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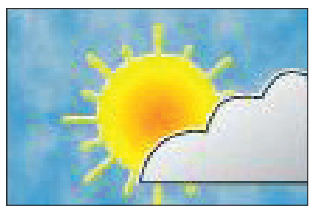
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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Mayoral candidates Oscar Velasco, left, incumbent Russ McEwen, Shannon Thomason and Tommy Duncan listen as debate coordinator Dana Baker prepares to begin the event Thursday evening in the Howard County Cactus Room.

## Candidates argue water woes

Drinking water quality, water park center of mayoral candidates' debate

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

It was standing room only in the Howard College Cactus Room Thursday evening as all four candidates for the Big Spring mayor's seat squared off for a two-hour debate that focused mainly on issues with the quality of city water and the proposed construction of a new aquatics center to replace the Municipal Swimming Pool.

Guest moderator Michael Quinn Sullivan, president and CEO of Empower Texans

and Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, opened the debate by encouraging area citizens to get involved with their city and county governments.

"One of the most frustrating things I, as a big old policy nerd, confront day in and day out is that it is very easy to get people motivated about big, sexy issues you see on Fox News, CNN and on international affairs," said Sullivan. "But the issues that most directly impact our lives, day in and day out, are conducted at city hall and the county



Coming Sunday: Candidates for mayor and city council respond to questions from the Herald.

courthouse. "Our lives can buzz along rather happily almost regardless of what Congress does on a daily basis. The decisions made by your city council and your mayor can literally change your life overnight. I

encourage you all... that each of you will get excited and motivated and go home and get your friends and family more involved. The way Big Spring wins in this election is by getting more folks involved and engaged in their city govern-

ment." On the issue of improving the quality of city water delivered to area residents, candidate Tommy Duncan was the first to speak, calling the matter his "number one priority."

"I know there are methods of bringing the quality of water up to standards. I served onboard a ship for a year-and-a-half, and we took sea water and turned it into very palatable, good tasting drinking

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## Report says health care will cover more, be more expensive

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law is getting a mixed verdict in the first comprehensive look by neutral experts: More Americans will be covered, but costs are also going up.

Economic experts at the Health and Human Services Department concluded in a report issued Thursday that the health care remake will achieve Obama's aim of expanding health insurance — adding 34 million to the coverage rolls.

But the analysis also found that the law falls short of the president's twin goal of controlling runaway costs, raising projected spending by about 1 percent over 10 years. That increase could get bigger, since Medicare cuts in the law may be unrealistic and unsustainable, the report warned.

It's a worrisome assessment for Democrats.

In particular, concerns about Medicare could become a major political liability in the midterm elections. The report projected that Medi-

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## All we need ... is rain

Conditions ideal for lakes to rise

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

The rough-looking old man drug a small, banged up boat from the back of his pickup bed and eased it on to the shore at Lake J.B. Thomas. He'd had to navigate his truck around low water crossings on his way to Sandy Beach — something of a rarity, especially at this time of year. Now he was ready for some fishing. But,



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like everyone, he was talking weather.

"If we get some more rain like we been gettin," he said, "things might be a little better out here."

Indeed, while the lake 18 miles southeast of Snyder is a pretty poor sight, recent rainfall has almost doubled the amount of water it contains. With the region unusually experiencing thunderstorms mid May through June, Lake Thomas stands to see an

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# BSHS athletes ink letters of intent

## Anderson, Parnell sign to play at Cisco College

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Monte Anderson and Tevian Parnell are taking their game to the next level.

Anderson and Parnell, standouts for the Big Spring High School football team that advanced to the third round of the state playoffs this past season, signed letters of intent to play football for Cisco College during ceremonies at the BSHS Athletic Training Center Thursday morning.

Both Anderson, a running back, and Parnell, a wide receiver, earned all-district honors for the Steers this past season.

"I'm just happy for both of them that they get to continue their athletic careers at the next level," BSHS Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Phillip Ritchey said. "I'm ex-

cited to see what comes from their endeavors."

Anderson said he believed going to junior college first was the best option for him.

"I really didn't get any Division I offers ... so I decided to go the junior college route," he said. "It's a different way to get to a Division I school, but I think it'll work out for me."

Parnell said he was excited to get the chance to play collegiate football.

"I prayed a lot about (which school to attend)," Parnell said. "I received a couple of other offers, but something just led me to Cisco."

Their high school coach believes both have the tools to be successful at the junior college level.

"Monte has the speed and vision you need with a running back,"

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School seniors Tevian Parnell, left, and Monte Anderson, right, are shown with BSHS Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey after signing letters of intent to play football at Cisco College. Parnell and Anderson were standouts for the BSHS team that advanced to the third round of the state playoffs this past season.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School softball players Kenzie Hunt, left, and Linzee Yarbar, right, are joined by Howard College Softball Coach Kelly Raines as they sign letters of intent to attend HC during ceremonies Thursday afternoon at the high school athletic training center.

## Lady Steers' standouts stay put; commit to Howard College

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Kenzie Hunt and Linzee Yarbar apparently decided that nothing beats home cooking.

Hunt and Yarbar, four-year standouts for the Big Spring Lady Steers' softball team, signed letters of intent to continue their playing careers at Howard College Thursday afternoon.

The duo are key players for the Lady Steers, who will soon begin play in the Class 4A state softball playoffs.

"I think this is a great opportunity for these two girls," BSHS Softball Coach John Sparks said. "They've worked hard all their lives to get to this point. Hopefully, they'll be part of a good tradition at Howard."

Sparks said the work ethic of the two players would serve them well in college.

"Kenzie will do whatever the coaches ask her to do," he said. "She knows she needs to get stronger, but I have no doubt she'll do what she has to do to be successful."

"Linzee will be able to contribute ... She's one of those players who works hard all the time. When she's at the plate, she puts the ball in play and you always need those kind of players."

Yarbar, who played a variety of field positions for the Lady Steers, said signing home in Big Spring played a big role in her decision.

"They've got a great nursing program at Howard and that's what I want to do," she said. "And I'm sort of a baby — I really didn't want to leave town."

Hunt also spoke of the advantages of staying home.

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## Sports in brief

### Lady Steers face Cooper in extra game

The Big Spring Lady Steers' softball team will face Abilene Cooper at 6 p.m. today in Sweetwater to determine the third and fourth playoff seeds for District 4-4A.

Big Spring and Cooper, which split their season series, finished the regular season tied for third in district play with identical 4-4 records.

The winner of tonight's game will be the district's No. 3 seed heading into the playoffs, while the loser will be seeded fourth.

### Forsan clinches district softball title

FORSAN — It's hard to argue with perfection.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes completed the regular season with an undefeated district record after defeating Junction 6-2 Wednesday evening.

The win improved Forsan to 18-3 for the season with an 18-3 overall record and a 14-0 mark in District 2-1A.

The Lady Buffs struck quickly, scoring two runs in the top of the first. Amanda Longorio drove home Ambra Hill with a single up the middle, then scored later in the inning on a single to right field by Britney Roemer.

Forsan added another run in the fifth, with Longorio again driving in a run, this time a double to center field which scored Shelby Jones.

Junction closed to within 3-2 before the Lady Buffs broke open the game in the sixth, plating three runs. Once again, Longoria provided the big blast, this time a two-out, bases-loaded double to right that scored Hill, Ashley Buzbee and Jones.

Longorio earned the win in the pitching circle, surrendering four hits and issuing three walks.

The Lady Buffs will begin preparations to defend their Class 1A state title when they play a practice

game against Haskell at 10 a.m. May 1 in Trent.

### Howard softball splits with FPC

BORGER — The Howard College Hawks' softball team split a doubleheader with Frank Phillips Wednesday, winning the first game 9-3, before dropping the nightcap by a 9-2 score.

Alexis Beltran took the win for Howard in the opener, while Michelle Plum was tagged with the loss in the second game.

The Hawks now own a 9-9 record in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

"We score nine runs in the first game and then score only two in the second," HC Coach Kelly Raines said. "I was very disappointed in our Game 2 performance."

Howard returns to action Wednesday with a doubleheader at Clarendon. With only six games remaining in the regular season, Raines said her team needs to improve quickly if it is to make the Region V tournament.

"We need to win at least four of our last six games to get one of the four spots in the regional tournament, she said.

Howard's doubleheader with Clarendon begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

### Volleyball team at regional tourney

The West Texas Oilers volleyball team will be in action in the SURVA regional championships in Lubbock this weekend.

The Oilers is a team comprised of Big Spring girls ranging in age from 12 to 14.

They will begin pool play Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Terra Vista Middle School, with the tournament bracket play to begin on Sunday at Frenship

High School

### CGA hosting golf tournament

The Chicano Golf Association will sponsor a golf tournament this Sunday at the Comanche Trail Municipal Golf Course.

The event, which will be played in individual ABCD format, begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded to players hitting closest to the pin on all par 3 holes.

Registration deadline is 9:45 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, contact Larry Mendoza at 816-1684.

### CTLGA weekly report

The Comanche Trail LGA did not hold a play day Monday.

Eleven couples competed in Thursday's couples play. A 6 under par by the team of Forrest and Gail West, Howard and Trish Gabbard and Max and Betty Ray Coffee took first place.

Second place was won by Ron and Daury Booth and Bill and Bobbie Holden with a 4 under par.

Daury Booth shot closest to the pin on hole No. 6.

For information concerning ladies play on Mondays, contact Linda Dewaters at 263-3391.

Howard and Trish Gabbard should be contacted for couples play on Thursday evenings. They can be reached at 393-6593.

### Correction

In Thursday's story on the Coahoma baseball team's victory against Colorado City, Coahoma pitcher Chance Hart was incorrectly identified as Chad Park.

# Obituaries

## Roberta Wright

Roberta Wright, 88, of Weatherford, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, April 22, 2010, in a Weatherford nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## W.H. 'Bill' McMurray

W.H. "Bill" McMurray, 95, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Take Note

• Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at Crispy's Cafe in Big Spring. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. from the menu. The restaurant, 1904 Birdwell, is wheelchair accessible. Everyone is invited. RSVP Bett Pitts at (432) 267-1449.

