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#### Upcoming Events

#### **Saturday:**

Honoring Putt Choate Coahoma Board room 10 a.m.

> Trail Work Day State Park  $10 \ a.m.$

Symphony Guild Fundraiser/Luncheon 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church Scholarships will be presented during the event.

Pints for Polio - 7 p.m. at Courtyard Tickets still on sale

#### **Monday:**

Open House 4;30 p.m. Elections Office Those needing to register to vote are encouraged to attend.

#### **Reminder:**

Send in your photos for the Cutest Kid Contest by April 1. Send to cutekids@

bigspringherald.com

Vietnam Veterans Day! Take the time to say Thank You to a

Veteran

March 29

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# BSISD certifies unopposed candidates

CTE and Basketball district & state honorees recognized









HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Big Spring High School FCCLA and Skills USA competitors who earned District and State honors were recognized Thursday evening at the Big Spring ISD Board Meeting. Boys' and Girls' Basketball team members who earned District and State honors were also recognized; see Page 7 for pictures of the basketball players who were recognized.

#### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

At their meeting Thursday evening, the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees canceled elections for Districts 5 and 6 School Board seats, because those districts have only

a single unopposed candidate running. During the meeting, board members received notice that incumbents Chad Wash in District 5, and Manny Chavira in District 6, were running unopposed. In response, the board voted unanimously to cancel the elections for those districts, and to certify the unopposed candidates as trustees for another term

The only opposed race, that in District 7, will continue as planned, with incumbent Fabian Serrano facing two challengers: Ricky Shubert and Nadine Reyes. That election will occur along with other local entities' elections on May 4.

In other business, the trustees honored 12 students for state recognition in Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Skills USA; as well as 18 students for District and State All-Star and Academic All-Star boys' and girls' basketball team recognitions.

Trustees also:

· Approved updates to the Board of

Trustees Operating Manual;

- Approved extension of the district's contract with BBVA Bank as the depos itory bank for the Big Spring Indepen-
- dent School District; Approved BSISD's "District of Inno-
- vation" plan; · Approved the 2019-2020 school calen-
- dar for the district; Approved donations of four Memorial Trees to be planted near Blankenship Field.

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

# Veteran's Memorial Association working on building organizational roots

#### By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Memorials are a great way to remember those who made an impace in our lives. The Big Spring Northside Veteran's Memorial Association is working on making a new veteran's memorial come to fruition.

"The heart of service and sacrifice in Big Spring has deep roots, and it is the desire to honor that service that brought us together to try and make this idea a reality," Manny Sanchez

The group recently had their third meeting and evaluated the choices of non-profit status, as well as other issues needing to be resolved for them

to move forward with the project. Two new members did join the efforts at the meeting, bringing their organizing committee to nine members.

"We want the group to be more divergent in it's membership and desire to include veteran's of diverse ethnicity and gender. Presently, we would like to add 3 or more veteran's to the organizing committee,"Sanchez said. "Eventually we want to open membership and there won't be a cap on that number, base committee."

but we are still trying to establish our The original idea of the veteran's memorial came up in conversation after Veteran's Day last year. A small group of local residents shared the same vision of finding another way to honor Big Spring veterans and decided to join forces to see if the project would be fea-

"The idea originally started with wanting to pay honor and give recognition to Hispanic veterans - past and present- who have roots in Big Spring, but that ideas has grown to encompass all veterans of Howard County, Sanchez said. "all of our veterans deserve to be recognized for their sacrifice, whether they served in peace or war time."

The next step for the committee building the group to become a tax-exempt organization under the I.R.S.

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## **Obituaries**

#### Gayle (Mumsy) Bledsoe

Gayle (Mumsy) Bledsoe, 83, of Big Spring, Texas, died peacefully on March 17, 2019, in the caring and loving community at Park View Nursing Center. She was born June 30, 1935, in (Chap) and Callie Mae Reese.

Spur, Texas, the daughter of J.C. She spent her childhood in Spur and graduated from Spur High School. Gayle moved to Big Spring, Texas, in the summer of 1956. She

was the secretary of First United Methodist Church until 1972. She worked at T&P Railroad Credit Union and Cosden Credit Union until she moved to Dallas, Texas, in

General Foods Credit Union where she retired in the spring of 2000. Gayle moved back to Big Spring in 2001 to be close to her three daughters. Gayle loved her church and took great pride in

the summer of 1988. She went to work for Kraft

singing with the choir at First United Methodist Church. She was a wonderful alto, and her greatest joy was singing in the Christmas Cantata each Christmas.

#### Helen Hall Shive

Helen Hall Shive, 85, of San Antonio, formerly of Coahoma, died Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at her residence. Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 25, 2019 at Trinity Memorial Park. Memorial services will be 11:30 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-

• **GABRIEL GARZA**, 24, of 6107 N. Service Rd., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass. **ERIK ALEJANDRO** 

**FLORES,** 23, of 2622 Hunter Dr., was arrested on a warrant from another agency. • **KATHY PENA**, 37, of 1410 Di-

xie Ave., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of property/ building/vehicle/aircraft.

• BRADLEY ALAN DALTON, 28, of 1002 N. Main St., Apt. 26, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of property/build-

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this re-

 BRADLEY ALAN DALTON, 28, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for bailing jumping/failure

to appear, and criminal trespass. • TIMOTHY EDWIN FANCH-**ER**, 35, was arrested by BPSD on warrants for violating bond/ protective order, assault family

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Gayle is survived by her former husband and friend Wade Bledsoe; one brother Collin Reese from Abilene; and three daughters, Galynn Gamble and husband Terry of Big Spring, Jan Brady and husband Michael of Lewisville, Linda Hollingsworth of Abilene; and a daughter-in love Priscilla Enriquez of Big Spring. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and her dearest friend Dassa DeWoody from Garland, Tex.; two nieces, Debbie Reese Neighbors and Pat Cypert; and one nephew, Faron Reese.

A memorial service will be held at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at 2 p.m. The family wishes to thank all the caring staff at Hospice of West Texas and Parkview Nursing Cen-

Our sweet Mumsy leaves us rich in many loving memories!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Parkview Nursing and Rehab Activities Fund, 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, Texas 79720

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Survivors include two daughters, Suzanne Shive and Louise Haigler, both of San Antonio; two granddaughters, Sarah Beth Haigler and Laura Haigler; and a sister, Wanda Willis and husband, Fred of Lampasas.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Frances Atkinson.

