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## BSISD: The future of the food service program

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

According to a bid packet information presentation at the Big Spring ISD meeting Thursday night, current food service employees should not lose any wages or hours if the district decides to contract out its food service program to a private company.

Big Spring ISD Assistant Superintendent Jay McWilliams provided a highlight of the bid packet information from the only two companies to apply — Aramark and SFP — during the board of trustees meeting. District officials have considered farming out its food service program in an effort to save money. The

news has caused concern among food service workers, many who were in attendance at the meeting. Some of the key points McWilliams highlighted were:  
 • Concern over pay and hours changes.  
 “Aramark has already figured every employee that goes to work for them will

get a 2 percent raise straight across the board and no loss of hours,” Williams reported. “SFP, they will guarantee no loss of hours and pay will remain the same. So nobody loses any money but Aramark guarantees a 2 percent raise.”  
 • Gaps in benefits, deductibles, retirement.

“Aramark says no gaps in benefit...SFP pretty much the same,” Williams said. Currently, the district completely pays for the deductible of its basic insurance plan offered to all its employees, McWilliams said. Both companies said employees pay the deductible.  
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## Glad to be back to West Texas, freshman congressman says



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow

U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington speaks with an attendee at a community luncheon held in his honor Thursday. The freshman congressman visited Big Spring for the first time since he took office in January and spoke about a number of issues facing the country during the hour-long event sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Freshman U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington said it felt good to be back in West Texas during a community luncheon held in his honor Thursday in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It was Arrington's first visit to Big Spring since he took the oath of office in January to serve as the representative for Texas' 19th congressional district which is made up of 29 counties including Big Spring, Lubbock, and Abilene. Since tak-

ing office, Arrington was appointed to three congressional committees — Agriculture, Budget, and Veterans Affairs. He was also appointed to chair Economic Opportunity, a subcommittee of the Veteran's Affairs. That committee has oversight of the GI Bill, a law that provides educational benefits to U.S. military veterans. “We are looking at doing a comprehensive review to see if we can give more education opportunities for our veterans,” Arrington said. “That's coming forth.” Unraveling bureaucratic red tape and both civil and union reform is needed to help the Department of Veterans of Affairs run more efficiently to better serve the veterans, he

said. “What I have been pushing and what I have led on is trying to get the VA to function and operate effectively and efficiently to serve its customers, the vets, and to be good stewards of tax payer money,” Arrington said. “It's hard to get a bureaucracy that has a monopoly on serving veterans to have a sense of urgency and have a standard of customer service of what you would expect for our veterans” In March, Arrington filed his first bill called the Veterans, Employees, and Taxpayer Protection Act. The legislation would require the VA to track the use of official time and prohibit employees involved with direct

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## Texas getting first immigrant center built under Trump

By **MEREDITH HOFFMAN**  
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A private prison company announced Thursday it has won a \$110-million federal contract to build in Texas the first new immigrant detention center under the Trump administration. The GEO Group said that its 1,000-bed detention facility will be in Conroe, north of Houston, and will open by the end of next year. The facility coincides with President Donald Trump's promised expansion of immigration detention, part of a larger crackdown on immigrants in the country illegally that includes detaining people seeking asylum while they go through immigration proceedings. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-

ment already has a record of more than 41,000 detainees. The agency has also identified an additional 21,000 unused beds that it plans to use for detention, according to a memo reported Wednesday by the Washington Post. That memo notes that “ICE will be unable to secure additional detention capacity until funding has been identified.” GEO, ICE's second-largest private prison contractor, has approximately 3,000 empty beds nationwide, according to a February investor call. Faced with a lack of funds and potentially thousands of empty beds, ICE's move to secure a new contract with GEO surprised immigrant rights advocates. “This is totally unprecedented,” said

Silky Shaw, Co-Director of Detention Watch Network, a Washington-based non-profit fighting to end immigrant detention. “Even the most recent expansion we've seen has been county jails and repurposing facilities that have been shuttered.” Trump has instructed ICE to detain all individuals suspected of violating immigration laws. “Aliens who illegally enter the United States without inspection or admission present a significant threat to national security and public safety,” the president said in a Jan. 25 executive order asking ICE to “allocate all legally available resources to immediately construct, operate, control, or establish contracts to construct,  
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## Rally for the children



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A balloon release was held in front of Scenic Mountain Medical Center Thursday evening as part of the Child Abuse Awareness Rally held by SMMC and CASA of West Texas.



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## Obituaries

### Maria "Mary" Elena Vasquez



Maria "Mary" Elena Vasquez, 75, of Lubbock died Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Bustillos, Marco Torres, B. J. Cox, Jason Hershey, Mark Anthony Molina, and Gary Ochotorena.

Mary will be in state beginning Friday morning with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. that evening at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Mary was born July 12, 1941, in Big Spring, and married Jose Vasquez in 1959, also in Big Spring.

She loved traveling overseas and spending time with her family. She was a devoted Christian and a

member of the St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Lubbock.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jose Vasquez of Lubbock; three sons, Joey Vasquez and wife Connie of Lubbock, Michael Vasquez and wife Anna of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jeremy Vasquez of Lubbock; two daughters, Sandra Bustillos and husband Jamie of Irving, and Thelma Vasquez of Ft. Worth; 10 grandchildren, B.J. Cox, Joel Vasquez Bona, Destiny Vasquez, Jonathan Vasquez, Alexandra Styrzula, Marisa Hershey, Kristin Bustillos, Danielle Bustillos, Chloe Bustillos, and Andrew Bustillos; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gustavo Ochotorena and Nolberto Ochotorena; and one sister, Ida Rodriguez.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jonathan Vasquez; her parents, Gustavo and Elisa (Gallegos) Ochotorena; and one sister, Amelia Torres.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

### James Anthony "Tony" Stewart

James Anthony "Tony" Stewart, 64, of Dublin, Texas, died Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Harris Hospital in Stephenville, Texas.

Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday at Church of the Lost and Found Assembly of God in Dublin. Funeral will follow at 11 a.m., Saturday also at the church. Tony will be cremated after the service.

He was born Sept. 27, 1952, in McKinney to Oscar Lee and Mildred Dee (Alexander) Stewart.

Tony is survived by his wife, Robbie Stewart of

Dublin; a daughter, Tara Horning and husband David of Marlow, Okla.; a son, Zack Stewart of Dublin; two grandchildren; four sisters, Diann Mayo and husband Bobby of San Angelo, Beth Perry and husband Mike of Lubbock, Melanie Craven of Lubbock, and Lydia Eubank and husband Alan of Lubbock; a brother, Farley Hayworth and wife Tonda of Lubbock; his mother-in-law, Evelyn Gray of Weatherford; and sister-in-laws and brother in laws Linda and Donnie Baker of Big Spring, and Tammy and Gregory Gullion of Weatherford.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrell Funeral Home in Dublin, Texas.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **TRINITY LEWIS OWEN, 37**, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. #30 was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

• **MARCUS JOE ANDERSON, 36**, of 3306 Auburn Ave. was ar-

rested on outstanding warrants.

• **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL, 28**, of 1008 N. Gregg St. was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing, possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram), possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams).

• **CODY KYLE WITT, 31**, of 310 E. 21st St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of East 16th St.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Dealy Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Boatler. One

person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of East 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of South Gregg Street.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of West 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on Village Drive.

## Take Note

• Coahoma ISD Pre-K pre-registration is from April 18-21 at the Coahoma Elementary Office between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To register, parents must first go to administration building to obtain a proof of residency by taking a bill that has your address on it and then head to the elementary and fill out a pre-registration form. You must bring the following: a state sealed birth certificate (not the hospital issued one with footprints), the child's Social Security card and shot record, and the parent's driver's license. All documents must be originals, no copies.

The student must meet the following qualifications:

- Transfers accepted for Pre-K.
- Students must be four on or before Sept. 1.
- Be unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- Be educationally disadvantaged, which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program.
- Be homeless, as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child
- Be the child of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of

the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty

• Be in, or have been in, the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.

• Coahoma ISD kindergarten pre-registration – To qualify, students must reside in the district to pre-register and be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Transfer requests will not be processed until June 1st. Parents must first first, go to Administration Building to obtain a proof of residency by taking a bill that has your address on it. If the child is already enrolled, this step may be skipped. Next, the parent must go to elementary and fill out a pre-registration form. The parents must bring the state sealed birth certificate (not the hospital issued one with footprints), the child's Social Security card and shot record, and the parent's driver's license. All documents must be originals, no copies. Kindergarten Round UP day will be on Friday, April 28 from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Parents must pre-register their child during the April 18-21 dates to attend on this day.-register April 18-21 to attend on this day.

### Theron Dwayne McVae Jr.

Theron Dwayne McVae Jr., 19, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers and Smith Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

### Shawn Ann Simpson

Shawn Ann Simpson, 53, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RILEY DON BROOKS, 27**, was booked by DPS on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV, 21**, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, and violation of promise to appear.

• **ANDY LEE CUELLAR, 32**, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance and bail jumping/failure to appear; and on a capias warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **DESTINY MARIAH FRANCO, 22**, was booked by BSPD on bondsman off bond warrants for theft of firearm and organized criminal activity.

