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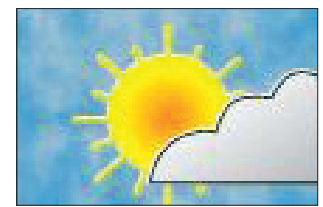


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Wings up!

Hang gliding championships going well, organizer says

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Big Spring may seem like a small, unassuming rural city to most, but if you mention the Crossroads area to anyone in the hang gliding

community you're bound to hear plenty of wild stories and rave reviews.

According to David Glover, event coordinator for the Big Spring U.S. Hang Gliding Championship, Big Spring has become the crown jewel of hang gliding in the Southwest, and there are plenty of reasons why both he and the pilots look forward to the competition each year.

"This is our eighth year here in Big Spring, and we've flown every single day so far," said Glover. "There are three main reasons we love coming back to Big Spring each year. The first is the consistent weather. The second is the airport terminal facility, which is just amazing. It's the best for our kind of hang gliding competition. And the third is the townspeople, who are really so warm and welcoming."

"The pilots just love coming back each year and being here. We have about 60 people here, including pilots and support staff, and we usually stay about eight or nine days, on average, and we're really enjoying it here in Big Spring. As long as Jim Little, the airport director, and Terry Wofford, the volunteer coordinator, want to have us back we'll be back and looking forward to it."



Glover



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Above, a hang glider pilot participating in the Big Spring U.S. Hang Gliding Championship is towed up into the air by an ultralight aircraft Thursday afternoon. Below, support crew get another pilot ready to go into the air during the competition, which ends Saturday at the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

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A spot landing contest will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Airport. Tandem flights and ultralight flights are available to the public for a fee. Call 264-2362 for more information.

Good news, bad news: Delinquent taxes shrink

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Drew Mouton had good and bad news for Big Spring Independent School District trustees Thursday night.

Mouton, a local attorney charged with rounding up de-

linquent taxes for BSISD and the other major taxing entities in Howard County, presented his annual report to trustees during their meeting at the high school.

The good news Mouton relayed to trustees is that the total amount of delinquent

taxes due in the county continues to shrink. The bad news? With fewer taxes owed, delinquent collections have decreased, also.

Mouton said his office collected \$268,000 in delinquent taxes for the district in the past 12 months — the lowest

such amount in the past four years. County-wide, \$775,000 in overdue taxes was collected, also a multi-year low.

"Over the past four years, we've collected more than \$1.4 million in delinquent taxes for the school district," he said.

The figures show that Mouton's efforts have decreased the amount of back taxes owed considerably — the total amount of delinquent taxes owed in the county now stands at just over \$2 million,

See **BSISD**, Page 3A

Don't forget UW luncheon

Today is the deadline to reserve tickets for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kickoff luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Tickets are \$12 each and available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Alon, State National Bank, Western Bank, Big Spring Gin, or by contacting Jeanie Coor at uway@apex2000.net.

Motivational and inspirational humorist Suzie Humphreys will be the keynote speaker.



Les Paul dies

Guitar virtuoso and inventor Les Paul is dead at the age of 94. His invention became the standard instrument for legends like Pete Townshend and Jimmy Page.

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Hamilton goes 4-for-4 in Rangers' 4-1 win over Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Josh Hamilton is heating up. The timing couldn't be better for the Texas Rangers. Hamilton had four hits Thursday, including the go-ahead two-run double in the third inning, leading Texas to a 4-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians. The All-Star outfielder hit .486 with

a homer and eight RBIs on the Rangers' 10-game trip, raising his average from .220 to .260. More importantly, he's hitting his stride just as Boston comes to town for a three-game series with major playoff implications. "He looked liked Josh Hamilton to me," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "He's spraying the ball every-

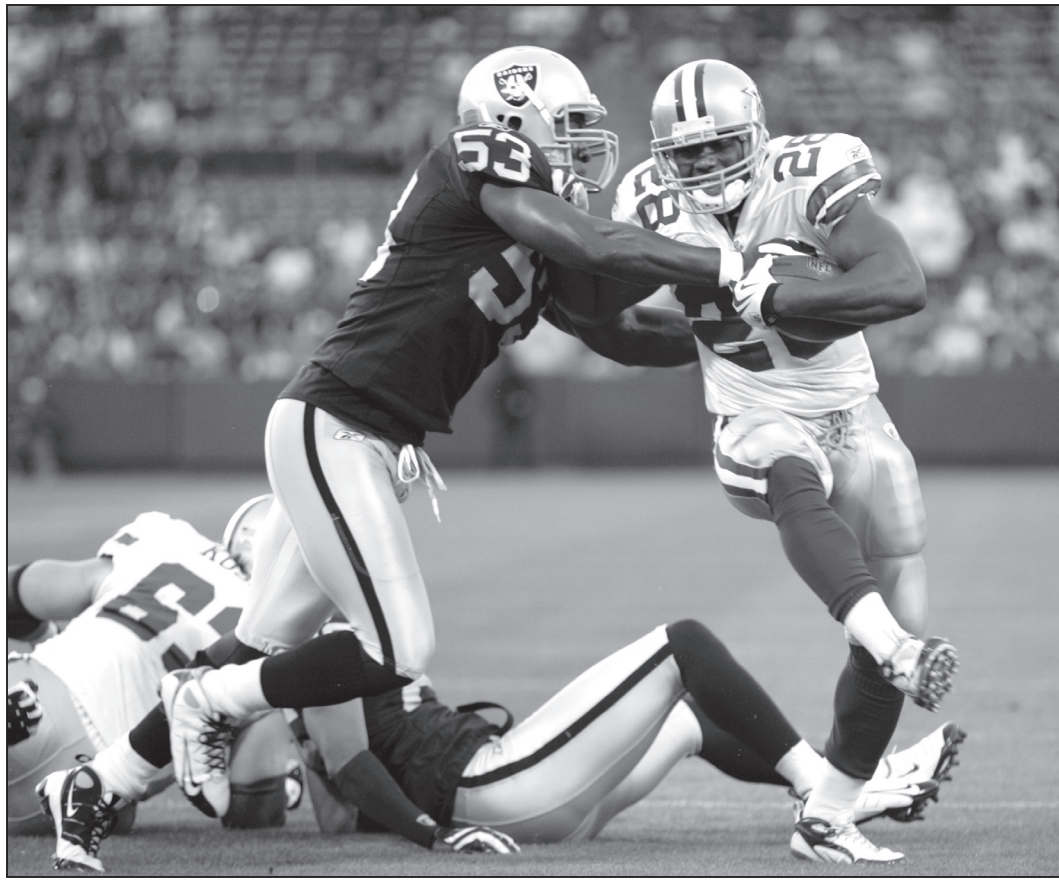
where. As long as he's spraying the ball all over the ballpark, that's Josh." The Rangers, who went 5-5 on the trip, trail the Red Sox by a half-game in the American League wild-card race. "We always look forward to Boston," Hamilton said. "They've been good for a few years. Everybody gets fired

up for the guys who've been there the last couple of years." "It's an important series," Washington added. "We want to win the series, just like they want to win the series. They know how to win. They've been around. They're not going anywhere." See **RANGERS**, Page 2B

No T.O., no problem Romo solid in preseason opener without Owens

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer
OAKLAND, Calif. — With Terrell Owens far away in Buffalo, Tony Romo happily spread the ball around. Romo threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to favorite target Jason Witten to cap a brief but successful night before the Oakland Raiders rallied for a 31-10 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday night in the exhibition opener for both teams. Romo completed his four passes on the night to four receivers before leaving with a 7-3 lead that Dallas' reserves could not hold onto. "I don't think it means anything," Romo said. "If one guy caught six straight balls and then we scored, that's fine, too. It's just about what-

ever the defense allows us on that specific play." Bruce Gradkowski engineered three touchdown drives against mostly backups on Dallas' defense, throwing a 3-yard touchdown pass to Tony Stewart in the second quarter. Louis Rankin and Gary Russell added short TD runs in the third quarter, long after Romo's night was done. Romo played just two drives, going three-and-out on the first after former teammate Greg Ellis batted down his first pass of the game, and throwing the TD to Witten on the second. Romo and the Dallas offense looked sharp on the second drive as he completed all four of his passes and the



AP photo
Oakland Raiders linebacker Thomas Howard (53) attempts to bring down Dallas Cowboys running back Felix Jones (28) in the first quarter during their NFL preseason game in Oakland, Calif., Thursday.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Gunnar Kennedy (10) recently played a pivotal role on the West Texas Cyclones 14U baseball team that won the World Series Roundup USSSA Tournament July 10-12 at the Big League Dreams Ball Park in Mansfield. Kennedy was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, pitching two games and allowing just three hits with an ERA of 1.26. He also carried the tournament's highest batting average with a .726, while driving in 15 runs. Pictured from left to right is: (front row): Travis Garza, Heath Woods, Skyler Estrella, Cody Ochoa, Austin Hall, Chris Gaona; (second row) Phillip Fuentes, Clay Marburger, Garrett Carlise, Gunnar Kennedy; (back row) Coaches Lupe Fuentes, Robert Mitchell, Tony Kennedy and Michael Hall.

Mavs won't let Dirk play for Germans

FRANKFURT (AP) — Germany will be without Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki at next month's European Championship in Poland. The German basketball federation said Friday that Mavericks owner Mark Cuban would not allow Nowitzki to take part in the championship, even though the forward has played for Germany at several major international events before. Federation president Ingo Weiss said there were no hard feelings, however, and that "we accept this decision completely." Weiss said that "over the past 10 years, we've had an excellent and reliable partner-ship with Mark Cuban and the Dallas Mavericks, who always made it possible for Dirk to play for the national team." Nowitzki said he would have liked to play, "but I can understand Mark Cuban's position."

Sports in brief

Coahoma Bulldogs host Post in scrimmage to raise funds for THSCA

The Coahoma Bulldogs football team will be doing more than just getting ready for the upcoming season when they host the Post Antelopes in a scrimmage Saturday. The two teams are also playing to raise money for the Texas High School Coaches Association's benevolence fund. The fund was created to assist Texas high school athletes and coaches with special needs or hardships. To date, 130 schools have participated in the program and have raised more than \$45,000. The junior varsity squads will scrimmage at 10 a.m. Saturday with the varsity to take the field at 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted at the gate.

