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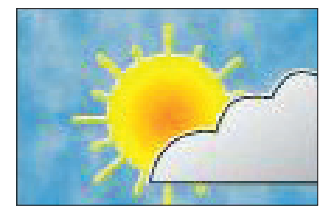
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Robbery suspect sought

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Officials with the Big Spring Police Department say they are investigating the Thursday afternoon robbery of the Cinemark 4 movie theater, lo-

cated in the Big Spring Mall. According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, police officers responded to the theater shortly after noon. "On arrival the officers

contacted the manager of the movie theater," said Everett. "He told the officers a black, male subject had entered the business and asked if he was the manager. When he told the subject he was, the sus-

pect told him he wanted to make a complaint. The manager led the suspect to his office. "Before they got to the office, the suspect put his hand in the pocket of his hoodie

jacket and said he had a gun. Once they were in the office, the suspect told the manager to open the safe." Everett said the robber See **SUSPECT**, Page 3A



Pops in the Park!

Thousands of people are expected to attend Big Spring's annual symphony and fireworks show this evening at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Admission is free; donations are accepted.

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome and introduction
Jim Kays and the Kays Grass Band
- 6:45 p.m. Singer songwriter Maren Morris
- 7:45 p.m. Welcome and announcements
- 7:50 p.m. Orchestra and chorus in place
- 8:00 p.m. Rep. Joe Heflin, invocation
- 8:15 p.m. Special flag presentation,
Sister City San Miguel Del Alto
- 8:15 p.m. Symphony, Program I begins
- 9:15 p.m. Special video tribute
- 9:30 p.m. Recognition of troops
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks and patriotic music

At left, Roy Gammons and Chance Rainer are among the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department firefighters working on an American flag that will be part of this evening's displays during Pops in the Park at Comanche Trail Park. The event gets under way at 6 p.m. Courtesy photo/Zach Johnson

Saturday's parades

- Highland Park South Parade, 10 a.m. Begins at the Corner of Highland and Robb.
- Coahoma Freedom Parade, 10 a.m., begins on N. First Street at the high school.

Festival to celebrate God and country

Annual Funtastic Fourth set Saturday in Heart of the City Park

By ALEX NEWSOM
Herald Intern
Just as most Big Spring natives include Pops in the Park in their plans for July 3, the Downtown Revitalization Association hopes area residents will do the same for its biggest event of the year. The 8th Annual Funtastic Fourth Celebration begins

Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Heart of the City Park and will run until 10 p.m. with live music, food, vendors, horseback rides, train rides, a dunking booth, jumpers for the kids, water slides and a washer tournament. Allan Johnson, president of the DRA, has chosen to continue with the theme of "God and Country" that has

been promoted in the past few years, so all of the bands chosen to perform will reflect this. "We decided to go in that direction because we believe that God gave us this great country, and the country as a whole doesn't appreciate Him for it," Johnson said. "We'd like to set a standard of thanking the Lord for giving

us this great country that we live in." See **FESTIVAL**, Page 3A



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Un-bee-lievable: Swarm delays Astros' 7-2 win



AP photo/Denis Poroy

An unidentified usher tries to move a swarm of bees as they cover a chair in left field during the ninth inning of a baseball game between the San Diego Padres and the Houston Astros Thursday in San Diego.

By **BERNIE WILSON**

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — You had to see it to believe it.

The Houston Astros — who once had the “Killer Bs” — had to wait out a 52-minute bee delay before finishing their 7-2 win over the San Diego Padres on Thursday.

The delay, which came with two outs in the top of the ninth, certainly gave a new meaning to getaway day.

“It’s how this year’s going. Bizarre things. You think you’ve seen it all in baseball and you’re going to see something new,” said Houston’s Geoff Blum, who hit a three-run homer and finished with four RBIs.

The drama began with Houston leading 6-1 with two outs in the top of the ninth. San Diego’s Kyle Blanks started walking in from left field, trying to get shortstop Everth Cabrera to call time. It ended when a beekeeper obliterated a ball of bees that followed a queen bee under a ballgirl’s jacket that was slung over the back of a chair down the left-field line.

“I kind of saw one or two floating around my head,” Blanks said. “Then I turned

around and there was a wall. I started to walk in and tried to get Everth to call time.”

Blanks said he’s allergic to bees. “It’s not something I want to tempt,” he said.

He wondered what would happen if Miguel Tejada pulled a ball down the line.

“It was a pretty thick wall of bees and I really didn’t want a piece of it,” he said.

“The umpires made the right call to stop the game,” Padres president Tom Garfinkel said. “There’s a couple thousand bees there. If they decide to swarm on a person, whether that’s a player, an employee or obviously a fan, we could have a real situation.”

The game was halted at 3:09 p.m. Five minutes later, both teams were cleared from the field.

The beekeeper arrived at 3:56 p.m., quickly did his job to applause from the fans that remained, and the game resumed 5 minutes later.

The swarm first appeared along the warning track. Later, fans were cleared out of several sections down the left-field line as the bees swarmed around the chair.

Head groundskeeper Luke

Yoder thinks they were regular honey bees. Groundskeepers thought about putting a trash can over the chair, but didn’t want to take the chance in case they were Africanized honey bees.

“It looked harmless, but let me tell you there was a big ball of bees under that jacket,” Yoder said. “Every one of those bees you saw in the outfield, every single one of them went underneath that jacket.”

Yoder said he’s seen similar swarms at the downtown ballpark, some the size of a soccer ball, but just not during games.

Cubs 9, Brewers 5

At Chicago, Derrek Lee hit a grand slam and a three-run homer for a career-high seven RBIs.

Lee drove his 10th career grand slam off reliever Chris Smith in the fourth after connecting for a three-run shot off starter Seth McClung in the first. Jake Fox and Geovany Soto also had solo shots off McClung (3-2), who was making his second start

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Williamses keeping it all in the family



AP photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth

Venus Williams reacts as she defeats Dinara Safina of Russia, in their women’s singles semifinal on the Centre Court at Wimbledon Thursday.

Once again, it’s Serena vs. Venus at Wimbledon

STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — For the eighth time in 10 years, the Wimbledon women’s trophy will be lifted by a Williams.

The Williams sisters are back in the final again — Venus for the eighth time and Serena for the fifth. And it’s the fourth Williams-vs.-Williams final at the All England Club and eighth in a Grand Slam title match.

Fittingly, the show will take place on the Fourth of July.

“The more we play, the better it gets,” Serena said. “When we play our match on Saturday, it’s for everything. This is what we dreamed of when we were growing up in Compton (California) 20-something years ago. This is what we worked for, and this is what we want.”

If the semifinals are anything to go by, five-time winner and two-time defending champion Venus is clearly the one to beat.

Two-time champion Serena had to save a match point and use all her fighting skills to overcome Elena Dementieva of Russia 6-7 (4), 7-5, 8-6 in a tense, drama-filled match Thursday that lasted 2 hours, 49 minutes — longer than any Wimbledon women’s semifinal in at least 40 years.

“It’s definitely one of my more dramatic victories for sure,” said Serena, who hit a backhand volley winner off the netcord to erase match point in the 10th game of the final set.

The Centre Court spectators barely had time to pop out for a refreshment and settle back into their seats by the time Venus completed a 6-1, 6-0 demolition of Dinara Safina in 51 minutes — the most lopsided women’s semifinal since 1969.

“The hardest part is next to come — to play Serena Williams,” Venus said.

Venus won Wimbledon in 2000 and ‘01 before Serena beat her older sister in the 2002 and ‘03 finals. Venus won again in 2005 and 2007 and beat Serena in last year’s final.

Serena holds a 5-2 lead in all-Williams championship matches at Grand Slams. Overall, the sisters are 10-10.

“That’s intense, huh?” Venus said. “I guess this will be a tipping point match. My hope is that there will be many more to come.”

The men’s semifinals are Friday, with five-time champion Roger Federer facing Tommy Haas of Germany and two-time finalist Andy Roddick playing Andy Murray. Federer is closing in on a record 15th Grand Slam championship, while Murray is seeking to become the first British men’s winner in 73 years.

Venus is bidding to become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1991-93 to win Wimbledon three years in a row. Venus said she was cheering for Serena to win Thursday, but will do all she can to stop her sister and win her eighth major title.

“I’m happy for her to be in the final, but I have to face her and defeat her,” Venus said. “I don’t necessarily want her to lose, but for sure I want me to win. I don’t want to see myself disappointed. I need to get my titles, too. I’m still the big sister, but I’m still going to play great tennis.”

