressure on and led 91-65 at the end of the third quarter.

The veteran Spurs had one last surge left and got as close as 11, but a 3-pointer by Westbrook, then a driving layup by Westbrook, killed San Antonio’s momentum for good.

“We always give credit to our opponents, and obviously, OKC turned it up there and turned our execution into forced bad shots, and then we kind of trickled down from there and it snowballed,” Duncan said. “We put ourselves in the hole. We actually played somewhat solid for the second half but it was too little, too late.”

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
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- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of the property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

For an informal review, please contact the Glasscock County Appraisal District at 432/354-2580.

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any materials — whether in paper or electronic form — intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. (Multiple copies of these materials typically must be brought to the hearing so that each ARB member has a copy of all the materials to review.) To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative

will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property’s value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property’s value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office or from the Comptroller of Public Accounts at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/tax/forms/50-132.pdf.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

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You can get additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller’s publication, *Property Tax Basics*, available on the Comptroller’s Property Tax Assistance Division’s website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/pdf/96-1425.pdf.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before April 30 for residence homesteads and May 31 for all other property (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

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Stars future with 2 top scorers, need decision on 2 goalies

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have two of the NHL's top scorers with young All-Star players Jamie Benn and Tyler Seguin.

They also have two goaltenders under contract for two more seasons, which may not be nearly as beneficial.

Coach Lindy Ruff routinely switched between Kari Lehtonen and Antti Niemi during the regular season, when both goalies won 25 games. Things didn't work out as well in the postseason as the top-seeded Stars were ousted in the second round.

Three times in the seven-game series against the St. Louis Blues, Ruff made mid-game goalie changes. That included Game 7, when Lehtonen was replaced after one period in a 6-1 loss — like Niemi after he started Game 3, another 6-1 loss.

"Obviously you don't like seeing that. It's bad on the whole team. It's not on the goalies," defenseman Alex Go-

ligoski said. "We have world-class goalies. It's not like they're letting in tons of bad goals. It's breakdowns, all kinds of things."

Still, among the significant questions general manager Jim Nill and the Stars face this offseason is whether to stick with their two-goalie system. The combined contracts for the two Finnish goalies, both 32, have a salary cap hit of \$10.4 million for the Stars — the most for any NHL team when it comes to goalies.

Former Stanley Cup winner Niemi was signed to a three-year deal as a free agent last summer. While the plan was to provide help for Lehtonen, there instead were often questions about who was the No. 1 goalie.

Lehtonen was much improved this postseason over the past, but still inconsistent. He followed an impressive series-extending victory in Game 6 against the Blues by allowing three



Arizona Coyotes' Tobias Rieder (8), of Germany, deflects a shot before it gets past Dallas Stars' Kari Lehtonen (32), of Finland, for a goal as Stars' Stephen Johns (28) looks on during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Thursday, March 24, 2016, in Glendale, Ariz.

goals in eight shots in the finale at home, and that doesn't even count another puck in the net that got overturned because of a delayed off-side call prompted by a replay challenge.

"Right now is not the time to assess blame. You got to look at the whole picture," Ruff

said. "You got to take the fact you didn't score and you had some situations that you needed to score. ... Now is the time to look at more of a bigger picture."

The Stars have four defensemen who can become unrestricted free agents this summer: Goligoski, trade-dead-

line addition Kris Russell, Jason Demers and Jordie Benn, the older brother of the Stars captain and top scorer.

Benn, the 26-year-old captain, and Seguin will again be the centerpieces of the Stars offense. Among the other forwards under contract are veterans Jason Spez-

za and Patrick Sharp, along with Ales Hemsky, Antoine Roussel and Cody Eakin, along with promising youngsters Radek Faksa and Mattias Janmark.

While the Stars had both goalies throughout the playoffs, they had only half of their young high-scoring duo.

Strasburg deal set to affect future pitching contracts

CHICAGO (AP) — Cubs ace Jake Arrieta saw the numbers for Stephen Strasburg's new contract with Washington. He wasn't surprised at all.

Arrieta is one of several players potentially affected by Strasburg's \$175 million, seven-year deal with the Nationals, preventing the right-hander from testing free agency after this season. Arrieta avoided arbitration with a \$10.7 million, one-year deal with Chicago in February and isn't eligible for free agency until 2018, but he is taking stock of the landscape around the game.

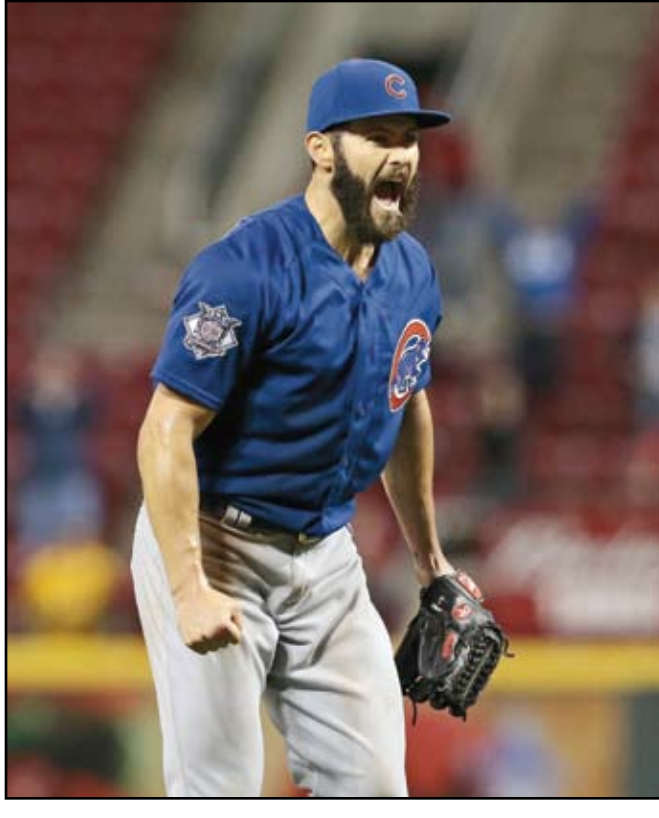
"I feel like every year it goes up slightly," Arrieta said before Wednesday's doubleheader against San Diego. "This year's free-agent class for pitchers is pretty thin and even thinner now that Strasburg signed early."