Forsan junior high football players can pick up equipment Aug. 22

All prospective Forsan junior high football players need to pick up their equipment Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Forsan fieldhouse. Eighth graders can get their equipment from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with seventh graders to follow from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All incoming seventh graders and any new eighth graders will need a physical before school starts.

Prospective Big Spring junior high volleyball players must have physicals

All incoming seventh grade girls wanting to play volleyball must have a physical on file before the

first day of school if they want the opportunity to try out.

Tryouts for volleyball occur on the first day of school. Anyone without a physical will not be allowed to try out. Contact the athletic offices at 264-3662 with an inquiry.

Crossroads Youth Football signups slated for this month

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has begun signups for football players and cheerleaders at the Big Spring Mall. Registration is scheduled for Saturday and then again Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Late registration for football only will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 29. For more information, call Jeff Vidal at 816-6871.

Coahoma flag football league holding signups this month

The Coahoma NFL Flag Football League will hold signups on every Saturday for the rest of August from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Coahoma Community Center. This if for children ages 9-11 as of Sept. 1 in Coahoma, Big Spring, Forsan and all surrounding areas. It is a co-ed league and both boys and girls are encouraged to register. Cost is \$45 per child and includes an NFL jersey. There will be no fundraiser. Call 213-4193 with any questions.

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association registration continues all week

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will continue throughout the week — Monday through Friday — from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day. The final day to sign up is Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cost for registration is \$65 for the first child and \$5 less for each additional child. The cost includes the full uniform. Boys and girls who are between the ages 4-11 are eligible to play. For more information, call Isaac Miramontes at 935-9056.

BSCC schedules Over 80 Scramble to benefit Big Spring Shrine Club

The Big Spring Country Club will have an Over 80 Scramble, meaning the combined ages of each two-person team must be 80 or older Saturday and Sunday to benefit the Big Spring Shrine Club. Entry fees are \$60 per player, plus golf cart rental. Private carts are welcomed, however. Entry fees include barbecue on the course both days. Practice rounds are available Friday. Play will begin with a shotgun start on both days, and the field will be flighted by first-round scores. The number of flights will depend on the number of entries. For more information, or to enter a team, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Obituaries

Fabian 'Rocky' Rios

Fabian "Rocky" Rios, 34, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, in Odessa in an auto accident. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. this evening at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Fabian was born May 26, 1975, in Big Spring and married Elizabeth Cruz Sept. 22, 1994, in Big Spring. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Rios; one daughter, Jasmine "Memoe" Rios; three sons, Fabian "Poo" Rios Jr., John "Vejo Pelon" Rios and Phillip "Pee Pee" Rios all of Big Spring; his mother, Mary Hernandez Gomez of Odessa; four brothers, Daniel Rios, John Rios and Martin Rios, all of Odessa, and Marty Rios of Marble Falls; six sisters, Mary Sue Lujan of Pecos, Sephrina Bugayong, Belsa Rios, Pam Rios, Belinda Patino, and Emma Rios, all of Odessa; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Daniel Alvarez Rios; and his grandmothers, Dominga de la Cruz Hernandez and Vicenta Rios.

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

Take Note

• West Texas Centers for MHMR invites the public to a reception from 10 a.m. until noon Friday at the Alsop Building board room, 409 Runnels, for Janet Payne, retiring mental health director.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Free delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving at the post will be held from noon until 2 p.m. Carry-outs will be available. Plates are \$10 each.

• If you are considering homeschooling as an option for your family but aren't really sure how to begin or what is involved, there will be a homeschooling informational meeting Tuesday, Aug. 18. Several local families with the Big Spring Christian Home Educators support group will be available to answer questions about and share information regarding homeschooling in Texas. Free to the public, the meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. For more information, send e-mails to dnhlong@hotmail.com

• Former students of Gay Hill Common School near Luther will be having a reunion and time capsule dig at the remains of the school house at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Bring your shovels, metal detectors, etc. Organizers have planned the event in conjunction with the Big Spring High School 2009 Homecoming. More than 50 former students have been contacted and many are planning to attend.

• A benefit fund for stroke victim Rocky Dunlap has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton St. Dunlap has been employed for the past several years as a principal with Big Spring Independent School District.

• 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.

• 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.

Correction

A story published in the Thursday edition of the Big Spring Herald concerning the disappearance of local man Arlin Bynum incorrectly identified his mother as Mary Hartford. Bynum's mother's name is Deanna Hartford. Also, the reward for information leading to the location of Bynum has been raised to \$15,000.

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Police blotter

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

- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Colby.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 200 block of Brown.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

- ARNULFO CHAVERA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of a controlled substance, driving while license invalid, no proof of liability insurance, failure to appear, speeding, failure to stop at a stop sign and failure to control speed.
- GUADALUPE CRUZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.
- BERTHA HINOJOS GARCIA, 38, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor.
- JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to change address and failure to appear.
- MARK ANDREW HANSON, 39, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of assault of a public servant, burglary of a habitation and violation of a protective order.
- ROCY MONTEZ HILARIO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ANGEL CIRILO MARTINEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOSHUA JOEL RIOS, age not provided, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN SALDANA, 60, was arrested Thursday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated and held for immigration.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Miller B. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Lloyd. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of W. Seventh Street. Service refused.

Support Groups

TODAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 8/15	Sun 8/16	Mon 8/17	Tue 8/18	Wed 8/19
96/74 Some clouds and possibly an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon.	97/74 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	95/72 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	93/71 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	92/72 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM

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Abilene	97	74	pt sunny	Kingsville	100	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	94	68	t-storm	Livingston	96	73	pt sunny
Austin	99	74	pt sunny	Longview	93	74	pt sunny
Beaumont	93	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	95	71	t-storm
Brownsville	97	75	mst sunny	Lufkin	96	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	98	73	pt sunny	Midland	96	76	t-storm
Corpus Christi	96	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	101	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	97	75	pt sunny	Rosenberg	96	74	pt sunny
Dallas	98	77	pt sunny	San Antonio	102	76	pt sunny
Del Rio	103	80	pt sunny	San Marcos	100	75	pt sunny
El Paso	91	72	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	94	75	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	98	74	t-storm	Sweetwater	95	73	t-storm
Gainesville	97	76	pt sunny	Tyler	94	73	pt sunny
Greenville	95	73	pt sunny	Weatherford	99	75	pt sunny
Houston	95	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	97	74	t-storm

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

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

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-13-22-35. Bonus Ball: 30.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

of five: 1. Prize: \$21,848
Winning ticket purchased in: Rhome.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-7-7-2. Sum It Up: 18.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-17-19-34.
Number matching five

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-9-6. Sum It Up: 22.

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COWBOYS

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Cowboys mixed in the run effectively.

Three of the completions came against backup corner Stanford Routt, who replaced All-Pro Nnamdi Asomugha after one drive. Romo avoided pressure in the pocket on the touch-down pass to give Witten time to get open in the end zone against Routt.

There is plenty of intrigue about how the Cowboys offense will look after the departure of Owens, who caught 235 passes in three seasons with Dallas but often complained that he didn't get the ball enough.

Roy Williams, who struggled after coming over from Detroit during last season, will be counted on heavily this season. He caught one pass from Romo for 12 yards. Romo also completed passes to Martellus Bennett and

Felix Jones on the drive.

"If we execute like that, any team is going to have trouble," Williams said. "But we're going to have our adversity and have our hard times where we can't get open or the quarterback gets sacked or a bad throw. But tonight it all fell into place."

Sam Hurd, one of the young receivers Dallas is counting on to emerge this season, had five catches for 79 yards from Jon Kitna.

Raiders quarterback JaMarcus Russell also played two series, driving his team to a field goal on the opening drive as Oakland relied heavily on the pass early. Russell looked poised in the pocket, completing six of nine passes for 50 yards against Dallas' backup cornerbacks and even scrambling for 18 yards on one play.

Russell had a particularly good rapport with second-year receiver

Chaz Schilens, who caught four passes from Russell and also drew a 47-yard pass interference penalty that set up Sebastian Janikowski's 23-yard field goal. Schilens finished with five catches for 52 yards.

"I thought he was very aggressive with the ball, made good decisions," coach Tom Cable said. "That's what I'm talking about with him. When he plays the game at a fast enough speed, it allows him to be on time and he showed that tonight."

First-round pick Darrius Heyward-Bey wasn't nearly as effective. Russell missed the speedster on two deep attempts and Heyward-Bey finished with one catch for 8 yards as Dallas often double covered him.

"We're going to see a lot of that this season," Heyward-Bey said. "I saw a lot of that in college. But the important thing is the win."

Gradkowski completed nine of 16 passes for 153 yards, including a 48-yard pass to undrafted free-agent Nick Miller that set up Gary Russell's 1-yard run. Charlie Frye, who is battling Gradkowski for the third-string job, threw a 2-yard touch-down pass to Will Franklin in the fourth quarter as the Raiders did a good job picking on Dallas' depleted secondary. Second-stringer Jeff Garcia missed the game with a calf injury.

"Our second group and our young guys, they made a lot of mistakes," Dallas coach Wade Phillips said. "You could see them out there. ... Those things shouldn't happen but they did. Our guys will learn."

The Cowboys wasted a scoring opportunity at the end of the half when Kitna botched a shotgun snap at the 2 from Cory Procter, leading to a 16-yard loss. Nick Folk missed a 36-yard field goal.

sudoku

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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East South West North

1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass

Pass ?

What would you do now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠KQ4 ♥9852 ♦A93 ♣QJ4

2. ♠J10763 ♥743 ♦K9 ♣AQ5

3. ♠AQ862 ♥8 ♦K974 ♣AJ63

4. ♠AK5 ♥KQ74 ♦5 ♣108632

1. Double. In most deals, you can tell a lot about your partner's hand simply by listening to the opponents' bidding and looking at your own hand. In this case, for example, you know that partner is short in hearts, since you have four of them and both East and West have bid the suit. You also know that partner has some high-card values; otherwise, the opponents would not have stopped at two hearts.

