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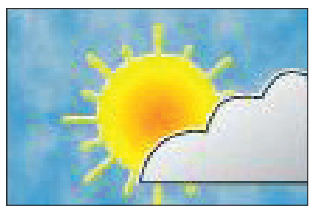
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CISD may raise taxes

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — A combination of lower property valuations and increased bond payments will force school trustees here to consider increasing the tax rate for the coming budget year.
 Randy Brown, superintendent of Coahoma Independent School District, said those two factors are forcing district trustees to consider a tax hike rate of 12 cents per \$100 valuation for the new budget year, which starts in September.

"This will certainly be difficult for agriculture producers, but short of a new tax system, there's not a lot we can do."



Randy Brown, superintendent

Mineral values within the district, which have been on the rise the past few years, will decrease for the new fis-

cal year, Brown said. That, combined with a \$266,000 increase in bond payments, will likely force trustees to vote for the tax rate increase.
 Brown said administrators will propose a tax rate of \$1.33 per \$100 valuation — up from the current rate of \$1.21 — to trustees later this summer.
 The increase will solely be in the debt service portion of the tax rate, he said.
 "There's a couple of factors causing this," Brown said. "Our mineral values

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AP photo

Millions around the world mourn the star's death.

King of Pop dead at 50

GREGORY KATZ
 Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Michael Jackson was due to make his triumphant return to the stage in London next month — but instead his sudden death has left millions of fans feeling they've lost a lifelong friend.
 The dramatic death of the brilliant singer seemed to obscure his recent controversies and kindle warmer memories of Jackson the child star and Jackson the show-stopping, moonwalking headliner.
 The worldwide chorus of grief united the famous — statesmen and superstars alike — and the legions of ordinary people who grew up with "Thriller" and "Beat It."
 Word of Jackson's death jolted nearly everyone, from a young man in Colombia who was named after the King of Pop, to Malaysians who named a soy drink for him, to a generation of people around the world who have tried, in vain, to moonwalk.
 "It's horrible news, so unexpected," the Italian actress Sophia Loren told The Associ-

"His music will be remembered forever and my memories of our time together will be happy ones."

—Paul McCartney



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Brandon Cates adjusts some of the merchandise at the TNT Fireworks stand on N. Highway 87. Cates said sales at the stand, which will be open daily through July 4, have been slow but are expected to pick up around the first of the month.

Recent rains give firefighters a break

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said recent rains have reduced wildfire dangers to a four-year low, but warns re-

lief could be temporary.

Sullivan said he and his firefighters have enjoyed something of a lull in the number of wildfires they've had to fight compared to the same time last year, thanks to recent showers.

"We really haven't been getting any drenching rains, but what we have been getting is



Sullivan

enough to help lower the risk quite a bit," said Sullivan. "This time last year we were really running around trying to keep things under control, so we're extremely thankful for the help from Mother Nature."

While the rains have helped give Sullivan and county firefighters at least a small rest — something he said was most welcome after the rash of wildfires experienced earlier in the year — the fire

chief warned area residents of becoming careless.

"The stuff out there will still burn, make no mistake about that," said Sullivan. "It's just not as bad as it's been in the past. With the July 4 holiday coming up, we're still very concerned about the fireworks and what kind of damage they could do. Right now we're sitting at a moderate to high risk factor, so it could

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Casspi first Israeli taken in first round of NBA draft

ARON HELLER
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — The news of Israeli basketball player Omri Casspi's selection in the NBA draft set off a major celebration in his home country.

Casspi, a 2.06-meter (6-foot-9), 20-year-old forward with Maccabi Tel Aviv, was taken by the Sacramento Kings with the 23rd pick in the draft on Thursday night.

It's the first time an Israeli has been selected in the first round of the draft and guarantees Casspi a two-year contract that will likely pave the way for him to also become the first Israeli to ever play in the NBA.

Three Israelis have been selected before in the second round, but none have made the cut.

The Sport 5 television channel broadcast the draft live from 2:30 a.m. Friday local time — posting a camera

in the living room of Casspi's parents in the city of Yavne and capturing his emotional reaction to the pick.

"I can't speak," Casspi said, tears pouring down his face. "I've been waiting for this moment all my life ... I'm as happy as can be. We made history. I feel like I am in a dream."

Casspi led Maccabi Tel Aviv to a league championship this past year, averaging 12.6 points per game, and was named to the all-league team. He also starts for the Israel national basketball team.

The idea of getting a homebred player in the NBA has become something of a national obsession in Israel.

University of Connecticut standout Doron Sheffer was chosen in the second round of the 1996 draft by the Los Angeles Clippers, but opted to return

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AP file photo/Ariel Schalit

Maccabi Tel Aviv's Omri Casspi, center, is seen during a Euroleague group B basketball match against AJ Milano, in Tel Aviv, Israel. Casspi is a top prospect in the NBA Draft.

A-Rod homers, Rivera saves Yankees



AP photo/Ross D. Franklin

Texas Rangers' David Murphy, left, gets high-fives from Chris Davis, bottom left, Jarrod Saltalamacchia, middle, and manager Ron Washington after his home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 12th inning Thursday.

Davis leads Rangers to 9-8 win over Diamondbacks in 12 innings

ANDREW BAGNATO
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Chris Davis started the Texas Rangers' Western road swing in a 1-for-11 slump.

He ended the trip — and his skid — with a flourish.

Davis matched a career high with two hits, including the winning two-run homer in the 12th, and David Murphy and Andrew Jones also homered as the Rangers defeated the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-8 on Thursday night.

"It definitely felt good to swing the bat well, and to do it throughout the game," said Davis, who entered hitting .196.

After being swept at San Francisco and dropping the opener here, the Rangers bounced back to take the final two games against the Diamondbacks to move a half-game ahead of the idle Los Angeles Angels in the

AL West.

"It's a good feeling," said Texas manager Ron Washington, whose team opens a nine-game home-stand Friday night. "It was the last team standing and we were it."

With one out in the 12th, Nelson Cruz doubled to the right-field gap off Esmerling Vasquez (1-2), snapping an 0-for-18 slump. One out later, Davis nicked a 2-2 delivery, but catcher Miguel Montero dropped the foul tip.

"When I saw Montero drop it, I heard his frustration, so I kind of stepped out and took a deep breath and collected my thoughts and just got back in there," said Davis, who leads the majors with 103 strikeouts.

Given a reprieve, Davis drove a 2-2 pitch into the right-field seats for his 14th homer.

Two pitches later, Murphy followed with a shot to the same

vicinity for his fourth homer.

"I think in that last inning before the game was over, I thought we swung the bats like the Texas Rangers," Washington said.

Eddie Guardado (1-1) pitched a scoreless 11th and Jason Jennings earned his first save in two chances despite yielding two runs in the 12th. Jennings gave up a two-out, two-run single to Miguel Montero before retiring Ryan Roberts to end the game.

Mark Reynolds hit a pair of two-run homers for the Diamondbacks, who dropped to 2-10-1 in home series this season. They haven't won a series at Chase Field since taking two of three from the Chicago Cubs April 27-29.

"I can't put my finger on why we're not winning more games,"

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GEORGE HENRY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter and Johnny Damon could do no wrong.

On the eve of the second round of their annual Subway Series with the Mets, the Yankees pounded out 16 hits in an 11-7 win over the Atlanta Braves on Thursday night.

Winning their second straight and third in the last four, the Yankees believe they're ready for their first game at the Mets' new Citi Field. The Yankees took two of three from their cross-town rivals earlier this month.

"Hopefully this means the offense is back," Damon said. "I definitely like it a lot better when we're scoring runs and winning."

Rodriguez tied Reggie Jackson for 11th place on the career list with his 563rd homer and 10th this season. He and Damon both had four RBIs.

"I felt some good signs," Rodriguez said. "It's been a while, but I'm really driving the ball in batting practice. Being able to do that in the game tonight was a good sign."

Jeter was on base six times, going 4 for 5, scoring four runs and reaching on a walk and an error by Braves shortstop Yunel Escobar.

A-Rod, the three-time AL MVP and \$275 million third baseman, missed two starts at Florida last week for what Girardi described as fatigue. Until last Friday, Rodriguez had started every game since May 8, his first game back following hip surgery that sidelined him over four weeks to start the season.

It was Rodriguez's first road homer since connecting on the first swing of his season at Baltimore on May 8 and his first multihit game since going 5 for 5 at Texas on May 25. He seems to have recovered quickly after his average sunk to .204 after his first two at-bats Wednesday.

The offense overshadowed Mariano Rivera's 499th career save. New York's closer retired the only batter he faced, pinch-hitter Diory Hernandez and moved one save from joining Trevor Hoffman as the only pitchers with 500 career saves.

Rivera has converted 17 of 18 chances this season.

Yankees left-hander Andy Pettitte gave up seven hits, six runs — three earned — and three walks with four strikeouts. Reliever Alfredo Aceves (5-1) got the win in relief.

Derek Lowe (7-6) lost his third straight start, allowing seven hits, six runs — four earned — and walking three with four strikeouts in three innings.

**Interleague
Tigers 6,
Cubs 5**

At Detroit, Magglio Ordonez ended a career-worst, 40-game home-run drought by connecting for a go-ahead, two-run homer in the fourth to lead the Tigers to their seventh straight victory.

The AL Central leaders completed a three-game sweep and matched their longest winning streak of the season.

Armando Galarraga (4-7) gave up four runs over six innings and won for the first time since

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Sports in brief

Ragball tournament to benefit sandlot team

There will be a benefit rag ball tournament benefitting the Boys 16-Under Sandlot Team set for July 3-5 at the Roy Anderson Complex and Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fees are \$10 per person, and registration is set for Friday, July 3, at the Roy Anderson Complex. Friday night's games will be played at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Trophies will be awarded to the first- through third-place teams and T-shirts will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to send the team to the New Mexico State Tournament in

Clovis, N.M., and to the USSSA Youth Slow Pitch World Tournament set for July 30-Aug. 2 in Lubbock.

