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BSISD votes to outsource its food service program

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD got out of the food service industry Thursday night. Trustees voted unanimously to accept a bid by Aramark to provide food service to the district's campuses. The transition to move the program from under the district's authority to Aramark is expected to begin in the coming weeks. The move is a cost-savings measure, district officials have stated. Currently, local tax money is used to subsidize the program, according to Superintendent Chris Wigington, adding district officials have been re-

searching the idea of outsourcing its food service program since last year.



Wigington

The change was not welcomed by many of the current food service employees who attended the board of trustees meeting Thursday. The crowd was somber as they gathered outside briefly before leaving. None of the employees wished to speak on record about the decision. "We just got kicked out of Big Spring ISD," one person said.

However, both Wigington and Board President Tony Kennedy said the welfare of the employees were at the top of their lists.

"We've told the food service ladies we are going to take care of them and we are," Wigington said after the meeting. "The board is committed to taking care of them. We want to do what is best for Big Spring ISD, but we also want to take care of our employees, and we are going to do that."

"All those ladies do a phenomenal job," he continued. "I appreciate everything they do on a daily basis for our kids. We felt like it was something we needed to do for this school district."

Brian Achilles, a representative from Aramark who was at the meeting, told board members all current employees will have a job at the company. He said employees will maintain their current work schedule and receive a 2 percent increase in their pay rate. They will also be able to stay at their current school although the district's upcoming reconfiguration of the elementary schools may mean a few employees will be transferred to other campuses to fill in the gaps, he added.

Also, Aramark will cover the employees' insurance during the

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BSISD trustees sworn in



Big Spring ISD trustees Julie Harris, left, Thomas Olague, and Manny Chavira are sworn in for their new term in office by Melissa Tarbet, director of business services, Thursday night during the board of trustees meeting.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Adkins awarded Professor Emeritus

Special to the Herald



Adkins

Lila Adkins, former Associate Professor of Career & Technical Education at Howard College and Howard College alum, has been designated as Professor Emeritus and will be formally recognized during the college's commencement ceremonies tonight.

"Lila Adkins was well known at Howard College for her devotion to the field of education, but more importantly to her students," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "Her ethics and values were evident in the way she conducted herself among her peers and students, always leading by example."

Before a person can be designated as Professor Emeritus, they must complete 20 years of

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Masons present Community Builder Award to Stewart

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's Staked Plains Masonic Lodge #598 presented its Community Builder Award Thursday evening to former United Way Director Sandy Stewart. "The Community Builder Award was created by the Grand Lodge of Texas to honor a non-Mason," said Bo Clawson of the Masonic Lodge, who presented the award. "Basically what it is, we give this to people who make the community a little bit better place to live. We also give this to people who don't have to do what they do, or in some cases, they don't know how to say, 'no.'" Clawson said the Masons chose

Stewart because of her many volunteer contributions to the local community.

"Just everything she's involved in," he said. "United Way, she volunteers at the State Hospital, the County Fair board. Paul Smith is the one who nominated her."

Stewart said she's proud to be recognized with the Masonic award.

"I'm very, very humbled and honored, and proud," she said. "Proud to be a part of this community, and proud to be recognized by the Masons."

Stewart served as executive director of Big Spring and Howard County for six years. She announced her resignation in December of 2016.



Former United Way Director Sandy Stewart accepts the Community Builder Award from Bo Clawson of the Staked Plains Masonic Lodge.

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Obituaries

Evangelina "Angie" Arenivaz



Evangelina "Angie" Arenivaz, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday May 4, 2017, at her residence.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Evangelina was born July 27, 1946, in Lake Arthur, N.M., to Paula Cortez Esqueda and Pedro Esqueda. She grew up in California, but has been a resident of Big Spring for over 49 years. She married Gregorio Arenivaz. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and was a member of the Guadalupe Society. Evangelina was a Eucharist Minister and was a member of the Blue Army. She

was a Continuing Children's Education Teacher and volunteered in the kitchen and with Bingo. She had worked at Gill's, Wall's Industries, Lakeview Headstart and was a Notary Public as well.

Evangelina is survived by her husband, Gregorio Arenivaz of Big Spring; four sons, Jose Arenivaz and wife Yolanda, Miguel Arenivaz and wife Elidia, Gregorio Arenivaz Jr. and wife Sallie, and Toribio Arenivaz and wife Peggy, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Ramona Flores and husband Esquivel Jr., and Denice Diaz and husband Santa Jr., also of Big Spring; two brothers, Abel Esqueda of Big Spring and Pedro Esqueda Jr.; one sister, Leticia Esqueda; three stepbrothers, Ike Cortez, Adolfo Cortez and Bobby Cortez, all of California; 31 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one grandson, Christopher Ray Arenivaz; and one sister, Ramona Esqueda.

Pallbearers will be her children.

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

Paid obituary

Weldon Marvin McCollum



Weldon Marvin McCollum died on May 10, 2017, at the age of 85.

He was born April 18, 1932, in Loraine, Texas, to Marvin Laine McCollum and Hazel Compton McCollum. He was a resident of Mitchell County most of his younger life, graduating from Loraine High School in 1949. He played football for the Loraine Bulldogs in high school.

Weldon farmed and worked in the oil fields until serving in the US Army 1952 to 1954 during the Korean Conflict. He went through basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and advanced basic training at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He served in the 201st Combat Engineers back at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Weldon married Joan Hays at Westbrook, Texas, Sept. 2, 1955. Together they moved to Midland, Kermit, and Big Spring, before moving back to Loraine for many years. He worked for Sun Oil and Cosden Refinery for 33 years until his retirement in 1992. They settled in Midland in 2006 to be near family. He was a sports enthusiast and officiated high school football for over 20 years. He also liked to fly and held a private pilot's license. After retirement he and Joan traveled extensively and visited all 50 states.

He served on the Cosden Credit Union board several years. He was a member of the Cosden 25 Year Club serving as President as well. He has been a member of the Big Spring and Midland Downtown Lions Clubs. He was known for cooking pancakes at their Jamboree and the Air Show.

Weldon was a member of First Baptist Church in Midland. He loved his church and especially the John Department Sunday School Class.

Weldon was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Billie Jean Reed; brother-in-law Bill Reed; nephew Roger Reed; great-nephew Nicholas Reed; and son-in-law Randy Reavis.

He is survived by his wife Joan of Midland, Texas; two daughters, Susan Solomon and husband Gene of San Angelo, and Melinda Lee and husband Mike of Midland; four grandchildren, Kelli Harrison and husband Brandon of Midland, David Solomon and fiancée Kelsey Lagana of Houston, Nicole Solomon and Nick Coopriker of Houston, and Catherine Solomon and fiancé Johnny Larsen of Denver, Colo; one nephew Noel Reed of Abilene; and one great-niece, Shyla Reed and fiancé Craig Buck of Dallas.

Family received friends at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory in Midland from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2017. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas at 10 a.m. Friday, May 12, 2017. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland at 2 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017, with the Rev. David Johnson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 200 W. Illinois, Ste. 190, Midland, Texas, 79701.

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

Terri Adams Davis



Terri Adams Davis, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 7, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel.

Terri was born Aug. 24, 1957, in Seminole, Texas, to Mari Ellen Nordyke Adams and William Carlton Adams. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital as well as MHMR.

Terri is survived by one daughter, Shanna Nogler and husband Dennis of Big Spring; three sisters, Debra Adams of Nacogdoches, Joey Jabor of Big Spring, and Toni Jo Mrotz of the Virgin Islands; one brother, Vance Adams and wife Denise of Longview; four grandchildren, Aaron Josey and Austin Josey of Waco, and Christian Nogler and Stormie Nogler of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents Mari and Carlton Adams; one daughter, LeAnn Campbell Pesek; one sister, Kim Adams Novack; and one brother, Kerry Olson.

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

Paid obituary

Charles J. McKaskle



On May 10, 2017, the fire in Charles J McKaskle's barbecue pit went out for the last time. He was being cared for at the Windmill Rehab Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Born in Stanton, Texas, Aug. 1, 1937, to Moncuc and Virgie (Hatten) McKaskle, Charlie was the middle of five children raised on their farm on the Andrews highway. Charlie went to the Flower Grove School, and served in the Air Force for four years. He returned to West Texas in 1963.

Charlie married Jan Fields of Big Spring on March 7, 1964. They moved to Fort Worth to work for General Dynamics, but soon moved back to the Big Spring area and together they raised lots of cotton, a family, big gardens, and just about anything else he set his mind to. At one point he worked with Texas A&M to raise red fish and shrimp using salt water from the local draw. He sold and restored cars in his body shop, and he made beautiful brass and copper pieces - one took First Place at the Texas State Fair. He was also a member of the Grady ISD school board and attended the Tarzan Baptist church.

