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Say a prayer, make a donation and enjoy some crawfish for Baby Jax



Courtesy photo
 Baby Jax lies in a Fort Worth-area hospice, not expected to live following an incident in which he was allegedly severely shaken. Xiled Motorcycle Club will hold a fundraiser crawfish boil to help with Jax's medical bills April 20 at their clubhouse, 600 N.E. Second St. starting at noon. Perco Sound will provide music for the event, and there will be a horseshoe tournament and a kids' egg hunt.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

A baby in a Fort Worth hospice with shaken baby syndrome is not expected to survive, and both a local motorcycle club and a local businessman are working to raise money to ease his mother's financial burden.

Big Spring's chapter of the Xiled Motorcycle Club and

Richard Perez of Perco Sound and Perco Water Solutions in Big Spring are planning a good old West Texas crawfish boil as a fundraiser for Baby Jax. The event will be held at the Xiled Clubhouse at 600 N.E. Second St. on April 20 beginning at noon. The event will include a live DJ, a horseshoe tournament, a motorcycle show, and an egg hunt for the kids, in addition to boiled

crawfish and the fixings.

There will be no set price for the event, but donations are encouraged. All proceeds will go to Jax's mother to help offset the cost of his medical bills.

"Xiled has a crawfish boil every year, just for the club," said Richard White, Xiled member. "When we heard

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'Pops' preparations underway



HERALD file photo
 Fireworks erupt over the stage at Comanche Trail Park's amphitheater during the 2017 Pops in the Park Independence Day Celebration. Preparations for this year's Pops, scheduled for July 3, are well underway. Organizers are requesting photos of veterans to be shown in the traditional slide show honoring our nation's military.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Pops in the Park is only four months away and planning is gearing up. Preparation has started and applications for vendors are being accepted.

"Pops in the Park is a community event in every sense. The show is designed to put on an evening that will recognize our veterans, pay tribute to their service, and to provide a fun family event to be enjoyed by the entire community," Emily McCann, Pops in the Park Committee President, said. "We also need the community to help us when it comes to putting it together."

Fourth of July is about honoring those who served our country and fought for our freedom. Pops in the Park is one of the ways we can recognize local veterans or veterans with ties to the Big Spring community. The committee is now accepting names and photos to be included in the Veteran Recognition video.

"We are asking families of veterans send in their loved ones photo to be included in the video. Every year we have a great video that highlights those who served our country and we want to make sure we keep adding to it and give recognition where it is due," McCann said.

Photos will be accepted until June 1, according to McCann. This will allow enough time for the video to still be put together in time for Pops in the Park.

In addition to the veteran's tribute and the fireworks display, the food provided during the event is another big draw. Registration for vendor spots has been opened and will remain open through June 21.

"Our vendors add an important piece to our event.

Pops in the Park is an all day event and our wonderful vendors provide a good selection of food options, but vendor spots are not strictly limited to food," McCann said. "There is always a large crowd so this is a great venue for those conducting fundraisers or get their name out in the community."

Vendor spots are \$50 for non-profits and \$200 for commercial booth spaces. Those who will be serving food must adhere to city ordinance and have food handler permit, along with other required documentation and station set up.

"We want to make sure that our vendors and our patrons are safe, which is why the application requires information on what they will be providing at their booths," McCann said. "We want this to be a fun event for everyone and appreciate the cooperation from our vendors and those attending the event."

Lastly, in addition to vendors and photos, volunteers are needed still. McCann said groups who are looking to get involved and give back to the community are encouraged to sign up and help out during the event.

"We need volunteers throughout the night. We can use people taking donations at the entrances, passing out fans, picking up trash and helping with crowd control and direction," she said. "There is always somewhere and somehow people can help support this event."

To find out how to get involved, request a vendor form or to give a donation, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 264-7641.

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Howard County Elections Office offers voting tips, announces Chamber candidate forum

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Voting season is approaching and the local election office, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations are starting to set up events to help ensure the community is educated and prepared for the upcoming election.

"Every vote counts and that is really evident in smaller elections and the candidate takes the win by a small margin of votes. The policies that are decided on by

local entities affect us directly and the voters have a great influence on those policies," Jodi Duck, Elections Office Administrator, said.

As voting season approaches, Duck and staff wanted to ensure voters are prepared and informed about rules in and around polling locations. While in the polling locations, no campaign buttons, signs, shirts or flyers promoting candidates or issues or allowed. In addition, no cell phones, PDAs, computers, video equipment, recording equipment or other devices are allowed in the polling locations.

"One thing we want to remind voters about is that they don't have to vote in every contest on the ballot. If there

is an issue or an office that they don't feel informed to vote on, they can leave that selection blank and their ballot is still valid," Duck said.

For those who are wanting to vote, but are needing assistance, there is the option of curbside voting, at each polling location. According to Duck, those needing to use curbside voting can call 264-2273 and let them know when you have arrived.

"Every polling location offers curbside voting for our elderly and disabled voters. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to vote," Duck said. "Just call the office and alert the workers that you have arrived and a ballot will be taken to you."

For those wanting to get a sample ballot, they are available at least three weeks before the election and can be picked up, mailed, emailed or faxed upon request.

As a way to educate the voting community, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is setting up a Meet the Candidates forum, which will be held at Hotel Settles on April 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., according to Debbye ValVerde, Chamber Executive Director.

"The Chamber isn't promoting a particular candidate or issue, but we want to encourage the community to get out and vote. Every voice counts and we want to make sure the voters are given an opportunity to know the candidates and find out the platforms they stand on, so that they can make an educated and informed vote," ValVerde said.

More information will be coming out about the forum, as well as possible forums in Coahoma and Forsan.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.



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Obituaries

Paul Van Sheedy



Paul Van Sheedy, 87, of Big Spring died March 7, 2019, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., prior to the service at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paul was born Feb. 20, 1932, in Forsan, TX, to Paul and Aurelia

Sheedy.

He married Charlotte Williams Oct. 11, 1952, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death July 7, 2018. Paul worked as a foreman for Atlantic Richfield for 33 years.

He is survived by two sons, Mark Sheedy and his wife, Anna of Big Spring, and Keith Sheedy and his wife, Laura of Pflugerville; six grandchildren, Melissa Ertle and her husband, Joseph, Amanda Lamb and her husband, Thomas, Mark Sheedy, Jr. and his wife, Kerrie, Allan-Michael Sheedy, Matthew Sheedy and Timothy Sheedy; five great-grandchildren; nine nieces and nephews; and a brother, Jack O'Neal Sheedy of Benjamin.

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Frances McKinney.

The family wishes donations to be made to Hospice of West Texas, 1900 S. Gregg St., Big Spring, TX, 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

Police Report

another agency.

- **GEORGE EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 51, of 301 S. State St., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of property, building, aircraft or vehicle.

- **LUTHER GUYTON DAVIS**, 25, of 1901 Martin Luther King #214, was arrested on a charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).

- **FELICIA ALDRIDGE**, 32, of 2911 W. Hwy 80 #101, was arrested on a charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).

Sheriff

- 43, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for unauthorized use of a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (1-4 grams).

- **WILLIAM BERNARD HUTCHESON**, 37, was arrested by DPS on a charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).

- **JONATHAN JASON LEE**, 31, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams) and on a warrant for driving while license invalid.

- **AUDREY JOAN LICON**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for bondmen off bond/possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported on Fourth and Main St.

- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore St.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 3300 block of Sherrod Rd., and in the 1900 block of S. Johnson St.

- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2000 block of Runnels St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of N. FM 700.

- **GEORGE EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

- **ASHLEY NICOLE MCPHERSON**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **DAWN MARIE PICKETT**, 34, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams), tampering or fabricating physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **TYRE COLE WATTS**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams), possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and on a parole violation.

Take Note

counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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Wesley Frost

Wesley Frost, 26, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 6, 2019. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20. No transport was required.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 166 on I-20. No transport was required.

- **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 1700 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1300 block of Colby. Fire was contained.

- **GRASS FIRE** was reported at mile marker 181 on I-20.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- 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. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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JAX

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about Jax, we thought, 'Why not have it to raise money for him?'"

Perez said he got involved originally during a previous fundraiser.

"I had actually done another fundraiser for Gary Grant, a guy who

died about a month and a half or two months ago," Perez said. "We donated a DJ service, for four hours of DJing, and we auctioned it off at Gary Grant's fundraiser. The guy who won it was part of the Xiled motorcycle crew. So when I called him to set up the DJ service and take care of him, he said, 'Hey, do you mind doing it

for this fundraiser for Baby Jax?' and that's when I found out about this."

Jax, only a few months old, was allegedly shaken by his mother's boyfriend for crying too loudly and interrupting a video game session.

"Jax's mom is a part of Xiled, and we just think it's important to take care of our own and our community," said

White.

For more information about the fundraiser, contact Xiled members Lucky at 432-816-1561 or Mama Boy at 432-213-6906.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank .

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten

through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school. The next sacking event will be April 1 and 2 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver of Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are

invited to come.

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

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

Support Groups (continued from Page 2)

THURSDAY

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

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

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

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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March 23: **Pints for Polio!** The Courtyard, 6pm. Fundraiser by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club \$25 per person or \$40 per couple
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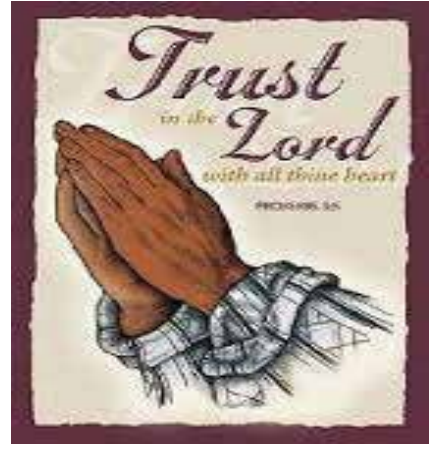
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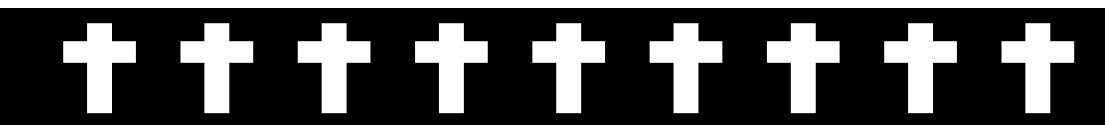
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As a glove responds to the strength of the hand, so you will respond to the leading of Christ to the point where you say, "I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
Galatians 2:20

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Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem! Rejoice in the Lord your God! For the rains he sends are an expression of his grace. Once more the autumn rains will come, as well as the rains of spring.
(Joel 2:23)

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(Psalm 103:11)

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Psalm 91: 14-16

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God humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ~ Deuteronomy 8:3

“Fasting is cleansing. It cleans out our bodies. It lays bare our souls. It leads us into the arms of that One for whom we hunger. In the Divine Arms we become less demanding and more like the One who holds us. Then we experience new hungers. We hunger and thirst for justice, for goodness, and holiness. We hunger for

what is right. We hunger to be holy.

“Most of us are not nearly hungry enough for the things that really matter. That’s why it is so good for us to feel a gnawing in our guts. Then we remember why we are fasting. We remember all the peoples of the world who have no choice but to go to bed hungry. We remember how we waste and squander the goods of this world. We remember what poor stewards of the earth we have been. We remember that each of us is called to be bread for the world. Our lives are meant to nourish. Fasting can lead us to the core of our being and make us more nourishing for others.” ~ Macrina Wiederkehr, A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary, p. 37.

“When you fast...” Jesus doesn’t say if you fast, He says when. He assumes His disciples will participate in this powerful spiritual discipline. Fast-

ing is about emptying ourselves of the “other stuff” that fills our lives, all the noise and junk, so we can be hungry for what really matters, hungry for more of God!

That hunger and growing passion fuels our spiritual life. The Season of Lent is a great time to get started by giving something up during this 40 day period leading to Easter. What could you give up to draw closer to God? It is also a time that we take on new practices that help us focus our lives on Christ. What practice could you start that will turn your eyes upon Jesus? We encourage you to empty yourself of some earthly things so that God can fill your life with more of His Presence. I look forward to what God is going to do in and through us as we become a people who hunger and thirst for righteousness – a people who are desperate for more of Him. God is on the move!

Church News

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located at 1001 S. Goliad, north of the high school, and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays, we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and in the evening we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happenings for March:
• Ministerial Fellowship, Big Spring Area Churches: The ecumenical Lenten Luncheon series will begin Wednesday, March 13th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with The Rev. Taylor Todd, from First Presbyterian as the speaker. Please come and join us for a time of fellowship.

First Church of the Nazarene

The Life God Blesses
I don’t know about you, but I think the snooze button was a blessed invention. The only problem is that I have become accustomed to snoozing and on occasion it has resulted in missed opportunities. In fact, I’m coming to understand the deep truth in the expression “you snooze, you lose”. How many of us are snoozing through our day, our week, our life completely closed off to the miracles around us? How many opportunities are we missing? Too many of us live in a comfort induced coma, we are spiritually sleepwalking. Jesus came to wake us up to the reality of God presence!

Then He (Jesus) returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?”, he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak!”. (Matthew 26:40-41) Genuine prayer awakens us to what God is up to in the world. Be here next Sunday as we continue our series on The Life God Blesses and explore the Power of Prayer together.

Ashes to Fire
Get ready for a journey that will take the ordinary moments of our lives and infuse them with the extraordinary presence of our God. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will embark on a journey that will take us from Lent through Easter to Pentecost, from penitence to praise to power. All are invited to join us for a special Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Spring Skate Night
NazFamily will be hosting a spring skate night at the local skating rink on March 7 from 6pm - 8pm. It will be \$5 to skate, but first time guests are free. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to come and connect with our church family.

SNU Pastors & Leaders Forum
NazFamily Church will be a satellite site for the upcoming Pastors & Leaders forum featuring Bobby Gruenewald, Innovation Leader for Life Church and developer of the YouVersion app. Come hear one of America’s foremost Christian Leaders share his passion about exploring new ideas and finding practical ways to implement them for the global Church.

Man Camp
This is unlike any retreat you’ve experienced because it’s not a retreat – its Man Camp! We’ll dive into God’s word over four sessions and enjoy fantastic food and fellowship. A horseshoe, pingpong and fishing tournament are available, as well as

hitting the links at Squaw Valley Golf Course and much more. Late night activities, disc golf, snacks, and the Man Cave are all up for grabs! All the activities will be held at Camp Arrowhead on March 15 - 17. You won’t want to miss it. Sign up today!