So rather than give up at this point, you should double for takeout, knowing you are on a relatively firm ground. The chances are that partner has a five-card suit, as well as a smattering of high cards. It would be wrong to pass and let the opponents make their partscore when there is an excellent chance your side can make one of your own.

2. Two spades. When you are in the balancing seat — that is, when the auction would be over if you passed — you sometimes have to make a bid that in another situation

would be considered dangerous. With this hand, for example, it would be more dangerous to overcall East's opening heart bid with one spade than to overcall West's two-heart bid with two spades.

The reason — now that the opponents have stopped bidding at the two-level — is that you know partner has some high-card values and relatively few hearts. This increases the chance of his having spade support or some other long suit. You have to battle for part scores when the opponents have shown limited values.

3. Double. It's best to compete here also, though you have only 10 points. The slight risk is worthwhile because you can't afford to let the opponents waltz off with a part score when there's a reasonable prospect of your side making one. Part scores have much greater value than is generally realized, and letting the opponents steal them from you means a loss of roughly 300 points each time it happens.

4. Pass. Of course, there's a limit to how far you can go when you're in the balancing seat. Balancing has to be sensible — you must have a modicum of safety. It would be dangerous to double with this hand, since partner might respond in diamonds, and equally dangerous to overcall in clubs with such a shabby suit. The pass might easily work out best since, given your heart holding, there's a reasonable chance that two hearts can be defeated.

Tomorrow: A challenging grand slam.

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RANGERS

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Scott Feldman (12-4) worked out of trouble several times after allowing a first-inning run in winning his third straight start. The right-hander gave up one run in six innings and struck out six to improve to 8-1 with a 3.33 ERA in 10 road starts this season.

Texas pitchers dominated the series after the Indians scored five runs in the third inning Tuesday night against Dustin Nippert. The Rangers held the Indians to one run — which came on Shin-Soo Choo's sacrifice fly Thursday — in the final 23 innings of the series.

Hamilton's double off Jeremy Sowers (4-8) gave the Rangers a 2-1 lead. He also had an infield hit in the first and turned what appeared to be a routine single into a double by hustling into second base in the sixth. Hamilton's effort resulted in a run when he advanced to third on a hit and scored on David Murphy's sacrifice fly.

Hamilton added a single in the eighth and is batting .522 (12 for 23) with six RBIs in six games against the Indians this season. Hamilton, who also had a two-run double to left in Wednesday night's 5-0 win, attributes his recent success to using the whole field.

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Revered guitar player-inventor Les Paul dead at 94

NEKESA MOODY

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Musicians worldwide are paying tribute to Les Paul, the music icon whose solid-body electric guitar paved the way for rock 'n' roll. He died this week at age 94.

Paul, a guitar virtuoso, performed with some of early pop's biggest names and produced a slew of hits, many with wife Mary Ford. But it was his inventive streak that made him universally revered by guitar gods as their original ancestor and earned his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as one of the most important forces in popular music.

"He actually taught himself to play guitar in order to demonstrate his electronic theories," said Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards. "All of us owe an unimaginable debt to his work and his talent."

Paul, who died Thursday in White Plains, N.Y., of complications from pneumonia, was a tireless tinkerer, whose quest for a particular sound led him to create the first solid-body electric guitar. His invention became the standard instrument for legends like Pete Townshend and Jimmy Page.

"The name Les Paul is iconic and is known by aspiring and virtuoso guitar players worldwide," said Kiss front man Paul Stanley. "That guitar is the cornerstone

of a lot of great music that has been made in the last 50 years."

Paul also developed technology that would become hallmarks of rock and pop recordings, from multitrack recording that allowed for multiple layers of "overdubs" to guitar reverb and other sound effects.

"He was a futurist, and unlike some futurists who write about it and predict things, he was a guy who actually did things," said Henry Juskiewicz, chairman and CEO of Gibson Guitar, which mass produced Paul's original invention.

Private services are being planned for New York and Waukesha, Wis., Paul's home town, according to an obituary posted by the Iridium Jazz Club in New York City, where until recently Paul had played every week. Public memorial tributes also are being planned.

A musician since childhood, Paul experimented with guitar amplification for years before coming up in 1941 with what he called "The Log," a 4-by-4 piece of wood strung with steel strings. He later put the wooden wings onto the body to give it a traditional guitar shape.

The use of electric guitar gained popularity in the mid-to-late 1940s.

Leo Fender's Broadcaster was the first mass-produced solid body electric on the market



AP Photo

In this May 3, 1988, file photo, Paul McCartney, right, tries out a custom-made left handed "Les Paul Lite" guitar presented to him by designer Les Paul in New York.

in the late 1940s.

Gibson solicited Paul to create a prototype for a guitar and began making the Les Paul guitar in 1952. The Who's Townshend, Steve Howe of Yes, jazz great Al Di Meola and Led Zeppelin's Page all made the Gibson Les Paul their trademark six-string.

Born Lester William Polfuss on June 9, 1915, he began his career as a musician, billing himself as Red Hot Red or Rhubarb Red. He toured with the popular Chicago band Rube Tronson and His Texas Cowboys and led the house band on WJJD radio in Chicago.

In the mid-1930s he joined Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians and soon moved to New York to form the Les

Paul Trio, with Jim Atkins and bassist Ernie Newton.

His first records were released in 1944 on Decca Records. Later, with Ford, his wife from 1949 to 1962, he earned 36 gold records for hits including "Vaya Con Dios" and "How High the Moon," which both hit No. 1.

For seven years in the 1950s, Paul and Ford broadcast a TV show from their home in Mahwah, N.J. (Ford died in 1977, 15 years after they divorced).

Paul had made his first attempt at audio amplification at age 13. Unhappy with the amount of volume produced by his acoustic guitar, he tried placing a telephone receiver under the strings. Although

him a tape recorder. Drawing on his earlier experimentation with his homemade recording machine, Paul added an additional playback head to the recorder. The result was a delayed effect that became known as tape echo.

Tape echo gave the recording a more "live" feel and enabled the user to simulate different playing environments.

Paul's next idea was to stack together eight mono tape machines and send their outputs to one piece of tape, stacking the recording heads on top of one another. The resulting machine served as the forerunner to today's multi-track recorders. In 1954,

Paul commissioned the first eight-track tape recorder, later known as "Sel-Sync," in which a recording head could simultaneously record a new track and play back previous ones.

In the late 1960s, Paul retired from music to concentrate on his inventions. His interest in country music was rekindled in the mid-'70s, and he teamed with Chet Atkins for two albums. The duo won a Grammy for best country instrumental performance in 1976 for their "Chester and Lester" album.

In 2005, he released the Grammy-winning "Les Paul & Friends: American Made, World Played," his first album of new material since those 1970s recordings and his first official rock CD. Among those playing with him: Peter Dinklage, Jeff Beck, Eric Clapton and Richie Sambora.

GLIDERS

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Glover said flying during this year's competition has been fantastic, despite heavy rain and winds reported midway through the week-long event.

"The flying this year has been excellent. We've been able to fly every day and we've been able to amass lots of points every day," said Glover. "We had some rain and wind here at the airport terminal on one of the days, but the guys were already out there, away from it. We had to stop the task

that day, but it was still worth about 900 points, which is still a very valid day.

"We haven't been able to set any records this year. Last year we recorded the longest task in the history of the competition anywhere in the world that's been called and accomplished, which was really amazing. This year we've had lots of good, long and strong tasks, and the thermal activity has been really good. When the clouds are just spread out a little bit, everywhere, not too big and not too small, that's really the perfect sky for us. We had that the second day of the com-

petition this year, and it's that kind of weather that keeps us coming back year after year."

Glover and the pilots, who have traveled across the nation — and for some, across the world — to fly the West Texas skies, will wrap up this year's competition Saturday with a special contest.

"We're having a spot landing contest out here at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Spot landing is really something neat to watch," said Glover. "There are also tandem flights available if you want to try hang gliding. You get to go up with a certified instructor, and this guy just

took fourth place at the world championship last month in France. You can also take a ride in one of the ultralights, where you can get a little bit different perspective of Big Spring. You can get more information by calling the airport at 264-2362."

BSISD

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down from about \$5.6 million in 2004.

"The down side to that is that we will continue to see a decrease in collections because there's just not as much to collect," he said.

Collections may see a bump in the near future, though, as \$221,000 in back taxes were added to the district's rolls in July — an increase from the previous year, Mouton noted.

"Of all delinquent taxes owed, those newer amounts are by far the easiest to collect," Mouton said.

In other business Thursday, trustees approved:

- Employment of the following personnel: Rachel Moore, junior high choir teacher; Zion Tout, junior high teacher/coach; Richard Cypert, junior high counselor; Courtney Pitzer, junior high teacher/coach; and Jonnie Weeks, high school science teacher.

- The resignation of Craig Felty, high school science teacher;

- Agreements to provide disciplinary education services for Coahoma and Forsan school districts and construction technology instruc-

tion for Coahoma ISD.

- The 2009-2010 teacher appraisal calendar.

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### Mr. Netanyahu's Offer (I)

**Would it bring peace to the tortured Middle East?**

In a complete turnabout from previous positions, but probably also yielding to enormous pressure by President Obama, Israel's Prime Minister "Bibi" Netanyahu has declared his willingness to accept a Palestinian state.

**What are the facts?**

**A generous offer.** Since the "two-state solution" has long been declared to be the Holy Grail of the Palestinians, one would have expected that Mr. Netanyahu's announcement be greeted with cheers and hosannas. That, however, not surprisingly perhaps, was not the case. In fact, the Palestinians and all others involved declared it to be an insult and a "non-starter." The principal objections were that Mr. Netanyahu insisted that the newly created Palestinian state would have to be totally demilitarized, and that its air space would be available to the IAF (Israeli Air Force); that Jerusalem would remain undivided as the capital of the Jewish state; that the "Palestinian refugees" would, if they so desired, be returned to the newly formed state and not to Israel; that the Palestinians acknowledge Israel as the state of the Jews; and, finally, that he did not commit for the "settlements" to be dismantled. We shall address some of these objections in this message, the rest in a future message.