They moved to Lubbock in 2002, where they at-

tended the Experience Life church, did a bit of travel and enjoyed grandchildren. They were very fortunate to have the assistance and friendship of Maggie Vasquez as their health faded.

Charlie made many friends throughout his life. He never met a stranger, and he loved to talk and eat. It didn't hurt that he could make brisket so tender that "teeth were optional" and ribs so good you'd wrestle your cousin for the last one. He passed on his love of working with his hands and his love of excellent food to his sons and their families.

He is survived by his brothers, John Henry of Comstock and Billy of Del Rio; sister, Venita Davis of Acuff; daughter, Mara of Fredericksburg; sons, Greg of Austin, Tim of Amarillo, and Mike of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

He will be joining his wife, Jan; his older brother, Dudley; and his parents, who passed before him.

Visitation will be on Sunday, May 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel, 6025 82nd St. in Lubbock, Texas. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the same location. This will be followed by a graveside service at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring at 2:30 p.m. A tribute of Charles's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **NICOLE JUAREZ**, 25, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #20 was arrested on warrants for driving without being secured by a safety belt, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and theft (\$50 to \$500); and on another outstanding warrant.
- **MARIA ESTELLA FLORES**, 39, of 1401 Mesquite St. was arrested on charges of theft of firearm and theft of property (less than \$100).
- **ALFREDO LANCE CASTILLO**, 31, of 1504 Bluebird St. was arrested on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
- **MARCOS MENDEZ III**, 24, of 1511 Johnson was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III**, 37, of 1314 Birdwell Ln. was arrested on a warrant for assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
- **EDRION PATRICK HOUSTON**, 27, of 2504 Joanne was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Winston Street and the 1600 block of Settles Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of South Lancaster Street, the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane, and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ALFREDO LANCE CASTILLO**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
 - **MARIA ESTELLA FLORES**, 39, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of firearm and theft of property (less than \$100).
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 - **NICOLE JUAREZ**, 25, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no seat belt, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, bail jumping/failure to appear, and theft (\$50 to \$500).
 - **TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III**, 37, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
 - **MARCOS MENDEZ III**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

Correction:

In Wednesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald, District 3 Council representative Terry McDaniel was incorrectly listed as Terry McDonald in the article titled "City council to consider purchasing vintage planes for Hangar 25" and also in a photo caption for a picture related to the story. The Herald regrets the error.

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Donna Jean Pace

Donna Jean Pace, 59, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th St.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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service to the college district, be retired from the college district, and be nominated by three faculty members.

The college President makes the final selections for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Adkins' career with Howard College began in 1984 and spanned 32 years when she ultimately retired in 2016. She served as an Instructor in Business, an Associate Professor in Business and in Workforce Education, and ended her tenure as an Associate Professor in Career & Technical Education.

Throughout her time at the college, Adkins played a significant role in the ongoing development and advancement of the Career & Technical Education program. She was deeply committed to her students and preparing them to enter a competitive workforce, but she also assured that they learned responsi-

bility and perseverance.

"Lila Adkins was devoted to helping her students succeed, placing them first above all else," said Sparks. "She had clearly earned the respect of her peers and carried a strong reputation as an outstanding instructor with both her students and her peers."

"It is our honor to bestow her with Professor Emeritus recognition and publicly thank her for everything she has done for Howard College and our students."

As Professor Emeritus, Adkins' picture will be placed with other Professor Emeritus honorees in the Hall of Honor on the Big Spring campus.

Howard College's Big Spring commencement ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. tonight on the Sonic Floor in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

For more information on Howard College, visit our website at www.howardcollege.edu.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Chris Wigington gives a hug to outgoing board member Irene Rodriguez who served 24 years as a Big Spring ISD trustee during a ceremony held Thursday night to mark her years of service. A reception followed.

Trump threatens to cancel briefings for 'sake of accuracy'

By VIVIAN SALAMA

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump lashed out in a series of tweets Friday morning amid a firestorm over the abrupt firing of FBI Director James Comey, defending the shifting narrative and timeline his administration has offered for the decision.

He questioned whether his administration should cancel all future press briefings and, instead, replace them with written responses to questions, "for the sake of accuracy."

The president's advisers said this week that Trump fired Comey on Tuesday in response to a recommendation by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. Later, however, they said that Trump had planned to fire Comey regardless.

The president tweeted, "As a very active President with lots of things happening, it is not possible for my surrogates to stand at podium with perfect accuracy!"

He added, "Maybe the best thing to do would be to cancel all future 'press briefings' and hand out written responses for the sake of accuracy???"

The decision to fire Comey amid an ongoing FBI investigation into ties between the Russian government and members of Trump's 2016 campaign has raised concerns that Trump was trying to undermine a probe that could threaten his presidency.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sand-

ers insisted the information she and her colleagues offered was consistent. "It was a quick-moving process," she said.

"We took the information we had as best we have it and got it out to the American people as quickly as we could."

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said Tuesday that Rosenstein drafted the memo raising concerns about Comey on his own accord.

The next day, Sanders said the president asked Rosenstein to put his concerns in writing.

The White House also changed its narrative about whether the president had decided to fire Comey based on the recommendations by Rosenstein and Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

At first, the administration said that Rosenstein "made the recommendation, the president made a swift and decisive action and let Comey go."

Later, the president and his advisers said Trump had planned to fire Comey since taking office.

The White House also shifted its stance on whether Comey's termination had anything to do with the Russia investigation, at first saying it was not linked.

Later, Sanders said, "We want this to come to its conclusion, we want it to come to its conclusion with integrity."

"And we think that we've actually, by removing Director Comey, taken steps to make that happen," she added.

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transition period, Achilles said. Aramark offers 16 insurance plan options. As for retirement benefits, employees will move from the Texas Retirement System (TRS) to a 401K program under Aramark. The company offers up to a 6 percent match into the 401K plan. The match depends on the company's previous year's profitability, he said.

In other business:

- The official swearing into office was held for Thomas Olague, Julie Harris, and Manny Chavira. This is Olague's first term to serve on the board. Following the ceremony, the board elected new officers. Kennedy was elect-

ed as the new board president, Chad Wash will stay as the vice president, and Fabian Serrano will serve as the board's secretary for the upcoming year.

- Trustees approved a \$3,000 matching donation from Wells Fargo Bank to Big Spring Intermediate School. The donation was to match a similar gift given by an anonymous donor. They also accepted \$1,000 from the Lady Steer booster club to purchase warm ups for the cross county team.

- Professional employment recommendations were approved by trustees.

- Trustees approved a resolution to nominate Wigington for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) superintendent of the year. The nomination was one

of the last acts performed by outgoing board President Irene Rodriguez. After 24 years of service on the board, Rodriguez opted to not run again.

- Trustees heard an assessment report on the Big Spring Junior High School building. No significant movement has been made in the last few years. Soon after the building was open nearly two decades ago, the junior high building began to have structural problems.

The building was constructed over an old filled-in canyon. Rail car loads of cement were hauled in and injected underneath the building to stabilize the structure

in the early 2000s.

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Lennie Smith, 56, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 1, 2017. Memorial service will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Jose Alfredo Hernandez, 12, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Janet Meyer Rouille, 71, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

One of nation's oldest veterans honored on 111th birthday

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — One of the nation's oldest veterans has been celebrated by his Texas hometown on his 111th birthday.

Austin Mayor Steve Adler declared Thursday Richard Overton Day in the city and also gave the street he has lived on for the past 45 years the honorary name of Richard Overton Avenue.

While Overton concedes that 111 is

"pretty old," he tells KVUE-TV he still feels good. Overton mentioned that the secret to a long life is smoking cigars and drinking whiskey, two things he continues to indulge in today.

Overton was already in his 30s when he volunteered and served in the Army. He was at Pearl Harbor just after the Japanese attack. In 2013, he

was honored by President Barack Obama at a Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

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3 children die, 3 relatives badly hurt in Texas house fire

CONROE, Texas (AP) — Three children were killed early Friday when a burning house collapsed north of Houston and three members of the same family are critically injured, according to a sheriff's official.

Montgomery County sheriff's Lt. Scott Spencer said the children ranged in age from 6 to 13 years and that their bodies were found amid the debris of the home.

"We've moved from a rescue operation to a search and recovery," he said.

The three critically injured people included a 10-year-old boy who suffered severe burns.

The flames and heat drove away emergency responders who attempted to enter the home near Conroe (KAHN'-roh), about 40 miles north of Houston, Montgomery County Fire Marshal Jimmy Williams told KHOU-TV.

Spencer said two Shenandoah police officers who were among the first to respond also were hurt, suffering smoke inhalation and other injuries. An officer with another department was hurt as well.

Three other members of the family were taken to hospitals with injuries that are not life threatening.

