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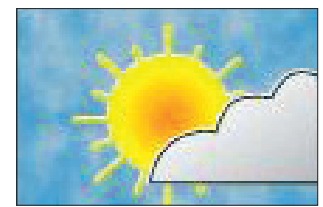
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Home grown: Farmer's market open

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Few things in the world are as tasty as fresh, homegrown produce, and that's exactly what farmers and area growers will be offering Saturday as the annual Farmers Market takes over the corner of Second Street and Scurry from 7 a.m. until noon.

Sherry Newton, secretary

treasurer and market manager for the local farmers group, said there will be a plethora of freshly picked items for sale Saturday, as well as a few "unpicked" items.

"There really is a huge variety of produce and other items available at the Farmers Market," Newton said. "We'll have squash, onions, tomatoes, cantaloupes, wa-

termelons, a variety of peppers, jams, jellies and okra, and that's really just naming a few.

"We also have a grower from Seminole who has been bringing peaches and plums, as well as vendors with homemade mixes, and this Saturday we'll have someone coming in to sell kettle corn. You really never know what



HERALD file photo

Cantaloupes are pictured at a recent Farmer's Market.

you're going to find, but you can rest assured it's going to be fresh and tasty."

Newton said the recent

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf reunion committee members perform the "Star Spangled Banner" in sign language during opening ceremonies of SWCID's 30th anniversary reunion Thursday evening. Several activities are planned in conjunction with the reunion, which runs through Sunday morning.

SWCID reunion

- Today**
- 9-4 p.m. Registration
 - 9-3 p.m. Exhibit booths, Kid's Art Contest
 - 10-11 a.m., 2-3 p.m. Face Painting
 - 10-11:30 a.m. Campus Tours
 - 3:30-4:30 p.m. Deaf Link Workshop, Administration Building
 - 6-7:30 p.m. Fiesta Dinner, county fair barns
 - 8-9 p.m. Entertainment by Terylene, county fair barns
- Saturday**
- 9-3 p.m. Registration, Exhibit Booths
 - 9-10:30 a.m. Campus Tours
 - 11 a.m. Building Dedication Ceremonies, Administration Building
 - 1-3 p.m. Kids' Activities
 - 2-3 p.m. SWCID Alumni Meeting, Activities Center
 - 6-7:30 p.m. Babebue Gala Dinner, county fair barns
 - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Entertainment by Mark Morales, county fair bars
- Sunday**
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Church Service, Maddux Student Center

Martin County eyes 77th Old Settlers Reunion Saturday

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

STANTON — for the 77th year, Stanton and Martin County will honor their pioneers with a reunion, parade and lots of food and games.

Carrying the theme, "Remember When in 2010," the 77th Annual Old Settlers Reunion will be held Saturday in downtown Stanton.

This year's honorees are the Dwayne and Amelia Ory family and a reception in their honor will be held from 2 p.m.

to 4 p.m. in the Martin County Museum.

Registration will be held beginning at 9 a.m. In the Martin County Community Center.

Festivities begin with a bicycle decoration contest at 9:15 a.m. Anyone interested in participating should meet Debbie Gilbert, event organizer, at the downtown park at the corner of St. Peter and Business 20.

A major highlight of the reunion, The traditional downtown parade, begins at 10 a.m. Reunion organizer Kathleen Lewis said everyone is encouraged to participate.

"Please have your entry in the parade at the Meth-

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Texas could get stricter DWI laws

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature should consider changing laws intended to stem drunken driving to include sobriety checkpoints, lawmakers were told at a hearing.

"We need a consistent DWI policy across the state of Texas," said Sen. John Whitmire of Houston, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Texas had 1,269 deaths in alcohol-related traffic accidents in 2009, according to state figures.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo testified Thursday in favor of temporary sobriety checkpoints and mandatory blood tests for alleged violators. About half of Austin's traffic fatalities each year are alcohol-related, according to Acevedo.

"We are waiting way too long to intervene," said Acevedo. "If we can't intervene in people's lives, we can't change their behavior. It has to start with the first arrest."

Bill Lewis, with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said innocent citizens already are subjected to random searches, such as when they enter the airport and, more recently at

the Texas Capitol.

"I've never tried to sneak a gun through the Capitol or an airport, but I have to go through a checkpoint," said Lewis.

Legislators discussed redoing a DWI program that automatically suspends a driver's license, possibly repealing a surcharge that fines convicted drunken drivers thousands of dollars and creating new treatment programs for first-time offenders.

Lawmakers should consider repealing the Driver Responsibility Program, whose surcharges include a fee of \$1,000 annually for three years for first-time driving-while-intoxicated offenders, said Whitmire.

The Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, chaired by Sen. John Carona of Dallas, will review the program. The Texas Department of Public Safety is working on new rules for the program to ease the surcharges for lower-income drivers, said Carona aide Steven Polunsky.

DPS earlier this year said that Texas had sent out bills for more than \$1.7 billion in surcharges through last November, but just \$672 million had been collected.



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Small school all-stars in Big Spring

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Garden City boys basketball coach Koby Abney believes six-man communities and fans are some of the best to be around and that could be on display this weekend in Big Spring and Garden City.

