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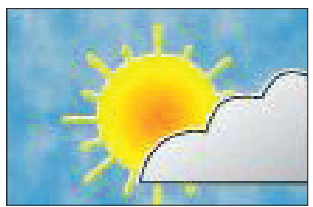
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## Polls open at 7 a.m. Saturday

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Polls in this year's municipal and school district elections will be open Saturday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., as residents prepare to cast their ballots in several high-profile contests. The race for the mayor's seat on the Big Spring City Council and a \$60 million bond issue proposed

by Big Spring Independent School District to replace several local elementary schools have drawn a great deal of interest, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom. With 2,190 ballots cast during early voting — more than the total number of votes cast in the last mayoral election or school bond is-

sue — Bloom is speculating Saturday's turnout could be heavy. "It's really hard to say what sort of a turnout we'll see Saturday, but if early voting is any indication I believe it's going to be more than we've seen in a municipal or school district election in a long time," See **VOTE**, Page 15

## What's happening

### Art Show

Entries for the Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show will be accepted from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today and from 9:30 a.m. until noon Saturday at Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus. Categories include Oils/Acrylics, Watercolor, Pastels, Graphics/Mixed Media, Photography and 3D/Sculpture.

### Fly-In

Prairie Dog Breakfast Fly-In, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Saturday. It's free to those who fly in; \$2 charge for all others.

### Election

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring High School Library and Coahoma Community Center.

### Food Drive

Sponsored by the national Association of Letter Carriers. Put non-perishable food items in a bag or bags and place them near your mailbox Saturday for Big Spring Post Office letter carriers to pick up. All items will be donated to the local Salvation Army.

### Plant Sale

Howard County Master Gardeners will hold their annual plant sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 1604 W. Fourth.

### Dog Show

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum doors open at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for the Big Spring Kennel Club's 40th Annual Dog Show. Judging begins at 9 a.m. Admission is free. Concessions will be available.

## Day of Prayer brings thanks

**By JOHN A. MOSELEY**  
 Managing Editor  
 An overflow crowd of Big Spring and Howard County residents filled Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church during the noon hour Thursday for the community's National Day of Prayer event.



**HERALD photo/John A. Moseley**  
**Evelyn Bender addresses an almost overflow crowd at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall during Thursday's local observance of the National Day of Prayer.**

The Rev. Sharon Wiese, First United Methodist's pastor and coordinator of the event, welcomed the group and thanked those who took part in the event. "We are thankful and blessed ... absolutely blessed ... here in Big Spring," she said in opening her brief remarks. I'm pleased to see so many wonderful faces here today and I'm especially pleased to see the parents that make sure to bring their children with

them." Following Wiese's welcome, local restaurateur Homer Wilkerson provided special musical selections, but not before telling the crowd, "We're so lucky to live in the United States and we're fortunate ... very fortunate ... to live here in Big Spring. I know I'm blessed to be from Big Spring, blessed to have gone to school and grown up

## Price of education \$60 mil bond goes before BSISD voters

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Can we afford it? Big Spring Independent School District officials conceded the proposed \$60 million bond package will cost local taxpayers, but not as much as it will if the facility upgrades are delayed a few years.

With interest rates and construction costs both near all-time lows, BSISD officials say now is an optimum time to pass a construction bond. Voters will head to the polls Saturday to decide the fate of the bond, which, if approved, would green-light extensive construction and renovation at district campuses. Projects the bond will See **BSISD**, Page 15

## Show gives Big Spring something to bark about

**By BILL McCLELLAN**  
 News Editor  
 The next time someone says "This place is going to the dogs," it might be a positive thing. That's the case Saturday and Sunday as the Big Spring Kennel Club presents its 40th annual show at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "We're expecting about 150 people to come to Big Spring and stay in our motels, eat in our restaurants and shop in our stores," said Trellis Lucas, show chair and Big Spring Kennel Club president. "Plus, they all fill up with gasoline when they leave." Though a depressed economy has numbers down this year — some 300 dogs are expected to be entered as opposed to up to 600 some years — it's still a solid impact, Lucas said. "It really contributes some to our local economy and it's fun. We would like people from the community to come visit us at the show. It's free!" she added. The coliseum doors open at 8 a.m.



**HERALD file photo**  
**Handlers line up their bulldogs for showing during Big Spring Kennel Club's 39th Annual Dog Show. The club's 40th show is set for Saturday and Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.**  
 and judging gets under way at 9 a.m. See **SHOW**, Page 3



## Better weather?

Unofficially, it hit 100 degrees Thursday in Big Spring. But the forecast is for mid 70s today and 60s Saturday. Rain is possible Sunday.

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## Anna Marie Fish

Anna Marie Fish, 89, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2010, at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born Oct. 8, 1920, in Iowa Park and married John Henry Fish on July 5, 1941, in Iowa Park. He preceded her in death Jan. 17, 2010.

Anna Marie graduated from the University of Texas in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. In 1948, she moved with her family to Big Spring.

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. John R. and Donna Fish of Big Spring, Dr.

## Obituaries

Gary Edd and Nancy Fish of Dallas, Dr. Kenton and Anne Fish of San Angelo, and Dr. Barry and Marty Fish of Lake Jackson; 10 grandchildren, Dianna Fish, Dr. Larry Fish and wife Silpi, all of Big Spring, Nathan Fish and wife Lily of Houston, Joel Fish of Dallas, Lauren Fish, Drew Fish and Hannah Fish, all of San Angelo, Megan Fish, Sara Fish and Katie Fish, all of Lake Jackson; four great-grandchildren, Ryan Fish, Brianna Welch and Marissa Welch, all of Big Spring, and Stella Jane Fish of Houston; one sister, Marjorie Hall of Fort Worth; and two sisters-in-law, Winnie Dee Garth of Dallas and Edna Fish of Paducah.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Edd and Emma Hieserman; one brother, Clarence Hieserman; and one sister, Gertrude Primm.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Elvira Sarmiento Franco

Elvira Sarmiento Franco, 75, of Lubbock died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Lubbock. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Christ The King Cathedral. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Resthaven from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Friday with a Rosary beginning at 6 p.m.



She was born Jan. 28, 1935, in Big Spring. She married "Corazon" Porfirio G. Franco on Dec. 17, 1955. She is preceded in death by her husband and a sister, Connie Vargas.

Survivors include four sisters, Esperanza Trejo of El Paso, Socorro Talamantes of Farmersville, Calif., Teresa Trevino of Lubbock and Margarita Vargas of Port Hueneme, Calif.; two brothers, Salvador Sarmiento of Austin and Melecio Sarmiento of Big Spring; two sons, Robert Franco and wife Jessie, and Bobby Franco and wife Jamie of Lubbock; three daughters, Velma Franco and Yolanda Clay, both of Lubbock, and Rosemary Parmley and husband Jim of Edmon, Okla.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Susan G. Koman Foundation.

Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com

## Esperanza G. Bustamante

Esperanza G. Bustamante, 80, of Del Rio, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in a Del Rio nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Deacon Victor Lopez officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born April 13, 1930, in Arandas, Jalisco, Mexico, and married Raymundo Bustamante in 1948 in Big Spring. He preceded her in

death Aug. 15, 1994.

She came to Big Spring as a child and had worked in the cotton fields around Big Spring for many years. She later worked for Big Spring ISD at Goliad Middle School, and then at Lakeview Headstart. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Charlie Martinez of Coahoma, and Silvia and Jorge Parra of Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Jacinto and Manuela Trujillo; and a sister, Carmen Garcia.

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

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## Ladie Fred Caffey

Ladie Fred Caffey, 86, of Midland died Thursday, May 6, 2010, in Midland. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Sunday. Funeral services will be held at College Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Monday, May 10, 2010. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ladie Fred was born to John Cox and Madge Kathleen Crain on Sept. 20, 1923, in Trent, where she grew up. She graduated from Trent High School in 1941 before attending Hardin-Simmons University. She married Haskell Ralph Caffey on Dec. 7, 1943.

Ladie Fred served alongside her husband as a full-time pastor's wife for more than 45 years, serving in 15 churches in Texas, California, North Dakota, and Minnesota. She was a member of College Baptist Church in Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; and her parents, John and Madge Crain.