For more information, call Ben Flores at 432-816-1262 or Manuel Sosa at 432-213-5511.

BSLL names 13-14 All Stars

There will be one final Big Spring Little League baseball team competing for a district title in the Permian Basin next week.

The 13-14-year-old All Stars are the fourth team formed to represent the BSLL.

Players forming the team are: Austin Mize, Brandon Larson, Drake Worthan,

Brett Brorman, Hagen Rodriguez, Anthony Slate, Brandon Gonzales, Clayton Galloway, Matthew Mims, Marcus Cervantes, Brendan Roman.

Alternates: Polo Morin, Charles Green, Alfred Garcia.

12 and Under softball all-stars raising money at Pizza Inn

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association 12U All-Stars team is raising money to attend its all-star tournament.

One of its fund raisers will be waiting tables at Pizza Inn from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 9.

A portion of the profits will benefit the team. Donations will also be accepted.

Obituaries

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William K. 'Bill' Slagle

Our precious friend, William K. "Bill" Slagle, 91, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at the Martin County Hospital. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



He was born Sept. 5, 1917, in Murphysboro, Ill., to Eula and Charles Slagle. He lived in East St. Louis, Ill., and graduated from Washington University with a degree in electrical engineering. Mr. Slagle had a great love and gift for teaching young minds, so upon moving to Albuquerque in 1959 he began a career in education and taught school there until

1971, when he moved to Big Spring. He continued to work in Big Spring schools as a substitute teacher until 1986. He was a Methodist.

Those left to cherish his memory are his niece, Sandra Youngman, and nephew, Jeffery Youngman, of Colorado; nephews, Kurt and wife Lynn Youngman, and Brian and wife Jenny Youngman of New York; beloved friend, caregiver and "adopted" daughter Sandra Smith of Big Spring; and a host of treasured friends and caregivers who comforted him over the years who will also treasure his memory.

Because of his love for education, Mr. Slagle will continue to teach his final classes at Texas Tech Health and Sciences Center.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister and brother-in-law, Martha and George Youngman.

The family suggests memorials to the Martha J. Slagle Youngman Nursing Scholarship Fund at Howard College, c/o Jan Forsythe, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Mercede Yanez

Mercede Yanez, 84, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 25, 2009, at her residence. A vigil service will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father Ariel Langunilla officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Mercede was born Sept. 8, 1924, in Shafter and married Ynez Yanez Jr. Sept. 17, 1945, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death July 20, 1990.

She came to Big Spring from Shafter as a teenager with her family. She was a homemaker and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include three sons, Sonny Yanez and wife Vicki of Irving, Arthur Yanez and wife Iris Ann and Roland Yanez, all of Big Spring; three daughters, Sulema Murray and husband Randy of Palestine, Viola Barraza and husband Gilbert of Big Spring, Adelinda Ille and husband Russell of Lubbock; four grandsons, Richard Catlin of Lubbock, Aven Michael Yanez and Arthur Paul Yanez, both of San Antonio, and Blake Adams of Dallas; five granddaughters, Laura Collins and husband Larry of Carrollton, Pam Martinez and husband Tracy of Lubbock, Ashley Crossman of Plano, Heather Murray of Palestine and Chezlea Yanez of Crosby, Miss.; four great grandchildren, Macy Lopez, Ethan Martinez, Jarrett Barraza and Lindsey Barraza; one great great grandchild, Jaylin Tyler Barraza of Big Spring; three sisters, Chila Vasquez of Oceanside, Calif., Lucy Garcia of Oxnard, Calif., and Eva Mourea of Santa Paula, California.

Mercede was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Pallbearers will be Russell Ille, Jeff Taylor, Ben Montanez, Charlie Montanez, Jarrett Barraza and Richy Yanez. Honorary pallbearers will be Jonny Yanez and Martin Vasquez.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

• 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.

• We are currently seeking Class of 1999 classmates from Big Spring High School. Our 10-year reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Please send your mailing information to bshs1999@gmail.com to receive information on the reunion or contact Jennifer Davidson at (432) 213-0257.

• 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.

Olin 'Olie' Light Bearden

Olin "Olie" Light Bearden, 81, of Coahoma went to be with his Heavenly Father Tuesday, June 23, 2009. He is now with his loving wife Jeannine.



Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Donita Lea, Olin's very dear and loved friend and pastor, officiating. Olin's family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Glenn Mitchel, Joe Hernandez, Noel Hull, David Pool, Gene Aiello, and Tim Cain. Honorary pallbearers will be the Cossacks Motorcycle Club.

Olin was born June 9, 1928, in Snyder, where he lived and married Jeannine Popejoy April 30, 1951. They were married for 53 years when Jeannine went to be with her Lord in 2004. Olin and Jeannine moved to Coahoma in 1962, where they lived until their deaths. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and had worked for Cosden starting in 1962. He retired from Fina in 1986.

His days were always filled with the love of his wife and two boys, crossword puzzles, reading and friends. Olin moved to the Marcy House in January 2009, where he spent his final days with his new friends, his new family members, the staff and nurses at the Marcy House. Family and friends were very important to Olin, but his love for the Lord was even stronger. He was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church in Coahoma.

He is survived by two sons, Rick Bearden of Woodstock, Md., and Kenny Bearden and wife Karen of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Michael Bearden of San Antonio, Rachel Bearden of Dallas, Krysha Bearden, Kendra Davila and husband Benjie, all of Big Spring; three great grandchildren, Kate Bearden of Dallas and Karlee and Kelbee Wells of Big Spring; one brother, Clyde Bearden and wife Wanda of Lubbock; four sisters-in-law, Linda Crownover of Lubbock, Freddie Sue and JD Myrick of Hart, Connie and Billy Joe Farris of Hart, and Kaynell Bradley of Plainview; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and a whole lot of friends.

In addition to his parents (Ruby and Leonard Bearden), Olin was preceded in death by his wife, Jeannine, Dec. 3, 2004; and four brothers, Robert, Frank, Ronald and Lowell Bearden.

We would especially like to thank the staff at Myers & Smith Funeral Home, our loving new family at the Marcy House, and Crossroads Hospice for their constant love to Olin and his family. You all touched his life in a way you will never know, and we thank you for that.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Lila Chavez Rodriguez

Lila Chavez Rodriguez, 86, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 25, 2009, in a local hospital. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



She was born Dec. 10, 1922, in Toyah and married Gus Rodriguez in September 1949 in Stanton. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1990.

She came to Big Spring as a young girl with her family and lived here most of her life. During World War II, she and her sister, Pola Gomez, worked for the Texas and Pacific Railroad. They were two of a number of hispanic women who filled in for the men that were in the military service. Lila had worked at Hall-Bennett Hospital in housekeeping for 22 years before retiring. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include three sons, Bob Montanez and wife Anita D. of Odessa, and Gilbert Rodriguez and Manuel Rodriguez, both of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Julio Montanez of Ft. Worth, Gilberto Rodriguez Jr., Ana Maria Rodriguez and Marisela Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, Savas and Chita Chavez of Holland, Mich.; a niece, Sulema Roman; and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; four sisters; a daughter, Ana Maria Rodriguez; and two nieces, Sarah Roman and Fita Rubio.

Pallbearers will be Julio Montanez, Gilberto Rodriguez Jr., Andy Gamboa, Benito Rubio, Jody Rodriguez and Jeremy Johnson. Honorary pallbearers will be Margie Johnson, Nikki Johnson, Chayo Olguin and George Roman.

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

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Charles R. 'Pappy' Chatwell

Charles R. "Pappy" Chatwell, 82, of Midland died Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at his home.

Pappy was born April 15, 1927, in Tuscola to the late William Chatwell and Willie Wolfenburger Chatwell. He was an Army veteran and was stationed in Germany. He enjoyed gardening, yard work, fishing, laughing and making knives. Pappy was a loving father and grandfather and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bill Chatwell.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joyce Chatwell of the home; one son, Robert Allan Chatwell of Midland; two daughters, Charlene Parkhill and husband Jimmy of Big Spring, Deborah Lynn Choat and husband Jimmy of San Angelo; three brothers, Don Chatwell of Oklahoma, Jim Chatwell of Rockport and Jack Chatwell of Thermopolis, Wyo.; two sisters, Margaret Skinner of Payson, Ariz., and Roma Thompson of Big Spring. He is also survived by five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home Friday, June 26, 2009, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Graveside services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland 79701, (432) 683-5555. To place online condolences please visit www.mem.com.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- MARK STANLEY, 47, of 1800 Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 45, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GABRIEL HERNANDEZ, 22, of 1102 Lloyd, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- DAVID YBARRA, 22, of 103 N. Main, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 400 block of Young.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.
 - in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1000 block of Third Street.

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Serena Williams advances to 4th at Wimbledon

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Serena Williams walked onto Court 2 for her match Friday six minutes late. Otherwise she remained right on schedule at Wimbledon.

The two-time champion became the first player to earn a spot in the second week of the tournament when she beat Roberta Vinci in the third round, 6-3, 6-4.

As Vinci waited for her tardy opponent to arrive for their noon start, there was brief speculation Williams might be a no-show. Once that ended, so did the prospect of an upset.

With a mix of power and placement, Williams hit 10 aces and committed only 12 unforced errors to win for the 172nd time in 200 Grand Slam matches. The only other woman to play so many matches in major tournaments is her sister, five-time Wimbledon champion Venus Williams (219).

Over on Centre Court, the new retractable roof remained open for a fifth consecutive day, despite a cloudy sky and rain in the forecast.

The No. 2-seeded Williams used her penetrat-

ing strokes to push Vinci around the court. One time the Italian scrambled to retrieve a shot in the corner several steps beyond the lines, then stood helpless as Williams hit a winner into the other corner.

Only briefly did Williams waver, with a series of misplays midway through the second set. She squealed in anguish when a poor aim cost her a point at the net. She squealed again when she double-faulted on break point. When she pulled a backhand wide to lose another game, she stomped the grass and said, "Ai-yi-yi."