Abney, along with former Garden City High School Athletic Director Ken Hoskins are conducting an All-Star basketball and football game featuring some of the top talent in the state from six-man schools. There will be a girls and boys basketball game at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively, in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College. The football game is at 7:30 p.m. at Garden City High School.

Abney said this All-Star weekend, which has been a fixture for

Garden City, shouldn't lack in attendance.

"The six-man community is one of the more tight-knit groups of people you'll ever meet because it's its own game," he said. People from six-man schools kind of have more of a connection a lot of times with other people from six-man schools and are really supportive of each other."

Then there is the fact this All-Star weekend gives eager fans a chance to see football with two-a-days a few weeks away.

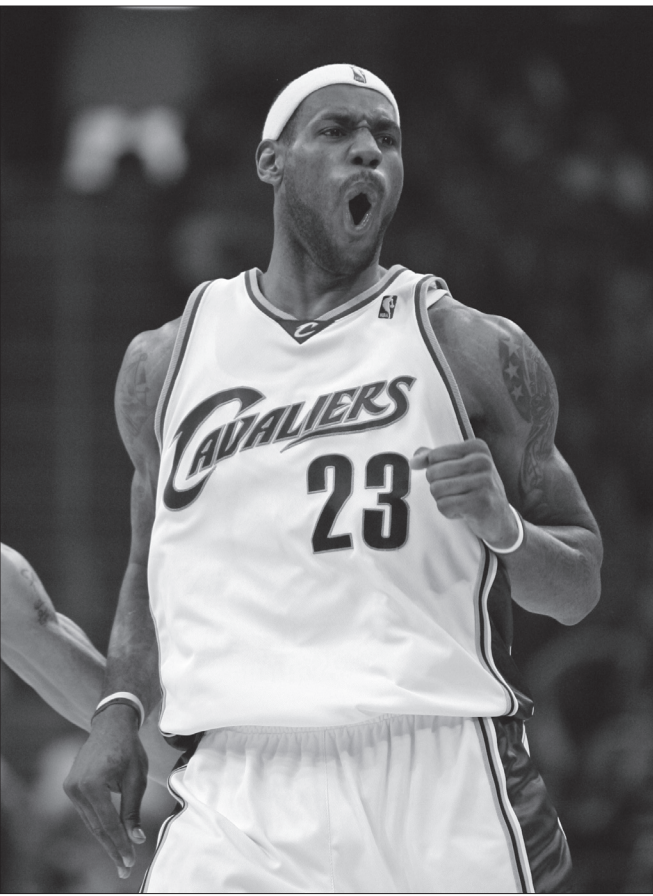
Abney said this event used to feature some of the best talent from six-man schools in Texas and other parts of the country, including Canada. But with six-man football being split in two divisions and in

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File Photo

Garden City's Paige Niehues dives for the ball during one of the Lady Kats' games last season. She will be one of the participants in the small school All-Star weekend festivities, such as the girls basketball game featuring some of the best talent in the state from six-man schools in Dorothy Garrett



AP Image

LeBron James announced Thursday night he will play for the Miami Heat.

Miami Vice: James to Heat

(AP) — When the months of suspense peaked, LeBron James delivered a few words that rocked the NBA and changed two cities and franchises.

At 9:27 p.m., James, looking nervous and somewhat unsure, finally announced his plans from a small stage in Greenwich, Conn.

"This fall, and it's very tough," James said to a national TV audience. "I'm going to take my talents to South Beach and join the Miami Heat."

In Florida, there was rejoicing.

In Ohio, only heartbreak and tears — then anger.

The most wanted man

in league history decided Thursday night that it was time to leave the comforts of home to chase a championship.

The two-time MVP, a player with supreme skills but without a title, decided to join forces with fellow superstars, good friends and U.S. Olympic teammates Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh — a dominant threesome that could rule the league for years to come.

"I can't say it was always in my plans, because I never thought it was possible," James said of this union with the two perennial All-Stars, players he has known for years. "I've looked forward to it.

Those are two great players, two of the greatest players that we have in this game today. You add me, and we have a really good team."

Landing James was a huge victory for Riley, who was able to corral the top three stars in an unprecedented free-agent class and now must resist the temptation to leave the front office to coach them.

James' announcement ended weeks of speculation and capped a multi-ringed media circus in this age of social networking that spun out of control. It also concluded a somewhat embarrassing courtship of a player by cities, ce-

lebrities and franchises who fawned over the 25-year-old who doesn't have a finals win on his resume.

New York, Chicago, New Jersey, Los Angeles and every other NBA spot came up short, finishing out of the money.

So did Cleveland. As it always does.

This time, losing was tainted with bitterness.

Once James shared his secret, fans poured out of the same downtown bars and restaurants that have thrived during these tough economic times. A few set fire to his No. 23 jersey while others threw

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Orioles rally in 8th to hand Texas Rangers 6-4 defeat

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Rangers' bullpen had been one of the best in the big leagues until it flopped Thursday night against a last-place team.