She is survived by one brother, Joel Crain and wife Hilda of Hewitt; daughters, Linda Russell and husband Micheal of Midland, Dianne Haun of Irving and Deborah Heath and husband Kenny of Rawlins, Md.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

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



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# Police blotter

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- MICAH LEVI PEARSON, 24, of 1106 W. Third St. Apt. 4, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALEX SANCHEZ, 24, of 1407 Virginia, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to appear and noise.
- ANDREW KYLE BOWMAN, 34, of 805 W. Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 61, of 407 Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of W. Fifth Street.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 200 block of Union Street.  
In the 2300 block of Marshall.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 500 block of Union Street.  
In the 2600 block of Langley.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.
- MOISES CORTEZ HERNANDEZ, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
  - NICOLE FAITH TATTEN, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
  - JOHNNY LEE JOHNSON, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for violation of a protective order.
  - ALBERT RIVAS, 51, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.
  - ALEX SANCHEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and city ordinance – excessive noise.
  - ELEUTERIO PADRON, 61, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - ANDREW KYLE BOWMAN, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - JOAQUIN AGUIRRE DUENEZ, 38, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of failure to appear and open container.
  - TRACI D. MYRICK, 39, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
  - SERINA CROCKET, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

# Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Centerpoint Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Highway 87 and Highway 846. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Tingle. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.

# PRAYER

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here. And I know I'm blessed to be able to live here and call Big Spring my home and all of you my neighbors."

"There may be some of you that don't know I have another career," Wilkerson would later tell the gathering. "Chances are I'm the world's oldest flight attendant."

"At one time I flew on a lot of flights out of Boston, and quite often worked the flight that was one of the two which were hijacked and flown into the World Trade Center," he added. "I knew several of the people that were on that plane, just like I know a

lot of you here. So, as we pray today, I ask you to pray for the people who are checking passengers and providing security at our airports. And pray for the passengers on the flights I work."

The featured speaker for the 35-minute program was Evelyn Bender, the widow of Everett Bender, who for several years coordinated local National Day of Prayer observances. She stressed the importance of prayer in the lives of everyone, and the importance of praying for our nation and its leaders.

"Prayer is something we can all learn to do," she noted, adding, "It's never a waste of time to spend time in prayer with the Lord."

She would close her remarks with the refrain from the hymn, "In the Garden."

"And He walks with me,  
And He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Howard County Judge Mark Barr and Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman were among the community leaders to lead prayers.

Several local ministers, including the Rev. Carroll Kohl, from the Lutheran church; the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla, a priest from Holy Trinity Catholic Parish; and the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton,

pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, also led the group in prayer.

McEwen noted that he, like many others gathered Thursday, were remembering and missing Everett Bender, but he also noted a collective dissatisfaction on the part of the public for many of our institutions.

"I hear people asking, 'What's wrong with this country?'" McEwen noted. "Well, my personal opinion is that we simply don't pray enough."

Barr touched on the same issue in his brief remarks, when he remembered, "My mother always would tell us that if you pray often enough and long enough, things will change."

# SHOW

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each day and wraps up with Best of Show being announced about 3 p.m.

"It's actually two separate shows. We do one Saturday then turn around and hold a second one Sunday with different judges. We could hold one show this weekend and hold another one on a separate weekend, but this allows us to save on costs, miss less time from work, that sort of thing," Lucas explained.

Each day starts with the judging of individual breeds. After that, the dogs are judged by group — hound, terrier, sporting, herding, non-sporting, toy and working. One dog is selected from each group, and those seven dogs then are judged to determine a Best in Show.

Coffee and cake is served during the group judging, which begins about 1 p.m. Howard College will also have concession stands open throughout the event.

Vendors will be selling all types of items for pets along the concourse.

As mentioned, admission is free and the public is invited.

"Come by and talk with us. Club members love to talk about their dogs. We welcome the public to ask questions," said Lucas. "If you would like to learn more about showing dogs, we'll be glad to visit with you and help you any way we can."

There are a couple of guidelines to abide by when attending the show.

"Children in strollers are now allowed on the coliseum floor. That's because the height of the child and the dog are about the same. It's for the safety of the child," Lucas said. "Also, I always tell people 'Ask before you pet.' Most owners have no problem with you petting their dogs and most dogs love it. But that's not always

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**BSISD**

# EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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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 participating in the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club yard sale held last Saturday — those who worked the sale, those who purchased items, and most especially, those who donated items for the sale.

- The folks at Lonestar Aviation, who provided a barbecue lunch for the U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter crews that stopped in Big Spring last Friday. The choppers stopped to refuel after having left Fort Hood. They're en route to Albuquerque, N.M. for environmental training activities.

- Big Spring's AMBUCS who were honored by the Big Spring State Hospital as recipients of the Jack Y. Smith Award for 2010.

- All those who took part in the National Day of Prayer observance Thursday at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

- The members of the Pops in the Park organizing committee, who have begun the task of raising the approximately \$40,000 necessary to put on the July 3 fireworks show and performance of the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

- Howard College's Hawk Jam Band, which presented its spring concert, entitled "From the Streets to Your Seats," Tuesday at the Hall Center for the Arts.

- All those who took part in the Employer Appreciation Luncheon held last Friday by the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

- The Big Spring Police Department, which along with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, District Attorney's Office and Immigration Custom Enforcement, arrested more than 20 people Sunday in a roundup of alleged drug dealers in Big Spring and Howard County.

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

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

This is a good time, Lord, for us to come to You with all of our concerns.

Amen

# Historically, payback doesn't work

If you ever had reason to drive west of Utley, it would be easy to pass up the historical marker on the south side of FM 969. But, if you did have time to stop and see what it says, it would tell very little about what actually happened there. It's a place where people lived and died 171 years ago — a place where both dreams and nightmares came true.

One of the brave families who settled the frontier lived there when it was a lot easier to die than to live. Texas had just won her independence from Mexico and the Coleman family settled on land deeded to them by Stephen F. Austin himself.

Robert and Elizabeth Coleman fought the Mexicans, the Comanches and the harsh Texas elements while scratching the ground for food and having babies. They lived with very little comfort on the Colorado River and Robert commanded the nearby fort. The family looked forward to a day when living would be less dangerous and survival more likely, but Robert never saw that day.

In 1837, Robert drowned in the river, and Elizabeth did not have the luxury to spend a season in mourning. She was a single mother with a 3-year-old boy, a 12-year-old boy and several daughters whose ages are not known to us now. For the next two years, she successfully fought and lived harder than most can imagine, almost completely isolated from the rest of the world.

By then, her oldest son, Albert, was 14, and he was a huge help in every way. The Coleman daughters had never known anything but frontier life and they fit well into the rhythm of the farm. Tommy was now 5 and spent his days chasing rabbits

and catching horned toads.

Elizabeth was working in the garden Feb. 18, 1839, when she saw a raiding party of Comanche Indians coming full gallop toward the house. She screamed to the kids to get inside and for Albert to prepare to defend himself. Little Tommy was too far away to make it to the house in time, and as Elizabeth stood in the doorway, an Indian arrow pierced her throat.

She fell where she stood in a bloody clump of writhing panic. As Albert frantically dragged her past the threshold, a Comanche picked up Tommy and headed for parts unknown. Albert fired off a shot from his muzzleloader while his mother lay gurgling and his sisters continued screaming from under the bed.

In the chaos and panic, I would imagine Albert found it difficult to reload the awkward rifle. He had no idea a Comanche warrior had his sights on him through a crack in the side of the house.

Several hours later, would-be rescuers arrived to find Tommy kidnapped and Albert, Elizabeth and one Comanche warrior dead. The girls were still under the bed and had to be pried away from their hiding place — a fairly common scene in early Texas history, though an injustice barely comprehensible.

The settlers vowed revenge for the horrific act of savagery, and they would have it.

If after this reading this, your blood is boiling a little — as it should — let me tell you another part of this same story. Like you, Elizabeth had no way of knowing — not that she would have cared — that the Comanche assaulting her were the surviving remnant of an Indian village that had just been massacred by settlers.