Serving at 4-3, she fell behind love-30, then hit three aces to hold. Two games later, one final ace gave her the match, and she screamed, "Yes!"

Williams' opponent in the round of 16 Monday will be Daniela Hantuchova, who beat Ai Sugiyama 6-4, 6-3. That ended Sugiyama's 17th Wimbledon.

Seventh-seeded Vera Zvonareva pulled out because of an ankle injury before her match against No. 26 Virginie Razzano.

Robin Soderling, this month's French Open



Serena Williams, right, of U.S. greets Roberta Vinci, left, of Italy by the net after their third round singles match at Wimbledon Friday.

AP photo/Sang Tan

runner-up to Roger Federer, reached the fourth round by beating Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (7), 6-4, 6-4. Soderling lost only three points on his first serve and never faced a break point.

When it comes to hopes for U.S. men at Grand Slam events, Andy Roddick is used to going solo. So he was glad to be joined in the third round by two alumni from his high school.

The biggest surprise was Jesse Levine, the lone remaining qualifier in the men's draw. He upset former No. 1 Marat Safin in the opening round, then beat lucky loser Pablo Cue-

vas 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3 Thursday. It's Levine's best showing in a Grand Slam tournament.

Another American, No. 28-seeded Mardy Fish, was to play No. 4 seed Novak Djokovic on Friday. Fish, Levine and Roddick all attended Boca Prep International School in Florida.

Three U.S. males in the round of 32 doesn't necessarily signal a bright future for American fortunes that have been in decline for years. At 27, Fish is a year older than Roddick, while Levine, 21, is ranked only 133rd.

"I'd love nothing more than for some young 17-, 18-year-old to pop

out and get in there in the top 15 or the top 10," Roddick said. "But, you know, you can't really deal in hypotheticals. ... We can't really make fantasy worlds up. You just kind of deal with it and move on."

Still, by recent standards it has been a decent week for U.S. tennis — and a very good one for Boca Prep.

"There's something special over there," Levine said.

It helps that the school is adjacent to the Evert Tennis Academy.

Levine attended as a freshman and sophomore. He played one year for the Florida Ga-

tors before turning pro in 2007. He arrived in London last week with an 0-2 record in 2009, and he's now into the third round at a major event for the first time.

The United States has a qualifier in the women's third round, too — 17-year-old Melanie Oudin of Marietta, Ga. She became the final player to reach the round of 32 when she beat Yaroslava Shvedova in the twilight Thursday, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Oudin is ranked 124th and playing Wimbledon for the first time.

"I'm still, like, trying to comprehend everything," she said.

B-BALL

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April 26. Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth to earn his 16th save in as many chances.

Ted Lilly (7-5) allowed six runs and 10 hits in six innings and lost for the first time in a month.

Astros 5, Royals 4

At Houston, Lance Berkman homered twice and drove in four runs to help the Astros overcome an error-filled day.

Berkman entered the game needing to drive in one run to become the third player in franchise history to reach 1,000 RBIs. He did it on his first at-bat, a two-run shot to far left field that gave Houston a 2-1 lead.

Closer Jose Valverde pitched a perfect ninth for his sixth save, a day after blowing the save in Houston's 11-inning loss. Wesley Wright (2-1) got four outs after starter Brian Moehler left after five innings.

Brian Bannister (5-5) allowed six hits and five runs in six innings for Kansas City.

Twins 6, Brewers 4

At Milwaukee, Denard Span tripled, walked three times and scored three

runs and Minnesota won its fifth in six games against the Brewers this season.

Joe Crede hit his 11th home run and Scott Baker (5-6) went six innings, holding the Brewers scoreless until Casey McGehee and Prince Fielder homered in the sixth.

Milwaukee's Mike Burns (0-1) made his first career start, giving up four runs and six hits over 5 2-3 innings.

White Sox 6, Dodgers 5

At Chicago, Scott Podsednik lined a two-out RBI single in front of diving center fielder Matt Kemp in the 13th inning to give the White Sox the win.

It was the second game-ending hit in two weeks for Podsednik, and it gave the White Sox consecutive home victories for the first time since May 22-23.

Podsednik's hit came against Jeff Weaver (4-2) with the bases loaded.

Aaron Poreda (1-0), a top White Sox prospect who was making his fourth appearance after being called up from Double-A Birmingham, worked a perfect 13th.

Mariners 9, Padres 3

At Seattle, Ichiro Suzuki lined the 29th leadoff homer of his career into the right-field seats and finished a triple short of the cycle, and the Mariners gave starter Jarrod Washburn

(4-6) his first win in more than two months.

Suzuki hit the third pitch from San Diego starter Wade LeBlanc (0-1) for his sixth homer of the season. He added a double in the second and single in the fourth, but grounded out and reached on an infield hit in his final two at-bats.

Pirates 3, Indians 2

At Pittsburgh, Andrew McCutchen hit a game-ending bloop single to score Jack Wilson and give the Pirates a come-from-behind victory.

McCutchen singled to left off Matt Herges (2-1) with runners on first and third and no outs in the ninth as the Pirates took two straight from the Indians after snapping a five-game losing streak. Matt Capps (1-3) earned the win by retiring the side in the top of the ninth.

Victor Martinez went 2 for 3 with a home run and scored twice for the Indians, who have lost eight of nine.

Reds 7, Blue Jays 5

At Toronto, Joey Votto hit a tie-breaking home run among his four hits and the Reds avoided a sweep.

Born in suburban Toronto, Votto came in 2 for 18 in five career games in his home city but turned that around by doubling home a run in the first, hitting an RBI single in the

second, reaching on a leadoff single in the fourth and homering to begin the sixth.

Right-hander Johnny Cueto (7-4) allowed five runs and five hits in six innings for the win as the Reds snapped a four-game losing streak. Francisco Cordero finished it in the ninth for his 18th save in 19 chances.

Rays 10, Phillies 4

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Willy Aybar homered and drove in three runs as a replacement for an injured Evan Longoria, as the Rays won two of three against the Phillies in a rematch of last year's World Series.

Ben Zobrist hit a two-run homer and Jason Bartlett extended his career-best hitting streak to a franchise-record 19 games as the Rays, who fell to the Phillies in five games in October, won two straight after dropping the opener of this series 10-1.

The Phillies, who've lost 10 of 12, scored four runs in the first, but couldn't hold the lead.

Andy Sonnanstine (6-7) allowed four runs in 5 1-3 innings, but got the win.

Nationals 9, Red Sox 3

At Washington, John Smoltz had a rough debut inning for Boston, allowing four of the first five batters to score before settling down in his first major league game in more than a year.

RANGERS

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Reynolds said. "We just need things to click, and they're just not clicking. That's the way our whole season's been going."

Reynolds' first homer came in the first inning against Scott Feldman and gave the Diamondbacks a 2-0 lead.

With Arizona down 6-4 in the eighth, Reynolds hit a 3-2 delivery from Frank

Francisco an estimated 433 feet into the left field seats to tie the game.

"He can put a team on his back and deliver some big blows," Arizona manager A.J. Hinch said of Reynolds.

It was the second time this season, and the sixth in his career, that Reynolds has homered twice in a game. He has 21 homers, fourth in the NL.

Reynolds had a chance for more heroics in the 12th, when he batted with two on and no outs in the 12th. But Reynolds struck out for the

NL-leading 99th time.

NOTES: Arizona OF Eric Byrnes will require surgery after breaking his left hand and could miss four to eight weeks. Byrnes fractured the fifth metacarpal in his left hand when he was hit by a pitch from Feldman in the second inning. The 33-year-old Byrnes is hitting .216 with five homers and 24 RBIs in the second year of a three-year, \$30-million contract. ... After consulting team doctors, Arizona RHP Brandon Webb plans to meet with three more doctors before deciding what to do about his injured

Eliyahu and Yotam Halperin were chosen by the Houston Rockets and the Seattle SuperSonics, respectively. Neither has ever played a game in the NBA.

However, Casspi's first-round selection all but guarantees that he will suit up for the Kings in the near future.

Casspi said he will depart on Saturday to meet with Kings officials and finalize his contract. He told Sport 5 that the Kings asked him what number he would like to wear. He said he chose to stay with his

Maccabi number — 13.

"Anytime you fulfill a dream a new one arises," he said, as friends poured champagne on his head. "I'm in a great place now and the goal is to become a legitimate NBA player."

After a few hours sleep, Casspi held a press conference in Tel Aviv to address the huge media interest his selection has generated in Israel.

Facing reporters, Casspi said he felt "on top of the world" and was looking forward to representing Israel in the NBA and paving the path for others to follow in the future.

"It is a dream come true for me. It is a great day for me and my family and Israeli basketball," he said. "I spoke to the (Kings) president, general manager and coach and I will speak to them today. They said they believe in me and they want me on the team. I think this is an excellent place for me to start my NBA career."

The Kings went 17-65 last season, for the worst record in the NBA. Casspi will join a team that will likely include another former Maccabi Tel Aviv player — Slovenian guard Beno Udrih.

DRAFT

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home when he wasn't guaranteed a contract.

In 1999, Oded Katash agreed to a two-year contract with the New York Knicks but never played because of the extended player lockout that year, and he returned to play for Maccabi Tel Aviv.

In the 2006 draft, Israelis Lior

Obituaries

Cloyd Monroe Burton



Cloyd Monroe Burton, 89, of Washburn died June 19, 2009, in Amarillo. Services were held Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in the First Baptist Church in Claude with the Rev. Darrell Burton, grandson and pastor of Martin Baptist Church in Clarendon, officiating. Interment was at the Claude Cemetery.

Mr. Burton was born Feb. 29, 1920, northeast of Bard, N.M., to Ezra Blain and Dollie Oleva Starkey Burton. He attended school at Porter, N.M., and San Jon, N.M. He married Winnie Evelyn Mote April 19, 1941, in Clovis, N.M. He was a longtime member of the Fairview Community Neighbors and served as a school board member of the Claude Independent School District.