Lenten Lunches
Several congregations in the Big Spring area come together during the season of Lent providing a lunch and time of devotion each Wednesday leading up to Easter. Here is the schedule for this year: March 13 at Trinity Catholic - Speaker, Taylor Todd (First Presbyterian); March 20 at NazFamily Church (Bakers Chapel AME will be helping with the meal) - Speaker, Jon VanDop (VA Chaplain); March 27 at First Presbyterian - Speaker, Christian Rabone (St. Mary’s Episcopal); April 3 at First Baptist Church - Speaker, Richard Schneberger (NazFamily); April 10 at St. Mary’s Episcopal - Speaker, Rachel McKain (Salvation Army). Each of the lunches will begin at 12 p.m. and last one hour, allowing people to participate over their lunch break. This is a great opportunity to connect in Christ-centered community!

Community Egg Hunt
It is that time of year! Time to start collecting candy and stickers for our annual community wide Easter egg hunt that will be on Saturday, April 20. Let’s continue to love our community authentically through this great event.

NazFamily Summer Mission Trip
This summer the NazFamily will be taking a team to work with the Nazarene Boarder Initiative in Chihuahua, Mexico. We have several projects lined up with the ministry near the boarder in El Paso and in Mexico from August 4 - 11. More details will be coming soon. If you are interested in being a part of this team, let Howard Callendar or Pastor Richard know.

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What’s missing? U. R. Have you noticed someone missing lately? Take a moment this week to let them know that they are loved and missed.

College Baptist Church

God continues to allow us to be on the move at College Baptist Church with Him, and we would love to meet with you, as our visitors and friends, on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. The Send Group will be meeting Saturday at 8 to train to go out door-to-door to speak with people in our neighborhood about what Jesus has done to secure Heaven for us.

We have Bible study leaders for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, and at 10:45 our Worship team leads us in praise and inspiring hymns. Sunday morning, Bro. Ken is preaching through the Seven Churches of Revelation and will be leading us in a study of God’s word still relevant in these troubled times.

Afternoon G.A.s and R.A.s meet at 5.

Women’s Bible Study at 4:30, and at 6 p.m. we meet for our Sunday evening service. Wednesday, King’s Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all meet at 7 p.m.

We are also preparing for our Easter musical every Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

As a church, we are involved in many ministries that come together with those in Howard County to meet the needs of our community. Come celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call 432-267-7429 for more information about this great church.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday, the Lectionary Bi-

ble Study, led by Taylor Todd, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Buddy Cochrane is Lector for the month. Last week, ushers were Dave Wilson, Buddy Cochrane, Jake Patterson, and John Yater. Communion Servers were Lynn Glass, Danny Kennemur, Paschal Odom, and John Yater.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, this congregation will have a worship service with the imposition of ashes, at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

The ecumenical Lenten Luncheon series will begin on Wednesday, March 13 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with Rev. Taylor Todd, First Presbyterian, as speaker.

The lectionary passages for the first Sunday in Lent are Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91: 1-2. 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; and Luke 4:1-13. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit, “Spirit of the Living God,” by Daniel Iverson.

Please remember to set clocks forward one hour on Saturday night for the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Spring forward!

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what’s happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

First Baptist Church

"Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God!" Psalm 100:1-3

Become part of the family of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 as they “spring forward” in worship of The King of Kings and LORD of Lords, Jesus Christ! Music Minister, Alan Schantz, will lead worshippers in a blend of contemporary praise and worship songs and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series, "The Power of Prayer", and the morning message is titled, "Never Give Up". Drawn from Daniel 10:10-13, believers will soberly acknowledge that there is a spiritual conflict raging in the universe around us, a war between good and evil, and our only hope to stand strong is in the force of Christ's Spirit and the power of His might, while continuing with unwavering perseverance in prayer.

FBC now offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle.

If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at fcbigspring.org. (Click on “MORE” tab, then “SERMONS”).

Also, be sure to pick up one of the prayer/devotional booklets located in the north and west foyers; "The Easter Code" is a 40 day journey to the cross written by O.S. Hawkins.

At 9:30, Sunday school groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 5 p.m. in the chapel is the church-wide time of prayer; please come and

join other believers in this occasion of intimate communion with our LORD.

Evening worship service starts at 5:30, and is a wonderful way to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week.

Pastor Mark continues the series on The Beatitudes. Drawn from Matthew 5:7, listeners will focus on extending forgiveness to those who have hurt them, acknowledging Jesus' example of extravagant mercy afforded each believer by His sacrifice on the cross.

Sunday evening March 10, there will be no regularly scheduled children's activities.

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

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, youth group, and adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6 and join the fun! Wednesday March 13, there will be no youth or children's activities due to Spring Break.

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website, fcbigspring.org, or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Spring Creek Fellowship

Kid Connect/Gospel Project for Kids, March 10, 2019, The Bronze Snake, Numbers 20-21, God told His people to look at the bronze snake to be healed.

The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center.

Volunteer Opportunities:
• Funeral Meal Team
• Nursery
• Children’s Church
• Van Ministry
• “People Helping People” Ministry
• “Our Daily Bread” Food Pantry

“Our Daily Bread” Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. We are located in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located, and we are in the first spot on the left. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering with the “Blessing Box” ministry or the “Our Daily Bread Food Pantry” ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

All men are invited to the weekly Men’s Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita’s Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the mall.

There is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. This group is called “PUP”, which stands for “Picking Up Pieces”. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome! Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there! For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Reflections: Less judgment, more Jesus



BILL
TINSLEY

I came to know Sharon a long time ago. She worked for a printing company in Illinois that helped publish some of my books. She was great to work with, helping finalize the lay out and look for my books. She did such a good job that she was promoted to a higher position in the company. We have never met in person. After several years, she contacted me, knowing that I wrote Christian books. She was going through a difficult divorce, a painful end to a difficult marriage. She was filled with shame and guilt, and moving to the small town in Illinois where she worked. She wanted to find a church that might help her, but she was terrified of the condemnation and rejection she might find. I tried to encourage her and prayed for her.

She wandered by a local church, liked the looks of it from the outside, and sought a personal visit with the pastor to explain what she was going through. It took courage for her to do that. She was afraid, but she found acceptance and support, and started to attend.

With much weeping, she shared what she was going through with her new found friends in a Bible study class. After many she presented herself for membership in the church during worship service. She was surrounded by

believers who hugged her and welcomed her. The pastor asked her to say a few words. She told the congregation she was going through a difficult trial. She said, "Worldwide, the church is so good about making sure everyone knows John 3:16. That is a good thing, but we need to keep going because John 3:17 says 'For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.' The world has enough condemnation; it needs more Jesus."

Jesus maintained a high bar for marriage. "What God has joined together," He said, "let not man put asunder." But whenever he encountered people who were broken and wounded, he always responded with compassion and redemption. When a woman was caught in adultery and thrown at his feet, he challenged her accusers. "If any of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Convicted by their guilt, the crowd melted away. Turning to the woman, Jesus asked, "Does no one condemn you?" She replied, "No one, Lord." "Neither do I condemn you," Jesus said, "Go and sin no more." (John 8:3-11).

We need to do all we can to help every marriage survive and thrive. But divorce is a reality in our world. Most, if not all, of our families have been affected by it. We need to embrace and help those whose dreams have been shattered. Like Sharon said, the world needs less judgment and more Jesus.