Four days earlier, Feb. 14, John Henry Moore had taken a Texan raiding party to find Indians and attacked a village at sunrise on the San Saba River. In addition to the warriors killed in the raid, women, children

and the elderly were cut down, indiscriminately shot and left for dead.

The surviving Comanche vowed revenge for the horrific act of savagery. They would have it in the Coleman family, miles away.

Now before your blood boils at John Moore, as it should, let me tell you another part of this story. John Henry Moore was hunting Indians in retaliation of an attack on another family, and those Indians were hunting settlers in retaliation of another attack on an Indian village. The cycle of death goes on and on, and the stories are tragic and horrific.

Revenge does not belong to us. It belongs to God.

Mama taught me a long time ago not to take what doesn't belong to me, and the Brewer is reminding you to do the same.

Revenge in the hands of a Holy God is a Holy thing.

Revenge in the hands of somebody like me is an ugly thing that does more damage and very little good.

Revenge in God's hand brings justice, but in our hands brings evil — even on innocent people.

The next time you and I have trouble believing that, we should think about poor Albert trying to drag his mother in the house with an arrow through her throat or the panic and terror that little Indian girl must have felt as she took her last breath on the San Saba.

Forgiveness and trusting in the Lord to make things right comes from God Himself. Revenge belongs to Him. The choice to not be a bigger part of the problem belongs to you and me.

"Vengeance is Mine, and recompense..." — Deuteronomy 32:35

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# Bluffs, blusters and blarney...

In a gentler age, when "getting it right" was more important than "getting it first," representatives of both print and electronic media found ways to cooperate. They were good at establishing ground rules to lighten work loads and to simplify the processing of news by readers and listeners.

Such agreements would have come in handy when the Icelandic volcano erupted. A few decades ago, reporters might have agreed that the geographic location — Iceland — was all we needed to know.

Today's reporters march right in where grandparents feared to tread. The new breed insists that we know the formal name of the lava spewer: The Eyjafjallajökull Volcano. One guy claims that you don't "say it," you "sneeze it!"

Radio and TV news personalities practice proper pronunciation countless times, the latter peering into mirrors, striving not only to pronounce the name correctly, but also to maintain serious facial posture, feigning absolute confidence.

Editors, on deadline, wonder if writers get the spelling right, and proofreaders, finally "up to here" with work pressures, whimper as they turn in their badges.

All the while, some top media moguls button their suits of arrogance all the way to the throat. "This is the way we say it, and this is the way we spell it," they sneer, their demeanor and cocki-

ness conveying their wordless sentiments.

A multi-generational police yarn explains an easy way out of potential pronunciation problems.

You remember it — the one about a patrolman finding a dead horse. He calls the police station, telling the captain of his find at the intersection of Eucalyptus and Bois d'arc.

The captain, brow furrowed at the prospect of spelling the street names, orders, "Drag him over to Oak and Elm, then call back." (A similar joke has long been linked with New Orleans on Tchoupitoulas St. The policeman, with the help of onlookers, drags the horse around the corner to Camp St.)

Then, there's the story of a young radio news personality confounded by the local mayor's name — "Sorrobobovitch." An active mayor, "his honor" was forever issuing proclamations, christening car washes and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Thus his name popped up routinely in newscasts and the young newsman always mangled it.

On a quiet Saturday morning, the youngster casually prepared what he thought would be a slam-dunk noon newscast. He smiled at the prospect of a slow news day, since the mayor was "conventioning" out of town.

Suddenly, the alert bell rang, signaling a news wire bulletin. It announced that Mayor Sorrobobovitch had keeled over dead on the convention floor.

Sweat popped out on the youngster's forehead at the prospect of butchering the mayor's obituary. He interrupted a 78 rpm Merle Haggard record to announce the tragedy.

Then, "a stroke of brilliance" provided a temporary calm. With a steady voice, he announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, the mayor of our fair city has dropped 'graveyard dead' at a convention; his name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin."

Oh, we can bluff our way at times. Two paragraphs ago, I slipped in "conventioning," thinking it might pass muster if shielded by a pair of "King's X quotation marks."

Sometimes, we are flustered by assignments in unfamiliar territory. Consider Don Henry, a respected newspaper sports figure for more than a half-century in Big Spring, San Angelo, Lubbock, El Paso and Ballinger. Henry met tens of thousands of publication deadlines, making good on delivering sports news with the dogged determination of "the mail must go through" postal folks.

One Sunday morning, probably following a harried battle with Saturday night deadlines, he had a speaking part at church — the offertory prayer.

Marching straight for the lectern, in front of the assembled ushers, he asked that "everyone bow their heads for the benediction!"

Giggles broke out as plates were passed.

Henry slithered back to his seat, with a reddened face that felt as hot as the lava flowing from the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano.

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TROY BREWER



DR. DON NEWBURY

**► Church News**

**First United Methodist**

First United Methodist Church was ablaze in beautiful spring flowers last Sunday, as Relay For Life teams delivered their pre-ordered hanging baskets. Our hats are off to all those who have worked so hard, especially members of the Pathmaker's Class, who have taken the lead in this endeavor.

The opening ceremony for Relay will be next Friday, May 14, at Blankenship Field.

Sunday's sermon will be delivered by our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, at both worship services, 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Her sermon title will be "Home, God's Way" with scripture readings from Psalms 128 and Acts 16:9-15. This will be a special Mother's Day service, as families gather to honor and remember their mothers. A snack supper, Youth and GIG meetings and adult activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall.

Our mid-week bible study and luncheon is held each Wednesday at noon in Garrett Hall. It's the best deal around — fellowship, Bible study and a delicious home-cooked meal prepared each week by our own members.

Looking ahead, it's time to preregister from both the summer sessions of Children's Day Out, as well as summer church camps at Ceta Canyon, Camp Butman and San Angelo. For information on openings for CDO, contact Loryne Collette. Camp schedules are available through Joyce Willis Both have offices at the church.

For complete information regarding regular schedules, as well as special events, go to our Web site at [www.fumcbs@yahoo.com](http://www.fumcbs@yahoo.com).

We're First United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry for more than 125 years, where families grow in Christ.

**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 "Receiving Direction," based on scripture from John 14: 23-31.

Encouraging words: "His tenderness in the spring grass, His beauty in the flowers, His living love in the sun above-all here, near, and ours!" — Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

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.

**First Presbyterian, Coahoma**

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

Tom, along with Big Spring's pastor, Craig Holstedt, continue to have a Bible study on the week's lectionary in the library of First Presbyterian, Big Spring, at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone from both churches, and anyone else who is interested, is invited to this informal study.

Last Sunday, following worship, Merelene Brown was presented a certificate as an Honorary Life Member of Presbyterian Women. The Session and congregation also recognized and presented a gift to Judson Chevalier as our 2010 graduate of Coahoma High School.

The Session met on Thursday in the church social hall.

The lectionary for Sunday is Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5; and John 14:23-29.

**First Presbyterian, Big Spring**

The Lectionary Bible study met on Wednesday. Choir practice is regularly held at 6 p.m. The "Reading the Bible in 90 Days" class, met Thursday.

Thursday was the National Day of Prayer. We hope that everyone took time to remember our nation and all the world in that observance. Today is designated May Friendship Day and Sunday is Mother's Day in America.

Rip Patterson is liturgist for the month. Ushers are Nava and Max Green, Paula Farquhar and John Yater.

The Service Committee is asking for donations of unused toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.) for the Northside Community Center. A box will be placed in the Narthex to receive donations during the month.

The Children's Sunday School classes have just begun a unit entitled "Jesus Teaches: Build on this Foundation!" taken from Matthew 7:24-29. Each Sunday's lesson will begin by singing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock" and conclude with foundation building prayers using Legos. The six lessons will include a DVD in audiovisual workshop, a puppet show in the Drama/Story Telling Room, making cupcakes in the Cooking Workshop, building games in the Games/Puzzles Work-

**Being faithful in the little things**

Another American hero has been disparaged. A great president, the father of our nation, has been found guilty of not returning books that he borrowed from a library over 220 years ago. According to media reports, George Washington checked out two books from the New York Society Library on October 5, 1789 and never returned the books. To date, the first president has amassed fines of about \$300,000.



