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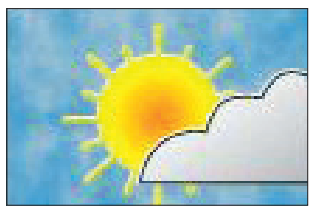


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Trade Days are back in Stanton

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The city of Stanton will become the center of attention in West Texas this weekend, as the Old Sorehead Trade Days gets ready to take over the streets of the sleepy little town.

And if a festival-style atmosphere with hundreds of vendors hawking wares of every shape and size is your idea of a good time, the two-day event is exactly what the doctor ordered.

"Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," said Bud Lindsey, spokesman for the event. "We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store and throughout the trade days — Coca-Cola collectibles, Humble Oil and Sinclair Oil signs, wagon wheels — if you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

According to Lindsey, one of the largest draws for the event, which is held three times each year, is the food. This trade days will feature two "food court" areas for

OLD SOREHEAD TRADE DAYS

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, noon until 5 p.m.

visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Lindsey. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and continue until 7 p.m., and resume Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

For those who aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Children participating in the Boys and Girls Club Day Camp show off their wilder side during Crazy Hair Day at the local Salvation Army Community Center this morning.

Few changes anticipated in BSISD 2009-10 budget

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Although a new budget is still two months away, Big Spring Independent School District officials don't expect too many changes from the current financial package.

BSISD Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner is in the early stages of putting together the new budget. Her preliminary assessment is that not much changes from last year.

"It ought to be pretty typical (compared to the past few years)," Waggoner said. "Salaries are still up in the air a little bit, but I don't anticipate many changes in any other areas."

Teachers, counselors, librarians and nurses are set to receive raises, thanks to legislation passed during this year's session of the Texas Legislature. Those pay raises,

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Analog TV broadcasts end

Officials believe more than 1 million homes will temporarily be without service

By **PETER SVENSSON**
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — TV stations across the U.S. started cutting their analog signals Friday morning, ending a 60-year run for the technology and likely stranding more than 1 million unprepared homes without TV service.

The Federal Communications Commission put 4,000 operators on standby for calls from confused viewers, and set up demonstration centers in several cities. Volunteer groups and local government agencies were helping elderly viewers set up digital converter boxes that keep older

TVs functioning. Sets hooked up to cable or satellite feeds are unaffected by the transition.

"When you're alone like me, that's my partner," Patricia Bruchalski, 82, said about her TV.

Bruchalski, a pianist and former opera singer who

lives in Brooklyn Park, Md., got assistance Thursday from Anne Arundel County's Department of Aging and Disabilities and a community organization called Partners in Care. After her converter box was installed, Bruchalski marveled that digital broadcasts seemed clearer and

gave her more channels — about 15 instead of the three she was used to.

"You're going to be up all night watching TV now," volunteer installer Rick Ebling told her.

A survey sponsored by

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Altercation at FCI leaves three with minor injuries

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

An altercation at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution Thursday night left three people injured, including two correctional officers.

The injuries were minor, prison officials said.

According to information released by Selma Garcia, executive assistant to the warden, the situation started with a fight among the inmates around 9:30 p.m.

"A fight between inmates occurred

inside a housing unit," Garcia said. "The staff immediately restrained all inmates who were involved without further incident."

"As a result, two staff members sustained minor injuries and were treated at a local hospital and released. One inmate sustained minor injuries that required outside medical attention and was returned to the institution. An investigation into the incident continues."

Garcia said both of the employees injured in the altercation were correctional officers, and were treated at the emergency room at Scenic

Mountain Medical Center. She said there was no damage to the housing unit at FCI Big Spring.

As for the cause of the fight, Garcia said it's too early to tell.

"We're still gathering intelligence, but we don't have a motive at this time," said Garcia. "The fight was contained pretty quickly, and we're still looking into it. However, it's really too early to speculate at this point."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Indians select Smith in 49th round of draft

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Only one other Howard College Hawk was taken in the third and final day of Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft Thursday and it took nearly the entire event for his name to be called.

Freshman right-hander Burch Smith was the final Hawk to be selected by a team, when the Cleveland Indians pulled the trigger in the 49th round. Smith was the 1,475th pick. Most likely, Smith will be returning



Smith

walks.

Most of the time, he was the team's No. 4 starter, taking the mound to

the Hawks for another season with hopes of improving his draft stock.

Smith appeared in 14 games this season, starting in 11. He finished the year with a 4-0 record and a 3.05 ERA in 41.1 innings pitched. Smith had 48 strikeouts and 27

open the final game of four-game series during Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. He was an honorable mention selection to the WJCAC All-Conference team.

Smith was the fourth Hawk selected in the draft as three of his teammates went during the second day Wednesday.

Center fielder Runey Davis was the first Hawk off the board, being selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 12th round. Davis was a NJCAA Gold Glove winner and was named the NJCAA/Easton Division I Baseball

Defensive Player of the Year.

Relief pitcher Hunter Hill was drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 13th round. The Rays are said to view Hill as a potential closer.

Finally in the 27th round, freshman left fielder Joe Leftridge was taken by the Atlanta Braves. However, Leftridge is expected to return to Howard next season for his sophomore year.

A former Hawk was also taken Wednesday. Cameron Monger

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Forsan's Robbins inks with LCU



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Jeremy Robbins (left center) recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Lubbock Christian University. Robbins helped lead Forsan to the Class A, Region I semifinals this season with a 25-4 record. He was the team's leading scorer. Pictured with Robbins is his grandfather Teddy Robbins (left), his mother Barbie Robbins (right center), his grandmother Cathy Robbins (right) and Forsan Athletic Director Terry McDonald.

Millwood pitches gem in Rangers' 1-0 win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Another pitching gem by Kevin Millwood and some standout defense kept the Texas Rangers from being swept.

With the offense struggling, the AL West-leading Rangers can win with pitching and defense.

Millwood threw 7 2-3 scoreless innings Thursday night against the Toronto Blue Jays, and the Rangers went on for only its fourth 1-0 victory in 16 seasons since moving into Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

"Tonight, that's all we need," manager Ron Washington said. "We

needed to get a win, and it doesn't matter how you get it. ... We are going to get it together offensively. Everybody can go in a little rut. But our heads are high. We just won a 1-0 game in Arlington."

Texas, which didn't homer in the rain-shortened three-game series and lost 9-0 in the previous game Tuesday, got its run when Marlon Byrd hit a sacrifice fly in the second off Ricky Romero (3-3).

"That's what good teams do. You can't play 10-8 games every night," said David Murphy, who followed Nelson Cruz's leadoff single with a double to set up Byrd's flyball. "We're not doing what we're capable

of, but it takes the pressure off of us when the pitchers go out doing what they're doing."

Millwood (6-4) gave up five hits with one strikeout and hit a batter while throwing 105 pitches against the Blue Jays, who were shut out for only the second time.

The right-hander has allowed two earned runs over 20 2-3 innings his last three starts. The last two victories followed lopsided losses by Texas.

"It shows we can win in different ways," Millwood said. "My stuff wasn't great, but I felt like I was

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Lakers deflect Magic

Fisher proves clutch again, L.A. takes 3-1 lead in NBA Finals

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — To this day, it is referred to simply as 0.4, the last-second shot that first made Derek Fisher famous.

In Game 4 of the NBA finals, Fisher may have topped it.

Twice.

Fisher hit two key 3-pointers — one with 4.6 seconds left in regulation, the other with 31.3 seconds to go in overtime — as the Los Angeles Lakers moved within one win of their 15th championship by beating the Orlando Magic 99-91 on Thursday night to open a 3-1 series lead.

The 34-year-old Fisher, in his second stint with the Lakers after stops in Golden State and Utah, was best known for his turnaround fling with 0.4 seconds left in the 2004 playoffs against San Antonio. He's got two more shots that rank right with it.

"Maybe 100, 101, something like that," the 13-year-veteran joked. "No, I mean, obviously, it's at the top. You know, even greater than 0.4 because I feel like we're as close as possible to what our end goal is."

The Lakers can wrap up their first title since 2002 on Sunday in Game 5. If necessary, Games 6 and 7 would be back in Los Angeles at Staples Center.

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Sports in brief

Steers baseball team raising funds at Pizza Inn Monday

The Big Spring Steers baseball team will be waiting tables Monday at Pizza Inn in hopes of raising funds to help pay for umpires during their summer league season.

The Steers will be at Pizza Inn from 5 p.m. to close with a portion of the night's profits going to the team. Donations are also accepted.

Hawks women's basketball team hosting shooting and position camp

The Howard College Hawks women's basketball team is hosting a Shooting and Positioning Camp, beginning Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The camps lasts through Thursday, June 18.

The camp is being led by Head Coach Earl Diddle and lasts from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Cost is \$60 and serves seventh through 12th grade girls.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

For more information, call Jamie Fisher at 816-4327.