Craig Tatum drew a bases-loaded walk in the eighth inning to force in the go-ahead run, Scott Moore and Felix Pie homered, and the Baltimore Orioles rallied from a four-run deficit for a 6-4 vic-

tory over Texas.

"Our bullpen's been lights-out all season long, so anytime we hand it over to those guys we feel we have a great chance to win the game," Rangers third baseman Michael Young said. "But nobody's perfect. They're going to have games where things don't bounce their way. That happened tonight."

Baltimore loaded the bases

in a three-run eighth against Frank Francisco (6-4) as Nick Markakis reached on an error by shortstop Elvis Andrus, Ty Wigginton singled and Adam Jones was hit by an 0-2 pitch.

Darren Oliver relieved and hit Pie with another 0-2 pitch to force in a run and tie it at 4. Oliver then walked Tatum to force in pinch-runner Cesar Izturis, giving Baltimore a 5-4 edge.

Julio Lugo's bloop RBI single off Darren O'Day later in the inning made it 6-4.

"We've been falling behind in games, but these guys have stayed calm," Baltimore interim manager Juan Samuel said. "They know they can come back, and they proved that tonight."

Francisco failed to retire any of the three batters he faced, giving up three runs

(two earned) and one hit.

Rangers relievers had thrown eight scoreless innings over the previous three games and compiled a 1.94 ERA in a span of 17 games.

Hitting two batters in the eighth on 0-2 pitches compounded the Rangers' problems.

"It's not good," manager

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Sports in brief

Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

The Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament takes place at 8 a.m. July 10 at the Comanche Trails Golf Course and will benefit Coahoma High School Athletes.

It is \$50 per person, four person scramble. Prizes will be included. Call Rocky McCullough at 213-4868 or DeLoyd Hooser at 816-9051 for more information

State Representative Joe Heflin Golf Tournament

This golf tourney will make its way to Big Spring on July 27 at the Comanche Trail Municipal Golf

Course. Scramble is scheduled for 9 a.m. and lunch will be provided. RSVP to CassiDe Street at Heflin2010@yahoo.com or at 806-675-1583.

Coahoma Ragball Tournament

There will be a ragball tournament July 9 and 10 at the Coahoma Little League Field. Sign-ups will continue at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the concession stand with games starting at 7 p.m. Contact Anthony Herrera at 213-1498 for more information.

2-Person Low Ball

The Big Spring Country Club invites the community to participate in this event, which

takes place July 24 through 25. The entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes barbecue on the course July 24. Field will be flighted by the first round score. Number of flights determined by number of entries. Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information, or to enter a team.

Youth Basketball Tournament

The 2010 San Antonio Youth Basketball Championships will be conducted Aug. 6 through 8. This tournament is for boys and girls, third through 12th grade. Visit www.otcybc.com, email risingstars07@yahoo.com or call (979)417-3721 for more information.



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Obituaries

Wesley Grigsby

Wesley Grigsby, 70, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, in Dallas. Services are pending with Terrentine Jackson and Marrow Funeral Home.

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.

• Candlelight Meeting Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at 10 p.m. at 1609 S. Main in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 935-5805 or (432) 517-2272.

SUNDAY

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

Take Note

• New hours for the Chalet, Big Spring State Hospital's volunteer-run resale shop, are 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and until 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Chalet is located at 110 East Second St. Sales from the shop are used to support patients during their stay at the Big Spring State Hospital. Donations of items are welcome.

• Are you tired of hearing your kids say "I'm bored." Well, the Heritage Museum has a fix — Free Summer Saturdays! Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry St. We are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 267-8255.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• 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.

Police blotter

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

- BILLY MANN KIRK, 64, of 2610 Langley, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 19, of 7805 N. Service Rd., was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense, resisting arrest, search or transportation, criminal mischief and retaliation.
- THEFT was reported: In the 800 block of Douglas. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 2900 block of Lawrence.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 1600 block of Runnels.

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.
- TYE AUSTIN CASTLEBERRY, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BRYAN DILWORTH HARP, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a revocation of probation for burglary of a habitation.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense, resisting arrest, search or transportation, criminal mischief and obstruction/retaliation.
- MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.
- FRANKLIN LA MARR CURTIS, 44, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TONYA LEE TREJO, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of S. First Street in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Pine. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weekend Events...

JULY 9 | Movie in the Park. The Big Spring Film Society and CVB presents "Raiders of the Lost Ark", Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Movie Begins at Dusk. Concessions on Site. Call 263-8235 and visit www.bigspringfilm.org to learn more about The Big Spring Film Society.

JULY 16 | "VOCAL TRASH" Concert presented by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau. They will perform at the News West 9 "Under West Texas Skies" at the Amphitheater. Check out their website www.vocaltrash.net to learn more about them. 263-8235 for info.

JULY 16 | "Under West Texas Skies from 4-10pm. Booths, Hot Dog eating contest, Ice cream eating contest, Ugly Dog Contest and a performance from Vocal Trash. News West Nine will be broadcasting live at 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 10pm. 263-7641.