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

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**ER**, 35, of 1603 E. 5th St., was arrested on warrants for assault family violence threat or offensive touch, violation of protective order, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

25, of 101 E. 245th St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone (less than two ounces).

• JUAN ALBERTO LOPEZ, 35, OF 500 N.W. 9th St., was arrested on a warrant for driving while

(one to four grams).

 MARCUS KYLE MAYES, 27, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for a parole violation and for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• KATHY PENA, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

 JULIAN RODRIGUEZ JR., 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone (less than

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• TIMOTHY EDWIN FANCH-

• JULIAN RODRIGUEZ, JR.,

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• JOHN ALBERT LOPEZ, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, and possession of a con-

# trolled substance penalty group 1

#### **MONDAY**

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

#### **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.

 Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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 AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation each Monday through April 1 at the Big Spring Senior Center at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income. Taxpayers need to bring a photo ID for the tax-

payer and/or spouse, Social Security cards for everyone on the tax return (Tax-Aide will not do a return without seeing the Social Security cards), last year's tax returns, and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2018. Free electronic filing will be available for faster refunds.

For more information contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533.

 Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

 Wildflower Ministries will have their next Foster Informational Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. This group meets at Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700. Have you ever considered fostering? Do you have questions? Wait no longer. Your opportunity is here. Come meet foster parents and a lisencing professional to learn about fostering in Howard County. Please enter through the Northwest door in the back of the building.

• 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.

 The Academy, an optional program available to all Coahoma ISD students in the first through fifth grade, is now accepting applications for current students grades first through fifth for the 2019-2020 academic vear.

The program is designed to develop academic skills while emphasizing student responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence. It is structured to create an environment that allows flexible scheduling, hands-on learning, incorporation of music and movement into academic lessons while holding students to high expectations of responsibility.

Applicants and their parents must undergo an interview and complete an orientation prior to the start of the program.

Forms can be filled out in the Coahoma Elementary School office, 400 Ramsey, Street, Coahoma. Applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Mar. 29, 2019.

Students who are already in the program will not have to re-apply.

 The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

 Big Spring and surrounding 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-



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 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.

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

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shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportuni-

ties 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.

Weather

A student discusses jobs with a representative of the United

States Department of Agriculture at the South West Collegiate

Institute for the Deaf Job Fair Wednesday. SWCID holds the Job

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**Today:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

**Tonight:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 77. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 48.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 75.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 68. Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with

a low around 46.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 74.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

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501-A Tax-Exemption code. According to Sanchez, two designations are being evaluated at this time – 501c3 and 501c19, which applies to veteran's specifically. "We are reaching out to the com-

in need of assistance in filing the ap-

propriate tax-exempt documents,"

munity for several reasons, to the legal community especially. We are

Sanchez said. In addition, he said the group wants to go ahead and start collecting names of veterans who have ties to Big Spring. The committee is asking families of veterans who have passed on to start sending names in and encourages all veterans to go ahead and

submit their information. In addition to the exemption status, the election of officers took place in order to have them in place when the paperwork is ready to be filed. The Officers elected were, Manuel Sanchez President, Abel Abundez Vice-President, Maggie Gonzales Secretary and Diane Ewing Treasurer with additional duties of assistant to the Secretary. Additionally, two other members were appointed to be co-signers of monies to be disbursed. They are Oscar Garciaand Raul Marquez.

"We are asking for everyone's help, "Sanchez said." "We are wanting to reach out and encourage veterans to come and join the efforts, but we are accepting everyone who has a military connection to join our efforts. These brave men and women

paid the ultimate sacrifice and they deserve to be honored. Being able to build this memorial would be a way to honor them and offers a chance for everyone who wants to be involved, be involved."

The meetings can be attended by veterans interested in getting involved. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24 at 2 p.m., at the YMCA. For those wanting to get involved, please call 432-202-8127 or email mannysanchez311@gmail.com

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

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# **Church News**

#### **Ladies Prayer Breakfast**

Dallas and College Street Church of Christ in Colorado City, and West Highway 80 Church of Christ in Big Spring, will be hosting for the Ladies Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, March 23, 2019. We will meet at the Colorado City Housing Authority located at 439 Oak St, Colorado City, Texas.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Our theme is, Iron Sharpens Iron, Proverbs

Hope to see you there. All ladies are welcome.

#### College Baptist Church

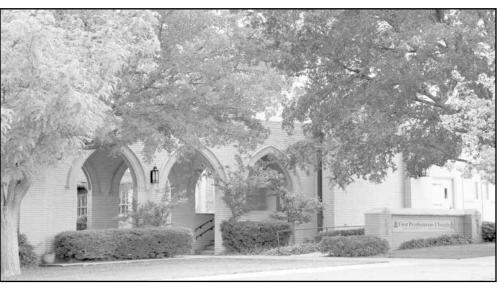
We worship the awesome God who sends rain, seedtime, and harvest. He continues to allow us to be on the move at College Baptist Church with Him, and we would love to meet with you, as our visitors and friends, on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

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 is at 4:30 on Sunday and 5:30 on Wednesday. Our service Sunday evening is at 6 p.m. 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.

This Sunday evening we will enjoy a free North American Cuisine with members providing dishes from recipes by our Missions Committee. We are celebrating our Annie Armstrong Missions offering goal. Come join the fun of tasting dishes from all over North America.

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

Wednesday, March 19, the second of the annual Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons for this year will be at First Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Jonathan Van Dop, Chaplain at the VA, as speaker. March 27, the Luncheon is to be at First Presbyterian Church, with Father Christian Rabone, St. Mary's Episcopal Church as speaker. April 3, First Baptist Church hosts the luncheon; Rev. Richard Schenberger, First Church of the Nazarene, speaker. The final luncheon is set for April 10 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Father Avenido of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, speaker. Everyone in the community is invited to these Lenten Luncheons.

The Session met for the regular stated meeting on Thursday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the church library.

