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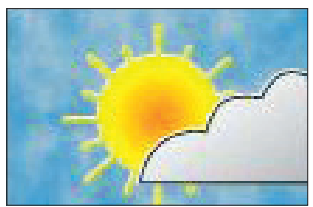


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# Stanley, Gauer top Forsan's graduating class

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

**FORSAN** — Charlene Stanley and Tori Gauer are the top two graduates for Forsan High School's Class of 2009. Stanley and Gauer are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the class, which will receive diplomas during commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Saturday in the high school gymnasium. Stanley, the daughter of A.J. and

Sherrie Stanley, will graduate with a grade-point average of 3.979. She has been an A honor roll student all four years of high school and was vice president of the National Honor Society this year. Other high school activities include serving as editor of the yearbook staff and class president, as well as participating in University Interscholastic League academic competition all four years of school. Also, she was a member of the high school band her freshman and soph-

omore years. She has been selected as Rotary Club Youth of the Month and her classmates voted her Football Sweetheart, Prom Queen and "most likely to marry a millionaire" this school year. In athletics, she was a four-year member of the basketball team as well as participating in cross-country and as a manager of the football team.



**STANLEY**



**GAUER**

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## REAPING THE REWARDS



HERALD Staff Photo/Alex Newsom

First grader Kayliegh Rodriguez and other Marcy Elementary students who earned 100 Accelerated Reader points enjoyed 'Bounce and Splash Day' put on by the school's Parent Teacher Organization last week.

## Police seeking robbery suspect

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Police Department say they are investigating an aggravated robbery that occurred at the 7-Eleven convenience store on Wasson Road early Friday morning. According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, the hold-up was reported shortly after 2 a.m. at the convenience store, located in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. "Officers responded to the 7-Eleven store at approximately 2:30 a.m.," said Everett. "They were responding in reference to a robbery. The clerk told the officers a subject had entered the store and pointed a handgun at him and demanded money. The clerk complied and the suspect fled the scene on foot." According to Everett, the suspect is described as a white male in his mid-20s, approximately 6 feet, 5 inches tall with a skinny build and a

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## Blocker, Robinson top graduates at Grady

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

**LENORAH** — Grady High School officials have announced the top graduates for this year's graduating class. GHS will hold commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Saturday in the high school auditorium. Kaitlyn Blocker, the daughter of Koy and Tammy Blocker of Lenorah, is class valedictorian with a grade-point average of 4.13. She has served as secretary of the Student Council and vice president of the National Honor Society, as well as being active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, University Interscholastic League academics and One-Act Play, earning best actress honors at area competition this year. In



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**ROBINSON**

addition, she was voted "most likely to succeed" by her classmates. In athletics, she was an academic all-state honoree in cross-country and basketball and also participated in golf. Blocker also is active in the Martin County 4-H Club, serving as club presi-

dent her junior year, and attended the state 4-H Congress in Austin. Outside of school, she has raised money for cystic fibrosis research and the local Johnny Peugh Memorial Scholarship Fund. After graduation, she plans to attend Midland College, then Texas Tech University and major in occupational therapy. Lauren Robinson, the daughter of Scott and Leslie Robinson of Tarzan, is class salutatorian with a grade-point average of 4.09. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is very active in 4-H, serving as council president as well as the state 4-H council.

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Howard College's Zach Neil pitches against Western Nevada College at the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., Friday. Neil dominated Western Nevada College for the better part of seven innings, helping Howard earn an 11-3 victory and advance to the championship game.

# One win away

## Hawks power way to JUCO title game with 11-3 pasting of Western Nevada

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. -- Finally, the No. 1 Howard College Hawks played a game without all the drama that has followed them throughout the Division I Junior College World Series.

After narrowly defeating College 4-3 in extra innings just four days ago, the Hawks utilized the 8-run mercy rule after seven innings with an 11-3 victory in the two teams' rematch Thursday. With the win, Howard advances to the national championship game tonight.

The Hawks were led by the pitching performance of Zach Neal and the prowess of Joe Leftridge at the plate.

"Obviously, we swung the bats a little better and Joe was a catalyst for us," acknowledged Howard College Head Coach Britt Smith. "He hadn't taken a lot of great swings here and really struggled at times, but he came up with big hits tonight and ignited this team."

"Zach was just Zach tonight," said Smith. "I can't say enough about his performance. He just pitched his last game as a Hawk and it was a

### Next game

**What:** Howard College vs. Santa Fe (Fla.) College.

**When:** 8:30 p.m. tonight.

**Radio:** K-BEST (95.7 FM).

great one. We're going to miss him a lot."

Neal gave up a two-run homer in the bottom of the first to Travis Feiner, who is hitting better than .600 in the tournament. However, after that, Neal spread out nine hits over seven innings, striking out 10 batters and walking none. His only other mistake came in the seventh, when Lance Ray hit a solo shot.

"The Zach Neal everyone saw tonight is the same pitcher he's been since he was 16 years old," said Howard Pitching Coach Jack Giese. "He's an incredible competitor. He wanted the ball for this game. He started texting me at 2 a.m. asking me if he was going to get the ball. I let him just sweat it out and wonder if he was going to get it. I just wanted him to get some good rest and not

worry too much about the game."

The Hawks gave Neal plenty of help at the plate.

The first seven Hawks reached base to start the game, pushing three runs across. Joe Leftridge, Bryan Johns and Miles Hamblin hit back-to-back-to-back singles to lead off, with Hamblin's base knock scoring Leftridge from second.

Monk Kreder followed with a walk to load the bases. Nick Popescu hit into a fielder's choice with Western Nevada's third baseman Travis Feiner throwing Johns out at home for the first out of the inning.

With the bases still loaded, Caleb Nine singled to left, scoring Hamblin to make the score 2-0. A slow-roller to short off the bat of Will Calhoun allowed Kreder to score from third. Western Nevada's starting pitcher David Carroll finally got out of the inning when Andrew Collazo grounded out to second.

Leftridge put the Hawks back out in front in the top of the second, crushing a pitch from Carroll over the right field wall. The solo shot

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# James, Cavs stave off elimination

## NBA MVP scores 37 to pace Cleveland's 112-102 victory

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — The message was quickly scribbled on the dry-erase board in Cleveland's locker room. It said little and said it all: 1:00 AM FLY.

The Cavaliers are heading back to Florida, their wondrous season still alive.

LeBron James wouldn't let it end.

James, showing off every dimension of his unstoppable game, had 37 points, 14 rebounds and 12 assists, and Mo Williams, who boldly predicted the Cavs would come back and win this tight-as-

can-be series, added 24 points in a 112-102 victory over the Orlando Magic in Game 5 on Thursday night.

"It was win or go home," James said.

Instead, it's back to amped-up Amway Arena for Game 6 on Saturday night.

You expected anything else?

The Magic overcame a 22-point deficit but missed their first opportunity to close out the Cavaliers, who are trying to become just the ninth team since 1947 to rally and win a series after being down 3-1. Orlando will have two

more tries to reach the NBA finals for the first time since 1995.

"They deserved to get this one," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said of the Cavs. "As poorly as I thought we played, we still were there with chances to win and didn't get it done. We have to get ready to go on Saturday."

For Cleveland, a city banking on James to deliver a championship after a 45-year drought, the MVP was again in a league of his own.

"His intensity and his passion are out of this world," Cavs guard Daniel Gibson said. "We will fol-

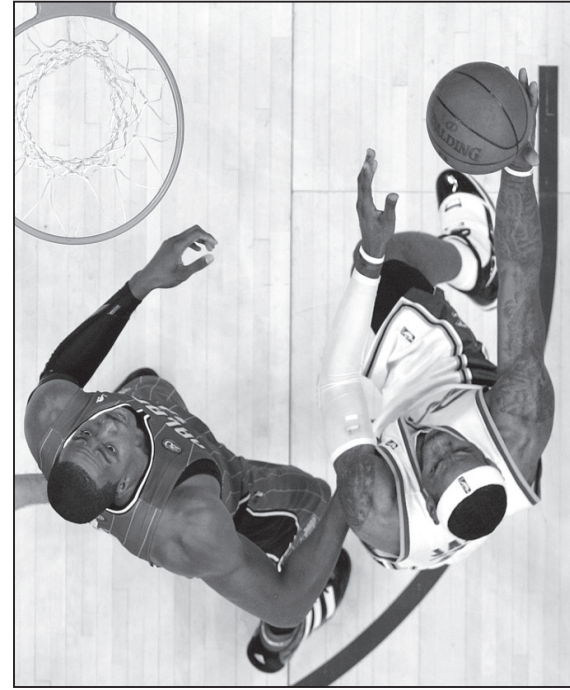
low him. When he gets it going, there is nothing you can do."

James scored 21 points in the second half — 17 in the fourth quarter — and had a hand in Cleveland's first 29 points in the final 12 minutes. The last player to post at least 37-14-12 in a playoff game was Oscar Robertson in 1963.

Hedo Turkoglu scored 29 for Orlando, and Dwight Howard had 24 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out with 2:22 remaining while trying to stop James on a drive.

Not even Superman

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AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, right, shoots against Orlando's Dwight Howard in the first half of Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals Thursday in Cleveland.

