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## Why Sanders keeps winning

But may not be the Democratic candidate

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The standard line in Bernie Sanders' campaign speeches goes like this: "Despite what the corporate media is telling you, there is a path to the nomination."

If such a track exists, it's far from clear what it is. Sanders is far behind Hillary Clinton in the race for delegates that will decide the nomination. He'll need 68 percent of those remaining to win. Even after his recent run of success, Sanders is nowhere near that pace.



And it's not the corporate media he should be blaming, but the rules of a Democratic Party he only recently joined after serving decades in public office as an independent.

The party has tailored its nominating process specifically to prevent an upstart candidate such as Sanders from winning its nomination for president. And Sanders' top adviser, by the way,

See **SANDERS**, Page 3

## Hot pursuit



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)  
**Having successfully distracted a bull from a fallen rider, this cowboy's new concern is distancing himself from the bull during Thursday action at the Howard College Rodeo. See related story and photo, Page 9.**

## Candidate forums on tap

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Two forums are scheduled in the upcoming weeks to give area voters a chance to meet candidates running for city, trustee, county and state wide positions.

The first forum is for candidates running for the city council and the Howard College board of trustee

and is scheduled for Monday, April 18, at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

"This is going to be very informal," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Each candidate has 10 minutes to speak about themselves and their platform. There will be no questions to the candidates and this

will not be a debate."

The forum is sponsored by the Chamber and is expected to run about two hours from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"We've asked the candidates to be there early around 5:30 p.m. so they have an opportunity to meet and speak to people one-on-one."

See **FORUMS**, Page 3

## Pops in the Park: Organizers seek photos for event

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Candid photos of military or former military personnel during their time on the job are still being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee.

"They can be current military personnel or former military personnel," said Kelly Seals, Pops in the Park committee chairman. "We want those photos of the guys sitting on top of tanks, those causal photos to use in our military pictorial salute."

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

With three months remaining, the committee is fine-tuning plans for the annual city-wide Independence Day celebration held on July 3. This year Pops in the



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File photo  
**Plans are under way for this year's Pops in the Park celebration, scheduled for July 3 at Comanche Trail Park.**

## Man jailed on sexual assault charge

A 30-year-old Big Spring man remains in the Howard County detention facility after he was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Johnny Ray Viera, Jr. 30, of 4009 Piper Road, was arrested on the charge which is a first degree felony, according to Big Spring Police and Howard County Sheriff logs. The charge involves a victim 14 years old or younger, according to police officials.

Police would not release more information about the case citing a desire to protect the privacy of the victim.

— Lyndel Moody



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **HALEE ELIZABETH THOMAS**, 24, of 6636 W. William Cannon Dr., Austin, Texas was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **JOHNNY RAY VIERA**, 30, of 4009 Piper Rd. was arrested on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- **WILLIAM LEE FERUSON**, 21, of 713 Tulane was arrested on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750, shoplifting.
- **TIMOTHY GUY WILSON**, 20, of 123 Banks Rd. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750.

- **CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON**, 26, of 1307 Virginia Ave. was arrested on warrants for illegal dumping, more than 5 pounds but less than 500 pounds and a warrant from another agency.
- **TIMOTHY EDWARD WILSON**, 55, of 123 Banks Rd. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of Drake Rd., the 1000 block of State St. and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

## Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DAMIAN JONATHAN ESTRELLA**, 19, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
  - **WILLIAM LEE FERGUSON**, 21, of 721 Colgate Ave. was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
  - **JOHNNY MACK MORRIS**, 48, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
  - **THOMAS WILLIAM-SCOTT MURPHY**, 37, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000.
  - **CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON**, 26, was booked

by the HCSO on warrants for motion to revoke probation – driving while intoxicated and illegally dumping litter.

- **ADAM ANTHONY STARR**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **HALEE ELIZABETH THOMAS**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **JOHNNY RAY VIERA JR.**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a child.
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## Support Groups

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons 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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 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.






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

### 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.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 4/9	Sun 4/10	Mon 4/11	Tue 4/12	Wed 4/13
 <b>76/55</b> Becoming partly cloudy after some morning rain. High 76F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80%.	 <b>82/54</b> Windy with a few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	 <b>78/44</b> Sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	 <b>64/43</b> Chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 <b>74/48</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM

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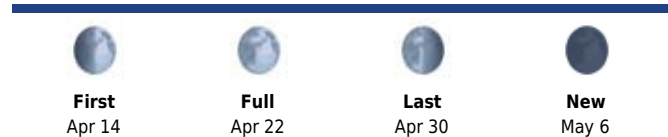
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	76	54	M Sunny	Kingsville	81	62	Sunny
Amarillo	72	48	Sunny	Livingston	82	51	Sunny
Austin	80	57	M Cloudy	Longview	77	49	P Cloudy
Beaumont	82	53	Sunny	Lubbock	71	51	Cloudy
Brownsville	79	65	P Cloudy	Lufkin	79	48	Sunny
Brownwood	77	51	P Cloudy	Midland	77	54	M Sunny
Corpus Christi	79	65	Cloudy	Raymondville	82	65	P Cloudy
Corsicana	78	54	P Cloudy	Rosenberg	82	57	Sunny
Dallas	78	55	M Sunny	San Antonio	82	57	Cloudy
Del Rio	82	59	M Sunny	San Marcos	80	55	P Cloudy
El Paso	78	53	Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	74	51	M Cloudy
Fort Stockton	77	52	Cloudy	Sweetwater	77	55	P Cloudy
Gainesville	74	50	M Sunny	Tyler	78	50	Sunny
Greenville	75	50	Sunny	Weatherford	77	54	M Sunny
Houston	83	57	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	76	53	Sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	44	M Cloudy	Miami	82	66	M Sunny
Boston	52	32	M Cloudy	Minneapolis	35	22	Snow Showers
Chicago	42	27	R/S Showers	New York	52	37	M Cloudy
Dallas	78	55	M Sunny	Phoenix	80	62	M Cloudy
Denver	71	43	P Cloudy	San Francisco	64	55	Cloudy
Houston	83	57	P Cloudy	Seattle	73	48	M Clear
Los Angeles	65	55	Cloudy	Saint Louis	55	31	Cloudy/Wind

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sat 4/9	Sun 4/10	Mon 4/11	Tue 4/12	Wed 4/13
6	9	9	7	9
High	Very High	Very High	High	Very High

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at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- 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.

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

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## Code let lottery vendor predict winning numbers, police say

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — A lottery vendor for years manipulated drawings to enrich himself and associates by installing software code that allowed him to predict winning numbers on specific days of the year, Iowa investigators alleged Wednesday.

Authorities called the newly obtained forensic evidence a breakthrough in the investigation of alleged jackpot-fixing scheme by Eddie Tipton, former security director of the Multi-State Lottery Association. A jury convicted him last year of rigging a \$16.5 million jackpot, and he's awaiting trial on charges linking him to prizes in Colorado, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Prosecutors filed charges Wednesday against his younger brother, Tommy Tipton, a former justice of the peace and reserve police officer in Texas. He surrendered to authorities and was released on bond. He's charged with ongoing criminal conduct related to his role in securing the Colorado and Oklahoma jackpots, which allegedly netted him \$1.2 million in cash.

The case has rocked the Multi-State Lottery Association, an Iowa-based nonprofit that administers Powerball and other games for states.

Prosecutors had alleged Eddie Tipton tampered with random number generators that were used by the association and state lotteries to pick jackpot winners. But their case had been based on circumstantial evidence because the generators had been erased or destroyed. Tipton's defense has cited the lack of evidence as a reason charges should be dismissed.

Documents filed Wednesday show Wisconsin authorities recovered the random number generator used for a \$2 million Megabucks jackpot claimed in 2008 by Tipton's friend, Robert Rhodes. He is fighting extradition from Texas to Iowa, where he faces charges.

A forensic examination found that the generator had code that was installed after the machine had been audited by a security firm that directed

the generator not to produce random numbers on three particular days of the year if two other conditions were met. Numbers on those days would be drawn by an algorithm that Tipton could predict, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent Don Smith wrote in an affidavit.

All six prizes linked to Tipton were drawn on either Nov. 23 or Dec. 29 between 2005 and 2011.

Investigators were able to recreate the draws and produce "the very same 'winning numbers' from the program that was supposed to produce random numbers," Smith wrote

Eddie Tipton was charged last year after authorities released surveillance footage of a person buying the winning ticket for a \$16.5 million Hot Lotto jackpot and hot dogs at a Des Moines gas station in 2010. Colleagues identified the buyer as Tipton, a computer whiz who had unparalleled access to lottery software.

Tommy Tipton, 51, testified at his brother's trial, saying the buyer looked nothing like his sibling. Besides, he said, Eddie doesn't like hot dogs.

But months later, Tommy Tipton resigned his elected judicial position in Flatonia, Texas, after his brother was convicted and his name surfaced in the case.

The complaint filed Wednesday says that Tommy Tipton came under scrutiny in 2006, when Texas investigators received a tip that the judge had \$500,000 in cash in consecutively marked bills.

He told them he got the money after winning a share of a \$4.5 million Colorado Lotto jackpot, saying he recruited a friend to claim the \$569,000 cash payout because he didn't want his wife to know about it while they were considering divorce.

Investigators didn't know then that Tipton's brother wrote and installed the program that Colorado Lottery officials used to draw the numbers.

In 2011, Tommy Tipton purchased numbers that would win a \$1.2 million Hot Lotto jackpot while traveling in Oklahoma, the complaint said. A rela-

tive of one of Tipton's friends claimed the \$644,000 prize, which was returned to him.

Tipton's attorney, Randy Schaffer, said he was reviewing the allegations and didn't want to address their merits. But he said he "took the high road" by surrendering rather than fighting extradition.

"This is a guy who, until a few months ago, was a judge," he said. "He's going to hopefully ... be professional and responsible in his dealings."

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# Take note

• Both candidates in the Republican runoff for the Texas District 19 congressional seat will be guests at the Howard County Republican Club's meeting Monday.