Saturday, March 30, at 8 a.m., the monthly prayer breakfast will be in Fel-

lowship Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to share the free breakfast. Sunday, March 31, after worship, Rev. Todd would like to meet with

dren and youth of the church and their parents, as well as anyone else who is interested in revitalizing the church's children and youth ministry. Pizza and drinks will be furnished for those who come. Ellen Austin is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector was Marj Car-

penter. Ushers were Buddy Cochrane, Ken Schaedel, Dave Wilson, and John The lectionary passages for the Third Sunday in Lent are Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm

63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; and Luke 13:1-9. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit "My Song Is Love Unknown," by John Ireland. The choir will present "All We Like Sheep,' arranged by Joseph M. Martin, as the offertory 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.

#### Spring Creek Fellowship

Please join us Sunday, March 31, immediately after services, to bid farewell and give a blessing for Derrick and Donna Sue Looney as they step out in faith on their new journey. We will celebrate with a meal and fellowship. Chicken will be provided. Please bring your favorite sides, salads and desserts. Youth is selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for camp and other activities.

Talk to any Youth member, parent or staff member. The "Love Is.." Marriage Conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 from

9-4:30. The cost is \$40. Dinner and a Date will follow that evening. Contact the office for more info.

VBS is happening June 9 through 11. About 30 volunteers are needed for each evening. Please sign up at the Information Desk or contact Lauren Bratcher. 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: Vacation Bible School

- 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 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 '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.

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 fourth 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 the church of-"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with

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

small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through

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 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-12 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

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, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www. springcreekfellowship.org.

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

#### **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 24th - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know

3 DAY Extravaganza April 19 through 21. Mark your calendars and join us as we gather:

Day 1: For our Good Friday Communion Worship Service Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Day 2: Come on out on Saturday, April 20 for CCC's Spring Fellowship. We will have our Sweets & Meats Cook-Off at Big Spring Comanche Trail Park in the Old Settlers Pavilion from 11-3. We will also have family fun games and sports competition everyone can participate in.

Day3: Closing out this amazing weekend with our Resurrection Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, April 21. We will ALL gather together for our One Church-One Service-One Celebration at 11 a.m.

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 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, or email us at info@ cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

#### **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

On Sunday, March 24, Pastor Derrell Patterson continues a sermon series on The Seven Deadly Sins and The Seven Virtues. Sunday's sermon is "Gluttony VS Abstinence" from Matthew 6:25-34. 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 four weeks in order to allow members to attend the Lenten Lunches held at a different church

each week. On Wednesday, March 27, the Community Lenten Lunch will be

held at First Presbyterian Church at noon. Rev. Christian Rabone, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, will speak.

#### CHURCH

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The Wednesday Noon Financial Peace University Class will gather at 1 p.m. in the Open Door Class Room for the final Wednesday to complete the nineweek 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 eighth 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 everyone. The Children's Choir and Women's Bible Study meet at 6 p.m. Youth, choir rehearsal and Celebrate Recovery are also at 6 p.m. Another Financial Peace University Class meets at 6:30 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7p.m.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hangups. 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 Other events on the church calendar include:

- Men's Walk To Emmaus Retreat, March 28-31.
- Confirmation Classes for youth which begins with a Confirmation Retreat
- Fifth Sunday Service on March 31, when there will be only one Worship Service at 11:00 AM.
- Palm Sunday on April 14.
- Easter Sunday on April 21.

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

#### First Baptist Church

"Great are the works of the LORD; they are studied by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever." Psalm 111:2-3

You're invited to become part of the family of First Baptist Church Sun-



day at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Worshippers will honor God in song as Music Minister Alan Schantz leads a mix of both contemporary and classic songs of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey begins a new sermon series leading up to Easter "The Word of The Cross", and each Sunday's message will focus on a different word describing the

final words of Jesus spoken from the cross. Titled "The Word of the Cross: Grace", this week's sermon is drawn from Luke 23:33-34, and listeners will soberly contemplate the truth that it is God's grace that bridges the gap from our sinful condition apart from Him, to being forgiven, and having a personal relationship with Him through faith in Jesus Christ. FBC now offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need as-

sistance 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 fbcbigspring.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. At 5:30 in the sanctuary, everyone's invited to enjoy a concert by the Senior Adult Choir from Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock. This will be a wonderful time of praising the LORD in song as a new week begins.

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!

See **CHURCH** continued on page 14

#### The Hard Stuff



"The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all." Psalms 34:18-19

I don't like it when life is hard. I don't like the hard stuff because it makes me feel alone. And I feel alone because, many times, I am tempted to think that I brought the hard stuff on myself. After all, I am a sinner and I know what I

But I have learned that the hard stuff in life is good because God is in control of it. And I know this because – the earth is the LORD'S,

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"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26 NIV) I didn't say it. Je-



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weather is warming up. We're in the midst of March madness and they are already talking about beginning baseball training season. I do believe that spring has sprung. Birds are singing. Grass is greening. Trees are budding. New life is coming. After a cold winter, we can begin to celebrate the new season.

Wednesday, March 20, was the first official day of spring. The

It is a time that reminds me that our God is full of life, energy and possibility. No matter how dark and cold the night might be, no matter how long it lasts, we know that morning will come. The Son will rise again and all darkness will be washed away in His light.

This week I dare you to believe in God's possibility for your life, your family, our community and this world. Hold on to the promises of His word. And keep planting the seeds of His love because at the proper time we will reap a harvest... if we don't give up! Get ready - God is on

*Reflections*: Digital Faith

I am a digital immigrant. I was born into a world of rotary dial telephones and slide rules, cash registers that resembled slot machines, schools without air conditioning, encyclopedias that occupied an entire shelf in the book case, and paper maps that unfolded to

fill the front seat of the car. I started my immigration to the digital world about 37 years ago when I walked into Toys R Us with sweaty palms and bought my first computer, a Commodore 64. It had 64k of memory and a floppy disk. You can still find Commodore 64s in a few attics,

basements and museums. My oldest son is also a digital immigrant, though he was only

eight years old when he started his digital journey. After he grew up, he started his own computer company and now works in Information Technology for an energy company. My grandchildren are digital natives. They were born into the

digital world and have never known anything else. My five-year-old granddaughter was scanning photos on an iPhone when she was one and has already mastered video games. She reads and watches children stories on her

I like the digital world. I would not want to go back. I live with my iPhone and PC. I can browse the web and check email anywhere in the world. I have conducted business and managed my bank accounts from Nuremberg and Tel Aviv. I stay in touch with friends in South Africa, Indonesia and South Korea. I can go anywhere with my GPS. I felt a little sacrilegious when I started reading my Bible on my iPhone and my Kindle. It seemed like it wasn't really a Bible if I couldn't flip the pages and smell the ink. I had to remind myself that the first Scriptures were hand written on scrolls and that books came centu-

But there are dangers in the digital world that did not exist before.