# Sports in brief

## Upcoming high school softball playoff dates

Coahoma's Bulldogettes continue their Region I-2A final series against Early today in Abilene, while the Forsan Lady Buffaloes will resume their Region I-1A championship series with Marfa Saturday

### Coahoma

The No. 5 ranked Bulldogettes must win two games against Early today to earn another trip to the state softball tournament in Austin.

The Bulldogettes fell to Early, 1-0, in the first game of their series Wednesday.

The second game will be at 4 p.m. today, with the third game, if necessary, following about 30 minutes after Game Two's conclusion.

All games will be at the Abilene Christian University softball complex.

### Forsan

The Lady Buffaloes are one victory away from their first-ever trip to the Class 1A state tournament.

They lead their best-of-three series with Marfa

after taking a 4-1 victory in Game One Wednesday.

Game Two, meanwhile, will be played at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mugs Field in Midland.

Game Three, if necessary, will follow immediately afterward.

Admission for all games is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

## Country club to host Chamber golf tourney

The Third Annual Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic will be held Saturday and Sunday at Big Spring Country Club.

The event, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will be in a two-man team scramble format. Teams will be pre-flighted by the tournament committee.

The tournament will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

The field is limited to the first 100 teams that register. Chamber officials said today that a few spots remain.

Registration is \$180 per team. For more information, call 263-7641 or 267-5354.

## Big Spring ISD announces sports skills camps

The Big Spring High School Athletic Department will host a variety of sports skills camps during the summer.

Call Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center with any questions at 264-3662.

### Camp of Champs

Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program geared to helping increase strength, quickness, speed and agility.

The program begins June 1 and continues through June 18 at the Athletic Training Center. There are two different sessions for different age groups.

Third through fifth graders attend from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., while sixth and seventh graders work out 11 a.m. to noon.

The camp is held Monday through Thursday during the allotted dates.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

### Steers Basketball Skills Camp

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**Obituaries**

**Harold B. Odom**

Harold B. Odom, 75, of Denton died on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 1, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Burt Bronaugh, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Harold was born Sept. 8, 1933, in Brownwood and then came to Big Spring as an infant with his parents, Roy and Oneita Odom. He grew up here and graduated from Big Spring High and then attended Howard County Junior College. Harold also attended Texas Tech University.

Before finishing college, he joined the United States Navy as a pilot and retired from the Naval Reserves as a commander. Harold then went back to college to finish his Bachelor of Science degree in biology at North Texas State University in 1963. He worked as an airline pilot for Pan American for 25 years. He had a passion talking about natural health care. He also loved to talk about and take his nieces and nephew on ski trips.

Survivors include two brothers, Paschal Odom and wife, Lucy, of Big Spring and James Roy Odom and wife, Dolores, of Fort Worth; four nieces, Deborah Griffin and husband, Earl, of Aledo, Darla Deviney of Springtown, Diane Dorsey and husband, Don, of Brock and Jill Spannaus and husband, Mark, of Midland; one nephew, Jack Odom and wife, Laura, of Early; seven great nieces; and one great nephew.

The family suggests memorials be made to Texas Tech Medical Center, 3601 Fourth St. Mail Stop 6540, Lubbock 79430-6540.

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

*Paid obituary*

**Judith Prince**

Judith Prince, 65, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 27, 2009, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009, at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 3, 1943, in Juneau, Alaska, to Homer J. and Sassy Merriott. She married Andrew Prince Dec. 27, 1964, in Stamford.

Judith was raised in Stamford and graduated from Stamford High School. She received her Bachelors and Masters of Education degrees from the University of Mississippi at Oxford. She came to Big Spring in 1980. Judith taught elementary school for 32 years in Mississippi; Snyder; Germany; and Fort Bragg, N.C., retiring from Coahoma. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Andrew Prince of Big Spring; one son, Andrew Scott Prince and wife, Kristen, of Plainfield, N.H.; one daughter, Julianna Sasser Horton and husband, Thomas, of Midland; six grandchildren; and two sisters, Pat Murphy of Borden County and Linda Gist of Salado.

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**Take Note**

- Area residents are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School events being offered by the Southern Baptist Churches of Big Spring. Listed are the churches, dates, times and ages included:

Baptist Temple, July 20-24, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages 4 through sixth grade.

Berea Baptist, June 22-26 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Central Baptist Elbow, July 12-16, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through adult.

College Baptist, June 7-11 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

E. Fourth St. Baptist, June 29-July 1 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages first grade through sixth grade.

Big Spring First Baptist, June 8-12 9 a.m. to noon, ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

Coahoma First Baptist, July 6-10 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Stanton First Baptist, May 31-June 4 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

Tarzan First Baptist, June 1-5 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Forsan Baptist, June 22-26 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.k, ages 4 through sixth grade.

Gateway Baptist, July 6-10 9 a.m. to noon, ages 4 through sixth grade.

Hillcrest Baptist, July 26-30 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

Midway Baptist, June 8-12 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (VBS camp with breakfast, lunch and snacks).

- A reception for retiring Coahoma Independent School District employees will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, in the Coahoma Community Center. Everyone is invited.

**Police blotter**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- JAVIER PAYEN, 39, of 1602 E. Fifth St., was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- VITO GARCIA, 29, of 1605 Cardinal, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a firearm by a felon.
- JOHNNY LARA SR., 44, of 504 Father Delaney, was arrested Thursday on a warrant.
- JACKIE RICHEY, 46, of 902 Hunter Rd. in Forsan, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ORRIN MANSFIELD, 22, of 305 Wilson Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MATTHEW POSEY, 21, of 502 Oak Glen, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOHNNY EDMONDSON SR., 36, of 3224 Cornell, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants and a charge of assault Class C - family violence.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 3600 block of Highway 80.
  - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
  - in the 100 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 80.
- BUGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
  - in the 900 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
  - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
  - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

**Sheriff**

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOHNATHAN PAUL BUSTAMANTE, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.
- JOHNNY EDMONDSON, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of assault Class C – family violence (two counts) and failure to appear.
- TARIDALUN JESSIE, 33, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOHNNY LARA, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- RONNIE LEAL, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ORRIN L. MANSFIELD, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MATTHEW COLE POSEY, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JACKIE RICHEY, 46, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- FRANKIE RUBIO, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- NOE SOLIZ, 47, was arrested Thursday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of terroristic threat of a family/household.

**Support Groups**

**SUNDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

**MONDAY**

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.




- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

**TUESDAY**

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

- Celebrate Recovery, a 12-Step program, meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 308 Aylford.

**Your Local Weather**

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**FRIDAY**

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**MONDAY**

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

**Fire/EMS**

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Sixth Street and Gregg. two people were transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3900 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Oasis Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

**Lottery**

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-15-21. Bonus Ball: 30.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$800,000

Winning ticket purchased in: Clyde.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-10-16-33-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-5-9-9. Sum It Up: 28.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-7. Sum It Up: 19.



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## HAWKS

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extended Howard's lead to 4-2.

Coming into tonight's game, Leftridge had just two hits in 13 at-bats. He finished the night 3-for-5 with two RBI and three runs scored.

"I just kept my composure and was seeing the ball a lot better tonight," said Leftridge. "I was going to be more aggressive at the plate tonight. That was my plan."

Howard added three more in the fourth, courtesy of two errors and three hits. Runey Davis, who is batting better than .500 at the

World Series, led off the inning with a single and worked his way to third on an error by Wildcats shortstop Daniel Zylstra on a ball hit by Leftridge, who ended up on second on the play.

Johns beat out a throw from Western Nevada second baseman Michael Stiles, allowing Davis to score from third to make the score 5-2. Leftridge crossed the plate for a third time on a fielder's choice ball off Hamblin's bat.

Kreder knocked in Johns with a solid single to right center, giving Howard a 7-2 advantage.

Davis and Leftridge continued to be cata-

lysts in the fifth. With Collazo on base after striking out, but reaching on a passed ball, Davis doubled to left field to push Collazo across for an 8-2 lead.

Leftridge followed with his third hit of the night, singling to score Davis.

Howard took a 10-2 lead, when Popescu, who walked to lead off the inning and stole second, crossed on a bloop single by Collazo.

Great hustle shown by Johns on the basepaths led to a 9-run lead for the Hawks in the top of the seventh, 11-2. Johns hit a blooper to left, but stretched it into a double. A hit-and-

run was executed with Hamblin hitting a slow-roller to short. Johns was at third by the time Zylstra came up with it and never slowed down, scoring standing up.

Howard is now one win away from claiming a national championship and faces Santa Fe (Fla.) College at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

The Hawks have the luxury of playing with no losses in the double-elimination bracket, meaning Santa Fe must beat them twice to claim the title.

The plan for Howard is to put Dylan Cacciola on the mound. Cacciola pitched Howard's second game of the tourna-

ment Monday — a 7-4 win over Shelton State (Ala.) College. He threw five innings, allowing three runs — one earned — on five hits and five walks, while striking out six batters.

Cacciola and the rest of the Hawks pitching staff will be challenged by Santa Fe.

The Saints have scored at least 10 runs in all five games they've played at the World Series. Most recently, they defeated San Jacinto College, 12-4, earning the right to play Howard for the championship.

"Santa Fe is the hottest team in the nation right now," said Smith. "No one expected them

to even make it here. They surprised everyone by making it through the Florida State Tournament. They expect to win, though. We've got to come out and compete and be ready to play."