Jodey Arrington and Glen Robertson will address club members, then answer questions during the meeting, which begins at noon in the Cactus Room of the Howard College student union building.

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

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

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal

business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1. More information and the application can be found of the club website: www.westexags.com

• The Howard College diplomats will host a car wash on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per car and the event will be held at the Student Union Building in front of Tuner Hall. Howard College is located at 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Shannon Clinic Big Spring will hold an Open House Monday, April 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Clinic, 2503 Gregg Street, Unit C. The public is invited to attend. Clinic physicians and staff will be present.

Lawrence DeVolld, MD, provides family practice services at Shannon Clinic Big Spring Monday through Friday from 8 am to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visiting specialists include David Cummings, MD, Hematology/Oncology; C. Eric Greeson, MD, Dermatology; Chris Haddad, MD, and Rudy Haddad, MD, Interventional Cardiology; and Christina Arp, RN, CNM, Obstetrics and Gynecology Care.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 325-481-2074 or visit www.shannonhealth.com.

• A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family of Mary Lou Gomez for funeral services.

• 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 is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

### Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

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

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• 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.

## POPS

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Park falls on a Sunday. The festive celebration draws thousands to the city's amphitheater located in Comanche Trail Park to enjoy the large fireworks display accompanied with live

music provided by the Big Spring Symphony.

The celebration cost around \$45,000 to host each year and is completely funded through donations. Anyone wishing to donate can contact Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Chamber. The Chamber's number is 263-7641.

## FORUMS

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ValVerde said. "We will stay until around 8:30 p.m. so the public can visit with the candidates following the forum."

The Big Spring city council has two contested races. Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan is running for his second term. He is being challenged by Shannon Thomas. In the District 5 Race, incumbent Raul Benavides is also vying for a second term against challenger Becky Winters.

The Howard College Board of Trustees race drew an unusual amount of interest from the community this year. In the Precinct 1 race, long-time trustee Michael Flores is running against Steve Escanuelas. Precinct 2 also drew two candidates, Mark Morgan and Greg Moore. Both men are attempting to win their first term on the board. The two at-large positions up for election drew three candidates, Adriel Saldiva and Ryan Williams, who were appointed to the board last fall to fill vacancies, and long-time educa-

tor Patricia Bennet.

"We are hoping for a great turn out," she said. "This is a good opportunity for the community to educate themselves about the issues and their representatives."

Early voting for municipal, Howard College board elections begins April 25 and runs through May 3 at the Howard County Election Administration Office located on the first floor of the County Courthouse building. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with the exception of April 28 and

May 3 when voting hours are extended from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Election Day is May 7.

A second forum is scheduled for candidates in the state/county Republican Primary run offs on May 9 also at the Hall Center for the arts from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The forum is designed like the first to allow candidates a 10 minute period to introduce themselves and speak about some of their campaign issues.

The candidates expected to participate are Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson and Jody Arrington, both Con-

gressional candidates for the 19<sup>th</sup> district. Also expected are Howard County Commissioner Oscar M. Garcia and Chad Averette who are both running for the Republican nomination for the Howard County Commissioner Precinct 1 position.

Early voting for runoffs begins Monday, May 16 and runs through Friday, May 20, at the Howard County Election Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Election Day is May 24.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

## SANDERS

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is a longtime Democratic Party insider who helped write those rules.

### HOW IT WORKS

One word: Delegates. Not states won, not debate triumphs, not cash raised. Certainly not what the Sanders campaign calls "momentum."

The nominating contest is about winning 2,383 delegates, and the delegate math says Clinton is decidedly ahead of Sanders.

The basics: All Democratic contests award delegates in proportion to the share of the vote — so even the loser gets some.

That makes it hard for a front-runner to collect delegates and clinch the nomination as quickly as when the winner takes all. But the proportional system also makes it difficult for a trailing candidate to catch up if he or she falls behind by a large number.

Clinton was able to amass a big delegate lead — at one point more than 300 delegates — by winning by large margins in the South, where

there are large minority populations that largely back her over Sanders.

In contrast, Sanders has mostly won smaller states that hold caucuses or won narrowly in larger states such as Wisconsin and Michigan, which has limited the number of delegates he's netted in his effort to catch up to Clinton.

To date, Sanders trails Clinton by close to 2.4 million total votes cast and by more than 200 delegates. In 2008, when Clinton trailed Barack Obama by more than 100 delegates, she was never able to catch up to him.

The current count: Clinton has 1,280 delegates won in primaries and caucuses to Sanders' 1,030.

### WHAT ABOUT SUPERDELEGATES?

Another factor: 15 percent of the delegates who get a vote at the Democratic National Convention are superdelegates, or elected officials and party leaders who can back any candidate they wish.

They are the party establishment. And they overwhelmingly support Clinton.

The Associated Press surveys those superdelegates and adds them to the tally if they say

publicly whom they plan to vote for at the convention. The AP doesn't count those who say they've decided, but aren't willing to say so "on the record."

Clinton's strong support among superdelegates widens her lead even more — 1,749 to Sanders' 1,061.

### HOW IT GOT THIS WAY

For decades, the leaders and activists of the Democratic Party struggled to control its presidential nominating process. The back-and-forth gave birth in 1984 to the superdelegate.

They are insiders and political pros who are not bound to any candidate, and they act as deciders in prolonged nomination fights.

The original idea was to give party elders a voice in the nominating process to avoid a repeat of what some viewed as a mistake in the 1972 election, in which George McGovern won the nomination but proved to be a weak general election candidate. He lost 49 states in the November vote.

In 1984, under the superdelegate system, former Vice President Walter Mondale was the choice of the Democratic establishment and won the party's presi-

dential nomination. He, too, lost 49 states in the general election.

### SANDERS' SUPERDELEGATE CONNECTION

Tad Devine, Sanders' top adviser and a Democratic Party veteran of more than three decades, helped craft the superdelegate process.

He's been quoted defending it — "It's pretty hard to win a nomination in a contested race and almost impossible to win without the superdelegates," he observed in a 2008 interview on National Public Radio — and also pointing out that there's a danger of backlash if superdelegates wield too much power or operate in a less-than-transparent way.

Devine told the AP last month that the Sanders campaign expects the superdelegates to choose a candidate "after the voters have spoken — not before."

### WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON STATE?

Sanders won the Washington state caucuses by more than 40 percentage points, but he has only 25 of the state's 101 delegates. (Clinton has

nine.) Washington Democrats award most of their delegates based on vote totals in individual congressional districts. But the party has been unable to produce vote totals for each of those congressional districts.

As soon as the state party parses the votes, the delegates can be allocated and Sanders' total will jump.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we realize that our little prayers can add up to big things.

Amen

# Denying sexual reality in North Carolina

Some residents of North Carolina don't like the idea of sharing restrooms with transgender men and women, and they were pleased to learn that, thanks to a new law, they won't have to. I have news for them: They already have. They just didn't know it. And they will again.

In February, the Charlotte City Council approved an ordinance strengthening protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identification. It included a provision stipulating that transgender men may use men's restrooms and transgender women may use women's restrooms. That provision brought on a hailstorm of fury and disbelief, and the North Carolina Legislature quickly passed a bill to overrule it. The Charlotte ordinance "defies common sense and basic community norms," said Gov. Pat McCrory on signing the state law.

"We've had these proper etiquette situations for decades in our country," he argued, "and all of a sudden, through political correctness, we're throwing away basic etiquette." Under the new policy, North Carolinians will have to use the restroom corresponding to the sex denoted on their birth certificates.

"No Men in Women's Bathrooms," read one of the signs brandished by opponents of the Charlotte measure. That sounds like a good reason to reject it — if you don't think very hard.

Under the new state law, a

woman who undergoes sex change surgery, takes hormones and has a penis, a deep voice and facial hair will be required to use the women's restroom. In the name of protecting daughters from unwanted male intruders, the Legislature and governor are exposing them to exactly that. Men, meanwhile, will have to share facilities with people wearing skirts and lipstick.

This policy will cause far more discomfort than it will prevent. What McCrory and others forget is that transgender men generally go unnoticed in men's restrooms, for the simple reason that they appear to be men. In fact, the odds are very good that at one time or another, you have unwittingly done your business alongside someone who is transgender — with no ill effects.

Even in North Carolina, that will keep happening. If someone with breasts and long hair enters a women's restroom, strangers usually won't realize this person was born with a full set of testicles. If a muscular, bearded person in a suit strides up to a urinal, the guys at the others aren't going to ask for proof he is a male. In these cases, ignorance is bliss.

What will generate problems is transgender people's obeying the North Carolina law. But that may not happen often. It's not as though anyone has a clue how to enforce this mandate. Without a cop stationed at every entrance demanding birth certificates, most transgender people will probably go on doing as they've done, invisibly, in the past.

The oft-stated fear is that male child molesters will dress up as women to find girls to victimize. But what's stopping them from

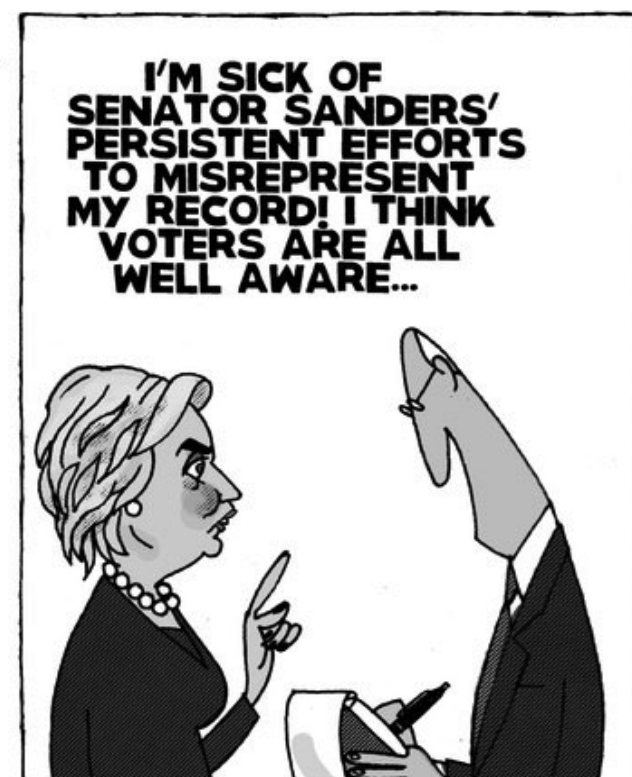
doing that now?