The world of virtual reality can undermine relationships in the real world robbing us of time, energy and emotional maturity. The new world of social networking can foster affairs with remote "lovers" who carry none of the dayto-day difficulties that come with marriage. More than one career has been destroyed by inappropriate posts on Facebook and Twitter. Pornography is at your fingertips.

The book, "Digital Invasion", quotes one youth pastor, "I see young people losing the interpersonal skills it takes to function in relationships, in a family and in the church." It is not unusual to see several people sitting at a table, each focused on their smart phone, none of them speaking to one another.

Craig Detweiler writes in his book, "iGods", "The iMac begat the iPhone and the iPad, and each one starts with me - or rather "i." They enhance our ability to connect and to serve, but they can also create an inflated sense of self, believing the entire world revolves around 'me.' In an age of status updates, personalized shopping, and lists of followers, we are experiencing the rush of becoming iGods of our own making." All this sounds strangely like the first temptation, "When you eat of it you will be like God." (Genesis 3:5).

The digital world brings digital pitfalls and temptations as well as opportunities. Our challenge is to incorporate the timeless and eternal truths that never change into our digital world, a digital faith that connects us with God and with one another. The greatest commandment remains, "Love God with all your heart, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself."

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

and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. When life is hard, we learn that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

When life is dark, God's mercies are new every morning.

So, what do we do when the darkness envelopes our minds and emotions? We press on regardless, by the power of God's unconditional love. We keep trusting Him.

We abide in Christ who is the end of the Law for our righteousness. We dwell on the fact that Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, and that He ever lives to make intersession for us.

We may bend in the face of guilt or shame, but we don't break because we know that we have been made the righteousness of God in Christ. And because we are forgiven for Christ's sake, the LORD delivers us out of our many

Embrace the hard stuff and you will be surprised to see Jesus standing somewhere in the shadows.

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## Steers Golf team takes second in Sweetwater Invitational



The Steer' Golf team, (left to right) Gabe Cate, Phillip Lopez, Luke Thibeault, Carlos ver medal individually, and his low score Garcia, and Alex Leuschner came in second place at the Sweetwater Invitational tour-helped the Steers take second place as a nament this week. District play will begin on next Monday at the Big Spring Country team as well in the Sweetwater Invitational Club.



Courtesy photo/Stacey Rodriguez

Courtesy photo/Stacey Rodriguez Phillip Lopez shot a 79 to bring home a siltournament this week.

# Steers and Lady Steers basketball players recognized by the school board for their accomplishments





Members of the Big Spring High School boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams were recognized at the Big Spring ISD School Board meeting Thursday evening. Individual members of the teams earned spots on various All-Star teams throughout the region, including the All-District All-Star and academic teams and many others. Congratulations, BSHS basketball players!

## Bluegrass romp: Kentucky blows out Abilene 79-44 at NCAAs

By PAUL NEWBERRY AP National Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Kentucky could afford to be down a man against NCAA Tournament newcomer Abilene Christian.

Going forward, the Wildcats are surely going to need that guy who was zipping around the arena on a scooter, most of his lower left leg covered by a hard cast.

With PJ Washington sidelined by a sprained foot, second-seeded Kentucky still romped past the small Texas school 79-44 on Thursday night — a huge mismatch that was over by halftime.

The Wildcats shot 60 percent in the opening period, held No. 15 seed Abilene Christian to 5 of 26 from the field, and went to the locker room with a 39-13 lead. They led by as many as 36.

Washington, who sprained the foot in the Southeastern Conference Tournament, is Kentucky's leading scorer and rebounder. Still, the Wildcats had far too many weapons for the Southland Conference representative.

Keldon Johnson scored 25 points, Reid Travis added 18 and Tyler Herro chipped in with 14.

"We got out of the gate really guarding and blocking shots and shot a high percentage," coach John Cali-

Kentucky advanced to the second round of the Midwest Regional on Saturday to face Wofford and standout shooter Fletcher Magee, who hit seven 3-pointers in an 84-68 victory over Seton Hall in the final game of a long day in Jacksonville.

The big question: Will Washington be able to go?

Not likely.

"If they take (the cast) off tomorrow to check him, he might be able to play," Calipari said. "If they don't, he won't play Saturday. Then, they would probably take it off Tuesday or Wednesday," giving Washington a chance to play if the Wildcats ad-



Abilene Christian's Jaren Lewis (1) moves between Kentucky's Kentucky outrebounded Abilene Keldon Johnson, left, and Nick Richards (4) during the first half of a Christian by a whopping 44-17 mar- first-round game in the NCAA men's college basketball tournament in Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday, March 21.

> vance to the second weekend. Calipari isn't looking ahead that far.

Wofford presents enough of a chal-"If PJ doesn't play, we'll have work

to do," the coach said.

Calipari stressed that Washington's injury was only a sprain, not a fracture. But the 6-foot-8 sophomore certainly didn't look close to returning as he watched from the bench, only standing during timeouts and making sure not to move around too much. He had the scooter parked nearby, using it to get between the locker room and the court.

"He had the option of the boot or the cast," Calipari said. "They said a cast would spend up the healing, so I said

put the cast on."

Kentucky could certainly afford to be cautious in its tournament opener. Abilene Christian is also known as the Wildcats, but that was about the only thing these teams have in com-

The striking disparity — one of the nation's most storied programs vs. a small Texas school not far removed from playing in Division II — was best epitomized by the point guards. Kentucky started Ashton Hagans, a 6-foot-3 freshman who was one of the nation's top recruits. Abilene Christian countered with 5-7 freshman Damien Daniels, who missed all five

of his shots. The biggest scare for Kentucky

came with just under 2 minutes re-

maining when Nick Richards went

down hard after getting his legs cut out from under him going for a rebound. After pounding the court several times in pain, he was able to get up, shoot a pair of free throws

and finish the game. "If we get another guy hurt, our staff is going to have to start play-

ing." Calipari said. HANGING BY A THREAD

Abilene Christian coach Joe Golding stuck with his only suit, even though the pants were ripped from

a celebration on Selection Sunday. He kept on his jacket throughout the game, just to make sure the hole

was covered. Now, it's time to get a new suit.