**BONNIE WHEAT**

Although it is hard to believe that a man who supposedly told the truth about chopping down a cherry tree with his new hatchet would intentionally steal a couple of law books, no one knows for sure what happened to the borrowed books.

A library spokesperson said that the library would forgive

the fine if they could just get their books back.

While this shocking news about George Washington is disappointing, another American hero has demonstrated his integrity in a remarkable way. Captain Chelsey Burnett Sullenberger III courageously ditched US Airway Flight 1549 in the Hudson River after his aircraft was disabled by a bird strike in January of 2009.

When the captain, now known as "Sully," was interviewed about the famous landing, he said, "One way of looking at this might be that for 42 years I've been making small regular deposits in this bank of experience: education and training. And on Jan. 15, the balance was sufficient so that I could make a very large withdrawal."

A couple of weeks after the "Miracle on the Hudson," Captain Sully called his local library to report that his borrowed library book, *Just Culture: Balancing Safety and Accountability*, was now on the

bottom of the Hudson River. Even though the understanding librarian waived the fees for the lost book, the mayor of New York City replaced the book in a public ceremony a few days later when he gave Captain Sullenberger the keys to New York City.

Although the loss of a library book may seem insignificant, the way we handle even the smallest of responsibilities is important to God. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16 NASB).

Regardless of our stage or position in life, we should continually be gaining wisdom and knowledge that we can draw from in a crisis, and we should develop the habit of returning things that are borrowed.

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shop, building a house of cards with and without foundational materials in the Music Workshop and using the Life of Christ software in the Computer Workshop.

The Adult Covenant Class begins a final unit on "Teachings of the Church," found in selected passages from Colossians, Philemon and Jude. The adult video class continues "The Bible in 90 Days" study in the theater room. The last lesson will be Pentecost Sunday, May 23, and Thursday, May 27.

The Working Women's Bible Study group meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the church parlor. Helen Glass will lead Lesson 7 on "God's Concern for Justice: The Cities of Refuge" and Lesson 8, "The Place of Rest. The offering will go to the PW Birthday Offering.

The lectionary for Sunday is Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5; and John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9. The anthem by the chancel choir is "Alleluia, Praise!" by Luigi Cherubini, and the offertory anthem is the John Rutter arrangement of "Beautiful River."

If you cannot attend worship, you may 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 website: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

**Baptist Temple Church**

This Sunday, our morning message will be "Membership in God's Family" from Mark 3:31-34. Being in God's family is more than having our name on

a church membership role. It is about doing the will of our Heavenly Father. We will also recognize our mothers during the morning service in honor of Mother's Day. Sunday evening, we will not have service in order to allow you to spend time with your families.

Our Financial Peace University class meets 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 at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at [btcbigspring.org](http://btcbigspring.org).

**Cornerstone Covenant**

Pastor Michael Willard and the Cornerstone Covenant Church family would like to invite you to attend when we continue our special "Now Is The Time. To Act!(s)" series Sunday at 10:30 a.m., as we declare, "Let the change I want to see, begin in me."

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Bring not only your mother, grandmother or that special guardian but the whole family and join us in celebrating the victory we have in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

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# The push, the power, the purpose

Power! Supremacy! Dominion! What elevating words. There is great authority in prayer, and prayer gives us a supreme connection to this world.



JERRIE STOCKS

In Psalm 8:4-5, David asked, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visited him? For thou has made him a little lower than the angels and have crowned him with glory and honor."

Imagine for a moment having been made a little lower than the angels and being crowned with glory

and honor! King David declared that we are "a little lower than God" and are expected to possess dominion over His creation. God put all the works of His hands under man's authority. Just as fish were created to swim and dogs were created to hunt, man was created to rule over his earthly circumstances in life.

He gave regenerated man push, power, and purpose. Even when Adam sinned in the garden, it did not blot out God's original design for man's dominion.

Throughout the ages, man has yearned to fulfill his created purpose, his purpose for dominion. And until we realize this purpose, there will always be a craving that has not been satisfied and a void that has not been filled.

Many church-goers today do not realize the value that God places on mankind, nor do they really know who they are in the family of God. Otherwise, they would break out of the chains that have held them back and kept them in bondage for a lifetime.

Isaiah 11:2 says, "... the spirit of counsel and *might*, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord will rest upon them." It is God's desire for every believer to possess the spirit of *might* so that our very appearance reveals His strength. He longs for our presence to radiate with the assurance of who we are in Christ. God sees every man as a king and every woman as a queen. 1 John 3:2 tells us that we are to act

like sons and daughters of the Most High God.

If you have ever been around a person of royalty, you have undoubtedly observed the manner in which they conducted themselves. They exude a definite refinement in their attitude, their stylish dress, and their gracious speech. They speak with authority, walk with their heads up and their shoulders back, and they are confident in who they are, without a hint of intimidation. All these attributes come from a lifetime of excellent training and modeling. Their position in life is imbedded within them.

As members of God's family, this is the same kind of assurance we should have. We were never designed for defeat, fear, or intimidat-

tion, but for dominion. So likewise, we are to conduct ourselves in a fashion that dignifies us and our relationship with Christ. After all, God is our heavenly Father and there is no royalty higher or greater than that. The Bible says that we are a royal priesthood and that is how God sees us.

He does not see our failures or faults; He sees us through the blood of Jesus Christ, perfected and living in wholeness.

Sadly, too many people live in spiritual, mental, and physical bondage. As never before, insidious forces seek to degrade human dignity.

With such an illustrious beginning, one in which we possessed credentials of rulership from the Most High

God, how could mankind have slipped into such degradation, only to find itself helplessly lost?

God's Word declares that man knowledgeably, willfully, and deliberately chooses his path.

Adam did not exercise his responsibility of lordship over the serpent in the garden. He was created to be dominated by no force except the Divine, yet the choice was his to make. He could not remain neutral.

Colossians 1:13-14 says, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. In whom we have redemption, through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." God bless.

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as we honor our mothers' love and sacrifice.

Cornerstone Covenant Church is a ministry that believes God has called ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we offer adult Bible studies, as well as college, youth, children and nursery ministries.

Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are provided.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For more information, call Michele, church secretary, at (432) 264-0015 or check us out at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org).

### St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the church office.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist service is every Wednesday in the chapel.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's will hold its meeting at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 15.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [222.stmarysbst.org](http://222.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad St.

### East Fourth Street Baptist

We want to remind everyone East Fourth Street Baptist Church is hosting the Crossroads Baptist Association Senior Adult Birthday Banquet tonight at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Invite someone new to attend and let's hit that magic "100."

We still have six days during the next two weeks marked off on the calendar for VBS work days. Make sure, if you are going on the Colorado Mission trip, you are there to help get things ready. There are just four weeks left until we leave.

The men of East Fourth will be preparing breakfast for the ladies of the church on Mother's Day. They will start serving at 9 a.m.

This is always a very good breakfast and we want to say "Thank You" in advance to these guys for doing this.

East Fourth is seeking volunteers to help Gerri Rudd in the nursery on Sundays and possibly on Wednesdays until a full-time employee is hired.

Please contact Rudd through the church office at 267-2291.

If you're looking for a friendly, God loving church, come visit with us at East Fourth Baptist, located at 401 E. Fourth St.

Our Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship is at 11 a.m.; and Sunday evening service at 6. Wednesdays we have Adult Bible Study; Youth Bible Study and Music; and Children Bible Study, all beginning at 7 p.m.

A men's early morning Bible Study is at 7 a.m. Saturdays. You're sure to find a friend at East Fourth.

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

The next meeting will be May 13. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's 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 informatio, see our Web site [www.signal-emmaus.org](http://www.signal-emmaus.org)

### 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 Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday.

The sermon text will be from Sunday's lessons and the sermon topic will be "Overcoming the World." Acolyte will be Megan Walker. Our elders for this week are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke.

The liturgy will be read by Jill Al-sobrooks.