Big Spring baseball and softball boosters hosting ragball tourney

The Big Spring High School baseball and softball boosters are teaming to host a ragball tournament June 19-20 at Lady Steer Park.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. June 19 with games

starting at 7 p.m. that same day. Cost is \$10 per player with each team needing to contain five boys and five girls.

For more information, call John Sparks at 270-2711.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association weekly report

In Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday, the team of Gus Leonardi, Patsy Sharpnack, Annie Ward and Ramona Harris won first place, shooting 1-under par.

Second place went to Jo Ann Hillger, Daury Cockrell and Shirley Long with a 2-under.

In Thursday's couples play, the team of Sherrill and Betty Lou Farmer and John and Gus Leonardi placed first, shooting 5-under.

Two teams tied with a score 2-under with Ron Booth, Daury Cockrell and Jimmy and Deanna Forsythe winning on the tiebreaker hole.

Third place went to Nick and Linda Dewaters.

For information on the CTLGA Monday Playday, call Dee Jenkins at 267-2418. For info regarding Thursday's couples play, contact Linda Dewaters at 263-3391.

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.

Volleyball Skills Camp

A Volleyball Skills Camp has been scheduled for Wednesday through Friday, June 19, at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

The camp is for incoming junior high and high school female athletes. Incoming seventh and eighth graders work out from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., while the high school aged girls take the floor from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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 through two age groups. Second through fifth graders participate from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at the Junior High School 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 Monday through Thursday 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.

Obituaries

M. Joyce Walker

M. Joyce Walker, 83, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 11, 2009, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joel Miller officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 23, 1925, in Emhouse, Texas, and married Willie B. Walker Aug. 11, 1942, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Oct. 9, 1968.

Mrs. Walker was raised in the Knott community and moved to Big Spring in 1970. She was a homemaker and a farmer's wife. She enjoyed painting and gardening and loved her grandchildren.

She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church and was also a member of the Mighty Oaks Senior Group, the Encourager's Group and was a previous member of the Scenic Mountain Senior Group.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Carole Walker, Dale and T.J. Walker, all of Big Spring, and Jimmy and LaRee Walker of Midland; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Velma Reid Roman; and two brothers, Bobby Roman and Jerry Roman.

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



Police blotter

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

- DANIEL GOVEA, 24, address not provided, was arrested Thursday on charges of theft and possession of stolen property.
- RICARDO RAMIREZ, 20, address not provided, was arrested Thursday on charges of theft and possession of stolen property.
- SEBASTIAN RAMIREZ, 19, address not provided, was arrested Thursday on charges of theft and possession of stolen property.
- NICK VALENCIA, 26, of 507 N.W. 11th St., was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Winston.
 - in the 3200 block of Fenn.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- ROBBERY was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Benton.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
 - in the 100 block of Whipkey.
 - in the 2300 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 2600 block of Ent.
 - in the 800 block of Settles.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- ROBERT RAY COBLE, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- DANIEL ESQUIVEL GOVEA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and theft — more than \$500, less than \$1,500.
- RANDALL KIRK KIRKHAM, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- RICARDO RAMIREZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft — more than \$500, less than \$1,500.
- SEBASTIAN RAMIREZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft — more than \$500, less than \$1,500.

Take Note

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities funds through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. West Texas Opportunities will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• An account to defray funeral costs for the family of Justin Hernandez has been set up at Western Bank — formerly known as First Bank of West Texas — located on FM 700. Hernandez was killed in a shooting May 29. For more information, contact the bank at 267-1113.

• Chorus rehearsals for Pops in the Park are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 16, 23 and 30 at the First United Methodist Church. Parking is on the corner of Fifth and Gregg streets. Pops in the Park, Big Spring's annual symphony and fireworks show, will be held July 3 in the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

• Iglesia Bautista Central, 2105 Lancaster, will hold Operation Space Vacation Bible School from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for ages 2-12, July 6-10.

• 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.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas military personnel who have served or are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Apply at the Salvation Army, 511 W. Fifth St. These funds were granted by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

Your Local Weather

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

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

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• 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.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Howard County Master Gardeners meet at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the county courthouse. The public is invited.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-19-21-23. Bonus Ball: 26.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 13-17-19-27-33.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,875

Winning ticket purchased in: Greenville.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-5-3-0. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-3. Sum It Up: 12.

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Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of N.W. Second Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 800 block of W. Fourth Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 4200 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of S. Monticello. Service refused.

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 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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FINALS

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The only way the Lakers, who overcame a 12-point halftime deficit in Game 4 and improved to 7-0 after a playoff loss, can be denied a crown is if they lose three straight.

That hasn't happened all season. The Magic, commandos of the comeback in the postseason, need a rally for the ages. No team has ever come back from a 3-1 deficit to win the finals.

"There's no reason for us to hold our heads down," Orlando center Dwight Howard said. "We will believe until there's no more games to be played."

Howard was magnificent every-

where but at the free-throw line. He scored 16 points with 21 rebounds and a finals-record nine blocks. But he made just 6 of 14 foul shots, and it was his two crucial misses with 11.1 seconds to go in regulation that doomed the Magic.

Orlando missed 15 free throws. "I just missed them," Howard said. "I've been working on my free throws. They just weren't falling tonight."

After Howard's late misses, Fisher pulled up and without hesitating dropped a 3-pointer over Orlando's Jameer Nelson with 4.6 seconds left to tie it at 87 — and silenced the home crowd.

"I just sensed that was the dagger," Fisher said. "That was the one that would put us in a position to close out the game — even though the game wasn't over."

Before the first of his two big 3s,

Fisher had missed his first five.

"He's been there before," said Kobe Bryant, who had 32 points, eight assists and seven rebounds. "He has been there and done that. That's Derek. He just has supreme confidence and I think those shots at the end of the game are actually easier for him than the other ones."

At the end of regulation, Orlando had one final try. The Magic inbounded the ball to Mickael Pietrus, but his long and contested jumper was off.

Bryant scored two quick baskets in the overtime, and Howard tied it when he split two free throws with 1:27 remaining.

On L.A.'s next trip, Trevor Ariza grabbed his own miss to get another 24 seconds and Fisher lined up and drilled his 3-pointer from the top of the key to make it 94-91.

As he retreated down court and Orlando called a timeout, the Lakers bench stormed onto the court and surrounded the popular Fisher, who felt obliged to come through.

"I have a responsibility to my team that if I'm going to be on the floor, then I have to make a difference," he said. "None of us can continue to expect that Kobe is going to save us."

In NBA finals history, only two players have made more 3s than Fisher's 40: Robert Horry (56) and Michael Jordan (42).

"It's character," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson, a victory away from a record 10th NBA championship ring. "We've always said the character has got to be in players if they are going to be great players. You just can't draft it."

Ariza and Pau Gasol each had 16 for Los Angeles. Ariza, traded by Orlando to L.A. in 2007, had 13 of the Lakers' 30 points in the third quarter.

With his team up by three at the end of regulation, Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy felt it was too early to foul the Lakers. With his team missing free throws, he didn't want to get into a foul-shooting contest.

Later, he regretted the decision. "That one will haunt me forever," he said.

The Lakers spent the first half in foul trouble, and left the floor at halftime down 49-37.

They came back a different team. "On a championship run, you're going to have moments where you make big plays," Bryant said. "And tonight was one of them."

RANGERS

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able to locate and kept them off balance. We caught the ball when they hit it."

After Marco Scutaro grounded out on the game's first pitch, Millwood gave up consecutive singles before retiring 18 of the next 19 batters into the seventh.

Darren O'Day got Alex Rios to ground out after taking over with a runner at second and two outs in the eighth, then Vernon Wells popped out to open the ninth. The side-winding right-hander has thrown nine scoreless innings his past nine appearances.

C.J. Wilson allowed a double to Adam Lind before getting the final two outs for his sixth save in seven chances.

"Kevin set the tone," Wilson said. "All Darren and I had to do was throw strikes and let guys get themselves out."

Romero limited Texas to one run and five hits over 6 1-3 innings, his best outing since returning from the disabled list (oblique strain). The left-hander had allowed 13 earned runs

and seven home runs over 16 1-3 innings his previous three starts.

"It's a big confidence," Romero said.

"It was nice to see him pitch that well," manager Cito Gaston said. "We just couldn't get the hit when we needed it. Any loss is tough, but when a guy pitches that well and we had a chance in the first inning to drive in some runs and we didn't do it."

Texas got its fourth shutout with some standout defense.

Millwood jumped up to snag one ground ball and knocked another comebacker down with his bare hand before completing that play. And the infield turned in several standout plays.