"The suit is done," Golding said. "It wasn't very good luck tonight, man, but it's been a heck of a run with it."

The torn suit gained such notoriety that someone started a GoFund-Me page for a new set of duds.

Golding said that money will be donated to a worthy cause. He might even put the ripped pants up for auc-

"We'll have a little bit of fun and hopefully we can raise some money for a charity or something," he said.

BIG PICTURE

Abilene Christian: It didn't take long to figure out this team simply wasn't in the same class as Kentucky. Jaren Lewis led the JV Wildcats with 17 points, the only player in double figures.

Kentucky: It's hard to get much of a gauge on Calipari's team with Washington sitting out and the opponent providing little more than a glorified scrimmage. The next game will surely be a much tougher challenge.

UP NEXT

Abilene Christian: Returns to Texas with a lifetime of memories and facing the challenge of replacing three senior starters. "It stings losing like that," said Lewis, one of those seniors, "but it was a great experience, probably something we'll never forget."

Kentucky: Wofford's victory means the Wildcats won't get a rematch with Seton Hall, which handed them one of their two non-conference losses. Duke was the other.

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City of Big Spring, 1607 E 11th PI, E/125.5 of Lt 4, Bk 2, Belvue Addition is requesting a variance to the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Section 4-3, Appendix (C) which regulates the side yard setback as five feet (5') for Single Family Dwelling (SF-2). The applicant is requesting a five-foot (5') encroachment into the required side yard setback, resulting in a side yard setback of zero feet (0'), for a side yard carport.

April Martinez, 3226 Drexel, Lt 24, Bk 26, College Park is requesting a variance to the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Section 4-1, Appendix (C) and Article 4, Section 4-6, Appendix (A) and (E) which regulates the front yard setback as twentyfive feet (25') for Single Family Dwelling (SF-2). The applicant is requesting a fourfoot (4') encroachment into the required front yard setback, resulting in a front yard setback of twenty-one feet (21'), for a front yard carport.

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Dear Saddened:

I'm not sure you have

ers. -- Saddened

bringing her some flow-

much to be sad about. Congratulations on your grandson and the fact that your son and daughter-in-law want to have family dinner with you every Sunday night. That is lovely. Grandparents and family dinners are such a gift. And you said that they come with joy. Wow, that is amazing! As far as their bringing something or taking you out to dinner goes, you should have an honest conversation with your son about it and suggest that you go over to his house next week. But if he hesitates, he must have his reasons, and you should accept that. Above all else, you don't want to upset your happy Sunday family dinners.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Disappointed In-Law." Even though I love my children, including their spouses, and grandchildren more than anything in the world, I may be that in-law who doesn't ask them questions. I used to ask questions

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#### Dear Trying: I

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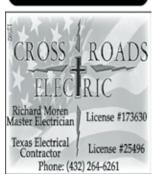
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start on the right track

find yourself much fur-

is why it's so important

to look at the map, ask

questions, check and

orient yourself early in

ARIES (March

**21-April 19).** Don't wor-

ry; you're good at being

even a question. There

are certain things you

don't need to question

and this is one of them.

TAURUS (April 20-

May 20). Maybe you ha-

ven't been able to exact-

ly control your thoughts

(Some thoughts can be

incredibly addictive and

harder to wrangle than

wild beasts.) But if you

loud, that's a start.

June 21). Too much

attention on anything

will change its state, so

the main thing is to be

careful what you place

attention on. Attention

can either make a good

control what you say out

GEMINI (May 21-

on a certain matter.

a person. This is not

the process.

Move along.

or the wrong track, you'll

ther down the road. This

thing out of a bad thing

of a good thing.

or make a bad thing out

**CANCER** (June

22-July 22). You've felt

more ready to take on

the world. But this isn't

so bad - this part where

fragility. There's so much

LEO (July 23-Aug.

22). Gravitation involves

"down" are somewhat in-

terchangeable. So don't

where you are right now.

It's (SET ITAL)that(END

ITAL) you are, not (SET

ITAL)where(END ITAL)

you are, that matters.

VIRGO (Aug.

**23-Sept. 22).** Your life

hypnotizes you. There's

a pattern, and it lulls you

into a rhythm. Then that

rhythm brings a frame

of mind that allows for

spring forth. This is the

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Oct. 23). You put all your

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self better and it works;

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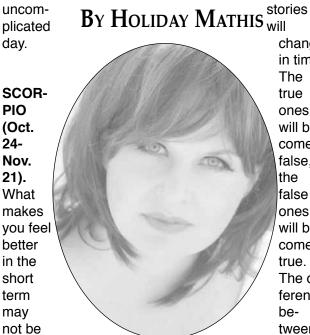
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for your long-term plan. Today, you are better off serving your long-term plan rather exclusively.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you can provide a framework in which people can use their talents, then this is doing something amazing that will have repercussions beyond what you could ever imagine.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. **22-Jan. 19).** To express yourself in a way that is better than the last time. that is unique, that lands on the ear and heart of your audience in a certain way is an expression of genius.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). All of the

change

in time. The true ones will become false, the false ones will become true. The difference between history

and mythology is not a difference of content, but years.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The middle is a good place to be today; you're protected at either side, so long as no one crowds in or gets too close. You'll learn what's happening for the majority.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (March 22). People love you for reasons unreasonable, mysterious and obvious. People love you for you and who you'll be and who you were once. Love is subjective, also beyond the rules of subjectivity and objectivity. Mostly, this year, you'll enjoy so much love you won't

even remember a time you were without it. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 11, 40 and 17.