Serena considers herself the underdog.

“I feel like going into this final I have nothing to lose,” she said. “I feel like obviously she’s playing the best tennis at the tournament.”

The sisters’ mother, Oracene Price, said anything could happen.

“Serena hates to lose,” she said. “And Serena played so raggedy today that she might be on her game

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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 today through Sunday at the Roy Anderson Complex and Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fees are \$10 per person, and registration is set for today at the Roy Anderson Complex. Tonight’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.

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.

Country club site for 2-person tourney

Big Spring Country Club will host a two-person low-ball golf tournament July 25-26, officials announced.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts a welcome. Entry includes a barbecue meal on the course July 25.

Practice rounds will be available the day prior to the tournament’s start.

The tournament will feature a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days. The field will be flighted by first round scores.

For more information, contact the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

Bulletin Board

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

FRIDAY

- Pops in the Park, Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, 6 p.m.-10:20 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Highland Park South Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m.
- Coahoma Freedom Parade, 10 a.m.
- Funtastic Fourth Festival, Heart of the City Park, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meets at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL PARKER, 23, of 2110 S. Nolan, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- PETER CANDELARIA, 21, of 1217 W. Third St., was arrested Friday on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- MIGUEL RAMIREZ, 28, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Friday on a charge of unlawful restraint.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Johnson.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION – ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Runnels.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of Owens.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.

Take Note

- Angel Food ordering days for the July 4 holiday weekend will continue today until 6 p.m. Orders will be taken only at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane today. Regular order days for July will be Friday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, July 12, 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 12 at the Big Spring Mall. For more information, call 267-2203.

- A Howard County Patriots Independence Day "Tea Party" will be held at noon Saturday on the county courthouse east lawn. Everyone is invited.

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

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

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

- Road to Recovery, a free service for those in the Big Spring area taking cancer treatments at Allison Cancer in Midland, is still in operation. The coordinator and phone number to call have changed. To get a ride to cancer treatment in Midland, please call Amy Carnes at (432) 334-6121, which is the American Cancer Society office in Odessa. If Amy is out of the office, you may leave your information with Melissa. An alternate number to call is 1-800-ACS-2345, which is the regional patient services offices; they will relay your information to Amy for the local drivers.




- 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. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321.

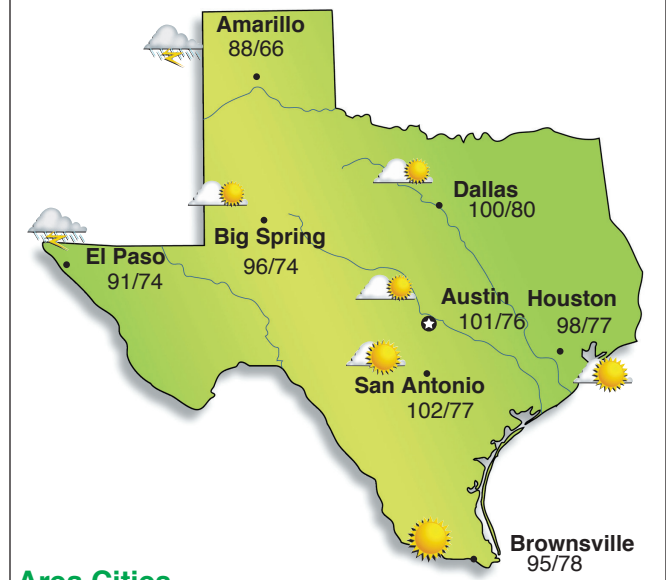
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 7/4	Sun 7/5	Mon 7/6
		
96/74	91/71	85/69
Partly cloudy skies. High 96F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Thunderstorms early. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	98	75	mst sunny	Kingsville	100	78	sunny
Amarillo	88	66	t-storm	Livingston	100	75	mst sunny
Austin	101	76	pt sunny	Longview	99	78	pt sunny
Beaumont	96	77	mst sunny	Lubbock	93	68	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	78	sunny	Lufkin	100	75	pt sunny
Brownwood	99	75	pt sunny	Midland	98	75	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	97	80	sunny	Raymondville	99	77	sunny
Corsicana	99	78	pt sunny	Rosenberg	99	77	mst sunny
Dallas	100	80	pt sunny	San Antonio	102	77	mst sunny
Del Rio	103	80	pt sunny	San Marcos	102	76	pt sunny
El Paso	91	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	99	79	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	96	73	mst sunny	Sweetwater	97	74	pt sunny
Gainesville	100	77	pt sunny	Tyler	99	77	pt sunny
Greenville	99	77	pt sunny	Weatherford	99	76	pt sunny
Houston	98	77	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	100	74	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	70	mst sunny	Minneapolis	82	63	pt sunny
Boston	75	57	t-storm	New York	80	62	mst sunny
Chicago	75	62	rain	Phoenix	102	82	pt sunny
Dallas	100	80	pt sunny	San Francisco	81	57	pt sunny
Denver	78	58	t-storm	Seattle	86	59	sunny
Houston	98	77	mst sunny	St. Louis	79	68	t-storm
Los Angeles	84	63	sunny	Washington, DC	86	66	mst sunny
Miami	87	78	t-storm				

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1 - 13 - 18 - 31.
Bonus Ball: 18.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2 - 7 - 14 - 15 - 27.

Number matching five of five: 1.
The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5 - 8 - 0 - 1. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9 - 9 - 7. Sum It Up: 25

Support Groups

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

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

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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

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Mariners snap Yankees' 7-game winning streak, 8-4

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Russell Branyan's colossal homer brought one word to mind for Don Wakamatsu.

"Majestic," the Seattle Mariners' manager said. "I think it's going to be hard to top that one in this ballpark."

Branyan rebounded from a frustrating string of strikeouts with a mammoth drive, and Seattle beat CC Sabathia 8-4 on Thursday night to snap the New York Yankees' seven-game winning streak.

Franklin Gutierrez homered for the Mariners and Ichiro Suzuki hit a two-run double that was misplayed by center fielder Melky Cabrera.

Chris Woodward added two RBIs as Seattle won in the Bronx for the first time since Sept. 3, 2007, ending a 10-game road losing streak against the Yankees.

"A lot of unsung heroes today," Wakamatsu said.

Branyan launched his 20th homer in the ninth inning, a two-run shot off right-hander Alfredo Aceves that made it 8-4.

It was the first drive at the new Yankee Stadium to carom off the tinted-glass windows of the big sports bar in straightaway center,

above Monument Park.

It also ended a rough stretch for Branyan, who struck out seven straight times in two nights — all against lefties — before drawing a walk from Sabathia in the sixth.

"I know it's just a matter of time before I come out of something like that," Branyan said. "In the grand scheme of things, it's just two days. If I can limit my bad at-bats to two days, I'll take it."

Seattle avoided a three-game sweep and handed Sabathia (7-5) his second loss in 11 starts.

"It was frustrating just because we were playing so well," Sabathia said. "It was just one of those days when I left some pitches up."

Gutierrez had three hits for the third time in five games. Five of his eight homers have come in the past 15 games.

Miguel Batista (5-2) pitched two hitless innings to win in relief of ill starter Jason Vargas, who lasted four innings with flu symptoms. His teammates appreciated the effort. Wakamatsu said Vargas was vomiting until about 3 a.m.

Mark Lowe worked two scoreless innings before David Aardsma finished. Seattle's bullpen yielded three hits in five shutout innings.



AP photo/Bill Kostroun

Umpire Ron Kulpa calls Seattle Mariners' Ryan Langerhans, right, out stealing after a tag by New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter during the second inning of a game Thursday at Yankee Stadium.

"Our guys are learning how to win," Batista said.

Hideki Matsui homered and drove in three runs for New York, while Robinson Cano had three hits.

Suzuki doubled and scored in the first in-

ning, marking the first time the Yankees trailed since the top of the sixth on June 24 in Atlanta.

White Sox 4, Royals 1

Mark Buehrle allowed six hits in 8 1-3 innings

to improve to 20-8 lifetime against the Royals.

Bobby Jenks got the last two outs for his 19th save in 21 chances.

Jayson Nix hit a solo homer off Bruce Chen (0-2) as the Royals lost for the sixth time in eight games. They

have scored only three runs in their past three games, all losses. Chen went six-plus innings and gave up two runs and five hits in his second major league start since undergoing Tommy John surgery in late 2007.

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of the season.

Braves 5, Phillies 2

Matt Diaz drove in the go-ahead run with an eighth-inning double and Atlanta completed its first home sweep of Philadelphia in four years.