Second baseman Ian Kinsler made a scrambling stop, stumbled and regained his balance to make the throw to get Lyle Overbay out in the second. Rookie shortstop Elvis Andrus caught a foul pop falling into the first row along the third-base side in the fifth.

Michael Young, the AL Gold Glove shortstop last season who moved to third base to make room for Andrus, made a diving snag to his left to get Rios' grounder and then shuffled to his feet and made a strong one-hop throw to first for the final out of the sixth.

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The new city shelter on the 11th Place extension has an abundance of puppies for adoption. They are various mixes, but most of them have had their first set of shots. The adoption fee has been reduced to \$45 for these animals. According to city officials, the shelter also has a "beautiful" sheep dog mix and other quality animals. For more information, contact the shelter at 264-2372.

Iranians choose between hard-line president or reformist challenger

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranians voted Friday on whether to keep hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in power for four more years or replace him with a reformist more open to loosening the country's Islamic restrictions and improving ties with the United States. The rowdy election campaign, which lasted less than a month, electrified many voters here and reshaped how the world sees Iran's political process. The mass street demonstrations, polished campaign slogans and televised debates more closely resembled Western elections than the scripted campaigns in most other Middle Eastern countries. Iran's cell phone text messaging system was down on Friday. Many Iranians, especially young voters — many of whom favor Ahmadinejad's top opponent — frequently used text messages to spread election information quickly to friends and family. Mir Hossein Mousavi, who is in a neck-to-neck battle with Ahmadinejad, accused Iran's telecommunications provider, which is owned by the government, of shutting the system and alleged that some of his representatives were barred from entering polling stations to monitor the vote. "Unfortunately, some of my representatives were blocked from entering polling stations and SMS

(text messaging) is also down, which is against the law," Mousavi said after voting, according to his campaign Web site.

House set to send Obama a bill imposing gov't control over tobacco

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smoking foes see a turning point in their long battle against the tobacco industry as Congress prepares to send President Barack Obama a bill giving the government broad authority to determine how cigarettes will be made, marketed and sold. The House was scheduled to vote Friday on legislation, passed just a day before by the Senate, that for the first time would put the Food and Drug Administration in charge of regulating cigarettes and other tobacco products. The measure puts special emphasis on dissuading some of the 3,500 young people who every day smoke a cigarette for the first time. The FDA would ban use of candied and other flavored tobacco used to entice young smokers, stop advertising that targets children, make it harder for underaged youth to buy cigarettes, require stronger warning labels and bar use of expressions such as "light" or "mild" that suggest that those brands are less harmful.

STANTON

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visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and

from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire affair may want plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

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however, have still not been signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry, so the situation remains fluid for now, Waggoner said.

"Working on salary scenarios is taking up most of our time now," she said. "Everything depends on what kinds of salary schedule is eventually adopted."

In other areas, little will change from the past few years. With

the exception of the purchase of two school buses, there are no "big-ticket" items included in the prospective budget.

Also to be determined is how much local revenue the district can expect to take in this coming fiscal year. Certified tax valuation estimates will be released later this month and Waggoner expects those figures to be down from last year's total of \$1.09 billion because of lower oil and gas prices.

Decreased local rev-

enue should not make a major difference in the budget, however. Under current state guidelines, local school districts revenue totals are set at a certain level and state aid rises or decreases to help districts meet those levels.

If those current guidelines remain in effect, Waggoner expects a budget very similar to this year's package, which features \$29 million in expenditures.

"That may go up a little bit because of the (impending) raises, but

it should be in the same ballpark," Waggoner said.

Trustees will begin work in earnest on the budget during a June 23 workshop. The new financial package will be formally adopted in late August, Waggoner said.

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ANALOG

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broadcasters showed that Americans are well aware of the analog shutdown, thanks to a yearlong barrage of TV ads. But many people simply procrastinated.

"We know some viewers will wait until the very last minute, or even after June 12, until they take action," said Paul Karpowicz, second vice chair of the television board of the National Association of Broadcasters.

Laura Hand, community relations director for Barrington Broadcasting Co.'s three-channel station in Syracuse, N.Y., said her company had received only about a dozen calls and half that many e-mails by 8:30 a.m., even though Barrington's NBC affiliate went off the air entirely. It abandoned analog at midnight, and its digital equivalent won't be back up until this weekend, because it needs to move to another frequency.

Many other stations will be moving to new frequencies as well, which is why even an-

tenna-equipped digital TV sets and older sets hooked up to converter boxes need to be set to "re-scan" the airwaves on Friday.

Some people might also need new antennas, because digital signals travel differently than analog ones. While an analog station that came in imperfectly might have had static but remained viewable, digital generally comes in all or nothing. Indeed, one of Bruchalski's newly available stations looked pixelated, and Ebling said she might have to get a different antenna.

The shutdown of analog channels opens part of the airwaves for modern applications like wireless broadband and TV services for cell phones. It was originally scheduled for Feb. 17, but the government's fund for \$40 converter box coupons ran out of money in early January, prompting the incoming Obama administration to push for a delay. The converter box program got additional funding in the national stimulus package.

Research firm Smith-Geiger LLC said Thurs-

day that about 2.2 million households were still unprepared as of last week. Sponsored by the broadcasters' association, it surveyed 948 households that relied on antennas and found that 1 in 8 had not connected a digital TV or digital converter box.

Nielsen Co., which measures TV ratings with the help of a wide panel of households, put the number of unready homes at 2.8 million, or 2.5 percent of the total television market, as of Sunday. In February,

the number was 5.8 million.

Nearly half of the nation's 1,760 full-power TV stations have already cut their analog signals, though they are mostly in less populated areas. Those ending the signals Friday will do so throughout the day, with many waiting until the evening.

Even after Friday, low-power analog stations and rural relay stations known as "translators" will still be available in some areas. And about 100 full-power stations

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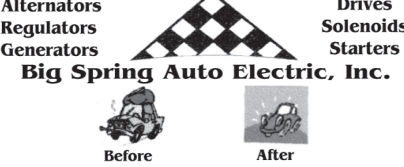
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## OUR VIEW

# We salute:

*Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.*

*We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play*

*This week we salute:*

- All those involved in helping make the 2009 Howard/Glasscock Relay for Life a record breaker, despite difficult economic times and a thunderstorm that forced organizers to end the event just a couple of hours into the event. Despite everything that challenged the Relay, the final net from the event was \$221,165.

- The Forsan Lady Buffs softball team which, in its fourth year of existence, claimed the Class 1A state championship with wins over Iola and Alto last week in Austin.

- Brantz, Vanessa and Bill Burchett, who were presented with June's Doing Your Part Beautification Award by members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

- City of Big Spring employees and contractors who are currently involved in the demolition work on the old Big Spring Care Center in the 900 block of Goliad Street. The vacant facility has been the site of several arsons during the past few years and its demolition benefits the entire community.

- All those who took part in the first ever United Way Golf Ball Drop that raised more than \$9,200 for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, which provides funds for 14 local agencies.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

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The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

A little heavenly ambition, Lord, can add zest to our life.

Amen

# More classics in Cowtown

In recent days, thousands of fans gathered in Fort Worth, eager to be present as some of the most talented players engaged in world-class competition.

Onlookers, most of them envious, were in awe of the players in competitions that took on marathon status.

Some of the stars challenged the toughest musical compositions in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition at Bass Hall, while others pursued a trophy, plaid jacket and big money at the annual Colonial Invitational Tournament a few miles away.

They played their hearts out, the former conquering the ivories of a concert piano, and the latter trying to bring a world-renowned golf course to its knees.

Thousands of folks who love piano or golf left Cowtown with dreams of what might have been.

"What if" parental pleas for piano practice had been heeded? "What if" triple-digit scorecards had been regarded as mere bumps in the road?

Too much time is spent, no doubt, on thoughts of roads not taken, reducing many potential stars in music or sports to gallery status.

In my early years, well-intentioned parents tucked some money aside for piano lessons.

I attended just one, kicking and screaming in protest. During the lesson, I knocked over a lamp, feigned a tummy ache and broke into chopsticks while the teacher was explaining some-

thing about "Every Good Boy Does Fine."

By lesson's end, I had established a new low mark on my teacher's "good boy list." Finally, she squared my shoulders, looked me straight in the eye and said, "Don, if you don't shape up this minute, I'm going to tell your folks that you have definite promise."

Golf wasn't my thing, either. I made the team at my tiny high school only because five players were needed to field a team. I was, uh, the No. 5 player.

I would have had to shave off at least 20 strokes each round to improve my status from catastrophic to mere embarrassment.

My coach said if my golf game were a prize fight, they'd stop it.

A country boy, I've spent some "what if" time wondering if my musical or athletic propensities might have better shined had I been reared in a cosmopolitan setting.

Bob Murphey, a speaker friend whose stories warmed even the coldest cockles, loved to tell a story about being from the country.