Event's Supplied by the Convention & Visitors Bureau
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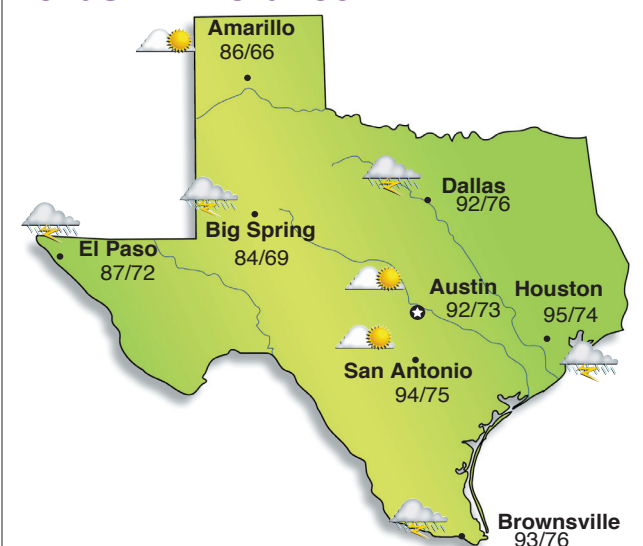


Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 7/10	Sun 7/11	Mon 7/12	Tue 7/13	Wed 7/14
84/69 Showers early then scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day.	87/70 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	86/71 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.	89/72 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	88/71 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM

Texas At A Glance



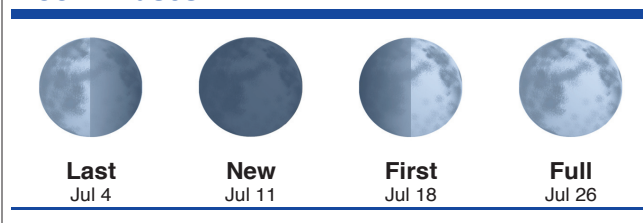
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	72	t-storm	Kingsville	95	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	86	66	pt sunny	Livingstone	95	72	t-storm
Austin	92	73	pt sunny	Longview	91	74	t-storm
Beaumont	94	74	t-storm	Lubbock	82	67	t-storm
Brownsville	93	76	t-storm	Lufkin	94	75	t-storm
Brownwood	93	73	t-storm	Midland	86	71	t-storm
Corpus Christi	94	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	91	74	t-storm	Rosenberg	95	74	t-storm
Dallas	92	76	t-storm	San Antonio	94	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	85	72	t-storm	San Marcos	93	73	pt sunny
El Paso	87	72	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	92	76	t-storm
Fort Stockton	87	69	t-storm	Sweetwater	85	71	t-storm
Gainesville	89	73	t-storm	Tyler	91	73	t-storm
Greenville	90	74	t-storm	Weatherford	91	74	t-storm
Houston	95	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	92	72	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	69	t-storm	Minneapolis	88	70	t-storm
Boston	84	71	t-storm	New York	82	73	t-storm
Chicago	87	67	t-storm	Phoenix	105	84	pt sunny
Dallas	92	76	t-storm	San Francisco	79	58	pt sunny
Denver	86	60	pt sunny	Seattle	78	61	pt sunny
Houston	95	74	t-storm	St. Louis	89	71	sunny
Los Angeles	76	63	sunny	Washington, DC	81	72	t-storm
Miami	90	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 18-19-21-30. Bonus Ball: 11.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-9-29-33.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-7-4-8. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-8-5. Sum It Up: 16.

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Astros sweep Pittsburgh Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — If these are Roy Oswalt's last weeks with the Houston Astros, he's certainly going out in style.

Oswalt, who requested a trade earlier this season, allowed only a first-inning single to Neil Walker, Lance Berkman provided the power with two home runs and the Astros completed a three-game sweep of the Pittsburgh Pirates with a 2-0 win Thursday.

Oswalt has said he told his agent not to come to him until an offer was on the table and that he doesn't expect that to happen until after next week's All-Star break and closer to the July 31st trade deadline.

He was cagey when asked if a day like Thursday made him feel strange about the possibility of leaving.

"They pay you to pitch and that's what I'm going to do until it's time to go somewhere else," he said. "That's the business part of it. The best part about it is when you step across the white line and you don't have to worry about it."

Still, some in the Astros organization aren't convinced Oswalt, who has spent his entire career with the Astros, is going anywhere.

"I don't know that we need to start singing his swan song just yet with the Astros,"

Berkman said. "I'd say it's probably a longshot that he gets traded. I just feel that way. I'm not saying it won't happen, but I don't know that it's a great possibility."

Oswalt's seventh career shutout and 19th complete game finished the Astros' third sweep of the season — second over the Pirates, the only team in the NL Central with a worse record than Houston. His last shutout came in September 2008 against Pittsburgh and his previous complete game was against the Dodgers last July.

The win breaks a career-long, six-game home losing

streak for Oswalt (6-10). He struck out eight and walked two for his first victory at Minute Maid Park since April 23.

Oswalt didn't feel great early and was relieved to get through the early part of the game with only one hit.