Only one Mediator



TOM
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"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" 1 Timothy 2:5

That which makes us acceptable before God is our God. And Gods are always worshipped. If we believe that our good works make us acceptable before God, then our good works are our god. Church attendance, tithes, moral purity, faithfulness, baptism, sabbath keeping, diets...if we believe that God blesses us with His favor based on these things, they are our god because we have trusted in them. If we believe that our good works make us acceptable before God, we are not worshipping the true God, but our own good works.

However, if we have trusted Christ alone and His finished work to make us acceptable before God, then Christ is our God.

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is not willing to be one of our many Gods. He never plays second fiddle. Oh, we may not bow down to a literal idol made with hands as the heathens do, but if we add one single thing, one work or rule or religious tradition to the finished work of Christ, we have attributed value and power to something other than Him, and this is idolatry in its purest form. This is work-worship which in the end is self-worship.

There is one mediator between God and sinners, and that mediator is not our good works, but the man Christ Jesus and His finished work. He does not mediate on our behalf based on our good works, but on His own mercy, grace and love for us.

We must choose between our good works and Christ. Who and what have we believed? Have we believed our own good works or the finished work of Christ?

Who do you worship?

CHURCH

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Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy Worship! This ministry is for children ages K through 4th grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning!

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact Derrick Looney or the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a hands-on way or by donation, please contact the church office.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday
- 9:15-10:15 a.m. Sunday School/Connection Groups
 - 10:15-10:45 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.
 - 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Worship Service
 - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Children's Church
 - 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday
- 6 p.m. Pain Management Class-Room 4
 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday
- Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday
- 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples
- Saturday
- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Tex. Contact us at 432-714-4584, or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

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Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of The Living Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 2 p.m. Join BHDC in a spiritually enriching time of praising God and learning from His Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, in-

cluding Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, March 10th - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Monday, March 11th- Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. We will have a cookie exchange; bring three dozen homemade, Pinterest inspired, or store bought cookies, copy of recipe, and something to pack your bring-home cookies in. We will be gathering in the ARC from 6-8 p.m. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with sisters in Christ. Food and drinks will be provided. If you need more information, contact Debbie Reiger at 432-935-1257.

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April 19, 20 21st -Mark your calendars and join us as we gather:

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Day 2: Come on out on Saturday, April 20th for CCC's Spring Fellowship. We will have our brisket and baked good contest in the Academic Resource Center/A.R.C., as well as family fun games and sports competitions.

Day3: Closing out this amazing weekend, join us Sunday, April 21st at our 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Annual Resurrection Sunday Worship Service.

Van transportation- We have an active van ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride, please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions, please contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015 or email us at

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Big Spring center fielder Joshua Miramontes runs in to cut off a ground ball during the Steer's 13-3 run rule win over Lamesa during the West Texas March Classic on Thursday, March 7.



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Big Spring's Jason Miramontes slides across home plate for the winning run during the Steer's 13-3 run rule win over Lamesa during the West Texas March Classic on Thursday, March 7.

Steer' Powerlifters heading to Sundown for the Regional Meet



Courtesy photo/Chris McWilliams

Big Spring boys powerlifters pose before they hit the road to Sundown to compete in the Regional Powerlifting Meet this weekend. With two girls already medaling at their respective meet, the boys will look to continue Steer Nation's success this weekend as well.

Coahoma falls to Clyde, 4-12

Special to the Herald

CLYDE — The Coahoma Bulldogs couldn't overcome the hole left after an eight-run, first inning by the Clyde Bulldogs and lost their district opener 4-12 Wednesday.

Coahoma got on the scoreboard first when Gaige Hill singled on a ground ball to Clyde Bulldog pitcher Payton Laughlin and brought in Zack Schneider for the RBI in the first inning. However, Clyde's big bats powered out eight runs in the bottom of the first.

After the devastating inning, the Coahoma Bulldogs settled into defensive mode and kept Clyde to only four more runs over six innings.

Hill led at bat for Coahoma going

2-for-3 with two RBI and one run. Schneider was 1-for-3 and had a double for the game.

Isaac Murillo took the loss for Coahoma. He threw 85 pitches over three innings and got 51 strikes. Chris Castillo came in as relief. He threw 45 pitches and earned 31 strikes.

COAHOMA 4 , CLYDE 12

W — Payton Laughlin; L — Murillo; 2B — CHS — Zack Schneider; CLYDE — Kendal Morgan, Luke Chorn; SB — CLYDE — Dylan Neuman, Christian Deal, Laughlin.

Pitches-Strikes: CHS — Murillo 85-51; Castillo 45-31; CLYDE — Payton Laughlin 62-40, Riley Rice 39-25, Jax Roam 12-17, Kendal Morgan 24-14.

Bulldogettes struggle offensively in loss to Clyde



Courtesy photo/Lyndell Moody

Cassie Grant throws across home plate for strike during the Coahoma Bulldogette/Clyde Lady Bulldog game held Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in Clyde.

Special to the Herald

CLYDE — The Coahoma Bulldogettes fell 1-11 to the Clyde Lady Bulldogs during a windy, freezing Wednesday evening.

Blustery weather and occasional foul balls landing on the field from the neighboring baseball game did not seem to faze the two powerhouse District 5 3-A softball teams as the players focused intently on earning their first district win.

The game started as a pitcher's duel between Coahoma's Cassie Grant and Clyde's Kaitlyn Turner with only one run in over the first three and half innings. Coahoma got the jump on the lead in the first inning after Caitlyn Corley grounded out to Lady Bulldog second baseman Jacie Roberts to bring in Madison Rodgers for the RBI.

In the second inning, Clyde was threatening to score with two runners on base, but C. Grant's strong arm struck out the next two batters and the third lined out to second baseman Alex Bailey.

It wasn't until the fourth inning that Clyde overcame the staunch Coahoma defense knocking in two runs and then broke open the game bringing in nine runs over the next two innings.

C. Grant took the loss for the Bulldogettes. She threw 113 pitches and earned 65 strikes over five and two-thirds innings. Corley led Coahoma at bat. She went 1-for-3 with one RBI.

Next: The Bulldogettes face Lubbock Estacado at home Friday. Game time is 5 p.m. for varsity with JV to follow.

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W — Kaitlyn Turner, L — Cassie Grant. 2B — CLYDE — Brooke Widner; SB — CLYDE — Payton Lee 2, Jacie Roberts, Widner, Sydnee Leverich, Haven Williams, Kaelyn Miller.

Pitches-Strikes: CHS — C. Grant 113-65; Janeway 14-9; CLYDE — Turner 78-63.



Courtesy photo/Lyndell Moody

Taylor Barnes, No. 13, tries to tag a Clyde Bulldog out at first base during the Coahoma/Clyde baseball game held Wednesday, March 6, in Clyde.

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Annie's Mailbox

When Hygiene Goes by the Wayside

Dear Annie: I am a member of a small Midwestern church and in the choir. There are about 10 of us, and we all have a good time together. The problem is the organist and choir director, who has held these positions for nearly 50 years. As she is getting older, she is neglecting to either shower or change her clothes, which I can often smell in our small practice room.

She also is losing her hearing and doesn't hear us when we ask questions about the music during practice. Thus, she drowns us out when playing on Sunday or when made angry. I believe that our

pastor is afraid to say anything to her, and I don't believe that any other choir members will say anything, either. She can take offense easily. Any suggestions? Sadly, I don't believe she reads a newspaper, so she won't see herself here.
-- Afraid to Offend

Dear Afraid to Offend: Sometimes, having a direct and honest conversation is the best way not to offend someone in the long run. It may hurt her feelings for a minute, but having other choir members and the pastor talk about her behind her back is much more hurtful. If you decide to be the brave lion out of the group, make sure you come from a loving and caring place and

not a judgmental one. Speak with her in private about your concerns. Begin the conversation by asking her whether anything different has been going on in her life before you dive right into the subject matter of the stench. My hunch is that there has been a change in her life. Sometimes depression, loneliness or other forms of mental illness can lead to not bathing and bad hygiene. If that is the case, it is important for her to get help and know she is supported and loved.