**The "Settlements."** Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") is the ancient Biblical homeland of the Jewish people. This area is part of the Palestinian Mandate, which was declared by the Balfour Declaration and by the mandate of the League of Nations, to be the homeland of the Jewish people. After the 1948 War of Israel's Liberation this area remained in possession of the Kingdom of Jordan, which declared sovereignty over the area. The only possible rationale for the conclusion that this area is Palestinian land is that it is encompassed by the 1949 armistice line. There is absolutely no other reason. This area has never been Palestinian land. In fact, never before the creation of the State of Israel has there ever been a Palestinian people or a Palestinian country anywhere in the long course of human history. The Palestinians were never until recent times in any control over the area. At the very most, the area could be described as "disputed." In fact, a very good case could be made that Jews have a better right than the Arabs to live there. What a shame that even the leaders of our country cannot see this fundamental truth. And don't let's forget that over one million Arabs live in Israel unmolested and nobody gets exercised about that.

**Demilitarization.** Not so long ago, Israel unilaterally evacuated every last Jewish family from Gaza. One would have hoped that the Palestinians, grateful for being rid of the hated Jews and no longer having to suffer their presence, would have shown their gratitude for that "liberation." Instead, almost from the very first day, they bombarded Israeli cities with thousands of rockets. Eventually, the patience of Israel snapped and it invaded Gaza to put a stop to this outrage. It has to be clear to all that having had such bad experience with Gaza, Israel is fully justified to expect that if statehood were ultimately granted to the Palestinians, and if demilitarization were not imposed and strictly supervised, the Palestinians of the "West Bank" would be equally inclined to attack Israel on a daily basis. Instead of being conformed by the insular Gaza, Israel would be surrounded totally by those who are sworn to destroy it.

Full demilitarization would have to be a key requirement of any Palestinian statehood. Without it, virtually all of Israel — its population centers, its industries, its military installations and its international airport — would be under the gun. Life in Israel would be virtually impossible. How could anybody possibly think otherwise?

**Return of the "Refugees."** During the 1948 War of Liberation, about 650,000 Arabs, goaded by their leaders, fled the nascent state of Israel. They and their descendants wish to "return" to Israel. That is a bizarre request. The principal purpose of a Palestinian state would obviously have to be the ingathering and settling of the "Palestinian refugees" and not to foist them onto Israel. Injecting them into Israel would undermine the Jewish state and smooth the path to its destruction. And that is, indeed, the rub. The principal intent of the Arabs is not the creation of a state, but, as they repeat over and over, the destruction of Israel, which they call the "cancer on the Arab body." And don't let's forget that about 800,000 Jews, who escaped barely with their lives from Arab countries during the War of Liberation in 1948 and during the Six-Day War in 1967, were quickly absorbed into the state of Israel and are now at least one-half of the total population. The Arabs, in contrast, have kept their "refugees" in miserable refugee camps for the last 60+ years, on the dole of the world — mostly that of the United States.

There is little likelihood that Mr. Netanyahu's generous offer, however it might ultimately be modified, will be accepted by the Arabs. Because, if that were the objective, they could have had their own state for over seventy years. But whatever was offered was never sufficient. As Abba Eban, Israel's former Foreign Secretary, so well put it: "The Arabs will never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity." Sadly, therefore, there is little question that Mr. Netanyahu's generous offer of a separate state for the Palestinians will again be rejected — most likely even being followed by another "intifada."

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### Garage Sales

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**GARAGE SALE:** 1306 Lexington, Friday & Saturday 9:00-? A little bit of everything.

**GARAGE SALE:** 1313 Dixie, Saturday 8-? Armoire, furniture, coke refrigerator, pack a bag of clothes for \$3.00, teen girls clothes, household items, lots of misc.

**GARAGE SALE:** 2801 Apache Drive, Saturday 8-1. Too much to list. A little of everything.

### Garage Sales

**GARAGE SALE:** 2103 Morrison Drive, Friday & Saturday 9am-4pm. Lots of Misc. China and Silver.

**GARAGE SALE:** 2525 Fairchild, Saturday 8-3. Kids clothes/men's clothes/women's clothes, knick-knacks and lots of misc. items.

**GARAGE SALE:** Saturday 8am-?, 4037 Vicky. Clothes, miscellaneous items, plastic gas cans, inflatable life boat, bass boat needs carpet.

**GARAGE SALE:** Friday & Saturday 8-3, 1112 Angela Rd. Dresser, 2 curio cabinets, clothes, too many items to list. Come take a look.

**HUGE GARAGE Sale,** First United Methodist Church. Saturday, August 15, 2009, 8:00am-1:00pm in youth hall at 4th and Scurry Street. Proceeds to benefit our 2010 Relay for Life Team.

**MULTI FAMILY Sale:** 3226 Auburn, Friday & Saturday 8-12. Furniture, weight bench, name brand boys clothes (Good for school), baby clothes, dog kennels, household items, knick-knacks and lots more.

**MULTI. FAMILY Sale:** 508 Scott, Saturday 7:30-? Golf clubs, portable sewing machine, inline skates, TV, bunk beds, entertainment center, king size bed, nice clothing, housewares and lots more.

**MULTIPLE FAMILY Garage Sale:** Saturday 7:30am-?, 2601 East 24th Street. Treadmill, furniture, double stroller, baby clothes, wood dining room table.

**PATIO SALE:** Saturday 8-4 in Sand Spring on Becker Rd. Clothes girls and boys sizes up to 10. Juniors- girls- women & men. Lots of misc.

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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:*

- New Elbow Elementary School principal Madge Patterson, who was promoted from her position as assistant principal at Forsan Junior/Senior High School, and Angela Woolley, who will join Patterson on the school's administrative team as assistant principal.

- All the hang gliders who have taken part in the USHPA Big Spring Nationals Hang Gliding Competition this week at the Big Spring Airport, as well as the committee of local volunteers who helped organize and stage the event.

- All those who heeded the warning to purchase their tickets no later than today for next week's kick off luncheon for the 65th annual United Way of Big Spring and Howard County fund-raising campaign. Having a well-attended luncheon will definitely get the campaign off to a good start.

- The Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team, which opened the regular season Tuesday in Sweetwater.

*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 focus on You, Lord, we focus on love and blessings.

Amen

# Lesson 1: Never stop learning

The survey question asked, "What is something you would learn if you had the chance."

I was stumped. I eventually thought of one answer — snow ski — but I still can't believe how tough a question this was for me. And now I'm asking myself, "Why did I have trouble coming up with an answer?" Besides, surely I could think of more than one answer to such a question!

Do we ever learn all there is to learn?

As babies, we begin our lives with a big new world before us. Throughout our childhood years — truly — the world is our classroom. Our curiosity inspires our sense of adventure and keeps us expanding our abilities and honing our skills. The search to discover our talents seems inexhaustible and exciting. Throughout our school years we read, think, wonder, consider, explore — learn.

I've been out of school for many years now. Has something changed during my adult years that made me stop thinking about learning?

I came across some statistics that are almost impossible to believe could be even remotely accurate.

- One-third of high school graduates in the U.S. never read another book for the rest of their lives.

- Forty-two percent of college graduates in the U.S. never read another book after college.

- Eighty percent of U.S. families did not buy a book or read a

book last year.

- Seventy percent of U.S. adults have not been in a bookstore in the last five years.

- Fifty-seven percent of new books are not read to completion.

And yet 120,000 new book titles are published each year in the U.S. I know my daughter buys at least a hundred of those new books every year! I can't say that I do the same.

I've read that entrepreneur, Bill Gates, attributes his success to his desire to never stop learning. In fact, Gates once said, "Every now and then I like to pick up a copy of Time Magazine and read every article from beginning to end, not just the articles that interest me most. That way you can be certain to learn something you didn't know previously."

I can see how success in life is connected with our willingness to stay open-minded and teachable. This means that throughout our lives we continue to ask questions, imagine the possibilities and stay open to change, improvement, growth, progress.

One can also see how ignorance leads to fear. People are often afraid of what they don't understand and what they're not familiar with — what they have no knowledge of. So some people are afraid to learn something new if they think it will lead to changes from what they know and take them out of their comfort zone.

When people stop learning or stop wanting to learn or trying to learn or start believing they have nothing to learn, they cease to make progress. And without progress, there is no life. At the very least, life becomes less interesting.

Perhaps learning is a habit. And like some other good habits

such as eating a balanced meal, exercising or praying daily or studying the Bible, we get lazy or negligent. And our laziness and negligence becomes a bad habit that is difficult to break — but not impossible. Any bad habit can be broken with due diligence and perseverance and good habits can be created and maintained in the same way.

Gandhi's words, "Learn as if you would live forever, live as if you would die tomorrow," tell us there is always more to learn and we should learn as much as we can each day. It is never too late to learn something new. I'm beginning to learn that the old adage — "Practice makes perfect!" — is always true regardless of our age.

I suspect I'm not the only one who is learning there is much more to learn. I know I need to learn to love more, to have more trust, to be more patient. I need to learn how to relax more, listen better and forgive. Yes, there is much more I need and want to learn.

"A wise man... will increase learning." (Proverbs 1:5) I want to be a wise woman! So my new approach to each day is going to begin with the questions, "What can I learn today?" Or better still, "What does God want me to know today?" I may not know what I want or need to learn, but God has infinite possibilities for all of His children. We can trust that God will direct us to exactly what is best each day.

And maybe some winter, I will learn to snow ski!

Why not?

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## OBAMA'S BIRTHPLACE



# Accounts of really red faces

The demeanor of most civic clubs more resembles a sleep-fest than the zany conduct condoned — and sometimes even encouraged — at such meetings a couple of generations ago.

Goings-on at some of them included tie-snipping and biscuit throwing, with speakers praying for deliverance and the good fortune to exit the place with all limbs intact.

It's as if some have taken sobriety oaths, with new regard for propriety and civility. Of course, women have been invited to join civic organizations that were "men only" clubs in the past. They may have toned things down in some respects, but their vitality has added springs in the steps of club members, particularly those who'd started to stumble.

As late as a quarter-century ago, political candidates attended as many civic club meetings as possible, particularly during election years. It was an added bonus if they got to speak.

The late Hubert Humphrey fancied himself to be quite the speaker.

One guy who heard him often had a counter view. "Humphrey had the ability to inspire you, then talk you out of it," he said.