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## BRIEFS

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The Big Spring Steers boys basketball coaching staff, headed up by Marcus Morris, will be leading a skills camp June 1-3 at the Big Spring Junior High gyms.

Second through fifth graders will work out from 9 a.m. to noon in the east gym, while sixth through eighth graders man the west gym.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

## Lady Steers Softball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Coach John Sparks is hosting a Softball Skills Camp June 1-3 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at Lady Steer Park.

The camp is for girls entering third through eighth grades.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

## Steers Baseball Skills Camp

Big Spring Steers Head Coach Burt Otto will host a baseball skills camp beginning June 8 and ending June 11 at Steer Park for first through eighth graders.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

## Lady Steers Basketball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren will lend his skills in teaching a basketball camp for girls entering second through eighth grade June 22-25.

The camp will be split into two age groups. Second through fifth graders participate from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at Steer Gym, while sixth through eighth graders take the court every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

## Steers Football Skills Camp

A skills camp for first through eighth graders interested in football will be held June 15-18 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Athletic Training Center.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

## Wayland Baptist University conducting baseball tryouts

The Pioneer baseball coaching staff at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview is conducting a tryout camp for all graduating high school seniors and/or players with college eligibility remaining.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. June 13 at Wilder Field on the WBU campus. Tryouts follow at 9 a.m. There is no charge for the camp.

For more information or to make reservations, contact WBU Head Coach Brad Bass at (806) 291-1157 or Assistant Josh Milner at (806) 291-1158.

## CAVS

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was denying James. "I was attacking anyone in the way, no matter who it was," James said. "There's always a sense of urgency when you are on the brink of elimination."

And this time James got plenty of help. Williams, his trusty

sidekick all season but a near no-show in this series, made six 3-pointers. Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 16 points, Delonte West 13 and Gibson made two huge 3-pointers in the fourth quarter — both on assists from James.

"He got his teammates involved and then took over," Orlando's Mickael Pietrus said. "That's what great players do."

The Magic have twice ended series on the road this postseason, winning a Game 6 in Philadelphia and a Game 7 in Boston.

For a while it looked like Orlando might do it again, taking a 79-78 lead into the fourth quarter.

James, though, had other plans.

He picked up his first assist of the period on 3-pointer by Williams

and his second on a 3 by Gibson. Cleveland then turned to its superstar every time on offense, spreading the floor and forcing the Magic to defend him.

If he wasn't backing down the lane, he was getting to the line or setting his teammates up from the perimeter.

James also had four rebounds and four assists in the final quarter.

"The game is basically all LeBron, all the time," Van Gundy said. "If he gets in the paint, it's automatically a foul. One of the things we have to do, we can't keep putting him on the line 20 times a game. We have to find a way to stop that."

Down 32-10 with 3:40 left in the first quarter, the Magic started knocking down 3s and outscored the Cavs 45-24

the remainder of the first half.

The Magic, who made just eight 3s after hitting 17 in Game 4, then opened the third with nine straight points as Turkoglu hit a 3-pointer — of course — and Orlando was within 94-93 after Turkoglu made three free throws with 4:46 left.

James then whipped a pass to Gibson for a 3 to make it 97-93.

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# Jail population up, but overcrowding not a problem

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Having just constructed a new 96-bed jail to solve overcrowding issues, Howard County officials say the recent jump in inmate numbers to near-capacity doesn't have them worried.

In fact, according to County Judge Mark Barr, the increase — which has peaked in recent weeks around the mid-80s — has been expected.

"The way we're handling the jail, we'll probably stay right around that 70 to 80 inmate count for a while," said Barr. "What we're hoping is to clean things up. And we're sending a message to these people. You're going to have to do time. When



BARR

they get out, hopefully they won't commit any more crimes, or they'll move. We're really hoping they will just quit committing crimes."

Barr said pressure in recent years from the State Jail Commission has forced jail officials to keep head counts unnaturally low, and while the commission has approved the current jail right up to its 96-bed stature, he believes word on the street is what will bring those current totals down.

"There was a period before the construction of the new jail and when I came into office where we really had to watch our Ps and Qs," said Barr. "We were having to send our inmates out and that was costing the county a tremendous amount of money. Now we don't face that same problem."

"A good example are the women inmates. Women are a little more diffi-

cult than a man your contending with to send to jail. Sometimes they have more issues than a man has, and you would send them off to be incarcerated (at another county jail facility) and the other county would come back and tell us she's having problems, and they couldn't handle her anymore. There was no place to put them, and that's sort of how it's been. Once that gets out on the streets, they start realizing they can use a woman to do their drug dealing and things like that and she won't have to do any jail time. They figure we'll just put her on probation... because we just didn't have a place to put her.

"That was the situation we were in. Now that has changed, and I hope word of it gets out on the street that it's going to remain changed, that we do have a place to put them, and if

they commit a crime, they are going to have to do some time for it."

The jail, which was constructed as the result of a \$11.57 million bond election approved by voters, can actually hold up to 112 inmates, according to Sheriff Stan Parker, giving the facility plenty of room to move inmates as needed.

"The 96-bed capacity doesn't take into account the holding areas we have," said Parker. "We can keep inmates in those holding cells for up to 48 hours, so even with our head count in the mid to upper 80s, we're still not in danger of overcrowding at this time."

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## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

### At least six people wounded in Austin nightclub shooting

AUSTIN (AP) — Police say six people are hospitalized with non-life-threatening wounds after an argument led to gunfire in an Austin nightclub.

Investigators say they are pursuing leads to the identities of two suspects in the 2:15 a.m. Friday shooting outside Spiros nightclub on Red River Street, just off East Sixth Street.

Investigators say two rap groups were performing at the club when one group was ejected from the club. Two member of that group returned with guns and opened fire.

### Officer finds two tons of marijuana worth \$4 million in 18-wheeler

LAREDO (AP) — A Mexican man is being detained after a customs officer discovered more than two tons of marijuana valued at \$4 million hidden in plastic bags in a tractor-trailer.

The San Antonio Express-News reports U.S. Customs and Border Protection identified 29-year-old Ramiro Pena Castillo, of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, as the suspect. He was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

A customs officer working at the World Trade Bridge in Laredo discovered 210 bundles of marijuana weighing 4,015 pounds on Tuesday after stopping the truck for an inspection.

A drug-sniffing dog alerted him to the scent of narcotics.

### Conn's vows to work with AG to resolve warranty complaints

BEAUMONT (AP) — A top Conn's official says the Beaumont-based appliance retailer will continue to work closely with state officials to resolve consumer complaints about its warranties.

The statement from Conn's Vice President Bill Nylin comes in response to a consumer lawsuit Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott filed in Houston against the chain on Thursday. The state accuses Conn's of not honoring product warranties,

misleading customers about its extended warranties, false advertising and other deceptive sales practices.

Nylin says Conn's has been working closely with Abbott's office for three months and has acted in good faith to resolve the complaints. He points out that Conn's has the highest possible rating with the Better Business Bureau. However, he says improvements have been made at its service center and call center.

### Texas gasoline prices increase 6 cents to nearly \$2.33 a gallon

IRVING (AP) — The average retail price for gasoline jumped more than six cents last week across Texas to nearly \$2.33 a gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the nationwide average rose almost nine cents, reaching \$2.45.

The association says El Paso had the state's most expensive gasoline, at \$2.39 a gallon. Houston and San Antonio had the cheapest gasoline at \$2.28.

Prices have jumped 38 cents in Texas during the last month and nationally the increase has been 44 cents.

AAA Texas credited higher retail prices to the rising cost of crude, plus surveys show drivers believe the economy is on the rebound.

Spokesman Dan Ronan says generally low refining and transportation costs in Texas places it in a much better position than most other states.

Gasoline prices across Texas one year ago hit almost \$3.84 a gallon.

### Woman accused of bedridden husband's overdose murder

AUSTIN (AP) — Authorities have charged a woman with first-degree murder after she allegedly gave her bedridden husband a large amount of pills and he died during an apparent murder/suicide attempt.

The Austin American-Statesman reports Sgt. Joseph Chacon said police indicated both Lloyd Yarbrough, 62, and his wife had taken overdoses when they were found on Wednesday at their home.

Police were responding to a call from a home health care company that said it had not heard

conviction of criminal activity. Callers may remain anonymous and no Caller-ID is ever used."

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## ROBBERY

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"The suspect was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans," said Everett.

"The weapon appeared to be a small caliber, semi-automatic handgun. He fled on foot, traveling east on Wasson Road."

Everett said the suspect made away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

"Anyone with information on this or any other crime can call Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS (8477)," said Everett.

Everett. "Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and

## FORSAN

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She is an active member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ youth program.

Gauer, the daughter of Brad and Tabitha Madry and Nick and Wendy Gauer, is graduating

with a GPA of 3.93. She has been a National Honor Society member the past two years and has served as freshman class treasurer, junior class vice president and senior class secretary. In addition, she is a member of the yearbook staff and the high school band.

Her classmates have

voted her "most school spirited," "best dressed" and "most athletic."

In athletics, she was a member of the basketball team, earning academic all-state honors her senior season. She was selected as most valuable player on the track team, qualifying for the regional meet in the 400 meter run.

Outside of school, Gauer is active in the Trinity Baptist Church youth program.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in occupational therapy.