And where is the epidemic of abuse where transgender people are allowed to choose restrooms? The liberal watchdog group Media Matters for America contacted law enforcement officials and other experts in 12 states and found none who was aware of any such incidents.

McCrory thinks all we need to do is uphold "basic community norms." But the traditional norm for people with gender dysphoria has been to deny, suppress or hide their true nature — so that everyone else could operate in comfortable denial.

The traditional norm these people could expect if they were found out has been hostile and often violent. This week, a Brooklyn man pleaded guilty to manslaughter for killing a 21-year-old transgender woman. He had been flirting with her, and when he found out she was not exactly what he assumed, he flew into a rage and beat her to death. Barring transgender people from the restrooms they prefer exposes them to harm by exposing something they may want to be secret: that they are transgender. In addition, a lawsuit filed against the North Carolina law noted, "if a transgender woman were to use the men's restroom, she likely would be harassed and might be assaulted by men who believed that she should not be in the men's restroom." Transgender men emerging from women's restrooms may incur violence from angry fathers or husbands.

The North Carolina law makes perfect sense if you're willing to pretend that transgender people don't exist. Too bad they won't cooperate.



## In scandals, girls do have names

If you've been following Hulk Hogan's successful suit against Gawker or Donald Trump's rumble with a gossip writer, you may have come across some missing people. Both stories lean on "love" triangles in which one of the sides, the woman, is of so little consequence she's rarely even named.

The men may act with warped motives, but they star in their sordid dramas. By contrast, the women are virtually inanimate objects. They are unthinking hockey pucks being passed among boys to score points against other boys. Doesn't the alleged source of discord rate at least an honorable mention — or dishonorable one? We'll take either.

In the Hogan case, Gawker posted a secretly recorded video of the wrestler having sex with the wife of a friend. It was a setup by the friend, a radio personality named Bubba the Love Sponge. A jury awarded Hogan \$115 million in damages for the violation of his privacy. In the course of the reportage, we learn Hulk's real name, Terry Bollea. We are told that Bubba's name at birth was Todd Alan Clem.

As for Mrs. Love Sponge, much of the commentary leaves her name out altogether. It is Heather Clem, for the record.

It happens that Heather was a real player here, in cahoots with her (now estranged) husband to cash in on Hogan's public humiliation. She wasn't tricked into playing the co-starring role in the racy video. So give her credit — for something.

In Trump world, women get passed around like canapes at a cocktail party. When the woman has an incensed male partner, the coverage of the conflict portrays the men as giant elk locking horns in Rocky Mountain National Park. As for the woman they're allegedly fighting over, she could have moved to Antarctica for all anyone seems to care.

The case of Trump vs. gossip writer A.J. Benza is a notable example. While Benza was on a radio show, Trump called in to announce: "I've been successful with your girlfriend. ... While you were getting onto the plane to go to California thinking she was your girlfriend, she was someplace that you wouldn't have been very happy with."

Benza retaliated with "I can't wait till your little daughter gets a little older for me." It was on that level. Who was the girlfriend? I Googled so that you don't have to. She's a model named Kara Young.

Trump did not abduct Young. She joined him of her own volition. And lest you, gentle readers, think we're being judgmental, let us opine that it would take a sturdy woman to pair with the likes of Benza.

So she, too, should rank as an active player here deserving pity, condemnation or congratulations — but definitely recognition.

In the Italian operatic tradition, Young would have been strangled by now. But then again, the woman doesn't matter here. Benza had eyes only for Trump's throat. He went so far as to enlist his cheating partner in his counterattacks, saying Young told him that Trump wears hair plugs. Aha, so The Donald isn't the hairy beast he pretends to be.

Trump's bragging of sexual conquests reeks of insecurity and desperation. His attacks on women's appearance are more pathetic than insulting. I swear, I almost feel sorry for him.

But I don't feel very sorry for the men he mortifies. They chose Trump girls.

There are good women out there. There are party girls who don't care. And there are bad women as most of us would define "bad." Point is, when they are part of the story, they should all be put in it.



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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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# Did you ever wonder: Tabernacle furniture

The Ark of the Covenant was to hold the stone tablets that God would later give to Moses. Many times during this section God called them the "testimonial-tablets." Let me point out once again how much different that sounds from "Ten Commandments." Translation from the original Hebrew turned the gentle-sounding name into something fearsome. Ten Commandments makes me think of running a race with high-hurdles for us to jump. Points are taken away every time we knock over a hurdle so that we can never make a perfect score and never please this God who demands perfection. I prefer to think of my God as lov-



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ing and gentle. He offers these guidelines for my life by which I can show that I choose Him over the world. When I stump my toe and fail Him, I can come to Him with a truly contrite heart and He will forgive, not punish. But I must be truly repentant!

There were other pieces of furniture for the Tabernacle. They were to build a table for the 'show-bread.' It was built of acacia wood overlaid with gold. As yet they did not know what the 'show-bread' was.

The show-bread was twelve large, flat, loaves of bread... one for each tribe. I believe it was sort of a tithe to show thankfulness for the bread God gave them daily. It was to be replaced every Friday so that the bread would be fresh for each Sabbath.

There was an Altar of the Incense inside the Tabernacle. It was made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold. A specific incense was burned

each time the priest entered the Tabernacle. Sages surmised that the cloud of smoke from the incense protected the High Priest when he must come near the Ark on the Day of Atonement each year.

God gave a specific recipe for the spices to be used for the incense. He also gave a strong warning to anyone who tried to duplicate or misuse this incense. It was holy!

The other piece of furniture was the Menorah. It was a large oil-burning lamp with seven branches. It was eight feet tall and it lighted the inside of the Tabernacle.

God's directions for building the Menorah were very specific. It stood on a base with three feet, and a single lampstand rose from the base. At three levels, there were two branches coming out of the main lampstand, one on the right and one on the left. These branches curved upward and rose to the same height as the central lampstand.

Small cups sat atop each of the seven branches holding the purest of olive oil. A small wick projected from each cup of oil, making it into a lamp. Hence, the cups of oil were referred to as lamps.

God designed each branch of the Menorah to be decorated with almond blossoms, and it was beautiful. But most amazing, God directed that it be hammered from one single talent of pure gold. A talent of gold weighed approximately 150 pounds.

The Arch of Titus in Rome depicts Roman soldiers carrying away the Menorah after they sacked the Tabernacle, ca. A.D. 70.

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## Church News

### Circuit Riders Cowboy Church

Sunday Bible study is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship is at 10 a.m. Adult and youth is at 6 p.m.

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We are grateful to have as part of our First Christian Church team two gifted people who work closely with our choir to produce beautiful music, Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault. This Sunday they will delight us with such hymns as "Wonderful Words of Life" and "Precious Name" in addition to a few more pieces.

Shirley Burgess who will be our Liturgist this Sunday and serving at our Lord's Table will be Ken and Mary Beth Johnson.

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

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad Street, Big Spring. Please stop by and visit us, maybe you will find that we are the perfect fit for you and your family.

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for a time of great fellowship, praise & worship, and the Word of God.

Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry, will be gathering Monday in the Youth Sanctuary at 6 p.m. The theme will be "Things Unseen." Bring a snack to share.

Wednesday at 7 p.m., the ladies will meet with Bella Willard in the Main Sanctuary, as a word will be delivered to the women by Mrs. Stephanie Seaton. In addition, men, be sure to join Pastor

Willard in the Chapel (formally the fellowship hall) for an awesome time in the Word.

April 16, our singles ministry will be gathering at Stone Gate Fellowship to see Comedian, and singer/songwriter Tim Hawkins Live. Tickets are \$25 and are available at [www.stonegatefellowship.com](http://www.stonegatefellowship.com). For more information contact the church office at 432-264-0015.

April 18 at 6 p.m., The Soul Sisters woman's small group will continue their study on the Armor of God, by Priscilla Shirer. They will meet at 1709 Yale Ave (Katharine Lane's home). All ages are welcome to come.

Our 50 and over ministry as they gather at 513 Highland Dr. (Tom and Carol Bradley's home). Be prepared for lots of fun, games and laughs, and don't forget to bring a dish to share.

The "Receiving the Vision Course" will start on Sunday, May 1 at 9 a.m. in the youth sanctuary. If you would like to attend or know more about this course and/or about Cornerstone Covenant Church and the vision for this ministry feel free to contact Valerie, our member services/HR Director.

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

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church that cultivates an atmosphere of faith so lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us on Facebook at [ccebigspring](http://ccebigspring) or visit us at [www.ccebigspring.org](http://www.ccebigspring.org).

### First Presbyterian Church – Big Spring

Nancy Koger is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for April are Lucy and Pascal Odom, Christine and Don Boling. Marj Carpenter is Liturgist for April

The lectionary for Sunday is Acts 9:1-6(7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will offer "Sing Ye Joyfully" by Don Besig as the anthem and present "Shout the Glad Tidings!" by David H. Williams as the offertory anthem.

On Sunday evening Male Chorus practices at 5:15, followed by the Youth Group dinner at 6.

Handbell practice is at 6:30, and Youth Group is at 7:15 p.m.

The Children's Sunday School is doing a seven-week study of Pentecost with art, audiovisual, drama, music, games and puzzles workshops as well as a guest speaker.

The Youth are finishing the NOOMA video series. Their next study will be videos on the Promised Land. The Youth Handbell Choir will be attending a weeklong camp at MO Ranch in coordination with the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, scheduled for late Spring.

John Ferguson will lead the Adult Covenant Class in the unit entitled The Gift of Faith: Restorative Faith, based on the Gospel of Luke. The first lesson is "Renewed Health," the second "A Reversal of Shame," third "A Sound Mind," and fourth "A Family Reunion."