The late Willard Barr, a "farm boy come to town," was on the rubber chicken circuit two and sometimes three times a day in his successful campaign to be mayor of Fort Worth.

"I learned the creeds, mottos and missions of lots of clubs," he observed. Then, he'd get around to details about a certain evening, when he was attending his third civic club meeting of the day. He was asked to pray as the program began. Heads bowed in reverence.

Call it a lapse, or some such, but Barr began his "prayer" this way: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America."

Ray West is a charter member of his Rotary Club. One of his "flubs" years ago resulted in a nickname used to this day. They call him "Ray-O."

Seconds before the meeting began, the president asked him to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, as well as the pledge to the State of Texas. "But I don't know the Texas pledge," he sputtered. "No matter," the prexy added. "When you finish the U.S. pledge, simply turn toward the Texas flag, and say 'O' loudly, and the rest of us will take over and finish it up."

Little did Ray know that the membership was pre-advised to remain silent when he got to the "O." When he belted out the "O" with gusto, it was met with complete silence. And that's how he got his nickname on a day he

was left hanging out to dry.

Walt Sarbaugh spared no time and effort in reaching his red-faced status. He served in the Air Force, stationed in Okinawa more than 40 years ago. There, he and his wife, Julia, were friends with another AF serviceman, Weldon O. Mitchell, and his wife, Mitsn. Upon discharge, they went their separate ways, and not until March of this year was contact re-established.

"I found an Internet site that provided multiple names at same addresses," he explained. "When I found Weldon and Mitsn Mitchell in Laurel, Md., I figured he had to be the only Weldon Mitchell with wife named Mitsn. Sure enough, I was right," Sarbaugh beamed.

Soon, the Mitchells flew to Texas to spend a long weekend with the Sarbaughs.

The foursome attended Sunday school, where Walt proudly introduced the Mitchells.

Responding, Weldon said, "I well remember the entries made on Walt's permanent record. The commander noted that he never made the same mistake twice." He paused before continuing, thus allowing Walt's face to redden up. "However," Mitchell added, "He made every mistake once."

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# Temptation — A deceiving evil

Throughout the centuries, the world has praised athletes, actors, fine artists and others who have mastered a specific craft or skill. But have you ever heard of or known any man or woman who was praised publicly for their Christian life and mastery over sin? Your answer is probably a resounding no. The only person who can claim that title is, of course, Jesus Christ.



**JERRIE STOCKS**

I remember back in my childhood, someone who followed the rules to the letter was labeled a “goody two-shoes” and that was not a flattering name. But the rebellious ones were labeled “big stuff” and others admired them because they could get away with murder — that is, break the rules without getting caught. However, most of the kids who went against authority grew up to experience major problems as adults.

These problems, in most cases, could be traced back to the habits they formed in their early years of disobedience.

In today’s society, it is difficult to define right and wrong.

The motto seems to be, “It’s your thing, just do what you wanna do.” Alternative choices, numbed consciences and “political correctness” have caused many of our personal values to become sadly misplaced.

Though being politically correct sounds very nice, one major opinion has been overlooked, — that is of God himself. He is still watching over the world, not from a foggy distance, as a popular song suggests, but right in the face of trouble, changing times and what appears to be a spiraling economy.

God’s standard for living a holy, Christlike life remains steadfast and constant. Not one of His rules has changed or has been altered to account for what we might call present-day dilemmas.

However, many people choose to defy the Word of God for what they see as a moment of harmless fulfill-

ment, completely ignoring the warnings of scripture when they toy with temptation.

Proverbs 14:12 says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”

When will we learn that disobedience to God’s laws make us slaves, either to the consequence or to the act itself?

What is it exactly that makes stepping over the line worth the risk? Do we say “yes” when we really want to scream “no?”

Is it the beauty, the appeal, the allure of deception’s first cousin, temptation, that causes us to bend the rules and say “yes?”

The answer is really very simple; when man is beguiled and lured by his own desires, passion is conceived and gives birth to the act. As soon as the damage is done, the allure and appeal are gone until the next time temptation stares us in the face. If we continue to succumb, we will eventually experience disaster.

What makes temptation such a crafty genius at catching us in its sticky web?

Temptation knows exactly where to strike; in the heart of a person, that soft pliable place within called “self.” It is the place that craves attention with no thought of the consequences that lie ahead.

In order to master temptation, the first thing we must understand is that temptation is merely a test. It is Satan testing your allegiance to God. Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

But self screams, “I love me more!” Sadly, while God can wipe away the tears with His forgiveness, He is unable to erase the consequences, which stems from a law that is separate from His love.

Temptation is deceiving because it was conceived by Satan and comes from his evil, deceptive soul. God did not plot and dream up the consequence for every sin. He didn’t have to. The law of sowing and reaping works without His assistance.

It was never God’s desire for us to suffer at all. He wants us to live life to the fullest, experiencing the kingdom of God right here on earth, and that comes only through being obedi-

ent to His will and laws and shunning the very thought of temptation.

What a price we pay when we fall into the lap of temptation! How many good people do you know who are going through hardships in order to maintain a relationship with someone who is not a Christian?

It is like mixing oil and water; the combination is not compatible. Nor is it conducive to maintaining a strong and happy relationship.

God never desires that His beloved be united with the world. He said we are in the world, but not of the world. So what fellowship can light have with darkness? What do righteousness and wickedness have in common? James 1:27 warns us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

“Blessed is the man who endures temptation: for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

God bless.

Send your comments to [jjs-tocks1@suddenlink.net](mailto:jjs-tocks1@suddenlink.net)

## Church News

### Chapel of Faith

Chapel of Faith, an interdenominational congregation, would like to invite you to Sunday worship service each week at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at East 14th and Goliad streets. If you come early, you can enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Pastor Scott Willis will be back in the pulpit on Sunday to bring a message on “Do You Want to Get Well?” Scripture will be John 6: 51-58.

God’s love is there for you and for all of us. All you have to do is accept that love.

Come visit with us and learn more of His love and His plan of salvation. See you Sunday!

### First United Methodist

Tomorrow is the big day; the Giant Relay Garage Sale in youth hall at Fourth and Scurry. Doors open at 8 a.m. We have racks and racks of children’s clothes — just in time for school, as well as books, household items, tools, luggage and much, much more. Sponsored by the Pathmaker’s Sunday school class, all proceeds will go to our church teams for Relay For Life.

And also tomorrow, buses leave the church at 7 a.m. going to Lubbock for Roundup 2009. This meeting offers many opportunities for learning and revitalization for church leadership and is held annually for all Methodist churches the West Texas area.

Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will continue her sermon series on “When the Going Gets Tough — Remember.” Scripture text will be from First Kings 17:1-24. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 9:45 a.m.

It’s “Back In the Saddle” for First Methodist Sunday, Aug. 23. On that day there will be only one service of worship at 10:50 a.m. This will give early church goers and those who generally attend the late service an opportunity to meet, greet and renew friendships; a great time of togetherness as we go into our fall schedule. Following worship, we will have an old-fashioned barbecue lunch in Garrett Hall. The barbecue is being provided; the congregation is asked to bring veggies, salads and/or desserts.

Today was the final session of our summer Children’s Day Out program. For information about class openings for fall, come by for a visit or call Loryne at 267-7511 or 270-7103.

Administrative Council will meet Aug. 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will be finalizing plans for an exciting and spirit-filled fall season here at First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

### Salem Baptist

Looking for a church home? We meet each Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 for morning worship and 6 for evening worship. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace beginning at 6.

Salem is pastored by the Rev. Monroe Teeters

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

### 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 Women’s Bible Study group will have an organizational meeting to hand out books and plan for the coming study year Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the church social hall. A light meal will be provided and all women of the church are urged to attend.

The lectionary for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time is I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58. Mike Robinson will be preaching on Sunday, Aug. 16, in the absence of Tom Koger.

### First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. There was no choir practice or youth group. The choir will resume practice at 10 a.m. Sunday before the morning worship service. The Church Life Committee will hold a lunch meeting after worship in the fellowship hall Sunday.

News for the September church newsletter is needed in the church office by Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Lucy Odom will provide refreshments for “Take Ten” Sunday. Liturgist for last Sunday was Christine Boling. We appreciate Delores Currie for playing the organ and Joyce Bradley for the lovely vocal solo.

Also last Sunday, we had a congregational meeting to elect an Officer Nominating Committee and hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee. In addition to returning committee persons, Pam Morgan, Paschal Odom and Sue Carter were elected to the Officer Nominating Committee.

Mark Morgan, chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee presented the name of Craig Holstedt to be the newly elected pastor of our church. Members of the committee Helen Glass, Harry Middleton and Nancy Koger spoke in favor of the selection. Members Katie Grimes and Monika Robinson were absent. Mr. Holstedt was unanimously elected and the call as proposed was accepted by a vote of the congregation. He and his wife Susan will come to Big Spring to begin ministry Oct. 15.

The lectionary for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time is I Kings 2:10-12, 3: 3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58. Rev. Bert Bronaugh will be on vacation, and Dan Miracle, recent graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will preach this Sunday and next.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what’s happening at the church by visiting our Web site: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org)

### First Baptist

Here it is, Aug. 14, and school is right around the corner. Where did the summer go?

First Baptist enjoyed a wonderful summer with a lot of activities for our whole church family. Our youth were kept busy by our summer youth intern, Chris Beaty, and we appreciate the things he did to keep them involved in wholesome activities. Youth, we appreciate you! Our children had the opportunity to go to camp ... some even went to both the middle school camp and mission camp.

This Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, will continue the “You Can” sermon series with “You Can...Fight the Right Fight.” Sunday evening, it will be our privilege to hear from Kayla Spence as she shares with us her experiences traveling around the southeast with a mission team from Angelo State University.

Following the evening service, the church will meet in the Family Life Center for our “Back to School Ice Cream Bash.” You’d be welcomed ... even encouraged ... to come and have some home-made ice cream with us.

Our church is preparing for the upcoming fall activities that begin as soon as school starts. That’s not very far away, is it? Come see what’s happening at FBC. We’d like to have you come, where you can use your gifts to build God’s kingdom, so you home, come home to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, across from the VA.

