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Four arrested for kidnapping



Staff Writer

Four Big Spring residents remain in the custody of the Howard County Detention Center following their arrest on charges of burglary and kidnapping Thursday morning, according to law enforcement officials.

An investigation into the incident continues.

All four were arrested on charges of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony and kidnapping. Arrested were Ricardo Ramirez, 24, of 4004 Connally; Sophia Conception Marmolejo, 29, of 2521

Chanute; Juan Eduardo Diaz, 23, address not provided; and Abilene Renee Mojica, 30, of 1207 Sycamore. According to Sgt.

Tony Everett, pubinformation officer with the

Big Spring Police Department, the incident was reported during the early morning hours Thursday after the four suspects allegedly forced

Ramirez

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Marmolejo



Diaz



The Big Spring Powwow will be held from 10 a.m. through 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is \$3 for adults.

It's time to powwow

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Native American culture will take center stage this weekend at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, as the 9th annual Big Spring Powwow

kicks off with everything from dancing to true native

The powwow — a traditional gathering of North America's native people for dance, singing and socialization — is expected to draw competitive dancers from all over the region, as well as vendors selling traditional Native American items and cuisine.

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Mayoral hopefuls cite plenty of experience

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Infrastructure and forecasted growth attributed to the coming shale oil boom took center stage Thursday night

as candidates for the mayoral seat on the Big Spring City Council presented their political platforms during a Meet the Candidatesforum Rodman on the Howard College campus.



Jr., bowed out of the race this week

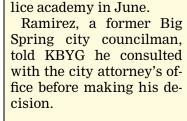
spoke about their qualifications and unique views of the Crossroads area during the forum, held in the Hall Center for the Arts.

Ramirez exits race Manuel Ramirez Jr. has

dropped out of the Big Spring mayor's race to avoid a conflict of interest, he

told KBYG radio. Ramirez said he dropped out of the May 11 election be-

cause if he were to win, his son Ramirez would not be eligible to join the Big Spring



Police Department. His

son is set to begin the po-

"I think I can tell you the life I've lived here and the

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Infrastructure, growth are council candidate concerns

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Candidates for the District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council had plenty to say Thursday night during a Meet and Greet Forum presented by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, as three candidates get ready to go head-to-head for the seat during the May municipal election.

The first speaker of the evening was Clint Collins, pastor of Life Church and a 10vear resident of Big Spring.

"It was our vision to take the history of Big Spring and turn it around and make it something positive for the city. We've renovated it and

hopefully made it a beacon in this community," Collins said. "We've also done the Beans World Cafe. You may have seen the work we've done there to make an abandoned downtown come back

"Some people have asked me, 'What is a pastor doing running for office?' It's somewhat controversial in some circles, but I have nothing to gain and everything to lose. I am in this because I am for Big Spring. I am for seeing this community advance and be what it is destined to

According Collins,

See COUNCIL, Page 8

CISD officials prepare for apparent growth

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer COAHOMA — Growth, like



summer, is coming.

Coahoma Independent District officials know Howard County is on the verge of a boom fueled by shale oil exploration and production, know the boom can't be avoided and are doing their best to prepare for A good portion of Thurs-

day's school trustee meeting centered around how the district can best meet the impending influx of new students.

The task, unsurprisingly, will not be easy, if for no other reason than nobody is sure how many people will move into the area in the coming months and years. There are

mining future growth, so the best the district can do for the time being is make some educated guesses and have contingency plans in place. "You just never know,"

no effective models for deter-

CISD Superintendent Amy Jacobs said. "If our growth

follows that of the towns in

South Texas where shale oil

development has occurred, we should expect steady growth for at least the next few years." The good news for Coahoma

school officials is that, spacewise at least, the district can handle a sudden influx of students with few problems. See CISD, Page 3



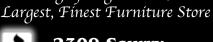


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Obituaries

James Leslie Lloyd Jr.



James Leslie Lloyd Jr., 87, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 18, 2013, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. The family will receive friends Friday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Mark Lindsey officiating.

He was born Oct, 19, 1925, in Norton, Texas, to Velma and James Leslie Lloyd. He grew up in Norton and graduated from Ballinger High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His duty during his service included hunting German submarines off the coast of Florida.

He was a resident of Big Spring and the Luther communities since 1953. He retired in 1984 as a plant operator from Texaco (formerly Getty and Reef) after 32 years. He married Floy Faye (Flute) Moore on April 14, 1984, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was active in the American Legion and Elks Lodge. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife. Floy Faye Lloyd (Flute)

of Big Spring; two sons, Rick Lloyd and wife Leslie Ann of Austin and Rodger Lloyd and wife Betty Jeane of Big Spring; daughters, Gaynell Carter and Melanie Fortenberry and husband John, all of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Maxon Lloyd of Dallas.

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

Candy Lillie Andrews

Candy Lillie Andrews, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, April 19, 2013, in aFort Worth hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring

Mary L. Strickland Mary L. Strickland, 60, of Stant

Mary L. Strickland, 60, of Stanton died Thursday, April 18, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. 04/18/13 and 7 a.m. today:

- ANTHONY HEATH WRIGHT, 25, OF 1106
 Stanford, Big Spring was arrested Thursday on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking material.
 HALIE MICHELLE BURNETT, 17, OF 2802 S.
- CR 1220, Midland, Texas was arrested Thursday on a warrant, other agency. • TERYN ANTHONY GONZALEZ, 27, of 712
- Colgate, Big Spring was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.
 FRANK HERNANDEZ, 43, of 311 N. Aylesford,
- Big Spring was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication and theft greater than or equal to \$50 but not less than \$500 all other.

 JOHN EDWARD DELANEY, 23, OF 803 W. 18th,
- Big Spring was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

 SAUNDRA JO GARRARD, 38, OF 1502 W. Third
- St., Big Spring was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but not greater than \$500.
- DANIEL JAY MORRELL, 50, of 6417 Riders Rd., Odessa was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated second offense.
- THEFT was reported at the 500 block of Washington Blvd.
- THEFT was reported at the 1700 block of S. Lancaster.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1300 block of Stadium Ave.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 400 block of Aylesford.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1300 block of E.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 500 block of S. Goliad.
- THEFT was reported at the 1700 block of W. Third.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

• FRANCOIS MPINDA KANGUDIA, 51, was

- booked on a charge of assault of public servant.
- ANTHONY HEATH WRIGHT, 25, of 1106 Stanford, Big Spring was booked on a charge of use or possession of illegal smoking material.
- HALIE MICHELLE BURNETT, 17, of 2802 S. CR 1220, Midland, Texas, was booked on a charge of parole violation.
- TYLER DEWAYNE PAYNE, 48, was booked by the HCSO on motion to adjudicate guilt and failure
- to appear.
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Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• GAS LEAK was reported at the 400 block of Johnson.

Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Carry outs are available. Delivery is from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.
- A benefit fund for the April Martinez family, who recently lost everything in a fire, has been set up at Prosperity Bank. Donations can be made to account number 3013914734. Ms. Martinez has four children ages 5 to 12.
- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team,by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.
- Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals. Bring it or come and go. It is after all a picnic.
- Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.
- An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.
- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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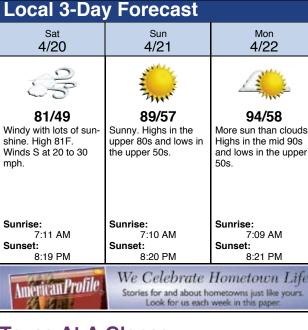
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Austin	74	47	sunny	Longview	72	45	mst sunny		
Beaumont	71	48	sunny	Lubbock	79	43	pt sunny		
Brownsville	78	62	sunny	Lufkin	75	44	sunny		
Brownwood	76	47	sunny	Midland	80	51	sunny		
Corpus Christi	76	60	sunny	Raymondville	81	59	sunny		
Corsicana	70	43	mst sunny	Rosenberg	73	49	sunny		
Dallas	72	46	mst sunny	San Antonio	76	49	sunny		
Del Rio	82	55	windy	San Marcos	75	47	sunny		
El Paso	83	59	sunny	Sulphur Springs	72	47	mst sunny		
Fort Stockton	83	50	sunny	Sweetwater	78	49	windy		
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• 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.

Support Groups

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 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

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.



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MAYOR

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things I have done in Big Spring, Texas, will be an indication of what I'll do mayor, your owner of McLellan, Leonards Pharmacy, said. "It is these things that have led me to the leadership capabilities I have today. "I've served on the

Roberts Rehab Dora board, the United Way board, the United Way allocation board, the YMCA board, where I served as president for three years. I sat on the Big Spring Independent School District board for 10 years — and president for two years — and I feel like this gave me a lot of experience with working with people on boards. I served as a Howard College trustee ... a state member of the Texas Independent Pharmacist Association ... and there

According to McLellan, his unique experience building a thriving pharmaceuticals ness in Big Spring gives him an insight into the future of Big Spring.

is my involvement with

the Settles Hotel."