Survivors include his children, Judy Bynum and husband W.A. of Big Spring, Kenneth Burton and wife Patsy of Whiteface, and Linda Smith and husband Jerry of Stockton, Calif.; two sisters, Elsie Wiseman and Mildred Mote; one brother, Norman Burton; five grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Winnie, who died Feb. 17, 2006; and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to City Church Outreach Ministry, 205 S. Polk St., Amarillo 79101; or New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 324 South Abilene Ave., Portales, NM, 88130.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Carolina D. Rivas



Carolina D. Rivas, 81, of Lenorah died Wednesday, June 24, 2009, in an Odessa Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton, with Monsignor James Plagens officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Stanton.

A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 26, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She was born to Matilde and Ynosencia De Anda on May 23, 1928, in Derby. She married Juan Torres Rivas Nov. 27, 1947, in Tahoka. He preceded her in death July 29, 2000.

Mrs. Rivas and her husband came to Lenorah in 1951 where he farmed. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Isidore's Catholic Church.

Survivors include six sons, Juan DeAnda and wife Irma of Dilley, Albert Rivas and wife Denise of Lenorah, Juan Rivas Jr. of Lenorah, Mario Rivas and Hellen Zanders of Big Spring, Savage Rivas and wife Sylvia of Lenorah, and Matt Rivas and wife Louisa of Midland; seven daughters, Linda Flores and husband Eloy of Grand Prairie, Gloria Rivas of Midland, Cresencia Rodriguez of Stanton, Francisca Rivas of Lenorah, Maria Rivas of Tarzan, Carmela Villegas and husband Luis of Alice, and Lucy Ramirez and husband Doroteo of Alice; 42 grandchildren; 52 great grandchildren; one brother, Joe DeAnda of Lytle; three sisters, Maria Guajardo and Margarita Rodriguez, both of Dilley, and Lupe Hernandez of O'Donnell.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Billy Berry

Billy Berry, 50, of Big Spring died Friday, June 26, 2009, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

FIRE

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get worse pretty quick." Sullivan said he doesn't expect the county to push for a fireworks ban — an idea that failed during last year's Independence Day season — or burn ban this year until after the July 4 holiday, if at all.

"I really don't see a fireworks ban at this point," he said. "We know there are going to be fires and we're ready to respond to them. However, I don't see us having to ask for a fireworks ban or a burn ban

until after the holiday, and that's only if we hit a dry spell and conditions get worse."

And while the lack of a fireworks or burn ban in Howard County during the holiday could conceivably result in more fires, Sullivan said lawbreakers should know he and law enforcement officials will have zero-tolerance for "bone-headed" mistakes.

"Regardless of whether there's a ban in place or not, we will operate on a zero-tolerance basis when it comes to fires," he said firmly. "If your mistake results in the loss of someone else's property, you're

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.
- GABRIEL HERNANDEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- DONNIE RODRIGUEZ, 17, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a local warrant and a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- LARRY WHITE, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.
- DAVID YBARRA, 22, was transferred to the

CISD

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are going down and our bond payment is going up (from \$637,000 to \$903,000)."

The good news is that bond payments will remain fairly constant during the next several years, staying in the \$900,000 range, Brown noted.

Debt service payments have caused CISD's tax rate to yo-yo the past few years. In 2007-2008 — the first year taxpayers began making payments on the \$13 million bond approved in late 2006

— the overall tax rate was \$1.29. With increased property valuations the following year, however, the tax rate dropped by 8 cents for the current budget cycle.

The news will be doubly aggravating for some CISD taxpayers this year, Brown warned.

"Although our mineral valuations are down, values for agriculture properties will increase," he said. "That means that although overall values are down, farmers are going to see their taxes go up."

Brown said he sympathizes with ag producers in the district. "They don't like (the tax situ-

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 500 block of W. Third Street.

ation) and I certainly don't like it," he said. "The current system is not fair ... This will certainly be difficult for agriculture producers, but short of a new tax system, there's not a lot we can do."

Trustees will hold a budget workshop in July and will formally adopt a new budget and tax rate in August.

Brown urged district taxpayers with questions to contact him at 394-4290.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

MICHAEL

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ated Press by telephone. "The world has lost an icon and music has lost treasures. He wrote songs that generations of yesterday, today and tomorrow will all keep on singing. What he wrote was amazing."

Loren and her children had been frequent visitors to Jackson at his Neverland ranch in California, developing an enduring friendship. "I hope that Michael will find that peace that maybe he did not have in the last 15 years."

In London, shocked fans gathered at the Lyric Theatre, where a live show based on Jackson's record-selling album "Thriller" is being performed, and waited for news about refunds for some 750,000 tickets to his sold-out, 50-night run.

A spokeswoman for AEG Live — the promoters for the London concerts — declined to say how ticket refunds would be handled. She spoke on condition of anonymity, saying she was not authorized to

speak to the media.

There were poignant memories of his final public appearance when he came to London for a March news conference to announce his "This is it" concerts, which he said would mark his farewell to the London stage. A candlelight vigil at London's Trafalgar Square was planned to honor the singer.

Former South African President Nelson Mandela issued a message through his foundation saying Jackson's loss would be felt worldwide.

Jackson sang at a birthday concert for Mandela in 1998. In 1999, according to local media reports at the time, he lunched with Mandela at a small gathering at which the South African anti-apartheid leader celebrated both his 81st birthday and his and wife Graca Machel's first wedding anniversary.

The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, UNESCO and the Red Cross were given proceeds from a huge benefit concert in Germany in 1999 that featured Jackson and other international

stars.

Former Beatle Paul McCartney, who recorded with Jackson before they had a falling out over ownership of the Beatles catalogue, said his prayers went to Jackson's family and fans.

"It's so sad and shocking," he said. "I feel privileged to have hung out and worked with Michael. He was a massively talented boy-man with a gentle soul. His music will be remembered forever and my memories of our time together will be happy ones."

In Ireland, where Jackson made his temporary home in a castle south of Dublin in 2007, people remembered him as a kind and loving man. Eugene Lambert, Ireland's best-known puppeteer, recalled his son's puppet performance at a birthday party for Jackson attended by the singer's three children.

"Michael and the kids seemed to enjoy the show equally," he said.

"My son sang happy birthday to Michael, who seemed genuinely touched by the attention. Michael rang me that night to thank me for the show. He said he hoped he'd be as happy at his work as I am at my age, and of course I'm 80."

Former British child star Mark Lester, who is godfather to Jackson's children, said he had visited with Jackson several weeks ago and believed the star was ready for the rigors of performing 50 live gigs.

"He was absolutely fine," said Lester. "I can't believe this, it's such a shock. I'll always remember him as being a very sweet, kind and

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Olin Bearden, 81, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William K. "Bill" Slagle, 91, died Tuesday. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Boyce "Buddy" Howerton, 74, died Wednesday. Memorial Services will be at 4:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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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 who took part in Saturday's Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers' Reunion, held at the Heritage Museum, and especially the White and Bednar families, two of the pioneering families honored during the reunion.

- Members of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Board of Directors and all those who took part in or attended a performance of this year's 76th annual event which concluded with Saturday's final performance.

- Brady Weber, the 14-year-old Life Scout from Big Spring, who planned and supervised the repainting of Coy McCann's mural on the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building. Others deserving praise include Weber's parents, Franklin and Molly; his sister, Hannah; Sheryl Preslar; Briana Kight; and Janet Kight.

- Max Webb, long-time director of the Northside Community Center, who was honored during Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring Rotary Club and wished a happy retirement by the group. Among the honors was Mayor Russ McEwen's declaration setting that day as Max Webb Appreciation Day in Big Spring.

- Clayton Smith, who has been selected as the Veteran of the Month for June by the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

- Big Spring High residents Bianca Mercedes Mancha, Hollie Biemeret and Sophia Gonzalez, who are currently in Dallas taking part in auditions for the television program "American Idol."

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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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are out of kilter, Lord, may we come to You through prayer.

Amen

Mission accomplished in India

Last week's high adventure got a little bit higher this week. If you are a regular sipper of Fresh from the Brewer, you probably know I am in the anything-but-boring nation of India.

OH COWCUTTA!

How I wish you could see some of what we are seeing over here. In fact I have posted some videos on YouTube, and if you do a search for Troy Brewer, you should be able to find them without a problem. There are several fun little snippets of some of the sights and sounds of our mission's trip.

For the past 10 days, my daughter and I have been in a whirlwind of activity and travel. It started with a two-hour flight to Chicago and then a 15-hour non-stop flight to Delhi. We flew straight north from Chicago and got back into daylight over Canada having seen the sun actually rise from the west before we flew south over Siberia.

Once past mother Russia, we flew directly over Afghanistan and a few other 'Stans. I had all I could "stan" of the economy section of American Airlines flight 209 way before we hit India. I'm sure my skinny daughter was tired of me spilling over into her seat as well.

Thank God she was with me or I might have gotten closer than a married man is allowed to get to somebody else.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

I have the privilege of leading and pastoring a great group of

people at Open Door Ministries. My wife heads up a ministry called SPARK which is an acronym for serving, protecting and raising kids. Between the two of us, we support or fully fund orphanages on four different continents. So a big part of this trip is to see and minister to the kids here. The house where I stay is also a home to hundreds of little boys and girls who would otherwise be victims of neglect or even worse. We have also visited another home for children way out west of Vizak. It's just a fun thing to get to do.

But in my heart, the ultimate reason for this trip or the purpose of the actual mission was a chance at visiting the persecuted Christians in the state of Orissa.

Last year, the communist gorillas attacked a Hindu commune and killed the Hindu priest there. The Hindu hierarchy used the occasion to do its best to get rid of Christianity in the region by announcing the murder had been perpetrated by Christians.