The readings are Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 and John 16:23-33 or John 5:1-9.

Wednesdays at 6 p.m., come join us and work on our new banners. Banners will continue being made during the summer months. Contact Angela Newton for more details.

The pastoral call committee is still

meeting.

This Sunday is Mother's Day. God's blessings on all mothers as well as on all His children.

Monday, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA.

The Board of Education will not meet Tuesday. It will meet instead at 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the church.

The LWML will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Confirmation Examination and Reception will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the church. Following the examination, there will be a hot dog and hamburger meal. Please bring condiments, salads or desserts.

The Dallas-Tarrant Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans is sponsoring "Lutheran Night at Ranger Stadium" on Saturday, June 5, at 7 p.m. when the Rangers play the Tampa Bay Rays. If you are interested, contact Dana Byrd.

Enjoy great worship and spiritual growth in a fun-filled Christian environment at Ceta Canyon near Happy, Texas, this summer. Prices start at \$245 per camper for a week of activities, good food and air conditioned facilities. Camps are scheduled for the various grade levels, as well as for adult camping. If interested, contact Dana Byrd.

Beginning Wednesday at 7 p.m., all adults and kids are welcome to a new and very inspirational study, "Singing the Faith." This will be a four-week study of the history of Lutheran congregational song with a 32-page teacher's guide and reproducible classroom handouts. Notebooks will be provided. Join us for this musical devotion to Bach, Mozart and Beethoven, as well as other great composers.

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

Church Elders meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the church. Other boards and groups are continuing to

meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

### North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church celebrated the National Day of Prayer on Saturday, followed by a fellowship salad luncheon for all attending. On this day of prayer, we prayed for our nation; our government; state, city and county officials; as well as our military, police, firemen, educators and their families.

North Birdwell Lane UMC meets each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. for worship, with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Each worship service is led by Pastor Billy Bates.

Angel Food orders will be taken at the church today from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We now take the Lone Star Card. This food program is open to anyone who wishes to order.

Bible study is held each first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the Book of John.

North Birdwell Lane UMC is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane and welcomes all who wish to serve the Lord through mission.

For more information, call 267-2203 or 263-2536. If there is no answer, leave a message.

### Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Graduation Mass

There will be a graduation Mass offered at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church building to honor area graduates.

This celebration is for all high school graduates of Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Sands school districts, and any graduate from area colleges or universities.

Graduates, please arrive at 9 a.m. and dress in your school graduation gown (no caps, please).

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# Lady Buffs sparkle in playoff opener

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

LUBBOCK — The Forsan Lady Buffs certainly look like a team that has every intention of successfully defending its state softball title.

The Lady Buffs, 25-8 overall and ranked eighth in the state polls, took the first step toward claiming another state Class 1A crown by shellacking the Lockney Lady Longhorns, 15-0, in an area round playoff game Thursday at PlainsCapital Park on the Lubbock Christian University campus.

All the aspects one expects from a championship team were on display by Forsan Thursday — Amanda Longorio was overpowering from the pitcher's circle, the offense peppered Lockney (12-12 overall) with 12 hits and one harmless exception, was spotless.

In short, there was little for Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts to find fault with in her team's performance.

"They started out slower than I liked, but they got going pretty good after that," Roberts said. "They played well ... and Amanda pitched well."

The slow start Roberts referred to was a scoreless first inning. After that, however, Forsan had little trouble figuring out Lockney starter Quinn Jackson, taking firm command of the game with a nine-run second inning.

The Lady Buffs sent 13 batters to the plate that inning.

Longorio helped her cause offensively by



Forsan's Amanda Longorio, right, delivers a pitch to home plate during the second inning of the Lady Buffs' 15-0 victory over Lockney in a Class 1A area playoff game at Lubbock Christian University Thursday. At left in Forsan shortstop Ambra Hill.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

scoring two runs and blasting a three-run double to left center. Also coming up big in the inning were second baseman Kelsey Jones (a double, two hits and two RBI) and right fielder Britney Roemer (an RBI triple).

That was more than enough for Longorio, who was simply dominating on the mound. The senior right-hander allowed only one hit, struck out 13 and walked one in five innings of

work.

So overwhelming was Longorio that Lockney never got the ball out of the infield and only put three pitches in play for the game.

"She's good and she's hard to hit," Roberts said of Longorio.

"This was a one-game playoff and I didn't want to take any chances. She's my No. 1 pitcher and she did a good job (Tuesday)."

Lockney's best chance to score came in the

fourth inning, when an error and infield single put runners on first and third with only one out. But Longorio struck out Lezlie Jackson and a double-steal attempt by the Lady Longhorns fizzled when Abby Garza was gunned out at home by Forsan shortstop Ambra Hill.

The game was halted in the fifth inning by the 15-run rule.

Roberts said her team undoubtedly has tougher games waiting on the

playoff schedule, but likes the Lady Buffs' chances for success.

"We're in a good spot in the playoff bracket," she said. "I'm sure we'll see some tough games ... but I don't see why we don't have as good a chance or better than other teams of coming out on top at the end."

Forsan will play either Eldorado or Ralls in the next round of the playoffs.

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

## Steers start fast, but fall to Canyon High

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Canyon High School rallied from an early deficit to defeat the Big Spring Steers, 9-5, in the opener of the teams' Class 4A bi-district playoff series at Dan Law Field Thursday afternoon.

The Steers (9-19) jumped out to a quick two-run lead in the top of the first inning, but the Eagles (26-3) took the lead for good in the third inning and were able to keep Big Spring at bay for the rest of the game.

Max Poppajohn took the loss on the mound for the Steers.

Offensively, the Steers outhit Canyon, 10-9. Leading the way was senior Martin Yanez, who had a two-run home run in the fifth inning and narrowly missed another when he hit a double off the left field wall.

Also playing well at the plate for Big Spring were Gunnar Kennedy with a double, Poppajohn, who had an RBI single, and Jacob Acosta and Mike Enriquez, who both added RBI doubles.

The series resumes at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock High School field on N. University in Lubbock.

"We played well," BSHS Coach Bert Otto said. "We had too many walks, and you can't do that against a good team like Canyon, but I thought the guys played well — we just came up short."

Despite that, Otto said he's confident the team has a good chance to rebound Saturday.

"I was proud of the effort and the way we played," he said. "Hopefully, this will give us confidence that we can play with those guys."

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## Rangers down Kansas City in slugfest

ARLINGTON (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero got the desired result on his second big swing, and the Texas Rangers escaped with a victory after blowing a huge lead.

Josh Hamilton and Guerrero hit back-to-back homers in the eighth inning and the Rangers pulled out a 13-12 victory over the Kansas City Royals after squandering an early eight-run lead Thursday night.

"I was trying to swing as hard as I can," Guerrero said through an interpreter. "The first one I missed. He came back with a fastball so I got the next one."

The Royals had finally taken their only lead of the game in the top of the eighth and brought in closer Joakim Soria (0-1) with two outs in the bottom of the inning. Hamilton hit a full-count pitch into the second deck of stands in right field and Guerrero followed with his second go-ahead homer of the game, a shot that landed in the Rangers bullpen in right-center.

"It was one of those crazy games where the wind was kind of blowing out and it was a good day to hit," Michael Young said. "The Royals battled back and made it a ball game, but we found a way to win at the end. ... Any win is fun."

Texas (15-14) returned home and regained a share of the AL West lead with the idle Athletics after losing the last two games of their three-game series in Oakland this week.

Frank Francisco (4-3) gave up

a run in one inning. Neftali Feliz, only minutes after catching Guerrero's shot in the bullpen, struck out two of the three batters he faced for his seventh save in eight chances.

Guerrero's towering two-run homer in the sixth — more than 10 rows deep into the left-field stands — had put the Rangers up 11-9 after the Royals had tied the game with five runs in the top of that inning.

Hamilton had three hits with three RBIs and four runs scored. Hamilton, who has homered four times the past 11 games, and Guerrero each have five homers this season.

Alberto Callaspo hit a two-run homer in the seventh for the Royals, who then took their only lead in the eighth when Kila Ka'aihue had a pinch-hit RBI single in his first plate appearance of the season.