• A Relay For Life benefit will be held Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third. Hamburger plates will be available for \$5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A dance featuring New Company will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

• So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's much to know and many changes from year to year. That's why the DAV offers help. The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at the Big Spring VA Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 26, to provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available.

• The Breathing Believers team is holding a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of Raelynn Lee and in memory of Casie Wood, will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Pizza Inn. The restaurant will donate 10 percent of the night's sales, plus all tips and donations.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 2012 will hold a play day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Blankenship Stadium to raise money for the prom. There will be Air Extreme sports games and a dunking booth. Cost is \$10 per person. For tickets, call Valerie at 213-8315 or Shannon at 264-3641, ext. 1416.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications for scholarships from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the following autumn. Students must be Howard County residents who will be enrolling for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is May 1. For more information, visit the club's Web site at <http://clubs.aggienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm>

• On May 22, the Howard County Road Kill Running Club (HCRK) will host the first Bob Fishback 5K fun run/walk in Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at the Alice Hayes Pavilion which is located by the Kids' Zone play area. All proceeds will be donated to the Fishback family to help pay for medical expenses. Entry fee is \$20 and there will be awards for first through third place female and male participants. You can either pre-register, or register the morning of the event. Registration will open at 6:30 a.m. You can download the flyer at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/hcrk/docs/Annual%20Bob%20Fishback.pdf>

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at [roxieblair@matthewblair.com](mailto:roxieblair@matthewblair.com) for more details.

# Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL OSCAR YANEZ, 37, of 1709 S. Owens, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- EUGENE VANDERBILT, 43, of 1502 Lincoln, was arrested Thursday on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear (two counts) and driving without safety belt secured.
- GUADALUPE CANALES, 25, of 409 S. Owens, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported: In the 1000 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. In the 1700 block of Highway 350.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Nolan.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.
- MICHAEL OSCAR YANEZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolutions.
- EUGENE VANDERBILT JR., 43, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to appear (two counts) and no seatbelt.
- GUADALUPE CANALES, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- JOHN MICHAEL EDMONDSON, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and assault — family violence (two counts).

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Hax Valley Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Gunter. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Support Groups

## FRIDAY

- 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 4/24	Sun 4/25	Mon 4/26	Tue 4/27	Wed 4/28
<b>79/53</b> Sunny and windy. High 79F. Winds W at 20 to 30 mph.	<b>82/51</b> Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>85/55</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>77/55</b> Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>86/62</b> Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:07 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:22 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:06 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:23 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:05 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:23 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:04 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:24 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:03 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:25 PM

## Texas At A Glance



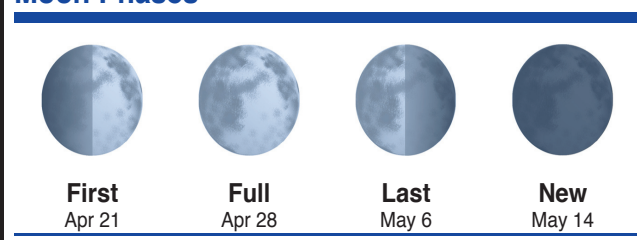
## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	52	sunny	Kingsville	88	60	pt sunny
Amarillo	68	42	windy	Livingston	81	56	t-storm
Austin	80	55	t-storm	Longview	77	56	t-storm
Beaumont	82	60	t-storm	Lubbock	74	47	sunny
Brownsville	90	61	pt sunny	Lufkin	80	58	t-storm
Brownwood	81	54	pt sunny	Midland	79	53	windy
Corpus Christi	85	62	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	60	pt sunny
Corsicana	77	56	t-storm	Rosenberg	83	59	pt sunny
Dallas	77	57	t-storm	San Antonio	84	58	pt sunny
Del Rio	85	56	windy	San Marcos	81	55	t-storm
El Paso	76	52	windy	Sulphur Springs	76	57	t-storm
Fort Stockton	80	52	windy	Sweetwater	79	52	windy
Gainesville	76	53	t-storm	Tyler	77	56	t-storm
Greenville	75	54	t-storm	Weatherford	77	53	t-storm
Houston	82	60	t-storm	Wichita Falls	77	50	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	62	t-storm	Minneapolis	60	47	rain
Boston	67	45	mst sunny	New York	66	51	mst sunny
Chicago	65	48	t-storm	Phoenix	80	58	sunny
Dallas	77	57	t-storm	San Francisco	72	50	sunny
Denver	56	38	sn shower	Seattle	52	42	rain
Houston	82	60	t-storm	St. Louis	75	56	t-storm
Los Angeles	71	54	mst sunny	Washington, DC	64	54	rain
Miami	84	74	pt sunny				

## Moon Phases



# Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-11-33-37. Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 18-24-26-29. Bonus Ball: 8. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-3-6. Sum It Up: 18

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-1. Sum It Up: 13

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# Cowboys trade up, select WR Bryant

IRVING (AP) — Once Dez Bryant was within reach, the Dallas Cowboys made sure they grabbed him.

Just three spots from taking him at No. 27, the Cowboys made a deal with New England to snag the Oklahoma State receiver with top-15 talent but questions about his character.

"I'm not disappointed at all," said Bryant, who grew up two hours away in East Texas. "Me falling to the Cowboys, that's the best thing that could ever happen to me. I'm so happy. I'm excited. I'm ready to go to work."

The Cowboys ranked Bryant among the 10 best players in the draft and used their home-field advantage to thoroughly research his background growing up and at college a few hours away. Team owner Jerry Jones said he got "real good information, and it got real consistent." While he acknowledged "that doesn't mean every bit of it was A-plus," it obviously was enough to persuade them he was their guy.

They also knew other teams were likely to let him slide. So they waited for the best possible deal.

"We felt all along you can mitigate that risk the lower you go in the first round," Jones said.

There were some nervous moments — like when Denver moved up to 22nd and took a different receiver. Dallas sweated out just one

more pick, then made its move.

Bryant said that when he saw Dallas swap spots with New England, he was hoping it was for him. Soon enough, Jones called to confirm it, to the delight of everyone in the team's draft room and at Bryant's draft-watching party at the Dallas-area home of one of his advisers.

"They believed in me," Bryant said. "They chose me. It's a blessing."

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound Bryant was an All-American in 2008 when he turned 87 receptions into 1,480 yards and 19 touchdowns.

His stock slid after his suspension for lying to the NCAA about his activities with former NFL cornerback Deion Sanders, a suspension that kept him off the field nearly all of last season. There were other questions about him, such as being late to meetings and even games.

Nobody questions his skills.

Bryant's arrival means quarterback Tony Romo has another potentially dynamic receiver to go with returning Pro Bowler Miles Austin.

It also likely means a lesser role for Roy Williams, who has been pretty much a bust since Dallas gave up several draft picks and a \$45 million extension to get him from Detroit midway through the 2008 season.

Jones insisted this pick was "more about what Bryant is than what Roy isn't."

# Texas pick Alabama cornerback

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans need a cornerback to start immediately.

Alabama's Kareem Jackson is ready for that challenge.

The Texans selected Jackson with the 20th overall pick in the NFL draft Thursday night and said they plan to plug him right in on the right side of their defense.

"He played for Nick Saban," Houston defense coordinator Frank Bush said. "He played in a complex system, so picking up our stuff shouldn't be a real task for him. But we're going to give him every opportunity to be a starter for our football team and contribute."

Jackson isn't daunted by the thought of being thrown into a starting role as a rookie.

"I think I can step in," he said. "I'm a quick learner."

The Texans needed a cornerback with the offseason departure of Dunta Robinson to the Falcons. Jackson is the first cornerback taken in the opening round by Houston since

Robinson was chosen 10th overall in 2004.

The departure of Robinson, who was the best player in Houston's secondary, left a big hole to fill for a team that faces Peyton Manning and Indianapolis twice a year and has only beaten the Colts once, team officials said.

Bush said Jackson was more attractive than other cornerbacks available, including Boise State's Kyle Wilson and Devin McCourty of Rutgers, because of the level of competition he saw in playing for Alabama's national championship team last season.

"He had some opportunities to go against the Floridas of the world and play against Arkansas and all those other type teams, whereas some of those other kids don't play against that competition," Bush said. "So we felt good about this guy being able to make the next step because he's played against a lot of the same guys he'll be playing against at this level."

# Wilson earns first win as Texas starter

BOSTON (AP) — It was a night of rarities for the Rangers: C.J. Wilson got a win, Darren Oliver earned the save, and Texas won for the first time in a week.

"It's nice to smile," Rangers manager Ron Washington said after Wilson pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning to beat the Boston Red Sox 3-0 on Thursday night. "We've been on the verge of getting a win. Now the monkey's off our back, and we can just play."

Wilson (1-1) earned his first career win as a starter and Oliver got his first save in 498 appearances since 1994. But the Rangers, who had lost six straight, were happy to win in any fashion and happier still to get it against Clay Buchholz, who struck out a career-high 10 and matched shutout innings with Wilson through six.

"The biggest thing is, we got a win," said Wilson, who allowed four hits and two walks, striking out two before leaving with two on and two outs in the seventh. "When the final out was made, a big weight was lifted off my shoulders and a lot of other people's as well."

Nelson Cruz had two hits and stole two bases — the Rangers' 13th and 14th in as many tries in

the series — and David Murphy also had a pair of hits as Texas scored three times on three hits and two Boston errors in the seventh to avoid a three-game sweep.

Boston put two on with two outs in the bottom half to end Wilson's night. But reliever Darren O'Day got recent call-up Darnell McDonald, who homered in each of the first two games of the series, on a grounder to third to end the inning.

With closer Neftali Feliz unavailable a day after pitching two innings, Oliver got five outs for his third career save.

"It's not like I'm going for a milestone like 800 saves," Oliver said. "Our closer was down, and Wash was looking for someone to close the game. It all starts with the starting pitching, and C.J. did a great job."

Buchholz (1-2) allowed six hits and a walk in 6 2-3 innings.