Dear Annie: I like my job except for one thing: The office has a toxic gossiping culture. I regularly hear my immediate boss saying unsavory things about

many of my co-workers to other members of middle management. The co-workers being gossiped about are people I respect and enjoy working with. These members of middle management know that I can hear the terrible things they're saying. Though they may be talking in the next room, they've often looked over to me to "include" me in the conversation. This has put me in a really awkward position. I have no desire to join in their bad-mouthing. And frankly, I think it's unprofessional of them to be saying such things in the workplace -- especially in earshot of employees who are lower on the totem pole.

Half of me wants to tell my co-workers

that their bosses are talking badly about them behind their back. And the other half of me wants to tell these bosses that they should be addressing employees whose performance they're unsatisfied with. I mean, how are people supposed to improve their performance if they don't know what they're doing wrong? I don't like this culture, and I want no part in it -- but I want to keep this job. Help! -- Involuntary Confidante

Dear Confidante: You are very wise to ignore the gossiping. There is an old Turkish proverb that states, "Who gossips to you will gossip of you." You could try to turn the gossip back on the gossipers with a positive thing

to say about the person they are speaking about. Also, you should report this to upper management. Gossip is toxic, and I'm sure that if those in upper management knew about what is going on, they would want to put an end to it. Some companies have zero-tolerance gossip policies.

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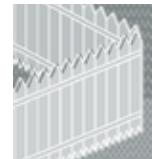
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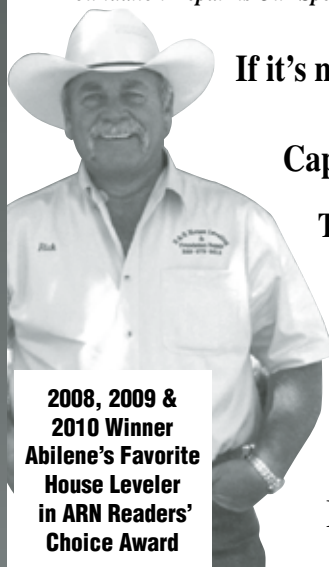
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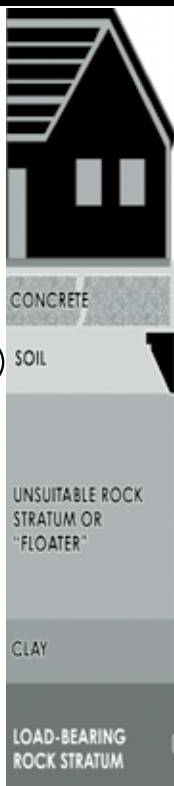
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Best Practices Under the Aries Moon

"Do your best," they say, but what does it mean? Aren't we always doing our best? We'll certainly try under this Aries moon, yet we'll still be limited to the extent of our awareness and skill. Peak performance is made possible by a myriad of fortunate factors not equally bestowed to all. "Your best" will include this realization, plus compassion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Counter-intuitive tactics will work wonders for you now. For instance, you may have to stop talking in order to get your message across. (And you can blame the Mercury retrograde for that one!)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will be hard to separate the thing itself and the way it's done, and maybe you shouldn't even try. The person with warmth and a pleasant attitude makes experience so sweet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just think of what you could learn from the champions of your field. Though they may not be readily available, the best they have to give

is out there somewhere, probably in book form. You'll be rewarded for taking initiative.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have dear friends that make simple things, like going to the supermarket, or watching a game, all the more fun. Your higher-maintenance friendships are valuable, too, in a different way. Both have a place in your weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've seen it time and again. Someone with a moderate amount of ability who works hard and smart will always win over a superior talent who doesn't apply herself. Share the lesson. Encourage and/or warn those who need it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Vary your mode of action. Be a moving target, but not just moving quickly forward, zig and zag unpredictably. You'll excite the crowd, and lose your competition all at once.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The bad part about being a celebrity is that the station arouses all sorts of exaggerated expectations that can never be met. So don't strive for that sort of

status. Play in low-key. Come up from the bottom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Luxuries are more of a risk, of course, than practical items. They may be worth a lot, but if you ever have to sell them, your pool of possible buyers will be much smaller than you'll have for affordable, practical goods.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The options may seem evenly matched in the "pros and cons" department. But don't you get the feeling that one will make for a much better story?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not frail, but there is frailty in you, just like there is frailty in all. Softer, weaker moments will be mixed in with the ones in which you show up powerfully.

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Vulnerability connects us.

your wealth and your delight. You'll be supported when you need it, when you ask for it, and in ways that do more than take you one step further. Also, your mind is especially keen going into this year. You've a Sherlock Holmes-like capacity for solving mysteries and life will give you fun ones to solve. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 10, 5, 30 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Your instinct is correct, though you may have the details wrong. A measured, thoughtful approach is best. **TAURUS:** With empathy, you'll trade mental spaces with the person you want to influence. **GEMINI:** Isn't it great when things turn out better than you thought they would? **CANCER:** People almost never turn out to be who you thought they'd be, but it mostly works in your favor. **LEO:** The opinion of family won't sway your romantic choices -- still, this is fascinating information. **VIRGO:** One commonality won't be enough to go on unless it's sort of an umbrella of a commonality that covers a lot of ground, such as a religion or political bent. **LIBRA:** Your loyalty will be

regarded as a cherished gift. **SCORPIO:** When people laugh at your jokes, you interpret that as love. Someone you meet has the same interpretation. **SAGITTARIUS:** A lull in the action doesn't necessarily signal a loss of attraction. **CAPRICORN:** You'll expand your collective horizons by dating in your own neighborhood. **AQUARIUS:** The help you'd prefer to give may not be the help that's needed. Do what's needed and your sacrifice will be a sign of a true heart. **PISCES:** Lighthearted entertainment, conversation and fun are the way to serious ties.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aries and Pisces are zodiac neighbors with wide borderlines between them. Couples of these signs sometimes have an expanse to close, such as an age or cultural gap or simply a long geographical distance. But this weekend, the space closes, they get close, and their understanding of one another reaches a level of profundity they hadn't known was there.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

Partner bids One Spade, next player passes, neither side vulnerable. What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ J83 ♥ 9654 ♦ 75 ♣ AKJ3
- ♠ Q953 ♥ AJ97 ♦ KQ8 ♣ 43
- ♠ KJ764 ♥ 73 ♦ QJ652 ♣ 6
- ♠ AQ75 ♥ AJ ♦ 43 ♣ KQJ82
- ♠ Q76 ♥ AQ3 ♦ KJ9 ♣ AJ94

1. Two spades. The possible bids over one spade are one notrump, two clubs or two spades. One notrump (not forcing) would suppress your spade support, and you don't have quite enough points to bid two clubs.

The most practical solution is to raise spades right away and let partner choose the next action. He will know you have six to 10 points, including trump support, and will be in good position to judge what, if anything, to do next.

2. Three spades. The jump-raise to three announces a game in the combined hands regardless of opener's actual strength. It is a forcing bid promising at least four trumps and 13 or more points in high cards and distribution. Those who play that a three-spade bid in this situation would promise only 11 or 12 points (a "limit raise") would have to make whatever forcing bid their methods called for with this type of hand.