• **KYLE LOGAN GERSTENBERGER, 25**, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.

• **JEREMY GOMEZ, 32**, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **JENNIFER F. GONZALEZ, 43**, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ, 46**, was booked by DPS on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear, and on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• **GARY JAMES MIEARS, 40**, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL, 20**, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• **ANTHONY ELIZANDRO SOLIS, 25**, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear/abandoning or endangering a child without intent to return.

• **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL, 28**, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CODY KYLE WITT, 31**, was booked by HCSO on warrants for fraud/insufficient funds check and theft (\$500 to \$1,500); and on a bond forfeiture for theft of service.

## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

• 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.

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

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# CENTER

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operate, or control facilities to detain aliens at or near the land border with Mexico.”

Still, Carl Takei, Staff Attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union’s National Prison Project, said the contract was a “sign that the Trump administration’s plans are a huge boon-doggle for the private prison industry,” which already operates about 75 percent of immigrant detention facilities.

Takei said the new facility’s location was also striking, given that GEO already operates the 1,517-bed Joe Corley immigrant detention center in the same small town.

“Frankly this surprises me ... This raises the question both of how much ICE is actually planning to expand its already enormous detention system and where they’re going to get the money for all this,” Takei said. “ICE has a pretty limited amount of money and they can’t fund expanding detention in 2017 unless Congress passes supplemental appropriations.”

GEO referred all questions to ICE, which did not return requests for comment.

## N. Korean official: US more vicious, aggressive under Trump

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump’s tweets are adding fuel to a “vicious cycle” of tensions on the Korean Peninsula, North Korea’s vice foreign minister told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Friday. The official added that if the U.S. shows any sign of “reckless” military aggression, Pyongyang is ready to launch a pre-emptive strike of its own.

Vice Minister Han Song Ryol said Pyongyang has determined the Trump administration is “more vicious and more aggressive” than that of his predecessor, Barack Obama. He added that North Korea will keep building up its nuclear arsenal in “quality and quantity” and said Pyongyang is ready to go to war if that’s what Trump wants.

Tensions between Pyongyang and Washington go back to President Harry Truman and the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty. But the heat has been rising rapidly since Trump took office in January.

This year’s joint war games between the U.S. and South Korean militaries are the biggest ever; the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier has been diverted back to the waters off Korea after heading for Australia; and U.S. satellite imagery suggests the North

could conduct another underground nuclear test at any time. Pyongyang recently tested a ballistic missile and claims it is close to perfecting an intercontinental ballistic missile and nuclear warhead that could attack the U.S. mainland.

Many experts believe that at its current pace of testing, North Korea could reach that potentially game-changing milestone within a few years — under Trump’s watch as president. Despite reports that Washington is considering military action if the North goes ahead with another nuclear test, Han did not rule out the possibility of a test in the near future.

## Government: 36 Islamic State fighters killed by massive bomb

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The attack on a tunnel complex in remote eastern Afghanistan with the largest non-nuclear weapon ever used in combat by the U.S. military left 36 Islamic State group fighters dead and no civilian casualties, Afghanistan officials said Friday.

The Ministry of Defense said in a statement that several IS caves and ammunition caches were destroyed by the giant bomb, which terrified villagers on both sides of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border with its “earsplitting blast.”

# BSISD

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As for retirement, Aramark offers a 401K plan and SFP is adding a 401K July 1<sup>st</sup>, McWilliams said. Currently, food service employees are entitled to take advantage of the school district’s retirement plan.

• Pay schedule and summer employment.

Big Spring ISD food service employees are paid for nine months of work with pay periods stretched over 12 months. Both companies said they only pay employees during the nine months they work but both encourage workers to file for un-

employment benefits during off season, McWilliams said.

• Guaranteed job  
“The first question everyone asked when they showed up ... are all the people who work at this district guaranteed a job because if not, we might as well end this discussion. Both of them said it’s a guarantee,” McWilliams said.

Both companies also said if the district does contract with them, Big Spring ISD will see a surplus of funds from the program, McWilliams said.

In other business, trustees held a public hearing on an application to allow a more flexible school day at Anderson

Accelerate High School. A new addition to the district this year, the program has a computer-based curriculum aimed at helping students catch up on much needed credits in order to graduate.

“We have a lot of students at Big Spring ISD that maybe have a job to support themselves and their families,” said Heidi Wagner, Anderson Accelerated High School principal. “We have students at Big Spring ISD who have children of their own and it’s hard from them to get to school and go from 8 to 3 every day.”

Wagner added they are working on the plan now and it

could include evening classes. “It just gives us that option to have a flexible calendar to meet the needs of the kids,” she said.

Other topics discussed in the meeting included the approval of the Howard County tax collection budget for the 2017-2018 year. The district will pay nearly \$50,000 for its part of the budget. Also, trustees agreed to sign a contract with an outside firm to audit the district’s financial statements for a cost of \$27,500.

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John W. “Pinkie” Breyman, 59, died March 23, 2017. Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

John Hilger, 46, died Feb. 24, 2017. Memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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# ARRINGTON

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patient care from spending more than 25 percent of their time on union activities and any VA employee from spending more than 50 percent of their time on union activities.

“There has been a recent GAO (Governmental Accounting Office) report, they came and presented it my first hearing, and they demonstrated the fact that over 300 employees at the VA are spending 100 percent of their time on union activities – 100 percent. And I think that’s wrong,” Arrington said. “You have veterans waiting in line for care. You have a tremendous backlog in services. We need the employees we’ve hire and paid to do their job to be involved, be engaged, and serving the veterans, and achieving the Veteran’s Affairs mission.”

During his visit Thursday, Arrington spoke with city and county leaders on various local issues including the possible extension of Interstate 27 from Lubbock through Big Spring by way of the State Highway 87.

“You’ve heard a lot from our new president about the big investment he wants to make,” Arrington said. “I am talking about limiting the federal government, reigning it in because I think it’s absolutely out of control, however, there are roles for the federal government — provide for the common defense, a national network of highways. So I think it’s not only important, I think it is an appropriate investment.”

“We have this tremendous opportunity, not because we have the people we have in the metropolitan areas but because we have significant and statically important product — food, fuel, and fiber,” he continued. “What is this country if we are not energy independent and making the wheels turn on this economy, not just oil and gas, but with renewable and certainly what would we be if we can’t feed our own people. We are at the epicenter of food, fuel, and fiber production right here.”

Arrington said Howard County is in the perfect place for the interstate to come through.

“Of all the communities in this district, this has the most amazing intersection of farming and ranching and agriculture and energy,” Arrington said. “Even the landscape is a combination of rolling hills and the high plains. There is a lot of reasons to do it. I think practically, and logis-

tically... it’s a straight line from the current highway. I think it would be a huge boom to our economy out here.”

Currently, Highway 87 and Big Spring fall along the Ports-to-Plains corridor, a trade route reaching from Mexico to Canada through West Texas and the US. Midwest. However, relations between the U.S. and Mexico have been strained as one of President Donald Trump’s campaign promises is to build a wall along the border of the two countries and make Mexico pay for the construction. President Trump also said he plans to renegotiate NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement), a three country accord between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

“I get an earful from my agriculture producers on how important Mexico is, especially when you are talking about corn, cattle,” Arrington said. “We have a president that is not your typical commander-in-chief. He is our negotiator and chief and a darn good one and he is a businessman. He is not a politician. This is how he negotiates it. This is posturing. I think he is right. I think we have too many trade deals that aren’t in our best interest. It doesn’t mean that they need to go away. It just means we need to improve them and we don’t need to apologize when we negotiate from strength.”

“We need to be fair, but I think too many of our trade deals are not maximizing the opportunities for our producers, our manufacturers,” he continued. “I think he has really touched on a nerve and I think the public sentiment is such that we feel like we are not getting a good deal and we are losing too many manufacturing jobs. Making things in America is important. And when we lose the capacity to do that America is not stronger, in fact we are weaker, so I think he’s touched on something that resonates with us.”

During the luncheon, Arrington admitted to the crowd the Republican Party as been struggling to govern after being the party of the opposition for so many years but needs to come together.

“We find ourselves in a very, very important time in our nation’s history,” he said. “A lot of things will change in the next several years and they will break one way or the other. I am American first. I want us to get to a place where my children and your children and my grandchildren are

safer, stronger and freer.”

Arrington said the answer is reducing the government and unleashing market forces.

“It’s too much government...especially when we are a nation that is built on freedom,” he said. “The over-arching principle of the Constitution and our framework for self governance, self determination is that we would have a limited role for our federal government and they believed that because they believed in the limitless potential of the American people created in the image of God. Unleash it. Unshackle it. The markets, unleash it and you will see a renaissance and you will see a revival and you will see the restoration and the greatness of America. Because America is not great because of the federal government, America is great because of its people.”

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## Lawyers: Nothing amiss in Dallas leader's exchange of money

DALLAS (AP) — Lawyers for a longtime Dallas County commissioner facing bribery and other charges say money he received from his chief of staff was repayment of a loan and not evidence of a scheme to avoid paying taxes.