Wilson had been 0-6 with an 8.31 ERA as a starter.

He went 0-5 in 2005 and then went four years without making a start before pitching seven shutout innings in a no-decision in his first appearance this season. After a bout of food poisoning, he gave up three

earned runs to the New York Yankees in a 5-1 loss on Friday.

The former closer had allowed just two hits through six innings, but the Rangers had just three against Buchholz before Josh Hamilton led off the seventh with a double and scored on Cruz's single up the middle. Cruz then stole second and scored on Murphy's double into the left-center gap to make it 2-0.

Buchholz got Chris Davis to ground out to first and struck out Taylor Teagarden. The right-hander could have gotten out of it on Andres Blanco's drag bunt up the first-base line, but Buchholz made a wild throw to first to allow Blanco to get to second, and then right fielder J.D. Drew made a bad throw to third to allow the runner to take third.

"No one here is real happy with the way we are playing right now," Boston third baseman Mike Lowell said. "But, I don't think we were down in the dumps."

The sold-out Fenway Park crowd turned on its team, booing as Buchholz was taken out of the game. Ramon Ramirez relieved him and got Julio Borbon on a liner to first to end the inning.

## CISCO

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Ritchey said. "He's got all the tools a running back needs — speed, vision, he's a tough runner and a good blocker, also. He's just a complete player."

"Tevian, to me, is one of the most complete wide receivers I've ever had as far as being

able to run crisp, sharp routes," Ritchey added. "He's got the ability to get open ... he's got good hands and he runs well after the catch."

The signings bring to six the number of BSHS football players to sign collegiate letters of intent. Previous signees include Matt Ritchey (Baylor), Kyler McGee (Eastern New Mexico), Thaddeus Straughter

(Cisco) and Steven Henry (Oklahoma Panhandle State).

"It's a good reflection on the program to have these two sign letters of intent, on top of the four who have already," Ritchey said.

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## HOWARD

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"I just wanted to stay in the area for the first year or so of college," the all-district pitcher said. "Howard has a good program, so I decided that's where I wanted to play."

Howard College Head Softball Coach Kelly Raines said she foresees Hunt and Yarbar contributing almost immediately.

"We always need pitching, and Kenzie does a very good job of changing speeds on her pitches, which is very important," Raines said.

"Linzee is a very versatile player who can play in the infield or the outfield. I see her playing a lot of roles on the team next year."

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**DEBATE**

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water,” said Duncan. “Those methods are out there. I have heard the media flush recently about how our water is not unsafe, and I propose to you those of us that have lived in this community for the last 20 or 30 years understand our water pipes and our hot water heaters are going on the brink on a regular basis.

“So, that is my number one priority. As far as the actual cost of doing that, I don’t know what that is. But my proposal is we concentrate the revenues we have toward that first, rather than concentrating them on things like water parks and other non-essential items. I think we need to concentrate on the basic needs, which is water, first, streets and roads, and property taxes.”

Candidate Shannon Thomason said he’s convinced the city is not being forthcoming about the safety of the water, and, if elected, would explore other methods of improving water quality.

“We have a serious problem with water here,” said Thomason. “I know there have been announcements and press conferences saying the water is safe. Unfortunately for people like Milton Williamson on Wasson Road, whose doctor is telling him not to even bathe in Big Spring water, that’s not much comfort. I think we need to look at some programs like they are using in Andrews. The city of Andrews has instituted a pilot program to actually place RO (reverse osmosis) systems in every house in town. Instead of going out and getting paid consultants, let’s get some real-world advice from people who are actually in the business of purifying water and bring them in and get some things fixed.”

Incumbent Mayor Russ McEwen spent much of his time de-

fending the city’s actions concerning water quality, explaining the drop in quality is due to problems outside of the city’s immediate control.

“I absolutely agree that we need the best water possible,” said McEwen. “We have been involved in this last year in what has been the perfect storm. We have gotten our water from a lake that is at 5 percent capacity, and, unfortunately, we used to be able to blend water with Lake Thomas and Lake Ivie water and get a better product, but because of maintenance with CRMWD (Colorado River Municipal Water District) we have not been able to do that.

“I can say, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the drinking water we have had is absolutely safe. The problem we have had is with turbidity, which is the ability to look through water. It’s the solids in the water. We have had a problem there, and TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) says if you have that problem, you have to inform the public. We’ve done that and tried to keep the people involved. However, the water is safe. If someone can find a way to get it to rain, then our water quality is going to go up a great deal. We have a very good water treatment plant, and I don’t believe we need to go out and spend millions of dollars in order to do a plant that may be solving a temporary problem.”

Candidate Oscar Velasco was the last to speak on the subject, offering no plan of action on the matter but saying he would bring in the “right people” to tell the city how to handle the situation.

“We’re spending our money in the wrong direction,” said Velasco. “Instead of building a pool that’s not even going to be a swimming pool — I understand it will be more of a wading pool — and spend more

than \$4 million, get the right people to come in and tell us what to do with our water. It has to be drinkable, and as long as we keep pumping polluted water, we’re not going to get anywhere.”

The panel moved on to another hot topic in the Crossroads area, the proposed construction of a \$4.2 million aquatics center to replace the Municipal Swimming Pool, which was closed two years ago due to its inability to meet state and federal guidelines.

Duncan said if he’s elected he will support repairing or replacing the existing swimming pool, but will fight against a water park.

“If I’m elected mayor, I will encourage and do everything in my power to divert those monies to a more modest avenue of either repairing the existing pool or replacing the existing pool,” said Duncan. “I have talked to one pool company out in California at length and can get estimates anywhere from \$600,000 to as much as \$1 million, depending on soil conditions, or replacing the pool at about \$1.5 million, again depending on the soil conditions.

“I know the city has said someone has told them they thought it would be about \$2.5 million, but we haven’t gone out for competitive bids. I would take the remainder of the funds from the bond money we received and use that to pay off bond debt. I think it’s vitally important that we get our bond debt down to zero, if at all possible, and start living within our means.”

Thomason was much more ambitious with the \$4.2 million, which the city has already secured through certificates of obligation.

“The pool issue should have been voted on by the citizens. Period,” said Thomason. “It’s your money, not the city’s, not the mayor’s, not the council’s or the city staff’s. It’s your money and you should

have had a voice in that. What I feel we need to do, since we already have the money in hand, is go ahead and repair the swimming pool in Comanche Trail Park. While we’re at it, let’s fix Municipal Auditorium and give the symphony back an auditorium where they belong. Also, we actually have a swimming pool on the north side. I don’t know how long it has sat idle, but why don’t we fix that, too? And then take what’s left and apply that money to the debt and pay it down?”

McEwen used his time on the subject to clear up what he called “misconceptions” about the project, including accusations the \$2.5 million price tag the city has placed on repairing or replacing the existing pool is overinflated.

“There are some misconceptions about the aquatics center people need to know about,” said McEwen. “Comparing this aquatics center to the water park that was between Midland and Odessa is as far from the fact as you can get. It’s not apples to apples. The footprint of our aquatics center will basically be where our pool is right now, no larger. That’s something everyone needs to understand. Mr. Duncan is absolutely right when he said \$1.5 million will repair or replace the pool we have right now. Unfortunately, the bath house we have right now is not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant and there is no way to get it ADA compliant. Therefore, it has to be replaced. That’s why the figure to replace the facility is \$2.5 million.

“There has been a lot of criticism for us not going with general obligation bonds and not putting it on the ballot. The reason for that is simply this. When we looked at it, if we build a pool it is \$2.5 million. If we build a water park, it’s \$4.2 million. The incremental cost between those two issues with

our tax base the way it is right now, if you own a \$100,000 house, the difference is less than \$10 a year. If you own an average priced home, the increase is less than \$4 per year, not per month... The reason we did a CO (certificate of obligation) is because we can open that water park one year earlier, and that’s good for our kids. We’ve talked a lot about having something for our kids to do, and it’s important for us to have something for the kids to do. This year, they will not have a pool. A year from now it is my hope and my desire they will celebrate. Do you know what we say to them when we provide an aquatics center? We love you. We care about you. We think you’re important.”

Like Thomason, Velasco showed his ambition by saying he would use the money on several projects.

“I’m for the idea of remodeling what we have,” said Velasco. “Mr. Shannon said there is a pool on the north side. I’ve lived here 10 years and never even heard of it. If there is, it would be an excellent opportunity to open that one and fix the one we already have. Why do we want to spend \$4.2 million on something that doesn’t work? I have seen, in the past 10 years, the council approving a lot of things and they know it is not the desire of the voters of Big Spring, but they still go ahead and

do it. It’s a rubber stamp deal. It’s a done deal before you even get to the meeting.”

Duncan was quick to point out both Thomason’s and Velasco’s ideas for the \$4.2 million were moot, as the city is legally bound to use those funds either for the project they were initially destined for or debt service on the project, something Thomason refuted and said he “believed” was incorrect.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, Duncan is correct.

“It’s the same situation as with a general obligation bond. Whatever wording you use in the CO is what you have to follow,” said Darden. “The city can use that \$4.2 million for the swimming pool at Comanche Trail park or to pay on its debt. You can’t legally use that money for any other projects.”

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**HEALTH**

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care cuts could drive about 15 percent of hospitals and other institutional providers into the red, “possibly jeopardizing access” to care for seniors.

The report from Medicare’s Office of the Actuary carried a disclaimer saying it does not represent the official position of the Obama administration. White House officials have repeatedly complained that such analyses have been too pessimistic and lowball the law’s potential to achieve savings.

The report acknowledged that some of the cost-control measures

in the bill — Medicare cuts, a tax on high-cost insurance and a commission to seek ongoing Medicare savings — could help reduce the rate of cost increases beyond 2020. But it held out little hope for progress in the first decade.

“During 2010-2019, however, these effects would be outweighed by the increased costs associated with the expansions of health insurance coverage,” wrote Richard S. Foster, Medicare’s chief actuary. “Also, the longer-term viability of the Medicare ... reductions is doubtful.” Foster’s office is responsible for long-range costs estimates.