### St. Mary’s Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary’s this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

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

The Brotherhood of St. Andrews will hold their meeting at 8 a.m. Sunday.

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

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

### Alive in Christ Lutheran , LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn St. in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. Angela Newton is our organist. This week’s acolyte will be Mateo Rodriguez. Eders for the week are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell. The liturgy will be read by George von Hassell. The readings for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost are Proverbs 9:1-10 or Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18, Psalm 34:12-22,

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**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009, 5:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720** for CONSIDERATION OF NEED TO CONTINUE CURFEW ORDINANCE

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider the need to continue the curfew ordinance Chapter 14, Article 3 of the Big Spring City Code until September 1, 2012. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments to the City Council at the hearing, or to Lonnie Smith, Chief of Police at City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79720. #6223 August 14 & 16, 2009

**Legals**

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Guard your tender heart and you'll stay in a wonderful mood. It's better to start a new than to delve into old history. If you must ask questions, make sure you really want to hear the answer no matter what it is.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are a role model whether or not you want to be. Those with less experience are watching you for cues as to how they should behave. Knowing you're being observed helps you step up your game.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You cherish the special connection you have with your friends. That doesn't mean you want to know every thought that crosses their minds. Focus your conversations. Stick to upbeat topics.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You have many of the answers, but you don't have them all. Encourage everyone to solve his or her own problems. When you back off, you empower others to be creative.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You get right down to business and finish things quickly. You make it look so easy that others will try to do what you do. But it's not as easy as it looks. Your skills have been honed over years of practice.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your observations will be particularly astute. Praise those around you, finding what they do very well and pointing it out. Your encouragement brings up the level of production, as well as the morale of a group.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're proud of who you are, but at the same time you value humility and love to be of service to others. Make a concession. By giving a loved one what he or she wants, you pave the way for a harmonious

weekend. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your recent accomplishment will put you in the limelight. You might be dealing with a jealous or paranoid person. Back off. Don't try to convince anyone of anything. Avoid getting into an argument.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your sense of timing is slightly ahead of most people's today. You'll get more accomplished, but you'll also be prone to frustration over the excruciatingly slow pace the rest of the world seems to be adopting. Try to relax.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are given a pretty tall order. You'll be asked to fill in the blanks, solve problems and create an experience for others. This is just the kind of challenge you thrive on.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be offered special treats and deals. Maybe there is a motive behind these offerings, but so what? Have a wonderful time with the perks you're given. No one can make you do anything you don't want to do.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There are very few people who understand how to give fantastic service as you do. Making other people feel important is an art and an attitude you continue to cultivate. You'll be paid handsomely for this skill.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 14).** You have a knack for starting trends and that will pay off for you this year. Health and fitness improvements give you strength and confidence. When you're in a fantastic mood, things keep going in the direction you favor. The sale of a large item happens in September. Invest in June. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are:

7, 2, 33, 50 and 18. **WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Dating is fun, but doing things by yourself might be even more fun. At least don't rule it out. **TAURUS:** Be careful not to attribute qualities to someone that they don't actually possess. **GEMINI:** Dress up. Be surprising. You're fantastic in black. **CANCER:** If you're single, ask a new person out. If you're part of a couple, go somewhere new. **LEO:** It's attractive when you act brave even when you're not feeling that way. **VIRGO:** Send a playful, devilish note to the one you love. **LIBRA:** When you want to know exactly what's going on with a partner or potential partner, go straight to the source. **SCORPIO:** You love your life and that's why you'll attract others with the same condition. **SAGITTARIUS:** Your need for freedom and independence makes someone want to chase you. **CAPRICORN:** You'll be an expert at making eye contact, but don't overuse your gift. **AQUARIUS:** Wait and get to know a person better before you commit. **PISCES:** Make a decision and live with whatever you decide. Good luck!

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Leo and Gemini ignite a spark with the sun in Leo and the moon in Gemini. Both signs are feeling confident and are likely to banter witty compliments and insults alike — differentiating between the two is the tricky part. These two love to knock each other slightly off their game and watch the other person recover. In the recovery, there is real vulnerability. In the end, it's a sweet connection.

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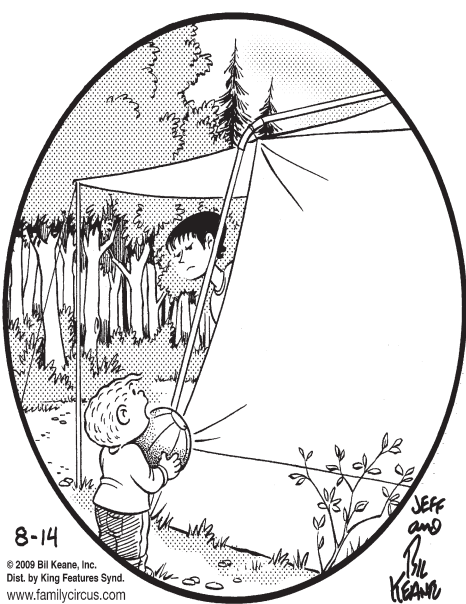
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| 5:PM<br>:30  | News ABC           | News ABC            | Locura             | Lopez              | News CBS           | Noticias              | News NBC                              | Raymond                        | In Touch-Dr         | BBC Business                 | Cash Cab                        | League, Corbin Bernsen                      | Amazing Video          |                              | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live     | Wizards-Place       | Southern                                | SportsCenter           |
| 6:PM<br>:30  | News ABC           | Jeopardy!           | Gancho             | Lopez              | News CBS           | Noticias              | News NBC                              | Friends                        | Sid Roth            | News-Lehrer                  | Cash Cab                        |                                             | UFC Unleashed          |                              |                                   | Wizards             | ATP Tennis: Rogers Cup - Quarter-final. | NFL Live               |
| 7:PM<br>:30  | Entertain          | Fortune             |                    | Two Men            | Entertain          | Millionaire           | Seinfeld                              | House                          | Update              | Wash Wk NOW                  | Colossal Squid                  | Movie: For Love of the Game, John C. Reilly | UFC Unleashed          | CSI: NY                      | Movie: Bad Company, Matthew Marsh | Wizards             | Phineas                                 | NASCAR                 |
| 8:PM<br>:30  | Ugly Betty         | Ugly Betty          | Mañana es          | Mental             | Ghost Whisperer    | Dateline NBC          | Movie: The School of Rock, Mike White | Light of the Southwest         | Bill Moyers Journal | Yellowstone: Battle For Life | Movie: Basic, Samuel L. Jackson | Movie: We Are Marshall, Ian McShane         | Movie                  | Wizards                      | Montana                           | Suite Life          | NASCAR                                  | Baseball: World Series |
| 9:PM<br>:30  | 20/20              | 20/20               | Rosa               | TMZ                | NUMB3RS            | Victorinos            |                                       | Church                         | Charlie Rose        | Colossal Squid               | Movie: Rudy, Charles S. Dutton  | MAN                                         | MAN                    | Movie: Shooter, Danny Glover | Suite Life                        | NASCAR              | Baseball: Tonight                       |                        |
| 10:PM<br>:30 | News ABC           | News ABC            | Impacto            | Raymond            | News King-Hill     | Noticias              | News                                  | Sex & Sanchez                  | BBC                 | Yellowstone: Battle For Life | Movie: The Fly, John Getz       | MAN                                         | MAN                    | Movie: Madden                | Suite Life                        | NASCAR              | Baseball: World Series                  |                        |
| 11:PM<br>:30 | Insider            | Jimmy Kimmel Live   | Desmadrugados      | RENO 911           | Late Late Show     | Camara Pagado         | News                                  | McGee Update CCM               | Smiley (Off Air)    | Weapon Masters               | Movie: The Narrows Margin       | Ways Die                                    | Ways Die               | W. Williams                  | Emperor Dragon                    | World Series        | SportsCenter                            |                        |
| 12:AM<br>:30 | News ABC           | News ABC            | Madre              | Faith              | Insider            | Poker After Dark      | (40) Movie: Eurotrip, Jacob Pitts     | Best of Light of the Southwest |                     |                              |                                 |                                             |                        |                              |                                   |                     |                                         |                        |
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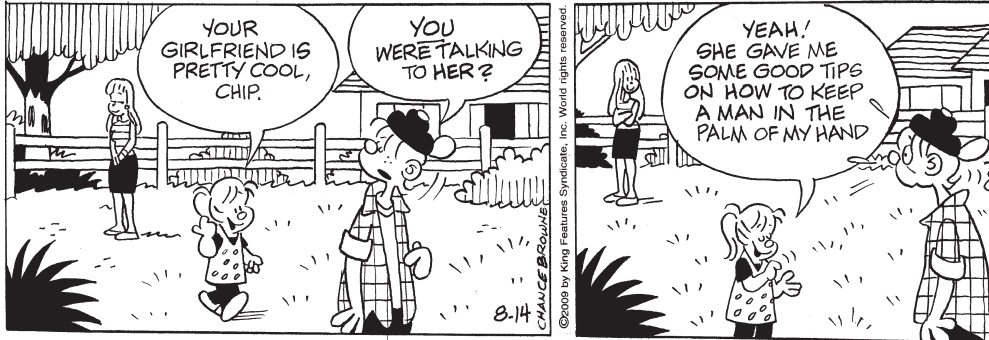
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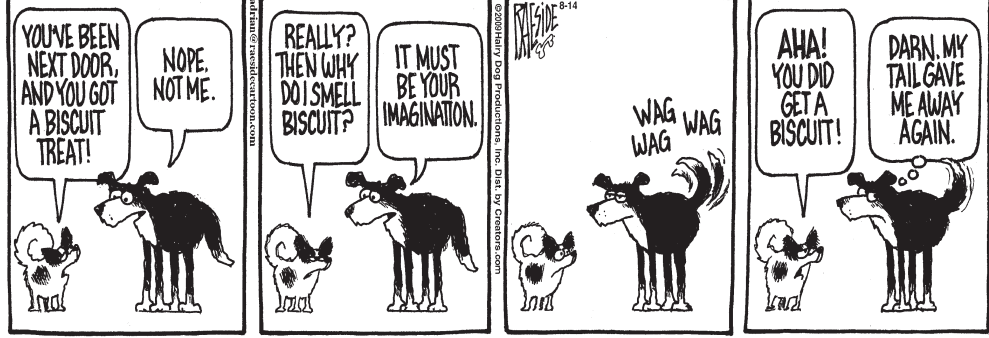
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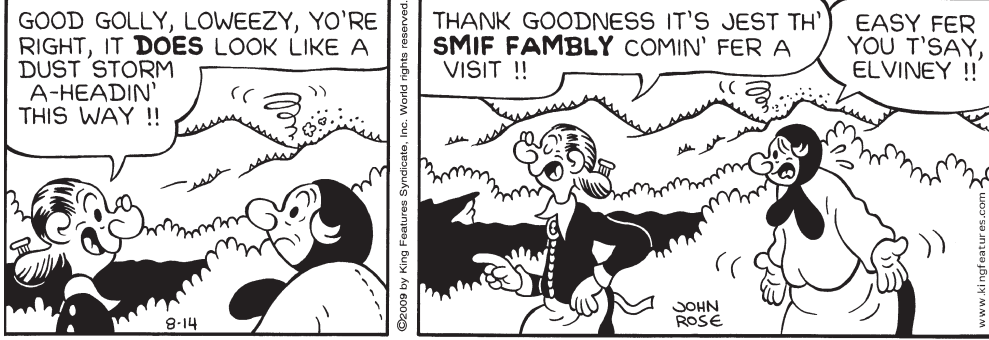
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Today is Friday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 2009. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

On this date: In 1848, the Oregon Territory was created.