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## GRADY

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Robinson was active in UIL academics, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Farmers of America, as well as participating in

One-Act Play, in which she was named outstanding crew member at the district contest.

In athletics, she participated in basketball, earning academic all-state recognition, was a regional qualifier in tennis and golf and was active in cross country

and track and field. She plans to attend Midland College and major in nursing.

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from its clients.

The couple was taken to a hospital, where Lloyd Yarbrough died.

After being hospitalized, Katherine Yarbrough began making suggestions that she may have killed her husband, said Chacon, who described the husband as requiring 24-hour care from his wife and the home health care company.

"I believe that lent itself to the motive," Chacon said. "She's pretty worn out from having to take (care) of him like that."

Travis County Sheriff's Office spokesman Roger Wade said Katherine Yarbrough, 52, was arrested by Austin police on a murder charge Wednesday night.

Police said she allegedly confessed on Thursday to giving her husband several drugs until he overdosed.

She was being held at the Travis County Jail under \$20,000 bond.

Wade didn't know if she had an attorney.

### Students and three adults escape before fire consumes school bus

VERTON (AP) — Six students and three adults scrambled safely out of a school bus with a history of electrical problems shortly before a fire turned the bus into a burned-out shell.

Overton schools Superintendent Alan Umholtz says driver Kim Daniels heard noises coming from under the hood and saw engine lights flashing and evacuated the bus through the rear emergency exit. Two bus monitors were among those on board.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Open Meetings Act keeps our officials just accountable

As soon as a public official is sworn in, the Texas Open Meetings Act "renders her or him mute, and he or she is unable to speak to anyone about public matters, except at a meeting. This violates the First Amendment rights of all the elected officials."

That claim, in a lawsuit spawned in Alpine, would be a serious problem.

If it were true.

But the act doesn't prevent elected officials from talking with constituents. It doesn't even bar officials from communicating with one another — as long as a quorum of them aren't lining up votes or otherwise deliberating public business outside the venue of an open meeting.

The law's designed to keep government honest.

But lawyers for an Alpine city councilman and a former councilwoman argue that "Texas has the most onerous open meetings law in the country" and that its breadth makes it unconstitutional.

They're wrong there, too.

Rangra v. Brown is a case study in taking things too far.

Frank Brown, then district attorney in Brewster County, probably overstepped when he got two Alpine council members indicted after four of them (the number needed to conduct official business) exchanged private e-mails about picking an engineering firm for a water-improvement project in 2004.

But the charges were dropped in 2005.

One of the indicted, Avinash Rangra, and Anna Monclova, who wasn't charged, sued anyway. They said they feared speaking because violation of the law carries a possible penalty of up to six months in jail and a maximum fine of \$500.

They lost their federal suit in 2006. But in April a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the first time set the highest possible constitutional bar for an open meetings law.

In a ruling that could have nationwide ramifications, the court ordered a new trial to determine if the Texas act is narrowly tailored to advance a compelling government interest.

That test usually is reserved for restrictions by which the government favors speech it likes and discriminates against speech it doesn't like.

But the Open Meetings Act doesn't care what political message elected officials espouse, as long as they do it where the public can watch. That's a reasonable restriction that serves the clearly important interest of giving Texans access to decision-making by their elected representatives.

Attorney General Greg Abbott has asked the appeals court for a rehearing before all 17 judges. Rangra and Monclova want a rehearing, too — to get the law declared unconstitutional without a new trial.

The full court should leave the law intact. Free-speech protections aren't meant to shield public officials from accountability.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We change for the better, Lord, when we come to You.

Amen

# A real case of writer's block

A lot of people think that having faith means never having fear. I politely say bo-lo-ney. Yes, I know I didn't spell it right. I've heard the Oscar Meyer song, but I still call it bo-lo-ney not Bologna. Maybe you would say hogwash or use a term that would get me in trouble if I wrote it, but you know what I mean.

I am full of faith, and boloney some would say, but having faith has never given me a get-out-of-jail-free card for not wanting certain things to happen. A great American leader once said we have nothing to fear but fear itself and though I like the sound of that speech, I have decided to just not be sacred of fear period.

Sometimes I get scared and I have to move forward anyway. The feeling of fear is in most cases just that, a feeling. I don't think courage or faith is advancement without fear near as much as I believe it's probably more like moving forward in spite of fear.

BUMP IN THE NIGHT

I'm not scared of spooks or the ghosts of Confederate soldiers but there is a recurring nightmare I have had at least a dozen times. In my dream I step up to the podium to a giant stadium full of thundering applause. When it all finally dies down, everyone waits for me to say something brilliant when suddenly I realize I can't think of anything at all to

say. It goes on for several agonizing minutes while a fumble through notes I can't read and try and say things funny while no one is laughing. It's terrible.

It might sound stupid to you but for a guy who is always in front of a crowd of listeners, I guess it makes sense there would be some part of me that would fear a loss of words. Yeah, like that has ever happened in my loud mouth history.

So tonight I sit down to write this week's confession from a highly caffeinated Christian and have come across a very rare but a little bit intimidating case of I'm-not-sure-what-to-say-itus. Right now I have that same feeling I had when I was kid and felt like something was under the bed. It's yucky.

SCARY PLACES

I completely understand it. I was in Mexico last week from Sunday night til late Friday night working on a new live worship album with my band. I did a huge concert, three hours of live TV on a Mexican station and spent the rest of the week in a studio.

After 11 hours drive time I got back just in time for the big food outreach we do on Saturdays. We gave away over 15,000 pounds of food to over 500 people here locally and even cooked hamburgers for the lot of them. It was so much fun.

On Saturday night I had a meeting on leadership for a small group of church builders and went to bed after midnight.

This morning we had our usual back to back services and I just got home from a baptism service where we baptized thirty

seven brand new believers. This week my son graduates High School and my twins turn sixteen. It's a marathon time for the Brewer.

So in the midst of all of my busy-ness I stop for just a moment and wonder if I am really keeping my priorities straight. Do I love God, my wife and my kids the way I'm supposed to? I think so. Yes, I know I am. Am I grateful for the life I get to live even though I am often a little overwhelmed? Yes, more than ever, I believe.

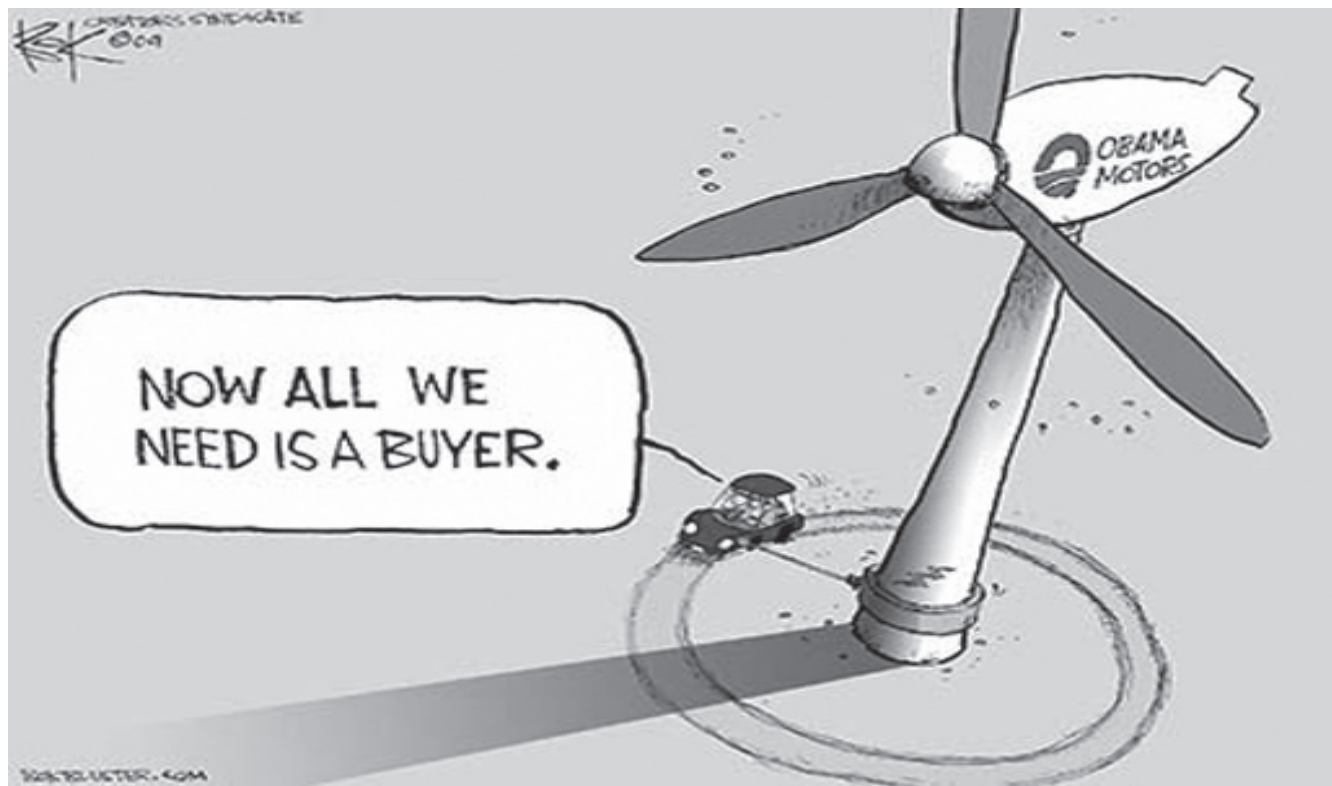
In the quietness of my room the only thing I can hear is the typing of my fingers and the sound of the TV on the other side of the wall. The glow of my computer is the only light in my room and the ambiance causes me to think deep about all the faces and encounters I have had this last week. My life could be so different.