Republicans said the findings validate their

concerns about Obama’s 10-year, nearly \$1 trillion plan to remake the nation’s health care system.

“A trillion dollars gets spent, and it’s no surprise — health care costs

are going to go up,” said Rep. Dave Camp.

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## OUR VIEW

# We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- All those who took part in the Big Spring Powwow Saturday and Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- Students at Lakeview Headstart that raised \$2,425 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital last Friday by taking part in a trike-a-thon.

- Gerald Harris, a senior at Big Spring High School, who is in the process of constructing a 450-foot pipe fence along U.S. Highway 87 and the municipal golf course as his Eagle Scout project.

- Big Spring High School academic team members Shermila Kher, Jessica Rubio, Forrest McJunkin, Victoria Bustamente, Haley Carillo, Ben Merworth, Danielle Freeman, Shawn Adams, Seth Trevino, Andrew Fillingim, Andrew Lewis, Lacy McMurtrey and Connor Furqueron, who've qualified for the UIL Region I academic meet.

- All those who organized, took part in or attended the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's candidate forum Tuesday and the mayoral debate Thursday.

- Grady High School academic team members that qualified for the regional meet. They are Chris Struab, Christian Medina, Tyler Matthews, Cody Mitchell, Max Kennady, Peter Unger, Jack Kennady, Sam Harryman, Gerry Adkins, Charmynee Arnold, Morgan McDonald, Dylan Cox, Zane Robinson, Jackelina Martens and John Ramirez.

- Big Spring Junior High School student Bailey Pittman, who finished third in environmental management competition at the Exxon/Mobil Texas State Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we do the right thing, Lord, and trust You.  
Amen

# I want to live ... really live!

Every week, I write my cup of Jehovah java and I add fun flavor of Texas attitude. This week, the preacher in me comes out with both barrels blazing — because while I am a Texan, I am also a resident of heaven living in Texas.

As one of Heaven's ambassadors to this part of the world, I want you to know that my Father's heart breaks over misery and affliction. He's sick and tired of the enemy having his way in so many people's lives. The Lord is sending a word right into your region and it is a word of life.

In my neck of the woods, there has been an outbreak of suicides and tragedies involving people who have so much to live for and somehow couldn't believe it anymore.

I don't want to be funny or sarcastic today.

Let me say this to the families and friends of those who have recently lost someone in one of these tragedies: You are loved and prayed for more than you know. I declare, in Jesus' name, that this event will not define your life. You might have lost a battle but you have not lost the war. We have not seen the best of you yet, and you have yet to see your best days. Suicide touches all of our families, including my own, and I promise you the Brewer has some very real victory in this day.

To everyone else, let me say this in hope that you will repeat it to somebody else around you: Life is good.

I didn't say everything we ex-

perience in life is good. I said life is good. This basic premise, that is fundamental to how we walk around from day to day, seems to have been deleted from the operating systems of so many people. Erased by lies of hopelessness and feelings that things will never get better. We've got to get it back.

There will never be another you and you are significant. Your destiny is greater than your history, so muster up the character to not be defeated by a defeated devil. Have hope, partner with the Lord and get through whatever is ailing you now.

People experience failure and rejection and problems. That doesn't mean you are rejected or that you are a failure or a problem. If you have been rejected and have failed at something, the Lord has this amazing way of receiving you and celebrating you in ways that makes you a winner at the top of your game. If you are struggling with thoughts of ending your life, reach out — there is help and hope for you!

The Lord loves you and smiles on you and hates the things you go through that would suggest anything different.

When darkness begins to mount its forces on a city, it is up to the church to turn on the light. Turning on the light means removing the basket from over the candle and beaming something different from the top of the hill.

I am not here to present a long list of rules or point out what anyone is doing wrong. Both of those lists are longer than I care to recite and I choose not to partner with any devil of accusation or condemnation.

I have a full-time job confront-

ing myself in my own malfunctions. I am here to say life is good! Your life is precious and valuable.

I am also here to challenge you to say the same things to the people around you.

The promise of Christ is a promise of progression. That means things get better and better. Jesus is not just an author, He is also a finisher and he can end any ongoing issue you, or loved ones, might face. He's the original creator and he never got out of that business. He's still making a way where there is no way, creating opportunities and opening doors.

I hope the enthusiasm for life we Christians have would rub off on you. If you know a Christian who doesn't represent life very well, I ask you to excuse him and know that the Lord loves knuckleheads too.

I want to live more now than ever before. I want to be more happy, I want to see miracles, I want to make a difference in other people's lives, laugh hard, dream big and often put myself in crazy situations. I want to be funny, appreciated and significant. I want to be the guy telling the stories and not just hearing about it.

That's just a sliver of what I think I get by knowing Jesus as my friend and serving Him like my King. I want to live and I want you to live too. More than that, I want you to want to live.

That's what me, Jesus and the people who love you are believing and hoping for in your life this year. Don't let us down.

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# Annie Oakley would be proud

Their shots weren't heard around the world. But, in the annals of intercollegiate rifle competition, the all-female team at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth won the whole "shebang" last month in the NCAA's co-ed rifle competition.

Winning this year was improbable, what with three freshmen on the team. (The other two members are seniors.) Annie Oakley would be proud, what with TCU's riflery and "hossback" proficiency. (The TCU equestrian team won the national intercollegiate title in 2008, but this is not yet an NCAA sport.)

Should community leaders decide to again trot out the "Where the West Begins" slogan for Fort Worth, these teams could be in the spotlight.

For readers wondering when TCU men's teams won national titles, the answer is football: 1938.

(Actually, there's been one other TCU national championship. It was carded by the women's golf team in 1983.)

The rifle competition this year was expected to favor two other institutions.

After all, defending champion West Virginia University has won 14 national championships, and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks has won 10, including nine in this century.

Military loyalists may wonder about West Point and the Naval Academy in the eight-team field. Those teams won fifth and eighth, respectively.

It may take weeks for the victorious Horned Frogs to get their "eyes unsquinted" and the smiles off their faces. In the 31-

year history of the event, this is the first-ever championship won by an all-female team.

There's more good news in the world that meets the eye, though too many headlines suggest otherwise.

A good example is an ever-widening emphasis on projects to help fund cancer research.

Starting four years ago on Holland American Lines, "deck walks for the cure" were introduced on selected cruises. Now, all 15 HAL vessels feature walks that have netted almost \$2 million for the Susan G. Komen Foundation funding of cancer research.

Pink-trimmed t-shirts and bracelets adorning guests throughout the ships are testimonies to strong support of cancer research.

On the subject of cruising, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., residents have good news. The community boasts 33,000 hotel rooms and has invested mega-millions in the Port Everglades cruise port and area tourist attractions.

Citizens "love to live there" and tell others that they "love to live there."

Little wonder but that within a year, this will be the world's No. 1 cruise port.

One who'd be hard to dislodge from his Florida digs is concierge James Lesnick.

He's spent the past 32 years with hotels in New York City, Las Vegas, Paris and Fort Lauderdale. James also has been on the eye-rolling end of wacky phone requests.

Countless experiences are worth recounting, but in the interest of space, I offer hem-of-the-garment treatment.

Zsa Zsa Gabor's appeal for help is a good place to start. She was befuddled by the coffee maker.

James went to her suite, patiently explaining the step-by-step process.

"Oh, so I must pour the water

through the top," she squealed.

The concierge has scars to show for his work.

Once he suffered an arm triple-fracture in a canned heat explosion, and he may still have shoulder blisters caused by Ann Margaret. He remembers the frantic call vividly, one of many complaints fielded during a late-afternoon power failure. The Broadway star was in her 52nd floor penthouse, dressed for her evening performance, high heels and all. And the elevators weren't working.

He did, of course, what any red-blooded American male concierge would have done.

James bounded up the 52 floors, threw her over his shoulder and delivered her to the lobby, taking only a few minutes longer than a functioning elevator.

His strangest request came not from guests, but from his boss, the general manager of a hotel in Paris, France.

The man owned a French poodle, perhaps the most coddled pet in Europe. "Fifi," or maybe it was "Phydeaux," had been trained to respond to commands in Spanish, French and Italian.

Among James' daily duties was to expand the dog's training. (After all, if the pet could master commands voiced in English, she'd be "quad-lingual," or whatever comes next after "trilingual!")

Anyways, following each "English lesson," James served the pet's favorite foods — carefully measured servings of chopped ham, English peas and carrots.

So far, his duties with Sheraton have been considerably more conventional.

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**► Church News**

**First United Methodist**

Saturday at 5:30 p.m., First Methodist will celebrate our first Young Family Fun Night; a hamburger supper and Wii event. Families and their children will be served a favorite meal as well as participate in all kinds of fun activities in Garrett Hall.

Sunday morning, our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wi-ese, will bring the message at both the 8:30 and 10:50 services of worship. Her sermon on this fourth Sunday of Easter will be "My Father and I Are One" with scripture readings from Psalms and John.

Following the 10:50 service, the youth group and sponsors will be serving a spaghetti dinner in Garrett Hall, followed by a Slave Sale. This a fundraiser for the R.O.T.C (Reaching Others Thru Christ) Mission Trip planned for this summer. They are joining with youth from First Methodist Midland in building handicapped ramps and making repairs for those unable to do these things for themselves. Please plan to stay for lunch and join in the fun of the sale auction.

Sunday evening there will be a snack supper at 5:30 with youth activities in the Partee Building at 6. The G.I.G (God is Good) pre-teen group will meet in youth hall. Adults will have an opportunity to hear a representative of the Texas Methodist Foundation making a presentation, "Getting Your House In Order," regarding wills, estate planning, trusts, etc.

On Sunday, May 2, Fun Night will include a toy shower. It's a party in honor of our children to help spruce up the toy selections in our nursery and classroom areas. If you cannot attend you are welcome to leave your gifts of new or gently used toys in Garrett Hall on Sunday morning.

Remember that our Relay For Life teams are still hard at work and they can always use your help. Orders for the Recipes For Life cookbooks are also still being accepted. The big event is May 14 at Blankenship Field; be there to cheer our survivors around the track on that first lap.