The attorneys for Commissioner John Wiley Price made the argument Wednesday during the first day of testimony from defense witnesses.

They contend Price was helping his aide launch a side business and that he was repaid.

The prosecution rested its case Tuesday, eight weeks into a corruption trial in which Wiley faces allegations of mail fraud, conspiring to defraud the IRS and filing a fraudulent income tax return.

The Dallas Morning News reports prosecutors earlier in the week were admonished by the judge for repeatedly failing to turn over evidence to the defense in a timely manner.

## Texas county official charged with DWI had tried asthma brew.

MART, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas elected official charged with drunken driving says he tried a whiskey home brew mixed to relieve his asthma before his arrest.

Limestone County Judge Daniel Burkeen was arrested Wednesday in Mart after police say he was observed driving in an erratic matter.

An affidavit says Burkeen, who told the officer he has asthma, slurred his speech and smelled of alcohol. Burkeen was later freed on \$1,000 bond.

Burkeen, in a statement, said he was arrested for DWI, made a mistake and accepts responsibility. Burkeen said he tried an asthma home remedy of whiskey, honey and lemon — plus a decongestant.

Burkeen says he didn't anticipate the effects and doesn't condone anyone driving under the influence of intoxicating substances.

Burkeen didn't immediately return a message for comment Thursday.

## Judge testifies top prosecutor threatened defense attorney

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A state district judge has testified that the Bexar County district attorney committed a crime when the prosecutor threatened to ruin the law practice of a defense attorney in a murder trial.

Judge Lori Valenzuela testified during a hearing Wednesday that she believed the threat purportedly made by District Attorney Nico LaHood during a gathering in the judge's chambers constituted official oppression, a Class A misdemeanor.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the February exchange was part of a trial where it was revealed an assistant district attorney previously had a sexual relationship with a trial witness.

The defense argued it was told too late about the relationship. A mistrial ultimately was declared.

LaHood denies making the threat.

## Dallas police to issue citations in some marijuana cases

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police this fall will start issuing misdemeanor citations and releasing some people found with less than 4 ounces (about 113 grams) of marijuana.

The Dallas City Council on Wednesday approved the plan, effective Oct. 1. The measure, known as cite and release, applies to people with less than 4 ounces of marijuana who are not alleged to have committed other crimes.

The Dallas Police Association questioned the measure.

Supporters say jailing people over small amounts of marijuana wastes police time and taxpayer funds.

Harris County prosecutors in February announced people caught with 4 ounces or less of marijuana won't be arrested if they agree to attend a four-hour decision-making class. The charge is dropped if the person pays for and completes the \$150 course. Fees are waived for indigents.

## NJ teenager gets probation for threatening calls to Texas

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has sentenced a New Jersey teenager to five years' probation for contacting Texas authorities and threatening to kill others, including calls that added to the chaos as law enforcement personnel rushed to a school shooting. Judge Robert Junell on Wednesday also sentenced 17-year-old Nicholas Martino of Washington Township to time served. The teen had been held since his arrest Dec. 1. Martino in February pleaded guilty as an adult to four counts of interstate threats to injure persons. Martino claimed a bomb was on the campus of Sul Ross State University in the West Texas city of Alpine.

He also threatened to kill people at an Alpine hospital.

# Top US Catholic bishop plans for Trump meeting



AP photo

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is the newly-elected president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. DiNardo, the nation's top Catholic bishop, is lauding President Donald Trump for his anti-abortion views, for comments on the importance of Catholic schools and for promising to defend religious liberties. Houston-based DiNardo says when it comes to refugees and immigration, he and Trump will "have to agree to disagree."

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The top Roman Catholic bishop in the U.S. lauds President Donald Trump for his anti-abortion views, for comments on the importance of Catholic schools and for promising to defend religious liberties. When it comes to refugees and immigration, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo says he and Trump will "have to agree to disagree."

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, DiNardo, the archbishop of Galveston-Houston and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, expressed concerns about Trump's now court-stalled executive order blocking immigration from six Muslim-majority nations and about the effects the Trump administration's immigration policies could have on families.

"We have kids in our Catholic schools that are crying during the day," DiNardo said. "They're not sure whether their mommy or daddy is going to be home at night when they get back from school. ... There's no reason why that has to happen."

DiNardo in 2007 became the first Catholic cardinal in the Southern United States, an area where Catholicism has flourished as more people have moved there, from both inside and outside the U.S. In his first extended interview since his more than 400 fellow

bishops in November elected him to a three-year term as president of the U.S. bishops' conference, DiNardo said the conference has had "quiet initial talks" with the White House to arrange a session between him and Trump.

The White House had no comment Wednesday on prospects for a meeting, although such a session would continue a common practice for the head of the bishops' conference to confer with the U.S. president.

"Right now seems to me the administration is still too early," DiNardo said, but offered no timetable on when would be reasonable for him to speak with Trump. "They're still working on getting their act together. It's a massive thing to do to take over a federal administration."

Trump has taken a firm stance on immigration, passing executive orders to tighten border security and restrict refugees and travelers from certain countries. Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly has credited Trump's policies and widely publicized arrests of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally for a huge drop in the number of people caught by agents on the U.S.-Mexico border.

The bishops' conference needs to be critical of presidential ad-

ministrations at times, DiNardo said, adding that it's essential the bishops remain engaged. He pointed to the conference's statement critical of Trump's travel ban. "We're willing to register that and state that," he said. "But we always want to be able to work with every administration."

DiNardo, 67, who came to Houston in 2004 as archbishop after more than six years as bishop in Sioux City, Iowa, believes most immigrants and refugees come to the U.S. for economic reasons or to flee violence in their home countries. While he agrees with the Trump administration's stance that criminals should be deported, he doesn't want to see immigrant families separated.

Churches have been relying on a 2011 Immigration and Customs Enforcement directive telling agents to generally avoid "sensitive areas" such as churches, hospitals and schools when conducting deportation actions. Immigration officials said that policy is still in effect, but recent immigration arrests around the U.S., including inside courthouses, are increasing fears. DiNardo says that if immigrations agents were to show up at a church, he would advise priests to consult with legal experts at Catholic Charities.

## NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") publishes this notice that on March 17, 2017, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rogers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2016, adjusted for known and measureable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$317 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 7.5% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$4,214.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the September 15, 2016 interim update rates at 2016 Option 2 ERCOT 4CP. TCRF revenue was adjusted to equal the March 1, 2017 TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition filed and approved in Docket No. 46616. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an April 21, 2017 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 46957, *Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates*, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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They took advantage of young women who came to the Tabernacle to worship, and the women were afraid to speak out against the priests.

Eli heard the stories about his sons. He scolded them, but did not punish them or remove them as priests. A man of God came to Eli and said, "Thus said the Lord!"

"I have anointed the house of Aaron as a perpetual priesthood, and I will not retract my Word. Far be it from Me! (The ancient form of an oath).

"You have maliciously trampled on the honor and dignity of the priesthood. You have honored your sons more than Me. I honor those who honor Me, but those who spurn Me shall be dishonored.

"A time is coming when I will break the power of your father's house. I shall not cut off all your offspring, but there shall be no elder in your house.

"Your two sons Hophni and Phinehas will die on the same day and all your men shall die in their youth" (1 Sam 2:12-36 paraphrased).

From the time Samuel was very young, Eli trained him to be a priest.

The Menorah lamp was supposed to burn in the Holy Place of the Tabernacle from dusk to daylight. Eli was very old and feeble; his eyesight was very dim. When Samuel was 12 years old, the age when a Jewish boy becomes a man, Eli assigned Samuel to sleep each night on a pallet on the floor of the Holy Place. He was to replenish the oil in the lamp if it ran low.



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During the night God called Samuel's name. Samuel shouted, "I'm coming!" He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am." Eli said, "I did not call you; go back to sleep."

Again God called, "Samuel." And Samuel ran to Eli's bed. Again Eli sent him back to his pallet. You see, Eli had been a priest all of his life, but he was not close to God. He had not experienced God, himself. Eli finally realized this was God calling to Samuel.

"Go back to bed, Samuel. When He calls again, answer, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.'"

When Samuel returned to his bed, God came and stood beside him. The Lord said, "I am about to do in Israel such a thing that will tingle the ears of anyone who hears about it. In that day I will fulfill everything I have spoken against Eli and his house."

The next morning Eli asked what the Lord had told Samuel... even threatened Samuel not to leave out a single word.

When Samuel finished, Eli said, "He is the Lord; He will do what He deems right."

God does not always send down a lightning bolt immediately! Later in a battle with the Philistines Hophni and Phinehas were slain and the Ark of the Covenant was captured. A runner was sent to notify Eli.

Eli sat on his customary seat by the door of the Tabernacle. He was very old and heavy. When he heard the words "Ark of the Covenant," Eli fell. His pregnant daughter-in-law was due to deliver soon, and she immediately gave birth. She named the child Ichabod, meaning "The glory has departed from Israel." And she died immediately.

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

## Church News

### Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Sunday services at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ begin with Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. This week's lesson is on Bible interpretation. Morning Worship follows at 10 a.m. with a message on the topic "Resurrection," and Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. with a message regarding Titus 3:9-11

On Wednesday, Ladies Class starts at 9:30 a.m. with a lesson on the Gospel of John, while Bible Study and Devotional are at 7 p.m. with the topic "Back to Basics."