Diaz had his second straight three-hit game to lift the Braves to their fourth consecutive win.

Garret Anderson added his first career pinch-hit homer off Ryan Madson (2-4).

Cardinals 5, Giants 2

Todd Wellemeyer rebounded from his shortest start of the season with 7 1-3 solid innings for St. Louis.

Wellemeyer (7-7) allowed two runs and seven hits in his longest outing of the season.

Ryan Ludwick had two hits and two RBIs for the Cardinals, who won for the third time in

nine games.

Barry Zito, who threw 26 pitches before recording an out, went 4 1-3 innings, allowing five runs and five hits.

Mets 9, Pirates 8

Ryan Church singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning for New York, which overcame a five-run deficit and then wasted a ninth-inning lead.

Adam LaRoche hit a tying two-run homer in the ninth against Francisco Rodriguez (2-2) before the Mets rebounded to win the makeup of a June 3 rain-out.

Reds 3, Diamondbacks 2

Joey Votto singled with the bases loaded and two outs in the 10th inning for Cincinnati.

The Reds loaded the bases with no outs against Clay Zavada (1-2), stringing together a walk and two singles. After two outs, Votto singled past shortstop for his fourth hit of the game.

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Saturday. It's just whoever's mind is better on the day."

Father Richard Williams said: "All I know is a Williams is going to win."

First, the sisters will set aside their rivalry to team up Friday in the women's doubles semifinals. They have already won three Wimbledon's doubles titles and are the defending champions.

"I'll be telling her tomorrow, 'You can do it. You're the best. Your serve, let's hold,'" Serena said.

The contrast in the two women's semifinals couldn't have been more striking.

After Serena's back-and-forth marathon

against a revitalized Dementieva, Venus lost only 20 points against an overmatched Safina.

"She's just too good on grass," Safina said. "It's not my favorite surface, and it's her favorite surface. I think she gave me a pretty good lesson today."

One remarkable statistic summed it up: Venus had just one unforced error.

"I think the score just showed my level of play," she said. "I was just dictating on every point."

Venus deflected questions on whether the one-sided match raised doubts about the strength of women's tennis and Safina's status as the No. 1-ranked player. The Russian has reached the top spot without having won a Grand Slam tournament. She has lost in three major finals.

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News Briefs

Michael Jackson memorial set for Tuesday at the Staples Center in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The question of when and where a public memorial service will be held for Michael Jackson has finally been answered. But how city officials will handle the likelihood of a massive crowd remains to be settled.

A public memorial for the late singer has been set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles, according to a press release from the office of the Jackson family's publicist. A press conference to announce further details was planned for Friday.

Randy Phillips, chief executive of AEG Live, which owns the Staples Center and was Jackson's promoter, said tickets would be free. He was not sure how they would be distributed.

Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine said plans for the memorial are clearly moving forward, but he wished there had been more time to work out the logistics for such a huge event.

"If you can imagine 100,000 people show up and you have 20,000 capacity (at the Staples Center), there is not sufficient room. Now you have a crowd-control problem," he said. With the July Fourth holiday weekend "it's the worst time ... to work something out." He also said he's concerned about the cost of police overtime for the cash-strapped city.

Jackson's brother Jermaine told Larry King during Thursday's broadcast of CNN's "Larry King Live," that there will be a private ceremony for family and some special guests before the public memorial, according to show transcripts.

He added the family wants to have other memorials around the United States.

Under a Senate health care plan, you pay your own medical insurance or pay a fine

WASHINGTON (AP) — First you paid to insure your car. Soon you may have to add health insurance premiums to that stack of monthly bills as well.

In a revamped health care system envisioned by senators, people would be required to carry health insurance just like motorists must get auto coverage now. The government would provide subsidies for the poor and many middle-class families, but those who still refuse to sign up would face fines of more than \$1,000.

The details were unveiled Thursday in a health care overhaul bill supported by key Senate Democrats looking to fulfill President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated the fines would raise around \$36 billion over 10 years. Senate aides said the penalties would be modeled on the approach taken by Massachusetts, which now imposes a fine of about \$1,000 a year on individuals who refuse to get coverage. Under the federal legislation, families would pay higher penalties than individuals.

To pop or not to pop?

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For many area residents, the July 4 holiday means family fun, backyard barbecues, and of course — fireworks.

Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray said people wanting to have fun with fireworks this holiday should observe some simple rules to help keep themselves and their neighbors safe.

The most obvious concern, according to Condray, is where you decide to "pop" your fireworks.

"It is against the law to discharge fireworks in the city limits," Condray reminds the public. "If you're going to light fireworks you need to find a place in the county that you have access to and have permission to be there, especially if it is on private property."

Despite several fireworks bans in past years, Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said this year's holiday will take place without any burn bans or fireworks bans in place.

"Regardless of whether there's a ban in place or not, we will operate on a zero-tolerance basis when it comes to fires this July 4 holiday," said Sullivan firmly. "If your mistake results in the loss of someone else's property, you're looking at a charge of reckless endangerment and a \$500 fine. And if you're caught popping fireworks by the side of the road, regardless of whether or not it causes a fire, you're looking

at a fine.

"We don't have a lot of patience when it comes to this, and the boneheads that make these kinds of dumb mistakes are going to pay for them.

"The stuff out there will still burn, make no mistake about that. It's just not as bad as it's been in the past. With the July 4 holiday this weekend, we're still very concerned about the fireworks and what kind of damage they could do."

Fireworks thrill-seekers planning to celebrate the holiday with their collection of Roman candles, sparklers and other assorted explosive displays should also remember to keep a few simple tools around while lighting up the West Texas sky.

"Make sure to have lots of water or a shovel where you can put out a fire," he said. "Discharge the fireworks on a hard surface like a parking lot, something paved, concrete or on a dirt road. Light them on the ground and then quickly move away and don't let children light them."

Condray said firework enthusiasts should scout out a path for the direction of the fireworks before igniting them and remember to use some commonsense while handling explosives.

"Don't ever hold the fireworks in your hand and don't point them at other people," Condray said. "Those things can backfire and they can catch your clothes on fire."

Fireworks — pieces

that have been lit but don't explode — still present a danger and Condray recommends dumping them into a tub of water.

"Fireworks can be dangerous for a long time after they've been discharged," he said. "Sparklers also can stay hot for a long time. Kids can burn their hands on them."

While many area residents won't be able to resist the color and beauty of fireworks this July Fourth, Condray recommends skipping the live fireworks this year and instead enjoy the warmth of friends and family.

"I wish people would choose to celebrate by sitting around with the family, friends and loved ones instead of popping fireworks," said Condray. "And if fireworks are an important part of your holiday, enjoy the professional display at Pops in the park. But if you are going to celebrate with fireworks, please be careful."

Those who do decide to light fireworks will be held responsible if their New Year's fun gets out of hand, Condray warned.

"They are liable if they start a fire whether it was an accident or not," he said. "You light the fireworks intentionally and there's culpability. You're going to be held responsible for your actions."

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SUSPECT

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took an undetermined amount of cash from the theater's safe before assaulting the manager.

"The suspect struck

the manager in the stomach, grabbed the office phone and fled," said Everett. "He was last seen exiting the main doors to the mall into the mall parking lot."

Everett said the suspect is described as a black male, approximately 15 to 17 years

in age, standing 5 feet, 5 inches tall with a skinny build. He was wearing a black hoodie sweatshirt, black shorts, black shoes and a black baseball cap.

"The victim was not seriously injured and did not require medical attention," said Everett.

"Through the ordeal, he was unable to see a weapon. There were other employees in the business at the time of the robbery, but none of them had contact with the suspect."

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is

encouraged to contact Crimestoppers at 264-TIPS (8477), 263-TIPS, or the BSPD at 264-2550.

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After opening remarks, Bryan Burk will perform first for 30 minutes, followed by Southern Charm for 45 minutes starting at 11 a.m. Next on at noon will be The Coble Family, followed by One Moment at 1 p.m., KdB at 2 p.m., Crimson Everburn at 3 p.m. and David at 4 p.m., all for 45 minutes. According to the set list provided by the DRA, there will be a 30-minute patriotic program beginning at 4:45 p.m. before Burk performs again at 5:15. At 6 p.m. Clearly Spoken will perform before the first of the two headlining acts takes the stage at 7 p.m.