At the March Session Meeting our church was pleased to receive Wayne Larson and David Ferguson into membership. We welcome these two new members.

The Children's Choir, the Young Women's Choir, the Male Chorus, and the Youth Handbell Choir are preparing music for the Mother's Day Musicales at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 8. They will be joined by the Tardy Bells, a handbell choir composed of retired teachers and Laura Holleman, who will accompany the choirs and perform on the organ.

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The Children's Choir meets at 4:30 p.m. and the Young Women's Choir at 5:15. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m.

Buddy Cochrane asks that any men interested in starting a Men's Breakfast at the church call him at (432)816-6685. Phone calls only; he doesn't do emails or texts!

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

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.fpchs.org](http://www.fpchs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. Like us on Facebook.

### First Baptist Church – Big Spring

"Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom;" exclaims Psalm 145:3. Please join with us Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. as we praise and thank God for His unceasing kindness, mercy,

and grace. Pastor Mark Lindsey has begun a new sermon series drawn from the book of Revelation. In this compelling series of messages, we will explore what some say is 'possibly the most bizarre book in the Bible.' Revelation speaks of a lake of burning sulfur, and is filled with imagery of strange creatures, and dragons, and beasts. More importantly, and above all else, this book is entirely about Jesus Christ. Sunday's sermon is titled "Letters from Jesus"; come and hear this life changing teaching.

Following the morning service, there will be a meal served in the

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# What gets you through

I remember hearing a story of an American prisoner of war during the Vietnam conflict. After finally being released, he was asked how he made it through the isolation and abuse without going mad. He said he played golf every day.

Not literally or physically, rather, he had his favorite course from back home memorized. He had played those 18 holes so much that he had every twist and turn, every dogleg and bunker tucked away inside his mind.

A famous composer was losing his ability to hear. Instead of giving up and losing heart, he would continue to compose great works of music. You see, he could still hear the notes



GREG SURLES

in his mind. He had such a knowledge of music and such a great love for it that even if he could no longer physically hear it, he still wanted to be a part of it and share it with others.

What would happen to you if you could no longer read or listen to God's word? Would you miss it? Do you take the Bible for granted? So often, we go through our daily routine and never take God's word off the shelf. For some the only time their Bible is picked up is when the table is being dusted.

What gets you through the hard times? When you are not sure what to do or where to go, do you just try to avoid the problem? Do you seek to escape with drugs or alcohol? The bad part about that is once your sober again the problems are still there.

God will help you! He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) You just need to

know what he says. He speaks to us through his word which is the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, *All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work* (ESV).

2 Peter 1:3, *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.* When God tells us that he has given us all we need, then we need to trust him!

We help each other through the hard times as well. Galatians 6:2, *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.* If we want

to be helpful, godly people, then we must also know God's word.

Read your Bible! While daily devotionals or a "verse of the day" might be helpful, I would encourage you to read God's word. Read about the life and teachings of Jesus (the gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Read about the mission Jesus gave to his disciples and how they carried it out (Acts). Read the further inspired teachings of the apostles written to early Christians (Romans - Jude). Read about the victory that faithful followers of Jesus have when this life is over (Revelation).

What helps you get through difficult periods of your life? God will help, you just need to listen (read) and obey! Psalm 94:22, *But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.*

Greg Surles is the preacher for Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

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Family Life Center in honor of Southern Baptist missionaries to Kosovo, Simon and Christa Hoopes. FBC partners with the Hoopes in their ministry to this Muslim nation, which is open to the Gospel. The Hoopes minister through an American-style bakery and the harvest of jalapeños. This special occasion will allow you to get to know Simon and Christa while presenting the opportunity for our church to invest in this divinely appointed ministry.

At 9:30, enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible study as Sunday School groups meet throughout the building. Children gather in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and youth, college students, and adults meet in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 5:30, all area children are invited to participate in Kids' Connection which is a fun time of Bible based games, songs, and activities. There is no fee to attend.

At 6 p.m., teens will come together at the Raffini's home for a time of fellowship, scripture study, and a light meal. Transportation is available; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details.

Evening worship service starts at 6 p.m., and is a great way to come before the LORD in reverence and preparation for the upcoming week.

Our Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open Thursday from 9-11. It is located on Lancaster one block behind HEB.

We invite the community to our Mother's Day Out Spring program Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Come celebrate these precious little ones, their families, and the MDO workers as God is honored through this festive presentation.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5-6 p.m., followed by activities for all age groups. Go to fcbigspring.org or call 267-8223 for details. Join us Wednesday for poppy seed chicken & rice.

If you are unable to attend our Sunday morning service, we invite you to worship with us through the live stream on our web site at: fcbigspring.org.

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

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Waltherhouse, wife Julie, and the people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to join them for worship services Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Come praise God with us for His indescribable love as evidenced by His gift of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday

night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwaltherhouse@gmail.com

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

"Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives".

Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 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.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday night bible study began on Feb. 17, 2016. We are studying 1 John. Class is from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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 devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with us call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

### Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning our message comes from 1 Thessalonians 5:19-24 and is called "A Life Less Ordinary."

Sunday evenings we are currently examining the topic, "Does This Mean Me?" We will be reading from the Bible and asking the pertinent question of whether the passage directly or indirectly applies to our current culture. Each Sunday evening we will dig deeper into our topic from Sunday morning's message. This Sunday evening we will be digging deeper into the calling on our lives.

Our new Wednesday evening study kicked off this week in the Book of Daniel.

Wednesday youth activities begin at 4 p.m. Most of those who attend walk directly over from the school. We provide rides for those who need them after church. A meal is served at 5:30, and age-appropriate classes begin at 6 p.m. We have groups for all ages including Heroes in Training for age 3-5, RA's and GA's for those in first through fifth grade, CHAOS for youth, and an adult Bible study as well.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 9:50 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m., and evening Bible study at 6 p.m. For any questions please call 457-2342.

### Midway Baptist Church

Sunday, April 17, Chip Polk from Ragtown Gospel Theater will be leading the morning service. Everyone is invited to join us. A nursery will be provided.

Our Sunday schedule is:  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11 a.m. - worship  
5 p.m. - Youth  
6 p.m. - Evening Bible study.  
On Wednesday the youth and children meet at 6 p.m. and the adults start at 6:30 p.m.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Sunday:  
Bible study - 9:00 am  
Worship - 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wednesday:  
Bible study and devotional - 7 p.m.

Birdwell Land Church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

Our Harts are heading back to Africa soon. Please keep them- and their family who are here keeping the home fires burning- in your prayers.

"Connection Groups" are meeting now on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. "Community Groups" meet Wednesday nights at various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more info.

Check out the new Apps for "Baby On Board" for new babies coming to our church family, info about "Baby Dedication" on Mother's Day and Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for June 25 at the church. The theme this year is "Noah's Ark" and we will limit it to 30 children. Volunteers may contact Donna Wennik.

Baby Dedication time is almost here. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8 we will have our annual Baby Dedication Ceremony. If you would like to have your baby or child dedicated, please contact Donna Wennik. We will need baby's name, date of birth, names of parents and Photo Permission Forms completed before May 8.

All ladies are invited to participate in Beth Moore's "Breaking Free" Bible Study Mondays at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary and is offered by the "Cheese Nips", a women's ministry. Contact Donna Sue Looney. Workbooks are \$16.00.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship is bringing you "Pink Impact 2016." Save the Date: May 13-14. This is a Live Simulcast presented by Gateway Church. Registration information coming soon.

A new Men's Bible Study, "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge will meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the church. All men are invited to participate.

If you are a musician or singer and would be interested in being a part of our Worship Team, contact Clint Bratcher. We need your talents.

Weekly Happenings:  
Sunday-  
8:15 a.m. - Classical Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Sunday school/connection

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# Reflections: Spring planting

There is something about digging in the earth, sowing seed and burying plants in the freshly turned soil. It is an act of faith, of hope and expectation. It is an ancient ritual of believing. It is a way of interacting with life's mysterious miracle. When I was in Minnesota, I wrote a poem about the experience.

*I have bedded them,  
laid them down to sleep,  
dug shallow graves  
and buried them  
beneath soft soil,  
dark, moist, rich  
dirt,  
gently padded and patted.  
They have been accepted  
by the earth,  
their burial signified by stick-mark-  
ers  
on which are written their names,*



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*not in remembrance but in expectation,  
waiting for them to wake,  
to spring from dormant death into  
full flower:*

*pink and red and lavender,  
yellow and white  
the funeral-ritual of spring.*

Cemeteries are like gardens, the name markers signifying the faith and hope with which the bodies of those who have gone on before were laid to rest. What is buried appears to be dead and lifeless. But is it?

A few years ago I visited a cemetery in old Boston where the tombstones date back to some of the earliest residents of The Colonies. Those grave markers erected before 1730 bore skulls and cross bones. They were the picture of death and despair. The markers erected after 1740 bore the images of angels and cherubim and were often inscribed with verses about heaven. The only event that could have made such a difference in the Boston markers is

the Great Awakening that swept the Colonies in the 1730s. Benjamin Franklin wrote of the Awakening that there was a "wonderful change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. ... so that one could not walk thro' the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street."

Paul had this image in mind when he wrote, "When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ... So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does

the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' ... thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:37-54).

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His poetry book, People Places and Things is available on Amazon e-book. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com*

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groups  
10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.  
10:45 a.m. - Noon - Worship Service  
Tuesday-  
Noon - Narcotics anonymous  
6:30 p.m. - Pain management group  
Friday-  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Narcotics anonymous  
Saturday-  
7:30 a.m. - Weekly men's prayer breakfast and fellowship  
10 a.m. - "Sowing Seeds of Hope" crafting fellowship  
Sunday  
4 p.m. - "Grief Share"  
If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website.  
Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

### East Side Baptist Church

We are a friendly, family oriented church that loves our Lord and people.

This Sunday, the message will be "No greater tragedy" and there will be singing and special music.

We meet Sundays at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. is Bible studies and kids club events.

Special events coming up:

April 23, we will be in Comanche Trail Park with hot dogs and drinks for all who are hungry.