Remember to talk to someone about Jesus this week and ask them to church down at the corner of Fourth and Scurry. It's First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

**Baptist Temple**

This Sunday, our morning message will be "It's All for Show," from Matthew 6:1-8. Jesus criticized the Pharisees for making a spectacle of themselves. We need to use caution as to when we do things for God that we do it for his glory and not our own. Sunday evening's message will be from 1 Corinthians 14:1-25.

Our Financial Peace University class meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. We have already started for the spring semester, but will offer this course again in the fall.

Our weight-loss support-group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets Tuesdays at the church at 6 p.m.

Our 12-Step Recovery group, led by Dean Thomas, meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

You are always welcome here. Sundays, we have classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have groups for all ages starting at 7 p.m.

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

**Signal Mountain**

**Emmaus Community**

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

The Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is May 13. Please mark your calendar.

At that meeting we will honor the 2003 Walks: Women's Walk 31, Jackie Henry; Men's Walk 32, Brandon Iden; Women's Walk 33, Cindy Worthan; and Men's Walk 34, Mark Hyatt. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our Web site [www.signal-emmaus.org](http://www.signal-emmaus.org)

**First Church of the Nazarene**

Get your motor running; Biker Sunday is coming! Ride your motorcycle to a great morning service followed by lunch and bike blessings May 16. Service will begin at 10 a.m. and lunch will follow. We hope to see the parking lot filled with all types and colors of motorcycles.

First Church of the Nazarene also offers the following:

- Sunday morning fellowship begins at 9:30 and worship service is at 10 a.m. Children's Church, for ages 4 to 11, is in the fellowship hall.
- Wednesday night classes begin at 6:30 for all ages. Ages 4 through third-graders meet in the classrooms at the north end of the fellowship hall for Bible class. The fourth- through sixth-grade pre-teens have their own "gender focused" classes learning to grow into Christian men and ladies. The boys meet under the "Salt Shaker" in the gym



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**Members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League recently donated \$1,240 to the Howard County Bible Class Fund. To thank the women, fund directors Walter Shipman and Hayes Stripling Jr. (back row, left to right) and other fund officials treated the group to breakfast at Herman's Restaurant.**

and the girls meet in the east classroom under the "Salt Shaker." And Youth Explosion, for seventh through 12th graders meets with Pastor Cal in the "Salt Shaker." For adults there are three different options: A study of the holiness movement in the Commons, the "Sunday Sermon Revisited" class is in the conference room, or you can enjoy "The Coffee Class" in the library for fellowship and discussion of various topics.

FCN also has small groups. Thursdays at 7 p.m. there is the College and Young Adults Life Group. Sunday evenings at 6:30 is the Harvest Life Group and Financial Peace University is at 6.

If you have any questions about the Church of the Nazarene, call 267-7015 or e-mail us at [church@nazfamily.org](mailto:church@nazfamily.org). Also look us up on our Facebook and Twitter under Big Spring First Church of the Naz.

**Chapel of Faith**

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's Word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week.

Pastor Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message will be "Love Makes the Difference," based on scripture from Acts 9: 36-43.

Encouraging Words: "True strength is very delicate." — Nevelson.

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed.

Remember, God loves each of us with a love so great He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

**Salem Baptist**

Salem Baptist Church invites you to visit us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening worship at 6. A nursery is available for all Sunday services.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace beginning at 6.

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The Episcopal Church Women have a meeting Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us in the library.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist service is every

Wednesday in the chapel.

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

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

**East Fourth Street Baptist**

East Fourth is located at 401 E. Fourth St. We invite you to come worship with us. Our Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., morning worship service is at 11 and the evening worship service is at 6. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., we have Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Music and a Children's Backdoor Bible Study. Saturdays, a Men's Bible Study is held at 7 a.m. For more information, call our church office at 267-2291.

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Sunday's worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church is provided. For more information, call Michele, the church secretary, at 264-0015 or check us out at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org).

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Rolling Stones long ago suggested that we can't always get what we want. It's a good thing these days, since often what we want in the moment won't be good for us over the long haul. That will be a theme during the next few days, as Venus and Neptune square off, introducing some conflict between our animal instincts and higher minds.



HOLIDAY  
MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There is much you can do if you'll only believe in yourself. If you don't have enough reasons to believe in yourself, think of some more. Keep a list of what is positive, valuable and unique about you, and refer to it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're usually able to play many

roles in the same day, and the transition between them is seamless. Today there will be a minor glitch, as one of your responsibilities will conflict with another. A friend will help you out.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). What would you say about your life if you were a stranger looking at it from afar? You'll have a pretty serious one-on-one conversation today, probably with one of the most helpful and insightful people you know — you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You would think you'd already know all there is to know about you, having been with you your whole life. You will do some soul searching and learn more about your own values, thoughts and feelings.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Good relationships lead to good health. Stay involved with your loved ones, especially those in your inner circle. A peaceful coexistence isn't necessarily a

connection. Work and play together.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships will be a source of surprise and fun. Your social network will intertwine in playful ways. Your work and personal life intersect. Friendships will add fresh energy to your love life, and vice versa.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be kind and gentle with yourself. Stress prevents you from thinking clearly and creatively. Eliminate the stressors that are interfering with your ability to process things.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make sure that you hear what someone is really saying — it's probably different from what you expect and want this person to be saying. If you listen well, you'll learn all you need to know to make fantastic decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You and a loved one have different ways of relaxing. What

you find soothing could be unpleasant or stressful to your loved one, and vice versa. It will be most effective to decompress in your own way, alone.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Jokes are telling. Listen to what your loved ones say in jest and to what they laugh at in conversation. What you learn will help you stay emotionally bonded to one another.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A loved one longs to feel secure in your affection. This person will behave in a more loving way once you have reassured him or her of your commitment to the relationship.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't have time for long, drawn-out conversations, but it's still important to stay in sync with your team. Quick calls during the day will keep you up to date with what your people are doing.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY** (April 23).

Your optimism wins out this year. You'll get the first evidence of this in May, when a long-held dream finally comes to fruition. There's a trade up in June. New friends lead to July travel. An educational venture helps to create business opportunities, and by October you could be in an entirely different line of work. Aries and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 48, 2, 6, 35 and 19.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Gather information. Look for clues. Ask yourself: How does the other person feel around me? **TAURUS:** You'll see the other person's way. Because you can do this, you'll create happy relationships. **GEMINI:** You'll have peace because you accept a loved one for who he or she is. **CANCER:** You are willing to compromise to a far greater degree than the others around you. Don't let anyone walk on you. **LEO:** If you make someone feel like royalty, he

or she is very likely to stick by your side. **VIRGO:** Go to a quality movie or show. A bit of marvelous entertainment will bond you with friends or a romantic hopeful. **LIBRA:** It's almost not fair what you'll do in the name of love. **SCORPIO:** As much as you would like a partner to behave differently, this person only knows how to be him or herself. **SAGITTARIUS:** Raise your emotional I.Q. by going easy on yourself. **CAPRICORN:** Believe in your own social instincts — they're pretty good. **AQUARIUS:** Do something to put a smile on your loved one's face and life immediately gets better for you. **PISCES:** Love means tolerating a partner even when it's challenging to do so.

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Dear Margo: Not on the same wavelength

**Dear Margo:** I have been dating a great guy for a year-and-a-half. He's kind, generous, funny, loving and financially stable. We've been discussing marriage for the past six months.



MARGO  
HOWARD

He recently bought an old yacht and now spends every weekend and holiday repairing it. While I understand he has always wanted one, and he insists this is no midlife crisis (he is 40, never married), it seems a bit excessive and obsessive.

When he bought it, he mentioned in passing that the fact that I don't sail (yet) is not a deal-breaker.

He says this is the lifestyle he's always wanted and plans to spend most of his free time on the boat.

We had words yesterday, and he pretty much told me that this is what he wants and I could

take it or leave it.

I am unsure what to do. To me, a man who would buy a yacht before thinking about a house and family (he says he wants children) seems a bit irresponsible, like he doesn't want to "grow up."

Is this just a phase that he will grow out of, or am I being close-minded?

I am willing to try sailing, but it doesn't seem that he has really thought seriously about a family. At his age, if he hasn't done so yet, am I wasting my time? — *Wondering*

**Dear Won:** All of this man's fine qualities notwithstanding, it sounds like the boat is No. 1 in his affections.

When a man is 40 and his lifelong dream is finally within reach, I suspect his priorities will not change and that this is not "a phase." The "take it or leave it" is quite a strong hint.

Unless you are able to talk this out with him to your satisfaction, I think you would be wise to let him look for another first mate.

This whole deal

sounds like the floating version of a souped-up motorcycle, which is often a midlife situation, or at the very least a self-centered choice.

I am married to a sailor, but it is way down on the list of things he values.

My guess is that you will wind up inviting Popeye to find himself a sailorette. — *Margo, aquatically*

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**Dear Ti:** To quote a Yiddish proverb, "You can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails."

Simply tell people that the two of you met online (perfectly respectable these days), and leave out the hooking up and no-strings-attached aspect.

That is nobody's business. And while I'm pondering relevant sayings, the idea of meeting strangers just for sex reminds me of something Gore Vidal said of himself: "I have tried everything except incest and folk-dancing."