**WEEKEND LOVE** 

FORECAST: ARIES: You don't want to have to check in with anyone. You want to do your own thing in your own time. TAURUS: You want to contact that certain person, so just do it and see what happens. GEMI-NI: Someone new has caught your attention, and it's because you're interested in different things than you used to be. CANCER: It's a new season and a time to change up your routines. Be deliberate in this. LEO: Sometimes the last one to know is the first who should know. VIRGO: Your best-kept secrets make for fun stories but only when the timing is right. LIBRA: Your style is changing. It's not because you're different from the way you used to be; it's because you're the same and you want people to understand who that is. SCORPIO: So what if this project is more than you thought it would be? It's still doable. Go for it. SAGITTARIUS: Here's a good rule: Only give your feelings and attention to people who are available and able to re-

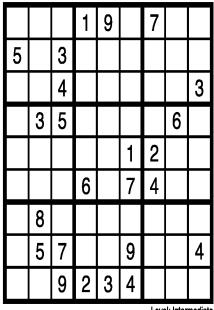
ceive and appreciate it. CAPRICORN: Long relationships are created by people who are not only very attracted to each other but also want the same things. AQUARI-US: Make no assumptions about past loves. A relationship could still be in the running. PISCES: Your communication style will become even more widely attractive as you talk to, and connect with, more people.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Aries make for a steamy match, though that's what is to be expected when water meets fire! These two have very different ways of communicating their feelings, but the intensity level is similar for both signs. It would be difficult to find more passionate individuals. And when they put their strong feelings behind an endeavor (or a person), the result is an astounding power source capable of fueling dreams.

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# SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

#### Here's How It Works:

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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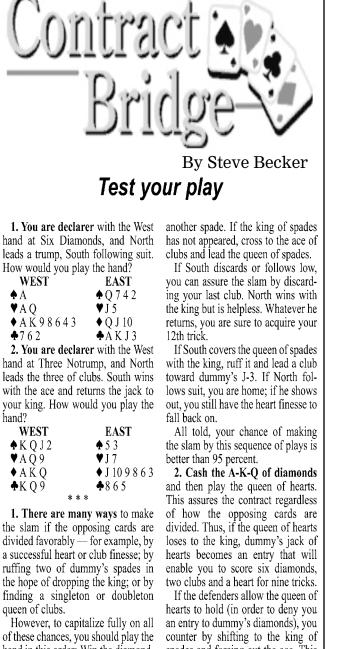
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the slam if the opposing cards are divided favorably — for example, by a successful heart or club finesse; by ruffing two of dummy's spades in the hope of dropping the king; or by finding a singleton or doubleton queen of clubs.

However, to capitalize fully on all of these chances, you should play the hand in this order: Win the diamond, cash the ace of spades and cross to dummy with a trump. Ruff a spade,

spades and forcing out the ace. This also yields nine tricks consisting of two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.





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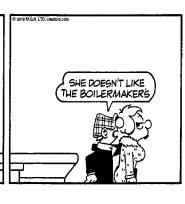




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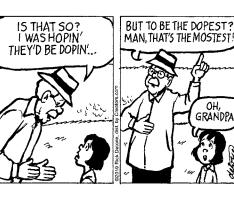




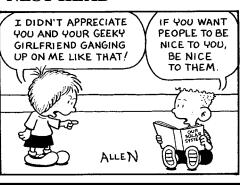
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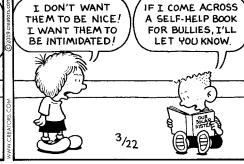






#### **NEST HEAD**









## This Date In History

#### **Today in History**

Today is Friday, March 22, the 81st day of 2019. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History: On March 22, 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.)

On this date:

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.

In 1894, hockey's first Stanley Cup championship game was played; home team Montreal defeated Ottawa, 3-1.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state officially went into operation.

In 1963, The Beatles' debut album, "Please Please Me," was released in the United Kingdom by Parlophone.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced that Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the commander of American forces in Vietnam, would leave that post to become the U.S. Army's new Chief of Staff. Students at the University of Nanterre in suburban Paris occupied the school's administration building in a prelude to massive protests in France that began the following May. The first Red Lobster restaurant opened in Lakeland, Florida.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1988, both houses of Congress overrode President Ronald Reagan's veto of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

In 1990, a jury in Anchorage, Alaska, found former tanker captain Joseph Hazelwood not guilty of three major charges in connection with the Exxon Valdez oil spill, but convicted him of a minor charge of negligent discharge of oil.

In 1991, high school instructor Pamela Smart, accused of recruiting her teenage lover and his friends to kill her husband, Gregory, was convicted in Exeter, New Hampshire, of murder-conspiracy and being an accomplice to murder and

was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 1997, Tara Lipinski, at age 14 years and ten months, became the youngest ladies' world figure skating champion in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 2004, Hamas spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin (shayk AKH'-mehd yah-SEEN') was killed in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City, enraging Palestinians. Terry Nichols went on trial for his life in the Oklahoma City bombing. (Nichols, already serving a life sentence for his conviction on federal charges, was found guilty of 161 state murder charges, but was again spared the death penalty when the jury couldn't ree on his sentenc

Ten years ago: A single-engine

turboprop plane headed to

a Montana ski resort nosedived into a cemetery short of a runway in Butte, killing all 14 aboard, including seven children. The Mount Redoubt volcano in Alaska began erupting (it took about six months to settle down). Friends and family gathered in a small Hudson Valley, N.Y., town to say a final farewell to Tony Award-winning actress Natasha Richardson, 45, who had died in a skiing accident. Five years ago: A massive mudslide in Oso, Washington, killed 43 people and destroyed or damaged four dozen homes. A barge and cargo ship collision in the Houston Ship Channel dumped nearly 170,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil. Pope Francis named the first members of a commission to advise him on sex abuse policy. The Los Angeles Dodgers opened the Major League Baseball season with a 3-1 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks at Sydney Cricket Ground in MLB's first regularseason game in Australia.

One year ago: President Donald Trump announced that he would replace national security adviser H.R. McMaster with former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton; McMaster became the sixth close Trump adviser or aide to depart in a turbulent six weeks. Trump set in motion tariffs on as much as \$60 billion in Chinese imports, and China threatened retaliation; the heightening trade tensions brought a selloff on Wall Street, where the Dow indus-

Answer to previous puzzle

trials plunged more than 700 points. H. Wayne Huizenga, a college dropout who built a business empire that included Blockbuster Entertainment and three professional sports franchises, died at his Florida home at the age of 80.