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

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

The people of Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to connect with you. You're invited to join them this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, April 16 – Resurrection Sunday: Join the congregation at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Did you know that the resurrection of the savior is the culmination of all things meaningful, in establishing a relationship with God? Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection are God's provision for the perfect and final sacrifice for man's sins. The people of CCC look forward to sharing God's word with you and getting to know you better.

Sunday April 30 – Chosen Generation-Youth: The Youth will have a fundraiser (Chosen Generation take over) right after service, a Spaghetti Lunch and a dessert auction. Funds raised will help with the cost of their youth trip. This summer, the youth will attend Youth Camp at Youth for the Nations. The camp is located in Dallas, at Christ for the Nations Institute.. Please see Pastor Brandon & Cassie Hughes for more information regarding pricing, fundraising, registering, and due dates.

Additional Worship Service: As CCC has grown they are preparing to add additional Sunday Worship Services. They are also looking forward to adding more parking space; the congregation asks for prayer on their behalf as they use the west side of the church as a temporary parking lot, and possibly the site for a new sanctuary depending on the advice of the architect.

You're invited to join with CCC every Sunday at 10:30am and Wednesday at 7pm for worship. CCC is located at 706 East 12th St. For office hours or other questions please contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email [Info@cccbigspring.org](mailto:Info@cccbigspring.org). You can also visit [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring); or [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

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

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

The church will have a Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service Friday at 7:30 p.m. The annual Easter Eggstravangaza will be on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and will include cake walks, face painting, crafts, and an egg hunt.

The Easter Celebration Service with Holy Communion will be this Sunday at 9 a.m. You're invited to the service.

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

Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like more information call 432-264-7818, or e-mail [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

### First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

Each Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. Traditions service features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio, and many others. The Bridge is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

The community is invited to the church's Good Friday Observance Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the main Sanctuary. Pastor Ivins will share a message entitled "The Gateway to Paradise." The Passion Story will be read before the church falls into darkness for the stripping of the altar. Childcare will be provided in the nursery located just off the Sanctuary lobby.

The community is also invited to join First United Methodist Church for its Easter celebration on Sunday. The celebration includes the 9 a.m. Traditional Service, an Easter Carnival at 9:45 am in the Partee Building, the annual Easter Brunch in Garrett Hall at 10 a.m., and "The Bridge" Contemporary Service at 11 a.m. Congregation members are invited to bring a favorite brunch item to share with others at the Brunch.

The congregation will also be participating in the Flowering of the Cross before both worship services on Easter Sunday. Worshipers are invited to bring flowers to place on a special cross to symbolize new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The church will also have flowers available. The flowering of the cross will take place before both worship services begin.

The 9 a.m. Traditional Service will also feature a brass quintet. A brief concert will take place, beginning at 8:45 am. Worshipers are invited to arrive a little earlier to enjoy the music.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study is back to its regular schedule after being on a hiatus for the Lenten Lanches. Next Wednesday, Pastor Ivins will continue his overview of the Bible.

First Methodist is on its regular Wednesday night schedule next week. Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. with groups for every age starting at 6 p.m. The Bridge Worship Band also rehearses on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Celebration Choir will rehearse in the upstairs Music Suite at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, April 23, this year's confirmation class will be received into the membership of the church. The confirmation service will take place during the 11 a.m. worship service. A baptism service will also take place that day on the playground behind the main building.

At noon, there will be a church-wide luncheon

## Power to forgive sins

We read in Matthew 9:1-2, "And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven" (ESV).

In the previous weeks, we have noticed the power that Jesus has over sickness and disease (Matthew 8:1-4 [the leper], 5-13 [the centurion's servant], 14-17 [Peter's mother-in-law and many others]). Jesus exercised power over nature (Matthew 8:23-27). He also possessed power over the demons (Matthew 8:16, 28-34). Every one of these displays of his power was further testimony that he was sent by God.

You might be thinking – that is really great, but I've been diagnosed with cancer and I don't really feel the power of Jesus in my life right now; my grandmother has lost her ability to see and is struggling every day; or someone that I love was in an accident and he is paralyzed and cannot do anything for himself.

What did this paralytic in Matthew 9 really want to hear from Jesus? I suspect that he and the friends who brought him were hoping that Jesus would heal his physical condition. However, the very first thing Jesus says to him is that his sins are forgiven.

Jesus understood (and still understands today) what our greatest need is – spiritual healing, not physical healing. What, ultimately, happened to every single person whom Jesus healed of a disease? They died. What happened to every person out of whom Jesus cast a demon or unclean spirit? They died. What happened to Lazarus and others, those whom Jesus actually brought back to life? They died as well.

We get so hung up on the physical things. Of course, when I see someone hurting physically I want them to be healed. But what is more important than that? If everyone we loved who has cancer were immediately healed, what would still happen to them? They will one day die. If grandma were to miraculously regain her vision right now, what would still happen to her? One day she would die. If every disabled person were made whole right now so that they could walk and run and jump, what would still happen to them? One day they would die.

This may sound morbid to you, but this is what it all comes down to. Cancer will not keep you out of heaven! The inability to walk in this body will not keep you from walking the streets of gold in eternity. However, your sins will separate you from God and not being in Christ will condemn you to an everlasting punishment!

The GOOD NEWS is that Jesus has the power to forgive sins! He died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins and for mine. God raised him from the dead as proof that he will one day raise us from the dead also. We must come to him in faith, just like the paralytic and his friends in Matthew 9. A biblical faith is one that believes, trusts, and obeys what God has commanded. When we do that, then God saves us by his grace!

1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (ESV).

in Garrett Hall to honor this year's confirmation class. Meat will be provided; however, congregation members are asked to bring one or two of their favorite side dishes to share with others.

For more information on any activity, visit the website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or phone the church office at 267-6394.

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Come and worship the risen savior Jesus Christ Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to join this vibrant group as they gather in honor and praise of Christ's triumph over sin, death, and the grave this Resurrection Sunday. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim at [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

### First Baptist Church

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" 1 Peter 1:3.

The people of First Baptist Church encourage you to join them for Easter Sunday service at 10:50 a.m. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of songs celebrating Jesus' resurrection, and the choir will honor God through music selections of "O Blessed Dawn of Easter's Day," and "He is Risen." Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled "Because He Lives." Drawn from 1 Corinthians 15:17, listeners will be assured of the truth of Jesus' resurrection as the empty tomb proclaims His victory over sin, death, and the grave, while providing the divine thread that weaves together every person's hope throughout history by faith in Him: The Resurrected Christ. The sanctuary will be adorned with Easter lilies in celebration of the Risen Savior, and some will have been



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placed by friends and family in honor or memory of loved ones. If you have mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be happy to help you inside and park your vehicle. If you are unable to attend, you can join the service online through the live stream on the website at [fbsbigspring.org](http://fbsbigspring.org).

At 9:30 a.m. each week, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with youth, college students, and adults gathering in second-floor classrooms. Children come together in the Good News Garage on the first floor. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship. Greeters are available to help you find a class and direct you to coffee.

There will be no Sunday evening activities to allow an extended time with friends and family on this special weekend.

Wednesday evening + activities begin at 6 p.m., and include adult Bible study and prayer time, adult choir practice, Real LYF for children, and Saturate Youth group for teens. Call 267-8223 or go to [fbsbigspring.org](http://fbsbigspring.org) for details.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. The people of First Baptist Church pray you have a safe and blessed Easter weekend. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

## First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, meets at 5 p.m., and the Chancel Choir rehearses this week at 6 p.m., both on Thursday.

There will be no Youth activities on Easter Sunday.

First Presbyterian Church Coahoma is hosting a Good Friday Service at the Coahoma church at 7 p.m. Friday.

A special showing of the movie "Jesus Christ Superstar" will be in the Theatre Room at 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, April 15, for anyone who wishes to come. There is no charge and popcorn will be provided.

Cecilia Hallford is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Tom Koger is Lector for April. Ushers for the month are Paschal and Lucy Odom, and Jerry and Katie Grimes. Communion servers are Ellen Austin, Cecilia Hallford, Danny Kennemur, Jim Little, and John Yater.

The lectionary for Easter Sunday/the Resurrection of the Lord is Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the Introit "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" by Michael Praetorius. The Rev. Craig Holstedt, minister, will present the sermon and officiate at the Lord's Supper. The anthem will be "Lift High the Cross" by Sidney Hugo Nicholson. The Handbell Choir will present "Beautiful Savior" as the offertory anthem. The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering will be collected during the service. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

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

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On the website is a link to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

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

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

The Food Pantry Fundraiser will be Saturday, April 22, from 10 to 3 p.m. at WalMart. The food team will be cooking brisket sandwiches. Donate three cans of food and get a sandwich. All donations will be used for the "Our Daily Bread" food pantry. If you are interested in participating in this ministry or need more information, please contact Kay Pittman.

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

"Women's Weekend" is planned for May 19 to 21 at Camp Butman in Merkel, Texas. All women are invited but space is limited. For more information, contact Adriana Kocak.