In any case, I wish you and your accidentally wonderful hook-up well. — *Margo, serendipitously*

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann*

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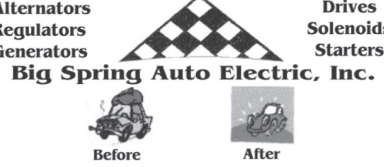


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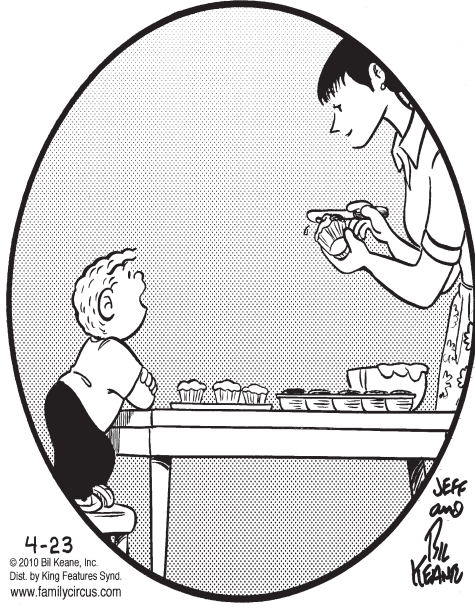
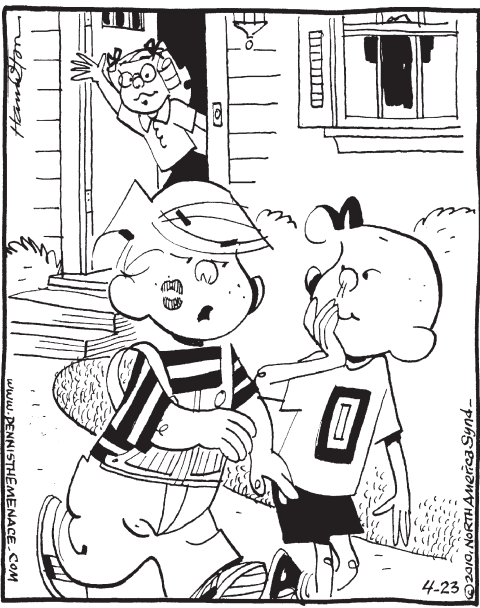
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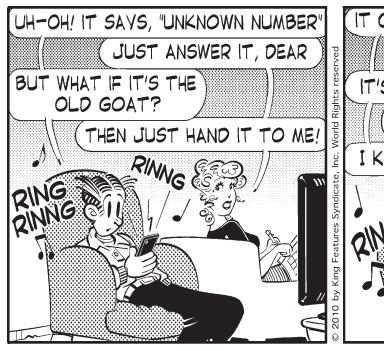
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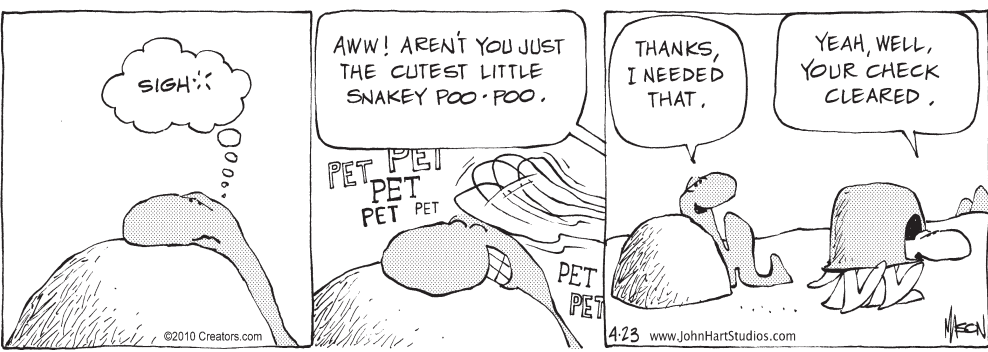
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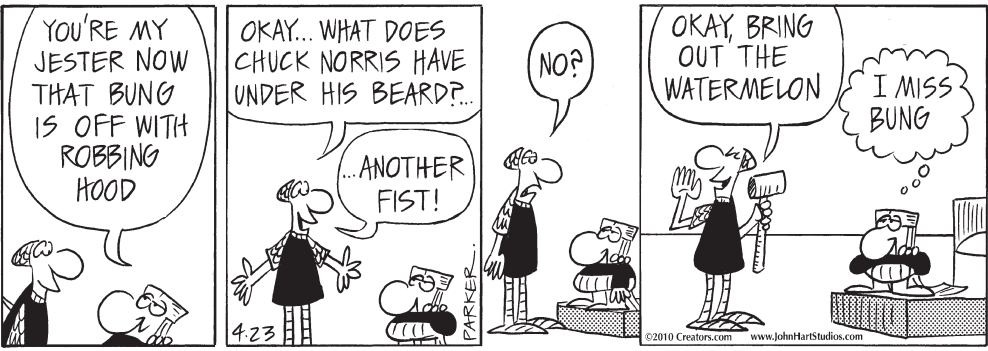
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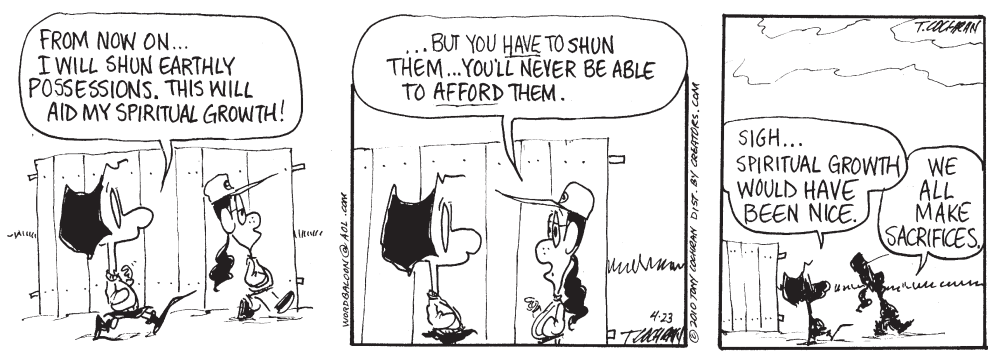
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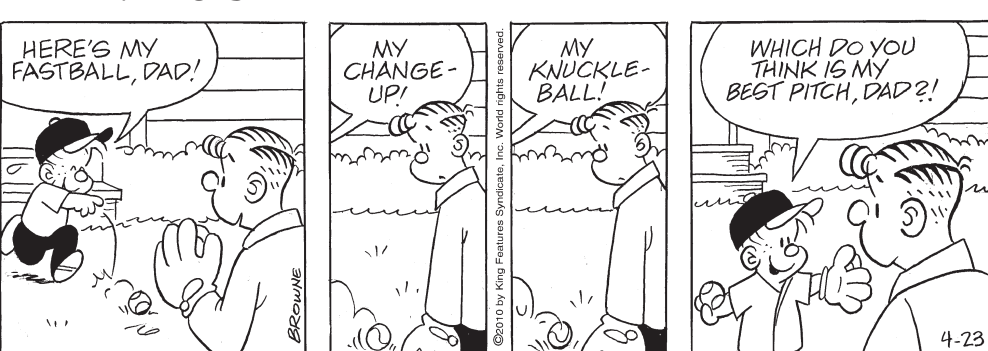
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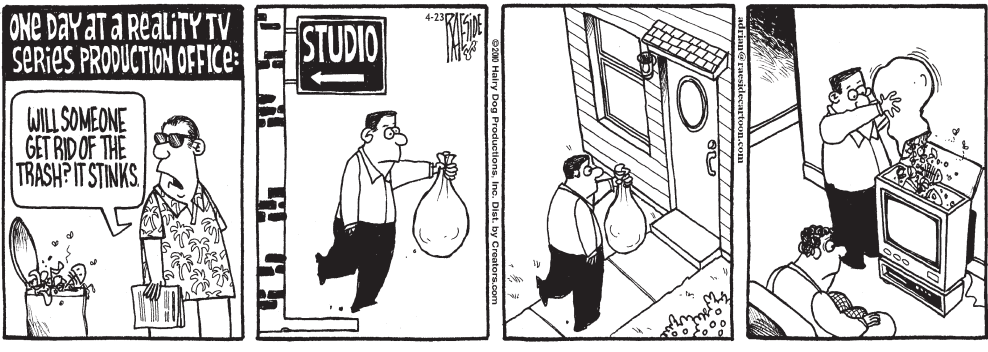
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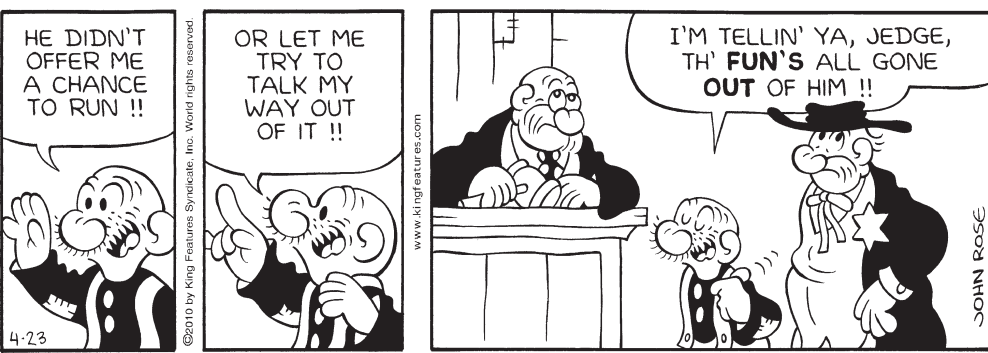
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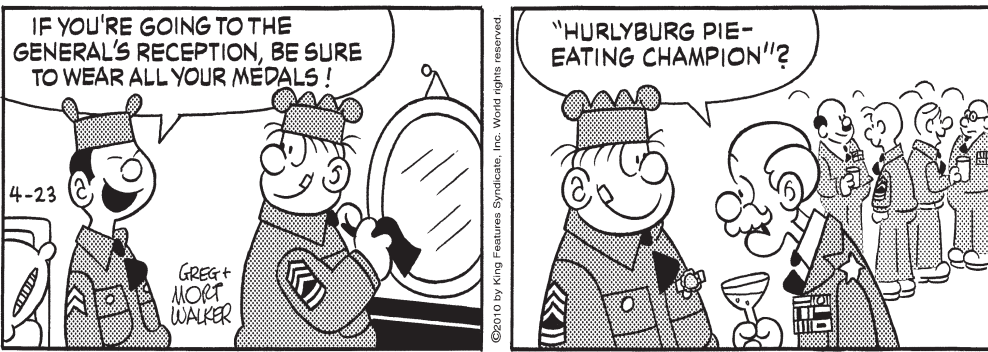
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 23, the 113th day of 2010. There are 252 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 23, 1910, former President Theodore Roosevelt delivered his famous "Man in the Arena" speech at the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1789, President-elect George Washington moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York. In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 82. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 80. Actor David Birney is 71. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 63. Actress Blair Brown is 62. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 61. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 61. Actor James Russo is 57. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 56. Actress Judy Davis is 55. Actress Jan Hooks is 53. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 50. Actor Craig Sheffer is 50. Actor George Lopez is 49. Thought for Today: "Don't pay any attention to the critics — don't even ignore them." — Samuel Goldwyn, American movie producer (1879-1974).