"Folks from New York City think Chicago folks are from the country," he'd droll. "And people from Chicago think the same thing about folks from Dallas, and Dallas citizens feel like Kilgore folks are rural."

One day, his story goes, a Kilgore native bristled when a visitor suggested (albeit in error) that Kilgore had never produced any truly famous person.

The local sputtered and fumed, but failed to challenge the visitor.

Later, he kicked himself that he hadn't thought to mention

Van Cliburn, the musical prodigy who attended elementary school there.

His mental wheels spinning, he figured that maybe the community hadn't really done enough to "show off" their star on the local stage.

He sprang into action.

He rented the high school auditorium, had multi-colored signs printed for barbershop windows and wrote a "come one, come all" piece for the newspaper.

Alas, winter took a strangle hold on Kilgore on the very day Van Cliburn was to perform. Highways were iced over and the event organizer claimed to be able to keep his old pick-up on the road only because he had the forethought to throw 300 pounds of chicken feed into the truck for better traction.

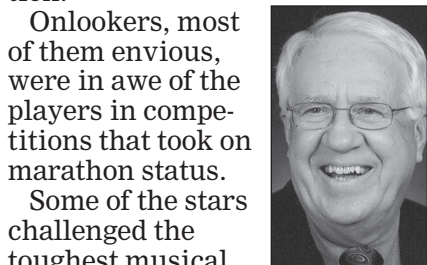
Still, a couple of dozen citizens showed up, adults "paying a dollar, and children 12 and under, 50 cents," Murphey emphasized.

The organizer thanked the meager crowd for showing up, then turned to the youthful Van Cliburn, who already held international renown.

"I'm just so sorry about the unforeseen circumstances, Mr. Cliburn," he apologized. "Given such bad weather and with such a sparse crowd, we certainly don't expect a full program."

A tear rolled down his face as he made a mournful plea: "But, since a few of us did brave the elements to come out, could you sing us just one song?"

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# Getting a response more important

In the past two weeks I wrote one column heavily criticizing President Barack Obama and one that said unfavorable things about the Pixar movie "Up." Despite the president's high approval ratings and the public's genuine affection for the man, going after Obama generated significantly less feedback than taking on one lousy, but apparently beloved, film.

The entire experience made me realize that newspapers have become so bland that people have forgotten the purpose of opinion pieces and criticism. This phenomenon extends to talk radio and pundit television where ideologues like Rush Limbaugh and Keith Olbermann preach mostly to the converted. New ideas are not welcome and challenging anyone's beliefs marks you as a target for ridicule.

As a newspaper columnist, I don't particularly want most of you to like me and I most certainly don't write just to have people agree with me. It's nice when someone changes his or her mind because of something I say and even nicer when my words express something a reader felt, but could not express. My job, however, is to make

you read my column and thereby the paper or Web site it appears on. The best columnists, critics, radio hosts and TV pundits should challenge you, make you angry sometimes and happy at others. We should provoke a reaction, even if that reaction is "boy, he's a jerk."

Newspapers no longer matter because they no longer make anyone care. Open up the op-ed page of any major paper and you find few, if any, columnists that engage your attention. Sure, the folks published there write about weighty issues and offer well-informed opinions, but they don't draw you in or make you mad. Any response my dull colleagues engender comes from their basic political philosophy, not provocative writing or a willingness to be unabashedly entertaining.

Compared to the erudite folks being syndicated around the country by the major syndicates, my writing is slight. They offer missives on the Middle East or economic policy and I'm as likely to write about a movie, my son's willingness to put absolutely anything in his mouth or something equally trivial. When I do write about big issues, I take clear, bold stands, daring readers to disagree with me instead of making careful, measured arguments on narrow aspects of issues.

My type of writing exposes me to anger and the many, many hate-filled emails I got for hav-

ing an opinion on a movie that differed from a lot of readers. People seemed to enjoy throwing statistics at me about that film, such as how positive a rating it got on RottenTomatoes.com, a Web site that measures audience reaction.

Of course, it's great that you disagree with me and I create an angry reaction in you. What other part of the newspaper still does that and who else in your world provokes passion, anger or any other emotion?

Newspapers need more columnists and critics willing to dislike something that everyone else will likely enjoy. "Up" may have entertained millions, but that doesn't make it good. Fast food chains are popular, as are Crocs, Hannah Montana, "Two and a Half Men," Gwen Stefani and tattoos, but popularity does not make any of those things good.

As a columnist, I strive to have clear, honest opinions that reflect what I actually think instead of saying what you want to hear.

It makes for a lonely career, because even fans of my most of my opinions eventually become angered, but it's a lot more satisfying than being just another guy playing to a base or trying to make everyone happy.

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**► Church News**

**First Presbyterian, Coahoma**

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

The group who drove to Post to see the drama "Magdalene" at the Ragtown Gospel Theater last Sunday afternoon had an enjoyable experience, which included sharing a meal.

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.

Harrison Chevalier, recent graduate of Coahoma High School, will be the honoree at an ice cream social Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church social hall.

The lectionary for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time is I Samuel 15:34-6:13; Psalm 20; II Corinthians 5:16-17; Mark 4:26-34.

**First United Methodist Church**

This evening at 7 p.m., Spiriting Wind will present a free concert at First United Methodist Church and the entire community is invited.

Spirit Wind 2009 is a select group of 51 United Methodist senior high school youth from West Texas and Panhandle communities, representing 16 congregations of all sizes. The ensemble is directed by Catherine Bartoli, director of music ministries for St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Midland. Click on [www.stlukesumcmidland.org](http://www.stlukesumcmidland.org) to learn more about this special group of young people who will be giving a free performance tonight in downtown Big Spring.

Sunday, we welcome back to

the pulpit our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, who has just been reappointed to our church at the Annual Conference meeting held in Midland this week. Her sermon topic for the week will be "Bringing His World to Yours," based on scriptures John 18:36-40 and Ecclesiastes 3:1-13. Our services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

On Sunday, June 28 we will welcome back to Big Spring and our church the Rev. Ed Williamson, former pastor here, who will bring the message for our pastor, who will be away on a much-deserved vacation.

Dates to remember include: SAM's Air Conditioned Independence Celebration Monday evening, June 29. SAM is the affectionate name of our Senior Adult Ministry. Following the big Fourth of July celebration in downtown Big Spring, we will welcome the

Singing Men of West Texas to our 10:50 service July 5. They will thrill the audience with a repeat of some of the patriotic music in which they helped take part at Pops in the Park. This will be a real treat.

And look for Vacation Bible School coming the third week in July.

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**North Birdwell Lane United Methodist**

Worship services for North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church begin each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Evening services are at 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

The Sunday school discussion will be "Moses and Aaron Respond," taken from Exodus 4:10-16 and 27-31. Ben Boadle will lead the discussion.

The United Methodist Women will not be meeting again until September.

The regular Bible study will continue the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We are now studying the book of Mark. All meetings are held at the church.

Angel Food orders will be taken from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church, 2702 N. Birdwell. Orders will also be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Delivery date is June 27.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is a mission-minded congregation and welcomes anyone who is interested in being Jesus' hands and feet as we strive to serve our neighbors.

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## CHURCH

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## Baptist Temple

This Sunday morning, we will have the dedication services for the R.W. Johnson Memorial Study Library. It is a 10,000-volume library collected by the late Rev. R.W. Johnson. We are storing these volumes in a room here at Baptist Temple Church to be used by anyone in the community wishing to come by and study.

The dedication services will be at 11 a.m. Dwayne Clower, pastor of Burkett Baptist Church in Burkett, and one who was mentored by R.W. Johnson, will be the guest speaker.

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

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at [btcbig-spring.org](http://btcbig-spring.org)

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The Lectionary Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday this week, and choir practice was at 6 p.m. The Bible study group will take two weeks off, resuming July 1. The youth group met at 6 p.m. to prepare for their mission trip.

Our church is seeking a nursery supervisor for Sundays from 9:30 a.m. until noon. This person needs to be experienced in working with children and be CPR certified. The position pays \$15 per hour. Applicants may call Church Life Chair Helen Glass at (432) 398-5565 or (432) 466-1695 or the church office (432) 264-4211.

During June, July, and August the elementary children will have a program of videos in the theater room or computer lessons in the computer lab during the Sunday school hour. The Adult Video Class will resume Sept. 13.

Three groups will hold meetings at

the church Monday: Worship Committee at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor, Session in the library and Encouragers' Support Group in Fellowship Hall, both at 6 p.m.

Adult volunteers and the youth of First Presbyterian, Big Spring will join with youth and adults from Trinity and Grace Presbyterian, Midland, and Westminster Presbyterian, Odessa, to return to the Texas coast to offer help and hope to hurricane victims. This group leaves for Port Arthur June 19 and returns June 27. Prayers for the group and donations to buy tools when they reach their destination will be greatly appreciated. This will be the final mission trip to be led by Youth Director Gary Holloman, who is moving to the Dallas area.