The first headliner is Capital Lights, and while they may not be classified under the Christian genre, one of the Oklahoma-based band's most popular songs, "Return," highly advocates their personal beliefs. They have one CD titled "This is an Outrage!" and three

singles currently available. Capital Lights will play for an hour before turning the stage over to The Afters at 8:30 p.m.

The Afters, a band out of Dallas with two CDs out, will conduct the final performance of the night, playing for a little more than an hour. According to their Web site, their song "Beautiful Love" off their first album, "I Wish We All Could Win," was the most downloaded song off the iTunes inspirational charts in 2006. The 2008 Year End Charts on the Radio & Records Web site ranks the title song of their sophomore album "Never Going Back to OK" as No. 1.

"Our music lineup this year is, without question, the best we've ever had," said Johnson, and he is also promising professional stage and sound to complete the package. "We put on an awesome show last year, and we hope to make this one just a good as the last one," said Johnson.

Sign-ups for teams wishing to participate

in the washer tournament will begin around 1 p.m. Johnson said they usually get around 25 teams interested in participating.

Johnson also said they are looking for volunteers to help with things like keeping the area cleaned up during the day, working the information booth and other such activities. He hopes that all of the churches in town will come out to support the event.

Concerns have been raised about construction posing a problem for the event, but Johnson was promised that

it would not be an issue. "They may not be done with the construction, but it won't affect the event. Everything should be business as usual."

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OUR VIEW

Take a moment, reflect on what freedom means

A great many of us in Big Spring will begin celebrating the Fourth of July tonight in much the same way most Americans have for many years celebrated our nation's independence — picnics in the park or sampling the fare of concession vendors. Live music, patriotic songs and fireworks.

That's the American way, after all.

But it behooves us all to take a moment to think about the events that had to take place to make this Saturday our Independence Day.

Some 233 years ago, our founding fathers gathered in Philadelphia to sign a document that became known as our nation's Declaration of Independence.

Men, women and children — persecuted in Europe and wanting more control over their respective lives — had come to the land we now know as the United States of America to start anew.

Their freedom was not easily obtained. It was paid for with the blood, sweat, tears and lives of many. That same freedom we enjoy today has had to be paid for on numerous occasions.

While there are those who would quickly complain of our nation's shortcomings, and we most assuredly have our share, we need to remember that even though our democratic system of government oft times reveals flaws, it is still the strongest and longest surviving of any in the world.

When revolt rocks other nations, our system continues to stand the test of time.

So, this weekend when you fire up the grill for hamburgers and hot dogs, head to your favorite lake or simply turn on the TV to watch its fare for the holiday, take a moment to remember those who gave us our country and those who have since helped preserve and protect it.

In fact, it wouldn't hurt to offer a little prayer of thanks while we're at it.

Then go ahead and unfurl your flag. Display it proudly because it truly is a grand old flag and this is grand old nation is another year older.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we put You first, Lord, change is in our future.

Amen

Uncle Mort on 'greening' things

I heard a story once about a yard man who sheepishly thanked his employer for a gift of whiskey. He described it as "just right whiskey."

"What does that mean?" the donor questioned.

He repeated the "just right" description, adding, "If it had been any better, you wouldn't have given it to me, and if it had been any worse, I couldn't have swallowed it."

I feel such ambivalence when driving down I-20 in East Texas. At a certain exit, my conscience pulls at me to veer off onto the state highway, wind down a farm-to-market road, then finally to a briar-canopied lane to my Uncle Mort's place.

The practical side of me asks, "Do you really want to add 90 minutes to the trip?"

The hour and a half is best-case scenario.

That's driving time, with a few seconds to scribble a note and slip it under the screen door if Mort happens to be away.

He's might near always at home, brimful of news from the thicket, suitable for sharing. He then prattles at 150 words per minute, with gusts to 200.

If I understood him more, I'd drop by more often. If I understood him less, I'd mark him off, figuring that he'll be hauled off by authorities at any time.

Mort brings to mind the man in a little town who was three

feathers short of a warbonnet. A social worker asked someone if he thought the man should be committed.

Pausing, he answered, "Well, 'tis hard to say. As long as he's out, I doubt that they'll lock him up, but if they ever lock him up, I'm pretty sure they'll never let him out."

Dropping by a few days back, though, was a no-brainer. I knew that he'll be hitting birthday number 97 next month and previous commitments prevent our being on hand.

We got one of those "sorry-we-can't-be-there, but-want-to-be-the-first-to-congratulate-you" cards.

The card and two-dozen bottles of gen-u-wine Dublin Dr Pepper in hand, I tried my best to drive down the absolute center of the lane, conscious that no matter what, the dust would cancel a fresh car wash. Maybe, though, I could steer clear of briars that threatened to do a number on my paint job if I veered the slightest bit, left or right.

He often runs to meet me, full of "howdies," then asking Aunt Maude to make a fresh pot of coffee and serve us some of her palate-pleasing teacakes.

Last week, it was a quick "hello," with curtness one can sometimes expect from my get-rich-quick uncle.

"I'm too busy to mess with you today," he said, barely looking up from what appeared to be a tedious chore. He was scooping livestock feed from 50-pound bags, dumping it into freshly-printed bags he'd ordered from the Metroplex. On them were these words in bold print: Burpless Cattle Feed.

"I'm tellin' you, nephew, we live in a world where most people who used to view green simply as a basic color now think 'purt near everything needs to be green. I heard over the radio that the radicals now think that our atmosphere is polluted with methane expelled in cattle burps."

Uh-oh. My uncle was up to shenanigans again, claiming sole heirship of the latest get-rich-quick scheme. He believed the printing on his new bags would increase its worth.. He called his "new" feed the new-and-improved "burpless" variety.

I reminded him that it could be extremely embarrassing if the cattle people challenged him.

"There ain't gonna be any problem, nephew," he assured. "Farmers are working 18 hours a day just to break even. I saw a bumper sticker just the other day that said 'Show me a successful farmer, and I'll show you one with a wife who has a job in town.' Farmers are stretched thin, and they don't have time to stand around listening for cattle burps."

I stood there, dumfounded, delighted that this visit would be a short one indeed.

As I drove away, I thought about the card my wife bought the other day for the couple's 77th anniversary coming up in August. The message? "May you have as many more anniversaries as you want."

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None dare call it Marxism

All right already. I won't call Obama a Marxist in this column. Instead, I'll point to some signs that indicate that Barack and Karl might well be soul mates. At least, they have similar attitudes about capital, labor and profits, er, surplus value.

Liberals, even those of the Marxist variety, take umbrage when you point out their ideological kinship with Marxism.

I suppose this dates back to the days when being a communist was tantamount to being an enemy of the United States, in that there was a global communist movement intent on — and coming darn close to — world domination.

Though global communism has been defeated, there remains a strong contingent among us, whose nerve center is the Democratic Party leadership under President Obama, committed to obliterating America's free market.

Without getting into the intricacies of Marxist theory, suffice it to say that at the core of this political and economic philosophy is a belief in the historical class struggle. The capitalist (bourgeois) exploits the industrial worker (proletarian) by underpaying him and adding on unnecessary charges to the prices of goods and services, driving up costs to the consumer, and pocketing the profits.

In "Basic Economics," Thomas Sowell puts it this way: "Profits may be the most misconceived subject in economics. Socialists have long regarded profits as simply 'overcharge,' as Fabian socialist George Bernard Shaw called it, or a 'surplus value' as Karl Marx called it." The theory is that under socialism or Marxism, these surplus charges

would be eliminated and goods and services would become more affordable.

But in reality, socialism doesn't make goods and services more affordable, but less so. As Dr. Sowell explains: "The hope for profits and the threat of losses is what forces a business owner in a capitalist economy to produce at the lowest cost and sell what the customers are most willing to pay for. ... Under socialism (there is) far less incentive to be as efficient ... much less to keep up with changing conditions and respond to them quickly." With less incentive for efficiencies and cost control, the prices of goods might well be higher.

Profits are not arbitrary charges added on to the costs of producing goods and services; nor are they attributable to artificially high prices charged by those motivated by greed. Indeed, writes Sowell, most of the great fortunes in American history were amassed when entrepreneurs were able to reduce costs and charge lower prices and to increase their volume sales to mass markets.

You get the point. Capitalists don't view profits as evil or the product of greed. Their opponents — call them Marxists, fascists, socialists, radical liberals or whatever — do. Which brings us back to Barack Obama.

Both his father, Barack Obama Sr., and his mentor, Frank Marshall Davis, were communists. His church of choice was one of black liberation theology, whose Marxist roots are inarguable. He associated with far leftists on the "organizing" streets of Chicago, including Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn.