Answer to previous puzzle crossword grid with words like SCREW, SACKS, SMU, URIA, IMPEI, TAP, POT, SANDPANS, ORE, SWEETIES, TIPI, SPA, STEAMED, SEPIAS, STERNO, IRONY, PAINS, TIM, TASK, WILES, WIDE, SST, FREES, COOLS, ISLETS, CANNES, ANTHONY, CAR, MONET, EUROCENT, BIO, SPOTREMOVED, EST, ARIAL, ERASE, RYE, MOLLY, DENSE.

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- ACROSS: 1 Superheroes' accessories, 6 Superhero's accessory, 10 Leg muscle, briefly, 14 Maker of Reynolds Wrap, 15 Neuron appendage, 16 A law oneself, 17 Proctor's instruction, 18 Caveman's wear, 19 Cooled down, 20 Ursula Andress, in Dr. No, 22 Ad writer's honor, 23 Certain Semite, 24 Dims, 26 Lord's Prayer pronoun, 29 Reprieve, 31 Foot: Lat., 32 Fool, 34 Winged god, 36 Black-and-white beast, 40 1980s middleweight champ, 43 Joy's partner, 44 Bar from the kitchen?, 45 Gangs of New York actress, 46 Atlantic City casino, with "The", 48 Ban, 50 Caustic soda, 51 Evolve, 55 One of the brass, 57 Minimal molybdenum, 58 American Graffiti actress, 63 Party leader, 64 Letters on fighter jets, 65 Unacceptable, 66 Where baby Moses was found, 67 Disney fish, 68 From Waterford, 69 Lion King villain, 70 Go-getter, 71 South African region, 4 Nation partitioned in 1945, 5 Dionysus followers, 6 Largest rodents, 7 Cut down, 8 Emulated a gondolier, 9 Catch, 10 Movie-serial hazard, 11 "You win!" say, 13 Bygone birds, 21 Critic, often, 25 Bank takeback, 26 1/2 fluid oz., 27 Appointed time, 28 Boo-Boo's toon friend, 30 Is wildly unstable, 33 Angry attitude, 35 Scheduled at, 37 Arrest, 38 Strong cart, 39 Wood-shaping tool, 41 Very, informally, 42 Strong adhesive, 47 Mirthful, 49 It makes jelly jell, 51 Grows light, 52 Value system, 53 "There you have it!", 54 Leisurely stroll, 56 Nutcracker girl, 59 Moniker, 60 Not much, 61 Santa \_\_, CA, 62 Charlemagne Prize recipient in '88

Crossword grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for words.

# Is Jesus locked out of your life?

I know how it feels to be locked out. I've been locked out of my house, my car, and my suitcase. I've searched junk drawers, picked through trash cans, emptied purses, and crawled under beds looking for lost keys. Sometimes I've found them in the most unexpected places. Miraculously, I also have found lost keys



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before I even realized they were missing. However, I've learned from experience that possession of a ring full of keys doesn't guarantee entry. When it comes to matching keys with keyholes, I'm visually impaired, and remembering which key fits which door is equally challenging. On the other hand, I do have a knack for getting keys stuck in doorknobs. I've had to humbly beg for help several times. In the computerized world, I've been banned from my checking account, denied access to email, and rejected

as an online shopper. Any program that requires a remembered password is an adversary. The three strikes and you're out rule applies to computerized accounts as well as baseball. My computer, I'm convinced, is haunted by a demon that changes ID numbers and tampers with passwords. Several months ago, the same technology demon inhabited a TV in our house. Some button-pushing glitch caused a gigantic, bright-pink lock to appear on the TV screen, blocking all manual and remote-control activity. The TV stayed

locked for several weeks while my husband read instruction manuals and sought technological support. In spite of his efforts, he was never able to find a TV repairman in cyberspace or in the phone book who knew how to remove a big, pink padlock from a TV screen. It took a second fluke of button pushing to make the lock disappear. In His incarnate condition, Jesus identifies with those of us who often feel locked out. In His address to the church at Laodicea, He said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears

my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20 NASB). Even though He is all-powerful, Jesus doesn't carry a master key to our hearts. He stands outside and patiently knocks until we unlock the door and invite Him to come inside. We must all make the decision to extend an invitation for Jesus to come into our lives or leave Him locked out. *Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at suddenlink.net.*

# The making of a perfected life, Part 1

Our existence would be simple, though dull and without challenge or accomplishment, if one could learn all there is to know about life. But since God did not intend for our lives to be bland or lack-luster, He gave us a blueprint for living called the Holy Bible. It is truly a perfect plan for it guarantees success in every area of the lives of all who follow the instructions.



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for His children to live uncommon lifestyles. When He created the universe, He had all creatures in mind, both human and animal. His original plan was perfection from the first moment to the last. He wanted His family to succeed and live strong, health-filled lives and this remains His heart's desire today because the Bible says, "God never changes." Greatly favored and fortunate is the person who understands that the Bible is indeed the definitive guide for successful living. It holds the answer to every problem known to mankind the world over. It is the pathway for family life and the training of our children. It is the textbook on character and the shaping of the personality. However, it should be emphatically stated that in the matter of shaping lives, there is an important factor we must remember; the element of time. We CAN run out of time! Apart from sending His son to die for us, life itself is truly the most precious jewel God could give us. Our life is so valuable to Him that He wrote a

book just for us, His family. His instructions for a successful and happy life are simply defined so that even a child can understand His plan. Since all good comes from God, His ideas can only be good. Therefore, our ideas become God's way of showing us how to think big, broad, loving, constructive thoughts. Clean thinking is noble and uplifting, therefore we should have creative, constructive ideas throughout our lives. It is foolish to see ourselves as failures, or to criticize or think little of ourselves when we were created in the image of the greatest Master ever known, Almighty God. His thoughts and plans were for us all to experience good, successful lives. When we look at the greatness of God, our own heavenly Father, how can we possibly see ourselves as small and insignificant? In reality God gave man everything necessary to build a good life for himself. He spared nothing. The earth is still abundantly supplied. God has never known shortage or lack. Man created lack due

to his greed. It is God's will that all people live their lives according to His manual, His plan for living, the Bible. Having integrity is the first step toward greatness. Reputations are built on integrity. Our spoken word must become as unbreakable as our signature on a document. We must keep our promises, even in minor matters. Integrity is one of the most powerful character traits one can possess and I am very happy to say that my dad was most certainly a man who lived a life of integrity. He spoke truth, even to the minutest detail. Oftentimes I hear someone say, "If I could turn back time I would live my life differently." The question that comes to my mind is, "What is so wrong that you can't start now?" It seems that most who think this way see their lives as being over, but it is better to be a little late than to never start the journey. Instead, we must realize that we still have the opportunity to spread blessings which allows us to reap the benefits of God's goodness. "This is the day the

Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it," Psalm 118:24. John 9:4 says, "I must work the works of the Lord who sent me while

it is still day; for the night is coming when no one can work." God bless. *To be continued.*

## CHURCH NEWS

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**Alive in Christ Lutheran**  
Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our phone number is 264-7818. Our Web site is [www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx](http://www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx). We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Don Rosentreter will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon text will be from Acts 20:17-38: "Finishing the Race, Completing the Task."

The flowers this week are in honor of Bobby and Judy Roever's 14th wedding anniversary.

Acolyte will be Megan Walker. Our elders are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke.

The liturgy will be read by Bo Vizcaino. The readings are: Acts 20:17-35, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-

17 and John 10:22-30.

Mid Week School is being held on Wednesday evenings with a light meal to be served between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. with both Mid Week School classes and confirmation classes at 6.

May 12 will be the closing for Mid Week School. Mid Week School, Confirmation classes and Wednesday meals will resume in September.

The next Voters' Meeting will be May 2 at 11:30 a.m.

The pastoral call committee is still meeting.

The Examination for our new confirmands will be May 15, with their confirmation being May 16.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact any member of the Board of Education.

A Bible study at church during the noon hour on Thursdays is being well attended. The focus is the Sermon on the Mount. A light meal will be available. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible studies. There are only two more Bible study days until the break for summer.

Bible studies will resume in September.

Scheduled meetings for May include: May 10 the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will not meet the second Tuesday, but will meet on Friday, May 14, at 7 p.m. at the church. The LWML will meet May 13 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet May 20 at 7 p.m. at the church. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

### Birdwell Lane Baptist

Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's Church is during the morning worship for ages 4-12 with Bible stories, music, crafts and a treat. A nursery is provided for your little ones. There is Sunday school for all ages from pre-K to adult at 10 a.m. For a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek service is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The youth are planning a bake sale Saturday, May 1, at the west

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

You are South in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠ Q82 ♥ AKQJ93 ♦ 84 ♣ J6  
 North 1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass  
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2. ♠ Q863 ♥ KQJ52 ♦ — ♣ KQ84  
 North 1♣ 1♦ 2♥ Pass  
 3♣ 3♦ ?

3. ♠ AK8 ♥ K83 ♦ 2 ♣ AQJ875  
 South 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass  
 3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass  
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1. Pass. There is no good reason to think that four hearts will be easier to make than three notrump. On the contrary, it's highly likely that partner has at least one stopper in both black suits and can quickly collect nine or more tricks. In four hearts, you might well lose four tricks, especially with the opening lead going through dummy. You can afford to lose four tricks in notrump but not in hearts.