So, if I didn't have writer's block, I would sit down and write something worth reading. In spite of the fear of not having anything interesting or meaningful to say, I would really like to type something that helps somebody love God or love their own life a little bit more.

Well who knows? Maybe I just did.

Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. 1 John 3:19-20 (NLT)

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. Contact him through his website at [www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com](http://www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com)



# A little mockingbird told me

It has become predictable. When springtime rolls around, look for the media to roll out bird news. Often it is re-hashed, maybe even contrived. But reading about our feathered friends is a heap better than most of the other stuff in the news.

Rarely do bird topics cause us to cringe, tremble, cry, faint or clench fists. I wish I knew more about birds; alas, I've shied away from them, largely because of a weekly radio program.

Fibber McGee and Molly, a comedy show heard by millions during a quarter-century span ending in 1959, featured a parade of offbeat characters, including a mush-mouthed guy named Wallace Wimple. It was he who lessened my interest in birds.

Mr. Wimple's visits to 79 Wistful Vista provided weekly reminders of his "wimpiness." He was "Mr. Milquetoast" personified.

During those years, the term "hen-pecked" was heard regularly, and it seemed to be a perfect "fit" for him. In a voice little more than a whisper, he spoke glowingly of "Sweetie Face," his "big old wife."

He ended each vignette with the observation that he just "wanted to be alone with his bird book."

To have expressed an interest in birds would have invited hisses and boos from my pre-

teen friends. In my dreams they called me "Mr. Wimple." Arrrggh!

There was an additional "whammy" to curb my interest.

In junior high, I learned that bird-lovers are called "ornithologists." I had no hankering to learn how to spell it, and besides, "ornithology" looked like it might be a dirty word.

I digress—again. Back there in the first paragraph, I mentioned that springtime brings with it news of birds. That's when the song "Flying Purple People Eater" was unleashed on America. It's also when annual cries of ivory-billed woodpecker sightings in Arkansas are heard.

You may be wondering: What is the ornithological news for this spring?

The answer: mockingbirds. It turns out that these multi-talented birds, long since revered, now are thought to be even brighter than earlier believed. So never mention "birdbrain" and "mockingbird" unless "summa cum laude" is included in the same sentence.

You may have heard that the National Academy of Sciences has discovered that mockingbirds have learned to identify people who have previously threatened their nests, while ignoring others who are minding their own business.

Zoology researchers at the University of Florida echoed these findings with a recent study. It involved 10 students, both men and women, of various ages. They had varying amounts of hair and dressed differently as they approached 24 mockingbird nests from different directions and at various times. They were

bombarded on days three and four. On day five, another group of students approached the nests and was ignored.

Floridians, first with Gatorade, were in second place in the race to designate the mockingbird as their official state bird.

The eyes of Texas were upon them! Texans jumped right in when the USA got into the bird-naming business back in 1927.

On Jan. 31 of that year, the Texas State Legislature, lobbied by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, chose the mockingbird as the official state bird.

This means that four other states "mocked" Texas by selecting the same bird, including Florida 84 days later. Arkansas followed suit in 1929, Tennessee in 1933 and Mississippi in 1944. (As an aside, New York didn't name an official bird until 1970.)

Can't you almost hear a chauvinistic Texas legislator grousing about the decision?

"I knew when women won the right to vote back in 1920 that the camel's nose was under the tent. Give 'em an inch and they'll think they can name the state bird."

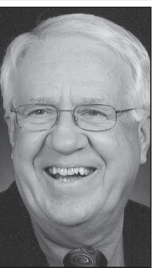
Ah, but what a bird! Of the species *Mimus Polyglottos*, it can mimic more than three dozen other bird species, as well as expertly reproduce sounds of animals, musical instruments and warning bells.

It says so right here in my bird book.

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# Church News

**First United Methodist Church**  
This Sunday our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will preach at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship. Her sermon topic this week will be "What's the Scandal All About?"

Get out your calendar and make notes to put on the fridge; we have some important events coming up. May 31 we will begin our once-a-month faith-based Initiative for children and parents at Bauer Elementary. This program will be from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bauer cafeteria. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this program, contact Agustin Ypina at the church office.

Spirit Wind, the North Texas Conference Youth Choir, will be coming to our church for one performance on June 12. They will leave from Big Spring following their program to begin their summer tour.

On June 4 First Methodist welcomes the Relay For Life Community Wrap Up.

Beginning at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall there will be a silent auction which, because of the rain, could not be done at the Relay.

They will also have drawings and a mini-luminaria ceremony that could not be completed on site. In addition, awards to teams, committee and our sponsors will be presented.

There will be refreshments and everybody is invited.

It is our honor to host this event which has become such an inspirational activity in our community.

On Sunday, June 7, at noon following the service, we will have a reception in honor of The Brue Crew. Jill Brue, Benjamin, Jacob, Ryan, Micah and Meagan have sold their home and will be moving to Amarillo. Please bring finger food and a card of good wishes to go in the blessing box. This family has been close to our hearts for many months; we will miss them but send them with our love on their way to be closer to family.

The noon Bible Study and luncheon will not be held June 10, because our staff and many members will be attending Annual Conference in Midland.

Its a busy time at Fourth and Scurry Streets, its First Methodist, where families

grow in Christ.

## Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church is a church for all ages. Pastor Jim Binix and all of the friendly people of the church would like to invite you to come and worship with them Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Brother Jim will be preaching this Sunday morning from Genesis 37:31-35 on the "The Bloody Coat," contrasting Joseph to Jesus. There is a Sunday School class for all ages which begins at 9:45 a.m. The youth (seventh-12th grade) meet Sundays at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Wednesday night is also a time for children of all ages to come, have a bite to eat and have a great time in activities and learning more about Jesus. Supper starts at 5:15 p.m.

Midway Baptist Church would like to invite children who have completed kindergarten to those who have completed the sixth grade to our Midway Baptist Camp which will be held from June 8-12 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be served to all that attend. We will be taking a ride down under on the Boomerang Express and learning that everything comes back to Jesus. The last chance to pre-register is from 10 a.m. to noon June 6 so make sure your children have their reservations for the ride of their lives. Contact the church at 263-6274.

## First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 on Sunday morning to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Sunday, June 7, everyone from our congregation who is interested (and others are welcome as well) will leave Coahoma after worship, eat lunch en route, and go to Post to attend the 3 p.m. performance of "Magdalene" at the Ragtown Gospel Theater. For more information about the theater, call 1-877-724-8696, or to make reservations to attend with our group, call 267-7809.

A Bible study group, led by Tom, meets every

Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the church library at First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring to study the week's lectionary. Everyone is welcome.

We congratulate Harrison Chevalier on his graduation from Coahoma High School and will honor him with an ice cream social on Saturday, June 13.

The lectionary for Pentecost Sunday is Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35; Romans 8:22-27; and John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15.

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. on Wednesday this week, with Choir Practice and the Youth Group at 6:00 p.m.

We appreciate the worship service led by our graduating seniors Caroline Morgan, Lloyd Morgan, Tyler Chesworth and Cameron Hughey last Sunday. They were assisted by Charlie Boling, Samantha Boehringer, Meredith Morgan and Shawn Walker.

Recent college graduates Brandon Boling, Russell Grant, Kerry Kauss and Wolfgang Robinson were also recognized.

Tuesday, May 26, the Presbyterian Women installed new officers and celebrated the Birthday Offering at 2 p.m. The 2009 Offering will be used for "His Kids, Too!" a Children's Home for Orphans in the Ukraine and "La Mujer Obrera" Centro Mayapan in El Paso.

Jennifer Patterson will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" on May 31.

In addition to Pentecost, this Sunday we will collect the monthly "Noisy Offering," which is used to alleviate hunger locally and worldwide. Following worship, everyone is invited to share the Fifth Sunday Lunch, which will be hosted by the Resource Committee, in the fellowship hall.

The lectionary for Pentecost Sunday is Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35; Romans 8:22-27; and John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15. The choir celebrates Pentecost by offering "Hymn to the Holy Spirit," in a setting by Craig Courtney and "A Sound Came from Heaven" by Douglas Mews.

## Calvary Baptist Church

We extend a special invitation to those who

have dropped out of church for any reason to attend our church. You may have dropped out because you were offended, ignored or lost interest. Regardless of the reason, we have a place for you at Calvary Baptist Church in the presence of Jesus.

You owe it to yourselves, your families and your friends to get right and stand with God before you stand before him.

Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you are seeking a church where there is plain Bible preaching, good quartet singing and great fellowship, then we encourage you to come to our honored guest. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is during the morning service for ages 4-12. If you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. A nursery is provided for your little ones up to age 4. We have Sunday school for all ages from pre-K through adult. Midweek prayer service is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

This Sunday will be our Fifth Sunday Fellowship from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with special music, poems and testimonies. Plan now to attend.