The flames spread to two adjacent homes that sustained minor damage, Spencer said.

United flight delayed after scorpion reported aboard

HOUSTON (AP) — A United flight from Houston to Ecuador was delayed after a scorpion was spotted aboard.

United says Flight 1035 returned to the gate Thursday night after a scorpion "reportedly emerged from a customer's clothing." Paramedics examined the man and determined that he hadn't been stung. It's unclear whether a scorpion was found.

United says it found a new aircraft for the flight and all passengers were given a meal voucher for the inconvenience.

The flight eventually got underway 3½ hours late.

Another man was stung by a scorpion on a United flight from Houston to Calgary, Alberta, last month.

Texas House OKs distinction of ectopic surgery vs. abortion

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House has approved a bill removing ectopic pregnancy surgery from the state definition of abortion.

Ectopic pregnancies occur when an egg is fertilized but attaches itself somewhere other than a woman's uterus. Such cases require tissue removal via surgery.

Corsicana Republican Rep. Byron Cook's measure was approved 95-44 on Thursday. It differentiates between that procedure and abortions.

It's backed by many anti-abortion groups, which see such surgeries as medical procedures to help the mother rather than terminating pregnancies.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional much of Texas' 2013 law that was among the nation's toughest and forced around 20 clinics to close statewide.

House votes to compile data on complications from abortions

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House has voted to require medical clinics to report complications from abortions performed statewide, and have the health department produce an annual report compiling that data.

Approved 94-52 on Thursday, the bill needs only a final floor vote Friday to pass. The Texas Senate has already approved a similar proposal.

Supporters say state health codes require clinics and hospitals to report complications from surgeries and major procedures, but not abortions. The bill's sponsor, Southlake Republican Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, said "a lot of people have serious concerns" about abortion and that patients need protecting.

Texas Senates votes to bar college 'free speech zones'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has given preliminary approval to barring universities from establishing so-called "free speech zones" which are sometimes used to confine demonstrations to certain areas of campus.

Supporters of the ban say using the free speech zones actually prohibits speech by implying free expression is not allowed across the rest of campus. The measure would still allow colleges to set some regulations to keep demonstrations from disrupting classes.

Free speech zones became common in the 1960s as a way to control campus protests against the Vietnam War.

Many colleges dropped the practice decades later, but experts say it has survived at some schools as a way to rein in protests and to regulate outside provocateurs looking for campus soapboxes.

Colorado and Utah this year approved bills banning free-speech zones.

Road to passage for Texas 'bathroom bill' getting far harder



This Thursday, May 12, 2016, file photo, shows a sign outside a restroom at 21c Museum Hotel in Durham, N.C. The Associated Press has determined that North Carolina's law limiting LGBT protections will cost the state more than \$3 billion in lost business over a dozen years.

By **WILL WEISSERT**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The path for Texas to enact its version of a North Carolina-style bathroom bill is poised to get far tougher after the Republican-controlled state House ran out the clock Thursday on a key midnight bill deadline.

A proposal mandating transgender people to use public restrooms according to their birth certificate gender sailed through the Texas Senate weeks ago, but a similar measure that bans schools and local communities from passing ordinances to protect LGBT rights in bathrooms has been bottled up in the House. That's despite Republican Gov. Greg Abbott urging fellow members of his party to support it and even calling pastors at top evangelical churches around the state to increase public pressure.

Outnumbered House Democrats have been using tactics to delay a vote on this and other hot-button issues since late last week. House Speaker Joe Straus, a San Antonio Republican who sees the bill as bad for business, hasn't intervened.

Bills not approved by midnight aren't dead, but need some maneuvering to live on.

Top firms and lobbyists have opposed the bathroom bill. Many Hollywood actors and music stars have suggested state boycotts, and the NFL and NBA have warned about canceling future Texas events if it passes.

State Rep. Ron Simmons, who has been the issue's top House champion, said support-

ers will now look to attach public bathroom restrictions for schools onto education legislation — even if wider bans fizzle.

"I think the likelihood of something getting passed this session as it relates to schools is pretty good," said Simmons, a Republican from Carrollton in suburban Dallas. "We're looking for opportunities to amend to other bills that would allow us to be able to protect the school scenario, which is where our number one concern is."

Texas' legislative session ends May 29, so while there is still time, it's beginning to run short. Efforts to save the bathroom bill will have to compete with other conservative priorities that have bogged down, including efforts to further restrict abortion in the nation's second-largest state.

Top Republicans vowed to hit back at the U.S. Supreme Court,

which last summer struck down most of Texas' tough 2013 abortion law, which caused about 20 clinics around the state to close. As stalling tactics became more widespread, a series of Republicans took to the floor to lament "pro-life bills dying."

One abortion bill that did get approved Thursday requires medical clinics to offer quick, detailed reports of any complications from abortions, and have Texas' health department produce an annual report compiling that data.

Another removes ectopic pregnancy surgery from the state definition of abortion. Ectopic pregnancies occur when an egg is fertilized but attaches itself somewhere other than a woman's uterus.

Such cases require tissue removal via surgery. Neither of those bills has been lauded by anti-abortion activists as major wins.

Democrats delayed other hot-button bills with lengthy debates on noncontroversial issues. The slow pace kept tensions on the House floor relatively low and there were few protests in or around the state Capitol, where groups both supporting abortion rights and opposing the procedure have staged small demonstrations throughout the session.

"It's no secret the legislative process in Texas is designed to kill more bills than pass bills and that's why these deadlines are in place," said Rep. Chris Turner, of Grand Prairie, who heads the House Democratic Caucus.

Asked about legislation surviving in different forms he said, "We're always on the lookout for any amendments that are harmful to the state and the so-called bathroom issue is certainly near the top of that list."

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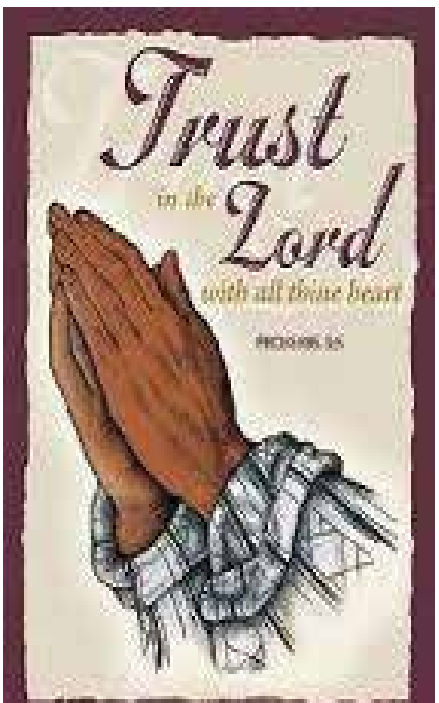
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Reflections: Mother's Day

This week, husbands, sons, and daughters will elbow their way to the greeting card displays in search of the perfect card to celebrate Mothers Day. Florists will put on extra staff to handle the demand. Restaurants brace for business.

Countries around the world set aside a special day for mothers. It is celebrated on the second Sunday in May in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, Australia, India, Brazil, Germany, Ethiopia, and the Philippines. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mothers Day an official holiday starting on May 8, 1914. Still other nations honor mothers on different dates.

Regardless of our nationality, ethnicity, or gender, we were each carried in our mother's womb, given birth through her labor, and, in almost all cases, nursed and nourished to life by her care.

No office and no position wields greater power and influence over the future of humanity than the influence of a mother. The memories and lessons given in infancy at a mother's hand surpass

every other classroom and instruction. The faith of a mother inspires and instructs more effectively than any pulpit or pen.

We see it in history, and we see it in the Bible.

In a log cabin in Kentucky, Nancy Hanks Lincoln recognized the early gifts in her child. She not only taught him to read, but instructed him in the principles that would shape his life. Without Nancy, and Sarah, who became Lincoln's stepmother after Nancy died, it is unlikely that Abraham Lincoln would have ever surfaced to lead our nation in its greatest hour of crisis.

If it were not for Moses' mother, the world would have never known the great law-giver who led Israel from captivity and gave us the Ten Commandments. It was she who hid him in the reeds at the river to save his infant life, and it was she who cared for him in Pharaoh's court.

How many mothers have petitioned God for the birth of a child, as Hannah prayed in the presence of Eli, the prophet? Without her prayer, Samuel would not have been born, and would not have been present to anoint David the king of Israel.

In the fullness of time, in an obscure Galilean village, another young woman lifted up her eyes

to heaven and sang, "My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has had regard for the humble state of His handmaiden; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. For He that is mighty has done to me great things, and holy is His name" (Luke 1:46-49). Without Mary we would never have known Jesus, and the world would remain lost in its sins without a Savior.

Paul referred to the importance of a mother's faith when he wrote to his young protégé, Timothy: "For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well" (2 Timothy 1:5).