"It's a great comeback, but it's a bottom-line business and we lost the game," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. "(Soria) left a couple of pitches over the plate and they did what they have the ability to do to the side of the field where the ball carries."

Billy Butler and Scott Podsednik also homered for the Royals.

Kansas City's No. 9 hitter Yuniesky Betancourt led off the eighth against Francisco with a single and advanced to second on Podsednik's sacrifice before the go-ahead hit by Ka'aihue, the 26-year-old rookie from Hawaii who was recalled from Triple-A Omaha on Wednesday.

The Rangers had an 8-0 lead in the third after Justin Smoak lined a three-run homer into the right-field seats. The rookie first baseman's third homer of the season capped a six-run outburst in the inning.

Kansas City then scored multiple runs in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Rangers reliever Dustin Nippert struck out the first batter he faced, Callaspo leading off the sixth. But the next five batters reached and scored against the right-hander, including a walk to Betancourt before Podsednik hit a three-run homer to right to tie the game at 9.

Kansas City needed only two batters in the seventh after Guerrero's first homer to get back even at 11.

Reliever Chris Ray walked leadoff hitter Jose Guillen before Callaspo followed with his fifth homer of the season.

"We came out swinging the bats and they came out swinging the bats," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "What was great about it, we got their best pitcher and they didn't get ours. ... It was just one of those nights. We were the last guys standing."

Young, the Rangers' longest-tenured player in his 10th season, had a single in the fourth inning for his 1,693rd career hit. That broke a tie with Rafael Palmeiro for second on the team's career list, and another single two innings later pushed him within 53 of Ivan Rodriguez's record of 1,747.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The Pisces moon is like a fog machine that makes the dance floor of life seem eerie, otherworldly and magical — not to mention lowering the visibility factor considerably. It's a good time to be aware of life's illusions. This is not life as usual. Ordinary events are likely to set off a strange string of circumstances.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A situation that bugs you can be turned into a beneficial arrangement. Start thinking about these people and events in terms that produce positive feelings in you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The outcome of a personal scenario has

been less than satisfactory. You'll change it up to get a different response. Avoid complaining. Try to make specific requests, and others will do their best to fulfill your wishes.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Playfulness is your most attractive quality now. Your spirit is youthful. There is a bounce in your step, a giggle in your voice. Your energy is enormously appealing to a worthy playmate.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It will be challenging not to take things personally, and you are up to that challenge. By being objective, you will see different opportunities than you otherwise would have realized.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Make sure that people view you in a new light. This won't happen

naturally. With a little extra care and some of your best wardrobe pieces, you achieve a comfortable state of glamour.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll get a gauge of your growth. What was once difficult for you will now be — well, still difficult, but measurably less so. And if you keep going, next week you'll get a reward for your stamina.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your standards are as high as usual, and yet you accept that it can't all happen the way you want it to all the time. An amazing variety of imperfect occurrences could very well make up a perfect day.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may be grown up on the outside, but inside, you feel like a child who wants to play. Should you approach that group of

potential playmates and risk getting your feelings hurt? Absolutely.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Tranquility can happen around you, but that doesn't mean it will happen inside you. It may take a while for you to calm down internally, but eventually, if you give yourself enough time and space, you will get there.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The people you encounter will have an expectation of you, and they'll be watching to see how you fulfill it. You might as well have fun with the extra attention.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be meeting new people who will form an immediate impression of you. You'll command respect with your demeanor and appearance. It's better to be overdressed than underdressed.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't strive for perfection. It's not something you can achieve on your own today — fate has to step in to help. Your job is to do your very best. When you do that, it's like an invitation to destiny.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 7). Though you have been the recipient of random happy coincidence, you have the sense that you are mindfully guiding this kismet. So, it is a fortuitous birthday exercise to remember your past accomplishments and decide the shape of your future. You form new relationships this year, both intense and casual. Aquarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 2, 22, 16 and 55.

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**Dear Margo: An ex, a rat and a phone**

**Dear Margo:** My husband and I got married six months ago — a second marriage for both of us. His previous marriage only lasted two years, and they've been divorced for 14 years. That divorce was bitter, and he took responsibility for the breakup and has always expressed deep regret about losing her, once confiding that she was the love of his life.

Years later, he was able to make amends and would call her occasionally to say hello. When I met him three years ago, I actually applauded the fact that there was civility between them. (She never remarried.)

But in the year leading up to our marriage, the frequency and duration of their calls to each other changed dramatically. Without telling me, I discovered that they were



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having daily conversations, sometimes lasting more than an hour. Once, we were at a party, surrounded by close friends and family, when he felt the need to break away from everyone to talk to his ex-wife.

On another occasion, I saw a text message from her asking whether it was "safe to call?" When I confronted him, he claimed they were just good friends and that the calls had nothing to do with trying to reconcile.

When I asked why he had kept this rekindled friendship a secret from me, he got mad, saying it was none of my business. I told him that if he was trying to reconcile with his ex, it was indeed my business!

He insisted that if he had wanted to reconcile, he never would have gotten engaged to me.

Three months before our wedding, I asked him to stop the calls, saying he needed to put his energies into his new marriage. To my relief, he agreed, and there was no more evidence of contact

between them. Since then, I've learned that he still calls her and tries to cover it up. I confronted him, and he once again told me he has the right to call his friends anytime he wants without consulting me.

Am I just a jealous and insecure new wife, as he claims? — *Enough Is Enough*

**Dear E:** To borrow from Princess Diana: There are three of you in this marriage. You are neither jealous nor insecure. The reality is that he is a louse who is still hung up on his ex, and he's trying to put you on the defensive.

If I were faced with this situation, I would be out of there so fast the breeze from the closing door would knock him on his backside. — *Margo, confidently*

**Could Mary Poppins Be Bulimic?**

**Dear Margo:** My wife and I have four children, and we hired a perfect nanny a year and a half

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Junk food disappears in droves; whole cakes have disappeared in a single day. We have found evidence of vomit around the toilet and sink.

We have asked whether the kids were ill, but she says no. We are concerned for her health and for the welfare of our kids.

We worry about the possibility of her having a sudden health problem while the children are in her care.

We are unsure how to confront her. Should we contact her husband? We don't want to lose her. — *Please Don't Purge*

**Dear Please:** If you know for certain that none of the children is throwing up or polishing off whole cakes, I see no need to tiptoe around your suspicions.

This woman is, after all, caring for four children. (And I do not know what the hormone injections are for.)

Before you contact her husband, sit her down and say there are many signs pointing to her having an eating disorder.

Insist that she start to address her illness, or you will have to let her go, both out of concern for your children and not wishing to be a party to her possible hospitalization — or worse.

If she denies it, then I think you have no choice but to let her go. — *Margo, necessarily*