The 85th Stated Meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery will convene at First Presbyterian Church at Sanderson, Friday, June 19. Joyce Bronaugh will represent our congregation as commissioner.

Sue Carter will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Liturgist is Jerry Grimes. We express appreciation to Linda Hammond, who served as liturgist last week.

The lectionary for the first Sunday in Ordinary Time is I Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34. The choir will present "A Canticle of Peace" by Joseph Clokey and "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" by Vicki Hancock. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh will speak on "Are There Any Miracles Anymore?" from Mark 4:33.

## House of Hope

House of Hope Community Church will be celebrating the anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Green Jr. at 3 p.m. Sunday. This is the fifth year of service for the pastor and wife.

Speaker for the hour will be the Rev. Green's brother, the Rev. James Green from Greater St. Luke AME Church in Midland.

The pastor and his wife, along with members of the church, invite family and friends to join in the celebration.

The church is located at 200 W. 17th St. in Colorado City. For more information, call (432) 816-1703.

## College Baptist

Following their successful Vacation Bible School, members of College Baptist are making plans for a special

## A lack of judgment

I am of the opinion that most everyone is impressed when someone manages to conquer a vice in life, especially one that they themselves may still struggle with. That's why, when I sat down to lunch with a couple of friends a while back, the following scene made such an impact.

JUNE  
GEORGE

Friend A, a photographer, had just been through an unpleasant ordeal with a client and wanted advice on how to handle the situation. I had already heard the story and had fearlessly and forcefully offered my opinion. As I sat listening to her relate the details for a second time, I watched Friend B's facial expressions closely, looking for some evidence to her forthcoming reaction. To my surprise, there was none.

Once the scenario had been explained, I sat back with a poker face waiting for the gavel to fall. I was certain that Friend B would tell her the same thing I had told her. Instead she said, "That's not at all like him." And for the next several minutes, Friend B pled this man's case like a lawyer on behalf of a client, even though all the evidence pointed to his guilt.

It reminded me of the scripture in 1 John 2:1, "My little children, these things I write unto you, that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

I sat listening, unmoving, dumbfounded, and horribly ashamed. Without giving a second thought as to what may have caused the "accused" to act as he had, I had offered a full-blown, half-baked opinion, found him guilty, and pronounced his sentence.

An hour later as we gathered our things to leave, I still felt ashamed of my attitude and assumption that the man was wrong without having ever considered that there was a logical explanation as to why he had reacted the way he had. It had completely escaped me

that there was a second side to the coin — the "guilty" man's side. He was obviously dealing with a set of circumstances that influenced his actions, circumstances that neither my friend nor I knew anything about.

Passing judgment comes so naturally to us as human beings. It is unclear to me why we automatically assume that, just because someone does something differently than we do, they are the ones who are wrong. We are quick to offer our opinions about another's clothing tastes, religious beliefs, or food choices, often never even having met them. Yet there is a reason everyone makes the choices they make.

Our likes and dislikes are formed at a very early age, and are mostly influenced by our upbringing. Though not always, we tend to choose the same types of things we were brought up with.

It is difficult to take a step back and embrace the fact that not everyone likes the same things. Those who cater to extreme sports may be of the opinion that fishing is only for the unadventurous. Golf may be as exciting as watching paint dry to some, while it is someone else's greatest pleasure in life. So, is one right and the other wrong? Of course not, it is simply a matter of preference.

I have learned that as we mature, our emotional growth is based, many times, on our ability to make sound judgments. However, as in the case presented above regarding my two friends, a lack of judgment was the more sure sign of maturity.

Since that time, I have tried to be less free with my opinions, yet on the occasions when I fail in this, or any other area of life, I am thankful that Jesus Christ the righteous is my advocate, pleading my case before the Father in heaven.

God bless

*Editor's note: Jerrie Stocks is out of town until July. During that time, her daughter, June George, is submitting this column.*

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evening June 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited for an evening of fun and food, with many outreach opportunities. Every Sunday school class is involved in the preparations. Come join us.

CBC youth are looking forward to a busy summer. The Youth Evangelism Conference is scheduled June 25-27.

Bobby Floyd is the youth minister.

Women Encouraging Women will meet at 6 p.m. Monday. All women are invited. Child care will be provided.

The men will enjoy a breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The mood lightens. The Gemini sun and the Aquarian moon are air sign co-conspirators determined to upset the status quo, shock the bourgeoisie and create plenty of friendly mischief and mayhem in the process.

There will be worthwhile social shenanigans, and if you participate, you're sure to have an unforgettable night.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're playing with the "big boys" today. Some will flaunt, brag and posture to intimidate you.

Although, you'll probably be too busy trying to beat your last great score to pay any attention.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). This issue you've been bouncing back and forth about can be decided now, once and for all. If a risk is involved, take a chance on you — you can do it. When you believe in yourself, believe all the way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Just as a storm inspires the tree to take deeper root, noticing the turbulence in the world around you will trigger you to pull loved ones closer. These are the precious moments.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Maybe you have already been many people in this lifetime, but you still have many incarnations ahead of you. You will commit to a series of adjustments in order to become the person you want to be.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The mystery of you keeps unfolding. Someone who is getting to know you will be surprised at one of your quirky hobbies.

Consider making this activity a more important part of your life.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are centered and calm. What seemed messy and dramatic yesterday can now be simply sorted through. New people will find your uncomplicated approach to life very attractive.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're looking at the big picture. There have been losses in your life, but you won't see them that way. It's clear that you had to let go of something in order to embrace all you have now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're discovering your own personal "Zen." It has a different meaning for you now than it did five years ago. When you think about what brings you peace these days, you realize just how far you've come.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be reminded of a past mistake. Whatever it was, this is another opportunity for you to forgive and forget. That's what it took to allow you to become who you are today.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Imagery is your fundamental language. Use it to make an improvement in a key relationship. See things working out. Maybe you're shaking hands with the person, or hugging. If you can see it, this future is inevitable.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your mind is sharp. You can make an intellectual argument for just about anything you want to prove. Now, connect those facts with real emotion and you'll have a major impact on others.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are a healer. You have healed your own scrapes and bruises. You have healed

your heart through more than one breakage. And now you will be supportive of a friend who is in the middle of a healing process.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** Nothing is a waste of time in relationships. Look back and note what you've learned so far from the people you have loved. **TAURUS:** You haven't had time to pursue a certain interest — until now. You're lucky in love when you do. **GEMINI:** You'll be thinking short term, though your date may be thinking long term. **CANCER:** You might want to change something about yourself, but someone dear loves you the way you are. **LEO:** You're willing to let go of an old way of thinking so that you can have more fun with someone special. **VIRGO:** Be wary of making promises, especially if you feel pressured to do so. **LIBRA:** A kiss is not just a kiss. You'll get one that's loaded with emotion. **SCORPIO:** Quiet the critical voice that's keeping you from expressing yourself to your love. **SAGITTARIUS:** Someone will take a risk to be with you, perhaps by expressing their heart to you. Stay in the moment. **CAPRICORN:** You might fall for a person who is trying to sell you something. **AQUARIUS:** Speed dating or Internet dating is particularly lucky for you now. **PISCES:** Go to a sporting event — amorous vibes will flow freely there.

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Dear Margo: Does your "boyfriend" have a white strip down his back?

Dear Margo: I have been seeing a man for three years. After a year and a half, I asked him about getting serious and he stated he was already serious with someone else.



MARGO HOWARD

I asked why he didn't reveal that to me, and he said he wasn't sure if it was going to work between them and didn't want to lose me.

I broke things off for six months. He started to call again, which gave me the impression he was no longer seeing her, so I continued to see him for another year.

Fast forward to right now. I inquired again about getting serious, and he says he is getting married to the woman! Needless to say, I was shocked and hurt.

His explanation was that he's known her longer and feels obligated to marry her. To make matters more complicated, since he told me he is getting married, we have still been "seeing" each other — out for dinner and drinks, just like before, including amazing sexual encounters. Please tell me why he continues to tell me he loves me. — *Trying To Move On*

**Dear Try:** Where to begin? He keeps telling you he loves you because it gets him where he wants to go. Since you have not taken yourself out of the picture, even

with knowledge of the upcoming marriage, I suspect this man may think you could be "dating" till the end of time.

As for his telling you his impending marriage will happen because he feels "obligated," let me just say that if he believes this, he is a fool, and if you believe it, there's a bridge I'd like to talk to you about.

This reminds me of a situation I know about where an older bachelor actually told a woman he was dating that the woman he was living with had been "moved into the house" by his children who were protecting him from gold-diggers! Bail now, hon. — *Margo, gullibly*

A Class War — in the Family

Dear Margo: I'm a 26-year-old artist living in New York City. I have a wonderful set of friends who are well educated, interesting and amazingly creative.