"I think my experience with this business gives

me the opportunity to help Big Spring in the challenges we are going to face," McLellan said. "I deal with a budget everyday. When you deal with a budget, you deal with revenue and expense — you try to create your own revenue and hold down expense and come up with that little thing we call profit. Because, without the profit, you're not going to make it in this world.

"I truly believe this has helped me and prepared me to make a vision and follow that vision for Big Spring. Proverbs 29:18 says, 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.' We have to have a vision in this town, and we can all have a vision if we work together and understand we are going through challenges now. There are a lot of challenges out there in running a city." McLellan said infra-

structure will have to be a major concern moving into the coming years, as demand on the city's water and sewage facilities grows, thanks to the potential growth of the Cline Shale oil play.

"We hear this word, 'infrastructure,' and it's almost an ugly word, it really is," McLellan said. "But let me tell you,

vendors, all of the folks

who are involved in it

each year ... but what we

out there and it is going to give us a tremendous opportunity to do things we need to do in this city. I looked at the projection for this year in sales tax in the city budget is \$5.2 million. I think \$8 million is a better number and I say, if that number is achieved, we spend every dime of that on water lines. I think that's what we all want. We want the city to stop the leakage." McLellan said another

without infrastructure

we don't have a city. The

infrastructure of a city is

what makes it a good or

a bad place to live. Now,

do we want to continue

living in a bad place, or

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in sales tax is a number

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"I think the \$8 million

good place?

without is the city administration and employees, a resource the city will have to make a marked effort in keeping in the coming years. "We can't run this city without employees," he said. "I couldn't even open my (business)

resource the citizens

of Big Spring can't live

doors without employees ... One of the things we have to do is modify payroll. I heard on the radio that Sonic and McDonalds are going to have to tive American wares,

from jewelry and art to

food, like the traditional

fry bread. There will also

be a silent auction, so it

should be a lot of fun for

everyone in the family,"

he said. "The vendors

are excited about com-

ing back to Big Spring.

Many of them have been

returning ever since the

first couple of years the

Big Spring Powwow has

for this year's powwow

will be Lenny Medina

of San Antonio, Texas,

while Fabian Galvan

of Lubbock, Texas, will

serve as the arena direc-

tor. Head male dancer

for the event is James

The head gourd dancer

been held."

go up on their salaries. A lot of those employees are teenagers without families. Our city employees have families. I'm a family person. My family has to come first. We have to develop situations here where we can pay these employees and retain these employees." Rodman, who was

born in Big Spring and spent many years in the U.S. Navy, said his time in the military has prepared him to lend his plans and ideas to running the city of Big Spring. "These ships were

complex and they are just like running a city. It was a floating city,' Rodman said. "I was raised with honor, integrity, courage and commitment. Those are my core values. The Navy helped me hone those to a fine edge. I handled a budget of more than \$7 million. As training officer and assistant operations officer, I ensured my 396 sailors and 17 officers who served under me were sent to schools and properly trained and even had enough left over to buy some new equipment for the aviation department. During my tenure, we never lost an aircraft and that's a

the head lady dancer will be Dana Medina of San Antonio, Texas.

Southern drum duties will be handled by the Robert Group out of Lawton, Okla., while the northern drum duties will be handled by Eagle Point of Austin, Texas. Hoop dancer for the powwow will be Robert Soto of McAllen, Texas, Tim Harjo of Ada, Okla., will once again serve at the master of ceremonies.

For those who think the powwow is a religious ceremony and might be apprehensive about attending, Lesser said those worries are completely unfounded.

"The powwow is a social event and there is record."

Rodman said when he came home from the Navy, the face of Big Spring — both good and bad — caught his immediate attention.

"When I came home, I

bought a home and got a job at Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a medical technologist, which I have a degree in," he said. "I looked around. I saw some people working hard and I saw some people struggling ... In this service to my fellow man, to my fellow citizens, I am sorely convinced I can lead this city, because of my unique skills and leadership I acquired in the Navy and my core

values. "I can interface with the oil industry. We have this Cline Shale play coming on and it's coming on fast. What I want to do with that is to make Big Spring the hub and bring these drilling and production companies and pipeline companies in here to headquarter right here in Big Spring. Not Colorado City, not Snyder, but right here. I have the abilities to speak with these people and understand their unique problems and also understand problems we face here

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about the powwow, con-

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ary campus.

"Dancing has always

as citizens of Big Spring and Howard County."

The city's tax rate is another major concern for Rodman.

"Another goal I have is to work on the tax rate," Rodman said. "By keeping the tax rate low, we attract businesses. A lot of these businesses have a certain criteria about demographics, but we're fixing to grow and we're fixing to grow at a phenomenal rate. So, we need to keep that tax rate low. For the first time in 30 years, we have reached \$6 million and \$8 million in sales tax revenue and we need to keep that going by staying away from bond issues. We should only use a bond issue if it's an

emergency. "With the infrastructure, I want to work on these water mains. There's new technology out there that will line our water mains and prevent these breaks and give a service life extension to the water and sewer mains of 30 years. That means less man hours."

Early voting in municipal and school board elections is set to run from April 29 until May 7, with polls open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. Election day is May 11.

tact Lesser at 432-935-0125 or visit the Powwow Committee's website www.powwowbigspring.net

gion involved; there will be no medicine men and no ceremonies," Lesser said. "A powwow is a wonderful experience; the drums alone will lift your heart and make

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Betty Lloyd-Mitchel, 82, died Tuesday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Cushing Cemetery in Cushing, Texas.

James Leslie Lloyd, Jr., 87, died Thursday. The family will receive friends this evening from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Trinity Saturday at Memorial Park.

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According to Big Spring Powwow Event Richard Coordinator "Indio" Lesser, the event is just missing one key ingredient ... the people of the Crossroads area. "The weeks leading

up to the powwow each year is a very exciting time for us," Lesser said. "There are so many people you see each year at the powwow that you don't see anywhere else, so, in a sense, it's a bit like a big family reunion for us. We're really looking forward to seeing all of the dancers and

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tary has the space to

handle at least one new

class in each of its six

grade levels, while the

high school has plenty

of space to handle new

students and teachers,

where space may be at

a premium will be at the

""We could handle

up to 100 new students

there," she said. "We'd

have to move some peo-

ple around, but we have

some different areas

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Jacobs said.

junior high.

The only

look forward to most is seeing the local people, especially those who are coming out for the first Doors open Saturday at 10 a.m., with dancing

expected to continue throughout the day until 10 p.m. The powwow will resume Sunday at 10 a.m. and continue through 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 with

ages 12 and younger entering for free. However, powwow-goers will have plenty of opportunity to spend money, if they de-

"The vendors will be selling all kinds of Na- Lay of Hector, N.M., and

being used as computer labs and other things that we could utilize as

classrooms." The biggest problem won't be in finding space for new students it'll be with finding

teachers. For starters, Coahoma will be in keen competition with other area school districts affected by the pending boom, including Big Spring, Forsan, Stanton, Midland, Greenwood and Odessa. And the district won't know how many new teachers it will need until the new students are already in place — and nobody knows for sure

how many of them are coming.

Jacobs said the district's task in the next few years will be staying one step ahead of the growth curve.

"You have to know what your next step will be," she said. "If you're prepared for 50 new students and that happens, then what's your next step? ... We are going to have to staff the district for the first stage of growth, then adjust from there."

In the only action item of the evening, trustees approved the hiring of Jessica Weynand, who will lead Coahoma's

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Our View

Let's Relay tonight

t's probably a little too late to remind everyone not stop going out, didn't quit that Relay For Life starts this evening at Blankenship Field, but if we can motivate one more survivor to take part, one more family to place a luminaria around the track or one more person or business to make a donation, we'll take that risk.

We know you are familiar with Relay For Life, the annual Howard/Glasscock County event which do we want the government to raises money for the American Cancer Society. You've heard of it because you've probably made a donation. After all, the Howard/Glasscock chapter is — year in and year out — one of the nation's leading ACS fundraising organizations in the nation and in Texas, per capita.

If you haven't been, go out this evening before 7 o'clock, experience the opening ceremonies and the soul-stirring Survivor's Lap. Stick around and lived around the corner from the have a fajita or a burger — you don't have to stay all night, though many people will.

by kindred people. Virtually all of us have been exposed to cancer in some way or form.

Admission is free, by the way. We hope to see you planes that crashed into the

What are we willing to give up?

'm from Boston. Over the years, I lived in two apartments within a stone's throw of Monday's bombings. Over the years, I stood and

cheered marathon runners countless times. I know every square inch of the area in all the pictures, which is hardly unusual. It's the center of Boston. My nephew was around the corner when the explosions went



ESTRICH

This week's terror hit home for me.

And what to do? That is always the question.

Do you stop going to sporting events? Cultural events? Outdoor rallies?

I was raped around the corner from where the bombs hit. I did my job working nights as a bartender. (I was raped during the day, anyway.) I was determined not to let the crazies run my life. I was vounger then.