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

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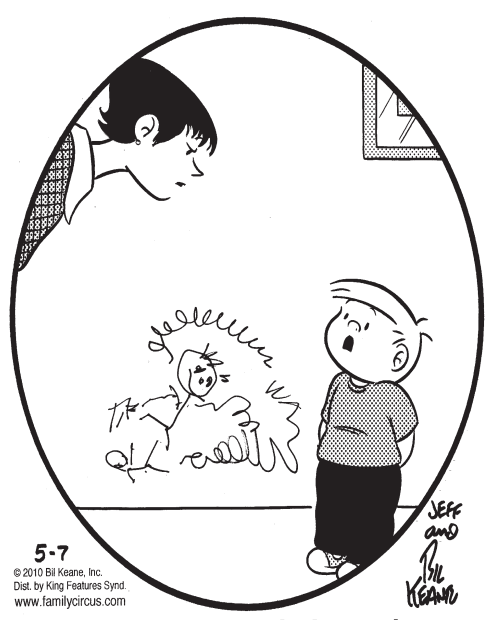
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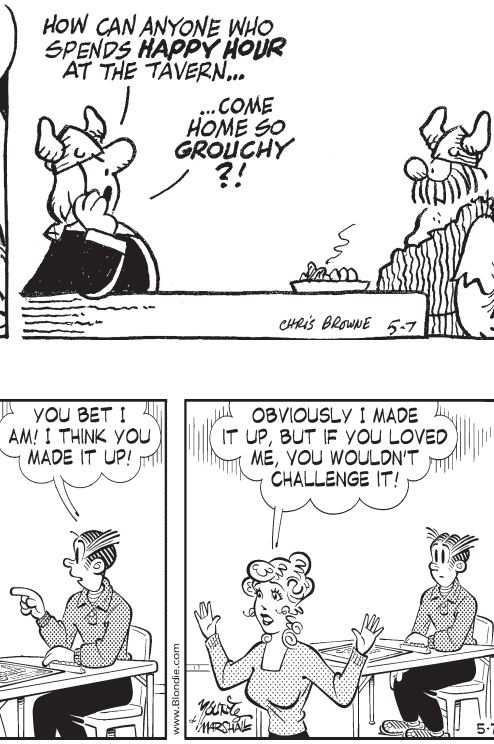
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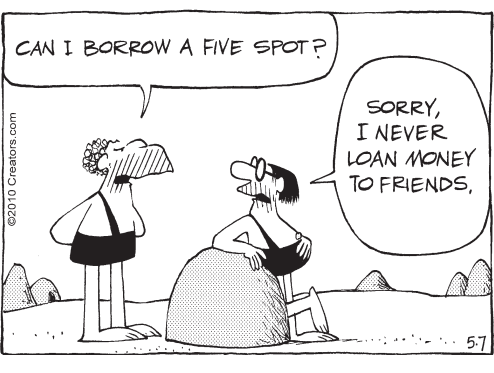
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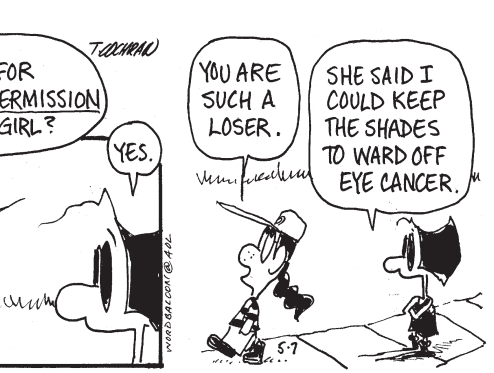
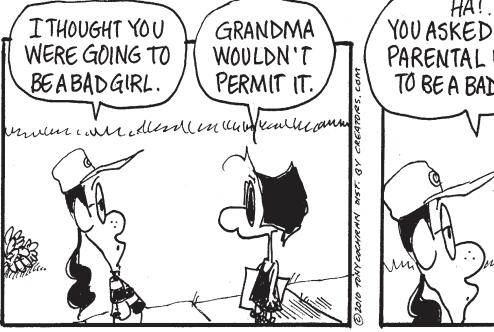
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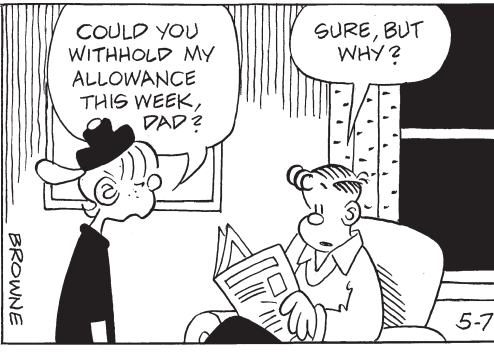
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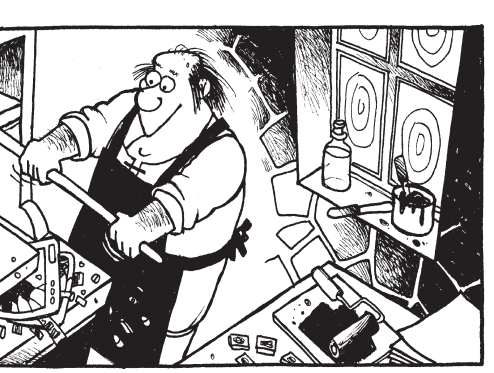
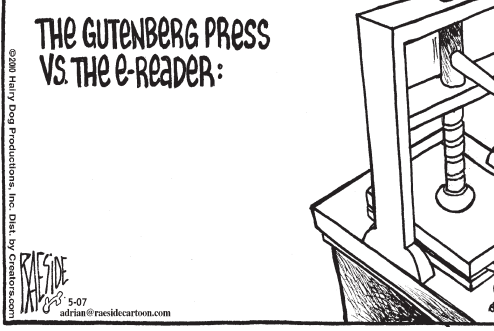
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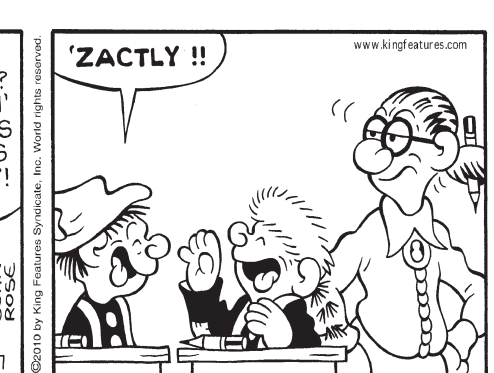
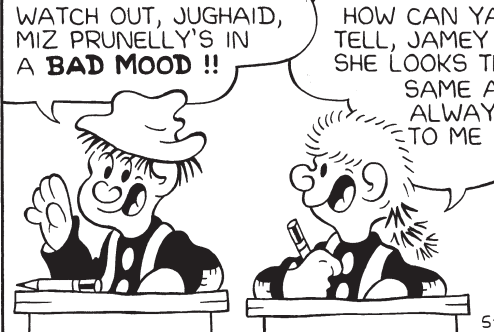
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 7, the 127th day of 2010. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

On this date:

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President George Washington and his wife, Martha.

In 1833, composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany.

In 1840, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was born in Votkinsk, Russia.

In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the Irish coast.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

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In 1960, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev announced that the pilot of an American U-2 plane shot down over Sverdlovsk had been captured alive along with proof the aircraft had been on a spying mission. Leonid Brezhnev replaced Marshal Kliment Voroshilov as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories. (On this date in 2002, Seattle Slew died.)

In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) is 78. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 71. Actress Robin Strasser is 65.

Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Thelma Houston is 64. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (The Dead) is 64. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 60. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 56. Actor Michael E. Knight is 51. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 49. Country musician Rick Schell is 47. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 45. Actress Traci Lords is 41. Actor Breckin Meyer is 36. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 24. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 19.

Thought for Today: "When an old man dies, a library burns down." — African proverb.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bellicose
  - 5 Peter Pan pooch
  - 9 "Nothing but net" sound
  - 14 Butler, for Gable
  - 15 Norwegian royal name
  - 16 Kind of Japanese poem
  - 17 Supt.'s responsibility
  - 18 Long locks
  - 19 Up and about
  - 20 Start of a Burt Reynolds quote on retirement
  - 23 Elaborate food layout
  - 24 State of matter
  - 25 Adverse
  - 26 Laundromat fodder
  - 27 Grace ender
  - 29 Tiny
  - 30 Well-worn
  - 31 \_\_\_ burger (64 Across lunch)
  - 33 Mil. decoration
  - 35 Part 2 of quote
  - 40 Vegan's staple
  - 41 Like vinegar
  - 42 URL ender
  - 44 Look lovingly
  - 47 Was more than misleading
  - 49 Sports venue
  - 51 Emulate
  - 52 Games partner
  - 53 Coin of the realm
  - 54 End of quote
  - 58 Astound
  - 59 Offend the nose
  - 60 Doctor's prescription, maybe

- DOWN**
- 1 Wall Street wheeler-dealer
  - 2 Humpty Dumpty-like
  - 3 Legendary treasure site
  - 4 Transitioned smoothly
  - 5 Roaming type
  - 6 Economist
  - 7 It means "billionth"
  - 8 Exact retribution for
  - 9 Collar stiffeners
  - 10 Laundromat fodder
  - 11 Avid about something
  - 12 Capabilities
  - 13 Almost not
  - 21 Cuban leader
  - 22 Kind of carriage
  - 23 School-zone sign word
  - 27 Guile
  - 28 Elk cousin
  - 29 First person in Potsdam
  - 32 Place of refuge
  - 34 Pickle
  - 36 Play for a patsy
  - 37 Like '60s fashions
  - 38 Float part
  - 39 Trivial matter
  - 43 Astronaut
  - 44 Social blunders
  - 45 Twin brother of Artemis
  - 46 Focus
  - 48 Doing the same old thing
  - 50 Gets ready for more battles
  - 52 Third point, in tennis
  - 53 Stand-up comic
  - 55 Procrastinator's promise
  - 56 1st-century emperor
  - 57 Safecracker
  - 61 Make a connection

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VOTE

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said Bloom. "The mayoral race and the Big Spring ISD bond issue are both drawing a lot of attention in the community. I really feel like that's what has helped boost our voting numbers this year."