Today's Birthdays: Composerlyricist Stephen Sondheim is 89. Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 89. Actor William Shatner is 88. Former

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is 85. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 84. Actor-singer Jeremy Clyde is 78. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 76. Writer James Patterson is 72. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 71. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 71. Actress Fanny Ardant is 70. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 67. Country singer James House is 64. Actress Lena Olin is 64. Singer-actress Stephanie

Mills is 62. Actor Matthew Modine is 60. Country musician Tim Beeler is 51. Actorcomedian Keegan-Michael Key is 48. Actor Will Yun Lee is 48. Olympic silver medal figure skater Elvis Stoiko is 47. Actor Guillermo Diaz is 44. Actress Anne Dudek is 44. Actor Cole Hauser is 44. Actress Kellie Williams is 43. Actress Reese Witherspoon is

43. Rock musician John Otto

(Limp Bizkit) is 42. Actress Tiffany Dupont is 38. Rapper Mims is 38. Actress Constance Wu is 37. Actor James Wolk is 34. Rock musician Lincoln Parish (Cage the Elephant) is

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## **Newsday Crossword**

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#### THINK PIECE by Greg Johnson Edited by Stanley Newman

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# Baylor shoots past Syracuse 78-69 in NCAA's West Region

<u>By JOHN MARSHALL</u>

AP Basketball Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Baylor heard all week about Syracuse's vaunted zone, how long the Orange are, how difficult it is to find openings.

The Bears solved it by going over the top — after getting it inside.

Creating open shots through the high post and kick-outs off drives, Baylor set a school NCAA Tournament record with 16 3-pointers to beat Syracuse 78-68 Thursday night in the West Region. "The fact that we play zone helped

us in this game, being able to go against that and practice every day with our guys flying around," said Baylor's Makai Mason, who had 22 points. "We are used to those shots, kick-out 3s." The ninth-seeded Bears (20-13) do

play a zone, but Syracuse's is much Sunday. Baylor found the gaps in Syra-

cuse's 2-3 zone anyway. The Bears nearly matched the school tournament record of 11 3-pointers in the first half (10) and made 16 of 34 overall. Baylor shot 54 percent and slowed Syracuse's

3-point barrage in the second half to earn a shot at top-seeded Gonzaga on Saturday.

Mason and Jared Butler (14 points) each hit four 3-pointers in a game that had the most 3s (28) in a non-overtime NCAA Tournament game.

"We thought we could get looks if we executed and it was important we knocked down shots," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "We made shots and that's what makes an offense work a lot better against the

No. 8 seed Syracuse (20-14) matched the Bears nearly 3 for 3 in a stellar first half before bogging down in the second.

Elijah Hughes had 25 points and hit seven of the Orange's 12 3-pointers. Tyus Battle scored 16 points



different and the Orange have taller Baylor guard King McClure (3) shoots as Syracuse forward Elijah players, so there's been a learning Hughes (33) defends during the first half of a first-round game in the curve for the Bears since Selection NCAA men's college basketball tournament Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Salt Lake City.

after missing both of Syracuse's ACC Tournament games with a bruised back.

"They're a smart team, they play a zone," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We just didn't cover as well as we needed to." The Orange have the nation's tallest team -

topped by 7-foot-2 Pascal Chukwu — and a history of success in March. The defensive scheme helped Syracuse reach at least the third round of the NCAA Tournament in its eight previous trips, and it made the Final Four as a 10 seed in 2016.

But the zone does have its flaws, as Virginia showed while hitting a school-record 18 3-pointers in the Orange's regular-season home finale.

The Bears hit six 3s in the first six minutes a variety of ways: drive and kicks, after offensive rebounds, extra deep, even a banked-in one by Mark Vital. Not wanting to be left out of the 3-or-nothing par-

ty, Syracuse dotted the shot chart along the arc, hit-

ting nine 3-pointers of its own — one for a four-point play by Battle.

Of the 25 made field goals in the first half, 19 were 3s.

Hughes had 18 points by halftime and looked at Drew after dropping in his fifth 3-pointer of the half.

Mason made four and had 16 points, giving the Bears a 38-37 lead.

The trey spigot remained open in

the second half — at least for Baylor. The Bears opened 6 for 13 from the arc and Syracuse had a stretch of nearly five minutes without a field goal as the Bears stretched their

The Orange trimmed the lead to three, but Baylor kept hitting shots to keep them at arm's length.

"We didn't stop them," Syracuse forward Marek Dolezaj said. "That was the difference in the game."

shot for shot, but came up short in

**BIG PICTURE** Syracuse tried to match Baylor

lead to 68-59.

its first opening-round NCAA Tournament loss since 2006. The Bears caught fire at just the

right time, ending a four-game losing streak to advance in the bracket.

MISSING HOWARD

Syracuse played without senior point guard Frank Howard, who was suspended indefinitely on Wednesday for violating school policy.

The Orange had some offensive success, but couldn't sustain it, finishing with 12 assists and 13 turnovers without Howard running the show.

"Obviously, we missed him. He's our point guard," Boeheim said. "I'm not going to sit here and make excuses. He isn't here."

DEEP IMPACT

The combined 3-pointers made by Baylor and Syracuse were behind only Drake-Western Kentucky with 30 in 2008 and West Virginia-Louisville with 29 in 2005.

UP NEXT

Baylor faces top-seeded Gonzaga on Saturday.

# Houston, Buffalo among NCAA's dangerous lesser-known teams

<u>By CLIFF BRUNT</u>

AP Sports Writer

TULSA, Okla. — Kelvin Sampson had little to work with when he took over as Houston's coach in 2014. The Cougars hadn't won an NCAA Tournament game since Hakeem Olajuwon's final season in 1984, and things didn't appear to be getting better.

"There was a lot of frustration," Sampson said. "I got frustrated with people. I said, 'What are we doing here? You guys say you want to win, but what are you doing to win?"" Houston upgraded its infrastruc-

ture while Sampson worked on improving the team. A new practice facility opened in 2016, and a \$60 million modernization of Houston's home arena was completed last vear. Sampson went 13-19 his first year,

but he hasn't had a losing season since. Last year, the Cougars finally won another NCAA Tournament game. Now, the Cougars will take a No. 3 seed into a Midwest Region game against No. 14 seed Georgia State on Friday.