My mother lives in a wealthy, preppy community and is obsessed with social status and appearance. She recently joined Facebook and combed through all my photos.

Apparently, the friends in my photos are not good enough because many are not white and rich looking. She frequently tells me she is "concerned" because I don't have enough WASPy friends.

I try to tell her how talented and unique they are, but she is more concerned about what her friends might think. She also criticizes my hair and outfits in different photos.

I love my mom, as we are pretty close, but I'm tired of her constantly putting down my lifestyle choices.

I closed off her Facebook access to my profile, but the damage has been done. Now whenever I make a new friend or go on a date, she asks me what race the person is. How can I get her to back off? — *Anti-elitist*

**Dear Ant:** Too bad your mom learned about Facebook — though she is not the first parent to avail herself of the information therein.

A girlfriend of mine found on the aforementioned website that her son was planning a party ... when she planned to be out of town.

But back to your mother, the bigoted snob. My guess is she is too old to retrain, so you might want to forget about that.

By my lights, at 26, you are old enough to choose your friends. And regarding the WASP quotient in your life, tell your mother you have just the right amount. (Just for fun, the next time she asks what race someone is, say, "The human race.") — *Margo, mischievously*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to [dearmargo@creators.com](mailto:dearmargo@creators.com). Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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Chapel of Faith

Saturday is the date for the chili supper at Chapel of Faith. This is a free meal to be enjoyed by anyone who likes homemade chili, hot dogs and deserts. The meal is an annual event and is our way of sharing the blessings God has so freely given to us. Serving will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. The Chapel of Faith is located on the corner of East 14th and Goliad streets.

Sunday worship service is held each week beginning at 10:30 a.m. Services are informal. Pastor Joel Miller and Associate Pastor Scott Willis present messages to help us know about the love God has for all people and how to share this knowledge and love with others. Come a little early and enjoy a time for refreshments and fellowship. Call 267-4082 for more information.

Alive in Christ Lutheran, LCMS

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. This week's acolyte will be Hannah Also-brooks. Our elders for the week are Bobby Roever and Richard Knocke.

The liturgy will be read by Richard Knocke. The readings for this week (June 14: The Second Sunday after Pentecost) include: Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 1, Second Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17), and Mark 4:26-34.

Last Sunday, we had another first for our church: first communion for the students in Bobby Roever's class that has been held Wednesday evenings for

the past several months. A pot-luck luncheon was served after church and Sunday school.

Friday, the Big Spring Film Society is planning on showing the movie "Jaws" on the banks of Comanche Trail Park. 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. This input is very essential to our future planning. Time is running out for this important survey.

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. 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 and meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments, and other topics will be discussed. Feel free to join.

Plans for VBS are being made. Tentative schedule for VBS is the first part of August.

The Board of Education meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, the 23rd.

The elders of the church are scheduled to meet on the third Thursday of this month, the 18th of June.

The LWML will meet on the 18th at Leighrene Kohl's home a 6:30 p.m. Families are invited to this annual picnic. There will be no LWML meeting in July or August.

The Elders meet the third Thursday (June 18) of each month at 7 p.m. at the church.

June 25-28, the LCMS District Convention will be held in Addison.

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When the brakes fail, the bus always comes down the hill

"It just needed to be explained to him," I heard my husband saying to a friend as I walked into the room.

From that one line of conversation, I knew immediately which of his bus tales Dwayne was recounting. The familiar story was one of my favorite entries in his unwritten Memoire of a Bus Driver. In this scenario, Dwayne was the relief driver and his friend Harold was actually behind the wheel of the 1943 coach that we affectionately called Herbie the Bus. If Herbie had been a cat, he would have been on his ninth life by the time he made his final appearance in San Francisco in 1970 carrying a youth choir and all their luggage, guitars and sound equipment.



BONNIE WHEAT

Without hesitation, Herbie hummed up and down the hills of San Francisco until the driver of a car stopped in front of him on a long hill. Unable to get his front wheels on level ground before his sudden halt, Herbie hung tenaciously to the sloped payment beneath his tires, but his antiquated air-brake system was insufficient for the task of starting and stopping on a steep hill.

An experienced driver, Harold sent a teenager from the bus to tell the driver of a Datsun pickup that had stopped right behind Herbie that the old bus' brakes were losing air, and he needed to roll down the hill.

He suggested that the pickup go on around the bus before he started the descent.

Angered by the suggestion, the driver of the little pickup sent a message back that he wasn't going anywhere, and Harold had better get the bus out of his way.

Understanding the situation better than the stubborn driver stuck behind him, Harold patiently relayed another message. "Tell him this bus weighs 37,000 pounds, and when the brakes run out of air, it's coming down the hill. He can do whatever he wants to do."

No more words were exchanged, but the indignant driver apparently changed his mind about waiting for the bus to get out of his way. Jerking his vehicle into gear, he flashed around the bus with tires squealing and disappeared.

Sometimes we all need to have things explained in a way that we can understand. In the book of Romans, the apostle Paul made a rather direct statement about the consequences of sin: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23 KJV).

The choice is ours. We can face the wages of sin, or we can accept the free gift that God offers through His Son.

The consequences do not change. When the brakes fail, the bus always comes down the hill.

Chosen to lay foundations

Children are on my mind as I write this column this week. Our church has been invaded by the little people and I don't mean dwarves.

Our church has tried a new variation of Vacation Bible School — would you believe a 10 hour — day long marathon?

Yep, that's right, from 7:30 in the morning until 5:30 at night. Our older teachers, who in the past could do a three or four hour VBS in their sleep and standing on their heads, now at times have that shell shocked look of combat veterans.



DR. MATT PRICE

My teenagers, who came out to help this week are now getting a better appreciation for what I do. It will be interesting to see just how fast they get quiet when I ask them in the coming weeks now that they have experienced what it is like to be totally ignored.

I have also been working at a fever pace to get the final details for junior high camp completed. It's interesting for me because the last camp I went to for more than a weekend also began on July 5 and it was in Texas. Of course I don't expect church camp to be like basic training.

Back in 1981 I spent my 17th birthday at a church camp. I was asked to be a camp counselor for a group of fifth and sixth grade inner city boys. I figured it would be a good experience on my ministry resume. After all, how hard could it be?

That week was the longest week of my life. It was after that week that I just knew that I was

called to preach to adults — kids were just too hard.

Indeed, when I went into full time ministry I began as a bi-vocational pastor in a small church. I put on my resume that I was comfortable ministering to all adult age groups. I was open to anything but children's and youth ministry.

How the Lord has a great sense of humor.

I got my first taste of youth ministry as an adult a few years back in Nebraska. The church I was pastoring had an AWANA program, which I happily participated in for the first years as the commander who did opening ceremonies and then just kind of floated around looking "pastorally."

At the beginning of the second year things changed. The person who did the activities around the AWANA circle — which is really a square — moved away and warm bodies were in short supply. Needless to say I took over and to my surprise had the time of my life.

Sure it was frustrating at times but for the most part I had as much fun as the kids.

I brought back out one of my favorite games, "The Prince of Paris," from that time the other night in the youth group and we played for a half hour straight. Every kid participated and if you know anything about junior high girls that's saying something. As they say in the gossip, society pages, "a good time was had by all."

I am hoping that my upcoming trip to camp will be the same way. It's time to erase that bad memory that kept me away from youth ministry for so long.

I know now that I was not ready then, as a young man for

the task that I do now. Some people say you have to be young in order to keep up with teenagers. Not so — in order to "keep up" with the young people of today one must first "show up" and then hang around.

I know my career path makes no sense to a lot of people. Conventional wisdom says that I should be the senior pastor of bigger and bigger churches, not "stepping down" to youth ministry.

At least in my case conventional wisdom is wrong. In many churches we have lost the late baby boomer and early Generation Xers to busyness and an indifference to the things of God. Many claim that while they love Jesus, they hate the church because they see no place for themselves in it.

Yet it is interesting that while they see no personal value for themselves, they go out of their way to send their children. Maybe they look at it like free babysitting and daycare so that they can be freed up to pursue their own agenda.

That's cool with me — but know this. I'm going to give your teenager Jesus and hopefully turn them into radical followers of Him. Are we going to have fun? Yep. But my goal is also to lay such a foundation and develop such a love for Jesus and the Word of God that they will never be too busy to worship Him together.

The alternative is a church filled with the elderly, slowly shrinking in number as they die off.