In 1900, international forces, including U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at purging China of foreign influence.

In 1908, a race riot erupted in Springfield, Ill. as a white mob began setting black-owned homes and businesses on fire; at least two blacks and five whites were killed in the violence.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

In 1947, Pakistan became

independent of British rule.

In 1958, Elvis Presley's mother, Gladys Love Smith Presley, died in Memphis, Tenn., at age 46.

In 1969, British troops went to Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt effective at midnight.

In 1980, workers went on strike at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, in a job action that resulted in the creation of the Solidarity labor movement.

In 2003, a huge blackout hit the northeastern United States and part of Canada; 50 million people lost power.

Today's Birthdays: Broadway lyricist Lee Adams ("Bye Bye Birdie") is 85. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 84. Singer Buddy Greco is 83. Baseball Hall of Fame coach Earl Weaver is 79. Former NFL player John Brodie is 74. Singer Dash Crofts is 71. Rock singer David Crosby is 68. Country singer Connie Smith is 68. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 64. Actor Antonio Fargas is 63. Singer-musician Larry Graham is 63. Actress Susan

Saint James is 63. Actor David Schramm is 63. Author Danielle Steel is 62. Rock singer-musician Terry Adams (NRBQ) is 59. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 59. Actor Carl Lumbly is 58. Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer is 57. Film composer James Horner is 56. Actress Jackee Harry is 53. Actress Marcia Gay Harden is 50. Former basketball player Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 50. Singer Sarah Brightman is 49. Actress Susan Olsen is 48. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 45. Actress Halle Berry is 43. Actress Catherine Bell is 41. Country musician Cody McCarver (Confederate Railroad) is 41. Rock musician Kevin Cadogan is 39.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>               | 66 Work shift                 | 15 Arrowsmith                          | 42 Casual                        |
| 1 Born's partner            | 67 Carpet type                | spouse                                 | agreement                        |
| 5 Small quantity            |                               | 21 Sci-fi writer                       | 44 Type of frat party            |
| 9 Dressing herb             |                               | Frederik                               | 47 Certifies                     |
| 13 Boyfriend                | <b>DOWN</b>                   | 22 Cuban leader                        | 48 "Lost" ad word                |
| 14 Conference-room prop     | 1 World's largest broadcaster | Castro                                 | 49 African scavengers            |
| 16 Pakistan's place         | 2 Agree to another tour       | 25 Broadcasting                        | 52 "Mother of Modern Presidents" |
| 17 Very edge                | 3 The life of Riley           | 26 Curt denial                         | 53 Brussels-based grp.           |
| 18 Rather small type        | 4 Teflon developer            | 27 "Equal" part                        | 54 Comic Rudner                  |
| 19 Lean                     | 5 "Sure, I'll play!"          | 28 Pie cuts, basically                 | 55 Anthem starter                |
| 20 Start of a quip          | 6 Hit the ceiling             | 29 Get out of                          | 56 Down cookies, perhaps         |
| 23 Marie or Francois        | 7 Part of Caesar's boast      | 30 <u> Eat Cake</u> (Gershwin musical) | 57 Bank contents                 |
| 24 Times to remember        | 8 New York site of Woodstock  | 31 Considerable amount                 | 58 Tanning-lotion no.            |
| 25 Part 2 of quip           | 9 Order taker                 | 32 With                                | 61 Refuse to share               |
| 32 Letters near 6           | 10 Warts and all              | 33 Across, famous smiler               |                                  |
| 33 See 32 Down              | 11 Key element                | 36 "Huh?"                              |                                  |
| 34 Tool-box item            | 12 Demolish a casserole       | 38 Coffee dispenser                    |                                  |
| 35 Inauguration declaration |                               | 39 Altitude                            |                                  |
| 37 "Obviously, Einstein!"   |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 40 Noggin                   |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 41 In Search of... host     |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 43 Bearded flower           |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 45 Lawn covering            |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 46 Part 3 of quip           |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 50 Hockey stat              |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 51 Stable delivery          |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 52 End of quip              |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 58 Persian word for "king"  |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 59 Push up                  |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 60 Ancient mariner          |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 62 Thin bread               |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 63 Sp. girls                |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 64 About, in memos          |                               |                                        |                                  |
| 65 Handle, as a bill        |                               |                                        |                                  |

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# God bless the 'Urban Chicken Movement'

The Urban Chicken Movement is sweeping the South. That's what I have been told.

It seems that some urban environmentalists, concerned about the diet of the chickens that lay their eggs, have insisted on raising their own chickens and gathering their own eggs.

This squawk has forced several cities to adopt city ordinances allowing residents to keep up to 10 hens in code-approved chicken houses in their backyards.

While I am no authority on chicken rights, all of this flap about organic eggs seems a bit unconstitutional to me. The ordinances clearly discriminate against roosters who have been deemed too noisy for city dwelling. I am amazed that such an ordinance would be passed without a government study to determine if one crowing rooster is really louder than ten cackling hens.

If the Urban Chicken Movement continues to spread, I suppose it will be up to the Supreme Court to stop the discrimination against roosters.

Although I'm not opposed to chickens living in upscale town coops, I foresee some problems with the Urban Chicken Movement. Someone will have to market an organic, gourmet chicken feed for all those city chicks to eat. Cities will have to add feather dumpsters to their recycle bins, and somebody will have to do a study to figure out how to keep an urban chicken house from smelling like a rural chicken house.

If the apostle Paul were alive today, he would probably be right in the middle of this fowl debate.

When a concern was raised in the Corinthian church about eating meat that had been offered to idols, he assured his followers that there was nothing wrong with eating the meat, but he admonished them not to offend the new believers in their congregation: "Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble" (1 Corinthians 8:13 NASB).

Having grown up with a chicken house in my backyard, I am happy to buy my eggs at the grocery store and take them home in an environmentally-unfriendly Styrofoam carton. However, I'll try to control my tongue and not be too critical of those who want urban fresh eggs laid at their backdoor.

May God bless the Urban Chicken Movement, and may God bless those of us who aren't worried about what the hen that laid our egg had for breakfast.



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ett family.

This Sunday will be a special worship service. We will be honoring our college students and their families.

Sunday the 23rd, there will be a pot-luck after Sunday school around 11:30 a.m. This date also marks the one-year anniversary of our church. Join us for this time of reflection and celebration.

Plans for Rally Day and Mid Week School are being finalized.

Mid Week School will begin Sept. 9. A meal will be served around 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. preceding Mid Week School classes and confirmation classes. Anyone interested is invited to come and share the meal and the classes. Another adult class for Wednesday evening is also in the planning. If you are interested in helping with the meal on Wednesday evening, contact Karen Ivey. If you are interested in teaching/attending Mid Week activities, contact a member of the Board of Education.

This teachers' meeting held after Sunday school this Sunday will give the teachers the opportunity to go over the new quarter's material as well as consider other items.

Rally Day is Sept. 13 at the church. It will be a fun-filled day of hamburgers and hot dogs, bingo and various games and activities. Plan on bringing your friends. Rally Day celebration will begin after Sunday school.

We are updating our church directory. E-mail family photos to Angela Newton at angela.newton@wtcmh-mr.org or bring one to church to be scanned and returned.

We need someone to volunteer to maintain our church Web site. If interested, contact Dana Byrd. Training will be provided.

The Board of Evangelism is also beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of those wanting/need a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke.

The information class is still meeting on Wednesdays 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.

## East Fourth Street Baptist

We want to invite you to visit us at 401 E. Fourth St. Our Sunday school (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. and the evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesdays we have Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; Youth & Children Bible Study & Music, all beginning at 7 p.m. Saturdays a Men's Bible Study is at 7 a.m.

We have a van ministry for those who need a ride to the services. We invite you to come hear our pastor, Keith Weaver, preach God's Word. For more information, call the church office at 267-2291 Monday through Thursday.

## Bakers Chapel AMEC

Bakers Chapel AMEC at 911 North Lancaster, will host its annual "Family & Friends Day" Sunday at 3:30 p.m. If you are a friend or have called Bakers home in the past, please come out and celebrate "Coming Home" with us. Pastor Eddie Williams will bring the message.

## First Church of the Nazarene

At the First Church of the Nazarene there are events and classes for all ages that not only feed you spiritually but also allow you to kick back, relax and bask in God's love. The FCN has more to offer the community than just the Nativity each year. Current events include:

Old Fashion Sunday to be featured in September. Come join the fun in your overalls, straw hats and enjoy homemade ice cream and a big lunch. More details will be available in August.

We had a great time at Super Saturday last week. Thanks to all that came and participated. We hope to see you back soon!