May 8, a special Mother's Day service.

May 29, Brown bag lunch and fifth Sunday singing.

June 11, camp fundraising garage sale.



## Bill to make Bible Tennessee's state book heads to governor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Derided by critics as everything from unconstitutional to sacrilegious, Tennessee lawmakers nevertheless plowed ahead with designating the Holy Bible as the state's official book.

Sponsors argue the bill seeks to honor the historical significance of the Bible in Tennessee's history rather than serving as a government endorsement of religion.

But opponents say the measure trivializes the Bible by placing it alongside other Tennessee symbols like the small-mouth bass as the state sport fish, the cave salamander as the state amphibian and the honeybee as the state agricultural insect.

"They know that in order to withstand the likely judicial scrutiny that is to come the legislation must appear to be 'secular,'" state Senate Republican leader Mark Norris said in a written statement Tuesday. "But it is not secular. Secular is the opposite of sacred."

Norris said trying to make the argument that the Bible is a historical symbol rather than a religious one "is the stuff of Satan — not Holy Scripture."

The state Senate's approved the bill on a 19-8 vote on Monday night, sending it to Republican Gov. Bill Haslam, who opposes

the bill but hasn't said whether he will issue a veto.

"The Bible is the most important book in my life, and I think in the world," Haslam told reporters last week. "But that's very different than being the state's official book."

Once the bill reaches Haslam's desk, he has 10 days excluding Sundays to either sign or veto the bill, or it becomes law without his signature.

Spokesman David Smith said in an email "the governor has constitutional questions and personal reservations about this legislation," but that he will review the legislation before making a veto decision.

The state's attorney general warned that the bill violates both the U.S. and Tennessee constitutions, the latter of which states that that "no preference shall ever be given, by law, to any religious establishment or mode of worship."

Democratic Sen. Jeff Yarbrow challenged the bill's sponsor, Republican Sen. Steve Southerland, an ordained minister, on whether he considers the Bible primarily as a religious or as a historical text.

"It's about a lot of different things," Southerland responded. "But what we're doing here is recognizing it

for its historical and cultural contribution to the state of Tennessee."

Yarbrow acknowledges "it's hard to vote against the Bible," but argues the bill is misguided for touting the economic role of Bible publishing in Tennessee or the fact that family histories were often tracked in Bibles before vital statistics were kept by the government.

"I don't think that's why we read the Bible, I don't think that's why we send our kids to vacation Bible school," Yarbrow said. "To those of us who grew up in this faith, it is so much more."

In solidly Republican Tennessee, heavy doses of God and guns are considered reliable election-year politics.

The Bible bill came to a vote just days before the candidate filing deadline, giving lawmakers pause about being portrayed by political rivals as being opposed to the Bible if they voted against the bill.

Earlier this session, the Legislature approved a resolution to add the .50-caliber Barrett sniper rifle to the state's official symbols. The Murfreesboro-based company run by a prominent Republican supporter, Ronnie Barrett, supplies its firearms to law enforcement agencies, private citizens and more than 70 militaries around the

world.

Hedy Weinberg, the executive director of the ACLU of Tennessee, called on Haslam to veto the Bible bill. She called it a "thinly veiled effort to promote one religion over other religions clearly violates both the United States and Tennessee Constitutions."

Southerland said an outside legal organization has offered to defend any lawsuits challenging the bill for free.

"So I ask you, what do we have to lose?" he said.



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April 16:  
**Master the Mountain 5k/10k:**  
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April 23:  
**Big Spring Symphony "Swing with the Symphony"**  
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Municipal Auditorium

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# HC Rodeo off to slow start for Hawks

By DREW WILLIAMS  
Sports Editor

The Rodeo College kicked off with a Thursday slack last night that featured participants from all across Texas and New Mexico.

Cowboys and cowgirls from Howard College, Texas Tech University, Tarleton State University, Eastern New Mexico University, West Texas A&M University, Sul Ross University, Cisco College and the other Region V schools in the National Junior College Athletic Association competed during the first night of the three-day event.

Barrel racing was the first event, three cowgirls participate. Korilye Kundert finished with a time of 17.42 seconds, to lead the school. Blakelee Freeman and Madison Keeter had some trouble rounding the first barrel, and it led to Freeman finishing with a time of 34.22 seconds and Keeter finishing with no time. Callie Davenport of Weatherford College posted the best time of the night with 16.45 seconds.

Bull riding followed with Andrew Blanton from Howard as the school's only participant in the event. He had the most trouble out of all the bull riders



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard's Jacob Duckworth participates in the tiedown roping event in Thursday's rodeo slack. He finished with no time after breaking the barrier too soon.

getting out of the gate as his bull was bucking before he could even get on. Only one rider out of 13, Pistol Preece from Weatherford College, lasted the full eight seconds and finished with a score of 76.

In tiedown roping,

Howard had two cowboys in the event. Brycen Kiker finished with a time of 18.4 seconds, and Jacob Duckworth finished with no time after breaking his barrier too soon.

Keeter, the school's only cowgirl in the

breakway roping event, finished with no time after breaking the barrier too soon.

The saddle bronc event was a bit of a disappointment for Howard. Lane Wimberley of the Hawks had one of the best rides in the

event and lasted the full eight seconds, but when scores were posted it was announced that he failed to mark his horse and was disqualified.

The top 10 participants in Thursday's slack, the Friday morning slack, the Friday night perfor-

mance and the Saturday morning slack will all go on to compete in the Saturday night performance. Howard will look to bounce back from a disappointing Thursday night starting Friday morning.

# Pack again chasing Jordan Spieth at Masters



Jordan Spieth applauds on the 18th green following his first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday, April 7, 2016, in Augusta, Ga. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

By JOHN ZENOR  
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — A pack of lesser-known players is pursuing Jordan Spieth at the Masters, and some other big names are lurking not too far behind.

Danny Lee and Shane Lowry — surprisingly tied for second two strokes behind Spieth's 6-under 66 — get a couple hours head start in Friday's second round before Spieth resumes his attack on Augusta National just before 1 p.m. World No. 1 Jason Day, who struggled on the back nine Thursday to fall six strokes behind Spieth, will be back on the course around 10 a.m.

Spieth is hoping to match Arnold Palmer's record Masters streak of finishing six rounds with the lead. It won't be any easier than battling the winds at Augusta National this week.

A pack of five international players is three strokes back at 69. The group includes Englishmen Paul Casey, Jus-

tin Rose and Ian Poulter, Dane Soren Kjeldsen and Spaniard Sergio Garcia.

Spieth and Rose are the only major winners in the front-running group.

Spieth wouldn't be at all surprised if No. 1-ranked Day rebounds strongly from his back-nine struggles.

"I've seen Jason get hot before," Spieth said. "I've played with him, I want to say 75 percent of the rounds the last two months of last year's season. It's nothing new. It's nothing shocking."

"We're through one round. No matter what they finish at, they'll be through one round. Jason and Shane both have the potential to get to 7, 8, 9, 10 under."

As he said, there are plenty of birdies, bogeys "and everything in between" to come. Including some before he takes the course again.

"We know how to win this tournament, and we believe in our process, and if the putts are dropping, then hopefully it goes our way," Spieth said.

# Warriors become 2nd NBA team to win 70

By JOSH DUBOW  
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors reached a milestone that only Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls have achieved in the history of the NBA.

All that's left for Golden State to do now is win three more games and become the winningest team of them all.

Curry scored 27 points and the Warriors became the second team to win 70 games in a season by beating the San Antonio Spurs 112-101 on Thursday night, wrapping up home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

"Two teams in the history of this game have reached where we are right now," Curry said. "It's a proud moment and something that should be recognized."

The Warriors (70-9) bounced back from their second loss in

three home games two nights earlier against Minnesota and joined the 1995-96 Bulls as the only teams in the 70-win club. Golden State can pass the Bulls by sweeping the final three games, including a rematch in San Antonio on Sunday.

Coach Steve Kerr, who played on the record-setting Bulls team, acknowledges being uneasy about chasing the record instead of giving the team a break, but the Warriors' young stars are gung-ho to get it.

"Most of the guys in the locker room are saying, 'We're right here, we've put all this effort into it, let's go for it,'" forward Draymond Green said.

Harrison Barnes scored 21 points and Green added 18 to help the Warriors avoid losing back-to-back games for the first time this season. Golden State has outscored the opposition by

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# Pujols hits walk-off single against Rangers

By JOE RESNICK  
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Texas Rangers reliever Sam Dyson escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam against the Los Angeles Angels in the eighth inning.

The right-hander gave up a walk and a single with one out in the ninth, however, and watched bullpen mate Shawn Tolleson give up a bases-loaded single to Albert Pujols, sending the Rangers to a 4-3 loss on Thursday night in the opener of a four-game series.

Mike Trout led off the Angels' eighth with a single against Keone Kela, and Pujols followed with an infield hit off Dyson (0-1). C.J. Cron's dribbler up the third-base line also went for a hit, but Dyson struck out Kole Calhoun and retired Andrelton Simmons on a double-play grounder to third base.



Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols starts to celebrate after a single to left with the bases loaded in the ninth inning to give the Angels a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers. (AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi)

"I had to strike out somebody to get out of that situation, then I got a ground-ball double play after that," Dyson said. "I'm kind of a ground-ball guy, so it's not out of the realm to do that."

"I felt fine mentally going out for the ninth, but I just didn't do the job. There are

three outs in an inning, and sometimes it's a little hard to get those three outs."