Senior Galen Robinson Jr., who has played in 133 games, got the ball roll-"He bought into a vision when

there's nothing to see," Sampson said. "There was nothing to see, just — here is what coach Sampson said." Now, Sampson is one of several

coaches successfully building elite programs that don't have the history or name recognition of Duke, Kansas or North Carolina. Texas Tech and Buffalo are enjoy-

ing success in under-the-radar outposts. Kansas State, which historically toils in Kansas' shadow, tied Texas Tech for the Big 12 title. Tennessee and Virginia Tech are better known for football. Buffalo coach Nate Oats knows if a

recruit mentions the harsh winters in western New York, that player probably isn't right for him. "The temperature in the gym in Buf-

falo is the same as the temperature in the gym in Miami during the winter seasons," he said. "Right up front, if you're worried about what the weather is outside during the basketball season, probably recruiting the wrong kid.' Oats says Buffalo still has plenty to

"Our style of play is one kids want to play," Oats said. "Third-fastest team in the country right now. We play a style it's open, lot more like the NBA

guys. We're big on player development. Guys are able to use what they work on in the gym. You build a relationship. That's the bottom line build relationships. Kids trust you, we'll make them better." Buffalo, a member of the Mid-Amer-

ican Conference, beat Arizona in the NCAA Tournament last year and has been in the AP Top 25 for most of the

the West Region, favored to get past 11th-seeded Arizona State of the Pac-12 on Friday. Nonetheless, Buffalo will carry the fighting spirit of a midmajor program.

season. The Bulls are the No. 6 seed in

"We definitely keep that chip on our shoulder," said Buffalo guard CJ Massinburg, the MAC Player of the Year. "Our coaching staff and the media, whatever, pay attention to how the professionals pick us. Some people are picking us to the Final Four, some people picking us to get popped in the first round. We're definitely humble and we're going to keep that chip on our shoulder and know that nothing is given."

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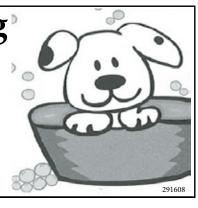
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#### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to rejoice in The Lord with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse welcomes you to be a part of this dynamic group as they worship and study God's Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf

Church, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@ gmail.com.

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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, accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Lenten Services called "A Lent to Remember" are every Wednesday 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. Holy Week begins in April 14. Please join us for Maundy Thursday Services on April 18 at 7 p.m. and for our Good Friday Services on April 19 at 7 p.m. We are having two services Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service at 8 a.m., and our regular service at 10:30 a.m. There will be a pancake breakfast between the two services.

Dolline Budke 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." Tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran

# Those Were the Days

ne day many, many, too many to count, days ago, I was home from college. My first night home was very restful after the stress of getting term papers and testing finished. I slept late the next morning and went into the kitchen to find my mother preparing to leave for

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was a mess. I told her I would wash the dishes gone and clean up and start supper. She left felt so good to be home, I didn't mind cleaning younger brothers, all teenagers now, and six, years younger than me. I cleaned the whole three hours Mom was shopping. I cleaned the was spotless, and I was very grateful for the taught me to be a good housekeeper. Pride

home. Her gratitude was swelling my head praised my efforts to do such a monumental preparing for the evening meal, she looked in for the pot she fixed before she left for town. my room and asked me about it. I told her I didn't know what she meant and went to help her look for it.

Come to find out she had left it on the table, and I thought it was leftovers from the night before. I had put the remaining scraps from cleaning out the refrigerator into the pot and dumped it in the outside trash, so I could wash out the pot. We were to have her very delicious corn beef and cabbage for sup-

## Texas Ramp Project provides wheelchair access for elderly, disabled

By AUTUMN OWENS (AP)

The Texas Ramp Project is dedicated to building wheelchair ramps for disabled or elderly people who can't afford to purchase one, and most recently assembled its local captains as well as volunteers to help an 80-year-old Aledo

"The project we did [March 17] came to us like many other, through the Texas Ramp Project. They're kind of a clearing house for social workers to send referrals to and then the Texas Ramp Project tries to find volunteer organizations to build the ramps," Jeff O'Donald, who volunteers as a captain and builder through the project, said. "We requested referrals for the month of March and were sent six different names, so we started to evaluate those projects and [the Aledo resident] was one on the list."

O'Donald said the Aledo resident had been in a nursing home, but was sup-

posed to go back to her home on March 16.

"She was having a difficult time in being able to come home because her husband, who is 84, couldn't get her up and down the stairs," O'Donald said. 'So she was able to come home [March 16] because we agreed that we would be out there the next day to build the ramp so they could get her in and out from then on."

Her ramp was funded by the Aledo United Methodist Church Master's Builders fund, which O'Donald is a member of, and built with help from Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish volunteers.

Richard Riehm is another captain volunteer who helps build ramps in Parker County and discussed how the team works together to complete ramp projects.

"Between [the captains], we go out and meet the people, take measurements, come up with a design and make sure they own the home or rent the home on a long-term agreement. Sometimes we'll build a ramp and they're renting the home, so then three months later they move and are in need of another ramp. So we only try to do it for homeowners or a special situation where they're renting it long term and not moving any time soon," Riehm said. "Once Jeff and I go out, meet with the people and design something that will work, we send out an email to our team. We probably have 150 people on our email list. Then we just show up and build the ramp, and usually in three or four hours we're done from start to finish."

O'Donald said he's been building ramps in the county for about seven years. "We've built a little over 100 wheelchair ramps around Parker County," O'Donald said. "It's been wonderful. Being able to serve is what Christ calls us to do and I know we all do it in different ways, but this way suits me and the

per. Not going to happen that night! What a mistake, as I loved her cookingespecially that dish!

Pride was my downfall, and I felt so low after that grave mistake. Her disappointment in me made me feel horrible. I asked her forgiveness, and we went out to eat that night. It wasn't really the same, but it was too late to fix anything else.

When I look back on the whole incident, I realize in trying to live life without the Lord's guidance, it's just like that happening. We try to do our best. We scrub ourselves clean, dress up for Sunday worship, and go, thinking God will be so proud of us as we enter into His presence.

Then He shows us our pride. He shows us the righteousness that is His Son in comparison to our own filthy rags.

Jesus bore our sins on the Cross. He rose again victorious for us. We can ask forgiveness and be cleansed from our rags of sin. Letting Him into our lives, we can have pride in Him and His workings through us.

And the greatest of all blessings is when He invites us to the marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven. His word says He will gird Himself with the waiter's apron and serve us. I think that supper will be much more delicious than Mom's corn beef and cabbage.





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