An even harder question: What

How much of our liberty and privacy are we willing to give up in the hopes that it might stop

My answer to that now is also different from what it would have been in the days when I bombings. Maybe it's because I'm older. Maybe it's because Experience one of the most moving events shared I'm a mother. Or maybe, probably mostly, it's because of the horrors we have seen. The two World Trade Center on 9/11 took off that morning from Boston (my old home) en route to Los Angeles (my current home). Until my children were born, I commuted on those flights from Boston to LA.

So this is my answer: I'd give up a lot. You want to put cameras on every corner? Fine with me. I don't care who pats me down at the airport. Pat away. Keep the confidences of my clients, but otherwise, my email is an open book. Mine my data; listen to my conversations. If it will keep my children safe, I don't care.

But of course, that's not the question, either. I'm a middleaged, well-dressed (mostly), respectable-looking white woman. No one is really interested in me, terrorism-wise.

So when I ask myself or my students how much liberty we're willing to give up, I'm not really asking about us.

I'm asking about "others" and we all know which others I mean. As I write this, Monday night, I would not want to be a Muslim going through security at Logan Airport. Just for instance. And I don't blame the TSA if they pay more careful attention. I just want the planes to take off and land.

I ask my students: If there are two security lines at the airport, and one has three white businessmen about to whisk off their jackets, and the other has three Muslim men, which line do you join? I know what I would do. Is that racist? Are we?

As I write this, we don't know who planted the bombs that tore off limbs, took innocent lives, disrupted a race that celebrates "Patriots Day" every year, a race where this year the 26th mile

was dedicated to the 26 who died in Newtown. But the media are reporting that a Saudi student was being questioned after the bombings because of his proximity, the nature of his injuries and, yes, his nationality. Racist?

How do you avoid being a racist when you're afraid?

How do you avoid offering up your privacy and liberty — or, more likely, someone else's when you are terrified of terror? How do you maintain a free so

ciety when you see limbs flying? It's true these events are rare. It's true that, compared to other countries, we are indeed remarkably free and safe. And perhaps we also are spoiled to

believe that in this day and age

we can have it all: freedom and safety, privacy and security, not to mention equality. When I was a kid, we worried about the Russians. We practiced going to the basement of the school in case of a nuclear attack. How odd to see those as

less terrifying days — and to

long for them. I hope the Saudi man had nothing to do with it. I hope the culprits, when they are found, will not add to our collective terror of "others." I hope this will not be a case that makes us even more afraid of those who are different from us, even though 99.9 percent of them mean us no harm. I hope.

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The re-conquest of American history

s if he was a field commander rallying his troops, "the dean of Florida historians" was distributing ammunition among those who fight to correct American history, especially those who try to dispel the misconceptions about the Spanish explorers who discovered a land they called "La Florida" in 1513. While others were preparing picket signs that

would accuse the conquistadors of genocide, Dr. Michael Gannon was opening the

April 2 celebrations to commemorate the 500th anniversary Juan Ponce de Leon's discovery of North America. "We are all honored to be alive on

an anniversary of this magnitude," Gannon told a crowd of history buffs who had filled the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Melbourne Beach, Fla.

Of course, he was literately preaching to the choir. In the audience, there were people who take their history so seriously that they were dressed as Spanish conquistadors, people who have spent years on a crusade to get Ponce de Leon

and his men the recognition they deserve.

Led by Samuel Lopez, a New York Puerto Rican who relocated in Melbourne, these 21st century crusaders — "the Royal Order of Juan Ponce de Leon" - still are valiantly combatting that anti-Hispanic "Black Legend" propaganda that began in the 16th century.

MIGUEL

Perez

And on the morning of April 2, it was as if they were getting a pep talk from the ultimate authority on Florida's Spanish history — the Distinguished Service Professor of History at the University of Florida. As if he was anticipating the ignorance that would be displayed by a handful of protesters who picketed another celebration event later that day, Gannon spoke of the myths and misconceptions about Ponce de Leon.

He explained that there is no clear evidence that Ponce de Leon was searching for the mythical Fountain of Youth, that historical records show he "did not wish to do the natives harm," and that he had noble intentions of establishing Spanish settlements and bringing Christianity to North America. He explained that it was Ponce de Leon and his men who were under constant attacks from the Florida natives, that Ponce de Leon "was forced to fight in order to save his men's lives and their boats, oars and weapons," and that upon returning to Florida eight years after his 1513 voyage, Ponce de Leon was driven back into the sea

and mortally wounded by the Calusa natives. Of course, in the audience, listening to such vindicating words from such an authority made people like John Ay,s burst with pride. After all, Ay,s, 67, has traced his genealogical roots and Gannon was talking about his multiple-greatgranddaddy.

"It's just a wonderful day," Ay,s whispered when I asked him to share his sentiments. But he didn't have to say much. He was wearing an impressive

Spanish armor that illustrated his "huge pride." Even before protesters could begin to promote

the Black Legend, with picket signs demonizing the Spanish explorers, Gannon had made it clear that the violence came from the natives.

"No cause for the natives' violence is given in the record (of Ponce de Leon's voyage). Whether it was provoked by earlier mission of slaving expeditions, or by the natives' own long tradition of intertribal warfare, or by simple fear of these strange creatures from another world."

Even before protesters could question why the Spanish are credited with "discovering" a land that already was occupied by natives, Gannon was giving his troops a new Spanish Armada with which to defend our Hispanic heritage.

"I would suggest that we say that Juan Ponce's voyage constituted the first known, or documented, discovery of Florida," Gannon said.

All over Northeast Florida last week, those who still promote the Black Legend were grossly outnumbered by those insisted that they were indeed commemorating a great discovery.

"It was the first time that the Old World European cultures met the New World indigenous folks," said Dana Ste.

Claire as he opened the April 3 ceremonies in St. Augustine. "Neither one of them knew the other one was on the other side of the planet."

In both Melbourne Beach and St. Augustine, many of the celebrants acknowledged that the clash of Spanish and Native American cultures had many negative consequences, especially diseases that decimated native nations. But they also recognized the many positive results of the encounter between Europe and North America. And they refuse to judge the people of the 16th century by the moral and human rights standards of the

"We are not here to celebrate the unfortunate consequences of that meeting," added Ste. Claire. "Because, yes it did, it led to the decimation of Native Americans, many sophisticated cultures and societies that lived here. But it also represented \cdot in a moment and a day - a time when the world changed forever, when Old World and New World came together, and it's never been the same since. So we are here to commemorate this very important day in world history." Sometimes having to shout over the interven-

tions of protesters, Ste. Claire noted, "while it is the case that some may not want to participate in our ceremony, or understand it, there are a number of things that we do want to celebrate." To hear white folks speaking this way, and many

more white folks applauding, well, sometimes I thought I was dreaming. Does this only happen every 500 years? While others were mispronouncing "Viva Florida," I was happy to see them trying to put two Spanish words together.

At the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine, the oldest church in the country, where a special mass was celebrated a short while later, parishioners were reminded that Franciscan missionaries were the first civil rights leaders of the New World and that among Spain's unique gifts to America was Christianity.

"Spain brought many gifts in the aftermath of Juan Ponce de Leon's landing in this territory," said homilist Rev. Robert J. Baker, Bishop of Birmingham. Ala. "But from the church's standpoint. its greatest gift was the faith."

Everywhere I turned, America's hidden Hispanic heritage was being exposed in Florida last week. I was surrounded by people who think as I do. Sometimes it was if I was listening to myself speak, especially when I met historian and navigator Douglas T. Peck.

"Ponce de Leon was the most important explorer after Columbus," Peck told me. "But you wouldn't get that from your history books. They report him as just another conquistador who was only interested in gathering slaves and finding gold. He wasn't interested in either one. He was an immensely wealthy man ... He didn't need slaves or gold, and yet that's what is taught in our schools today. It's sad."

Of course for Lopez, his United Third Bridge organization and the Royal Order of Juan Ponce de Leon, getting both Gannon and Peck to speak at their April 2 events was a huge coup, especially since these two top historians now agree that Ponce de Leon landed in Melbourne Beach instead of St. Augustine. But that's fodder for yet another column, coming soon.

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Daily Prayer

Let us celebrate that we can help others through your strength, oh Lord.

Amen

Church news

First Baptist Church, Coahoma

The First Baptist Church of Coahoma is located at 501 S. Avenue in Coahoma. We meet Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship and children's church, 6 p.m. worship and children's choir. Wednesday 7 p.m. adult Bible study, youth Bible study, RA's and GA's.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy listening to this talented Howard County native.

First United Methodist Church

Blankenship Field is about to be transformed into a giant picnic/carnival as the 19th Annual Relay For Life gets underway this evening.

Come watch the First Methodist team and teams from all around the area as they join forces to fight

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will continue his new sermon series "Love in the House," including Paul's letter to the Colossians as well as the command to us to "clothe yourselves in compassion." Services of worship are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are held at

EPIC Youth and Prayer Warriors meet each Sun-

Following the "Sermon in a Sack" at the 10:50 a.m. service, children may go to youth hall for Children's Church." Their current study series is titled "Praise Party."