Pujols greeted Tolleson with a line drive to left-center on a 1-0 pitch for his first RBI of the season after Andrew Faulkner's intentional

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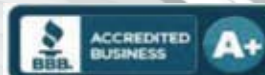
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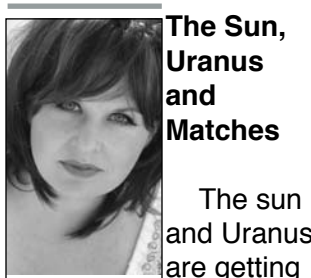
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



The Sun, Uranus and Matches

The sun and Uranus are getting HOLIDAY closer in MATHIS the sky as they commute to tomorrow's special annual conference. Between yesterday's passionate Aries new moon and tomorrow's conjunction, this is an extremely creative, potential-filled moment. Set your intention; it's like striking a match. The lit match will meet the wick tomorrow.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Go at the project with a mix of two parts logic and one part intuition. Why so heavy on the logic? Well, you don't want to discount your inner knowing, but you need to test and measure extra carefully on this one.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're kind to the one who is kind to you, and you're also kind to the one who is not. This is further proof (if ever you needed it) that kindness is who you are, and not the

means to an end. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your optimism, based on nothing at all, is nonetheless wholehearted. This blind and buoyant optimism is the best kind of optimism you could have today, and you will be richly rewarded for your faith.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Just because you hold a certain belief for many years, that does not make it automatically true. But because this belief has been with you so long, even when you declare it false, it will take some time to fall out of the rotation.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Keep the receipts, because there's a good chance there will be some returns later. This isn't about making mistakes; it is about getting closer and closer to the very specific answer to your problem.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A feeling about a special relationship will come over you this weekend. It may even seem to you that the whole universe exists just to bring this magic combination

together. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Nope, it's not your imagination. You are being tested, and even scored in some way. When you do well, you'll be let deeper into a situation or relationship. This is where all the gold is, by the way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Irritants can come in many forms: perfumes, pollen, people. Ultimately, it doesn't matter what or who is to blame. You still have to rise above the irritant. Tolerance will set you free.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your physical sensations are important, but not overly so. Be careful not to magnify their impact on the situation at hand. You'll make gains by being tough, able and focused on the bigger picture.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The worry is positive if it causes you to make an action plan. For that matter, mistakes can be positive, too, and so can arguments. Forward momentum will be caused by disruption.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). There is more around to cause alarm than harm. Resolve not to let yourself get so apprehensive that it keeps you from the excitement of exploring exciting new avenues.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The grass grows all by itself. Good! You appreciate this landscaping development, but you also know better than to waste your precious energy focusing on what is out of your control.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 8). This will be an ambitious time for you, as you see gleaming potential in a situation that's just out of your reach. Education will close the gap. Put your time and money into that in June and don't stop until you have the certificate in your hand. You'll take a road trip, meet like minds and find much inspiration in August. Libra and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 41, 48 and 37.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** You are very attracted to the one who shares highly original thought

with you. **TAURUS:** The one who went before you has created all kinds of doubt in your partner. You're in the unique position to erase that and build the confidence back up. **GEMINI:** The one who finds you funny will have your rapt attention. When you hear laughter, you feel love. **CANCER:** Technology will enhance your love life in more ways than one. **LEO:** You're an integral part of the group. Several members will fight over you. **VIRGO:** You have stars in your eyes for the one who appreciates the little things you do. **LIBRA:** You've already had the kind of partner that makes you work for every scrap of attention, and now you're ready to accept more abundance in love. **SCORPIO:** Though you don't always think of love as a game, you will this weekend as your applied strategies work out brilliantly. **SAGITTARIUS:** When accompanied by that one very special person, the mundane tasks will be heavenly experiences. **CAPRICORN:**

You're interested in those who have strong opinions, but you don't want to discuss them all weekend. **AQUARIUS:** Potential partners are getting a lot of social proof that you're a hot commodity. **PISCES:** Plan the date out and it will cost you less than if you just wing it in the moment.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The Aries sun and the Taurus moon intensify the attraction between these zodiac neighbors. It's easy for these two young souls to be friendly to one another. They play like children, teasing and chasing. When they upset one another, it usually blows over fast and they're soon back to a better rhythm. The weekend brings flirting, eventful fun and a distinct distaste for gravity. Keep it light!

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** Our 46-year-old son is bright, caring and an all-around good guy. Here's the problem: "Munro" has never gotten much of an education, even though he's had multiple chances and we have encouraged him to do so. If we say anything about it, he gets nasty and rude and tells us it's none of our business.

He is absolutely right -- until he and his family hit us up for money. Munro has a wife and three children. The oldest, age 20, still lives at home and does not work or contribute to the household. Our daughter-in-law refuses to work more than part-time, and then only temporarily. The entire household lives hand-to-mouth. We have loaned them a lot of money over the years, not to mention the many

"extras" we've done for the kids. We made a decision to close the bank, at least until his wife and adult son contribute more to the household.

The problem now is that Munro was in a serious, life-altering accident and is lucky to be alive. He won't be able to work for some time. Of course, they can't pay their bills. I spoke to my husband about helping again because of these extenuating circumstances, but he replied that now is a good time for his wife and son to step up and get jobs.

What do you think we should do? We are financially secure, but not rich. -- Worried Mom in California

**Dear Worried:** This is a tough situation. You have been too generous already, but with Munro out of work for

an indefinite period, his family will likely sink further down before it occurs to them to step up and contribute. They have been enabled for so long that they don't know how to adjust their expectations. They will accuse you of abandoning them in their time of need.

Please sit down with Munro, his wife and their grown son. Explain that the gravy train has stopped running. Offer to help your daughter-in-law and grandson look through the want ads in the newspaper and online to find full-time jobs that will make up for Munro's missing salary. And if you are feeling generous, pay for them to get some financial and budget planning advice from a professional. Check with your bank or the National Foundation for Credit Counseling at

[nfcc.org](http://nfcc.org). As the saying goes, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Show him how to catch a fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

**Dear Annie:** In a letter from "Pennsylvania," there was a reference to rude drivers turning on their high beams and leaving them on. In your response, you suggested flashing the high beams once or twice to let someone know their headlights are off or that their high beams are off.

You might want to tell your readers in Indiana not to do that. I found out the hard way when a police officer saw me click my high beams. He was nice and just gave me a warning, but it could have been a ticket. -- Smarter in Indiana

**Dear Indiana:** Several readers wrote to

tell us it is also illegal in California and other states, and suggested turning one's headlights on and off quickly for the same purpose. Our thanks to all who let us know.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@creators.com](mailto:anniesmailbox@creators.com), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You can also find Annie on Facebook at [Facebook.com/AskAnnie](https://www.facebook.com/AskAnnie). To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com). COPYRIGHT 2016 CREATORS.COM

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Bidding Quiz**

Assume you've opened with One Heart and partner has raised to Two Hearts. What would you bid now with each of the following three hands?

- ♠AJ8 ♥KJ9742 ♦10 ♣A85
- ♠6 ♥KQ852 ♦AJ ♣AKQ94
- ♠AJ94 ♥AK9543 ♦A16 ♣—

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- Three hearts.** Although you have only 13 high-card points, there is a reasonable chance of making 10 tricks, so you should not throw in the towel by passing. Also, at the other extreme — for those who see the world through rose-colored glasses — you should not leap straightaway to four hearts.
- Four notrump.** Slam is a distinct possibility, and the best way to investigate it is via Blackwood. You plan to bid six hearts if partner shows one ace by bidding five diamonds. If partner's ace is in the trump suit, you'll be a big favorite to make six; if it's in spades, you might still have a shot at the slam.
- Two spades.** There is no question about making a game; the question is whether there's a slam. Two spades (forcing) is the first move in that direction.

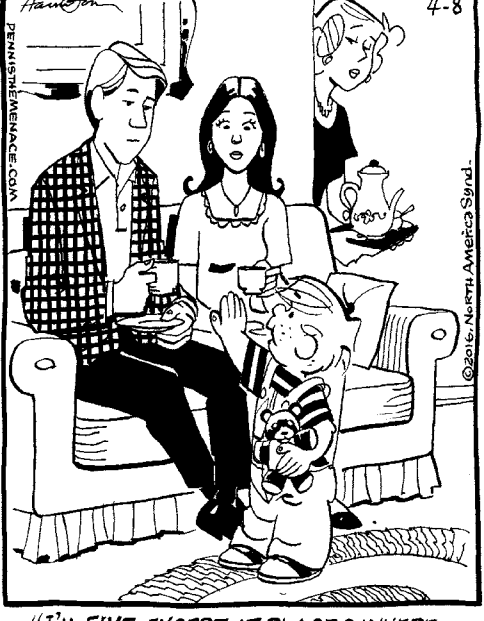
Partner does not necessarily need a maximum raise for a slam to be made. If he has no values in clubs, you probably do have a slam. Thus, partner could have only the king of spades and king of diamonds and a slam would be feasible. Or partner could have ♠5 ♥QJ82 ♦K843 ♣9762, and a slam would be virtually unbeatable. In any case, if partner cooperates in any way after your planned cuebids in spades and diamonds, you should undertake a slam.