3. Four spades. The triple raise

shows much less in high cards than the double raise, but more in the way of distribution. It is primarily a preemptive bid aimed at disrupting the opponents' bidding, and there is no assurance the contract will be made. Typically, if partner cannot make four spades, it will be found that the opponents can often make a game — and sometimes even a slam — in their own suit.

4. Three clubs. This hand has definite slam possibilities, and it is best to alert partner immediately to this fact via a jump-shift. You intend to support partner's spades at your next opportunity.

The jump-shift is seldom made with hands of less than 17 points, and also implies either a fit for opener's suit or a self-sufficient suit. It strongly suggests a potential slam but does not commit the partnership to reaching one.

5. Three notrump. A response of two notrump would show 13 to 15 points, balanced distribution and stoppers in the three unbid suits.

A response of three notrump sends the same message, except that the point count is 16 or 17. The distribution is almost invariably 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2. The jump to three notrump invites opener to move toward a slam if he has values that could produce a slam opposite this type of hand.

Tomorrow: A wide choice of plays.

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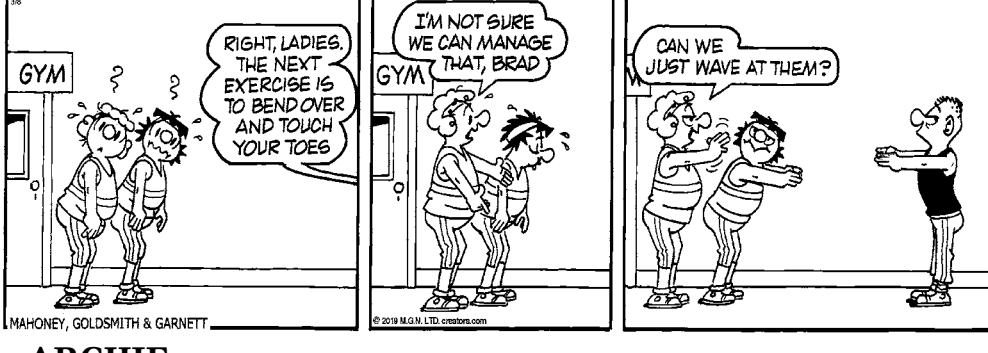
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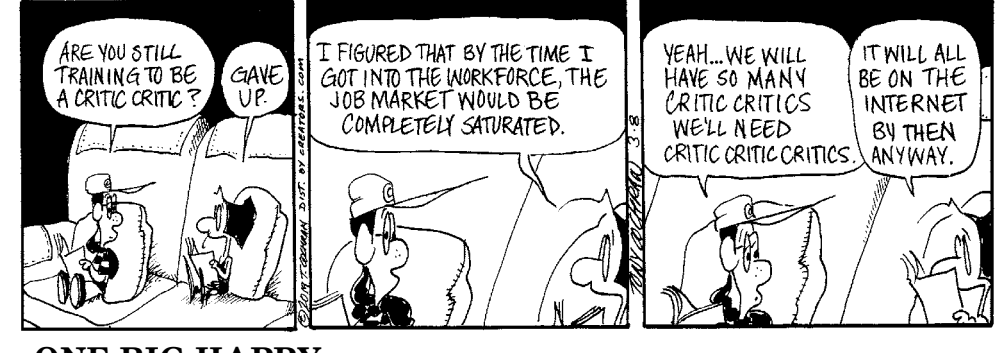


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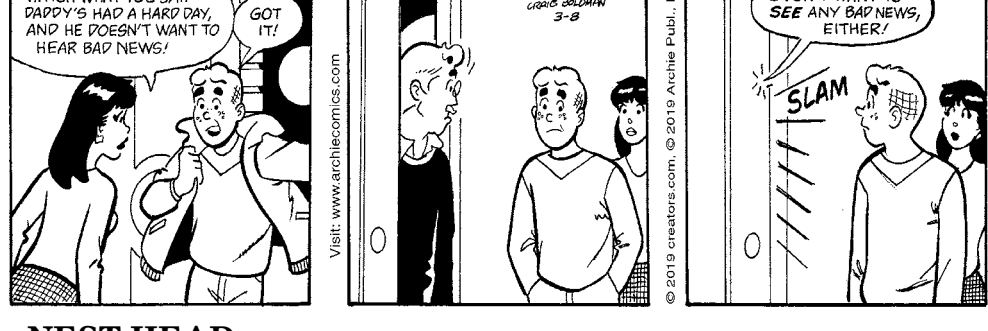
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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Friday, March 8, the 67th day of 2019. There are 298 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 8, 1702, England's Queen Anne acceded to the throne upon the death of King William III. On this date: In 1618, German astronomer Johannes Kepler devised his third law of planetary motion. In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese. In 1948, the Supreme Court, in McCollum v. Board of Education, struck down voluntary religious education classes in Champaign, Illinois, public schools, saying the program violated separation of church and state. In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang. In 1971, Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali by decision in what was billed as "The Fight of the Century" at Madison Square Garden in New York. Silent film comedian Harold Lloyd died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 77. In 1975, the first International Women's Day was celebrated. In 1979, technology firm Philips demonstrated a prototype compact disc player during a press conference in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. In 1983, in a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire." In 1988, 17 soldiers were killed when two Army helicopters from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, collided in mid-flight. In 1999, baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 84. In 2004, Abul Abbas, the Palestinian guerrilla leader who'd planned the hijacking of the Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) passenger ship, died while in U.S. custody in Baghdad,

Iraq; he was 56. Actor Robert Pastorelli was found dead in his Hollywood Hills, Calif., home; he was 49. In 2008, President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using simulated drowning and other coercive interrogation methods to gain information from suspected terrorists. Ten years ago: A pastor was gunned down during a Sunday sermon in a southwestern Illinois church; a judge later ruled the suspect in the shooting, Terry Sedlacek (SEHD'-lak), was mentally unfit to stand trial in the killing of the Rev. Fred Winters at the First Baptist Church of Maryville. A suicide bomber struck a police academy in Baghdad, killing at least 30. Country singer Hank Locklin, 91, died in Brewton, Ala. Five years ago: Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, a Boeing 777 with 239 people on board, vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, setting off a massive search. (To date, the fate of the jetliner and its occupants has yet to be determined.) One year ago: U.S. and South Korean officials said President Donald Trump had agreed to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jung Un by the end of May to negotiate an end to North Korea's nuclear weapons program. Despite Republican warnings of a trade war, Trump ordered steep new tariffs on steel and aluminum imports to the United States. Mississippi lawmakers passed one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation, making the procedure illegal in most cases after 15 weeks of pregnancy; a federal judge later struck down the law as unconstitutional. Serena Williams beat Zarina Diyas of Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-3, in the first round of a tournament in Indian Wells, California; it was Williams' first match following a 14-month layoff for the birth of her daughter.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician George Coleman is 84. Actress Sue Ane (correct) Langdon is 83. College Football Hall of Famer Pete Dawkins is 81. Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 80. Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 75. Actor-director Micky Dolenz (The Monkees) is 74. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 73. Pop

singer Peggy March is 71. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Rice is 66. Jazz musician Billy Childs is 62. Singer Gary Numan is 61. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 60. Actor Aidan Quinn is 60. Country musician Jimmy Dormire is 59. Actress Camryn Manheim is 58. Actor Leon (no last name) is 56. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns)

is 51. Neo-soul singer Van Hunt is 49. Actress Andrea Parker is 49. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 46. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 43. Actress Laura Main is 42. Actor James Van Der Beek is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kameelah Williams (702) is 41. Actor Nick Zano is 41. Rock singer Tom Chaplin (Keane) is 40. Rock musician Andy Ross (OK

Go) is 40. Actress Jessica Collins is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kristinia (kris-teh-NEE'-ah) DeBarge is 29. Thought for Today: "There are things known and there are things unknown, and in between are the doors of perception." — Aldous Huxley, English author (1894-1963).