This week's lesson concentrates on homes and teaches that God made families as a way to pass faith from one generation to the next.

God wants us to praise Him at home by honoring our parents, loving our siblings and by serving Him as a family.

Children's Day Out is held each Monday and Wednesday; Noon Bible and Luncheon is lead by Jim Anderson each Wednesday in Garrett Hall. Serving of the catered lunch begins at 11:50 a.m.

Real Life Wednesday begins serving the meal at 5:30 p.m. with EPIC Youth, JAM children's choir and Bible studies follow the meal.

Among our many active and compassionate services, the Golden Link is really exceptional.

Our dedicated volunteers regularly visit our shut-ins who can no longer attend church.

Another re-vitalized service is that of "Caring Cooks" who are keeping a stockpile of home cooked entrees available when someone is ill or just returned from the hospital.

There is to be a Task Force meeting Tuesday, April 23 to continue researching ways to help with the problem of childhood hunger right here at home in Big Spring.

A special guest from Odessa's Junior League will join us on that evening to share information as well as their experiences in a program like this in their

Information for coming events at First Methodist include Confirmation Sunday, April 28 and a special Mother's Day presentation by the Children's choir May 12.

We will honor our high school graduates on Senior Recognition Day, May 19. There will also be a blood drive on that date.

Our 10:50 a.m. service of worship is broadcast each Sunday morning on KXCS 105.5 FM. We are First United Methodist Church, located in the very heart of downtown Big Spring at fourth and Scurry

College Baptist Church

On Sunday, April 14, College Baptist called a new vouth minister.

A search committee made up of people of the

church who work with the youth all year recommended him for this mission.

The young man's name is Chris Pugh. He is soon to be married to Katie Babler.

We are very happy to welcome them to College Baptist.

Pastor Ken McMeans continued his series of sermons called "Family Talk" this past Sunday.

Citing Psalm 127,"Unless the Lord builds a house, they labor in vain who builds it." God shall be the foundation of everything we build such as: home, wife, husband, children — family.

In 1st Corinthians 11:3, the Bible tells us that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid which is Christ Jesus.

That is the unshakable foundation of Christ alone.

When we mourn the failures of marriages and count the divorces in our society, we know that we have failed in laying the proper foundation for marriage and families..

There will be a Men's Ministry Fellowship tonight at 7 at the church. Men of all ages and boys from 6th grade and up are invited to attend.

Sunday at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall at church, there will be a Sunday school planning meeting.

All those interested in seeing our Sunday school grow and improve are invited to come.

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A big thank you is offered to all those who

gave to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. We exceeded our goal

again. If you gave to it then you should know how you have helped to send missionaries to our own United States and Canada and planted churches where needed; to do what-ever it takes to reach the one.

One of the ways College Baptist ministers We not only want to bring the children in but

School. We spend a lot of time preparing to reach out to the young children of the community.

to the community each year is through Vacation

to make sure we have the right workers and teachers that really have a heart to reach these young ones.

This will be coming up in June, after school is out. We are already praying about this.

We often have over 200 children and leaders during VBS and we want to be prepared. There will be more about this later.

Dean Priest for College Baptist Church

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church invites you to join us in worship and Bible study this Sunday. Worship services start at 10:50 a.m., and this Sunday we will be observing the ordinances of Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Evening worship service is at 6, and Wednesday evenings begin with a meal at 5 in the Family Life Center, followed by activities for all age groups. Come and be blessed.

Sunday school classes are available for all ages and groups, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We are looking forward to our Parent/Child dedication ceremony which will occur on May 12.

If you would like to participate, please call Lori Morgan or Jodi Mims at (432)267to sign up for this special occasion. Our children's AWANA program is winding down, and the awards ceremony will be held in the next few weeks.

After a great summer break, AWANAS will resume in the fall. Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. Be sure and save the dates June 10th through

June 14 to join us for a wild ride on the "Colossal Coaster." info

Our youth department is gearing up for some great summer fun, also. Stay tuned for the latest

Currently, the youth are finishing up the Bible study series "Experiencing God" on Sunday nights They also meet Wednesday nights for group wor-

ship and fellowship at 6. Come and bring a friend. Our Mother's Day Out program operates Tues-

For more information or questions call 267-8223 or email Tracy Boeker at: tboeker90@gmail.com.

days and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Adult Sunday is May 5. We invite you to join in this special time of worship as we honor these faithful and dear people who have loved and served our great and gracious God for many seasons.

Got questions about God and what it means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ? Call First Baptist Church or stop by and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you and talk with you about Jesus. He loves you so much.

First Baptist Church is located at 700 W. FM 700. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Our pastor is Reverend Lannon Martin. Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is http:// www.aicbigspring.org. Our e-mail address is a live in christ @crcom.net.

Sunday Service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Richard Knocke will present the readings this week. This week's sermon reference is "Suffering For Faith."

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

A website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based

Sometimes life just isn't fair

hat's not fair." How many times have we heard this complaint? Perhaps we have all grumbled about the injustices

of life at one time or another.

The best team doesn't always win. Practice doesn't always result in perfection, and sometimes even hard work doesn't produce the expected results.

Cars break down at the most inopportune times. Dogs bark. Appliances wear out. Computers malfunction. Faucets leak, and clean houses get messed up again. Life just isn't fair. Upon receiving an award, the

late comedian Jack Benny once said, "I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either." Life is full of things that we don't deserve.

Sometimes we, like the comedian, find ourselves in situations that make no sense.

Rhyme and reason seem to have parted ways. The dots don't connect. Cause and effect don't seem to be related, and good intentions go awry.

Life isn't fair, but a little humor helps to balance the scales. At a convention that I attended recently, the

speaker informed the large audience of retired educators that he would be talking a lot about what God had done in his life.

Then He added, "If that offends you, get over

Instead of capitalizing on our perceived injustices, we might all do well to just get over it. That thorn that digs into our flesh, the petty

irritation that drives us crazy, and the gnawing grudge that keeps us from being happy may not be worthy of our devotion.

Life isn't fair, but why did we ever think that it would be? Why should we forfeit happiness for the satisfaction of always being right? Even though our situations may not meet our

standards of fairness, God is not unaware or uncaring about our plights in life. The Scripture reminds us, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man

sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary"

(Galatians 6:7-9 NASB). Life may not seem fair from our perspective, but God is the one who sees the big picture.

He sees every seed that we plant.

He even knows the attitude with which the seed were scattered.

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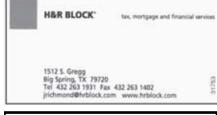
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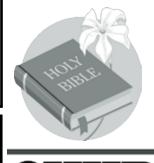


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Religious briefs

George Beverly Shea dies; sang at Graham crusades

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — George Beverly Shea, the booming baritone who sang to millions of Christians at evangelist Billy Graham's crusades, died Tuesday after a brief illness. He

Spokesman Brent Rinehart of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association said Shea died in Asheville after a brief illness.

Shea was well-known as a gospel soloist before he and Graham met in the early 1940s. He joined Graham's crusade team in 1947 and stayed until Graham's declining health ended most of the evangelist's public appearances nearly 60 years later.

Besides his distinctive voice, Shea was known for his trademark rendition of "How Great Thou Art" and his inspirational "The Wonder of It All." He performed live before an estimated 200 million at crusades over the years and recorded more than

Graham said at Shea's 100th birthday celebration in February 2009 that he couldn't have had a ministry without Shea.

"I first met Bev Shea while in Chicago when he was on Moody Radio," Graham said then. "As a young man starting my ministry, I asked Bev if he would join me. He said yes and for over 60 years we had the privilege of ministering together across the country and around the world. Bev was one of the most humble, gracious men I have ever known and one of my closest friends. I loved him as a brother."

Frugal pope nixes bonus for Vatican employees

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The global economic crisis is hitting Vatican employees in their cassock pockets.

The Vatican said Thursday that Pope Francis, known for his frugal ways, decided Vatican employees won't be getting the

bonus that traditionally comes with the election of a new pope. In the past, the Vatican's 4,500-plus workers — both religious and lay — would receive an extra little something upon the death of one pope and another upon the election of his successor: In 2005, the total reportedly came to 1,500 euros (nearly \$2,000) apiece.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said that given tough economic times — the Vatican posted a 15 millioneuro deficit in 2011 — "it didn't seem possible or appropriate to burden the Vatican's budget with a considerable, unforeseen extra expense."