"It was funny, the first three innings I was missing some spots here and there and was kind of getting nervous about not being able to throw where I want to," he said. "But at least I was missing them down in the zone, I wasn't missing them up. It seemed like when the fourth inning got there I slowed my mechanics down a little bit and was able to hit

a few more spots later in the game."

Berkman has homered in four straight games for the first time since 2007 and has almost doubled his home run total for the season in that span. He had just seven homers before the current streak and Thursday was his 25th career game with more than one home run.

He credited some of his recent success to his left knee finally feeling almost as strong as it did before arthroscopic surgery in March.

"So maybe I'm getting a little more strength and seeing the ball a little bit better," he said.

Octopus oracle picks Spain to win Cup

BERLIN (AP) — Eyes around the world were on Germany's octopus oracle Paul on Friday as he made his biggest prediction yet in the World Cup: Spain will beat the Netherlands in the final.

Paul's prescient picks in the World Cup — he has yet to predict a match wrong — have propelled him to international fame from obscurity in an aquarium in the western city of Oberhausen.

TV stations in Germany, Great Britain, Taiwan and

elsewhere broadcast live pictures, complete with breathless commentary, of his final decision.

Millions watched as the eight-legged oracle descended upon on a tank marked with a Spanish flag, sitting for only a few minutes before grabbing a mussel and devouring it, while completely ignoring the Dutch tank — indicating a Spanish victory in Sunday's final match in Sunday's final.

It was the first time the 2 1/2-year-old floppy octopus

had been tasked to pick a game in which Germany wasn't involved, as the Oberhausen Sea Life aquarium bowed to demand. He correctly called Germany's wins over Argentina, England, Australia and Ghana and the country's loss to Spain and Serbia.

He also predicted Friday that Germany will win over Uruguay in Saturday's match for third and fourth place.

Paul first developed his abilities during the 2008 European Championship in

which he predicted five out of six games involving Germany correctly. But while he had only a community of local fans two years ago, his World Cup prognostications have brought him something like stardom. He has his own Facebook fan pages and a list of admirers that includes the Spanish leader.

His handlers say he is coping with fame well.

"Paul is such a professional oracle — he doesn't even care that hundreds of journalists

are watching and commenting on every move he makes," said Stefan Porwoll, the Sea Life aquarium manager.

Spain's defeat of Germany in the semifinals prompted some Germans to wonder about how he would taste grilled. Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero fretted about the safety of "El Pulpo Paul," as he's known in Spain, and offered Paul protection.

"I am concerned about the octopus," Zapatero said.

LEBRON

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rocks at the 10-story-tall billboard featuring James with his head tossed back and arms pointing skyward.

"We Are All Witnesses," the mural says.

This was something Cleveland never thought it would see.

Cavs owner Dan Gilbert was as upset as anyone. He posted an open letter to fans on the team's website ripping James and told The Associated Press he believes James did not play up to his abilities in Cleveland's second-round loss to Boston.

"He quit," Gilbert said in a phone interview. "Not just in Game 5, but in Games 2, 4 and 6. Watch the tape. The Boston series was unlike anything in the history of sports for a superstar. ... People have covered up for him for way too long."

Not Gilbert, not anymore.

"As you now know, our former hero, who grew up in the very region

that he deserted this evening, is no longer a Cleveland Cavalier," Gilbert wrote. "This was announced with a several day, narcissistic, self-promotional build-up culminating with a national TV special of his 'decision' unlike anything ever 'witnessed' in the history of sports and probably the history of entertainment. Clearly, this is bitterly disappointing to all of us.

"The self-declared former 'King' will be taking the 'curse' with him down south. And until he does 'right' by Cleveland and Ohio, James (and the town where he plays) will unfortunately own this dreaded spell and bad karma.

"Just watch."

Cleveland could offer James \$30 million more than any team, but that wasn't what interested James this time. He was willing to make less for something else — a title. Maybe a bunch of them with the 28-year-old Wade and 26-year-old Bosh in their primes.

"It's about a team," James said.

After leaving Con-

necticut, James touched down at a private terminal at Miami International Airport at 2:30 a.m. He was met by Heat officials, shook Riley's hand, climbed into a car and was driven away while a small group of fans, paparazzi and other news media waited outside.

Meanwhile, outside the W Hotel on Miami Beach, 17 more celebrity photographers and about a few dozen fans lurched toward every SUV that neared the hotel entrance, eager to get a look at the two-time MVP. Also inside that club was Bosh, who walked in virtually unnoticed earlier in the evening.

Meanwhile, in Cleveland, fans so accustomed to disappointment, were let down again — this time, by one of their own sons.

Not long after James' decision was announced on national TV, one of his jerseys was shown being burned in the city's streets of Cleveland.

"I can't get involved in that," James said.

ALL-STARS

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terest from other states lacking, the football game turned into Division I against Division II.

The talent isn't lacking for all three games, either.

Garden City High School's own Marcus Dalton and Lane Halsmann will play in the football game. Paige Niehues will play in the girls basketball game. Grady has Dylan Cox and Sands has Johnny Rogers in the football game, too.

Coaches include Ira's Toby Goodwin and Sands' Wayne Henderson in the football game, Fernando Baeza from Borden County in the boys basketball game

and Garden City's Darrell Hunt in the girls basketball game.