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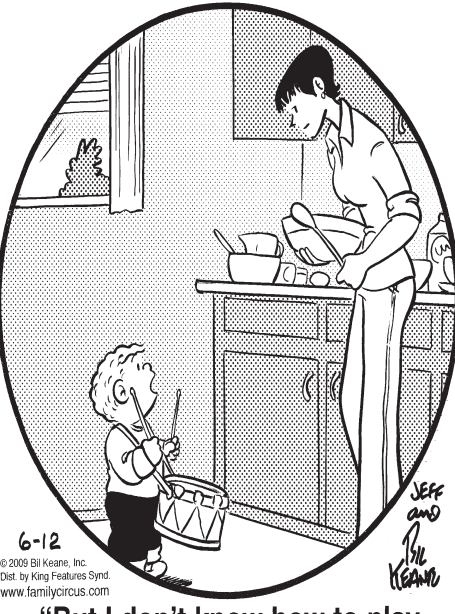
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"I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BLAME THIS ON THE DOG?" "UH, LOOKS MORE LIKE THE CAT'S WORK TO ME."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

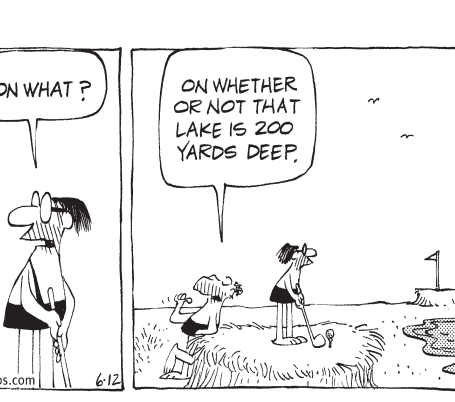


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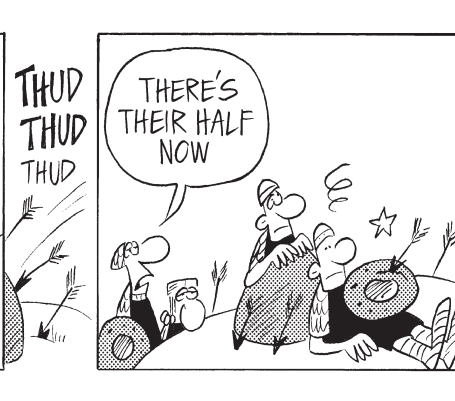
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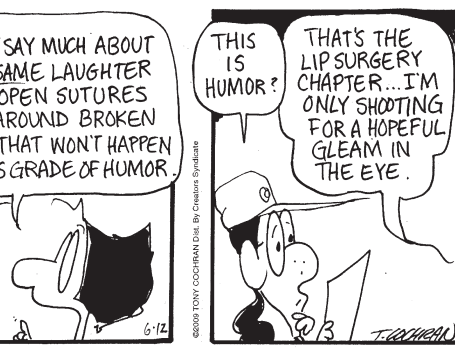
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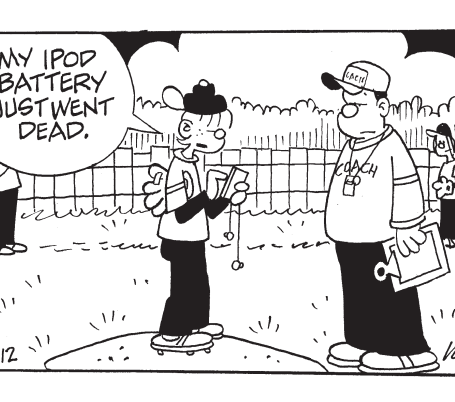
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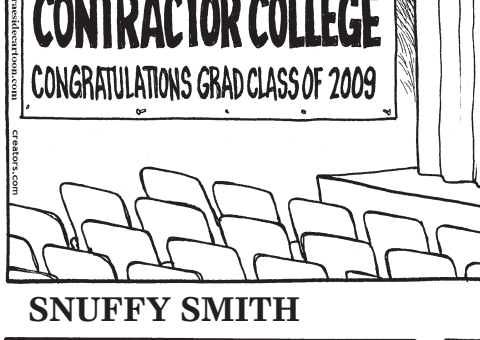
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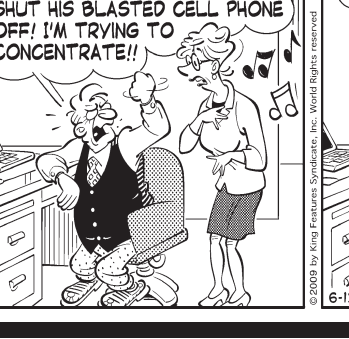
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2009. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was fatally shot in front of his home in Jackson, Miss. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

On this date:

In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1909, New York's Queensboro Bridge was formally dedicated, more than two months after it had opened to the public.

In 1929, Holocaust diarist

Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt.

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1967, the Supreme Court, in Loving v. Virginia, struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1979, 26-year-old cyclist Bryan Allen flew the manpowered Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to a divided Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

In 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slashed to death outside her Los Angeles home. (O.J. Simpson was later acquitted of the killings in a criminal trial, but was eventually held liable in a civil action.)

Today's Birthdays: Banker/philanthropist David Rockefeller is 94. Former President George H.W. Bush is 85. Singer Vic Damone is 81. Songwriter Richard Sherman is 81. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 79. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 68. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 68. Singer Roy Harper

is 68. Rock singer Reg Presley (The Troggs) is 68. Pop singer Len Barry is 67. Rock singer-musician John Wetton (Asia, King Crimson) is 60. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 58. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 57. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 56. Actor Timothy Busfield is 52. Singer Meredith Brooks is 51. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 51. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 50. Rapper Grandmaster Dee (Whodini) is 47. Actress Paula Marshall is 45. Actress Frances O'Connor is 42. Blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is 32. Actor Wil Horneff is 30. Singer Robyn is 30.

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Newsday Crossword

MAE DAY by Bruce Venzke  
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| 10 Throw for a loop            | 3 Bouquet               |                          | 25 Business note                   |
| 14 Hyacinth's cousin           | 4 Court activities      |                          | 26 Intrigue, so to speak           |
| 15 Part of RFD                 | 5 Three, in Capri       |                          | 27 Way off                         |
| 16 What kinds of diamonds hold | 6 Diving bird           |                          | 28 Type of tomato                  |
| 17 Start of a Mae West quote   | 7 All My Children role  |                          | 29 Calc cousin                     |
| 19 Teases                      | 8 Potassium-rich food   |                          | 30 Chat filler                     |
| 20 What the boss has           | 9 Buddy for ages        |                          | 33 Common Mkt. home                |
| 21 Limit                       | 10 McDormand Oscar film |                          | 35 SOS responder                   |
| 22 2007 Nobel laureate         | 11 Self-evident truth   |                          | 36 Jasmine-rice cuisine            |
| 23 Part 2 of quote             | 12 Zoo beast            |                          | 37 Center                          |
| 27 Constitution component      | 13 Düsseldorf neighbor  |                          | 38 Buckaroo's bronc                |
| 31 Potent potable              |                         |                          | 41 Notes on a Cowardly Lion author |
| 32 "Tsk, tsk!"                 |                         |                          | 42 New Look designer               |
| 34 Little Rascals bully        |                         |                          | 45 ACT alternative                 |
| 39 Quebec girlfriend           |                         |                          |                                    |
| 40 Part 3 of quote             |                         |                          |                                    |
| 43 Chase away                  |                         |                          |                                    |
| 44 Fads                        |                         |                          |                                    |
| 46 Caboose and sleeper         |                         |                          |                                    |
| 48 Get on                      |                         |                          |                                    |
| 51 Philly-area heroes          |                         |                          |                                    |
| 52 Part 4 of quote             |                         |                          |                                    |
| 57 Otello piece                |                         |                          |                                    |
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| 65 End of quote                |                         |                          |                                    |
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# False Christ

In Mark 13, Jesus warns us of false Christ as He does in many other scriptures. "There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." [Gal.1:9] Paul had given them the message of the true gospel. It's like He said, "Now you have heard the truth, do not believe a different message even if it seems to come in a wonderful way."

Everything you hear, receive or even dream must line up with this Word of God. Experiences that do not line up with the word of God simply must not guide our lives. The Word of God is for every age, every tribe, every nation for all time. It has never had to be updated to include a race of people in its agenda. Every race is already included in God's Grace. There has never been an inferior race in God's creation.

Also, prophecies should never have to be changed because they failed to occur in some false doctrine. God prophecies the truth to start with. There has never been a need for an added book to the 66 approved books of



JANNIE LINNEY

## NUGGETS

the original text. Jesus said "I am the Lord, I change not." [Malachi 3:6]

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed [2 John 1:10]. "If any anyone says to you, 'Look here is the Christ! Or There!' do not believe it. For false christ and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See I have told you beforehand." [Matt.24:23-25]

In these last days we cannot know a ministry by signs and wonders. We know a ministry by the Holy Spirit, by the ministry's fruit, where it leads you and who gets the credit for the signs. That is why it is so important for us to know the Word of God and have a very close relationship with the Holy Spirit.