When suicide strikes

TINSLEY

The world was stunned two weeks ago when Rick Warren's son, Matthew ended his life with a selfinflicted gunshot. Author of one of the best selling books of all time, "The Purpose Driven Life," with more than 20 million copies sold world-wide, Rick Warren and his wife, Kay, have been open about their grief and the long

struggle with their son's mental illness that led up to his suicide. Warren's church described Matthew as "an incredibly kind, gentle and compassionate young man whose sweet spirit was encouragement and comfort to many. Unfortunately, he also suffered from mental illness resulting in deep depression and suicidal thoughts." Virtually every family

has been touched, directly or indirectly, by suicide and its painful aftermath. According to the World Health Organization, almost one million people die of suicide world-wide each year, a rate of 16 per 100,000, up 60 percent over the last 45 years. It is among the top three causes of death for those ages 15-44 and the leading cause of death for those ages 10-24. More teenagers and young adults die by suicide each year than by AIDS, birth defects, heart disease, cancer and influenza combined. Placed in historic context, we may well be experiencing a global suicide

Mental disorders, especially depression and alcohol, are a leading cause. Suicide's social stigma coupled with fear, embarrassment, grief and spiritual misunderstanding may contribute to our inability to address helpful solutions. But, increasingly, churches are seeking ways to help people who wrestle with this deadly emotional

Frank Page, President of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, lost his 32-year-old daughter to suicide in 2009. His book, "Melissa: A Father's Lessons from a Daughter's Suicide," will be released June 1. He writes, "Did you ever wonder where God was when you sat up at night asking questions that had no solvable answers? Did you ever doubt His love and goodness? Did you feel abandoned by Him? Deserted?

"I understand if you did. I understand if you still do. Suicide is not a situation that lends itself to casual conversations with God. It hurts. And more than that, it seems as though He could have prevented it all if He'd wanted to. At those times when the loss seems the most impossible to bear, at times when you can't believe what your child is doing or has done to themselves, it can feel like God is nowhere this side of heaven to offer all that comfort His Word so confidently promises.

"But I can tell you by the testimony of Scripture, He is strong enough to weather our hot accusations against Him, patient enough to withstand our desire to seek distance from Him (though such a thing is, of course, theologically impossible), and compassionate enough to feel emotion at the deep, hollow anguish that can often stand between us and our tottering faith."

If you are wrestling with suicide issues in your own life or among your family and friends, there are resources to help. Call the national suicide prevention hotline at 800-273-TALK (8255) or Christian Suicide Prevention at 888-667-5947. Visit www. texassuicideprevention.org or www.allianceofhope.org.

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

CHURCH

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performing at Spring Creek Fellowship on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Come out and enjoy their wonderful talents.

Our Between the Lines Women's ministry will hold their annual Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, April 27 from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. The proceeds from the yard sale support several ministries on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. If you would like to have your child dedicated, contact Jim Billings or Donna Wennik. We will need a picture of your child for a special presentation. Donate your old cellphones to "Survivors Con-

nect" Phones for Freedom Campaign. Your old cellphone will help "Survivors Connect" builds SMS: Freedom Networks that connect and protect rural and vulnerable communities from trafficking Learn more at Survivors Connect .org or pick up one of the information booklets by the collection box in our foyer.

Sewing Seeds of Hope Connection group invites you to join us Saturdays from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. A different skill will be taught each week of the month with new skills added as requested.

Come check out our Sunday school/Connection Groups with topic/subject-based studies ranging from six to nine weeks in length and relevant to today's Christian adventure.

Classes are available for all ages and meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Big Spring Classical Academy is now pre-registering for Pre-K and kindergarten for the fall. Visit our website at http://bigspringclassical.org for more information.

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 a.m. every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Weekly happenings: Sunday, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Sunday School/Connection Groups, 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship, 10:45 a.m. to noon Worship Service.

You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Tuesday, 1:45 p.m., Praying Effectively for the Lost. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Fellowship meal, 6 p.m.

Bible study and youth and children's activities, 6 p.m. Boy Scouts. Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website. Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College

Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. (Across from Denny's). Contact us at 432-"Every Member a Minister" — 1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

East Fourth Street Baptist Church Do you like good gospel choral music? The Good

News Senior Adult Choir from Southcrest Baptist Church, Lubbock, will be in concert at East Fourth

Street Baptist Church on Sunday, April 28 during the evening service at 6. The 60-voice choir is directed by James Kinman. We would like to invite everyone to come hear this

great choir proclaim the Word of God through mu-

We would love for you to join us for this worship service and fill the sanctuary.

First Church of the Nazarene

Coming soon is Revival! Stephen Manley will be guiding us in worship beginning April 28 through May 1 nightly at 6:30. Come enjoy a wonderful celebration.

Thrive: College age young adults come explore our new class called Thrive. Thrive gathers every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the church commons area. You are also welcome to join us for all of our ser-

vices, classes and groups: Sunday service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, Sunday morning youth and children's classes at 9 a.m., Sunday morning children's church at 10 in the fellowship hall and Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30.

Tuesday night prayer is at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Wednesday evening adult/children/youth classes

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning? Listen into KBST 95.7 at 10. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at www.nazfamily.org.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service and we are also on Facebook and Twit-

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library, the Children's Choir meets at 4:45 p.m., and the Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The Youth Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

Sunday, April 28 is Graduates' Sunday. Anyone having a graduate you want recognized, contact the church office with information. Presbyterian Women meet Tuesday, April 23 at

2 p.m. in the library. Susan Holstedt will lead the study of lessons 8 and 9: "The Bad Seeds" from John 2:2, Peter2-3, Jude 1-16; "Brothers and Sisters in Harmony" from I John

The Spring Gathering for Presbyterian Women will be Saturday at First Presbyterian Church (1401 North Sam Houston) in Odessa.

2-4 and Jude 17-25.

Ann Sinclair is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Liturgist is Jennifer Patterson. Ushers

for April are Susan and David Wilson, Lucy and Paschal Odom. The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

is Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:19-17; John 10:22-30. The Chancel Choir will present the anthem

"Christ Is Risen! Alle-

luia" by Mark Sheppard, and the offertory anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" by Thomas Matthews. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will give the sermon. If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST

1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for praise and worship, followed by the Word. Our 2013 vision focus is "Restoring Hope to the Hopeless." We will continue in the series Between the Cross to Pentecost. Last week, Pastor Willard delivered a message entitled "The Great Commission," which was taken from Matthew 28:16-20, and this week the title will be "Get Ready!" Main scripture will be taken from Luke 24: 44-53.

Discipleship 101 Bible Study is held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery & Restoration class continue to meet each Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The location is in the "Green Room" of the east wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the rear of the church and enter in through the metal door across from the fellowship hall.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 months-kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th-12th grade); Covenant U- college Ministry (18-24 years); Men's & Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment. CCC meets on Wednesdays at 7 for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Sunday morning services are recorded. Mother's Lounge and Children Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th St. (on the corner of 12th and Owens)

For more information, contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or



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Manhunt in Boston after bombing suspect is killed

WATERTOWN, Mass. (AP) — The two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing killed an MIT police officer and hurled explosives at police in a car chase and gun battle overnight that left one of them dead and his brother on the loose, authorities said Friday as thousands of officers swarmed the streets in a manhunt that all but paralyzed the Boston area.

The suspects were

identified enforcement officials and family members as Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev, brothers from a Russian region near Chechnya, which has been plagued by an Islamic insurgency that has carried out deadly bombings. They lived near Boston and had been in the U.S. for about a decade, an uncle

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, a 26-year-old who had been known to the FBI as Suspect No. 1 and was seen in surveillance footage in a black baseball cap, was killed overnight, officials said. Authorities gave no

details on how Dzhokhar Tsarnaev escaped, but said he may have been in a Honda CRV that was found later in the morning in Boston.

The bombings on Monday killed three people and wounded more than 180 others, tearing off limbs in a spray of shrapnel and instantly raising the specter of another terrorist attack on U.S.

Authorities said surveillance tape showed Tsarnaev Dzhokhar during a robbery of a convenience store in Cambridge, near the campus of MIT, where a university police officer 26-year-old Sean Collier — was shot to death.

Don't forget!

The Howard/Glasscock Relay for Life event begins this evening at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. with the Survivor's Walk set for 7:30 p.m.

There will be activities going on all through the night with closing ceremonies planned for 8 a.m. Saturday.

ARRESTED

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their way into a home in the 1500 block of Wood Street.

"Officers responded to 1519 Wood St. at approximately 3:45 a.m. in reference to a kidnapping," Everett said. "Upon arrival, the resident advised officers several subjects had iust entered his residence without consent by kicking open the door and kidnapped his 15-year-old son. One of the

suspects displayed a handgun during the offense. Several family members were in the house at the time."

According to police reports, the resident had been awakened by the sounds of the four suspects forcing their way into the home. Upon entering the living room, he told officers he witnessed the suspects beating the 15-year-old

"Another subject pointed a gun at the man's face and ordered him and his wife out of the room," Everett said. "The suspects then took the 15-year-old from the residence and the victim called police.

"While officers were still at the scene, the 15-yearold victim walked up to the home and advised officers he had escaped the kidnappers when they stopped at a 7-Eleven convenience store at the intersection of 11th Place and Settles and had walked home."

Everett said the youth told officers at the scene the suspects were in a gray Honda passenger car. Officers then responded to 1207 Sycamore the known residence of one of the alleged kidnappers who had been identified.