Mentorship and associations are one thing, but what have Obama's words and actions revealed about his attitudes toward labor, capital, profits and government control of business and industry?

Well, he said that he would

raise capital gains tax rates, even if it reduced revenues, as a matter of fairness. It's only fair to make everyone poorer if you believe profits are inherently evil.

He told Joe the Plumber he wants to spread the wealth around. He talked about confiscating Exxon Mobil's profits and giving them to consumers, saying "they are not going to give up those profits easily." He called Chrysler creditors "speculators" and castigated them for refusing to accept his extortionist reorganization plan. He berated Wall Street for making profits, saying "now is not (the) time" for them to "rake in profits." He and his wife even railed against the pursuit of profit in their respective commencement addresses.

He abused the power of his office to steal money from GM and Chrysler shareholders and transfer it to the proletariat, I mean, the United Auto Workers. He redistributed taxpayer money from those who have paid their mortgages to those who have not.

He is desperately trying to spread the misery and impoverish businesses and individuals through his cap and tax plan, which no proponent of economic growth and prosperity would consider supporting.

And in addition to gobbling up other businesses and industries, he is trying to nationalize medicine — to siphon off the evil surplus value charged by doctors and insurance companies — on the flawed Marxist theory that he can reduce costs overall, when the reason health care costs have already skyrocketed is that market forces have been suppressed in the industry.

You don't have to call him a Marxist, but at least understand where his heart is.

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Our Vacation Bible school is Sunday, July 12 through Wednesday, July 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for ages 4-12. The theme is Kingdom of the SON and Prayer Safari.

Plan now to attend. For information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

We wish all a happy and safe July 4 holiday. Land

PARSON TO PERSON

Goin' back to camp

There are some things that leave a lasting impression on a person. Certainly a first kiss would fall into that category along with a person's first true encounter with a living God, your first home run or piano recital or camp.

Can you remember going to camp? Whether it was church camp or Boy or Girl Scout camp, band camp, sports camp or some other kind of camp — those experiences stay with a person. Many lifelong friendships are made at camp.

One of the activities I knew I would get to do when I accepted the call to be a youth minister was that I would get to go to camp. I was both filled with joy and trepidation — both feelings mixing like water and oil.

I can remember going to a church camp when I was in the fifth or sixth grade. I had a blast. I remember going to sixth grade camp with my school back when such things were done — again, I had a blast.

There are two camps, however, that made the biggest impression on me. The first was a camp I volunteered to be a counselor at when I was 17 years old. It was between my junior and senior years of high school and I was already doing a lot of ministry for the church and school I attended.

Anyway, the call came down that they needed counselors for kids who came from the inner city. The big problem with missing fathers and male authority figures is not a recent thing — this was back in 1981.

How hard could it be?, I remember saying to myself, and so I signed up. All of my friends had something else to do that week so I ended up not knowing another soul at this camp.

It was the longest week in my life. It was in late June so my birthday came and went that week and trying to get 13 fifth graders to do your bidding is like trying to herd cats.

The impression I took away impacted me for a long time to come. I would actually put on my resumes that I was comfortable ministering to ages 14 and up. I wanted nothing to do with small kids — to use a King James word — they were anathema to me.

The other camp that left a lasting impression on me was boot camp. If you have ever gone you know what I mean.

Camp is on my mind because I will be taking a group of junior highers to camp next week. I have high hopes that this camp will take the bad taste out of my mouth and that my kids will have the time of their lives.

There is so much more to do these days and some of the activities I have been really wanting to try — like paintball. Yeah — they got paintball at camp. They also have a ropes course and rock wall climbing and all sorts of water stuff. Along with the activities will come an opportunity for the young men and women to possibly have that first encounter with the lover of their souls — Jesus Christ.

And yes, I am not so old or old-minded that I don't believe that some may also get in that first kiss, too. Sure, public displays of affection are forbidden but when has that ever stopped anything in any generation?

If they do get me on the ropes course it might feel like I'm back in basic training. I think I need to be about 100 pounds lighter in order to do justice for that one. Of course it could have something to do with a fear of heights and the strength and age of the ropes. As far as the rock wall is concerned, I think I will need the incentive of a wild, hungry animal chasing me in order for me to do it — otherwise why would a big guy need to do such a thing?

Regardless of the activities that I enjoy or not, I do know that I want to be there for them and participate with them. Part of the tragedy for the millennial generation is that parents and authority figures are so busy that the kids rarely get a chance to interact and "play" with adults. For some they have no idea that adults like to play in the water and play shoot-em up just like they do.

I'll let you all know how it went in a couple of weeks.

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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.

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Our devoted missionary, Richard Sanders, recently returned from another trip to Casa Hogar orphanage in La Junta, Mexico. Ken Moore and Alvin Best went along this trip to help out. Casa Hogar is run by a married couple who take children off the streets and give them a place to live. Richard and his helpers take much-needed supplies to the orphanage which are donated by individuals and other churches. Richard is always ready to talk to anyone who might be interested in helping these children and the orphanage. If you would like more information about Casa Hogar or maybe going on a trip with Richard to Mexico, contact him at 816-1631.

Continuing support for our troops for July includes powdered cold drink mixes (lemonade, Crystal Light, Tang), hard candy, Blistex and Carmex. Money for phone cards (so our guys can call their loved ones) and shipping costs are also appreciated.

Bible Study opportunities include four classes on going available on different days and evenings of the week. For times and places, call the church office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 267-7163.

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry St. in Big Spring.

First United Methodist

This Sunday we welcome back from vacation our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese. She will lead both services of worship with a patriotic theme of God and Country. And, at the 10:50 service we will have special guests perform. The Rev. Jim Wright is bringing his reunion group, the 7th Regiment Army Chorus (retired). This group of retired service men and their wives have been in Big Spring several days, will participate in Pops in the Park and Sunday will bring a very special musical presentation that will truly make us proud to be Americans. Be sure to give them a big welcome.

Sunday is also the last day that Dr. Jody Pendleton, interim music director, will be with us. Jody has truly brought joy to our congregation and we wish him and his sweet family much love and success in their new pursuits in the Lubbock area.

Get out your calendar and mark the special events coming up at First Methodist. Vacation Bible School will be held July 27-31. Children will have fun and learn all about the early church as they go through Paul and the Underground Church. You are invited to help before and/or during this week. For more information, contact Joyce Willis at the church of-

The great grass war

I'm engaged in a war — a grass war. The objective of my battle is to cover the bare spots in my front yard with St. Augustine. I've been told that a good stand of grass will choke out the weeds and other invasive kinds of grass. It has been a challenge, however, to find any kind of grass that can be coerced to grow in both sunny and shady areas with poor soil. Every day since I started fighting my grass war, I have inspected my new splotches of grass to see if any runners have started to spread and any weeds have been strangled yet. Eventually, I hope to have a blanket of grass instead of the patchwork quilt that I have now.



BONNIE WHEAT

Armed with a rake, leather gloves, and an arsenal of plastic bags and buckets, I've fought diligently for my grass. I've raked truck loads of pine needles and picked up gallons of pine cones. I've bagged acorns and dead leaves. I've even taken a few stabs at a 50-year buildup of thatch.

Although my raking and bagging has greatly improved the battlefield, my most effective weapon in the grass war has been a flimsy water hose that gets tangle up easily, cutting off its own water supply. Whenever I see a blade of grass looking brown instead of green, I water board it with a steady stream of water to encourage it to respond. The only problem with my water tactics has been finding a balance between green grass and an affordable water bill.

For the most part, I have enjoyed my grass-war games, and I have had a few small victories. However, I'm well aware that if I ever decide to withdraw my efforts, the battle will be lost. The Scripture says, "The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8 NASB).

Maybe instead of investing so much time and effort in an ongoing grass war which ultimately cannot be won, I should pay more attention to the one thing that is everlasting.

rice or by e-mail at children2knowchrist@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Aug 15, the Pathmakers class will be sponsoring a garage sale in youth hall to benefit Relay For Life 2010. Also on that date, many of our congregation will spend a full day in Lubbock attending Roundup 2009 Empowering the Laity.

And Aug. 23, we will celebrate Roundup Sunday with emphasis on getting back in school and back into the church and Sunday school as summer ends. More information on this special day will be forthcoming.

Remember to check our Web site, www.fumcbs.com for all the goings on at First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

The Session met in the church social hall at 5:57 p.m. Thursday.

A Bible study group, led by Tom, meets every Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the church library at First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring to study the week's lectionary. Everyone is welcome.