Parents who want to keep up and share in their children's Sunday Bible Lessons can visit [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org) for the information. Just click on "Kid Connect" for past and current lessons.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry



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## Children in First Baptist Church's Mother's Day Out program charm the audience with a selection of seasonal melodies at the recent Spring Production.

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

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

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

"Let the Morning Bring", a downloadable song written and performed by the Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

The Connect Four class meets once a month immediately after service on Sundays. This class is for new members and those who want to know more about our church and our beliefs. It is a two-hour session, and dates will be announced. Lunch and childcare will be provided for those attending.

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

Take a look at the Spring Creek smartphone app. With this app you can make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains, and learn about upcoming events. Go to your app store search for "Spring Creek Fellowship" and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office to keep you updated about upcoming events and much more.

### Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday-8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service
- 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups
- 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.-"Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.
- 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service
- Tuesday-
- 12 noon- Narcotics Anonymous

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- Wednesday-
- 6-8:30 p.m.-Kid's Activities
- Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday
- 7 p.m.-Study of Ephesians Men's Bible Study
- Friday-
- 7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous
- Saturday-
- 7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

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 in Big Spring, Texas. Call 432-714-4584 or visit the website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org) for more information.

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

## First Church of the Nazarene

The "Journey to the Cross" prayer walk at the Lancaster campus began Wednesday, April 12th and ends Friday. Times are 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night. It's a moving walk through the last days of Jesus.

The Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Comanche Trail Park. There will be a free bounce house, hot dogs, egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny and lots of fun. Everyone is invited.

Also, join the congregation at either campus - 118 Cedar Road inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria, or the 1400 Lancaster campus - this Sunday, as there will be celebration service of the risen savior.

There are many small groups throughout the week. Visit the church Facebook or website to see them at [Nazfamily.org](http://Nazfamily.org).

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of the service. For more information contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

## First Christian Church

Praise the Lord, the Lord has risen! It is Easter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8:  
**Health Fair:**  
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.  
Contact: **432-263-7641**

April 22:  
**Master the Mountain 5k/10k:**  
Big Spring State Park. 9AM.  
[www.permianbasinevents.com](http://www.permianbasinevents.com)

June 15-17:  
**Big Spring Rodeo:**  
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June 23-24:  
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# Reflections: *Life's most important question*

I was 29 years old when my father died of multiple myeloma, cancer of the bone marrow. He was 53. Only hours before his death, I spoke with him. Our eyes met during that final visit, the same eye contact we had shared from my birth, though his eyes were growing gray. I held his hand as he drew his last breath, and then, he was gone.

His body lay lifeless and unresponsive.

The morticians took his body from the hospital room where our family had waited through the night. We visited the funeral home and chose a casket. Shortly afterward other family and friends joined us to

view his body lying still and quiet, dressed in his familiar suit, his hair combed.

I stood by the casket and stared at his face. It was obvious another hand had combed his hair and another hand had tied his tie. He seemed to be sleeping.

I imagined him drawing breath. I imagined him opening his eyes so that they sparkled once again, his lips parting in the familiar grin, the dimples reappearing in his cheeks. But he didn't move.

We buried his body in the cemetery 41 years ago, surrounded by friends who came to comfort us, many of whom are now buried nearby.

I asked myself the question Job asked centuries ago, the question every man and woman must ultimately ask when they stand where I stood on

that day, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14).

Job's struggle with the question was not about theology or philosophy. His struggle was like mine. It was personal. It is the struggle we all must face sooner or later when those whom we love die.

After having pondered the question, Job foresaw the Easter event we celebrate this weekend.

He wrote, "I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" (Job 19:25-27).

The world will ponder Job's question this weekend when we gather in Christian churches around the world.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, the answer to life's most important question became clear. Luke wrote, "After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of 40 days and spoke about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). Paul wrote, "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:20-22).

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*



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Sunday, this Sunday, April 16, 2017.

First Christian Church and the Rev. Sandy Sandlin welcome you all. Rev. Sandlin will preach a sermon called "Three Words That Will Change Your Life," taken from the scripture text Matthew 28:1-6. Assisting the Rev. Sandlin in worship will be Joel Miller who will serve as liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Shelane Roberts and Joel Miller.

Preparing music for this special Sunday are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thi-beault. Some selections include "He Lives," "Because He Lives," and "Just As I Am" to name a few.

To learn more about this service or any goings-on at First Christian Church, call 432-517-4821. A special Easter Offering will be collected.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad Street. They have a fellowship hour of coffee and donuts and pleasant conversation which begins at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., and Worship begins at 10:50 a.m. All are most welcome to attend.

### Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week comes from Ephesians 4:6-10, and is called "He Arose."

The Easter Sunrise Service will take place

at 7:15 a.m. at the Evans Ranch off Wildfire Road. Turn right on Wildfire and take an immediate left, then follow the signs. This is an outdoor event with a short song and worship service. That same morning there will be a brunch at the church at 9 a.m., followed by Easter Worship Services.

Children's activities on Wednesdays include a light snack after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. for pre-k through fifth grade. A youth meal is served at 5:30, with IMPACT youth beginning at 6 p.m. The Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6 continues throughout the year.

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

### Midway Baptist Church

The Midway Baptist Church Women's Prayer and Share Group meets every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Rd. in Sand Springs. Refreshments are provided and children are welcome. Call 432-263-6274 for more information.

## Pope urges prisoners to serve 1 another in foot-wash rite

**By NICOLE WINFIELD**

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis washed the feet of a dozen inmates at a maximum security prison on Holy Thursday in a pre-Easter ritual meant to show his willingness to serve society's most marginal and give them hope. Francis urged the prisoners to help one another out and similarly "be the servant of others."

Francis travelled to the Paliano detention center, located in a fortress south of Rome, to celebrate the Holy Thursday Mass at the only Italian prison dedicated to housing mafia turncoats. These "collaborators of justice" can shave time off their sentences by cooperating with anti-mafia prosecutors.

Nevertheless, many of the inmates are serving lengthy terms: Two of the 12 inmates who participated in the foot-washing ceremony are serving life terms. The remaining 10 are due to be released between 2019 and 2073. Francis also visited two other inmates currently in solitary confinement.

In his homily, Francis reminded the inmates that his gesture of washing their feet re-enacted the revolutionary gesture of Jesus washing the feet of

his disciples before he was crucified, essentially doing the work of a slave out of love.

"If you can do something, a service for your companions in prison, do it," Francis urged them during his homily. "This is love. This is like washing feet: to be the servant of others."

It's the third Holy Thursday that Francis has spent at a detention center, part of his long-standing emphasis on ministering to prisoners and the need to give them rehabilitation and hope.

"The Holy Father gave us message not just of hope, but he told us that the love of God is great and is ready to forgive everyone," prison director Nadia Cersosimo told Vatican Radio.

Because of the nature of the prison, its inmates and their families, Francis' visit was conducted under unusually strict privacy: Vatican Radio only aired edited excerpts of his homily after the fact, and the Vatican's television service planned edited TV footage. Usually the pope's activities are covered live by at least Vatican TV and radio, if not independent media.

Paliano has 60 to 70 inmates, including about 50 mafia turncoats. The prison also

houses four women and has a special ward for tuberculosis-infected inmates.

The Vatican said three of the 12 inmates who had their feet washed are women and one is a Muslim who is due to be baptized a Christian in June. Prisoners prepared cakes as gifts and offered the pope zucchini and cucumbers from the prison's organic garden.

In an interview pub-

lished Thursday in Rome daily La Repubblica, Francis said his emphasis on reaching out to inmates comes from his heart, as well as the biblical imperative to visit prisoners and accompany the least of society.

"When I'm looking at a prisoner, I ask myself: 'Why him and not me?'" he said. "Why did he fall and not me?" It's a mystery that brings me closer to them."



*Wishing you a wonderful Resurrection Sunday!*

We will begin our day at the **Overton/Evans Ranch for Easter Sunrise Services @ 7:00 a.m.** (please arrive 10 minutes early - coffee on site)

They are located South of Big Spring (Take 87 S. from Big Spring to Wildfire Road to Overton Road and look for the lights to guide you in.)

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April 22, 2017	Books open 1:00 p.m. & Events @ 2:00 p.m.
May 6, 2017	Books open 1:00 p.m. & Events @ 2:00 p.m.
June 10, 2017	Books open 8:00 a.m. & Events @ 9:00 a.m.
July 22, 2017	Books open 8:00 a.m. & Events @ 9:00 a.m.
August 5, 2017	Books open 8:00 a.m. & Events @ 9:00 a.m.
August 26, 2017	Books open 8:00 a.m. & Events @ 9:00 a.m.

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## Steers put up 5-2 victory over Lions



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Big Spring second baseman Jason Miramontes tags a base runner out on a steal attempt during the Steers' 5-2 win over Brownwood at home on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring varsity baseball team hosted Brownwood on Thursday in a district matchup where they came out with a 5-2 win.

With a first inning RBI double by Noah Gonzales that drove Riley Henson in to score, the Steers

grabbed an early lead over the Lions.

The Lions responded with an RBI home run by Rylan Reagan in the top of the third which snatched the lead from Big Spring and put them up 2-1.