"As officers arrived (at 1207 Sycamore), so did the suspect vehicle," Everett said. "Four suspects were detained. As officers continued the investigation, they learned the 15-year-old victim was being accused of stealing property

from the suspects' residence

at 1207 Sycamore and this

may have been the motive for the Kidnapping. This is still under investigation.

"The four suspects were arrested and each charged with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony and kidnapping. No weapon was found and no serious injuries to anyone were report-

According to officials with the county detention center, the four suspects had not been arraigned at the time of this report.

COUNCIL

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infrastructure will present some unique challenges in the coming year, especially considering the massive amount of growth currently projected in connection with the ongoing oil boom.

"Everyone has been talking about infrastructure," Collins said. "We have some infrastructure challenges ahead of us and I feel we can meet those challenges. It's time for us to look at our roads and look at our pot holes and the cleanliness of our city and

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look at the trash issue. I know that we're having to look at our waste facility and find a new place for that. And, with coming growth, that few-year mark could turn into a year or two left. So it's an issue we have to deal with. Like it or not, there is growth coming to Big Spring. We need to be ahead of that growth here in Big Spring.

"We have lost several employees to the oil business, which obviously pays high-dollar. It's very important that our city employees be paid competitively. We have to be competitive in the market so we

By Steve Becker

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stop you from making 10 tricks. A trump return would automatically

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of clubs to secure the contract.

losing a trick in each suit.

have the infrastructure and the employees in place to fulfill the needs we have as a city. And, as we grow, we need that many more individuals serving this community. I know that we have a master plan, but I think it's time to update it. I think if we start with the end-goal in mind, then 20 to 30 years down the road ... we will have built a community that won't just bless us in the moment, but will have an impact for generations

Raul Benavides, a consultant with Edward Jones Investments, said he feels his experience in the stock market and with financial planning makes him the right man for the seat.

to come."

"People ask me all the time, 'Why are you running?' There are two answers to that question," Benavides said. "First of all, it's because I think I have something to offer. The second is because my wife and I are committed to this community. For the last 19 years, I've helped hundreds of West Texas families navigate through some of the hardest times in the stock market. I believe that experience of managing millions of dollars for people has prepared me for this position."

Benavides also targeted infrastructure as a major concern for the city.

"Infrastructure and water are the two main we've talked about," Benavides said. "We all know infrastructure is a problem. The problem is it didn't get this bad overnight and it's not going to be fixed overnight. Our city staff has a very delicate balance of fixing the needs of today and providing water to those who are coming in. We would hate for companies to go somewhere else simply because we couldn't provide those three necessities, water, electricity and sewer. It's a

very delicate balance. "In 2009, not too long ago, our sales tax (revenue) was \$4.2 million. In 2011 that number came in at \$6.4 million. Today, our sales tax revenue is expected to get close to, if not exceed, \$8 million. That's a very big jump. I have every confidence in the next two years it will surpass \$10 million. If elected, I will work with the mayor and other council members to make sure that money cient and effective way

possible." A Big Spring native, J.D. Smith also took to the podium, saying the current tax rate and protecting local residents from the projected spikes in appraisals is one of his foremost con-

cerns if elected. "My biggest concern here is our tax rate and how we're going to lower that as we're getting more people in here," Smith said. "I have a few ideas about this. One is as we see these appraisals go up and up — they are likely going to skyrocket because of the demand for housing and the county appraiser is going to have nothing to do except raise those prices to market prices – we can take those and look at the numbers and mark to market our tax rate. That way the taxpayers within our taxing entity aren't hurt as much. We're currently

at 88 cents and we can mark that tax rate down as the appraisals go up. We can mark it down 8 cents as that happens."

Smith said employee retention is another major concern as the municipality continues to battle the oil field for capable manpower.

"We're going to have to retain the talent we have now. I think that is going to be a key issue," Smith said. "Our veteran employees, the ones who understand the streets, the sewage and those systems, really need to be kept on and we need to be very aggressive about that, even if you have to make it an individual issue. The way we can pay for that is through our sales tax revenues. We've seen a 25-percent increase in the past few years and a good metric is spent in the most effi- of that is to just ask Walmart how much their

sales went up.

"I feel the big issue needs to be traffic fatalities. We need to work hard and put our minds to this as a community. The roads in Midland-Odessa right now are 2.5 times more dangerous than the rest of the state. We have a lot of rural roads and we need to work with the county on these issues. We need to support the schools and their driver training and maybe even get a youth program started on a local level. This is going to hurt our community more than anything. Nothing can cut as deep as traffic fatalities. That's something I look to work very hard

toward." Early voting in municipal and school board elections is set to run from April 29 until May 7, with polls open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. May 11 is election day.

Sudoku Answers on Page 5

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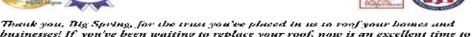
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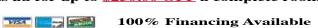








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BSHS golfers earn state bid

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — For the second straight year, the five-man Big Spring boys golf squad played its way into the state tournament at Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin.

The Steers finished in second place at the regional tourney at Shadow Hills Golf Course on Thursday after matching Wednesday's score of 309, despite battling gusty winds and cold temperatures.

With a stroke total of 618, BSHS was bested only by Andrews, who shot

District rival Wylie (632) was defeated in a playoff by Gatesville, knocking them out of state contention for the second consecutive season.

"We played real well in real bad weather," said Chris Joslin, who has been the head golf coach at Big Spring for seven years now. "We were able to increase our lead because they were mentally tough and did what they needed to do."

Devin Roberson (73-80 — 153) tied for fifth place among the class of the region, Tyler Bryan (77-77— 154) took

seventh place, Tate Kennedy Fredericksburg will be one of (79-76 - 155) tied for eighth place, Ryan Pollard (82-76 — 158) shaved six strokes off his total on the second day of action and rounding out the formidable Steers was Jason Guevara (80-92-172).

All five of the BSHS golfers have had a taste of the atmosphere at the state championship — an advantage not lost on Joslin.

"It will be their second year in a row, so they're not going to have the nerves," Joslin said. "There is 12 teams now. There used to be eight.

the favorites and Andrews, of course, will be tough. I don't think the extra teams will hurt us. We are in a tough region. If you can make it out of this region, you have a shot. All it takes is two good days and when you have a team like we do, I like our chances."

Last year on the links of Jimmy Clay, Big Spring placed seventh overall, but shot the second lowest round on day two of the event.

"These five guys have put in a lot of work," Joslin added.

Our goal was to get back to state with these five guys and we accomplished that goal. I'm really proud of what they have achieved in the past two years. It's good for Big Spring. Hopefully we will be like Andrews - known for golf and we just reload every vear."

The Steers' rendezvous in Austin is slated for May 2-3.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@ bigspringherald.com



Courtesy photo Big Spring golf team (from left), Coach Chris Joslin, tate Kennedy, Tyler Bryan, Ryan Pollard, Devin Roberson and Jason Guevara finished in 2nd place the regional tourney in Lubbock. The Steers will make their second consecutive trip to Austin in May.

Forsan track teams place second at area meet, advance

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SUNDOWN — Forsan's track and field teams each earned second place finishes at the area meet Thursday. The boys amassed 92 points, falling short of Sudan's 147. The girls totaled 80 points, but were also topped by Sudan (110).

Individual event results:

- **Boys**
- · High Jump: Garrett Kligora, 4th place; Kade Fannin, 5th place.
- **Discus**: Kade Fannin, 7th place.
- Shot Put: Copeland Riddell, 4th place.
- 3,200 dash: Tyler Evans, 1st place.
- 400 relay: Trevor Burchett, Kolby Self, P.J. Horton, Brendan Roman, 3rd place.

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

- Baseball Luna College at Howard College, doubleheader, Jack barber Field, noon.
- Monahans at Big Spring, Steer park, 7 p.m.
- Forsan at Miles, 5 p.m.
- Coahoma at Brownfield, 7 p.m.

Softball

- Howard College at Midland College, doubleheader, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Coahoma at Brownfield, 6:30 p.m.

Track

Big Spring at area meet, Pecos.

Rodeo

Softball

 Howard College at Tarleton State (through Saturday).

SATURDAY

Midland College at Howard College, dou-

bleheader, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Monahans at Big Spring, 1 p.m.

Jones falls to defending state champ at 3A tennis regional

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Kie Jones was up against some stiff competition in the boys singles final Thursday on the tennis courts at Texas Tech University. To punch a ticket to the state tennis tournament, Jones would have to dispatch Wylie's Rayce Roberson, the defending Class 3A state champion.

Jones was defeated 6-0, 6-0, but ended his high school career as the first regional qualifier in several years, according to BSHS Tennis Coach Dana Jones.

"It's tough to get that far and get

knocked out," Dana Jones said of his star tennis player — who also happens to be his son. "He didn't play particularly well, but he competed well. It's always interesting coaching your own child."

A senior, Kie Jones transferred to Big Spring as a sophomore and since then, he has accumulated a record of about 82-6 against 3A opponents. Upon graduating, he will attend McMurry University in Abilene, where he will continue his tennis career at the collegiate level.