This Mother's Day we honor all our mothers who have shaped us and made a better world. It also stands as a challenge to all those young women who give birth to the next generation and shape the future of the world to come.

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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Church News



Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to contact the church, call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchrist-tx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, you're invited to join the Alive in Christ congregation this Sunday.

Jill Alsobrooks will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 every morning for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts" sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

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

First Baptist Church

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" Proverbs 18:10.

The people of First Baptist Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. The Adult Handbell group will be playing "Come, Now is the Time to Worship," and "How Great Is Our God." Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead the congregation in music selections which will include: "Soul On Fire," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Have Thine Own Way," and "Yes, Lord, Yes." Additionally, the Men's Ensemble will bring a special

offering in song of "Great is the Lord Almighty-He Shall Reign." Dennis Etheridge will deliver the message from Scripture. If unable to attend, you can join the service through the live stream on the website at fbcbigspring.org.

Sunday School groups meet at 9:30 a.m. and are a great way to connect with others while studying the Bible. Children come together in the Good News Garage on the first floor; and teens, college students, and adults meet throughout the second floor. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship; greeters are available to help you find a class.

There will be no Sunday evening service or activities this week to allow additional time with loved ones on the Mother's Day weekend.

Wednesday evening, May 17, there will be a worship service in the sanctuary starting at 6:15. Come and thank God for His faithfulness, love, and blessings too numerous to count, the greatest of all being His gift of Jesus Christ.

The Mother's Day Out program will have their graduation ceremony Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for additional information or to inquire about openings for your little ones in the next semester.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 5 to 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. If your children will be attending, go to fbcbigspring.org for online registration, or call the office at 267-8223. In celebration of the upcoming VBS, First Baptist is hosting a block party on Memorial Day, Monday May 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the church. Bounce houses, carnival foods, and games will ensure a great time for everyone. The entire community is invited, and encouraged to bring their friends.

For more information about the church and what's on the schedule, go to fbcbigspring.org.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the

corner of Fourth and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring.

Each Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. Traditions service features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge service at 11 a.m. is led by the church's 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.

Mother's Day is one of the unique cultural contributions of the Methodist movement to the United States. It began in its present form with a special service in May 1907 at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, W.V. The service was organized by a Methodist laywoman, Anna Jarvis, to honor her mother, who died on May 9, 1905.

By 1908, Anna Jarvis was advocating that all mothers be honored on the second Sunday in May. In 1912, the Methodist Episcopal Church recognized the day as a church-wide observance, and raised Mother's Day to the national agenda. President Woodrow Wilson designated the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day through a Presidential Proclamation in 1914.

This Sunday, First Methodist will follow that tradition as the church honors all the Moms in the congregation. Sunday's message in the 9 a.m. traditional worship service is entitled "Foundations." The message will explore the nature of the Christian home, and is taken from I Peter 2:2-10.

During the church's 11 a.m. contemporary service, the church's children's ministry will honor Moms as they present a musical entitled "Judge Julie Truly and the Case of the Holy Roof." The musical is under the direction of Stacy Barr.

Next Wednesday, Pastor Ivins will begin a new series at Noon Bible

Study entitled "Transitions." The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for a small fee.

"Real Life" on Wednesday nights is going on hiatus until the Fall. However, the Bridge Band will continue its practices in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. The Celebration Choir will also continue its regular practice schedule in the Music Suite at 7:30 p.m.

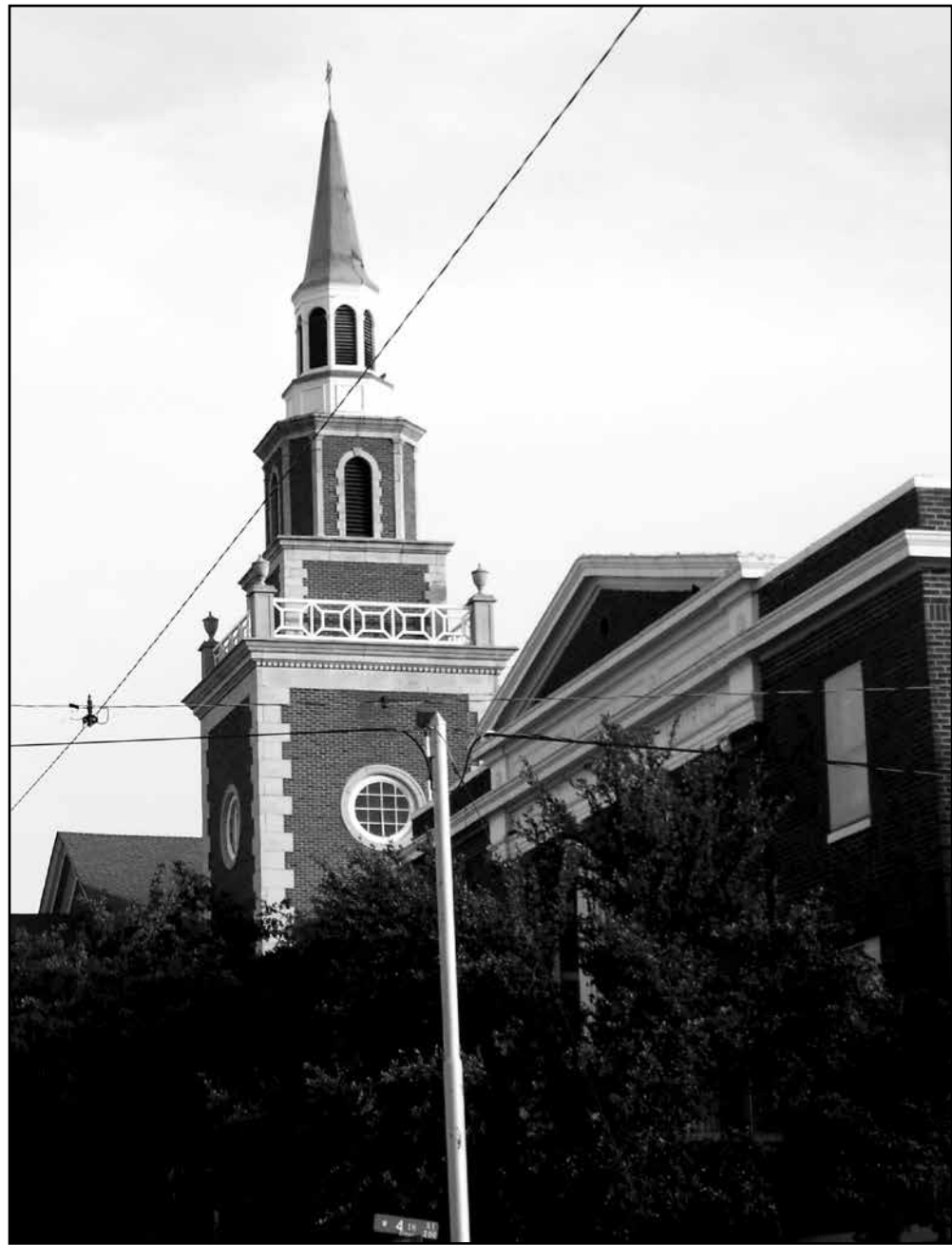
A farewell reception for Pastor Ivins is scheduled for Sunday, June 11. The reception will take place in Garrett Hall during the Sunday School hour. June 11 will be his last Sunday in the pulpit at First Methodist. Pastor Ivins has been appointed by the Northwest Texas Bishop to serve as the new Senior Pastor at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo. His First Sunday at Saint Paul is June 25.

Pastor Derrell Patterson will be the newly appointed pastor at First Methodist. His first Sunday will be Father's Day, June 18. Pastor Derrell is a familiar face to the First Methodist congregation. For the last seven years, he has served as the Superintendent of the Big Spring District for the Northwest Texas area of the United Methodist Church. During that time, Derrell and his wife Sandy have been active in the life of First Methodist.

The Reverend Kathryn Boren will succeed Derrell Patterson as the new Superintendent of the Big Spring District. Her appointment to that position begins June 25. Boren has served as the Senior Pastor of the Saint Luke United Methodist Church in Midland for the last nine years.

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

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Did you ever wonder? Saul is King

Samuel had already anointed Saul to be king, but it was necessary for the people to see that the Lord had chosen Saul to be their king. As leader of the Israelites, Samuel called for the people to gather at the Tabernacle at Gilgal. He scolded them for rejecting the Lord their God as their King. Then he had them form into their tribes.

Each tribe passed in front of the High Priest. Probably using the Urim and Thummim of the Breastplate of the High Priest, the Lord rejected each tribe in turn. The tribe of Benjamin, Jacob's youngest son, was the last tribe to pass in front of the priest. It was accepted.

Now the Tribe of Benjamin was divided into clans, and each clan passed before the priest. The Lord chose the clan to which Saul belonged.