We want to congratulate our graduate, Stephanie Williams. This Saturday at 8 p.m. at Forsan High School, she will graduate with honors. Way to go Stephanie!

The youth are getting ready for summer camps at Fort Davis Youth Camp. Senior camp will be June 8-12 for ages 13 to 18. Junior camp will be June 15-19 for ages 7 to 12.

If you are interested in sending a youth to camp, give us a call at 267-8214 or 267-7157.

This camp is a free camp and anyone can go, no one is turned away for not having money. We want all kids to be able to go to camp.

Fort Davis Youth Camp was established when two preachers lost children in car wrecks involving drunk drivers.

For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## First Assembly of God Church

Pastor R.T. Heavner

invites you to attend our upcoming gospel crusade at First Assembly of God Church located at Fourth and Lancaster Streets. Services will be this Sunday, May 31, at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Monday through Wednesday, June 1-3, nightly at 7. Evangelist Jason Stidham of Fort Worth will be our guest for the crusade.

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## Baptist Temple Church

This Sunday our sermon will be titled "God is Bigger than my Wisdom" from Exodus 20. God has given us commands to follow because he knows what is best for us. Seeking any other way but those commands only leads to destruction.

Wednesday is our Men's Breakfast in our fellowship hall at 7 a.m. All men in the community are invited. There is no cost but donations are accepted. Derrick Looney, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Baptist Temple fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interested in attending. They also meet on Monday, Thursday and Friday at the VA Medical Center at 7:15 p.m. to walk the track.

We have Sunday School classes for all ages and they meet at 9:45 a.m. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays. We also have activities

for all ages on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 267-8287 or check us out on the web at btcbig-spring.org.

## College Baptist Church

Preparations for Vacation Bible School, June 7-11, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day, are nearly complete. A final VBS workers meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday.

The "Boomerang Express — It all comes back to Jesus" will be the theme of the five-day school. All youngsters 4 years of age through the sixth grade are invited to attend.

On Saturday, June 6, workers will be distributing VBS information throughout the community. Anyone needing a ride to VBS is invited to call the church office at 267-7429. Come join us Sunday, June 7, at VBS.

Outback Outreach Family Night is scheduled for June 14 at 6 p.m. This will be a time of fun, games, food and many opportunities for outreach.

## First Baptist Church, Big Spring

This Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, will begin a series of sermons concerning ways to build a great church. This Sunday's sermon is "Building A Great Church: Passion." He will continue these sermons in the next weeks in the evening services.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, Beth Spence and Betty Downey will be presenting an organ/piano concert in our sanctuary. If you have never had the opportunity to hear these two ladies play, you have missed a blessing.

You are invited you to come and be inspired by the selections these talented musicians will play that evening. There will be a reception in our north foyer following the concert.

Tuesday is the day our LLL will meet for its monthly meeting. What is LLL? Glad you asked. LLL stands for "Living Longer and Liking It" and is geared toward our senior adult crowd. If you admit to be one, come and enjoy some good food, a good fellowship and a good

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Spanish Summer School  
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Dates: Monday, June 8, 2009 - Wednesday, July 24, 2009  
Time: 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
Place: Moss Elementary School  
This program is designed for Spanish speaking Kindergarten or 1st Grade students in need of language arts/math instruction in Spanish.  
For registration information:  
Call Administration Office  
Darrell Ryan,  
Director of Federal Programs  
Phone: (432)264-3600  
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Fecha: lunes 8 de junio, 2009- miercoles 24 de julio, 2009  
Horario: 8:30 manana - 2:30 tarde  
Lugar: Escolar Primaria de Moss  
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Telefono: (432)264-3600  
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**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SUBJECT: School credit by examination without prior instruction.**  
Big Spring ISD offers examinations for credit without prior instruction for each primary school grade level and each secondary school academic subject as approved by the Board of Education. Students in grades K-12 may be accelerated by taking advantage of this provision. There will be no charge for the administration of the examination. If a parent requests an alternative examination, the District may administer and recognize results of a test purchased by the parent or student from Texas Tech University or the University of Texas at Austin.  
The District shall accelerate a student in grades K-5 in the following manner:  
1. The student scores 90 percent or above on a criterion-referenced test for the grade level to be skipped in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies;  
2. A District representative recommends that the student be accelerated; and  
3. The student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the acceleration.  
The District shall accelerate a student in grades 6-12 in the following manner:  
The student scores 90 percent or above on a criterion-referenced test for acceleration for the applicable course. If such credit is given, the District shall enter the examination score on the student's transcript.  
Procedures to allow a student not six years old at the beginning of the school year to be placed initially in the first grade are as follows:  
1. Scores on readiness test(s) and/or achievement test(s) that may be administered by appropriate District personnel;  
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student attended;  
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student; and  
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.  
**A student planning to take an examination for acceleration is required to register with the principal or designee of the school in which he is assigned at least 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date.** Testing dates for 2009 are:  
Elementary, Grades K-5, July 29-31, 2009;  
Secondary, Grades 6-12, July 28-30, 2009.  
Ref: Board Policies EEJB (Legal & Local)  
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The Leo moon is a roving theatrical show, looking for weary townfolk to entertain and delight. So if you find yourself rubbernecking to see what the hubbub is about, stop straining and go stand in the crowd. There are novelties to intrigue you, chants to entice you and, if you're feeling shy, the chance to raise your spirits through mere observation.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You know what you're supposed to do and how you're supposed to do it. You just might have forgotten. A little reminder in the form of a nudge from a supportive friend is all that's needed for you to get back on track.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A person or obstacle is standing in the path to your happiness and seems utterly immovable. But this is a bluff. You don't need to apply direct force to handle this; all you have to do is call the bluff.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Maybe you won't be dealing with your favorite situation today, but you'll be strangely fulfilled nonetheless. It's your attitude. You do more than tolerate the circumstance. You engage and have some fun.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Don't aim at things that are at your level. That's boring. You already know what you can do; now figure out what you can't do. In the process, you'll realize your highest potential.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When things were not going right, you didn't blame others for your loss. Now that life is going well for you, it's important that you don't give others all of the credit either. Recognize your power and it grows.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You won't mind the little mishaps because

you're not expecting yourself to be perfect. Some skills take years to learn. Expect yourself to make a few mistakes and give yourself room to grow.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone around you can sense the good feeling you have in your body, mind and heart. You'll influence the mental state of others just by maintaining your good energy. Your only responsibility today is to stay happy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you offer will sell and you will prosper. It's not because you're lucky but because you intuitively understand what others are attracted to and what they really need. They believe that you can help them, and you can.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will resolve an issue that has caused conflict in a relationship. The problem appears to be the other person, but you take ownership of it anyway to solve the whole thing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not trying to be difficult, though there will be some tension today. It's part of the learning process. Sometimes you must take an opposite stance just to see where the other person is coming from.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You find the most constructive and positive way to say what you need to say. You could be promoted within an organization because someone admires your stellar sense of diplomacy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The more self-contained you can be, the more successful you will be. You need people just like every human being does. But you're not "needy" especially not for your emotional well-being.



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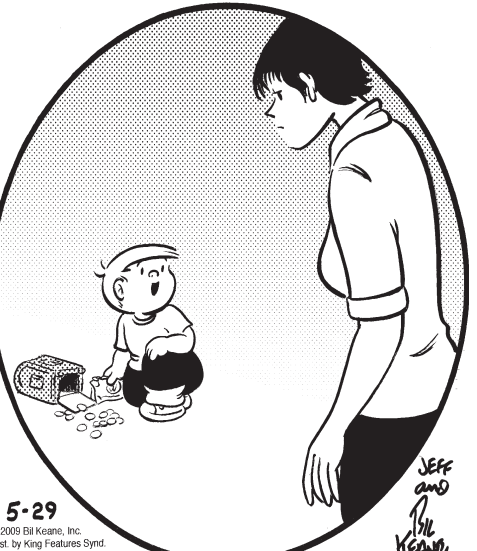
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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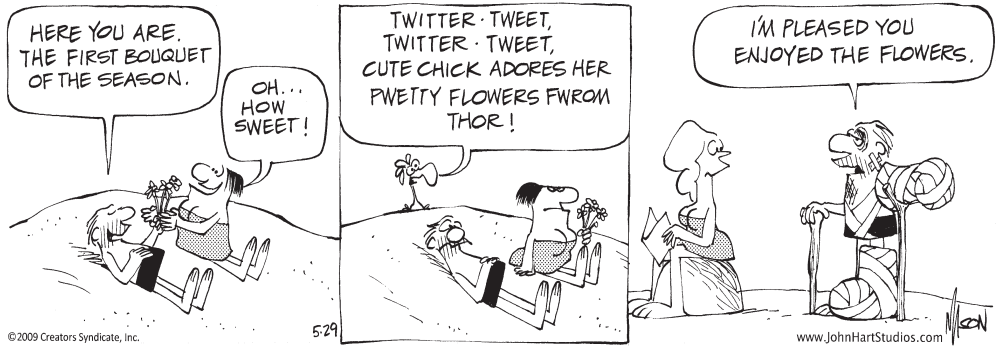
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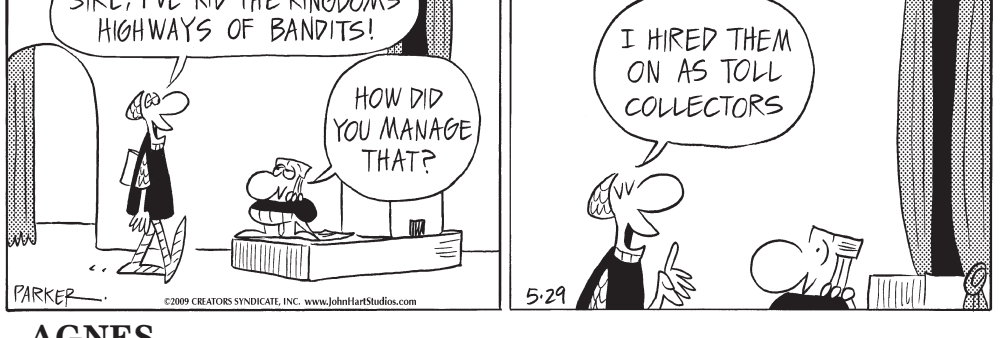