What happened next was nothing short of an attempt at genocide. Backed by money sent in from Hindus working in the United States, they gathered thousands of radicals from all over the nation. They paid them a wage, liquored them up, handed them big sticks and transported these thugs to the villages of Orissa where for weeks they murdered, molested and brutalized anyone suspected of being a Christian.

Not a person in the world would lift a finger to help these people. Even the Indian government sat back for more than five days before the first response or rescue attempt.

Last night we were at a church

which had actually been torn down in the uprising. More than 400 people gathered outside and sat on the ground for the service. I told them they were heroes to the rest of the church. I told them they were not alone. I told them we loved them and looked up to them. I did the very best I could do to try and relay how important, significant and precious they are to the body of Christ. It was one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had.

Remember them in your prayers. They really are worth remembering.

A GUY WORTH FORGETTING

Haters have always been around. The famous French writer Voltaire often spent his expensive ink and wasted life writing about his hatred for God and God's people.

He too wanted to wipe out Christianity. Full of communism and himself, he wrote from his library in Paris, "I will go through the forest of scriptures and circle the trees with my words so that in 100 years Christianity will be a vanishing memory."

A few years after his death, the British Bible Society purchased that same library and filled it from top to bottom with thousands of copies of the Bible he so hated.

Christians will suffer persecution but never annihilation. Jesus himself illustrated the point through His death and resurrection.

You just can't keep a good man down.

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. Contact him through his website at www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com



Keeping the family's faith

You remember the sign on the bookstore door when the business went south: "Words Failed

Us." That pretty much describes our reflection on the blurry weeks involving diagnosis/surgery/convalescence faced recently. By way of short review, my wife, Brenda, is ahead of schedule as she works back toward driving a car, lifting more than 20 pounds and resuming every day life following a bilateral mastectomy on June 3.

She was undergirded by a deep faith, the prayers of many and innumerable acts of kindness. I would wax poetic theologically if only I knew more theology. Like the guy who doesn't know art but knows what he likes, I join my wife in being overwhelmed by gracious acts of friends who are living out Christ's teachings.

Brenda's prognosis is excellent. Comforted by doctors' findings, we now are free to sort out dream-like moments in the surgery waiting room. Some comments that lightened hearts at the time, in retrospect, provide wider grins as time from her surgery now is weeks instead of days.

For example: Dominating the bunch of three dozen or so in our corner of the large waiting area were members of our Sunday school class, mostly 70-some-things. Some of us there wore "we've had it" looks on furrowed

brows, fitting cowboys' descriptions of "rode hard and put up wet."

A majority had seen the snows of many winters, these friends with heads topped with graying hair, or, in some cases, nary a strand at all.

One was Raymond West. He surveyed the crowd, then, with one sentence, reduced tensions.

"From the looks of the crowd, it seems to me that if a feller set up a Metamucil stand up here, he'd make a killing."

Point taken. Our caring daughters were faced with the need to disrupt their daily schedules in deference to their mom's surgery. Included were last-minute calls for child-sitters, etc.

Jeanie, about to dash out the door to the hospital, detected a sheepish look on the face of 4-year-old Jonah. Dick Tracy-types aren't needed to get the truth from pre-schoolers, a truism Jeanie now knows.

"I've been splashing on Dad's cologne," he admitted. "Carly's coming over, and I want to smell good for her so she'll follow me around." Carly is the 4-year-old daughter of a family friend coming over to "kid-sit."

Jana, our Tyler daughter who has made numerous trips to the Metroplex of late to see her mom, was flustered the other day upon hearing an unfamiliar cell phone ring in her home.

She traced it to her luggage. (Now quit filling in the blanks, and let me finish the paragraph!)

Yes, it was my cell phone that had fallen into her suitcase, and yes, she sent it back with overnight delivery. She even

provided a new temporary message, explaining to callers that the phone was on a Fed-Ex truck somewhere between Tyler and the Metroplex. Yes, I reimbursed her for the cost of shipping the phone. The figure was considerably more than the value of my archaic cell phone which is heavy enough to weigh down whatever side of my clothes in which it rests.

Grandparents, by the trainloads, wince when their kids' kids say or do something to jump the tracks. This in mind, it should be trumpeted when they "do good."

Brittin, our granddaughter who just turned 5, took her mom's instructions seriously as they entered the Harris Hospital parking garage. "I have much on my mind," Julie, her mom, said. "It is your job to remember where to find our car."

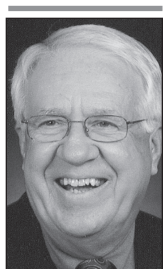
The garage has numbered levels, each of which is named for animals, perhaps so pre-schoolers can help befuddled parents find their cars.

Later, when they returned to the garage, Brittin confidently pushed the correct elevator button. They exited the elevator and she hopped, bunny-like, toward their car. "It was easy to remember, Mom," she said. "You parked exactly nine hops from the elevator on the jackrab-bit floor."

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Bricks and Stones

As a child, one of my favorite Bible stories was that of the tower of Babel. It always fascinated me to think of men trying to build a structure so high it would reach heaven. But there is an element to this story that I had never thought about. It is the fact that Nimrod's material of choice for building the tower of Babel was bricks and not stones. This may seem insignificant, but it actually tells us a great deal about Nimrod, the architect and great-grandson of Noah. Genesis 11: 1-9 tells the story.



JUNE GEORGE

While listening to a Jewish rabbi recently, he brought out the original meanings of some of the words, which tell a deeper story than what we read on the surface. It seems that Nimrod did not follow after God, but rather had aspirations to usurp others' authority. He knew in order to accomplish this he needed to introduce a foreign concept to the people. This concept was subordination and subservience, and he accomplished this through false hope.

God makes strong distinctions between bricks and stones. Any altar that was constructed for worship had to be made of stones, not bricks. Why? Because stones are unique one from another. If we piled up ever stone on planet Earth and inspected each one, we would not find any two that are alike. Each stone has its own individuality and distinctiveness. This is not so with bricks. Bricks are formed in molds. They are the same size, the same color, the same shape, the same weight, and have the same features. If you hid one brick among others from the same run and tried to retrieve it later, it would be virtually impossible to distinguish that specific one from the others.

Communistic and Socialistic governments are based upon a "brick" mentality. Think about Hitler's Aryan Society. What was his goal? To do exactly what Nimrod aspired to do: stamp out individuality. He achieved a limited measure of success through the false hope that they would dwell in a perfect society once all the outcasts were done away with. Everyone who was not blonde-haired and blue-eyed was in danger of losing their lives. Every worker was paid the same amount of money regardless of the labor they performed. There was no excelling or 'rising to the top'. In fact, high achievers ran the risk of being punished which completely squelched initiative and creativity.

Teens today are plagued with a "brick" mentality called peer pressure. Drive past any high school and what do you see? Clones, bricks. Within seconds, you notice that all the girls look alike, all the guys look alike. The look is very amalgamated with no real distinctions, even between the different sexes. And yet, herein lies the conundrum. What about the few brave ones who refuse to look like all the other "bricks?" They begin to express their individuality and are thus labeled "trendsetters." The "bricks" take notice and soon begin to incorporate the radical new thing into their mode of dress until what was exciting and different is now once again the norm, forcing those with individualistic bents to separate from the pack and create the next trend. All trendsetters are stones.

1 Peter 2:5 says, "You also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house to offer praises to God." Jesus is called "the chief corner stone." I am of the opinion that we tend to be "stones" by nature and only become "bricks" under outside pressure.

For example, ladies, have you ever shown up for an event only to discover to your horror that another woman was wearing the same outfit? Personally, I can think of nothing more embarrassing. What

Church News

First United Methodist

This is the last Sunday of June and the date set aside each month for the Bauer Elementary New Faith Initiative. This is for both parents and children and is held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. You are always welcome to volunteer for this innovative program.

Monday evening Garrett Hall will be the scene of our annual air-conditioned Independence Celebration for SAM (Senior Adult Ministry). It begins at 6 p.m. with hot dogs, homemade ice cream and lots of fun.

There will be no noon Bible study and luncheon this Wednesday. Several staff members are on vacation and the cooks have declared a holiday. We will be back on schedule Wednesday, July 8.

Our old friend Jim Wright will visit us Sunday, July 5, and is bringing with him the 7th Regiment Army Choir (retired). After celebrating their reunion and participating in Pops in the Park, they will sing for us at our 10:50 a.m. service of worship. This will be a real treat.

Start cleaning your closets and cubby holes, the Pathmakers class is getting a head start on next year's Relay For Life by staging a garage sale Aug. 15. This year our Sunday school classes were the driving force behind our very successful efforts, so we are planning to do it again.

There's lots going on at Fourth and Scurry — it's First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening worship at 6. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is pastored by Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 394-4655.

Midway Baptist

Midway Baptist Church is a church for all ages. Pastor Jim Binnix and all of the friendly people of the church would like to invite you to come and worship with them Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Brother Jim will be preaching this Sunday morning from Genesis 40. There is a Sunday school class for every age which begins at 9:45 a.m.

The youth (7th-12th grade) meet Sundays at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Wednesday night is also a time for children of all ages to come, have a bite to eat and have a great time in activities and learning more about Jesus. Supper starts at 5:15 p.m.

Midway Baptist youth would like to invite everyone who has a dirty car or pick-up truck to come out to the church this Saturday between noon and 3 p.m. and let them do the cleaning. The cost of the wash will be the donation you want to give and all the proceeds will go toward the camps and trips that the youth will be taking this summer.

Baptist Temple

This Sunday morning, we continue our sermon series on "The Others." Each of us has someone or a certain type of person we have a hard time being around. We are going to examine how God views our other and what kind of attitude God wants us to have toward our other. We will be reading from Matthew 9:18-26 and Matthew 9:9-13 about how we should be around those that have committed what we perceive as unpardonable sins.

Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) has changed meeting times. It now meets at 5:30 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. Monday, Thursday and Friday at the Big Spring VA Medical Center to walk the track.