The next Frolic will take place in the church social hall at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11. Please bring your talent, whether it's a joke, a song, an instrumental solo or group, and your friends. We'll provide a light supper to go along with the entertainment.

The lectionary for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time is II Samuel 5:1-10; Psalm 48; II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13. We will celebrate The Lord's Supper during the morning worship service.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Wink at a stranger, try a new food, wear your friend's clothes or part your hair on the opposite side. Such acts will bring good fortune as the moon moves from intensely emotional Scorpio into extroverted Sagittarius. All the early indications of Uranus moving retrograde in Pisces boil down to one thing: Change is good.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you really want is for one special person to "get" you. Your wish comes true now because your mojo is strong. Quit while you're ahead, though, or you wind up attracting too much attention from all the wrong people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When your funds don't match up to the price tag of the thing you need to buy, you're wise not to call it a "problem." You see the financial issues as parts of a puzzle and with enough clever persistence, you'll solve it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You approach a project with passion. Team up with those who can match your intensity level and you'll really make progress. You're especially well matched with Sagittarius now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You might not think that what you're doing is so interesting, but other people sure do. If you want your privacy, then you have to ask for it. Otherwise, nosy intrusions are par for the course.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be working with those whose talents differ from your own. As long as they bring an equal level of energy,

integrity and commitment to the pursuit, you will be successful together.

T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (JULY 3). This year is a fast ride. Act decisively to seize the unexpected opportunity that arises this month. August brings exciting progress at work. You'll enjoy making money even more than you'll enjoy the money itself. September is a beautiful time for relationships. You are strong and yet tender with your loved ones. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 31, 40, 15 and 37.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll get visitors, all of them welcome, some more welcome than others. Each visitor brings a gift, though it's not always obvious what the gift is. Figure it out and be enriched.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are those who pick their friends, and then pick them to pieces. Avoid overly critical, back-biting types. Walk away from their toxic chatter. You have better things to do, which you'll recognize soon after you extricate yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Usually when you fill your life with activities, you feel more vividly in sync with the universe. But right now, the opposite will be effective. Doing nothing and doing it well will elevate your consciousness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in the mood to expand your horizons, but that doesn't mean you should add material items to your life. Buying things only makes you feel better for a short while. Curtail your retail therapy for now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Friendship is not all about recreation and games. You need something sub-

stantial to pull you through this week. Get back to you. Consider which relationships truly feed your soul.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Overwhelmed? It's a tall order that you're being asked to fulfill, though it won't all fall on your shoulders. Do what you can and soon someone else steps in to do what you can't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's been said that if you can take another person's point of view, you will never be lonely. You can do this, and you will. You'll be connected to all of humanity because you understand one person's pain.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Your self-image is the key to attracting the love you want. Think of yourself in strictly positive terms. **TAURUS:** A loved one is waiting for you to make your move. Be bold. **GEMINI:** Your

most persistent wish about your love life will be granted. **CANCER:** Freshen your look and update your style. It's worth the expense. **LEO:** A loved one wants to learn what only you can teach. **VIRGO:** Whom you spend time with will influence you even more than usual so be sure to surround yourself with those you admire. **LIBRA:** A "mistake" will tell you of hidden intentions. **SCORPIO:** You will be more conscious of how you create a relationship with your every word and deed. **SAGITTARIUS:** A loved one may become jealous of the time you spend with others. **CAPRICORN:** Whatever a loved one is expecting, double it and deliver with a smile.

AQUARIUS: Take a chance with new love. You may be wrong, but you won't be forgettable. **PISCES:** You will have a good feeling

about someone you meet — and you'll be right.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Libra and Gemini are two air signs with a shared sensibility. Gemini is the sign of communication, and appreciates the way Libra makes a statement. Libra is highly aesthetic and always conscious about how he or she is coming across to others. Libra and Gemini have high-minded conversations this weekend. They will come together for the purpose of sharing exquisite and exclusive experiences.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

There are some sequences of bidding that, from a practical standpoint, must be regarded as impossible — that is, you could not have a hand that fits the bid or bids you've made. In each of the following four cases, specify whether the last bid made by South is Possible or Impossible.

1. South 1♣, West Pass, North 1♥, East Pass. South 1♠, West Pass, North 2NT, East Pass.
2. South 1♣, West Pass, North 2♦, East Pass. South 2♥, West Pass, North 3♦, East Pass. South 3NT, West Pass, North 4♦, East Pass.
3. North 1♦, East Pass, South 2NT, West Pass. South 3♦, West Pass, North 4♥, East 5♦.
4. West Pass, North 1♠, East 4♥, South 5♦.

1. Impossible. In standard bidding methods, any jump-bid by a responder is forcing to game (unless responder passed at his first opportunity to bid). South is therefore required to bid again in the given sequence. North's two-notrump bid shows 13 to 15 points, though he may occasionally have only 12 points. The same general principle would apply if North's last bid were three clubs, three hearts or three spades instead of two notrump. These would also be forcing bids that

South could not pass. Of course, a partnership could easily agree — as many nowadays have — that jump-bids by responder on the second round are invitational rather than forcing, indicating a hand that is not quite good enough to force to game. In that case, passing two notrump in the given sequence would become permissible, but this is entirely a matter for partnership discussion.

2. Impossible. The initial two-diamond response by North shows at least 17 points and is 100 percent forcing to game. Consequently, South is not permitted to pass four diamonds. North is presumably bidding his time, waiting to hear South's reaction to four diamonds before making a final decision on just how far to go.

3. Impossible. The two-notrump response showed 13 to 15 points and committed the partnership to game. South must therefore bid again over three diamonds.

4. Possible. The generally accepted meaning of the five-spade bid is that South has a slam-going hand that depends entirely on not losing the first two tricks in the suit the opponents have bid. Thus, South may have a hand such as ♠KQ842♥95♦—♣AKJ983.

North should pass with two immediate heart losers; bid six spades with second-round control of hearts (K-x or a singleton); and cuebid six hearts (or bid a grand slam) with first-round control (the ace or a void) in hearts.

Tomorrow: A critical choice.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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For I can do everything with
the help of Christ who gives me
the strength I need.
Philippians 4:13

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Sin is no longer your master, for you
are no longer subject to the law,
which enslaves you to sin.
Instead, you are free by God's grace.
Romans 6: 14