"It's grown in that we're pulling kids from larger areas and the quality of kids has gotten better and better," Abney said.

Hoskins believes this All-Star weekend has done well in drawing interest and brings good publicity to Garden City.

Besides providing a football and basketball game in the middle of the summer, Hoskins said these games give local players a chance to put on a uniform one last time, which should garner enough attention from family and friends.

"A lot of these kids, this is the last time they'll ever put pads on," he said. "I think they embrace that a lit-

tle bit and I think their parents will come watch them play and realize that too. I think it's exciting from that standpoint."

Hoskins also said getting fans and parents out for this weekend's festivities shouldn't be hard with the break in between spring sports and two-a-days in August.

"We've had a little break and I think everybody's kind of getting back into football mode and I think these All-Star games come at a good time," he said. "Kind of gets people fired up I think for the upcoming season."

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RANGERS

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Ron Washington said. "It ended up putting runners on the bag and pushing them closer to home plate, and then Lugo hits a dunker."

Josh Hamilton had a homer and two doubles to extend his home hitting streak to 28 games. It's the second-longest home streak in club history behind Al Oliver's 30 games in 1981.

Even with the loss, the Rangers' 50-35 record matches the 1996 team for the best 85-game start in team history.

Texas starter Tommy Hunter struck out a career-high seven over six-plus innings, allowing three runs and seven hits. But he ended up with a no-de-

cision when the bullpen faltered.

Moore's solo homer in the fifth, Pie's leadoff shot in the seventh and Corey Patterson's RBI single off Alexi Ogando later in the seventh pulled the Orioles to 4-3.

David Hernandez (4-7) tossed 1 1-3 shutout innings for the win and Alfredo Simon got three outs for his 11th save in 13 chances.

Baltimore had lost three straight and six of seven.

The Orioles improved to 10-34 on the road.

Texas took a 3-0 lead in the second against Jeremy Guthrie. Nelson Cruz and Young had RBI singles, and Cruz scored from third on Guthrie's wild pickoff throw to first.

Hamilton's 22nd homer, a solo shot in the third, extended the Rangers' advantage to 4-0.

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State briefs

West Texas cocaine ring leader gets life in prison

EL PASO (AP) — A 36-year-old Barrio Azteca gang member will spend the rest of his life in prison for leading a cocaine distribution ring in El Paso.

Gualberto Marquez was sentenced Wednesday after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distributing narcotics earlier this year.

Marquez is one of nine Barrio Azteca gang members who have been sentenced for their roles in the trafficking ring. Prosecutors say he led the group that distributed more than 400 pounds of cocaine in El Paso and Midland.

U.S. authorities have said the Barrio Azteca gang is closely aligned with the Juarez drug cartel, which has been fighting since 2008 for control of Ciudad Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso.

Rio Grande communities brace for floodwaters

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — As a strong storm dumped rain on the already high Rio Grande, those living downstream braced for a torrent of water that has led to the closure of two international bridges and evacuations on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border further up the river.

Residents of some neighborhoods in the downstream towns of Roma and La Grulla were being evacuated in anticipation of floodwaters. Shelters were readied for residents of low-lying neighborhoods in several communities. And the last hand-drawn ferry on the U.S.-Mexico border was hauled out of the Rio Grande's swift and rising waters for the second time this week.

A tropical depression that came ashore just north of the mouth of the Rio Grande on Thursday was expect-

ed to add 6 inches to 8 inches of rain to rivers and reservoirs in south Texas and northern Mexico already swollen from the heavy rains dropped by Hurricane Alex last week.

In Rio Grande City in Starr County, the river reached 52½ feet, just over flood stage early Friday. A flash flood warning was scheduled to remain in effect for the lower Rio Grande Valley until Friday night.

Starr County Emergency Operations Director Gene Falcon said flooding from the river likely would effect farmland in the area, but the larger problem would be what the river did to a local tributary, the Arroyo Los Olmos along the east side of town.

"The river level will be so high that it will start backing up (the creek)," Falcon said.

San Antonio fake military hero could get prison

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Army veteran in San Antonio who fabricated a glowing military career with awards for heroism could be sent to prison.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Pamela Mathy on Thursday declined to set bond for 39-year-old Brian Culp and set a July 15 probation revocation hearing.

Culp in December 2008 pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years of probation for his military deception.

Culp, who served two tours in the Army, had faced six months in prison on charges of falsely claiming a Purple Heart, falsely claiming a Bronze Star with valor and creating a fake ID that gave him access to military installations.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Friday that Culp in late June was kicked out of a halfway house amid allegations of insolence, lying and intimidation of staff.

5 indicted over hotel-related ID theft

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Five people have been indicted after credit card numbers from thousands of guests at the Emily Morgan Hotel in San Antonio were stolen.

Federal indictments unsealed Thursday outlined the alleged multi-state shopping spree. Several defendants have been arrested.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom McHugh says most former guests didn't know about the case, linked to the 2006 theft of receipts from a hotel storage room, until unauthorized charges showed up on their credit card statements.