Each man passed before the Lord, but Saul was not among his clan. No one was chosen. They searched for Saul, but he could not be found. Again they inquired of the Lord. The Lord replied, "He is hiding among the luggage."

When Saul took his place among his clan, he was chosen by the Lord. All the people acclaimed him, shouting, "Long live the king!"

Again Samuel reminded the people of the rules

and limitations of a King over Israel. He recorded these on a scroll and deposited it in the Tabernacle before the Lord.

Saul returned to his home in Gibeah accompanied by upstanding men whose hearts God had touched. However some scoundrels, who doubted God's choice, scorned him and brought him no gift.

Saul pretended not to notice! Soon the Ammonites besieged the Israelite city of Jabesh-gilead.

Remember that the Ammonites descended from Lot, Abraham's nephew. Scripture speaks of the Ammonites and Moabites as cousins of the Israelites.

The Ammonites offered terms of surrender. Their terms were complete surrender and they would put out the right eye of every man of the city. This would greatly limit their ability as a warrior.

The city sent messengers to Saul in Gibeah. The spirit of God gripped Saul and his anger blazed. Saul and Samuel raised an army of 300,000 men.

Now Saul was no longer timid. He took on the mantle of a king who must lead the army and the nation.

The men of Jabesh-gilead, now, sent word to the Ammonites that they would surrender the next day. But the next morning Saul and his men attacked the Ammonites. Some survivors scattered away from the city, but some were trapped by the Israelites.

The men of Jabesh-gilead wanted to slay the Ammonites that were captured, but Samuel would not allow it! Do you understand? Samuel, the prophet of God, allowed killing in combat to defend their homes, but he would not condone murdering captured men. Many people have trouble understanding the difference.

Now that Saul had actually led the Israelites in battle, Samuel said to the people, "Let us go to Gilgal and there inaugurate the monarchy" (1 Sam 12:22).

Notice that Samuel spoke of the monarchy not the king. They actually crowned Saul as King of the Israelites, but in so doing, they created an earthly monarchy.

Samuel reminded the people how many times they had been unfaithful to God Almighty by worshipping the idols of their enemies. Still He had forgiven them when they repented. Now they had put a king between them and God, but for His Name's sake, He would not forsake them.

Although Samuel was old, he promised to advise them and the king as the Lord spoke to him.

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea" and "Filler Up" is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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Cornerstone Covenant Church

The people of Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with you this week at one of the following events:

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Sunday May 7 through June 4 - "The Holy Spirit My Best Friend." Would you like to know more about the Holy Spirit? Would you like to have a deeper intimate relationship with him? CCC is offering Biblical classes each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Academic Resource Center. To get signed up contact the church administrative office at 264-0015. Additional Worship Service - As CCC has grown, the membership is preparing to add additional Sunday Worship Services. They are also looking forward to adding more parking space and seeking to make west side of the church a temporary parking lot and possibly the site for a new sanctuary, depending on advice of an architect.

You're invited to join the CCC congregation every Sunday at 10:30am and Wednesday at 7pm for worship.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions, contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email info@

cccbigspring.org. You can also visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Christian Church

This Sunday, May 14, 2017, is Mother's Day. First Christian Church is preparing a special tribute to all mothers. First Christian is located at 911 Goliad St., Big Spring. Fellowship hour begins at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

Pastor Sandy Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called, "Reluctant Faith," which he is taking from 2 Kings 5:1-17. Assisting Pastor Sandlin in worship will be Linda Miracle, who will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Dan Miracle and Joel Miller. Greeters will be Deniece Walker and Larry Oster.

Helping to enhance worship with music are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault. A few selections they are presently working on are "How Firm a Foundation," "My Hope Is Built," and "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home."

All mothers will be honored in a special way. If you have any questions regarding services or any other goings on, call 432-517-4821.

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, meets at 5 p.m.; and the Chancel Choir re-

hearses at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

The only graduate to be recognized last Sunday was Annika Kuhr, Forsan High School, who is an exchange student from Germany. Annika has been living with Don and Ellen Austin for this school year.

The Mother's Day Project has been co-sponsored by PC(USA) World Mission and Presbyterian Women since 2001. Presbyterians work with global partners to address the conditions that keep families impoverished, such as lack of access to quality education and essential health services, lack of nutritious food and fuel for cooking, lack of clean drinking water, lack of adequate and secure shelter and clothing, and lack of opportunities. Members of the congregation may make a suggested donation of \$10 to receive a Mother's Day card to send to a significant woman in their lives, telling them that a donation is made in their honor. To honor someone with the Healthy Women Healthy Families and get cards, please contact Patti Horton of Helen Glass.

The Children's Choir meets at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Youth activities on Sunday are as follows: 6 p.m. Youth Dinner, 6:30 Handbell Choir, 7:15 Youth Group.

Lane Reynolds is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector for the month is Helen Glass. Ushers for May are Danny Kennemur, John Brode, Doug Mays, and John Yater. Communion servers are Ellen Austin, Danny

Kennemur, Jim Little, Sarah Salinas, and John Yater.

The lectionary for the Fifth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day is Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; I Peter 2:2-19; John 14:1-14. The Rev. Craig Holstedt, minister, will present the sermon and officiate at Communion.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting the website www.fpchs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week comes from Ephesians 6:1-4 and is called "Honor Matters."

Revival at Forsan Baptist will be each evening May 21-24 starting at 6 p.m. each night, and will include different guest speakers.

Children's activities on Wednesdays will conclude next week, and resume when school starts in August. The Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6

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Mormon church severs some of its ties to the Boy Scouts



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In this July 22, 2013, file photo, an 11-year-old boy looks over a Boy Scout-themed Norman Rockwell exhibition at the Church History Museum in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Mormon church, the largest sponsor of Boy Scouts troops in the United States, announced Thursday, May 11, 2017, it is pulling older teenagers from the organization as the religion takes a step toward developing its own global scouting-like program. (AP Photo/Rick Bowmer, File)

By BRADY
McCOMBS

Associated Press
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church, the biggest sponsor of Boy Scout troops in the United States, announced Thursday it is pulling as many as 185,000 older youths from the organization as part of an effort to start its own scouting-like program.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said the move wasn't triggered by the Boy Scouts' decision in 2015 to allow gay troop leaders, since Mormon-sponsored troops have remained free to ex-

clude such adults on religious grounds.

But at least one leading Mormon scholar said that the Boy Scouts and the church have been diverging on values in recent years and that the policy on gays was probably a contributing factor in the split.

Saying it wants a new, simplified program of its own that is more closely tailored to Mormon teenagers, the church announced that boys ages 14 to 18 will no longer participate in the Boy Scouts starting next year. The church said the decision will affect 185,000 teens; the Boy Scouts put the number at 130,000.

The loss is only a fraction of the 2.3 million youths in the Boy Scouts of America, but the organization has been grappling with declining membership for years and has enjoyed an unusually close bond with the Mormon church for more than a century because of their shared values. Joining the Boy Scouts is practically automatic among Mormon boys.

Boy Scouts of America spokeswoman Effie Delimarkos said the organization is saddened by the decision but understands the church's desire to customize a program.

About 280,000 Mormon boys ages 8 to 13 will remain in the Scouts while the church develops its program, the Mormons said. The Boy Scouts estimated their number at 330,000. The church did not say when the younger boys will be withdrawn from the Boy Scouts.

Like other conservative faiths, the Mormon church opposes gay marriage and teaches that being in a homosexual relationship is a sin. The church initially said it was "deeply troubled" by the Boy Scouts' policy change on gays but stayed with the organization after receiving assurances it could appoint troop leaders according to its own religious and mor-

al values.

In Thursday's announcement, the church said that it learned recently that the Boy Scouts are considering admitting girls, but that its decision was made independently of that.

Matthew Bowman, a Mormon scholar and history professor at Henderson State University, said the schism reflects the two organizations' diverging values, with gays and girls among the issues on which they are moving apart.

"The church is wedded very much to traditional gender roles and they see the Boy Scouts of America increasingly move away from that," Bowman said. "That means that they have come to see it as less of a hospitable place."

Thursday's announcement represents a first step toward something that has been in the works for years: a Mormon-run scouting-type program that could be used in congregations around the world. The church has 15.8 million members, nearly 6 in 10 of them outside the U.S. and Canada. Scouting is available only in the U.S. and Canada.

"The long game here is the church looking forward to a time when Americans are even more of a minority in the church than they are now," Bowman said.

Mormon teenagers who want to continue working toward the Eagle Scout rank will be able to do that on their own while also participating in the new program, said church spokesman Eric Hawkins.

The Boy Scout movement has been entrenched in Mormon culture for as long as anyone can remember.

In 2013, the church put on an extravagant theatrical production inside its 21,000-seat auditorium in Salt Lake City to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the faith's alliance with the Boy Scouts.