The Steers displayed exceptional defense and managed to hold Brownwood scoreless for the remainder of the game, all while

bringing another four runs across to seal the game.

The late scores by Big Spring were thanks to an RBI single by Henson that tied the game up at 2 in the fifth, and a 2RBI single and score on a wild pitch in the sixth, both by the Cameron Mikels.

The Lions had no answer and

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## Brownwood beats Lady Steers 9-5 in tight battle

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring varsity softball team faced off in a district game with the Lady Lions of Brownwood on Thursday and fell short in a hard fought 9-5 defeat.

The Lady Steers were able to snatch an early lead in the first inning with a score by Ashley Gonzales on a groundout by Jaydan Mann.

Both teams displayed great defense and managed to hold each other from crossing the plate in the second and third, but it was in the top of the fourth that Brownwood had a big inning that drove in five runs. With a score by Kayla McFarden on a walk with the bases loaded, a 2RBI single by Ashlynn Patteson and a 2RBI double by Ayanna Clemons, the Lady Lions put themselves up 5-1 over Big Spring.

Mann was able to score for the Lady Steers on a passed ball in the bottom of the fourth, but that was followed with another Brownwood run from an RBI single by Emily Perez in the top of the sixth.

With the score at a Lady Lions' 6-2 lead and Big Spring up to bat, Starr broke off a big double out to left field which drove Jaci Aguilar, Leah Rivera, and Gonzalez in for scores and reduced their deficit down to just one run.

Brownwood had an answer in the top of the seventh, as they put up three runs on the board with an RBI double by Perez, an RBI triple by McFarden and an RBI single by Danyelle Gongora.

With three quick outs to follow from the Lady

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## Bulldogs defeat Badgers 13-3 in five innings

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Coahoma varsity baseball team took on Merkel in a district matchup where they brought home a 13-3 victory in just five innings of play.

The Badgers were able to bring across the first run of the game in the top of the first inning due to a Bulldog error.

Coahoma quickly made up for it though as they drove in 11 runs, all while holding Merkel scoreless for three consecutive innings, which came from a score by Fletcher Mashburn on a ground out from Logan Franklin and an RBI single by Gaige Hill in the second inning, a score by Alex Biddison on a groundout from Bracy Bacon, a 2RBI single by Adam Clark, a 3RBI single by Hill, an RBI single by Braden Pearson and an RBI homer by Biddison in the fourth.

With the score at an 11-1 Bulldog lead heading into the fifth inning, Merkel found a way to drive in two runs to stay alive, thanks to a 2RBI double.

The Bulldogs answered right back with two more runs to secure their victory over the Badgers. The late scores were driven by an RBI single

from Hill that loaded up the bases, which was then followed by a walk to bring across the game ending run.

So with a final score of 13-3, Coahoma brought home the district win over Merkel.

"We hit the ball really well tonight. Although we squandered some scoring opportunities early, we managed to come through later in the game," said head baseball coach Bryan Jacobs. "Landon Grant stayed in the zone and minimized his free bases, which allowed us to compete defensively. It was a good first step to getting back on track."

Grant earned the win on the mound for the Bulldogs, as he pitched for five innings, surrendered three runs on four hits, walked one, and sat seven.

Coahoma was a force at the plate with a team total of 16 hits for the game. Mashburn, Clark, Biddison, and Grant all knocked out multiple hits for the Bulldogs, but it was Hill who led the way offensively as he went 3-4 on the day and batted in five of the team's 13 runs.

Up next, the Bulldogs will head to Stanton on Tuesday, April 18 to take on the Buffaloes for their second district meeting. The game is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

## Coahoma falls to Merkel 12-9 in back and forth game



Courtesy photo

Pictured above from left to right is Annie Chandler and Lexie Montelongo of the Coahoma Bulldogette varsity softball team as they show off their out-of-the-park home run balls in their game Thursday vs. Merkel.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Bulldogette varsity softball team fought hard until the very end in their matchup with the Lady Badgers Thursday, but fell short in a 12-9 defeat.

Merkel grabbed an early lead in the top of the first with three runs scored from a score by Karlee Hunt on an error, an RBI triple by Brooklyn Casper, and an RBI single by Abby Blair.

Lexie Montelongo kicked off the bottom of the first for the Bulldogettes with a solo home run to bring the score to 3-1, Merkel lead.

After a scoreless second inning, Karsen Sutterfield of Merkel added to her team's lead with a single out to third base, driving Kamryn Flores in for a score.

Coahoma came right back at the Lady Badgers by driving in seven runs in the bottom of the third. The big inning was thanks to a score by Montelongo on a wild pitch, an RBI double by Reagan Deel, a 2RBI single by Cassie Grant, followed by scores from Grant and Chloe Starr on the same error.

Both teams held each other scoreless in the fourth inning, and the score was at a 8-4 Bulldogette lead heading into the fifth with Merkel up to bat.

The Lady Badgers were able to string together five runs to steal the lead from Coahoma. Their five run inning came from a 3RBI double by Alexia Balvantin, an RBI double by Casper and a score by Blair on an error.

Merkel turned around to hold the Bulldogettes

scoreless in the bottom of the fifth with three quick outs and went on to add to their lead with three more runs in the following inning. The runs were driven in by an RBI triple and a score on an error, both by Kaitlee Baker, followed by an RBI double from Casper.

This put the score at a 12-8 Lady Badgers lead with Coahoma up to bat.

Annie Chandler kicked off the sixth with a solo home run out to center field, but three outs quickly followed to retire the inning.

The Bulldogettes couldn't piece together a comeback and after another scoreless inning that was the seventh, they lost to Merkel with a final score of 12-9.

"Kudos to Merkel. They came out swinging

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## Forsan track area meet results

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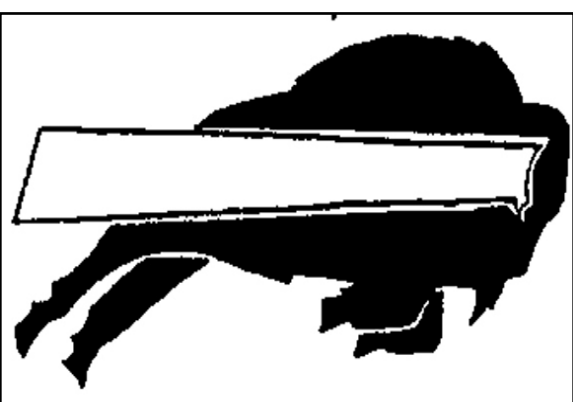
Forsan competed in the area track meet at McMurry on Wednesday, and had a number of athletes qualify for the regional track meet,

which is scheduled to be held at Ratliff on April 28 and 29.

**Girls Area Results:**

Rhian Cunningham is the area champ in the 400 with a personal best 58.92. Emily Garcia placed 3rd in triple jump and 4th in the 200 meter dash.

Chasidy Grantham placed 2nd in the high jump. Jenna Evans finished 4th in the shot put. The mile relay team of Chasidy Grantham, Jaidyn Brown, Emily Garcia, and Rhian Cunningham qualified for regionals



with their 3rd place finish.

Other girls that competed but did not qualify include: Madison Smith who placed 8th in 100 hurdles, Kimmee Ogle who placed 7th in the discus

throw, and the sprint relay team of Jaidyn Brown, Haley Patterson, Katelyn Colvin, and Emily Garcia who placed 5th.

**Boys Area Results:**

Bryce Hergert is now the back-to-back area champ in the 800 with a time of 2:06 and also qualified with a 4th place finish in the 300IH.

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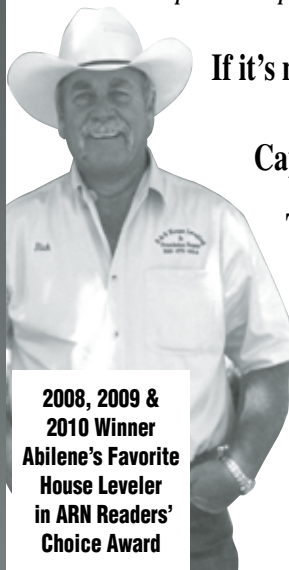
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**Cosmic Power of Deadlines**

Some would prefer to turn off the news, look away from the cemetery and ignore the concept of death or overwrite it with new versions of the afterlife. Others find peace and empowerment reckoning with our ephemeral nature and the short time we're allotted. Today's embrace of the sun and Uranus comes with the adrenaline rush of meeting a deadline.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The social swirl favors you, though in a temperate kind of way. Contrastingly, some party animals you know wear themselves out because they miss the secret to maintaining a robust social life: Go home when you're tired.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your purpose will converge with a bit of randomness you can't help but pay attention to. This may involve an exciting someone, and it becomes a part of your shared story.