Also, our 12-Step Recovery Program is meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in our fellowship hall. There is no cost to attend.

Our Vacation Bible School will be July 20-24. Our theme is "Crocodile Dock." For more information, please call the church office.

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

For more information, call 267-8287

or check us out on the Web at btcbig-spring.org.

Calvary Baptist

The services of Calvary Baptist Church are open to all, regardless of one's church affiliation. Here you can come and worship without any pressure. Just come and sit and listen.

If you need prayer for any situation or want a personal visit from the pastor for any reason, call 267-1402 or 263-4242. If we miss your call, we will call you back.

Calvary Baptist may not be in your church field, at 1200 W. Fourth St., but you can drive here in less than 15 minutes from anywhere in the city limits.

Please come. Don't be one of the 75 percent who have no time for God or church. It is God who says to attend.

Worship services are at 11 a.m. Sunday and Wednesday Bible study in Genesis is at 5 p.m.

Coahoma First Baptist

Welcome to Studio Go! Game Show! Excitement and teamwork await as kids enter a studio geared for challenges and fun.

Coahoma First Baptist Church invites all children preschool through grade 6 (grade completed) for our Studio Go! Game Show VBS. Beginning each day, our host at Studio Go will challenge contestants along with our kids to see and understand how God works in the lives of those who trust Him. The challenges will help kids: Go Lead! Go Risk! Go Tell! Go Obey! Go Serve!

Studio Go! Game Show will be held at Coahoma First Baptist Church, 201 S. Ave. July 6-10. We'll begin each evening at 6 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. For more information or if you need a ride, call 394-4348. Come join the fun and go win with Jesus.

Family Fun Day will be Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family Fun Day will include CMA motorcycle rally and concert, jump castles, snow cones, popcorn and lots of other fun activities. Everyone is invited.

Chapel of Faith

As we are growing in faith, we are growing in our ability to spread God's love. At Chapel of Faith Church, East

14th and Goliad streets, each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., we invite you to join us as we continue to study God's word. Services are informal and you can come early and enjoy coffee and refreshments.

There will be a meeting of the council immediately following services Sunday. All members are urged to be present. We will discuss the charities the church will assist during this quarter of 2009.

As of July 1, the Rev. Scott Willis will become senior pastor of Chapel of Faith. The Rev. Joel Miller is retiring, but will remain available to fill in. Pastor Willis has exciting plans for the future of the church. This is a time of hope and expectation and is an excellent time for you to come be a part of this.

East Fourth Street Baptist

Thanks, ladies, for the wonderful Father's Day breakfast last Sunday. We dads appreciate the hard work you did in getting it all together.

Our business meeting was postponed from last Sunday to this Sunday after the evening services.

The youth left for camp Monday morning. Pray for them and the leaders this week for safety while at camp and while traveling home.


VBS is Monday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Wednesday, July 1. Children 3 years through sixth grade will enjoy Digging for God's Treasures. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 267-2291. A light snack will be served each evening.

We welcome you to East Fourth to share a time of worship with us. Our Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship is 11 a.m.; and our evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we offer Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; Youth Bible Study and Children's Bible Study and Music (3rd-6th grade) which all start at 7 p.m. Saturday morning, there is a Men's Bible Study at 7 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites everyone to join for worship service at 9 a.m. each Sunday with Sunday school for all at 10:15 a.m. We are

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Road Construction Blues




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

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Mercury the messenger and Saturn, the planet of lesson, form an uncomfortable aspect now and it's bound to influence the way we understand one another. Since we often hear what we want to hear, or what we fear hearing, inside every miscommunication is a clue about what the other person desires or is afraid of.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your parents affect your day, whether or not they are actually there. You'll act in a way you know you inherited from one of them. It's your choice whether to continue on with this inheritance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you catch your inside voice saying, "There has to be a better way" take it as a fact. There (SET ITAL) is (END ITAL) a better way and if there weren't, you wouldn't have had that feeling. Investigate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There will be minor inconveniences having to do with your family. Stay gracious, humble and understated, if not completely mute. Otherwise you're likely to regret what you said out of frustration.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). By now, you know your preferences and are not likely to try anything that doesn't seem immediately appealing. It will benefit you to stray a smidgeon from this tendency, as there are wonders just outside your comfort zone.

LEO (July 23-Aug.

22). You know how to be nice for the sake of being nice -- say the right thing to be appropriate. However, you so admire the person who doesn't seem to know or care about the social rules that you might join in the rebellion.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 26). There's a game you've watched from the sidelines and this year you're ready get into the center of it. You'll be taking risks, powering through the setbacks and savoring the sweet glory. React to stiff competition by sharpening your skills. Attention and affection are lavished on you in August. November brings a move. Libra and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 33, 36 and 17.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The lost souls will ask you for directions. You couldn't possibly know which is the right way for each and every one, but you don't have to. Your own sense of purpose will inspire them to find their own. So stay on track.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're living. Fully. You appreciate the others who are doing that, too. So when they are not so available because they are off seeing the world, falling in love or growing their business, you understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've exhibited great powers of discipline in different periods over your lifetime. You are almost ready to get back into one of your more regimented cycles. Give some thought as to the results you'd like to achieve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To convince

your friends to join your adventurous antics usually takes a lot of work. Not now. All you have to do is ask (with that charming twinkle in your eye) and they'll hop on for the ride.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will explore worlds. You learn about a different country or culture by talking to people in your own neighborhood. Books and movies might also sweep you up into a kind of expedition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you start a project, do it with high expectations and even higher energy. It is because you are so excited about a new venture that you'll have beginner's luck.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Go ahead, entertain your friends. Splurge for the extras -- the fancy napkins, a spectacular centerpiece or a simple party gag. One can never underestimate the unifying power of a silly straw.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Meeting new people will add excitement to your life, whether or not you turn out to like them. **TAURUS:** Chasing after someone who doesn't have the natural inclination to pay attention to you is useless. Love those who love you back. **GEMINI:** You'll save time by choosing your love interests wisely. Ask yourself honestly whether a partner is suitable before you embark. **CANCER:** Love is always teaching you and right now, you're liking the lessons. **LEO:** You will help the one you love to achieve a dream. **VIRGO:** You're in a flirty mood and will

attract affectionate attention. **LIBRA:** The one you laugh with enriches your life, even if it's not quite a romance. **SCORPIO:** Pay attention to what your family thinks of your love interest. **SAGITTARIUS:** You are excited by the energy of an ambitious partner, but there are downfalls to loving a person like this worth taking into consideration. **CAPRICORN:** The one who loves you will push you to do the things you said you wanted to do. **AQUARIUS:** You can't make over another person, only yourself. **PISCES:** Go where the crowd is and you won't be disappointed.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: All that Virgo and Cancer have in common becomes apparent with the moon in Virgo and the sun in Cancer. These two both enjoy relaxing at home and have a talent for turning their personal space into a comfortable slice of paradise. As these two open up to each other, a shared vision starts to form. Over the next five weeks, this relationship has swift and effortless momentum.

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Ephesians 3:17-18

He chose us from the beginning,
and all things happen just
as he decided long ago.

Ephesians 1:11

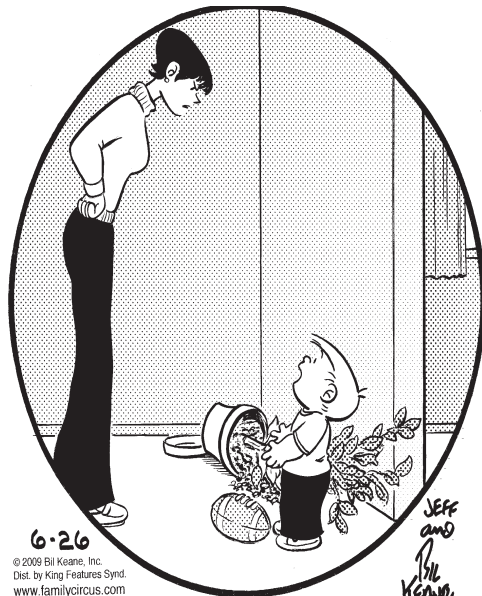
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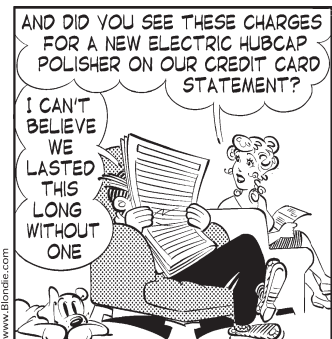
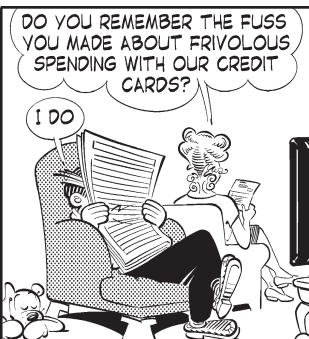


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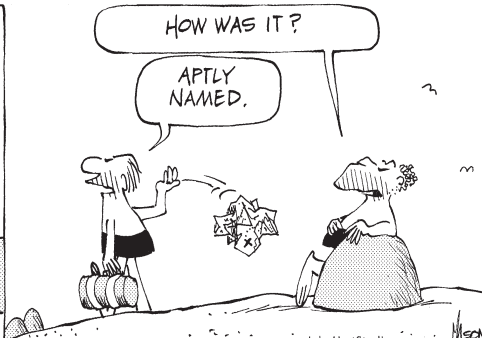