Traditionally, early voting represents between 50 to 60 percent of the ballot total in municipal and school district races, according to Bloom, which could boost totals in this year's election as high as 4,000 ballots, representing between 30 and 40 percent of the registered voters eligible to participate in the contests.

Four candidates are vying for the mayor's seat on the Big Spring City Council. Incumbent Russ McEwen is facing off against challengers Tommy Duncan, Shannon Thomason and Oscar Velasco.

If none of the candidates can garner at least 50 percent of the vote Saturday, the two candidates with the most ballots will have to face off in a runoff election in the near future, according to election officials.

The race for the District 5 seat on the city council pits incumbent Troy Tompkins, who is finishing his first three-year term in the seat, against Craig Olson.

The \$60 million bond issue being offered by BSISD would call

for construction of new elementary campuses at the current sites of Washington, Marcy and Goliad schools, as well as the demolition of the existing buildings along with Bauer Elementary.

The bond would also provide for a classroom wing and physical education gym to be added to Moss Elementary, renovation of Kentwood Elementary and several improvements to the high school, including a new roof and fire suppression system.

District 5 on the Big Spring Independent School District features three candidates, Jeremy Blount, Chad Wash, and Michelle Hamby, running to fill the seat currently held by longtime trustee Mike Dawson, who decided not to seek another term.

Also on the ballot, but unopposed, are BSISD board incumbents Jeff Brorman (District 6) and Phil Furqueron (District 7).

Voters in these contests will cast their ballots from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring High School Library. The election is normally held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, but according to Bloom, there was a scheduling conflict.

"The dog show will be at the coliseum this weekend," she said. "That's why we're having it at Big Spring High School. Also, if we have to have a runoff election in the mayor's race, that will also be at the high school.

We wanted to try to keep them the same so we don't confuse anyone."

Big Spring won't be the only city in Howard County abuzz with an election Saturday, as Coahoma residents will also be asked to go to the polls to decide some key issues, including a proposition to adopt a new sales tax.

The proposition calls for the adoption of a sales and use tax within the city limits at the rate of one-half on one percent to be used and applied to projects authorized by section 4B of the Development Corporation Act of 1979. The tax can also be used for the maintenance and operation costs associated with such projects.

Five candidates are seeking to fill two at-large seats on the Coahoma ISD board of trustees. They are Craig Ferguson, Brandon Atkins, Ashley Niblett, Michael Brooks and Mike Blisard.

Voters in these contests will cast their ballots from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Community Center, according to Bloom.

For more information on the elections, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

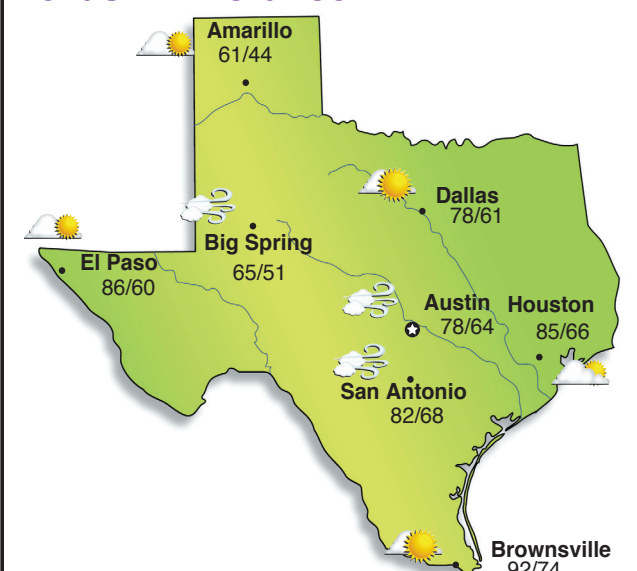
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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 5/8	Sun 5/9	Mon 5/10	Tue 5/11	Wed 5/12
<b>65/51</b> Windy with increasing clouds. High near 65F. Winds E at 20 to 30 mph.	<b>81/66</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>93/60</b> Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	<b>95/57</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>89/58</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:32 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:34 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:35 PM

Texas At A Glance



BSISD

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finance include:

- \$42 million to replace existing campuses at Washington, Goliad and Marcy, \$7 million to renovate Moss and \$1 million for infrastructure work at Kentwood. The aim is for the district to have four elementary campuses (Washington, Goliad, Marcy and Moss) housing students in grades kindergarten through 5, with Kentwood eventually being turned into a pre-kindergarten center.
- \$2.5 million to add 11 classrooms at Big Spring Junior High to accommodate the dis-

trict's sixth graders, who would join seventh and eighth graders at the facility.

• \$12 million for renovation at Big Spring High School, including roof replacement, new science labs and installation of a fire suppression system.

• \$2.5 million for improvements to grounds, parking and driveways.

If the bond is approved, BSISD officials estimate it would add a maximum of 35 cents to the district's existing tax rate of \$1.12 per \$100 property valuation, but added that the impact could be lower.

"We won't know exactly what the cost will be until we actually sell the bonds," said Sandra

Waggoner, chief financial officer of the district, "But we feel like that's a pretty conservative estimate."

According to district estimates, a 35-cent increase in the tax rate would mean the following increases for property owners:

- Owners of a \$30,000 home would see taxes increase by \$33 a year.
  - Owners of a median-priced home (\$42,616) would see taxes jump by \$70 a year.
  - Taxes of property valued at \$100,000 would increase by almost \$240 a year.
  - Taxes of property valued at \$200,000 would increase by \$532 a year.
- No one at BSISD is doubting the financial

impact tax increases will have, but officials say this is the best time to take on such a project.

"Interest rates and construction costs are about as low as they've ever been," Waggoner said. "If we wait and do these projects when construction costs increase — which they likely will in the future — I think the \$60 million in facil-

ity needs we have now could easily cost \$80 million in a few years."

If voters approve the projects, the bonds likely will be sold in September at an interest rate estimated at around 4.7 percent, significantly lower than the more than 6 percent interest rate attached to the junior high construction bond passed in the 1990s, Waggoner said.

"And there's a good chance the interest rate will be even lower than that," she added.

Waggoner estimates annual bond payments will be around \$4 million.

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Big Spring Citizens...



Why We Support Councilman Troy Tompkins

By Buddy and Ann Duncan

"We've known Troy since he was in Elementary school with our son. Troy is the only candidate who has lived in District 5 his whole life—he knows the concerns of the district.

Ask yourself this —if you were a family with school age children looking to move to West Texas, where would you pick to move? A simple drive to Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, San Angelo and Abilene would show you they're all growing in population while Big Spring is losing.

Why, because they have invested in building new schools, replacing and building roads and supporting economic development. After nearly 20 "promises" from out-of-town investors, Troy went to a former Big Spring native, Brint Ryan, and convinced him to invest in his hometown. Now Ryan is spending millions of dollars of his own money and partnering with the city to rebuild the Settles Hotel and downtown area. Nothing from Fort Worth to El Paso will compare.

For years we have watched politicians make promises they would "fix" Big Spring's problems—and finally we have someone who has kept their promise. We're supporting Troy and hope you will, too."

Ann and Buddy Duncan live in the Kentwood subdivision and have lived, worked and raised a family in Big Spring. They are active in their church and many civic organizations.

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