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continues throughout the year.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek will have the annual Mother's Day Baby Dedications on May 14 during the 10:45 Worship Service. If you have a new baby or child you would like dedicated, please contact Donna Wennik or Jim Billings.

Ladies, do you need a "time-out" from your regular routine? If you do, you are invited to the "Women's Time-Out Weekend," scheduled for May 19-21 at Camp Butman at Merkel, Texas. All women are invited. Spaces are still available. For more information, contact Adriana Kocak.

Two of Spring Creek church family members have set up "GoFundMe" accounts. Carla Mosely is requesting help with funds for a kidney transplant she needs soon. Leela Schooler is looking for funding to help pay expenses for a Study Abroad opportunity at the University of Oxford in England. She will be studying the works of C.S. Lewis. Any help, including prayers for these members would be greatly appreciated. There will be a fundraiser for Leela on May 20 at Froyo's and More on FM 700. The Spring Creek cooking team will be cooking brisket dinners and pulled pork dinners with all the sides. Dinners are \$10 each, and donations will be accepted. Sign-up sheets to help with food and to volunteer for the event are in the foyer of the church.

Our Men's Ministry will be starting a new study called "Spiritual Warfare" by David Jeremiah on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

A Deacon Ministry Class will meet May 21 and 28, and June 4, at 5 p.m. If you are interested in learning what the responsibilities of being a Deacon are, join this class. This is a four-week course to introduce the men of the church to what being a Deacon really means.

If you are interested in participating in the "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry ministry, would like

to make a donation, or need more information, contact Kay Pittman.

Spring Creek has set a goal of 90 percent participation in church ministries and will be focusing on two ministries each Sunday morning to get the word out about what is available. Stop by the Connections Table in the garden area to get more information. Join the "90% Club" by getting involved.

The nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on Spring Creek's smallest members, contact Donna Wennik.

The Youth and Family Camp will be heading back to Colorado this summer. Ask a youth member about their current fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Lloyd Wells for more information.

Parents who want to keep up and share in their children's Sunday Bible Lessons can go to the website at www.springcreekfellowship.org for the information. Just click on "Kid Connect" for past and current lessons.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving local widows with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

Wednesday Night Kid's Activities are back in session from 6 to 8 p.m. in the children's areas. A small snack will be served at 7:30. The schedule is set for you parents that are participating in Missional Communities or youth. Drop off is at 5:45. Children from babies through fifth grade will be included. Please let Donna Wennik know if you are interested in bring your kids or helping out.

The Spring Creek Worship Team is fundraising for eight wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring", a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by the Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now

on iTunes. If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of the study is "Ephesians."

With the Spring Creek smartphone app, you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests. Search for Spring Creek Fellowship on your phone's app store and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office and keep 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.- noon - Worship Service

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-

Noon-Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group

Wednesday-

6-8:30 p.m.-Kid's Activities

Community Groups-various

times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-"Spiritual Warfare"

Men's Bible Study

Friday-

7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday-

7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer

Breakfast & Fellowship

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact the church office at 432-714-4584 or visit the website at www.springcreekfellowship.org "Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV



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Lady Buffs bring home 2-1 win in pitcher's duel vs. New Deal

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

Both Forsan and New Deal were strong on the mound in Thursday's playoff matchup held in Sundown, but it was the Lady Buffs who came out on top with a final score of 2-1.

The Lady Lions scored their one and only run of the game in the top of the first inning when Santana Valdez stepped up to the plate and doubled on a hard ground ball out to center field, driving Jasmine Valdez in for a run.

The Lady Buffs answered in the bottom of the second with a score by Lexie Gee on an error, followed with a hard hit single out to left field by Kendal Phillips that pushed Keelee White across home.

Forsan put their exceptional defense on display as the third through the sixth were all quick one-two-three innings.

In the top of the seventh inning, with New Deal at the plate, Lady Lion infielder Marisa Romero made a break for the plate from third base in an attempt to steal the game tying run. With a sharp throw from Forsan shortstop Phillips to Lady Buff catcher Destiny Mata, the final out was made to end the game and Forsan came away with the 2-1 win in game one.

Ashtyn Pearson earned the win on the mound for the Lady Buffs. She went the distance, surrendered one run on two hits, walked one, and sat seven.

Pearson, with two hits, and Phillips, with three hits and one RBI, made up the teams total



Forsan's Ashlyn Pearson pitches during a softball game held earlier this season.

Courtesy photo

of five hits for the game. "This game was pretty intense. Pearson did so well on the mound for us as we were also able to make some really great defensive plays, including the final out made by Phillips to Mata to save the game," said head softball coach Shanna Taylor. "White also made some key plays for us in the outfield. Their pitcher was

very solid tonight, but I think that we will do better at the plate in tomorrow's game."

The girls will make their way to Sundown again today in hopes to sweep New Deal in game two, which begins at 3 p.m. If they lose, a third game will immediately follow to determine a winner of the best two of three series.

Forsan falls to De Leon in 9-0 shutout

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

It was a long night for the Buffs in their playoff matchup against De Leon on Thursday as they fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 9-0 shutout defeat.

After a scoreless first inning, the Bearcats grabbed an early five-run lead thanks to an RBI single by Jake Sanders, an RBI double by Calvin Martin, a 2 RBI triple by Kevin Yeager, and a score on a ground out.

De Leon continued to hold Forsan scoreless and extended their lead to nine in the top of the sixth with a score on an error followed with a 2 RBI home run out to left field by Bryce Whiteley.

"We just couldn't get the offense going tonight. They threw their ace against us, who is

definitely the best pitcher we have faced all season, and we just didn't hit the ball," said head baseball coach Stephen East. We only had a couple of hits all game and we hit it right to them."

It was a strong performance from Whiteley on the mound as he earned the win for the Bearcats with zero runs allowed on two hits, two walks, and eight strikeouts through five innings.

Jacob Valdez, who started the game on the mound for the Buffs, was tagged with the loss. He threw for two and two-thirds innings, allowed five runs on seven hits, walked two, and struck out three. Bryce Hergert entered the game in the third inning, allowed four runs on four hits, and struck out five.

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Big send offs for area teams

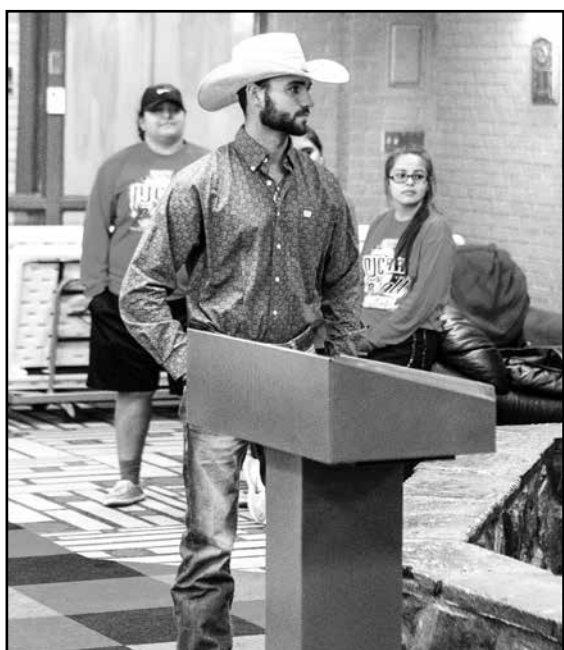
Howard College softball & rodeo teams heading to national competition

Big Spring Steers track team off to Austin for UIL state track meet



Photo by Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

At top, Howard College softball poses for a picture during the combined softball/rodeo nationals sendoff held in the Howard College fireplace room on Thursday. At right, Howard College bull rider John Huffaker is honored during the sendoff.



Courtesy photos

Big Spring High School held a parade around the school grounds to send off the Steer track team to Austin Thursday afternoon. The team is competing at the UIL state track meet.



Party at Napoli's: 2nd HR ends Rangers' 5-2 win over Padres

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Party at Napoli's — Texas Rangers style.

Mike Napoli homered twice, including a game-ending three-run shot, as the Rangers rallied late for a 5-2 victory over the San Diego Padres on Thursday night.

"A lot of fun," Napoli said. "The at-bat before felt pretty good. It was a feeling I've been looking for for a long time. And in that last at-bat, I was just trying to repeat it."

The Rangers had been held scoreless by San Diego lefty starter Clayton Richard until Napoli hit a 433-foot homer to left on the first pitch of the eighth inning, a hanging slider.

"Literally one mistake all day, to Napoli," Padres manager Andy

Green said.

Napoli topped that with a 448-foot shot, his seventh of the season, into the club-level seats higher in left field to end a four-run ninth off Padres closer Brandon Maurer (0-2).