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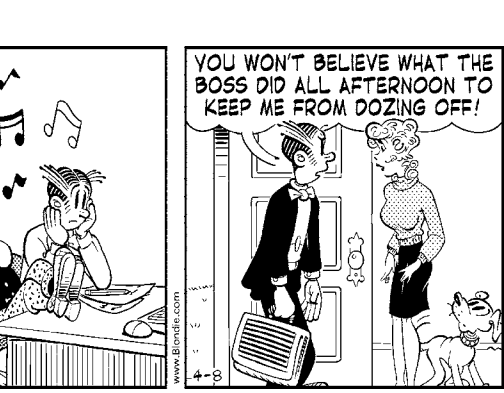
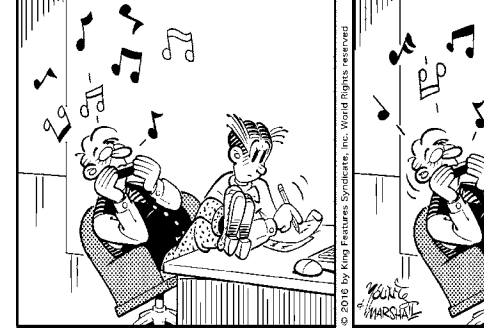


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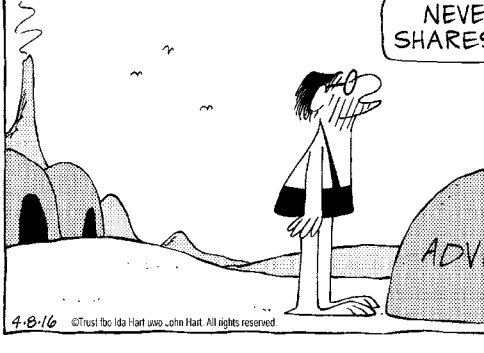
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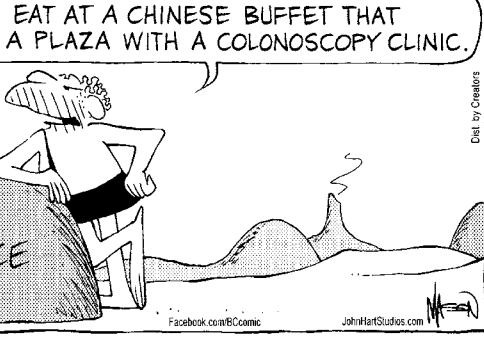
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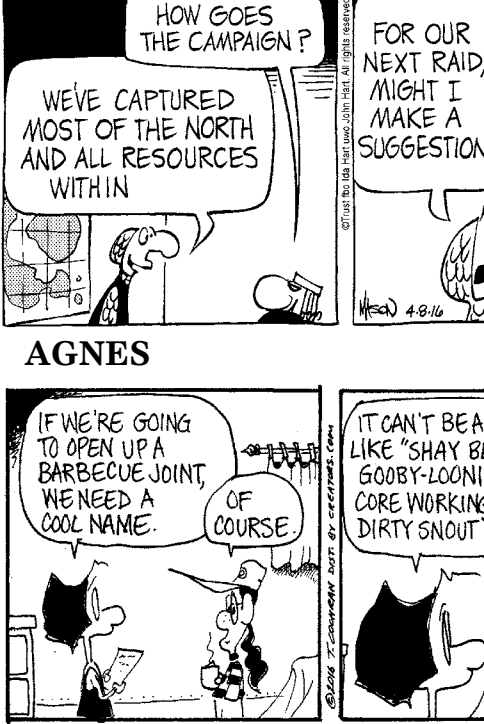
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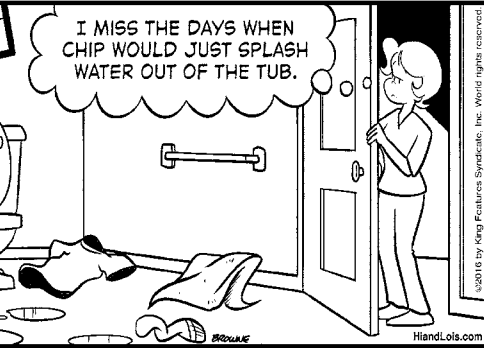
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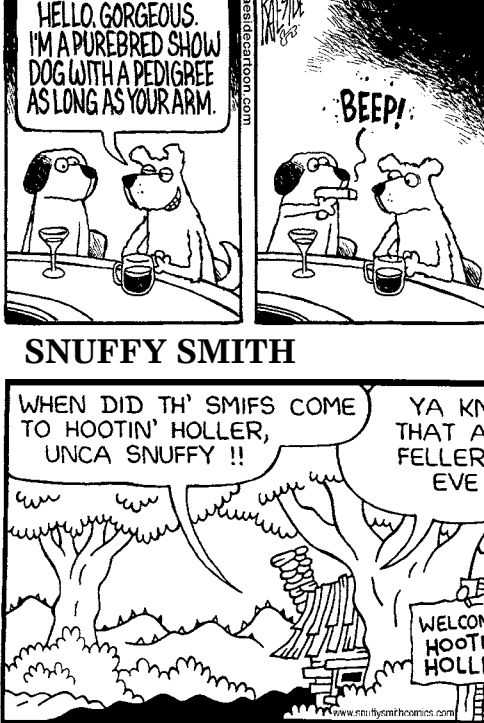
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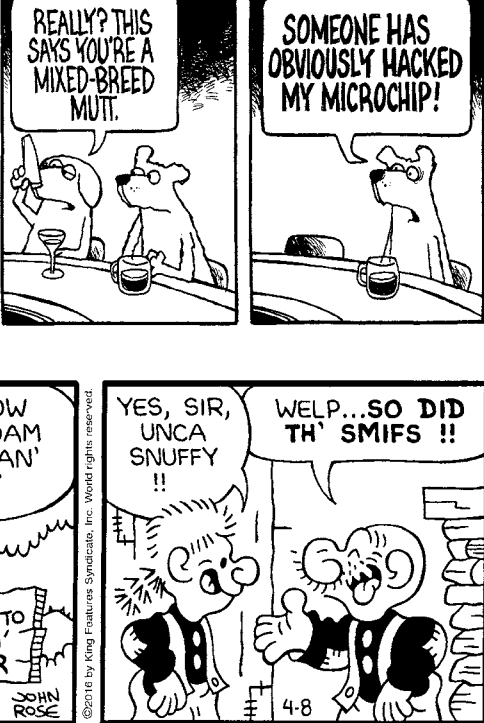
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 8, the 99th day of 2016. There are 267 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

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Adams to address Congress in person as he asked lawmakers to enact tariff reform. In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

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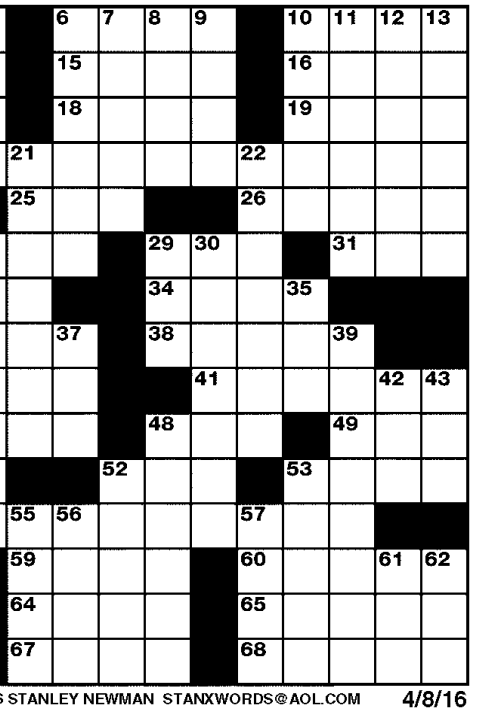
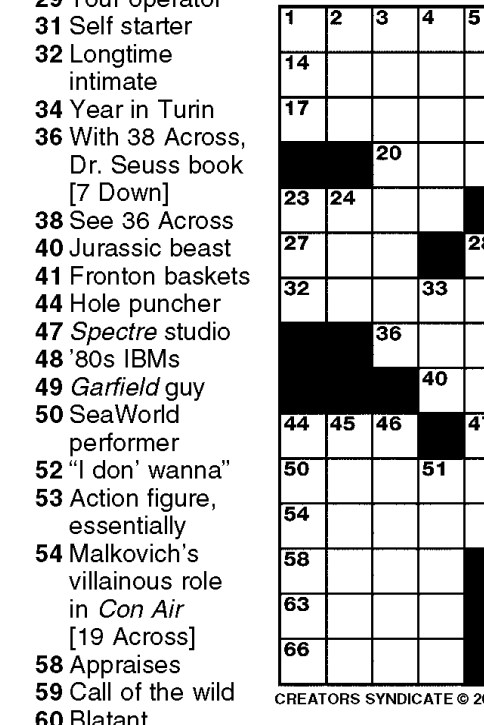
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**Tech alumni to hold golf tournament**

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On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Howard County Texas Tech Alumni will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual scholarship golf tournament. This year's event will be at the Big Spring Country Club with a shot gun start at 9:00am. The format is a 4 man scramble. The cost is \$80.00 per person with mulligan's available for \$10.00 each (maximum of 2). This is a one day tournament with prizes awarded to first and second place.

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**Yanks take two of three from Astros**

**By BEN WALKER**

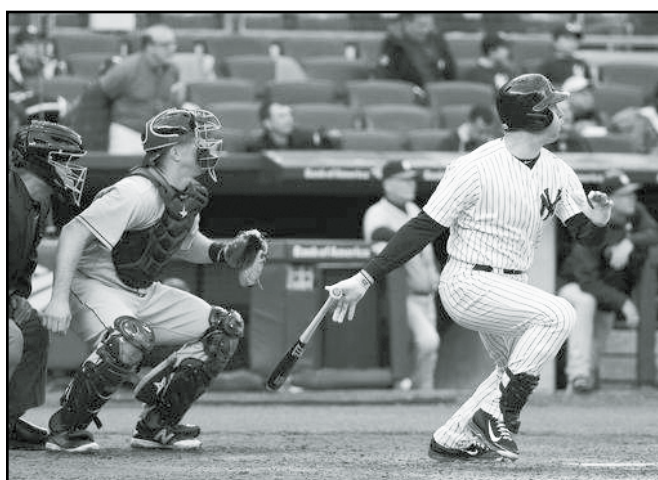
AP Baseball Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Teixeira already has found a home at Yankee Stadium. Starlin Castro seems to be settling in quite well, too.

"This is the whole package. The Yankees are the whole package," Teixeira said. "I mean once you play for the Yankees, you've kind of reached the pinnacle of Major League Baseball."

Teixeira sliced a tie-breaking, three-run homer in the seventh inning and Castro connected again, sending New York past the Houston Astros 8-5 Thursday.

The Yankees took two of three in the season-opening series against the team that beat them in the AL wild-card game last October. The game began 12 minutes late because of rain, and the ballpark was far less than half-filled.

Castro kept up his torrid start with a solo home run and a single off the wall, making him 7 for 12. The former Cubs



**New York Yankees' Mark Teixeira, right, follows through on a 3-run home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Thursday, April 7, 2016, in New York. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)**

infielder has eight RBIs, the most by any player in his first three games for the Yankees since the stat became official in 1920, STATS said.

Castro credited the talks he had with Alex Rodriguez, Carlos Beltran and other new teammates in spring training with making his adjustment go more smoothly.