"I've told him, it's about working hard," Dana Jones said. "Good things come to those who

As for next year, Jones expects to be competitive again in the boy's division and with an up and coming group of underclassmen, possibly improved on the girl's side as well.

"I think the boys will be strong again," Jones added. "For some reason, the boys have been stronger the last few years. We have some girls coming up who look promising. It should be interesting."

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Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Kie Jones was the lone 4-3A representative not from Wylie to earn a spot in the regional tennis tournament in Lubbock this week. Jones lost in the boys singles finals to defending state 3A champion, Wylie's Rayce Roberson.

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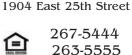
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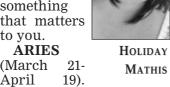
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Welcome, Taurus Sun

What's your main goal now? The Sun King parades into determined Taurus, granting powers of focus to those who know what they want. Those who don't know what they want will miss out on the rewards that come with this solar transit.

You're going to put hard into work something, so it may as well be something that matters to you.



April 19). Potentially irritating circumstances abound. On a good day, you are not annoyed and opt to transcend the circumstances with a

higher thought. On a

better day, you don't even

notice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are a spiritual person, and yet your life plays out in very practical ways. Instead of staring into an ethereal mist to determine your future, you do what must be done in the moment, creating a destiny worthy of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). For the sake of keeping your energy strong and your attitude buoyant, there will be

quite a lot you just have to let go. Hyper-vigilance is draining. Don't react to everything. Pick your

CANCER (June 22-July Marketers perception is reality, and refute scientists that perception is the least reliable indicator reality that we have. You'll find examples to prove both schools of thought today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Why are bad moods so much easier to catch than good moods? Whatever the reason, you're wise to shield your energy with an imaginary protective coating before you come into contact with that chronically grumpy someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like the people around you, but you still need a friend whose idea of fun matches more closely your own idea of fun. By beginning to imagine this kind of relationship, you bring it closer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What's the point of being beautiful if you don't feel beautiful? The reactions of others will mean little to you now, so you may as well do the things that are likely to bring you up and lighten your spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are keenly aware of your own emotional

state, and you have a good sense of how others around you are feeling, too. Keep track. This data will be interesting to you when you look back on it later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Something you do seemingly without a purpose is not a waste of time. Just because you don't know the purpose now doesn't mean there isn't one. The future will reveal magical connections.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Something as simple as being prepared the current temperature as well as for a change in the weather will contribute to your comfort and, extension, confidence and mood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A big project seems to be taking forever. And yet, bit by bit, you are getting it done. So don't lose heart. Believe in the practical magic of 10 minutes at a

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You need to partner with someone who will question your ideas, thereby challenging them making them stronger. Get analytical friend to poke at your plans to make sure they will hold up.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 19). You'll conquer struggled with for years or change something you've disliked. Social luck is strong, and you will meet and mingle with helpful and powerful people over the next three months. July brings a windfall. New business is favored. The best months for travel and moves are August and November. Sagittarius and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 41, 2, 22, 49 and 32.

LOVE

WEEKEND

FORECAST: ARIES: You'll be around a person who complements and plays up your best qualities. TAURUS: You're coming into your own, and the attention you'll receive will be intense. GEMINI: Trust in your ability to recover from the little blips and foibles that relationship goes through. CANCER: Passion and compassion are far from the same state, but one will lead to the other now. LEO: With the moon in your sign, opportunities for playtime and flirting are abundant. VIRGO: You find may yourself dreaming of a certain someone, but not all of your fantasies are worth pursuing. LIBRA: You'll do a fine job of building the excitement in a relationship. SCORPIO: Simple courtesies will bring you closer to the

one you want to know or will keep an existing relationship SAGITTARIUS: You're a giver, but you like to know that your gifts are appreciated. Otherwise, you're unlikely to give **CAPRICORN:** Don't keep score. Score keeping turns giving and receiving into a game or a job instead of a pleasure. **AQUARIUS:** You won't have to do much to get someone's attention. Your natural good looks and everyday way of dealing with the world are more than appealing enough. PISCES: Romantic entertainment can ruin realistic expectations of

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Taurus and Leo get along famously, as the sun in Taurus dances with the Leo moon this weekend. Taurus is patient and kind, entertained Leo's quirky playfulness and impressed with the cat's generosity, as well. Leo may seem to take the lead, but Taurus is not a follower. The relationship is best when Taurus exudes strength and leadership to match Leo's bravado, which is often just for show.

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Dear Margo: No need for a hostage situation

Dear Margo: I have a delicate situation with my husband. His 24-yearold daughter is living with us — and our two young sons — and I want

her out of house, our but he doesn't want to be bad the guy and tell her to leave. I'm beginning get





his passivity. We have a dicey history with her. Her parents divorced when she was 11, and her mother got custody.

Her father and I met when his daughter was 13, and we married a year later. She never wanted to live with us full time,

because her mother let her do whatever she wanted, but she'd come to us when she was angry at her mother or stepfather and then go back when she got angry at us for enforcing rules and requiring small chores.

As a teenager, she often wouldn't talk to us unless she wanted her dad to buy her something. When she graduated from high school, she stayed with us for a month, and it was a tense, drama-filled time that ended with her storming out and moving back in with her mother and my husband telling her she would not be allowed to live with us again. The relationship was repaired after that.

Six months ago, she went to my husband and asked to move in with us for a month or two while she purchased a house. My husband told her he would talk to me about it repetitious cycle with for that one), a check for instead of saying no right away, which I wish he had done. Since it was going to be for a short time, I agreed. Well, apparently, the house she's trying to buy is a short sale that is taking a very long time to process.

It has now been six months, and "the guest" is lazy and self-centered and barely speaks to us. I'm afraid if I insist on her moving out, he will resent me later, but don't know how long I can put on a happy face and just deal with it. Should I continue to wait it out, or should I insist she that leave? Frustrated in Wash.

Dear Frus: It sounds as though your husband shares your views but cannot get it together to tell her to leave. Because you've been caught in a

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this kid, I'm pretty sure this is the end of the line. I suggest you offer to be "the bad guy" and tell the young woman to get a roommate or make other arrangements because her "month or two" is up. The healthiest thing for your marriage, as well as your young children, is to reclaim your household. There can be no better motivator for this girl to get her act together than her father saying "basta, even if you are the messenger. resolutely

Dear Margo: I'm going to a wedding of an older couple soon. The invitation says, "No gifts, please," but I would like to give them one anyway. choices My are charitable donation (a few friends did not care

Re: "No Gifts, Please"

the amount I would have spent on a present or a gift certificate for dinner at a good restaurant. I would appreciate guidance. — Bella

Dear Bel: I, like you, sometimes override the stipulation of "no gifts, please." Truly, no one ever minds. In this situation, I think the most celebratory thing to give is a gift certificate for a dinner a deux. And mail the card to the residence, as opposed to bringing it to wedding. Ain't love grand? — Margo, festively

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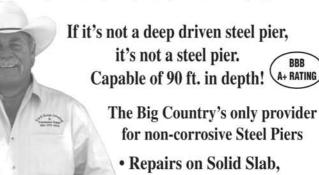
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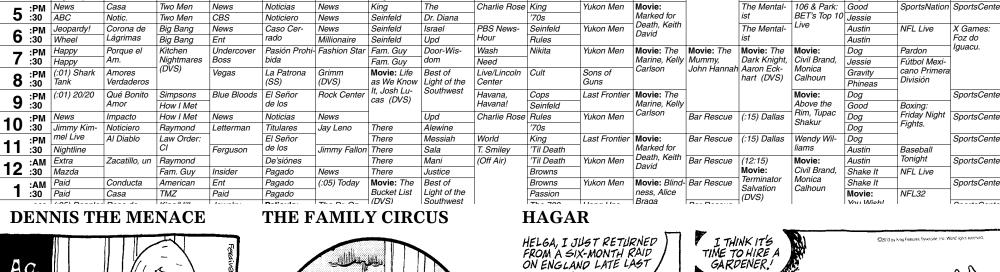
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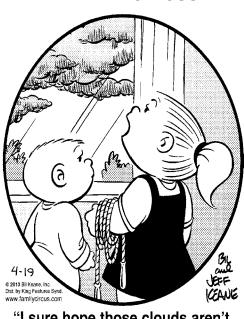
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"I sure hope those clouds aren't thinkin' about raining on us."



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(Bomber Timothy McVeigh

was later convicted of federal

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 19, the 109th day of 2013. There are 256 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On April 19, 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian

compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including sect leader David Koresh, were On this date:

In 1775, the American

Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and In 1861, a week after the Civil War began, President Abraham

of Southern ports. In 1912, a special subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee opened hearings in New York into the Titanic

Lincoln authorized a blockade

disaster. In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but ultimately futile battle against Nazi forces. In 1945, the Rodgers and

Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened Broadway. In 1951, Gen. Douglas

MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Harry S. Truman, bade farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.' In 1960, South Korean students began an uprising that

toppled the government of President Syngman Rhee a week later. The South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) was founded in Namibia. In 1973, the science-fiction

film "Sovlent Green." starring

Charlton Heston, was released. In 1982, astronauts Sally K. Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr.

became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions. In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah

Federal Building in Oklahoma

City, killing 168 people.