"That's what we know he's capable of," said shortstop Elvis Andrus, who scored the tying run before Napoli's blast. "Sometimes you just need a couple of good games like that. The trust is coming back. The swing is coming back."

"Party at Napoli's" became a team rallying cry for the AL champion Cleveland Indians last season, when Napoli hit a career-high 34 homers. After Cleveland didn't re-sign him, Napoli is

hitting just .172 so far in his third stint in Texas.

His 15th career multihomer game came on the same day the Rangers started selling "Party at Napoli's" T-shirts at the ballpark for \$32 a pop, with some of the proceeds going to charity. More than 300 of the shirts were sold and the team was already ordering more.

MLB stats measured the exit velocity of the game-winner at 111 mph. It was the fourth time in Napoli's career to end a game with a homer.

Andrus started the ninth-inning rally with a one-out single before Jonathan Lucroy

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Spurs rout James Harden, Rockets 114-75 to win series

HOUSTON (AP) — San Antonio is heading to the Western Conference finals for the 13th time thanks to a player who has never been there.

The Spurs eliminated the sluggish James Harden and Houston Rockets with a 114-75 victory in Game 6 on Thursday night behind a season-high 34 points from LaMarcus Aldridge in a game they played without All-Star Kawhi Leonard.

Aldridge, who is in his 11th season and

second in San Antonio, had failed to get out of the second round in his previous six postseason trips. He added 12 rebounds in his second big game of the Western Conference semifinal series to pick up the scoring slack with Leonard out after rolling his ankle in San Antonio's overtime victory in Game 5 on Tuesday night.

"He's really turned it on," coach Gregg Popovich said. "Demanded the ball, got in good position... he was wonder-

ful on the boards and of course he passes it really, really well and gets it moving for us."

Aldridge became the first Spur to score 34 points with 12 rebounds in a playoff game since Tim Duncan against Phoenix in 2008.

"I just touched it a little bit more tonight so I had a chance to figure it out," Aldridge said. "I was trying to be more dominant down there. So I was willing to take some contested

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The harmonious trine between Mars and Jupiter suggests a rather delicious and nutritious life blend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The promise you make without saying the words "I promise" will be the easiest to keep. An action comes naturally, produces mutually satisfying results, and sets up an expectation that both will benefit from fleshing out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love is acceptance. People

who love you won't ask you to change who you are in order to suit their purposes. They may make requests, but their requests will not require you to be someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're multifaceted; it's true. And yet you're still very clear about who you are at any given moment, even in the transitional moments of becoming the next iteration of yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Forgetfulness and obliviousness benefit you today. It might help you be more productive if you think of focusing as simply ignoring everything that's not what you want to accomplish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll make plans. The more realistic you are about the cost of things (monetarily and energetically) the more successful your plan will be. Be sure and take into account every existing commitment you have in every area of life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be involved in the type of project or goal that seems quite impossible to accomplish

Tomorrow's Horoscope

-- until it is accomplished, and then it will seem de rigueur. Right now it just needs a little more mind and elbow grease, that's all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Pruning seems counterintuitive. Why cut healthy branches when the goal is growth? And yet, many generations of humans have known that making cuts can aid in maintaining the health and longevity of the entire organism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone needs attention, and many will take to the brand you're giving now. You have a way of making people feel special. Some might call it flirting, though really you're just inclined toward congeniality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If it seems too good to be true, maybe you just haven't worked out what's in it for the other person yet. Dig deeper. Ask more questions. Figure that part out, because it's very important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Contrary to the old saying, you absolutely (SET ITAL) can (END

ITAL) judge a book by the cover. Obviously you won't know the whole story, but you'll certainly get a feel for the tone, genre and sensibility of what's inside. Trust your first impression.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Socially aware, you're usually careful not to make things all about you. You think it's rude to draw too much attention. Today you don't have to worry, though: You're supposed to be the central character in this story.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As much as you'd like to compartmentalize your life, personal commitments affect your energy just as much as work commitments do. You can afford to be choosy now about what you take on.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 12). You will be respected by many and widely praised and cherished by your inner circle. The second half of the year will be spent assimilating the exciting events of the warp-speed first half. Younger people will make your heart glad. Responsibilities will change in August. October is where your

artful talents get featured. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 19, 30, 44 and 15.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Love is trying to put a good spin on bad circumstances to help another person get through it. **TAURUS:** For people to put a lot of energy into love, they have to have the space for it in their lives. **GEMINI:** Tell a story well and win a heart. **CANCER:** Paying attention to another is challenging when there's so much else going on, but this is the essence of love. **LEO:** Insecurity can look a lot like affection to the untrained eye. **VIRGO:** Make it as simple as possible for someone to do as you would prefer. **LIBRA:** Two contradictory statements can be equally true. Give loved ones the benefit of the doubt. **SCORPIO:** The one who really listens to you really loves you. **SAGITTARIUS:** When a loved one disagrees with you, it's best to hear about it so you have the option of discussing, arguing or accepting your differ-

ences. **CAPRICORN:** Where you go and what you do is only a small part of the date. How you frame it -- that's destiny. **AQUARIUS:** Forgiveness makes you feel more virtuous, but consider whether it's really necessary. Perhaps just a mutual acceptance of what happened is all that's called for. **PISCES:** First you'll dream of the love you want. Then you'll go out and find it, or take what you have and form it.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Taurus and Sagittarius are equals when it comes to passion, but they each direct the force very differently. Sagittarius projects it outwardly to light up the horizon of beckoning adventures and unattainable quests. Taurus directs passion downward in a network of roots from which to build a solid foundation. These styles may seem misaligned for love, but this weekend it will somehow work.

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Annie's Mailbox

A Surprise Letdown

Dear Annie: I am writing to you with a problem that probably seems pretty petty compared with some of the more life-or-death questions you get, but I am too embarrassed to bring it up with anyone else, so here goes.

I recently celebrated my 30th birthday. Weeks in advance, my husband promised me a great day. For weeks, I looked forward to it and imagined what he might have planned. We'd talked about hot air balloon rides not too long before that, so I was thinking that might be the secret

plan. The day arrived, and I woke up wondering what the plan was. Then I kept wondering. We watched TV and bummed around more than we usually would on a Saturday -- which was a treat, in a way, but nothing special. Finally, around 6 p.m., he told me to get ready to go out; he had a surprise.

Well, he ended up taking me to a concert of one of his favorite bands. I like them, too, but he's definitely the bigger fan. I tried to conceal my disappointment. It's been a few weeks now, and I still find it nagging at

the back of my mind. I don't want to seem ungrateful. Is there any way to address this with him without hurting his feelings?

-- Blah Birthday
Dear Blah: Expectation is the root of all disappointment. Though it's perfectly healthy to have standards for how you'd like to be treated in your relationship, it's important to learn how to manage expectations -- and to take the initiative when it's really important to you that something go a certain way. I've known many people who love celebrating their birthdays in a big

way, so they take the planning upon themselves. There's no shame in that.

Finally, I would just give your husband the benefit of the doubt on this one and communicate more clearly about your wishes next time.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Crybaby," the woman who is embarrassed by excessive crying. Whenever she feels an extreme emotion -- positive or negative -- she cries.

I can empathize. I have the same problem, although for me it is almost always only for extremely positive emotions. The thing is that I am a man. Forgive the gender stereotype, but it is really inappropriate for a male to cry a lot, especially when it's not even over anything bad.

Anyway, I once happened to sit next to a psychologist on a long train ride, and I confided my problem to him. He basically said, "Look, this is just the way your body is wired. Your emotions come out through your tear ducts. Some people react in other 'inappropriate' ways. In your case, it is through tears. Accept that this is the way you are, and don't

make a big deal of it, because chances are that this is not something you can change. It's not harmful, and if you don't make a big deal out of it, others will probably not, either. If they do, you can explain it any way you wish."

When people do comment, which is really rare, I simply say something to the effect of, "When I get emotional in certain ways, the tears flow. I'm not really crying; I'm just shedding tears. Please just ignore it."

If "Crybaby's" husband cannot understand this about her, then they have a very serious problem of communication, and your advice to seek counseling over that was spot on. -- Another Crier

Dear Another: I'm sure your empathetic words will make "Crybaby" feel less ashamed of her active tear ducts.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable, and the bidding has gone:

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| West | North | East | South |
| 1♣ | 1♥ | 2♣ | ? |

What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠J4♥K96♦KQ85♣A762
- ♠AK963♥952♦6♣9843
- ♠K108♥87♦KQ1092♣KQ10
- ♠KJ87♥KQ63♦AJ963♣—

1. **Three hearts.** Since an overcaller may hold anywhere from eight to 16 points, you're not in a good position to judge whether 10 tricks can be made. You know from the bidding thus far that partner almost surely has a singleton club to go with the strong five-card or longer suit that an overcall promises. But whether or not his hand is good enough to escape four losers is something you have to let partner decide. You therefore make a jump-raise to invite partner to go on to game if he is on the upper end of his overcall.