Castro also liked having his parents and brother in the seats. They were in town

Wednesday, but skipped the game because of the cold weather.

Castro became the first player in the majors with at least eight RBIs in his first three games for a new team since Calvin Pickering had 11 for the Royals in 2004, STATS said.

Brian McCann also homered for the Yankees.

Tyler White hit his first homer in the majors, drove in four runs and got three hits for the Astros.

**RANGERS**

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walk to Trout.

"I was just trying to get ahead of him, but I wasn't able to do that," Tolleson said. "Then I threw a fastball up and over the middle of the plate. He's a good hitter, so he did what he's supposed to do with it."

Pujols wasn't surprised or insulted that Trout was purposely passed ahead of him, even though the three-time NL MVP needs only one more RBI for 1,700 in the regular season.

"I would do the same thing if I was the manager in that situation," Pujols said. "Mike is the best player in the game, and as a manager, you don't want the best player in the game to beat you. I love that situation."

Angels left-hander Hector Santiago was lifted in the seventh with a 3-2 lead after singles by Ian Desmond and Mitch Moreland gave Texas runners at the corners with none out. Elvis Andrus tied it with a sacrifice fly against Fernando Salas.

Texas starter Derek Holland took a 2-1 lead into the fifth before walking two of his first three batters. Calhoun

scored on Escobar's two-out single, and Craig Gentry drove in Geovany Soto with a double inside third base on a 3-2 pitch.

"I made some pretty good pitches, but they're big league hitters for a reason," said Holland, who beat the Angels last Oct. 1 at Arlington to clinch a postseason berth for Texas. "I felt strong physically and mechanically. But I just can't be giving away free passes, either. I'm very upset with the way I gave away those two at-bats."

Holland gave up three runs, four hits and two walks in five innings and struck out five in his season debut. The 29-year-old lefty threw only one inning in his first start last season and spent the next four months on the disabled list with a strained shoulder.

Santiago allowed three runs — two earned — and four hits in six-plus innings with seven strikeouts and two walks. He gave up only one hit over the first five innings, a first-pitch homer by No. 9 hitter Robinson Chirinos leading off the third.

Yunel Escobar drove in the Angels' first two runs with a homer and RBI single and Huston Street (1-0) pitched a perfect inning to get the

win. The Angels had lost 9-0 and 6-1 to the Chicago Cubs in their first two games.

**SPIKE MARKS**  
Rangers: Prince Fielder, who came in with no RBIs in 30 career at-bats against Santiago, hit a sacrifice fly in the first. .3B Adrian Beltre was 0 for 4 on his 37th birthday. He has played 14 games on this date, going 9 for 50 with a homer and five RBIs. . It was the first road game of the season for the Rangers, who led the AL with a 45-36 road record last year en route to the West Division title.

Angels: Escobar led the AL with a .450 spring training batting average and did not strike out in 65 plate appearances. ... Santiago was 3-0 with a 2.10 ERA in six starts against Texas last season.

**NBA**

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14.6 points per game following its nine losses and has finally achieved its main goal in the regular season of earning the top seed in the playoffs.

"It took 70 wins to wrap up the one seed, which tells you all you need to know about that team in the other locker room," Kerr said.

Kawhi Leonard scored 23 points for the Spurs, who will enter the playoffs next weekend as the second seed in the West.

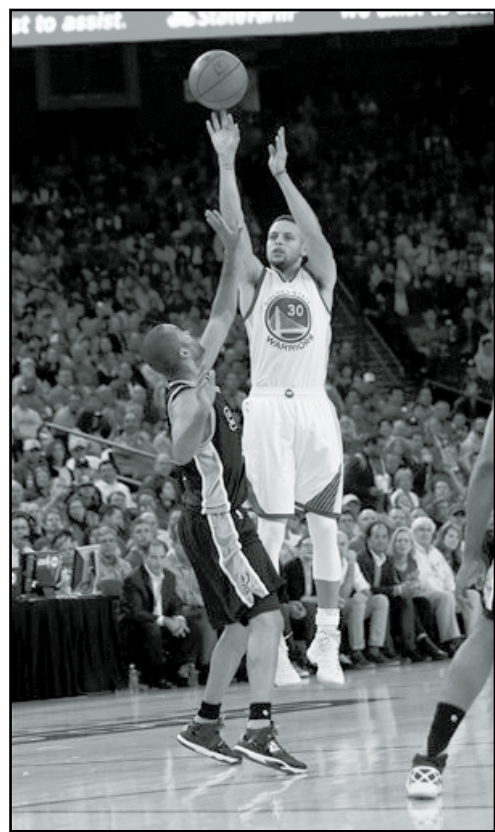
San Antonio has been outscored by 41 points in two losses at Golden State this season and will have to open on the road if these teams meet again in the conference finals.

"You can't make mistakes against these guys," coach Gregg Popovich said. "Best team on the planet. If you lose your concentration defensively or you shoot ill-advised shots or don't move the ball and give it back to them quickly, you're in big trouble."

After a relatively quiet first half, Curry took the game over in the third quarter and sent the Warriors to their second easy win at home against the Spurs this season. Curry had 15 points and four assists in the quarter as he was able to drive to the basket with ease for either his own shot or to set up a teammate.

The Warriors shot 80 percent in the third alone and took an 87-69 lead into the fourth — easily passing the 79 points they scored the entire game in last month's loss at San Antonio.

This was a highly anticipated showdown between the league's top two teams, with the 134 combined wins the most ever in a regular-season matchup. Both took the game seriously, with Popovich opting to play his stars instead of resting them. Popovich even called a timeout less than a minute into the game after a defen-



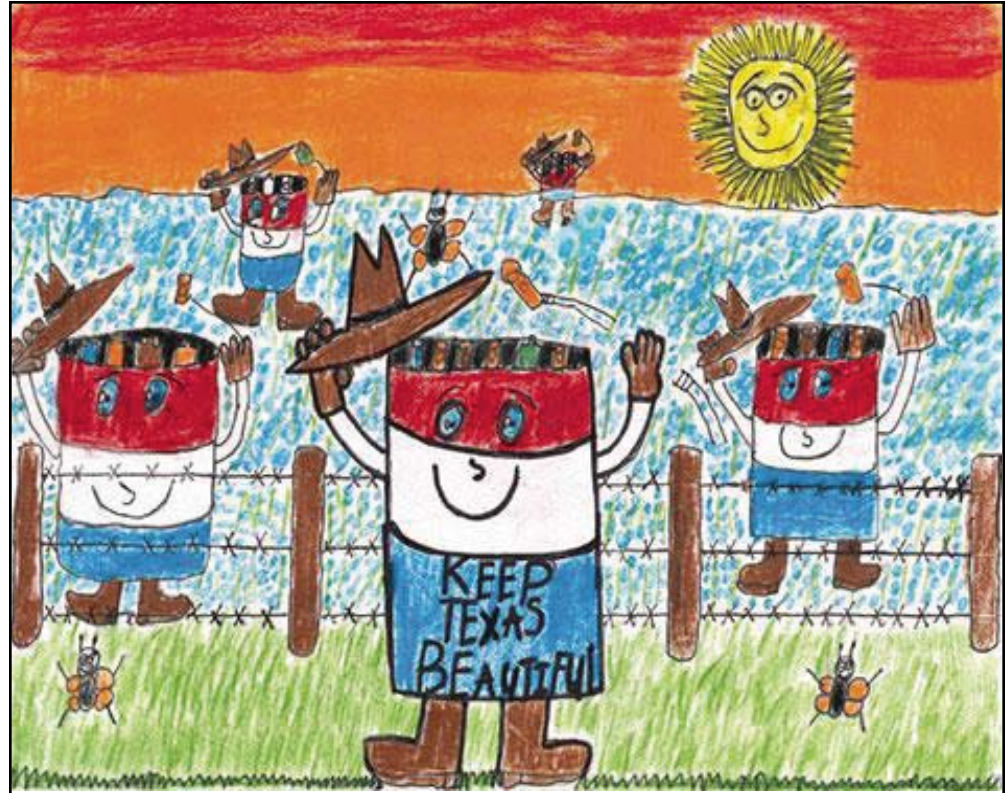
**Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) shoots over San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, April 7, 2016, in Oakland, Calif. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)**

sive breakdown led to an open 3-pointer for Klay Thompson.

Not to be outdone, Kerr got angry after a turnover led to an open 3-pointer for Danny Green late in the first half and slammed his white board so hard during the timeout that his marker flew into the air.

That 3 by Green helped the Spurs cut a 15-point deficit down to six in the final minute of the half. But Barnes answered with a pair of 3-pointers to give the Warriors a 52-40 lead at the break.

**TIP-INS**  
Spurs: Key reserve Boris Diaw (sore right abductor) was the only Spurs player to miss the game.



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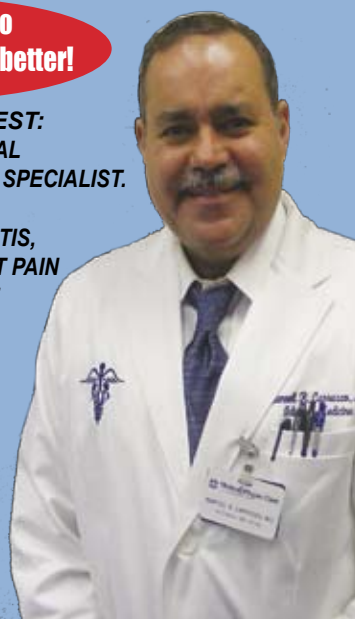
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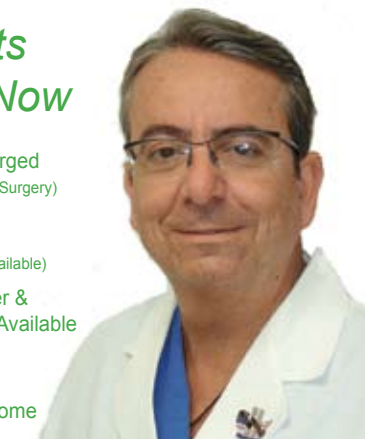
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