**GEMINI (May**

**21-June 21).** Don't start with what others want from you or who they want you to be. Start with what interests and excites you. What they need most (though they might not know it yet) is to have people around them who are interested and excited.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** People will have to come to a decision together. The compromise will either be even better than the original idea each person brought to the table or it will suit none. Calm communication will be key.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Relationships' ease will have more to do with what's going on outside the relationship. Stressors get lifted today, and the flood of relief makes it so much easier to be present with one another.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Be careful not to let your perfectionism keep you from expanding opportunities. Not everything requires such a high level of attention. In many situations, good enough is good enough.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You find it pretty easy to make rational decisions, unless you are 1) hungry, 2) tired or 3) emotionally involved. Hungry and tired are easy to remedy. Good luck getting your feelings out of it, though!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Bottom line, the group will be better for your expertise, instinct and involvement. They may not show you often enough how valuable you are, but hang in there, if for no other reason than this: They need you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Surrender if you feel it's time, if you've been fighting out of stubbornness and ego instead of principle and purpose, if you're ready to stop resisting where life wants to take you. But if this is just about giving up, don't.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You will look for what you find and, bonus, what you beckon for will come to you. Now all you have to do is direct your energy well, toward loveliness and strictly what you would enjoy in your life.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You can only give what you've got. Actually, you could borrow to give, but that would be a horrible idea today. In fact, make sure you don't give all you've got. Hold back half. You're going to need a lot more tomorrow.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll wake up and avoid some rather overblown expectations that are being promoted by parts of our

culture in the realm of relationships. You recognize that this hype is toxic to your pursuit of love.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 14).** You have a talent for putting people together who fit well, and you'll create scenarios that could never have happened without you. You'll be made an offer that seems so crazy to you but also quite right. Physical strength and mental stamina will be required for the marathon-like situation in June. You'll be proud and richer for the run. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 4, 30, 19 and 45.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** Sharpening your critical-thinking skills is the secret to developing your personal style. **TAURUS:** Instant connection! It's like the other person is listening to the inner song of your consciousness. **GEMINI:** Gender bias comes into it in a big way. The societal affects the personal. **CANCER:** As the tide is forever faithful to the moon, so your heart is obediently pulled to a loving source. **LEO:** Hope lives in a different part of the body than belief. This aptly applies to the relationship now. **VIRGO:** Anyone complaining of circumstances will lose you. Strong

character impresses you, though. **LIBRA:** With good people around you, suddenly your life will seem exciting, romantic and charmed. **SCORPIO:** No one on the outside of a relationship ever really knows what life is like on the inside of it. **SAGITTARIUS:** As far as relationships go, the dark side of peace isn't war; it's stagnation. **CAPRICORN:** You know you've got it bad when the moments together pass too quickly and leave you with a craving. **AQUARIUS:** Any action you could take now will be better than letting things get boring. **PISCES:** The need for human touch is real. Get a massage.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Caution: When a fire sign connects with a fire sign, they can merge like flames, losing their individuality and collectively transforming the environment around them. Aries and Sagittarius have blazing heart potential this weekend and will most certainly get caught up in a shared passion. This could inspire or ignite envy in those who witness the heat.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dealing With Rude Comments**

**Dear Annie:** We have a friend, "Larry," whom we socialize with and who is part of a tennis group that my husband is also part of. My husband

has always loved cooking and is great at it. (More than once, friends have told him he ought to open a restaurant.) He has cooked for this tennis group -- having been asked -- on several occasions.

But no matter what it is that my husband cooks, Larry always has some complaint: "It's not the same as last time," "It's not spicy enough," "This is overcooked," etc. Yet he always comes back for seconds and more. It aggravates me,

and I told my husband that perhaps he should tell this guy to do it himself, but he's too nice. (Plus, the one time Larry did bring a dish, it was terrible -- though we all ate without complaining for the sake of his feelings.) What could my husband say while still being tactful? We are open to any suggestions. I don't want to lose it and snap at this guy in front of all our friends. -- Sick of Fussy Larry

**Dear Sick:** Larry sounds unbelievably

spoiled. If it weren't so irritating, you'd almost have to laugh at the gall. Perhaps your husband could serve him some truth with a helping of humor: "Would you like a refund?" or "I'll pass your complaints along to the chef." This would bring Larry's attention to his rudeness without leaving a bad taste in anyone's mouth.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to the woman who wrote in about her daughter's showing up late for holiday dinners. Our family tradition when I was growing up (in the 1960s and '70s) was Thanksgiving with Dad's family and Christmas with Mom's family. We lived less than an hour from Mee-moo's house.

We found out years later that they always told Dad that dinner was an hour earlier than it was really scheduled for because Dad had a tendency to make us late.

However, I agree with you. The person who is late is the rude person. When everyone is told that dinner will be at 4 p.m., the person who doesn't

bother to arrive until 4:45 is being totally rude.

As they say in one of the "Star Trek" movies, "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." Thirty people who are polite enough to show up on time have the right to start on time unless there is a very good reason for delaying. One person's deciding to be late without explanation is not a good reason. -- John

**Dear John:** When friends and family start lying to you about when you need to be at a place, you know you've got a bad case of chronic tardiness. Though I'm not one to condone lying as a solution in general, what your family did was a good way to adjust for your dad's own personal time zone.

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**Contract Bridge**

**By Steve Becker**  
**Bidding quiz**

**You deal and bid** One Diamond. Partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠K8 ♥AQ62 ♦KQJ73 ♣A4
2. ♠KJ74 ♥873 ♦AKQJ5 ♣10
3. ♠AQ ♥92 ♦AKQ1083 ♣A85
4. ♠AK96 ♥QJ7 ♦AKJ82 ♣4

support hearts arises later on, partner will learn inferentially that you are short in clubs, which may help him select the best contract.

**3. Three notrump.** Partner has at least six points for his one-heart response, which should give you enough for a game in notrump. With eight tricks all but assured in your own hand, it is not overly optimistic to think partner will provide one. A three-diamond rebid by you which partner can pass — comes nowhere close to picturing the potential of your hand for game or even a slam.

**4. Two spades.** This bid — a jump-shift — is 100 percent forcing. It says, in effect, that game is likely even if partner's one-heart bid was based on only six points. The ultimate destination of the hand is not yet clear — the final contract may be a game or slam in spades, hearts, diamonds or notrump.

There are two objections to a bid of only one spade over one heart. First, there is the possibility that partner may pass (a non-jump bid of a new suit by opener is not forcing), and that is certainly not desirable when you have such excellent prospects for game. Second, and perhaps even more important, if there is a slam in the offing, the opportunity to get there may be lost because of the failure to identify that possibility immediately.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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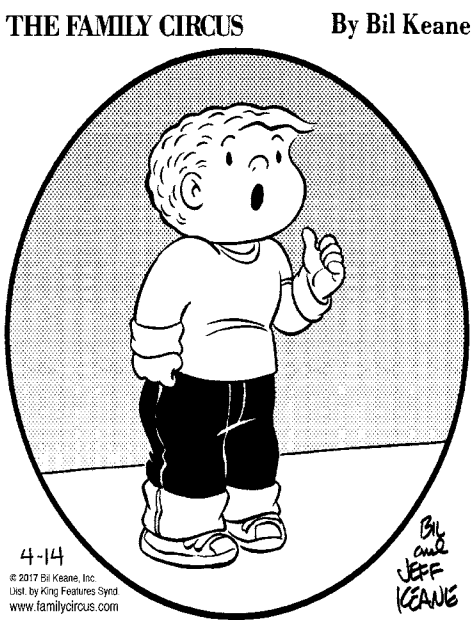
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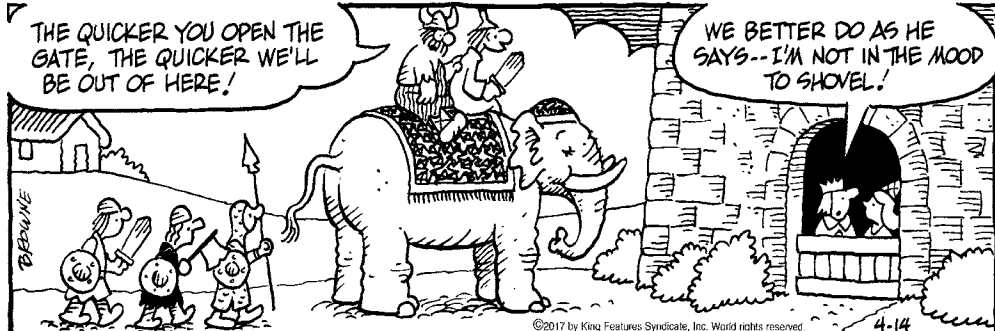
"When I get well, I'd still like you to bring me breakfast in bed."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



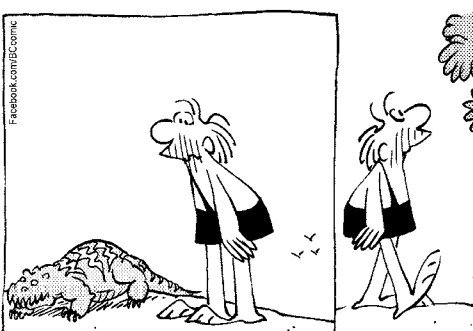
"If the Easter Bunny gets sick, does Santa Claus come instead?"