2. **Two hearts.** Since an overcall is rarely made with a four-card suit, hearts must be regarded as a feasible trump suit. A raise to two hearts, even with your unimpressive trump support, is decidedly preferable to a two-spade bid. Hearts are known to be playable, spades are not. A two-

spade call would ordinarily indicate a better spade suit than this one and tend to deny heart support.

3. **Two notrump.** This expresses a far greater interest in game than a two-diamond bid would. Two diamonds would sound like a competitive move for partscore purposes, while two notrump is a direct try for game. With 13 high-card points facing a vulnerable overcall, and two club stoppers to back you up, game cannot be far away. Indeed, a reasonable case can be made for bidding three notrump.

4. **Three clubs.** A cuebid in the opponent's suit indicates a strong hand and, by implication, announces very good trump support. Several purposes are simultaneously served by the cuebid. Most importantly, your partner learns that there's not only a game in prospect, but perhaps a slam.

In addition, by rejecting a leap to four hearts, you may forestall a difficult bidding problem that might arise later. Thus, a four-heart bid now might make it impossible for you to know what to do if the opponents continue on to five clubs. By your indicating a big hand immediately, partner may be better able to decide how high to go.

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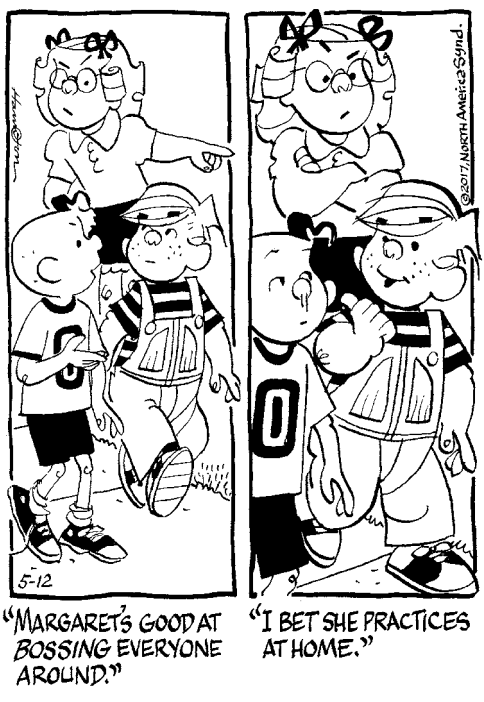
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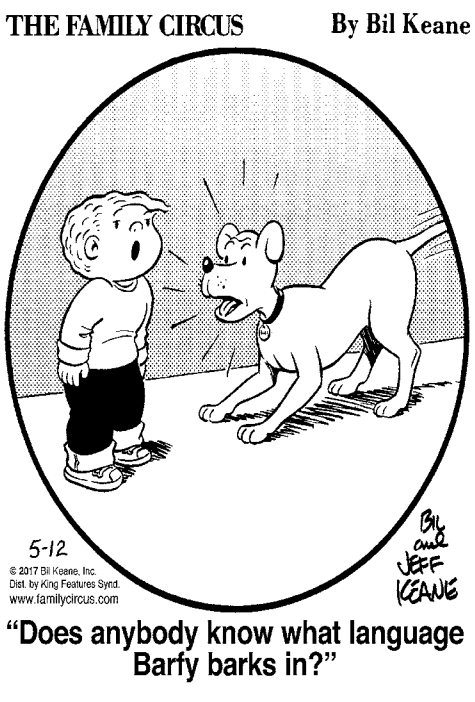
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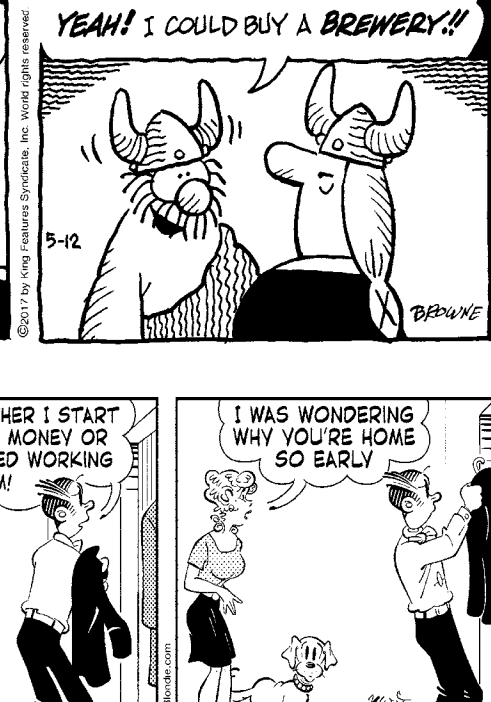
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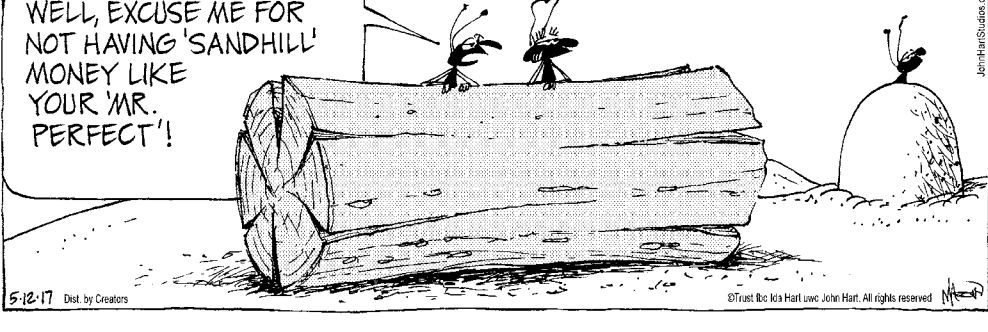
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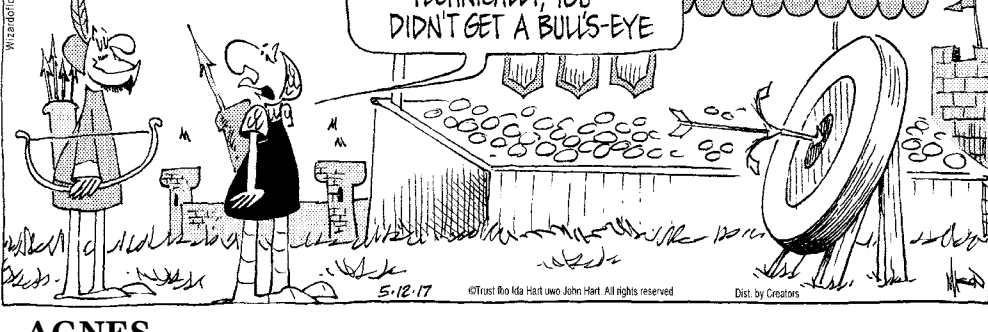
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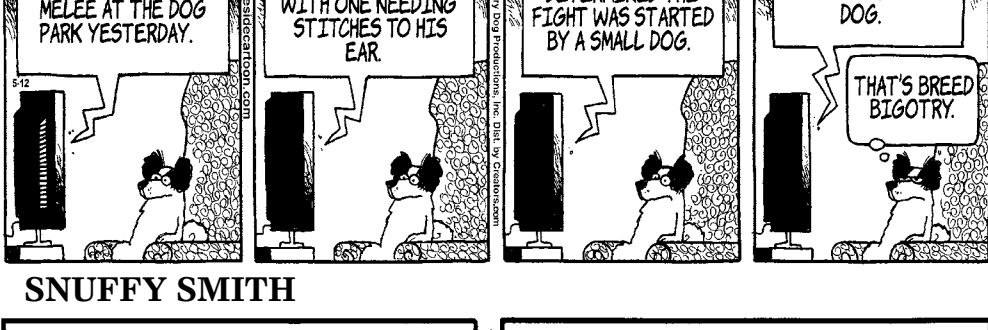
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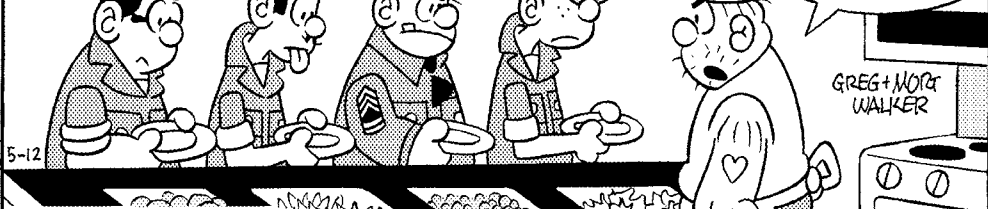
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