Classes for all ages are also available Sunday and Wednesday as follows:

Adult opportunities begin with Sunday morning fellowship, including coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. You are sure to find a study to keep you indulged Wednesday evening with classes beginning at 6:30 p.m. which offer your choice of being lead down the Holiness Highway, inspired through Psalms 23 or captivated in how to Heal the Church.

Discipleship Junction is our place

for kids to have fun, discipleship training and activities. Ages 4 through 11 gather at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Sundays. Children 2-3 years old have their own class in the sanctuary building, and infants and toddlers meet in the nursery.

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

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

If you have any question, call at 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@nazfamily.org. The First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. Be prepared to feel God's presence and may you be blessed each and every day.

## North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church invites you to come worship with us this Sunday. We have Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Our lesson this week is entitled "Moses Disobeys." The scripture is Numbers 20:1-13.

Bill Lovelace is leading our lesson this week. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Billy Bates in the pulpit.

Evening service is at 5 p.m. We have music, prayer, scripture lessons and a message to share with all who are interested in listening to Jesus' mandate to "Go forth and make disciples

for God."

North Birdwell Lane will be taking Angel Food orders until 6 p.m. today at the Church, 2702 North Birdwell Lane and Saturday here from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will also take orders at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Lone Star Cards are now accepted for Angel Food at the church location only.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Whew! What a fast summer. The family of Spring Creek Fellowship has been busy. From mission trips, youth camp, Vacation Bible School and ministry opportunities, the members of SCF have been out and about proclaiming the love, mercy and grace of our Lord. May He be praised for everything that has been done in His name.

Plans for the fall are coming quickly. AWANAS will begin Wednesday nights in September. We will have Connection groups on Sunday evenings for all ages starting after Labor Day. These will include Bible studies for women, men and youth. Be watching for the announcement of what these will be and when.

Pastor Dennis Teeters will continue his sermon series this Sunday entitled "Out of the Toy Box and into the Pulpit." These week's sermon is found in John 10:1-18 and titled "... I Will Follow Him (Slinky)." Sundays are wonderful days of worship in

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## 2009 Property Tax Rates in Glasscock County

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for Glasscock County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

| Last year's tax rate:       | General Fund    | Farm to Market/<br>Flood Control Fund | Special Road/<br>Bridge Fund |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$2,856,280     | \$ -0-                                | \$ -0-                       |
| Last year's debt taxes      | \$ -0-          | \$ -0-                                | \$ -0-                       |
| Last year's total taxes     | \$2,856,280     | \$ -0-                                | \$ -0-                       |
| Last year's tax base        | \$1,084,388,860 | \$ -0-                                | \$ -0-                       |
| Last year's total tax rate  | \$.263400/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100                          | \$ -0-/\$100                 |

### This year's effective tax rate:

|                                                                              |                 |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes<br>(after subtracting taxes on lost property)     | \$2,856,280     | \$ -0-       | \$ -0-       |
| ÷ This year's adjusted tax base<br>(after subtracting value of new property) | \$901,694,860   | \$ -0-       | \$ -0-       |
| = This year's effective tax rate<br>for each fund                            | \$.316767/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 |
| Total effective tax rate                                                     | \$.316767/\$100 |              |              |

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes and holds hearings.)

### This year's rollback tax rate:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 |              |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes<br>(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$2,856,280     | \$ -0-       | \$ -0-       |
| ÷ This year's adjusted tax base                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$901,694,860   | \$ -0-       | \$ -0-       |
| = This year's effective rate                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$.316767/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$.342108/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$ -0-/\$100    | \$ -0-/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 |
| = This year's rollback rate<br>for each fund.                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$.342108/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 | \$ -0-/\$100 |
| This year's total rollback rate                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$.342108/\$100 |              |              |

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Glasscock County adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.316767 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$4350.00.

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance     |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund              | \$2,200,000 |

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Glasscock County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office/124 S. Myrl St.

Name of person preparing this notice Nancy Hillger  
Title Glasscock County Tax Assessor-Collector  
Date prepared August 12, 2009

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Ephesians 5:6-21, and John 6:51-69.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact a member of the Board of Education. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and held either at church or in a home. Plans for a Bible study during the noon hour are in the making; if interested, contact Shirley Reid. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend.

A new Web site offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages.

The Board of Evangelism met recently. Tentative plans for activities in November and December are being made. Plans for a garage sale are in the process. Any donations for the sale will be acceptable. Donations and proceeds will benefit the James Aver-



## Club News

### The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will have their first meeting of the new year Aug. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf cafeteria located at Randolph and Sword streets. This is a change of meeting place because of construction at Howard College.

After a Dutch treat lunch, members will have a legislative update from Maridel Fryar, TRTA first vice president. There will be reports from those who attended the District XVIII Officers Meeting in Midland. Finally, attendees at the Midland RTA Meeting will present information gained from Tim Lee, director of the State Retired Teachers Association.

Recently retired school personnel from all the local school districts are especially invited to visit our meeting and see what we are about. Any retirees new to the Big Spring area are also invited. Our meetings are short

and informative. For more information about the BSA RTA, contact Bettie Cox at 267-1910 or Jean Slate at 263-4080.

### TOPS Tx No. 21 Club

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Tx No. 21 met Monday evening in the First Christian Church fellowship hall at 10<sup>th</sup> and Goliad.

Laura Sickles, leader, called the meeting to order with the TOPS cheer which was responded to ball all members. Then Carol Smith led the group in the TOPS pledge, followed by Laura Sickles giving the KOPS pledge. Mary Churchwell led the group in the TOPS welcome song.

The minutes of a previous meeting were read by Carol Smith. A special reading was given by Mary Churchwell entitled "Words to Live and Laugh By."

Two visitors, area captain Clara Cleghorn and Juanita Stigen were introduced, after which the weekly roll call began. Roll call showed members having a 12.5-pound loss with eight TOPS

present and one KOPS. The Best Weekly Loser was Olnee Menges with a 3-pound loss. She received a certificate and \$1 in prize money.

Laura Stickles read a correspondence card which thanked members for their encouragement during the recent hospital stay of Mary Churchwell.

Linda Stapel then told members she is preparing a care package to send to a Marine serviceman in Afghanistan. She asked members to contribute various items for this cause.

The program was presented by TOPS area captain Clara Cleghorn and was "Now is the Time to Create a Lasting Change." All the members were given good ideas on how to make changes in our lifestyles to better our eating habits and help ourselves lose the unwanted pounds.

For more information about TOPS and help in losing unwanted pounds, call Frank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819.

TOPS really does help.

## Closing the deal

The end is almost here, but I can't seem to close the deal. I've had this problem since I was in the second grade — funny how some things never change.

I am almost done with my thesis for my Ph.D. I'm having some difficulties with it — but not what you would think. I keep adding chapters and it's driving my proof reader up the wall.

In the second grade, Mrs. Wentz tasked her class to write a short story about something having to do with St. Patrick's Day. I started work on my story on that Monday and most of the class turned in their story by Wednesday. Me? It wasn't until Friday that I finished, with the teacher looking over my shoulder, late after school, telling me to just finish it.

In my mind, I had many adventures for "My Little Leprechaun" to go on. Without my knowing it until later, the story won some kind of contest and was given a commendation by the school board. Apparently people were impressed over the length of a second grader's story and the depth of story line.

The next writing project I worked on was 11 years ago. I got inspired to write a book for parents on exactly how to talk to their teenager about sex. As far as books go, it's not very long but it is packed with practical information. "The Talk" sat in digital form of moth balls for the entire time. I tried to get the thing published but I found out that it is much easier to write something than it is to get it published.

The first 15 copies of the work finally got published this past month. I am teaching on the subject on Sunday nights and all of the sudden my book is in demand — at least locally in the church. Of course I am self-publishing the thing from a copy machine. Still, I never would have guessed 11 years ago that I was writing the book in California for a youth group in Texas.

I remember the admonition of Jennifer Schartz on the day she hired me as a general assignments reporter for the Great Bend Tribune in January of 2001. "Getting writer's block is not an option," is what she said.

I have been fortunate that that particular phenomenon has never plagued me in a serious way. Most of the time the problem I have as a columnist is deciding what subject or current event to write about.

As a reporter I could never understand being blocked. Ask questions and write about what has happened — it really is that easy. The problem most of the time is space. Sometimes a story has to be condensed or stretched — both of which can be a real challenge.

I was asked six years ago to write two books for Americana Publishing. I had written the first book, "The Carpenter's Apprentice," and it was accepted for publishing. The contract I signed was for two books so I started writing, thinking that it was going to be needed in the next couple of months — yeah, right.

Having been in the newspaper business for a few years, I knew that some editing was going to take place but my jaw literally dropped open when my first book editor Mary told me that I needed to buy a Strunk and White style book and rewrite my entire book using the writing guidelines in that. That took some time, having to switch from AP style to the new style.

Now I am writing my latest book. It is my doctoral thesis for a Ph.D. This is supposed to be the hardest document to write. The rules for a Ph.D. thesis are simple. I must write and bring to the table something new and unique in my field of study which is theology. It is not about feeding back knowledge that I have learned from others — this time I must demonstrate that I can think beyond my teachers.

In theology that can be dangerous and can lead to heresy pretty quickly. The Bible, however, is a remarkably living document. One can read a passage five different times and take away five different themes all of those times — all of which are correct. I call it peeling the onion for layers of meaning.

I think, as of Monday, that I have one more chapter to write. Of course that is what I said last week.

Pray for me that I can finish before my proof reader makes good on her promise to chop off my fingers. I don't want to be known as Dr. Nubbs.

If you're wondering how I am a doctor now without completing my Ph.D. it is simple. I hold a Th.D. For my Th.D., I had to prove that I am conversant with what others have to say in the study of theology. For my Ph.D., I have the opportunity to add to that body of knowledge.

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## CHURCH NEWS

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Bible study, music, prayer, fellowship and the preaching of God's Word at Spring Creek Fellowship. Come join us for coffee and doughnuts at 9 a.m., followed by Sunday school connection time at 9:30. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. as we are led in music by our worship pastor, Stan Hanes.

Are you in need of prayer? We would feel privileged to pray for you during our services.

Spring Creek Fellowship is conveniently located on the east end of College Park Shopping Center. Check us out on the internet at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org).

We'll be looking for you and you will be welcomed with open arms!



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