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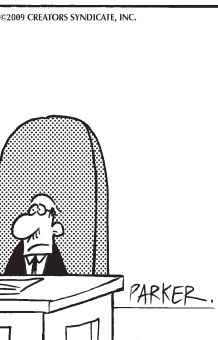
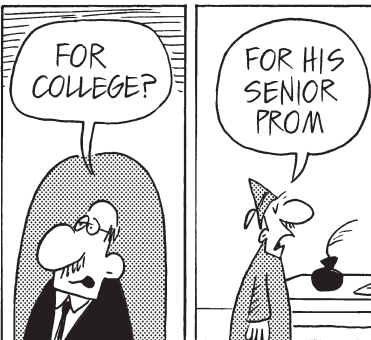
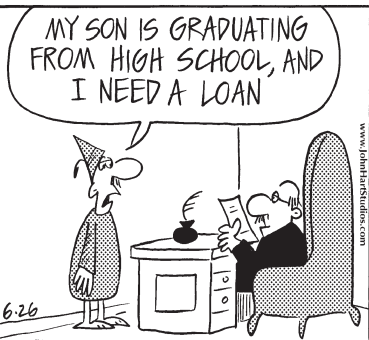
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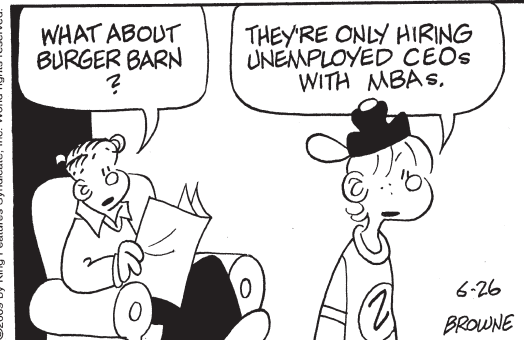
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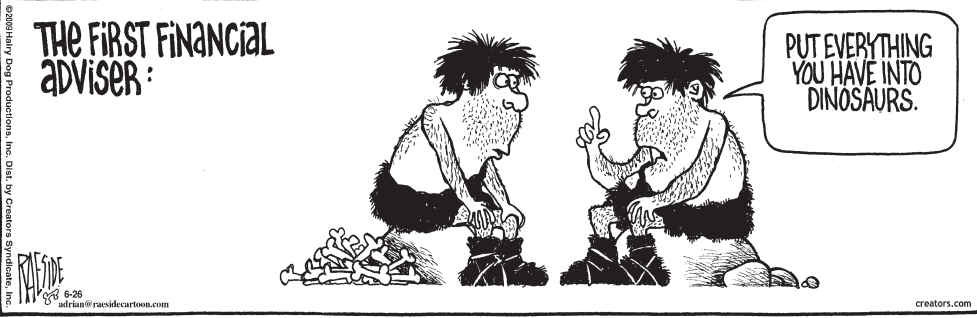
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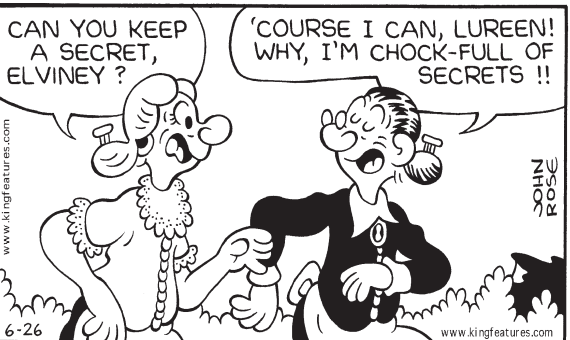
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, June 26, the 177th day of 2009. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he expressed solidarity with the city's residents by declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

On this date: In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City's Boardwalk was opened to the public in New Jersey.

In 1919, the New York Daily News was first published.

In 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman authorized the Air Force and Navy to enter the Korean conflict.

In 1959, President Dwight D.

Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway. Swedish boxer Ingemar Johansson knocked out Floyd Patterson in the third round of their match at New York's Yankee Stadium to win the heavyweight title.

In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tenn.

In 1988, three people were killed when a new Airbus A320 jetliner carrying more than 130 people crashed into a forest during an air show demonstration flight in Mulhouse, France.

In 1989, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty may be imposed for murderers who committed their crimes as young as age 16, and for mentally retarded killers as well.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Eleanor Parker is 87. Jazz musician-film composer Dave Grusin is 75. Actor Josef Sommer is 75. Singer Billy

Davis Jr. is 69. Rock singer Georgie Fame is 66. Actor Clive Francis is 63. R&B singer Brenda Holloway is 63. Actor Michael Paul Chan is 59. Actor Robert Davi is 56. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 54. Actor Gedde Watanabe is 54. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 53. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 52. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 48. Rock singer Harriet Wheeler (The Sundays) is 46. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 40. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 39. Actor Sean Hayes is 39. Actor Matt Letscher is 39. Actress Chris O'Donnell is 39. Actress Rebecca Budig is 36. New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter is 35.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 11 URL part | 67 Adjust | 13 "What fun!" | 48 Do weeding, for example |
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located at 810 Scurry and the office can be reached at 267-7163 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are led in worship by Pastor Wayne Frost.

Small group Bible study classes welcome you to attend. Contact the church office for times and places.

Our on-going support for our troops continues for June and July. The items for these months are powdered cold drink mixes (lemonade, Crystal Light, Tang), hard candy, Blistex and Carmex. Money for phone cards and shipping costs are also appreciated.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is over for the summer and will resume in September.

St. Mary's is organizing a one-day Vacation Bible School for children kindergarten through fourth grade. We have planned the big day for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme will be Habitat for Humanity and we will use a curriculum that teaches Bible principals incorporating Habitat's work providing housing for those in need all over the world. Please come before 10 a.m. Saturday to register your children before VBS begins.

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

St. Mary's Church office will be closed July 3 in honor of Independence Day.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org.

St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

College Baptist

Iva Jo Hanslik, from the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, will be the featured speaker when the Three G's (Golden Glory Gang) meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 9 in the church fellowship hall. Seniors of the community are invited to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. A potluck supper is planned.

United Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive July 8 at College Baptist.

A men's breakfast is planned for 8 a.m. July 11.

Van drivers are needed for the bus ministry. Contact Sammy Lewis if you would like to volunteer for this im-

portant ministry, or call the church office.

First Church of the Nazarene

New and exciting things are happening at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster. We invite you to come and hear anointed, vision-oriented messages each Sunday morning.

As always, if you have any questions please call at 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@nazfamily.org.

Summer has arrived and FCN is busy planning summer opportunities for all ages. Don't miss out on our exciting Water Works! Park, our Discipleship Junction summer theme for kids; catch the wave of excitement each Sunday and Wednesday.

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 begins 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" or a study on healing.

Opportunities for children include Sunday and Wednesday activities for children age 4 through the sixth grade. 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.;

When getting from here to there seems impossible

We've all probably heard the story about the traveler who stopped at a service station to ask for directions about how to reach his destination only to be told, "You can't get there from here."

I've found myself in that situation several times lately trying to get from the east side of Big Spring to the west side. I've learned to expect barricades, orange-and-white-striped barrels and road-closed-ahead signs. It seems that the maze changes daily. The path that got me from here to there yesterday is a dead end today. The street that got me from my house to church or to Wal-Mart may be closed by the time I start home.

For many of us, driving in Big Spring has become an adventure. We've bounced down Main Street to get to the post office, and we have navigated our way up Gregg Street to leave town.

We have driven on uneven lanes and lanes that used to be for traffic going the other way. We have merged. We have stopped. We



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have watched for work crews and maintenance equipment. We have detoured onto streets we didn't know existed, and we've crossed ravines to get to the other side of the road.

Although we all want good streets in our town, we fuss about the inconvenience. Those of us who are always looking for something to gripe about have had a heyday the past few months. We have discovered new reasons to complain every time we have backed out of our driveways.

Sometimes getting from one place to another is difficult, but the Scripture teaches us to have a different attitude about those things that hinder our progress: "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

As we stumble along life's journey, it sometimes seems impossible to get from here to there, but God may be using a rough road to make our faith in Him stronger. Instead of complaining about the construction, maybe we should be thankful for the result.

Casa de Restrauracion is led by Pastor Felix Torres.

Alive in Christ Lutheran, LCMS

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

The message from the pulpit this Sunday will be delivered by a lay person since the pastor is attending the LCMS district Convention in Addison. Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Abby Saucedo. Our elders are Darren Byrd and Richard von Hassell.

This week, the liturgy will

be read by Kent Ivey. The readings for this week, the fourth Sunday after Pentecost, include: Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 30:2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15, and Mark 5:21-43.

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.

On Tuesday, the 30th, Steve Misch will be at the church at 7 p.m. to address the congregation and members concerning the 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. Please contact any member of the youth group. Proceeds will help support the LYF on their summer trip.

Our youth will be offering hayrides this Saturday from the park entrance to the top of the mountain at the Big Spring State Park for the Star Gazing Party. Rides will begin at 8:30 p.m. We encourage any and all to come out and ride along and visit with

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You can do the seeking

There is no hide and seek with God where you and I are concerned. God knows where we are and what we are doing 24/7. Now, He can hide Himself from us if He wants to. You see, He wants us to seek Him with every ounce of our being. The Bible said "Seek the Lord while He may be found." (Is.55:6). David said "Early will I seek Him." (Ps.63:1). David wanted to have time with the Lord before the day got too busy. "You will find Him if you seek Him." (Deut.4:29)

I heard a teaching one time that the word seek means to beat a path. That was something I could relate to. I was raised on a farm. We had milk cows. They had a path beat out from the pasture to the bar, where their food and

water was supplied. They followed that same trail every day. Over a period of time, that path was worn down into the dirt four to six inches deep. They never had to lose their way to the barn. All they had to do was to stay on the path that the leader cow had charted out that first time.

Once in a while a cow would wander off the path and get caught up in a thicket of bushes and thorns. Sometimes one would wander off and get into a mud bog or over in another farmer's field. Then someone would have to go help them out of their dilemma.

You see, Jesus came down to this earth pasture more than 2,000 years ago and He charted a path for you and me. It was a definite course to guide us to the barn of eternal life if we will accept what He did for us. The Bible says He will gather the wheat into His barn. Studying proves that to be a Chamber. In that Chamber we communicate with

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Him. In there, we also find our food and Living Water.