More than ministries and recognizing the false christ, the most important thing is, do we know the real Christ? We can, by asking for forgiveness for our sins and inviting Him into our hearts. Receiving what Jesus did for us. We don't have to get good to accept Him. We accept Him, then He helps us get good. He is that kind of God.

He is the real Christ!

## Club News

### TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) TX No. 21 met Monday in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. There were six TOPS and 1 KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) members present.

Co-leader Linda Stapel called for the TOPS cheer and Olnee Menges led the TOPS pledge. The welcome song was led by Frank Sickles.

The business of the evening began with March Churchwell reading the minutes. A roll call showed a club-wide loss of 8.75 pounds, with Raymond Churchwell being the best individual loser with 2.75 pounds. He was awarded a certificate and \$1.

The next item of business was a report on two contests — six members are still participating in the flower contest and the TOPS Texas Sluggers are ahead of the TOPS Texas Rangers, 6-3.

Menges presented the program, titled "Magnificent Magnesium." Members learned that magnesium is a vital nutrient that supports 300 reactions in the human body and helps in prevention of strokes and heart attacks. Women need 310 milligrams per day, while men need at least 400 milligrams per day.

There will be no TOPS meeting June 22.

TOPS is a fun and helpful to those who have a weight management problem. All visitors are welcome.

For more information about TOPS, call Frank Sickles at 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819.

E-mail your Church News and Club News to [newsdesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:newsdesk@bigspringherald.com) or [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)

## CHURCH

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### Birdwell Lane Baptist

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., followed by worship service at 11 a.m.

Children 8-12 will leave Sunday at 3 p.m. to attend Fort Davis Camp.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Pastor is Steven King.

### First Church of the Nazarene

New and exciting things are happening at First Church of the Naza-

rene. We invite you to come and hear anointed, vision-oriented messages each Sunday morning.

As always if you have any questions, call at 267-7015 or e-mail us at [church@nazfamily.org](mailto:church@nazfamily.org).

Summer is right around the corner and FCN is busy planning summer opportunities for all ages. Don't miss out on our exciting, one-day VBS, Water Works! Park, June 20. This is also our Discipleship Junction summer theme; you can catch the wave of excitement each Sunday.

Classes and activities for all ages keep Wednesdays and Sundays fun and uplifting. There is a place for everyone, from newborn to mature adult, to experience God's love, so come check us out.

Adult Opportunities include Sunday morning fellowship time with coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesday evening classes begin at 6:30 p.m. with your choice of studies including "Highway to Holiness" study or a look through the book of John.

Opportunities for children include Sunday morning activities for age 4 through the 6th grade in Discipleship Junction at 10 a.m.

Wednesday evening is Caravan, a midweek scouting ministry for children Pre-K through 4th grade and Busy Bees News Gang for 5th and 6th grade which includes producing a monthly church newsletter. Infants through 3 years old are lovingly cared for in our nursery/toddler classroom Sundays and Wednesdays.

Youth seventh through 12th grade enjoy Bible study, fun and fellowship in Youth Explosion Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Cal.

Hispanic services are Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m; Casa de Restrauracion is led by Pastor Felix Torres.

### St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school is over for the summer and will resume in September.

The Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist services is every Wednesday in the chapel. There will be a women's lunch and prayer group meeting after the noon service in the library. Bring your lunch and join us.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org).

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# Leaf to surrender in drug, burglary case

CANYON (AP) — Ryan Leaf's lawyer says the indicted former NFL quarterback will surrender on drug and burglary charges in Texas.

Bill Kelly told The Associated Press late Thursday that Leaf is "not a fugitive from justice" and will return next week.

Prosecutor Lacy Miller says a war-

rant was issued May 20 when Leaf was indicted. Miller says Leaf has been working in British Columbia.

The ex-Washington State University and San Diego Chargers quarterback is charged with burglary to a habitation.

Leaf also was indicted on seven counts of obtaining a controlled sub-

stance by fraud and one count of delivery of a simulated controlled substance.

Leaf coached quarterbacks at West Texas A&M in Canyon, where the indictment was returned.

Leaf, a Great Falls, Mont., native, led Washington State to the Pac 10 Conference championship and Rose

Bowl appearance. The Chargers made him the second pick of the 1998 NFL draft.

He played for the Chargers from 1998-2000 and also played for the Dallas Cowboys in 2001. He threw for 3,666 yards and 14 touchdowns in his career.

## Texans attempt to get DE Williams some help

HOUSTON (AP) — Defensive end Mario Williams has steadily improved during his three seasons in the NFL, yet the Houston defense has remained one of the league's worst. The Texans are hoping they've found a solution.

Antonio Smith, the Arizona Cardinals defensive end who cashed in on a trip to the Super Bowl by landing a new deal in Houston, is expected to give the Texans another weapon to pressure the quarterback — a weapon other than Williams.

"The biggest thing we have to do is get to the quarterback," said Williams, who had 12 sacks last season — 10 more than the rest of the starting linemen combined. "A lot of the teams we play have very good quarterbacks, so we really need to get to the quarterback."

Houston's offense finished last season ranked third, but the defense was 22nd, allowing more than 336 yards per game and only five teams allowed more points per game than the Texans' 24.6.

Williams made his first Pro Bowl last season, but there was a lack of production around him.

Smith should help. He had two sacks in the playoffs alone and had 5 1/2 for the season. He also forced a fumble and had a safety in the postseason.

His presence should free up Williams for the first time. The 2006 top overall pick has fought through near-constant double teams with no legitimate rushing threat on the other side since his arrival. Anthony Weaver, who was released this offseason, managed only one sack in three seasons playing opposite Williams.

"We definitely should be able to get more single blocks, more one on one, so it will help everybody out," Williams said. "It's just all about getting that timing down and getting it, going after it."

The Texans have also tweaked their defense in the first year under coordinator Frank Bush, who was promoted from senior defensive

assistant after the team dumped Richard Smith following its second 8-8 season.

"The mentality's different as far as our schemes, and we're just trying to go forward and not wait and sit back," Williams said Thursday. "We're trying to go get it and attack. Just be way more aggressive."

Williams also believes Smith's postseason experience will be invaluable to a team still looking for its first playoff berth.

"Having somebody over there that's a playmaker, a proven playmaker, who has been through the playoffs and been in the big games, obviously brings a different mentality to the team," Williams said. "Having him over there with his experience and how far he's been and what he's been through to get to where he's at now, definitely helps out."

Smith breaks into a huge smile when asked about playing opposite Williams.

"Can't wait," he said.

Still, he knows the entire line will have to work togeth-

er to improve, including a pair of first-rounders, Amobi Okoye and Travis Johnson, at the tackle positions.

"I think it's everybody in the trenches," Smith said. "I think what they did is they went into the office and saw my best attributes and saw his and put us in the right positions."

Coach Gary Kubiak raves when asked about Smith and what he brings to the team.

"I love his personality," Kubiak said. "He brings a lot of personality to our group ... has a lot of fun playing the game. He's a physical player and one of the things we've got to do is continue to get more physical as a football team."

Though the Texans have high expectations for Smith, Kubiak knows the development of Williams and middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans will continue to be most important to the defense.

"This defense will go the way he plays, the way DeMeco (Ryans) plays," Kubiak said. "The sky's the limit for him."

## Blum's homer lifts Astros for 2nd straight time

HOUSTON (AP) — Geoff Blum beat the Houston Astros with a home run in the 2005 World Series when he played for the Chicago White Sox.

Now, he's delivered game-winning hits for the Astros on consecutive days.

Blum singled to down the right-field line off Jose Ascanio in the 13th inning on Thursday to score Hunter Pence and lift the Astros to a 2-1 win over the Chicago Cubs.

On Wednesday, Blum singled with the bases loaded in the ninth to lift Houston to another 2-1 victory over the Cubs.

The third baseman is the first Houston player with winning hits in back-to-back games since Derek Bell did it on July 20-21, 1996, against Atlanta.

Derrek Lee homered for the Cubs with one out in the ninth, but the Cubs mustered only six hits and stranded eight runners.

Chicago scored three runs or fewer for the eighth time in 12 games.

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unmanned center field for Howard two years in 2007 and 2008. Monger con-

tinued his career at the University of New Mexico.

He was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 27th round with the 804th overall pick.

Many believed the Hawks were going to have more than four players

selected in the draft. As many as 12 players were believed to be able to garner enough interest from MLB clubs to be taken.

However, Britt Smith wasn't surprised at the sparse numbers.

"I really wasn't shocked. We have

some guys who were drawing interest from teams, but our players have really good college programs in their back pocket. That means they're not going to sign for cheap," explained Smith. "That's really what a lot of it is about."

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