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Those who trust God's action in
them find that God's spirit is in
them - living and breathing God!
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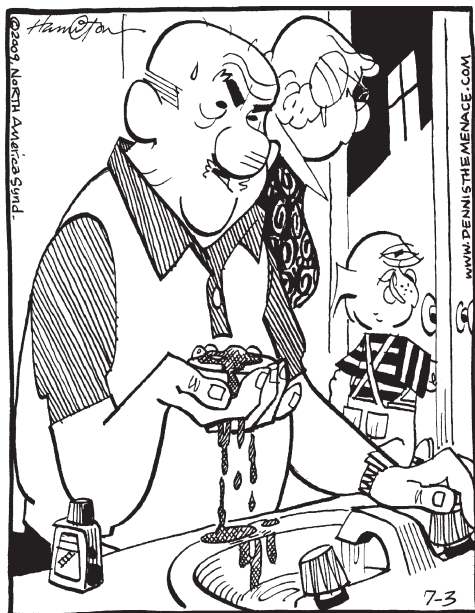
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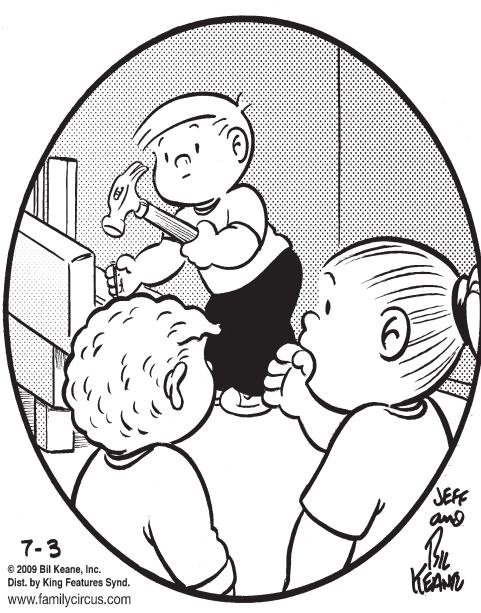
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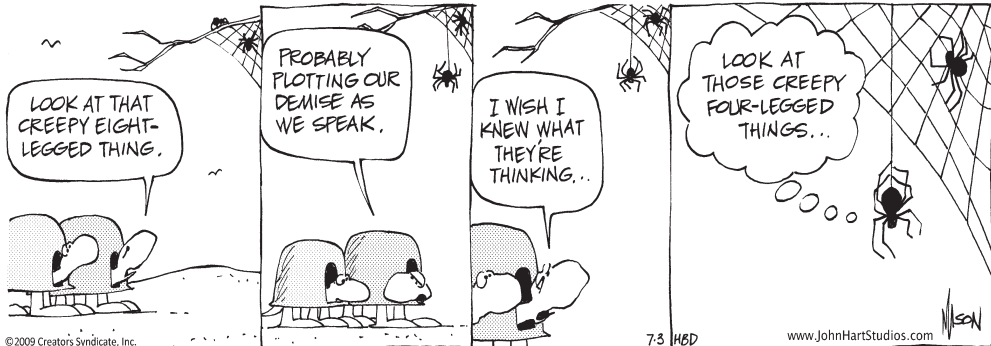
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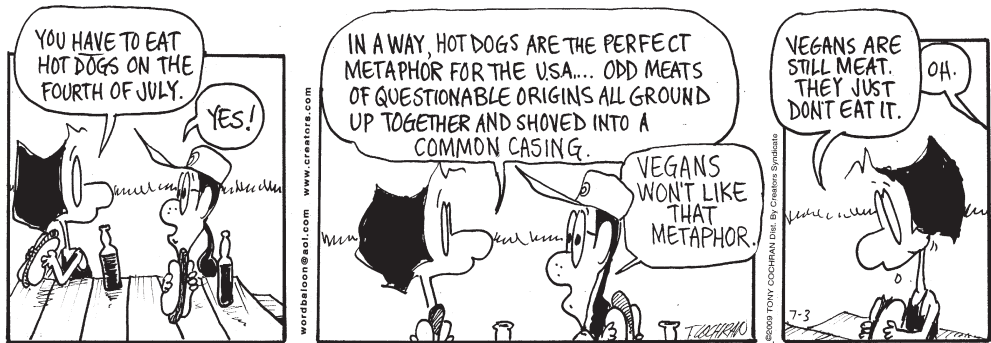
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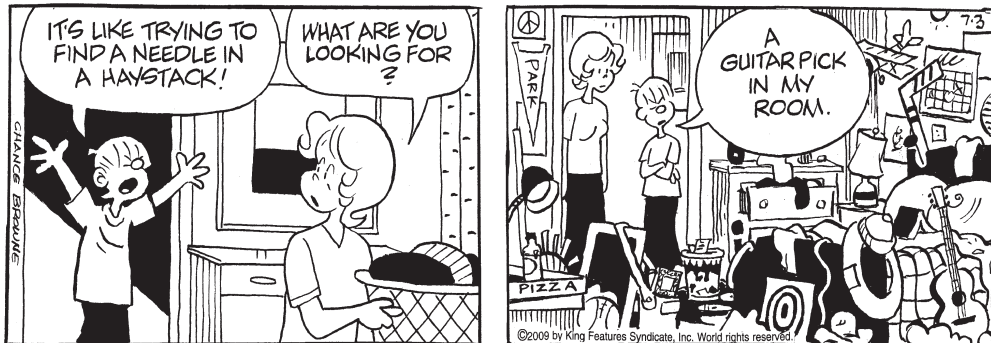
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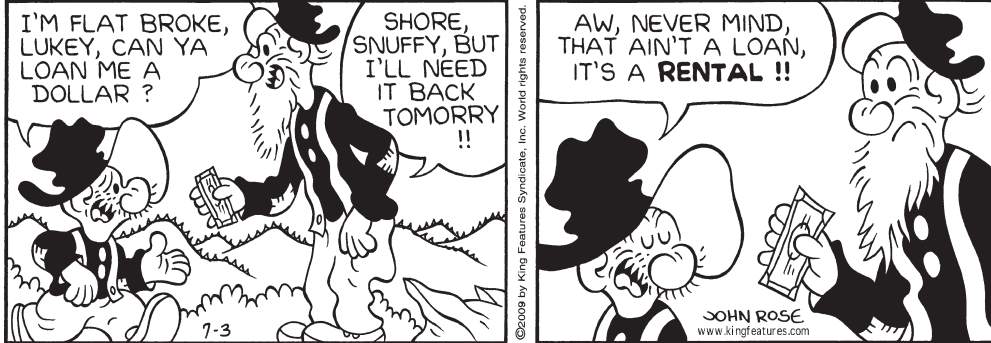
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 3, the 184th day of 2009. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet outside Santiago Bay in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk.

In 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule.

In 1979, Dan White, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in

the shooting deaths of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison. (He ended up serving five years.)

In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.

In 1989, a divided Supreme Court upheld abortion restrictions in the state of Missouri.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tim O'Connor is 82. Movie director Ken Russell is 82. Jazz musician Pete Fountain is 79. Playwright Tom Stoppard is 72. Writer-producer Jay Tarses is 70. Singer Fontella Bass is 69. Actor Kurtwood Smith is 66. Actor Michael Cole ("The Mod Squad") is 64. Country singer Johnny Lee is 63. Writer Dave Barry is 62. Actress Betty Buckley is 62. Rock singer-musician Paul Barrere (Little Feat) is 61. Actress Jan Smithers is 60. Former Haitian President Jean-Claude Duvalier is 58. Talk show host Montel Williams is 53. Country singer Aaron Tippin is 51. Rock musician Vince Clarke (Erasure) is 49. Actor Tom Cruise is 47. Actor Thomas Gibson is 47.

Actress Hunter Tylo is 47. Actress Connie Nielsen is 45. Actress Yearley Smith is 45. Singer Ishmael Butler is 40. Rock musician Kevin Hearn (Barenaked Ladies) is 40. Actress-singer Audra McDonald is 39. Actor Patrick Wilson is 36. Country singer Trent Tomlinson is 34. Singer Shane Lynch (Boyzone) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tonia Tash (Divine) is 30. Country singer-songwriter Sarah Buxton is 29. Actor Grant Rosenmeyer is 18. Actress Kelsey Batelaan is 14.

Thought for Today: "A timid person is frightened before a danger; a coward during the time; and a courageous person afterward." — Jean Paul Richter, German author (1763-1825).

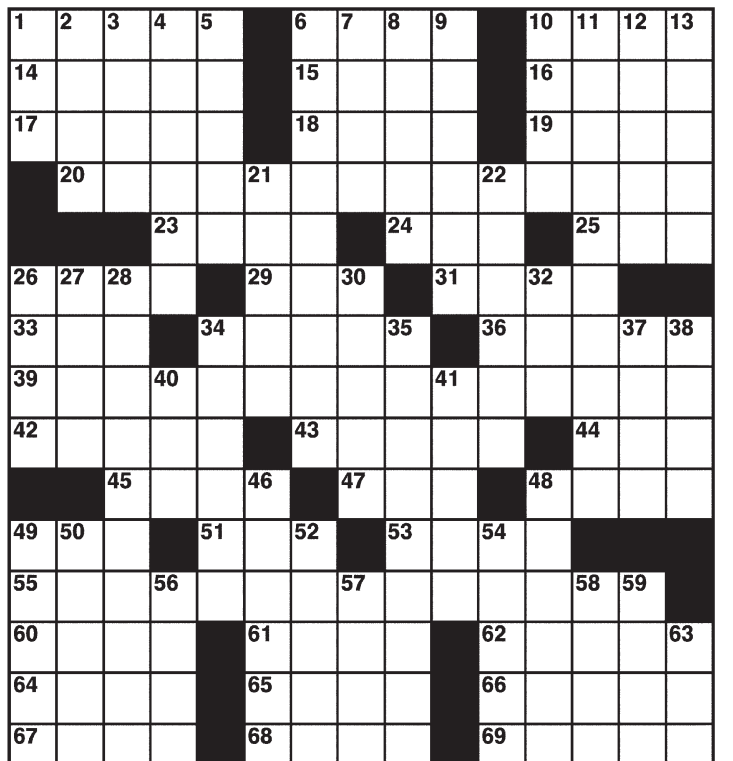
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- ACROSS
- 1 Fish with a net
- 6 Force
- 10 Capture the attention of
- 14 Seaweed-wrapped fare
- 15 Jim Davis dog
- 16 New Testament book
- 17 Small, to Scalia
- 18 Bachelor's lack
- 19 Some
- 20 Spreading rumors
- 23 Didn't go bad
- 24 One way to vote
- 25 Arthurian knight
- 26 Sandy sounds
- 29 Choice words
- 31 In-flight figs.
- 33 Slot-machine icon
- 34 Crackerjack
- 36 Toastmaster
- 39 Is a trailblazer
- 42 "Amazing" magician
- 43 Type of newspaper
- 44 "Later!"
- 45 Search thoroughly
- 47 Biology-class letters
- 48 Umbrella ruiner
- 49 Incense residue
- 51 "Don't ___ stranger"
- 53 Earlier, for short
- 55 Admirable one
- 60 Gambit
- 61 Messiah melody
- 62 Fit for a king
- 64 Out of Africa name
- 65 Connect
- 66 Michaels of SNL
- 67 Espresso spot
- 68 Young men
- 69 Mirrors' partner
- 7 "Got it, man!"
- 8 Swell
- 9 Subdued chuckle
- 10 Tickled
- 11 Early '80s fad
- 12 First name in Japanese cinema
- 13 Wilma's neighbor
- 21 Portable tune players
- 22 Hash house
- 26 Shortened wd.
- 27 ___ avis
- 28 Baguette
- 30 Pickle piece
- 32 Ovid's "I love"
- 34 With hands on hips
- 35 David Lynch TV series
- 37 New Age vocalist
- 38 Broadway star Linda
- 40 Hurly-burly
- 41 Menacing look
- 46 Happen to
- 48 Remote location?
- 49 Jellied garnish
- 50 Cancún condiment
- 52 Some well-lit lobbies
- 54 Peerage members
- 56 Youngster
- 57 Female deer
- 58 Neophyte
- 59 Yarn bundle
- 63 2005 Oscar director