"That's why starting pitching is so valuable. There's not many guys that can pitch at the top of a rotation floating around the league."

Arrieta is coming off a breakout season, helping the Cubs get to the NL Championship Series. The 30-year-old right-hander went 22-6 with a 1.77 ERA last year.

Strasburg, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2009 draft, was 11-7 with a 3.46 ERA in 23 starts for the Nationals in 2015. His new contract, announced on Tuesday, includes opt outs after the 2019 or 2020 seasons, and \$70 million in deferred money.

Strasburg was an All-



AP photo

Star in 2012, but his season was cut short by the team out of concern for his surgically repaired elbow.

"As far as the numbers go, I don't think it surprises many guys," Arrieta said. "It's obviously a really big contract for a guy who's had Tommy John but that's the price for starting pitching, especially really good starting pitching."

Asked about Strasburg's deal as it relates to the Cubs, president of baseball operations Theo Epstein said it doesn't impact them too much.

"Obviously it will impact markets and we have to operate in markets," Epstein said before Tuesday night's 8-7 victory over the Padres. "But it is what it is."

Arrieta and Strasburg are represented by Scott Boras, who has a reputa-

tion for taking his players to free agency. But Arrieta said that is a misconception.

"I think for a lot of guys it makes sense to do that and a lot of Scott's clients have gone to free agency and it worked out for them," Arrieta said.

Arrieta is 6-0 with a 1.13 ERA so far this year. The Cubs have won his last 20 starts.

Darvish throws nice and easy in mid-90s in 3rd rehab start

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish threw fastballs in the mid-90s while also working on more off-speed pitches in his third rehabilitation start since Tommy John surgery 14 months ago.

Darvish said he was hitting 94 or 95 mph while throwing nice and easy in four innings for Triple-A Round Rock on Thursday night.

The Japanese right-hander threw 31 of 54 pitches for strikes, and the only

hit he allowed was a home run against Oklahoma City, an affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Darvish struck out four and walked two while giving up two runs, one earned.

Darvish could be back in the Rangers rotation by the end of this month.

He last pitched in a major league game Aug. 9, 2014, before dealing with right elbow inflammation. He had surgery the following March.

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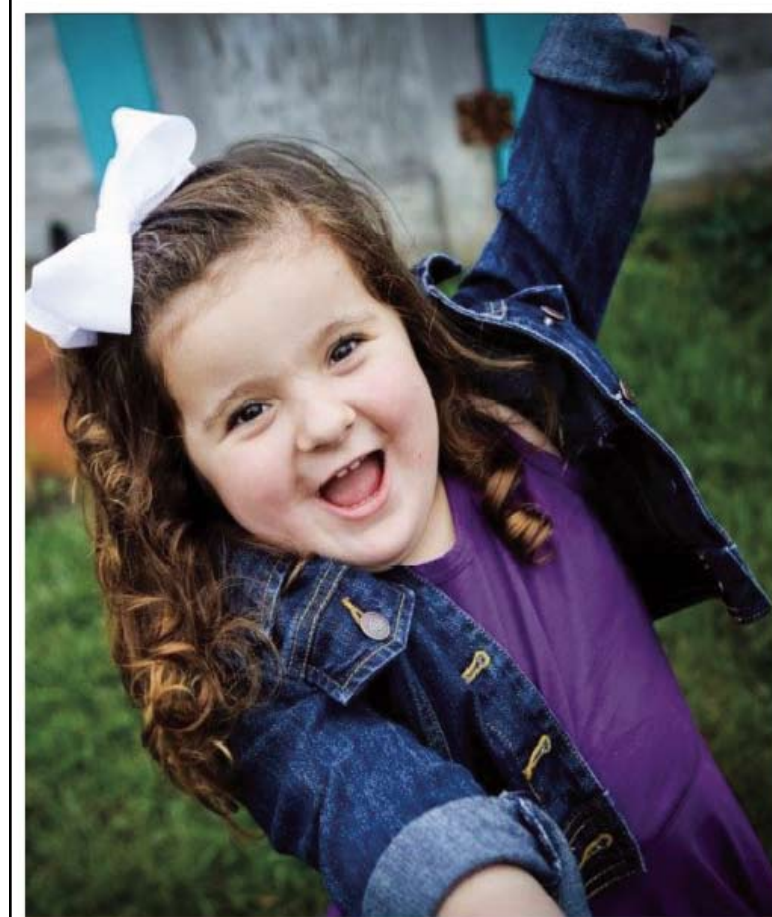
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