Typically, partner could have either of these hands:  
 ♠ K54 ♥ 6 ♦ AK9762 ♣ Q73  
 ♠ A10 ♥ 72 ♦ QJ9653 ♣ AQ2  
 In both cases, three notrump is virtually unbeatable, while four hearts might easily fail.

2. Four diamonds. There is a good chance for slam if partner has spade control. So, although he might have a minimum opening bid, you should explore the slam possibility by cue-bidding East's suit to indicate first-round diamond control (the ace or a void).

If partner has ♠ A4 ♥ A7 ♦ J83 ♣ AJ9652, he will either bid six clubs directly or first cuebid spades.

But if he has ♠ 92 ♥ A7 ♦ AJ7 ♣ A97532, he will sign off at five clubs, recognizing that his diamond ace is a useless card opposite your diamond void. It is up to partner to appraise his values in the light of your cuebid.

3. Four spades. Partner's bidding implies that he has at least five spades (with 4-4 in the majors, he would have bid hearts first), so it is vital to tell him now of your excellent spade support and, at the same time, that your three-club bid was based on maximum values. The jump-raise to four spades is a direct effort to get to slam in keeping with the general principle that the more you bid, the more you've got. A three-spade bid would tend to show weaker spade support, or that your three-club bid was based on a minimum.

Tomorrow: Try and make it.  
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end door of Wal-Mart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will go to Relay For Life. The youth meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 for testimonies, devotions and games. They will meet tomorrow from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for visitation, a movie and banana splits.

The senior saints will meet next Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 for a potluck supper and game night. For more information, call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

## First Presbyterian, Big Spring

Please contact Patti Horton to purchase Mother's Day cards for the New Workers Malaria Prevention Program. Junior high and senior high youth interested in going on this year's mission trip need to sign up in the church office by April 30.

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the library to continue their study of Joshua.

Jennifer Patterson is slated as liturgist for the month. The "Noisy Offering" will be collected on Sunday.

The lectionary is Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; and John 10:22-30. The choir will offer "The Lord is my Shepherd" by Thomas Matthews as its anthem and "Alleluia, Jesus Lives" by David Smart for the offertory anthem.

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. There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

## East Side Baptist

You will receive a warm welcome at the East Side Baptist Church. We love company and visits from friends. We are a church that places people over programs and the leading of God's Holy Spirit over a pre-planned menu.

We still sing the classic hymns that were written from the heart and out of life experiences, along with the songs of today that carry the gospel message. We proclaim the gospel of Christ, unashamed, and without compromise. We would love to have you come and get acquainted.

Our worship times are Sundays at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with an afternoon service at 1:45 p.m. and Junior Church for 5-10 year-olds during the morning message. We have a nursery for 4 years and younger. Wednesdays, our service is at 7 p.m.

We have several concerts and special events during the year. Opportunities for service are available as well. We are located at 1108 E. Sixth. Please come by and visit when you can.

Our phone number is at 267-1915.

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## Missouri clerk says he'll use \$258M jackpot on bills

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri man who won a \$258 million Powerball jackpot and plans to use some of the money to pay bills, replace his two missing front teeth and take his children to Disney World said he hasn't decided yet if he'll quit his job at the convenience store where he bought the winning ticket.

Chris Shaw — a 29-year-old tattooed father of three who was raised by his grandparents in rural southern Missouri — came forward Thursday as the winner of the 10th-largest Powerball jackpot ever. Shaw said he had just \$28.96 in his bank account and recently bought a 1998 Ford

Ranger from a friend who agreed to let him pay off the \$1,000 price \$100 at a time. Now, he said, he no longer has to worry about how he'll pay his friend — or his utility bills.

"We didn't come from money. For us it's just going to be a huge relief to know I'm going to be able to pay my electric bill, my gas bill," Shaw told the Associated Press. "It's like a weight lifted. I had bills at home I didn't know how they were going to be paid."

Shaw said he bought the \$5 ticket Wednesday at the Break Time convenience store where he works in Marshall, a central Missouri town about 80 miles

east of Kansas City. He accepted his ceremonial check at the Missouri Lottery headquarters in Jefferson City wearing a tan and red plaid shirt, a red hat and a huge grin — minus two front teeth he says he lost because he didn't take care of them but can now afford to have replaced.

"I'm just a regular guy working paycheck to paycheck ... well not any more," he said.

Shaw said he needed a few days to decide whether he will keep his minimum-wage job at the store where he has worked for just three weeks. He also plans to seek advice "from people who know about money."

## Club News

## TOPS Tx 0021

TOPS Tx 0021 began its weekly meeting with the cheer led by Leader Frank Sickles. The TOPS pledge was then led by Sickles and followed by Leola Newton leading the KOPS pledge. The TOPS welcome song was led by Carol Smith.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Ethel Cassady and approved. Members were reminded of program assignments for May.

Roll call was led by Leola Newton and club members were credited with a five-pound loss. Olnee Menges was recognized as the best loser with a loss of 1.5 pounds and rewarded by both \$1

and a certificate. There were six TOPS and two KOPS attending.

Members were reminded of the upcoming TOPS area officers' meeting set for 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church.

Members were also reminded of the KOPS Honor Society meeting to be held May 15 in Big Spring. Thirty people have committed to attend. Lunch will be served. A motion was made and approved to purchase bottled water for the honor society meeting as a result of the city's water quality.

The program, "Fish for Food," was then presented by Ethel Cassady. Fish is an important food and helpful for weight loss.

The members then went fishing — fish were made of paper and caught with magnets on a pole and string. The fish were labeled with nutrition facts which each fisherman presented to the group. Many different fish were named with ways to cook them, as well as food values. It was a fun way to learn about the value of fish in our diets.

For more information about TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Clubs, meeting times and location, call Frank Sickles at 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. All visitors are welcome. Come meet with us and see for yourself — TOPS really does work. Let us help you.

## RAIN

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appreciable increase in acre feet of water — at least that's the hope.

Just a few days ago, Lake Thomas was only 4 percent full. But rains over a 72-hour period increased the lake's acre feet from 10,000 to 17,000 and caused the water level to rise four and a half feet. Now the lake is at 8.5 percent capacity.

Moreover, those rains were slow, soaking rains — much like the ones experienced earlier in the year. What that means, officials say, is that the ground is now saturated and most stock tanks are full, meaning any more rain in the lake's watershed has a much better chance of finding

its way into the body of water.

"As we move into the rainy season, we're optimistic we're going to get some benefit from that," said John Grant, Colorado River Municipal Water District general manager. "We're at the point where if we have some hard thunderstorms it could all run off (into the lake)."

While Lake Thomas benefitted the most from recent rains, the Colorado River Municipal Water District's (CRMWD) other reservoirs are in similar shape.

"Conditions in the watersheds of all three of the District's reservoirs are ideal for additional runoff because of above average rains received beginning in January," Grant said.

According to the GM, the reservoirs — Thomas, Spence and Ivie — average receiving a combined 190,000 acre feet of water annually. They've received about 20,000 acre feet so far in 2010.

"That's very positive for this time of year," said Grant. "We think

we are ahead of the game."

In contrast, 2009 was a terrible year. The three lakes got just 14,500 acre feet over a 12-month period.

In an ideal world, Big Spring residents would get their water from Lake Thomas. But it's been since December of 2008 since that has happened, Grant confirmed.

Even with a four-and-a-half-foot rise, the elevation of Lake Thomas is still just below the cut off elevation to pump water to Big Spring and Odessa.

"It will take another similar rainfall event to raise the lake another two to three feet to allow pumping to Big Spring and Odessa," Grant confirmed.

However, it's considerably better than the late 1990s, when the lake dropped to around 3 percent.

"We were actually putting water in Lake Thomas from Spence and Ivie for the people of Snyder to have as drinking water," Grant recalled.

Thankfully, Grant says, the current conditions paint a much better forecast for 2010.

As of midweek, CRMWD reported the following changes to its three primary reservoirs, following the recent rains.

Lake J.B. Thomas has risen 4.3 feet and gained 7,070 ac-ft of water. Currently, Lake Thomas is at elevation 2216.67, contains 17,100 ac-ft of water and is 8.52 percent full.

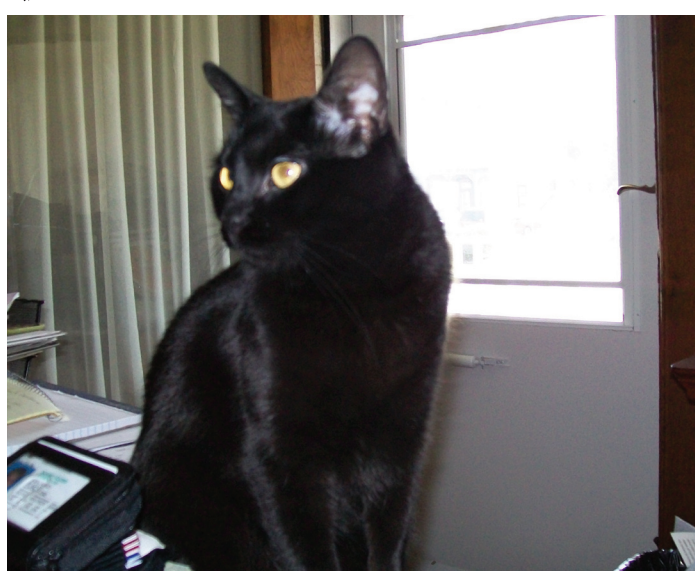
E.V. Spence Reservoir has risen 0.74 feet and gained 1,420 ac-ft. As of Wednesday, E.V. Spence was at elevation 2832.4, contained 23,240 ac-ft of water and was 4.493 percent full. There is still water in the river above Spence. Water will continue to flow into Spence for the next two days, officials said.

O.H. Ivie Reservoir has risen 0.14 feet and gained 1,500 ac-ft of water. Lake Ivie is at elevation 1530.19 and contains 238,800 ac-ft of water and is 43.08 percent full.

Anyone wanting additional information may contact Grant at (432) 267-6341.

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3. Denny's Restaurant in Big Spring, TX (8:00AM)

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