Man — A miniature world, tiny universe

My thanks to the Big Spring Herald for allowing my daughter, June Ann George, to fill in for me while I was away for a month. Thanks too, June, for a job well done.
—*Jerrrie Stocks*



JERRRIE STOCKS

Of all the mighty wonders that God created, the greatest is man, who is nothing less than a microcosm, a miniature world, composed of all the elements found in the entirety of creation. Animal, vegetable, mineral — all the kingdoms are represented within man, but there is more. Side-by-side with the material ele-

ments of earth, there resides within man a lofty intellect and a holy spirit, the stuff of heaven. Truly this all-encompassing man is no less than a tiny universe.

What is the purpose of the universe? The Psalmist proclaims, "All the world is a choir resounding with joyous song." And what is the underlying message of these songs? Simply this: God's praise is sung when each part of creation performs its assigned task without deviation, every creature acting out its ordained role as a fine, percision instrument.

When God appointed Adam choir master of the universe, the diverse elements of creation were bidden to obey his baton. Adam, who was composed of all those diverse elements, was provided with a score to follow and instructions on how to use each

creation in its proper time and place.

So was God's plan for the mission of man: He gave him dominion over the works of His hands and He placed everything under his feet. Thus man's dominion requires balancing, adjusting, guiding, and coaxing all of the world's divergent forces into a symphony of divine service.

We know from Scripture that Adam was created on the sixth day. On that day, God informed Adam of his duties and restrictions and then commanded him to obey, warning of the dire consequences of disobedience. But Adam failed to follow divine imperative.

It is not adequate to merely say that Adam dwelled in Paradise. It would be more accurate to say that Paradise dwelled within him. Adam

was blessed with the inner joy of security and self-assurance. The agony of self-doubt never tormented this first man. He was completely at peace with himself, confident that his every motive was pure.

The inclination of evil did not exist inside him. He was a perfect and harmonious blend of sacred forces.

In his prime, Adam's intellectual scope was all-encompassing, unlimited and unhampered by distortion, but sin clouded his vision and brought him to the gates of death.

Adam changed profoundly after he erred. At first, not the slightest trace of evil resided within him. However, after eating of the forbidden fruit, he took the enemy into himself and made evil an integral part of his makeup. Soon his life became a bitter

conflict, an endless struggle between good and evil, truth and falsehood.

He hesitated, he stumbled, fluctuated between ascent and descent, success and failure. No longer was he a creature of truth.

This narrative of Adam is a perfect picture of mankind today. We see joy and beauty at the beginning, but pain and devastation in the end, when we fail to honor Him.

"See, I have set before you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgements, that you may live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess," Deuteronomy 30:15.

God bless

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CHURCH NEWS

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Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist is located at 1200 W. Fourth St. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday. Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

If you would like other religions material, listen to Freedom Radio, FM 89.7, lighting the way with music, teaching and talk.

Remember Calvary welcomes you. The door is open to you!

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday this week at 5:17 p.m. and will resume its regular schedule. Choir practice was at 6 p.m. and will meet at that time next week. The choir will take a break from July 19 through Aug. 9 and will not have mid-week practice during that time. The youth are preparing for their annual trip to Synod Youth Workshop and will not meet this week.

The Service Committee meets Thursday, July 9, in the parlor at 5:30 p.m.

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

Sarah Burch will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Liturgist for July is Rip Patterson. Communion servers are Lynn and Helen Glass, Todd Patterson and Mary Gregg. Paschal and Lucy Odom, Janet Payne, and Lane Reynolds are ushers for the month.

The lectionary for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time is II Samuel 5:1-10; Psalm 48; II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13. The choir offerings are John Rutter's "God Be in My Head," and "The Gift To Be Simple" by Dale Wood. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh has entitled his sermon "It's a Grand Old Flag," based on II Samuel 5:9-10.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our Web site: www.fpchs.org

Alive in Christ Lutheran, LCMS

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

We are located at 2805 Lynn St. in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Follow Birdwell south until 25th, turning east onto 25th, go three blocks east until Lynn, turning south, follow Lynn Street until the end. Our church is on the left side of the last block of Lynn. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be delivering the message from the pulpit this Sunday. Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Analyssia Rodriguez. Our elders for this week are Bobby Roever and Richard Knocke.

We appreciate Kent Ivey and Darren Byrd stepping in and covering for



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Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS offered hay rides to those attending the Big Spring State Park Star Gazing Party. The rides will be offered again July 25.

Pastor Boyce while he was at the convention last weekend. Thank you.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Dolline Budke. The readings for this week are Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, and Mark 6:1-13.

Last Tuesday evening, Steve Misch presented the pastoral survey results. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of either the survey results or the summary sheet may contact the church office.

Last Saturday's night of Star Gazing was attended by several individuals who enjoyed the hay rides around the state park, even though the clouds were uncooperative and no stars were seen.

However, another night of Star Gazing has been scheduled for July 25, along with another hay ride. Mark your calendars and join us for this wonderful time of sharing God's creations.

Particulars from last weekend's 64th LCMS District Convention held in Addison can be obtained by logging on to www.lcms.org and scrolling down to "convention." View the election results as well as agendas, resolutions, and memorials. Another Web site that may be beneficial: www.txdistrictlcms.org/convention.html. Bobby and Judy Roever, Angela Newton and Pastor Carroll and Leighrene Kohl attended and are also good sources of information.

The Board of Evangelism is beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of those wanting/needing a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke. If you would like to help, contact Richard.

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. Contact any member of the youth group.

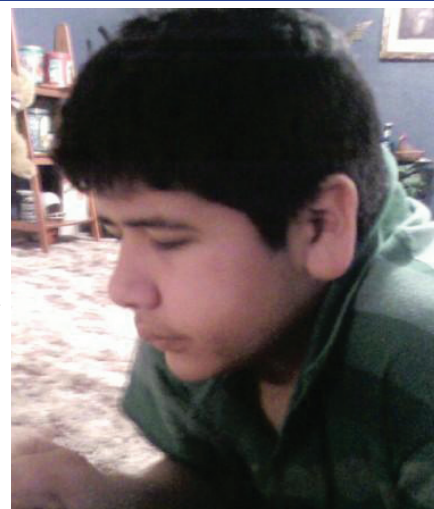
The information class is still meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. Christian doctrine, as well as Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments, and other topics will be discussed. Feel free to join at this time.

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

Scheduled meetings for July include: the Board of Education July 14 at 7 p.m. at the church and the Elders July 16, also at 7 p.m. Also July 14th, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/re-

freshments at the VA. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church. The LWML will not meet until Sept. 17.

I come to everyone today needing help. My son Lee was diagnosed with Epilepsy back in May, and is on medication of 600mg per day to help prevent Seizures.



LEE BALDERAS

He can still have Seizures we are trying to get him a Seizure Alert Dog to let us know when one is about to happen or while he is going through one.

Seizure Alert Dogs are \$5,000.

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