Like those old cows, there are some that wander off that path Jesus chartered and get caught up in thorns of life (the Bible calls them cares of this world.). Some get bogged down in things they feel they can't get out of. There are those who get over in someone else's business or in the wrong church. Some try to hide from God and think they have been too bad for God to forgive them. No one is too bad for God to love, and no sin is too big for Him to forgive. People may let you down, but God never will.

If you don't like where you are and what you are doing, by all means don't hide in it.

Seek God. He will help you out of the thicket, the bog or the trap.

Incident reminds me of Mr. Demore

It promised to be a busy day at work for 34-year-old Mr. Demore. While not his dream job, the job that he did have paid the bills and at least it was steady. His job for the beginning of the day would be to open the doors for business. Little did he know he would soon be dead.

Did you hear this story from last December? For the man above it really was a "black Friday," although the bargain given to him was no bargain at all.

As the man tried to open the door at the Wal-Mart he opened at a crowd of 200 eager shoppers stormed the doors, taking them off their hinges and right on to Mr. Demore who was then trampled to death. Reports say that first responders were threatened and hindered by shoppers obsessed with getting that set of sheets or jump drive for a couple of bucks off.

I was stunned when I heard the report. Lenore and I had just gotten

back from our neighborhood Wal-Mart where we beat the dawn to see if we could get some of those 500 thread count sheets for \$20. A great deal to be sure, but I don't think I was ready to kill someone over them.

In fact I didn't. For those who know me and have met me in person you will know that I am not a small guy. I have been called "big guy" by people before and it was not because I am tall. I have been told that I make a better door than window and I have been known to complain to my wife about how some clothing stores "discriminate" against big people.

Anyway, you get the picture. My wife really wanted those sheets. What they say is true — buy the highest number thread count sheets your money can buy. They do feel so good to slip into after a long day. If you're a guy you may say a sheet is a sheet. Trust me — that is not so.

Anyway, we get to Wally World 30 minutes before the balloon goes up — 4:30 in the morning. I maneuver my way through the sea of humanity and finally find the sheets. Surrounding the bin are serious looking ladies

with carts jammed in so tight only about seven people are at the bin full of sheets.

Now, at the stroke of 5 a.m. I could have thrown my weight around just a little. Those ladies were not just interested in one or two sets of the sheets — oh nooooo — they stood around the bin and did not move and when their cart got full they started handing sets five and six at a time back to friends and family members. In short, by the time I got to the bin the sheets were all gone. Stumped again by the greedy, little ladies. Was I miffed? Sure I was. Was I mad because of the selfishness of those seven ladies? I sure was. Did I take it on myself to knock one of them down and out of the way because, in truth, they got up before me? Ah — no.

In all fairness to most of those people up in New York, especially those who had gotten up early and gotten to the doors first, they probably had no choice in the murderous drama that played out that morning. While I myself have only been to one or two concerts in my life, my wife, when she was younger, made going

to concerts a way of life.

Our first knee-jerk reaction was to condemn all of the people but later in the day she mentioned her old concert going days. She said that some times when she was toward the front she had no choice but to move when the crowd started surging forward. She said you get moved along like a wave in the ocean and if you try to stop you end up on the ground in danger of your life.

Reports say that the police are looking at surveillance video footage to try and ascertain who all was stepping on the poor man. Most likely no one will come to justice for the murder — it will be ruled an unfortunate incident.

Is saving a few bucks worth someone's life? I am sure no one thought about killing anyone that morning but I can assure you, you will never wait in another line at a sale without thinking about Mr. Demore.

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News in brief

Iran's opposition leader says he'll seek permits for future rallies

EDITOR'S NOTE: Iranian authorities have barred journalists for international news organizations from reporting on the streets and ordered them to stay in their offices. This report is based on the accounts of witnesses reached in Iran and official statements carried on Iranian media.

Iran's increasingly isolated opposition leader said he'll seek government approval for future protests, even as he complained of unfair restrictions — a new sign that he is backing away from confrontation with Iran's rulers over a bitterly disputed election.

Mir Hossein Mousavi, who says he is the real winner of the June 12 presidential vote, has sent mixed messages to supporters, as protests have become scattered amid a tough government clamp-down.

Mousavi has urged supporters not to break the law, but also insisted he won't drop his challenge of the proclaimed victory of hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Mousavi has alleged massive fraud, but Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has ruled out a revote.

Khamenei has unleashed the Basij militia and the Revolutionary Guard, authorizing them to use whatever force is deemed necessary to squelch dissent. The militiamen have broken up even small groups of people walking together to prevent any possible gathering.

Michigan gets good news: GM decides to build car at Oakland County plant

ORION TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Michigan has snatched back a few of its fast-disappearing auto jobs, winning a high-stakes competition with two other states to build General Motors Corp.'s next-generation subcompact car.

The news is a bright spot in an otherwise gloomy Michigan economy that has seen unemployment hit a nation-leading 14.1 percent, lots of housing foreclosures, unpaid furlough days for state workers and uncertainty for thousands of others worried about whether they'll still be getting a paycheck in the months ahead.

"We're delighted," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said Thursday after a person

briefed on the decision told The Associated Press that GM would keep 1,200 jobs at the retooled mid-size car factory in Orion Township about 40 miles north of Detroit. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public.

GM spokeswoman Sherrie Childers Arb declined to comment on whether GM had made a decision. Patterson said he had a phone call scheduled with GM at 9 a.m. Friday.

Handful of undecided Democrats hold key to historic global warming bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A handful of undecided Democrats hold the key to whether the House will confront global warming and begin a shift away from fossil fuels to cleaner sources of energy.

House Democratic leaders were scrambling to round up additional votes to pass the climate legislation Friday before lawmakers depart for a week-long July 4 holiday recess.

President Barack Obama, in both individual phone calls and in remarks from the White House Rose Garden on Thursday, urged lawmakers to pass the bill, calling it "a vote of historic proportions ... that will open the door to a clean energy economy" and green jobs.

The president and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has staked her prestige on passage of climate legislation, sought to counter a drumbeat of criticism from Republicans who have characterized the bill as a massive energy tax on every American and a "job killer," especially in energy intensive parts of the economy.

"It will create millions of new jobs," Pelosi, D-Calif., insisted at a news conference Thursday. Both Obama and Pelosi preferred to focus on the economic issues rather than on what environmentalists view as the urgency of reducing carbon emissions blamed for global warming.

Analysis: Liberals smolder while Obama keeps his powder dry on public health insurance plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has learned the lessons of Bill Clinton's failed bid to overhaul the nation's health care system. Too well, in fact, say fellow Democrats angry over his

refusal to intervene while a conservative proposal advances in the Senate.

Obama says he supports a government-run health insurance program to compete with private insurers, a proposal that is popular with many Americans, especially Democrats. But he is standing by as a watered-down, bipartisan version appears likely to be included in a Senate package.

The president's allies hope it can be strengthened later, or at least accepted by liberals who want a tougher measure. Compromise is essential to every tough political battle, they say, and Obama may prove wise by keeping his options open in a health care debate certain to last for months.

Frustrated liberal activists, however, point to polls showing strong public support for a government-run option that is more robust than the one apparently favored by the Senate Finance Committee. They ask why Democrats, who control the House, Senate and White House, are pushing a version backed by many Republicans.

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families and individuals as they ride up to enjoy some of the handiworks created by our magnificent creator, Lord and God.

The information class has begun. The class meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Christian doctrine, as well as Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments and other topics will be discussed. Please feel free to join.

The Board of Education is in the process of preparing for VBS. Tentative schedule for VBS is the first part of August.

This weekend, the LCMS District Convention will be held in Addison. Pastors Boyce, Carroll Kohl and Bobby Roever will be attending. Bobby Roever is our representative. This will be the last convention for Carroll Kohl as vice president.

Scheduled meetings for July include: the Board of Education, the second Tuesday (July 14) at 7 p.m. at the church; the LWML will meet not until the third Thursday (Sept. 17) of the month; and the Elders, the third Thursday (July 16) of each month at 7 p.m. at the church. Also, on the second Tuesday (July 14), the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N.

Birdwell Lane, invites you to come out and fellowship with us. We are a small church with a big heart.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Our lesson this week comes from Exodus 14:15-30. It is titled "God Calls the People Out of Egypt." Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. with Billy Bates preaching. Evening service is at 5 p.m.

We are told that where two or more are gathered, the Lord is there also. So if you are looking for a church home, come give us a try.

Saturday is Angel Food delivery day for June. Delivery time is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Orders for July Angel Food boxes will be tak-

en on that day as well. Order day change will be Wednesday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the church, due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Regular order days will be July 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and July 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church. Orders will also be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 11 at the Big Spring Mall. Pick up day for July will be the 25th. Volunteers are always welcome to help us with this mission project.

As you enjoy these days of summer, give a little thought to who made this world for us, and don't ever forget, "God loves you and

there is not a thing you can do about it." We hope to see you Sunday.



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

West North East South
1♦ 1NT Pass ?

What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠J97643 ♥872 ♦6♣J54
- ♠KJ982 ♥QJ9 ♦84♣K73
- ♠83♥A9♦762♣KQ9842
- ♠QJ95♥KJ83♦10♣KJ75

1. **Two spades.** Partner's notrump bid indicates 15 to 18 points, notrump distribution and one or more diamond stoppers. But even though your partner has stated a preference to play the hand in notrump, you should not be willing to do so. With 6-3-3-1 distribution and only two high-card points, you're far more likely to do better in spades.

Indeed, the chances are that your partner will go down two or three tricks in one notrump, while it's about even money that you can make eight tricks with spades as trump. This is because in notrump, your spades may prove worthless, while if they are trump, they're likely to produce four or five tricks.

In the sequence given, two spades is uniformly regarded as a weakness bid. In effect, you are saying that you think two spades is a safer contract than one notrump, and partner is strongly urged to pass.

Tomorrow: Multiplying your chances.

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