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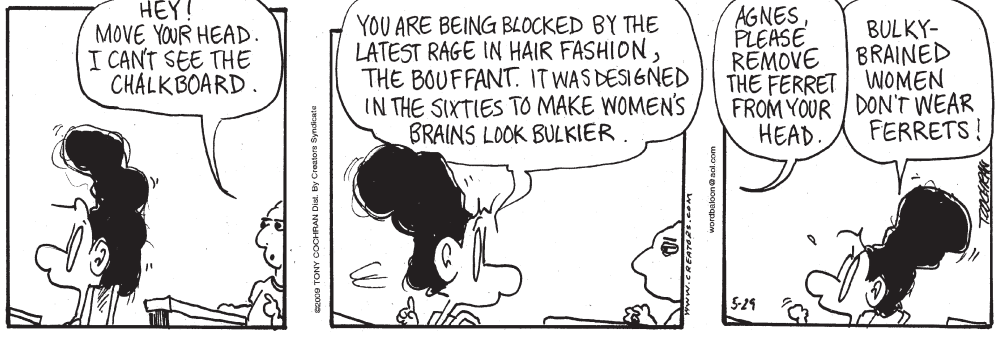


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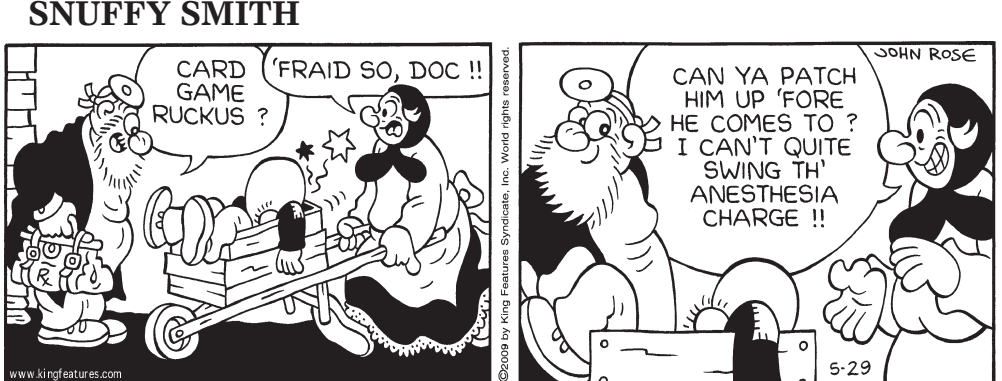
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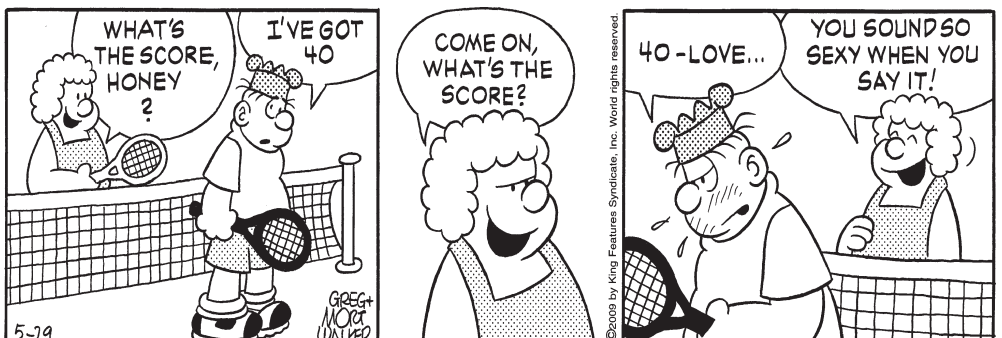
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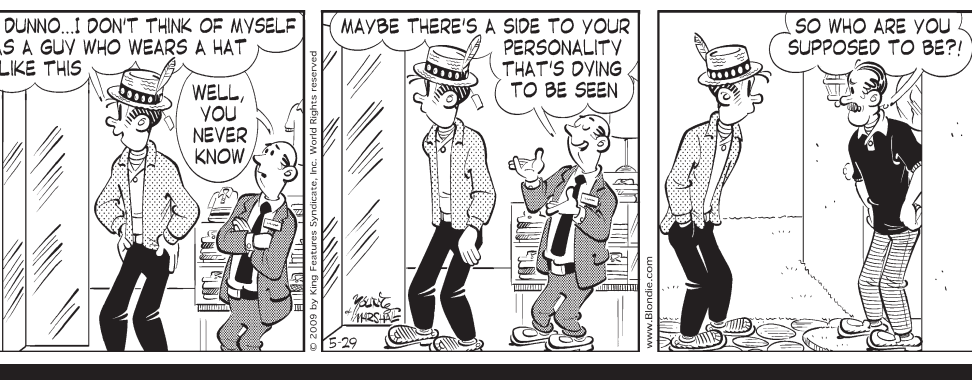
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 29, the 149th day of 2009. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 29, 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary, of New Zealand, and Tensing Norgay, of Nepal, became the first climbers to reach the summit.

On this date:

In 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses.

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1913, the ballet "The Rite of Spring," with music by Igor Stravinsky and choreography by Vaslav Nijinsky, had its chaotic world premiere in Paris.

In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

In 1985, 39 people were killed at the European Champions Cup Final in Brussels, Belgium, when rioting broke out and a wall separating British and Italian soccer fans collapsed.

In 1995, Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the House and Senate, died in Skowhegan, Maine, at age 97.

In 1998, Republican elder statesman Barry Goldwater died in Paradise Valley, Ariz., at age 89.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clifton James is 88. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 71. Race car driver Al Unser is 70. CBS News Correspondent Bob Simon is 67. Actor Kevin Conway is 67. Actor Helmut Berger is 65. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 64. Actor Anthony Geary is 62. Singer Rebbie Jackson is 59. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 56. Rock musician Michael Porcaro (Toto) is 54. Singer LaToya Jackson is 53. Actor Ted Levine is 52. Actress Annette Bening is 51. Actor Rupert Everett is 50. Actor Adrian Paul is 50. Singer Melissa Etheridge is 48. Actress Lisa Whelchel is 46. Actress Tracey Bregman is 46. Rock musician Noel Gallagher (Oasis) is 42. Singer Jayski McGowan (Quad City DJ's) is 42. Rock musician Chan Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 40. Rock musician Mark Lee (Third Day) is 36. Cartoonist Aaron McGruder ("The Boondocks") is 35. Singer Melanie Brown (Spice Girls) is 34. Rapper Playa Poncho is 34.

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# When good intentions go awry, God eyes motives

Iva Jean and Jerry Mack were just little kids when they decided to clean out their grandmother's chicken house one summer. Not wanting to spoil the surprise, they quietly collected the tools they would need and headed toward the hen house.

Undaunted by a few old hens that hadn't found their way outside the coop to scratch and peck for appetizers, the industrious team entered the wood-framed structure with rakes and brooms in hand. Sending the remaining hens squawking and flapping into the yard, the small volunteers worked diligently in anticipation of the praise they would receive



**BONNIE WHEAT**

for their labor and thoughtfulness. When the raking and sweeping were completed, the enthusiastic pair stood back to admire their work and contemplate what to do with three big piles of feathers and organic fertilizer. After considering all the options, the brother-sister duo concluded that the

easiest way to get rid of the debris would be to burn it.

Knowing exactly where the matches were kept, they sneaked into the

kitchen and out again without been seen by some inquisitive adult.

Everything was going well until somehow the plan went awful and the chicken house burned to the ground before the surprised parents and grandparents, who flew outside at the first sight of fire and smell of smoke, could put the fire out.

When Iva Jean told the story decades later, she didn't remember getting into trouble for burning the chicken house down.

All she remembered was how hurt and ashamed she felt when her grandmother said, "My poor chickens. They'll have to sleep in the trees tonight."

Sometimes our good intentions don't turn out the way we had hoped they would.

We all face failure and disappointment from time to time, but we can be thankful that we have a Heavenly Father who looks at our intentions instead of the results.

The Scriptures says, "... God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1Samuel 16:7).

Even when we accidentally burn a chicken house down, or do something worse, God looks at our hearts and considers our motives rather than the pile of ashes we leave behind.

## Club News

### Big Spring Area Retired Teachers install new officers

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association met at Howard College May 18. Bettie Cox, president-elect, conducted the meeting.