All five defendants are charged with conspiracy to commit identity theft fraud. Other counts, against various suspects, include possessing counterfeit cards, have equipment to make such cards, aggravated identity theft and money laundering.

The hotel's Westmont Hospitality Group in Houston had no immediate comment.

Bahamas cop facing U.S. extradition gets bail

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — A judge has granted bail to a Bahamas police officer facing possible extradition to the U.S. for an alleged assault on a north Texas college student in 2001.

Bahamas Supreme Court Senior Justice Jon Isaacs on Thursday set bail at \$30,000 for Nyahuma Anthony Bastian, who's been suspended from the force pending a July 28 extradition hearing.

The U.S. Justice Department lists Bastian as one of its 10 most wanted sex offenders.

He was attending the University of North Texas in Denton when he allegedly ambushed, beat and raped

a female student. A U.S. Marshals wanted poster said he was charged with aggravated sexual assault and fled the country.

His June arrest has embarrassed the Bahamas police, which hired him in 2003 even though he was wanted by the U.S.

Boy sues fired Houston cop, claiming he beat him

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old boy has sued a Houston police officer, accusing him of stomping on the back of his neck while he lay on the ground with his hands behind his back during an arrest in which he and two other burglary suspects were injured.

In his lawsuit filed in federal court Wednesday, Chad Holley contends his civil rights were violated when former police officer Andrew Blomberg stomped him with "incredible force." He says he sustained memory loss, a concussion and bleeding of the eyes.

Blomberg's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said surveillance video of the March arrest showed his client only used his foot to push the boy's arms to his side.

Man dies, watercraft hits tree on Taylor Bayou

BEAUMONT (AP) — A personal watercraft accident in Jefferson County has left one man dead after his vehicle hit a tree.

Labelle-Fannett Volunteer Fire Department Chief Charles Sonnier (SAWN'-yay) says the accident happened Thursday night on Taylor Bayou.

Sonnier told KFDM-TV that the victim and a woman were on separate personal watercrafts when the man's vehicle went out of control.

Justice of the Peace Ray Chesson pronounced the man dead. His name was not immediately released.

MARKET

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rainfall, which has totaled more than six inches in the Howard County area, has made it somewhat difficult for some of the market's growers to get their produce to market, but they certainly won't complain too loudly.

"We're farmers, so we'll never turn down rain," Newton said with a laugh. "It has made it a little difficult for some of the growers to get things like melons in from the fields. We also need some hot weather for the tomatoes to grow. However, things are going very well for us right now, and the rain will certainly be good for all of us in the long run."

Newton said the farmers market will be held near the intersection of Second Street and Scurry in downtown Big Spring from 7 a.m. until noon each Tuesday and Saturday, running, hopefully, into October.

"It's really hard to predict how long the produce will hold out, but we're hoping to be able to continue holding the farm-

ers market each Tuesday and Saturday through October," Newton said. "All the recent rain has us pretty hopeful it will last until then."

For more information on the farmers market, contact Newton at 263-5517.

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

SETTLERS

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odist church by 9 a.m.," Lewis stated. "Judging of floats will begin at 9:15 a.m. And participants are asked to have their floats marked for easy identification."

Floats will be judged based on attractiveness, artistic work, originality and use of theme and amount of work and effort on float. Cash prizes will be awarded to the the top three floats, while certificates will be handed out to the best non-theme and class reunion floats.

As it has for many years, the parade will once again feature its "mystery rider." Parade visitors are encouraged to try to guess the rider's identity and cast

their ballots at Stanton Drug.

Call Lewis at 756-3745 or 756-2344 if you wish to enter a float in the parade.

Following the parade, there will be traditional downtown games hosted by the Martin County cheerleaders at the Star Pavillion. Two added games this year will be a watermelon eating contest and a dunking booth, manned by area coaches.

Concessions will be available in the community center. A hamburger meal will be available at the cost of \$7.

Entertainment will be provided at the community center from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the Fifth Annual Sandy Land V8 and Antique Tractor Pull will begin at 5 p.m. at the Farmers Co-op

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The reunion's evening meal will be held at 6 p.m. in the community center. Tickets are \$10 per plate and will be on sale at the community center beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday. The dinner will feature a drawing for a 22-inch flat screen TV. You must be at least 18 to register for the drawing and be present at the time of the drawing to win, Lewis said.

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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:

- Veterans Families Fund coordinator J. Gale Kilgore, who delivered a \$500 check to Shawnte Virdell and her daughter Layla, on behalf of her husband, Marine Sgt. Daniel Videll, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan. He has re-enlisted three times since 2001 and been deployed eight times, three of them combat deployments.

- All those who took part in Saturday's annual Highland South July 4 Parade, as well as all those who took part in Coahoma's annual Freedom Parade.

- Judy and Quail Dobbs, who were named Coahoma Citizens of the Year during the annual Freedom celebration Saturday.

- SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students, faculty and administrators, who are in the midst of celebrating the school's reunion and 30th anniversary this weekend.

- All those currently involved in seeking state support of a plan to construct a 5,000-square-foot nature center at the Big Spring State Park.