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Where JFK is 4 Extremities of Sagittarius 9 Picasso hat 14 Half of an awe-filled pair 15 Snapdragon support 16 Tenderness, in music 17 A full day 20 Muppet redhead 21 Ali of boxing 22 Dormancy 23 Malicious look 25 Heavenly strings 27 Outmoded modem 34 Immediate occasions 35 Resonated 36 Bulldog supporter 37 Regatta maneuver 38 Rim 39 Sounds at MacDonald's 40 RN station 41 Sci-fi staples 43 Literary trio's surname 45 Scanning spot 48 Compulsions 49 Port of Yemen 50 Switch designations 53 Part of a Chaplin costume 55 Rim 59 Gauquin contemporary 62 Bygone 63 Hires a ride, perhaps 64 Half of an awe-filled pair

- 65 No longer in 66 Meal for marathoners 67 Dude DOWN 1 Observe carefully 2 Cat cry 3 Thatcher's undergrad major 4 "Ultimate" ending 5 Engraving tools 6 Exotic vacation 7 The Time Machine race 8 Accessory for rabbis and popes 9 Dickensian disapproval 10 "Sad" modern music 11 Libertine guy 12 Bungles 13 Measuring device 18 "That didn't work" 19 Silk substitute 24 Jargon ender 26 Persian product 27 Ludicrous 28 Job in baseball or football 29 At the right time 30 Former Florida governor 31 Inclined, in London 32 Make very proud 33 Person awakening 38 Bungles 39 Spring parade wear 41 Small strings 42 Melted, in cookery 43 Tats 44 Cry over 46 Repetitive patterns 47 Television hookups 50 Seated on 51 Picnic beverage 52 Fizzlers 54 Big name in country music 56 Short on spirit 57 Paraphernalia 58 Repeat verbatim 60 Amalgamated 61 NBC sister channel

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m., and our 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, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Lenten Services, called "A Lent to Remember", are every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. through April 10. We will have a soup supper at 6 p.m.

Please come and join us for the meal and the service.

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

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

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday March 10, Pastor Derrell Patterson continues a sermon series on The Seven Deadly Sins and The Seven Virtues. Sunday's sermon is "Envy" from Galatians 5:16-17. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station

KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study will not meet for the next five weeks in order to allow members to attend the Lenten Lunches held at a different church each week. On Wednesday March 13 the Community Lenten Lunch will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at noon. Rev. Taylor Todd, pastor of First Presbyterian Church will speak.

The Wednesday noon Financial Peace University Class will gather at 1 p.m. in the Open Door Class Room for the next three Wednesdays to complete the nine-week study. Dave Ramsey's FPU has changed the lives of many families as they find freedom from debt and learn how to handle money God's way.

The church is in the sixth week of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University for the entire congregation. Several classes are offered on different days of the week to accommodate as many people's schedules as possible.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions include something for almost every-

one. The children's choir and women's Bible study meet at 6 p.m. Youth and Choir Rehearsal and Celebrate Recovery are also at 6:00 PM. Another Financial Peace University Class meets at 6:30 PM. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7:00 PM.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Other events on the church calendar include:

*Daylight Savings Time begins, March 10.

*United Methodist Women have a lunch and study at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12.

*Emmaus Community Gathering/Worship is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

*Confirmation Classes for youth begin with a Confirmation Retreat March 29-31.

*Fifth Sunday Service on March 31, when there will be only one Worship Service at 11 a.m.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT: Cross on public land doesn't push religion

Amarillo Globe-News

The Supreme Court heard arguments last week that may lead to a more distinct line in the separation between church and state — or it may only narrow a certain aspect of that line. The indication, from an Associated Press story last week, is the court is averse to issuing a sweeping ruling.

Which may be a good thing, considering the justices are weighing whether a 40-foot cross on public land in Maryland that commemorates soldiers killed in World War I is unconstitutional. The decision could have broad implications regarding religious symbols in public life. However, Associate Justice Elena Kagan said the cross is historically linked with those who lost their lives fighting in the first World War, a factor that could lead to a more limited ruling.

"When you go into a World War I battlefield, there are Stars of David there, but because those battlefields were just rows and rows and rows of crosses, the cross became, in people's minds, the pre-eminent symbol of how to memorialize World War I dead," she told The AP. "So why in a case like this can we not say essentially the religious content has been stripped of this monument."

The local American Legion chapter raised funds for and had the so-called Peace Cross built to honor World War I veterans from Maryland who fought and died in battle. The monument, which is now nearly 100 years old, is maintained by the state of Maryland.

The case pits the American Legion against the American Humanist Association, a District of Columbia-based group that argues the location of the

cross on public land violates the First Amendment's establishment clause that prohibits the government from favoring one religion over others, according to the AP report. They said the cross should be moved to private land or redesigned into a non-religious monument.

The American Legion argues the cross has a secular purpose and therefore doesn't violate the establishment clause. The concern among those defending the cross is the ruling could impact hundreds of memorials across the country because crosses are often used to commemorate soldiers who have died. The Humanist Association addressed the concerns of one justice by saying only between 10 and 20 crosses fall into the same category as the Maryland cross, meaning large ones on public lands where it isn't part of a memorial or similar setting such as a cemetery, the AP reported.

The high court has visited this territory before. In 2005, the Supreme Court ruled that it was constitutional for the Ten Commandments to be displayed on the Texas state capitol, according to an AP story. The court was divided on the issue, but landed on the side of saying the Ten Commandments were indeed religious but also historically important.

There is no doubt the cross has religious significance, especially for practitioners of the Christian faith. However, it has also been used throughout the years to memorialize the dead in connection to military service, regardless of their religious affiliation (or lack thereof).

Because of this historical significance through the years, the court must see this particular case as not crossing the boundary of the establishment clause and rule to keep the Peace Cross and other crosses like it in their places, looking over and memorializing those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

And Smell the What?



LILLIAN BOHANNAN

When I was much smaller than I am now, I ran as a toddler as fast as I could run. When I turned three, I started running into tables instead of under them. Mother finally realized I couldn't see well, so she took me to the eye doctor. I was fitted for glasses, and for the first time I could see well. Mother said when we came out of the doctor's office that I looked at the flower box outside the door and excitedly asked, "Mommy, what are those pretty things?"

She almost cried when she told me they were flowers. I was so enamored with them that I could hardly tear myself away from their beauty. I had never seen flowers before I got my glasses. I still like them to this day; the flowers, not the glasses.

There was a king in the Old Testament who was sick and called on the idols he worshipped to heal him. God was angry because the king looked to the idols instead of God, the Healer.

Now, since I am much older, and my eyes are much worse, it's hard to go to eye doctors and have them tell me

I might have trouble doing eye exams any more. It's hard to go to a hearing doctor and be told I may have a hard time without hearing aids. It's hard to be told I'm old and wearing out, but that's our lot in life.