New officers for the 2009-2010 year were installed by Martha Kallus, chairman of

the TRTA Organizational Affairs Committee. Mrs. Kallus used a hat theme to emphasize the different types of hats officers will wear in performing their duties.

Officers installed were: Bettie Cox, president; Loma Jean Wynn, first vice-president; Bonnie Wheat, second vice-president; Jean Slate, recording secretary; Jean Warren,

corresponding secretary; Roe and Nancy Fulgham, co-treasurers; and Bo Fryar, parliamentarian.

Bill and Barbara Ballard were recognized as new members. As a conclusion to the 2009 Book Project, members distributed books to every first grader in Big Spring, Coahoma, Elbow and Garden City.

Special Recognition Certificates were awarded to Loyce Phillips and Jean Warren, unusual service; Myrtie Lee, volunteer service; the Big Spring Herald, School Bell Award; and BSA RTA, Grand Prix Award.

Members were reminded the District XVIII Convention will be Sept. 22 at the Region XVIII Education Ser-

vice Center. Tim Lee, executive director of TRTA, will be at the Midland RTA meeting Aug. 13.

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will not meet again until Aug. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in Howard College's Cactus Room. All retired school personnel are invited to attend, as well as any interested person.

## CHURCH

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program. Bonnie Wheat will be sharing this month's program.

Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 8-12, 9 a.m. to noon. "Boomerang Express" is this year's theme. Children 3 years of age through sixth grade are invited to join the fun.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

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

Pastor Bob Boyce will be delivering the message from the pulpit this Sunday. Angela Newton is our organist. Last Sunday, our acolyte was Abby Saucedo and this week's acolyte will be Hannah Alsobrooks. Our elders for this week are Darren Byrd and Richard von Hassell.

The liturgy will be read by Byrd. The readings for this week include: Ezekiel, 37:1-14, Psalm 139:1-12 (13-16), Acts 2:1-21 and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Wednesday, the executive board met at 7 p.m. at the church. June 10 at 6:30 p.m., the insurance agent will make a presentation on insurance coverage followed by a meeting with Steve Minsch, the congregation and members at 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 24, Steve Block was

here to address our church members. He discussed several aspects of CEF (Church Extension Fund). Sunday, there will be another congregational meeting/voters' assembly after church. Also on Sunday, the LWML will provide a simple lunch. Please mark your calendars for these very important discussions/meetings. Remember to bring your work clothes in order to clean the sanctuary after the simple lunch.

June 20, the Big Spring Film Society is planning on showing the movie Jaws at Comanche Trail Park. Last year, they showed a movie on Scenic Mountain. Our youth will be helping with the concessions.

If you have not yet done the pastoral survey, please either complete one of the paper surveys or log on at [txdistmmf.org\0413](http://txdistmmf.org\0413). This input is essential to our future planning.

Members of our AIC Youth Group are selling "Alive in Christ" window stickers for \$7 for the smaller size or \$10 for the larger size. The stickers include our logo with the outline of Jesus with his arms outstretched, our name and our credo. Please contact any member of the youth group. They will look great either on your car windshield or on your windows at home.

The information class has begun. The class is meeting Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments and other topics will be dis-

cussed. Please feel free to join at this time.

The Board of Education met May 17 after church. Plans for VBS are being made. Tentative schedule for VBS is the first part of August.

The May 17 reception for our six high school graduates was hosted by the LWML.

The honored 2009 graduates included: Breanna Conner, Caitlin Carlisle, Danja Gonzales, Krystal Lozano, Yvanna Westerdun and Daniel Budke. Brunch and refreshments were served. Graduates received many gifts as well as cards recognizing this important step in their lives.


Graduation ceremonies for Coahoma High School were Thursday; for Big Spring High School, they're at 8 tonight; and Forsan High School will be its graduation ceremony at 8 p.m.

Saturday. Congratulations and God's blessings to all graduates and their families.


The elders of the church were scheduled to meet on the third Thursday, May 21. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

Scheduled meetings for June include: the Board of Education which meet the second Tuesday (June 9) of the month at 7 p.m. at the church; the LWML, which meet the second Thursday (June 11) of the month; and the Elders, which meet the third Thursday (June 18) at 7 p.m. at the church. Also on the second Tuesday (June 9), the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA.

This weekend, the LCMS District Convention will be held in Addison.



**Road Construction Blues**




At the Big Spring Herald we are suffering through the same road construction problems as everyone else. Over the last 2 weeks the front of our building has had no parking and it has been very hard for our customers to get to us. It is now available for parking and our newspaper racks that are out front are again available. We also realize that it is not easy to get to places on Gregg St. to get your copy of the paper. We would like to make everyone aware of all the different locations the Big Spring Herald is sold at for your convenience.

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*First Baptist Church*  
BIG SPRING, TX

**Sunday**  
**May 31**  
**6:00 p.m.**

You are invited to share in a wonderful time of music as Beth Spence and Betty Downey perform sacred music on the organ and the piano.  
*Join us for this free concert!*

**Gospel Concert**

First Baptist Church  
705 West FM 700  
*Mark Lindsey, Pastor*

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**FOR 2010 ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR**  
**FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor"), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company wishes to inform you that on May 1, 2009, Oncor filed an Application for the 2010 Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, a copy of which Application is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201.

Retail Customers as reflected in the proposed tariff rider, Attachment A to Oncor's Application. The recovery factor will allow Oncor, in a timely manner, to recover reasonable and necessary costs incurred in administering its energy efficiency programs.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is June 8, 2009.

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# The price Elijah had to pay for his food

Up until recently Lenore and I owned two horses. We sold them before we moved to Texas, but whenever I see horses, I think about Elijah. Here is a true story from this past winter.

Like my visits to the dentist and the stories about bats in the basement, some of the things in my life I share because I get a kick out of it and it's a chance to poke some fun at myself. That is usually the reason why I don't get into local politics and community affairs. My column is not about exposing anything or anyone — in short, it is not a gossip column.

At the start of winter we had been feeding our horses

(Elijah and Possum) from a big round bale. Instead of putting a bale ring around it and letting the horses feed themselves, we had been doling it out by hand. Lenore and I both had been suffering allergies after handling the stuff and we had noticed that the bales had layers of mold throughout.

It can't be good to breathe the stuff and every time I saw the puffs of grey smoke, I cringed. We also felt bad feeding it to the horses, so we decided to get some square bales that we were promised didn't have any mold.

Right before Thanksgiving, we went and picked up our first load of the good hay. Twelve bales fit nicely into the bed of my pick-up and so off we went to "put up" the hay in a little shed we have in our corral.

I loaded the bales into the little shed which has two doors. One of the doors is outside of the corral and one of the doors is inside the corral

— to me a perfect set up. I had recently cleaned out the shed which originally we used for a large dog house for an outside dog that we had years ago when we moved in. For the purpose of a tack room and hay barn for two horses, it was perfect. The only thing was that the door that faces the corral was only half there. The bottom half of the door was removed to allow access for the dog to get in and out of the cold — no big deal. The horses couldn't fit in that small space and the shed sat up about two feet off the ground.

After putting up the hay, we left to do some chores and see the movie "Fireproof" at the local theater. It was a great Christian movie with a great message — if you get a chance to see it, see it.

When we got home that evening, it was kind of dark but we had an outside light that shined on our driveway and into the corral. Feeding time at the Price residence

took about a half-hour and most nights I just liked to get it done so I would not be going in and out of the house. I'm one of those guys who does not like taking off and putting on my shoes. When I am in for the night, I'm in.

Uncharacteristically the horses, especially Elijah, are not talking to me about food. Sometimes I felt like I had Mr. Ed for a horse. When I would look out my window sometimes, he was looking right at me and when I would open my door, I would always get the snickering little reminder that he was there. The message, I'm sure, was, "I'm hungry — feed me, fat man."

When I got out there I saw that the horses were already eating and when I approached the corral, Elijah took off to the back — like he was guilty of something. So I went into the shed and did a count of the bales. Sure enough there were only 11 bales. Somehow Elijah

(Lenore swears Possum is innocent) had not only ducked his head through the bottom half of the door but managed without opposable fingers and thumbs to grab one of the bales and drag it out for a feast.

I re-arranged the remaining bales in the shed so they couldn't get any more on their own. Lesson learned.

As far as riding goes, we rode on Thanksgiving morning and since that day last summer, I have remained firmly in the saddle. We planned on riding in the winter — even in sub-freezing temperatures — just as long as the wind stayed below five miles an hour. It didn't happen often because of light but let me tell you — Elijah was gonna give me a ride when I wanted it. That's the price he had to pay the "fat man" for the food he ate.

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Kentwood Elementary first-graders take off from the starting line (photo above) as they compete in the 50-yard dash during the school's annual Field Day at Blankenship Field Wednesday. Kentwood Elementary kindergarten student Cailey Glover competes in the long jump event (photo at right) during the annual Field Day competition.



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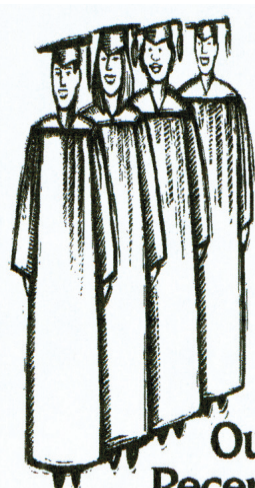
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