Animals) is 71. Actor Tim Curry is 67. Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 66. Actor Tony Plana is 61. Former tennis player Sue Barker is 57. Former race car driver Al Unser Jr. is 51. Recording executive Suge Knight is 48. 2013 The Associated Press.

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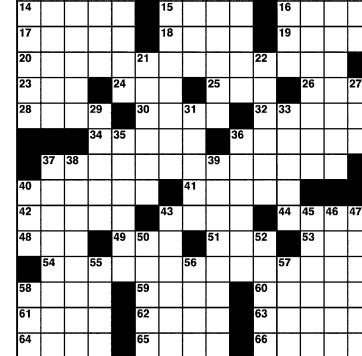
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Ogando struggles in Rangers' 6-2 loss to Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Texas out Wednesday. Rangers manager Ron Washington said he was glad Thursday's game against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field was played.

That was pretty much the only thing he had to be glad

Starter Alexi Ogando was chased in the third inning, Texas batters got only four hits and the Rangers lost to the Chicago Cubs 6-2 on a soggy afternoon.

Despite torrential rains that caused citywide floods, the teams were able to play in an occasional drizzle. The Cubs and Texas were rained

Alfonso Soriano hit his first home run of the season and Anthony Rizzo also homered for the Cubs.

Even with outcome, Washington was OK that the teams played. "Wish for better results, but

I am," Washington said. "It's one game we don't have to play when we return."

Ogando (2-1), however, might have liked the day off. Before Thursday, Ogando

had been 5-0 with a 1.88 ERA in eight career April starts. He had allowed just two earned runs in 16 2-3 innings this season.

Ogando lasted only 2 1-3 innings, giving up five runs on six hits while walking two.

The Texas right-hander said he was slipping on the mound, and had members of the grounds crew try to fix it during the Cubs' four-run

"On top of being out of control today, that mound didn't really help at all today," Ogando said. "It was difficult to com-

mand my fastball and that's going to affect all my other pitches," Ogando said. "That's why I had a difficult

time today." Cubs manager Dale Sveum

said Ogando "looked a little out of whack."

"And we probably had a little bit to do with that," he

Said Washington: "Just wasn't his day."

The Texas bats also struggled against Carlos Villanueva (1-0). The solo home runs hit by

Ian Kinsler and Nelson Cruz

were Texas' only runs, and

the pair combined for all four of the Rangers' hits. Villanueva pitched seven innings and gave up two runs and four hits while striking

out six.

Relievers James Russell and

Carlos Marmol then pitched a scoreless inning apiece to end the Rangers' 3-3 road trip. Over the six games, Texas

scored 17 runs.

"It's just the way things are going right now. We split the road trip, which isn't bad. It's not what we want to do, it's not where are minds are at. But if we can get back home playing .500 ball on the road we feel good about it," Kinsler said.

"We only have three games at home, then it's back on the road, so we got to be prepared to play a little better on the road."

Nowitzki ready to recruit for rebuilding Mavs

zki is ready to be a free-agent recruiter for the Dallas Mavericks. He's planning to hang around the draft room, too. Even before a 12-season playoff

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowit-

streak officially ended, the 7-foot German was saying his franchise faced a critically important summer in finding another star or two for a run at a second NBA championship. Dallas dismantled key pieces

of the 2011 title team, then had revamped rosters filled with oneyear contracts in consecutive seasons. The first ended with a first-round playoff sweep, and the second didn't even make it

The Mavericks got to .500 with a season-ending win over lowly New Orleans on Wednesday night, but Nowitzki, owner Mark Cuban and president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson among others — made it clear that wasn't nearly good enough.

"The pressure's on Mark and Donnie to get this franchise back to where it belongs," Nowitzki said. "They know that."

Nowitzki, the franchise leader in every major category, has always been willing to help pursue free agents, but this year is different. And it doesn't really have anything to do with Dwight Howard and Chris Paul being on the

Before free agency and trades, though, there's the draft. The Mavericks are in the lottery for Cuban bought the team.

NEW YORK (AP) —

Zack Hample leads the

majors in hogging home

The 35-year-old New

first big

Yorker picked up Didi

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Arizona Diamondbacks

rookie lined a pitch into

the third row of right-

field seats in the third

inning Thursday night

Then he caught a ty-

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at Yankee Stadium.

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"I'll be in the war room for the first time on draft day and see what that experience is like." Nowitzki said. "I heard they order pizza and stuff and sit there and talk basketball. So I'll fit right in.'

The Mavericks are watching the playoffs for the first time since Nowitzki's second season in 1999-2000 because their roster didn't fit. Sure, they lost basically half the season waiting for Nowitzki to come back and then trying to integrate him into the lineup. Yes, they played at a 50win pace once he was settled.

But Dallas never stopped finding ways to lose.

O.J. Mayo had a rough finish to his first season as the focal point of defenses. He picked up the scoring slack while Nowitzki was out - highlighted by a 40-point night in a big road win at Houston but dropped off sharply late in the season.

Carlisle was hard on him in practices and meetings all year, and finally ripped Mayo publicly after he scored two points on 1-of-6 shooting in a loss to Memphis that ended Dallas' shot at a winning season. Still, Carlisle said he would welcome back Mayo, who plans to opt out of the final year of his contract and become a free agent.

Carlisle was equally hard on point guard Darren Collison, who ended up in Dallas after Jason Kidd changed his mind about returning and signed with the New was strong early, lost his start- a championship," Cuban said.

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Bonds' 724th home run,

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New York Mets at Shea

Stadium (Carlos Beltran

By Hample's count,

he's come up with 29

on Sept. 28, 2008).

left-field stands in the

"It's a little bit of luck,

obviously. I move all

over the place constant-

ly," Hample said after

Arizona's 6-2 victory

over New York in 12 in-

Author of the 1999

book "How to Snag Ma-

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Hample is having a ball,

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his hobby. Hample said

ninth.

ing spot twice to 30-something guards brought in midseason and became an effective change of pace off the bench. Collison enters the offseason as a restricted free agent.

Along with Collison, centers Elton Brand and Chris Kaman were among the nine players with expiring contracts for Dallas. Brand is actually more suited to power forward but played a lot in the middle because Kaman's defensive shortcomings kept him on the bench more than the Mavericks thought he would be. Collison and Brand are more likely to return than Kaman, but all three could be gone.

"There will be probably a lot of changes, but it's hard to predict now," said Nowitzki, who became the 17th player with 25,000 career points in a win over New Orleans on the final weekend.

An invigorated Vince Carter will be back for a third season after a strong year that included matching a career record for 3-pointers that he set 12 years ago with Toronto. So will Shawn Marion, who had another strong all-around season.

Those three veterans — with 44 seasons between them — are entering the final years of their contracts, and there's no telling who might be around them. Cuban vows that he'll spend every waking hour trying to find the right pieces.

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reporter at the time.

Another MVP for LeBron seems likely

MIAMI (AP) — There has never been a unanimous MVP in the history of the NBA. Not Wilt Chamberlain, not Bill Russell, not Shaquille O'Neal, not Michael Jordan. LeBron James might

soon change that. At least, the Miami

Heat believe he should. After finally winning that first NBA title last June, James was better than ever in his first year as a champion. He led the league in field goals, despite being seventh in shots attempted. He established career-bests in shooting percentage, 3-point percentage, rebounds per game and double-doubles - and did it all while taking fewer shots per game than at any point in his 10-year career.

So those are just a few of the many reasons why the Heat are overwhelming favorites to win it all once again in these playoffs, which open this weekend. Miami will meet Milwaukee in a first-round series starting Sunday night.

"Numbers aren't why I play this game of basketball," James said. James has said he plays for only one thing — ti-"He came off one of

the more historical MVP seasons with a championship. Most people, the human condition would have been to relax and say, 'OK, that's the pinnacle," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "But instead, he wanted to push and find another barrier. And that's why we don't want to, he doesn't want to, put a ceiling on how far he can go."

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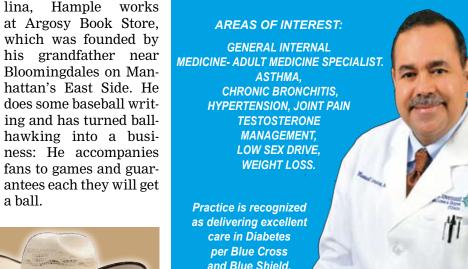
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- 200 dash: Brendan Roman, 1st place; Trevor Burchett 3rd place; Kolby Self, 4th place.
- 1,600 dash: P.J. Horton, 5th place. • 1,600 relay: Tyler Evans, Dillon Bagnall, Marcus
- Cervantes, P.J. Horton, 5th place. Girls
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 - 100 dash: Carlee Daniel 13.08.
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