However, I'm so glad there is a 'however' for this life. Even though I'm getting up there in years, I can still smell those flowers. I can still taste the good food God always provides. I can still feel the gentle breeze of His touch. I can still feel the warm love of friends and family. Gratitude is an attitude of taking every minute to smell the life all around us.

When we, as God's children, get to Heaven, the sights, sounds and smells of the beauty will be like a surround-sound movie in living colors of the rainbow from His throne. It's hard in this world to wait for that day. I know it will be like not being able to see and coming out of the eye doctor's office to a world brand new to our eternity.

Have you had your eyes checked lately? The sights we will behold are found throughout God's word. We will see water clear as crystal, trees filled with fruit for every season, flowers of every color in this life for ever more. There will be no end of the beauty of Heaven. If you are not ready, Jesus can and will show you the way. Ask Him.

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Thunder get wild 129-121 OT victory over the Trail Blazers

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Despite something of a strange ending to regulation, the Oklahoma City Thunder toughed it out in overtime.

Russell Westbrook had 37 points and Paul George added 32 points and 14 rebounds for the Thunder in a chippy 129-121 OT win over the Portland Trail Blazers on Thursday night.

The victory gave the Thunder a four-game series sweep of the Blazers this season.

"We were resilient tonight and we did a good job of staying together," Westbrook said. "This is a tough place to play, as we know. We had to do the right things down the stretch to win. That's what we did tonight."

Damian Lillard had a season-high 51 points for the Blazers, while Jusuf Nurkic added 13 points and 17 rebounds before he was sent off with his second technical with under a minute to go in regulation.

The teams had gone into the game knotted for third in the Western Conference — along with the Houston Rockets — with identical 39-25 records.

"Every time we've played them over the years, it's pretty much been a war — physical, close games, chippy," Lillard said. "This one was no different."

Westbrook's 3-pointer in overtime put the Thunder up 118-117 and he made a pair of free throws to extend the lead. After George made the second of a pair of free throws, Westbrook's layup gave Oklahoma City a 123-117 lead.

The Thunder led by a slim 85-83 margin going into the fourth quarter in a game where neither side stretched the advantage to double digits.

Regulation ended with a wild final minute.



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, right, drives Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Thursday, March 7, 2019.

George appeared to elbow Nurkic, who was knocked to the floor as Terrence Ferguson made a layup that put the Thunder up 113-111. Portland players protested, but no call was made.

Words were then exchanged between Nurkic and George in a skirmish under Portland's basket. After a review both received offsetting technicals, and a foul was called on the Thunder. Because Nurkic already had a technical, he was ejected and the Thunder chose Blazers reserve Skal Labissiere to make the free throws. He missed both, but a loose-ball foul was called on the Thunder and Al-Farouq Aminu made both shots to tie it at 113 with 2.9 seconds left.

After a turnover by the Thunder, the game went to overtime. But Portland was without Nurkic for the rest of the way.

"It was a hell of a game," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "It went back and forth, both teams were going at

it, physical game. The difference was overtime. It was a hell of a game."

Thunder coach Billy Donovan lamented the overtime, coming on the front end of a back-to-back. Oklahoma City visits the Clippers on Friday night.

"The fact that the game got prolonged was strange in itself," he said. "But that's the reality of it, we've got a quick turnaround."

Following the game, official Ed Malloy told a pool reporter that the apparent elbow did not trigger a replay because no call was made. He also said the offsetting technicals were the result of physical contact between Nurkic and George, "which is an unsportsmanlike act."

The Blazers were home after a largely successful seven-game, post-All-Star break road trip, during which they went 5-2. But Portland was coming off a 120-111 loss at Memphis on Tuesday night.

The Thunder had lost five of their

previous six games, including a 131-120 loss at the Timberwolves on Tuesday.

In the second quarter, Westbrook shoulder checked Nurkic so hard he fell to the court. Westbrook got a flagrant, but Nurkic was given a technical for what looked like a trip a few moments earlier.

"I may have tripped him, but I didn't do it on purpose," Nurkic said afterward.

The Blazers led 61-58 at the break, with Lillard leading the way with 21 points.

TIP INS

Thunder: It was the first night of a back-to-back for the Thunder, who face the Clippers on Friday night. ... Paul George was the West's Player of the Month for February.

Trail Blazers: Portland's 5-2 road trip matched its best for a trip of that length since

the 2000-01 season. ... Terry Stotts was the West's Coach of the Month for February. ... It was Blazers forward Jake Layman's 25th birthday. ... The Blazers were without Evan Turner because of personal reasons.

PLAYOFF PREVIEW? Asked afterward if he'd like to see the Thunder in the playoffs despite the bad blood, Nurkic replied: "For sure. I'd be the happiest man on Earth. Because that's what you want, you want to compete, nothing dirty but you want to compete in those types of games."

KANTER'S HOME DEBUT: It was the first chance for the home fans to see Enes Kanter, who the Blazers picked up after he was waived by the Knicks following the trade deadline. He was once a starter in New York, but fell out of the rotation when the team turned its focus to younger players. Kanter came into Thursday's game to a rousing ovation with 3:56 to go in the first quarter.

AP photo

No. 3 UNC meets No. 4 Duke to close ACC regular-season slate

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RALEIGH, N.C. — A look at the upcoming week around the Atlantic Coast Conference:

GAME OF THE WEEKEND

No. 4 Duke at No. 3 North Carolina. The rematch of the fierce rivalry is the final game of the league schedule, this time in Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels (25-5, 15-2) can clinch at least a share of the ACC regular-season title with a win, along with their first regular-season sweep of the Blue Devils since the 2008-09 season. The Blue Devils (26-4, 14-3) have played four straight games without freshman star Zion Williamson due to a knee sprain suffered early in UNC's win at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Feb. 20. After Tuesday's narrow win against Wake Forest, coach Mike Krzyzewski said he didn't think Williamson would be ready to play against the Tar Heels but that he "would be surprised" if he wasn't

ready for the ACC Tournament.

LOOKING AHEAD

The ACC Tournament opens its five-day run in Charlotte on Tuesday with three games featuring the six lowest seeds. The championship game is March 16, the night before the NCAA Tournament's field of 68 is unveiled.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

North Carolina State's home loss to Georgia Tech on Wednesday night wounded the Wolfpack's NCAA Tournament resume. Now N.C. State could use a strong game or two from point guard Markell Johnson in Saturday's finale at Boston College as well as in Charlotte with the Wolfpack on the bubble. Johnson is averaging 11.5 points on the season but has upped that to 18.7 points over his last three games.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Second-ranked Virginia closes the regular season Saturday at home against Louisville, and a win will

give Tony Bennett's Cavaliers another No. 1 seed in the ACC Tournament. The Cavaliers (27-2, 15-2) have won the regular-season title outright in three of the past five seasons after doing so just once in its history before Bennett's arrival prior to the 2009-10 season. Virginia and UNC are tied atop the league, though the Cavaliers would own the No. 1 seed if both teams win Saturday by virtue of a tiebreaking win against the Tar Heels in February.

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE

The women's tournament is running this week in Greensboro, headlined by No. 3 Louisville and No. 4 Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish are the reigning national champions and the top seed, while the Cardinals are the reigning ACC Tournament champs after snapping the Irish's four-year title run in last season's championship game. The field also features No. 9 North Carolina State, No. 16 Miami, No. 18 Syracuse and No. 22 Florida State. The tournament wraps up with Sunday's championship game.

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