HAGAR



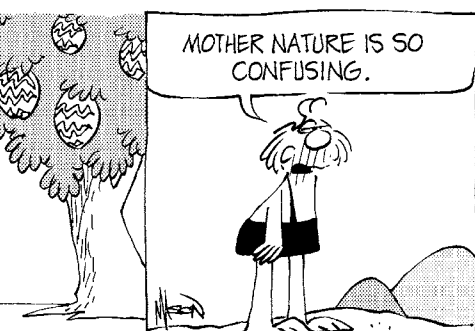
"The quicker you open the gate, the quicker we'll be out of here!"

BC



"MOTHER NATURE IS SO CONFUSING."

BLONDIE



"What do you suppose Daisy does when she's all alone in the house?"

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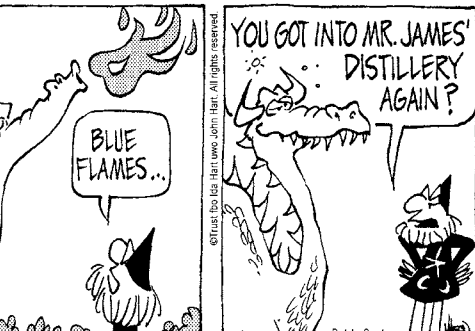
"You're home late, Henry. Dracarys... Blue flames... You got into Mr. James' distillery again?"

AGNES



"Look what I found behind Finster's nails and puffed hair emporium!"

HI AND LOIS



"Every time I try to concentrate on my homework, my mind wanders."

This Date In History

Today is Good Friday, April 14, the 104th day of 2017. There are 261 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. On this date: In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia. In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published. In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.) In 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness. In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press. In 1949, the "Wilhelmstrasse Trial" in Nuremberg ended with 19 former Nazi Foreign

Office officials sentenced by an American tribunal to prison terms ranging from four to 25 years. In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first practical videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago. In 1965, the state of Kansas hanged Richard Hickock and Perry Smith for the 1959 murders of Herbert Clutter, his wife, Bonnie, and two of their children, Nancy and Kenyon. The murders were detailed in the Truman Capote non-fiction novel "In Cold Blood." In 1970, President Richard Nixon nominated Harry Blackmun to the U.S. Supreme Court. (The choice of Blackmun, who was unanimously confirmed by the Senate a month later, followed the failed nominations of Clement Haynsworth and G. Harrold Carswell.) In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California. In 1986, Americans got word of a U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred.) French feminist author Simone de Beauvoir died in Paris at age 78.

In 1994, two U.S. Air Force F-15 warplanes mistakenly shot down two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans. Turner Classic Movies made its cable debut; the first film it aired was Ted Turner's personal favorite, "Gone with the Wind." Ten years ago: Riot police beat and detained protesters as thousands defied an official ban and attempted to stage a rally in Moscow against Russian President Vladimir Putin's government. A car bomb exploded near one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines in Karbala, Iraq, killing 47 people. Five years ago: In Belfast, Northern Ireland, where the RMS Titanic was built, thousands attended a choral requiem at the Anglican St. Anne's Cathedral.

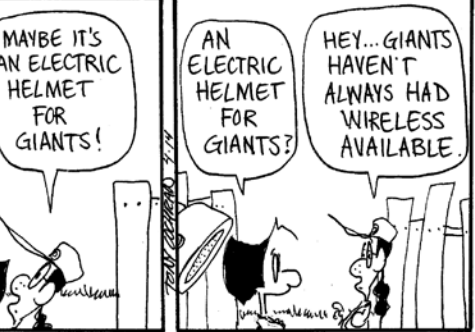
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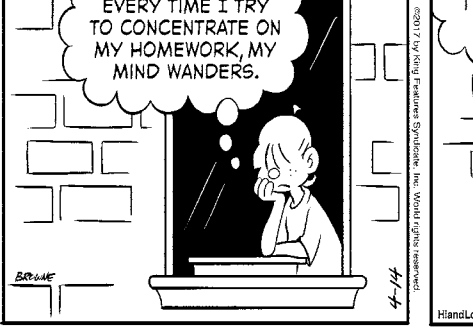
"It's hard to think about anything besides girls in the spring."

SNUFFY SMITH



"We chase down and catch bad guys, wake up folks if there is a fire, and keep burglars away from the house."

BEEBLE BAILEY



"Watch the stew, I'm going to shave. You never look like you shave."

ONE MAN SHOW by S.N.

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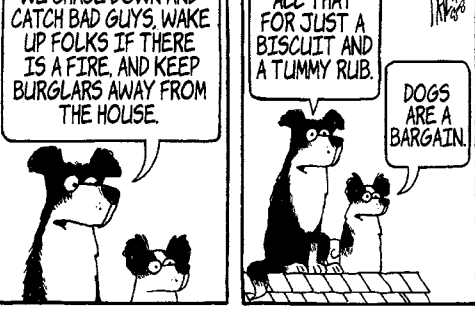
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BEETLE BAILEY



"You never look like you shave."

BEETLE BAILEY



"Maybe I should change the blade this year."

**BULLDOGS**

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with their backs against the wall, and that is what good teams do," said head softball coach Alex Orosco. "We had a great game offensively, but defensively we did not. They put pressure on us, forced us to make plays and we couldn't make the plays that we needed to."

Madison Daniels took the loss for Coahoma. She threw for four innings, allowed eight runs on eight hits,

walked two, and sat two.

Deel, Chandler, and Grant led the team at the plate as they contributed two hits each to the team's total of nine.

"After we clinched our spot in the playoffs, we talked about how the pressure is off for a while so we can really just work on our fundamentals," said Orosco. "We will work on what we need to work on and get ready for our game with Stanton."

Their next game will be held in Stanton on Tuesday, April 18 at 5:00 p.m.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

**Big Spring shortstop Elijah Munoz catches a pop fly during the Steer's 5-2 win over Brownwood at home on Thursday, April 13, 2017.**

**STEERS**

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fell to the Steers in a 5-2 defeat.

"My hat goes off to our three pitchers, Kobe Gutierrez, Tristian Myrick, and Matthew Tarrats," said head baseball coach Daniel Carrillo. "Tonight was by far one of our top pitching performances as a staff. They really did a great job keeping Brownwood off balance and controlling the ballpark. It was their game."

Gutierrez started the game out for the Steers, as he threw for three innings, surrendered two runs on five hits, walked two, and sat two.

Myrick followed up

with two innings and gave up zero runs on one hit, walked one, and sat two.

Tarrats pitched the final two innings as he surrendered zero runs on one hit, walked two, and struck out three.

Big Spring had a great night at the plate as they collected a team total of ten hits for the game. Brayden Sizenbach and Gonzales knocked out multiple hits for the Steers, but it was Eli Munoz who led the way as he went 3-4 at the plate.

Mikels led the team offensively with two RBIs from his big pinch hit in the bottom of the sixth inning that drove Jeremiah Cooley and Bryson Van Fleet in to

score.

"We have come so far as a program and a team. We have learned to stay professional, meaning whether you are in the lineup or not, you continue to stay on your game and prepare for your number to be called," said Carrillo. "Tonight we had a big pinch hit, and it really shows that this game will reward hard work and those who trust the process."

Coming up for the Steers, they will make their way to Midland for a non-conference game against the Greenwood Rangers on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

*Braves open new park, Moreland near double mark*



AP Photo

**In this March 31, 2017, file photo, fans head to SunTrust Park before the Atlanta Braves open their new ballpark for a spring training baseball game against the Yankees.**

(AP)- WELCOME, Y'ALL!

The Atlanta Braves open their new SunTrust Park, hosting San Diego at night. A sellout crowd of about 41,000 is expected to see the stadium that replaced Turner Field, the Braves' home for the past 20 years.

This will be the first real test of the suburban park's ability to accommodate Atlanta's notoriously tough traffic — the issue was complicated by a fire under an overpass that has shut down a section of I-85, one of the major interstates in the city, for several weeks.

Red Sox newcomer Mitch Moreland can tie the major league record for consecutive games with a double. He's done it for seven games in a row

— Derrek Lee (2007) and Yadier Molina (2016) share the mark of eight. Boston takes on Chris Archer and the Rays at Fenway Park.

ACES ALIGN

Former Cy Young Award teammates Clayton Kershaw and Zack Greinke match up in a series opener at Dodger Stadium. Kershaw (1-1, 3.46 ERA) and Los Angeles take on the Diamondbacks and Greinke (1-0, 2.31) in a four-game set.

Mets ace Noah Syndergaard is scheduled to start in Miami. Syndergaard pitched seven innings to beat the Marlins last Sunday — he's 3-0 with a 1.67 ERA in four starts vs. Miami, with 38 strikeouts and two walks in 27 innings.

**LADY STEERS**

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Lions, Big Spring could not come back and fell to a defeat with a final score of 9-5.

"Our team started out strong with tons of energy. We had fire on the mound, solid defense backing it up, and were disciplined in the box," said

head softball coach Chelsey Jordan. "Although we lost, I am super proud of the their fight and determination."

Kynleigh Joy took the loss for the Lady Steers. She tossed for six innings, allowed six runs, five hits, walked five, and struck out five.

Starr lead the team offensively as she went 3-4 at the plate with three runs batted in. Coming up for the Lady Steers, they will make their way to Midland to take on Greenwood for a non-conference game on Tuesday, April 18 at 5:00 p.m.

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