- All those involved in the Salvation Army's annual back-to-school supply drive to provide school supplies for children from low-income families.

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

May we not look back, Lord, at problems, but look forward to Your love.

Amen

Lonesome Dove and its lessons

The Brewer is a big fan of Lonesome Dove. How could I not be? The book, something like a Texas version of Gone with the Wind, is by all accounts an 843-page masterpiece. It seems to be loved by everybody — except for the guy who wrote it. More on that in a bit.

Well, believe it or not, it has been 25 years since the book was first published. This month, Texas Monthly is even doing a huge tribute to the show that made Texans proud to be Texan again — as if that was a problem.

I have read what the boys down in Austin had to say and I have a few thoughts of my own I would like to share.

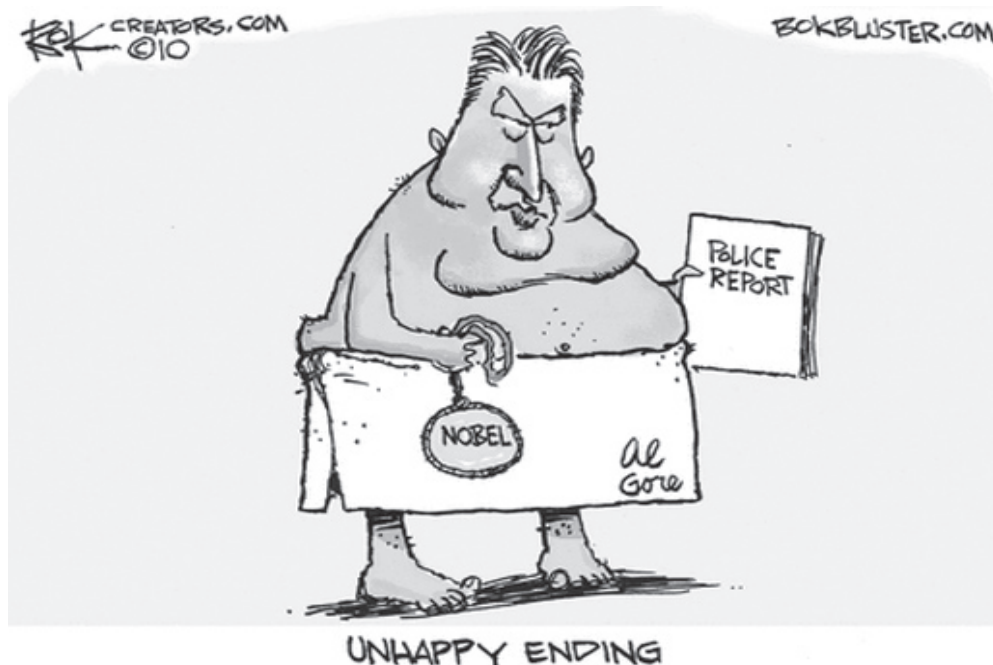
'IT AIN'T DYIN' I'M TALKING ABOUT, IT'S LIVIN'

About 15 years ago I was looking for a new hunting knife, so I drove to the house of blades in Fort Worth. While wielding a Scottish long sword, I looked up in time to see two guys going through expensive knives and several people clamoring to serve them. It was none other than Larry McMurty and his assistant.

Larry, of course, is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Lonesome Dove.

As the good Lord would have it, we had occasion to carry on a hospitable conversation and what he had to say about his book surprised me.

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He who laughs last...

The world applauds folks who are masters of spontaneous verbal comebacks. Somehow, they are "right-worded" in facing tenuous situations with grace.

Never seen sweating, they are unflappable rarities. Their words flow effortlessly while the rest of us melt to mush at binding times, our facial expressions and skin tones dead giveaways that our goats have been gotten.

We can make long lists of times that "duh" would have been better than our stumbling responses.

"Do you have any reason to be driving so fast? Your luggage is a pound over the limit; you owe another \$35. I know your son is a gregarious fourth-grader, but he must learn soon not to bite others. I'm sorry I asked if the woman is your daughter; how long have you been married?" Such questions stretch toward infinity.

One such guy with a hair-trigger brain is Jim Bob Solsbery. "Yep, my folks named me 'James Robert,' but I was 'Jim Bob' before we left the hospital. They say our dogs got all the good names," Solsbery claims with a distinctive Texas twang.

Some of his kinfolks stop just short of Hatfield/McCoy stalemates, arguing about whether "Solsbery" originated in England or Germany.

Jim Bob cares not; he just knows that his first and last names are about as compatible as a mule in the Kentucky Derby.

Turns out, he is not that big of a fan of Lonesome Dove.

He thinks he has written better works and didn't even show up to claim the Pulitzer Prize when it was awarded to him. He said he didn't know how so many people could get such joy out of a story so sad.

I read in another place he said something about writing the book as a criticism of the west and it's existence as a "terrible culture."

Ironically, it's the very culture people fell in love with.

'HERE'S TO THE SUNNY SLOPES OF LONG AGO'

I think what people love about Lonesome Dove is more than the memorable quotes and the outstanding characters. There is something within all of us that wants to be overcomers and conquerors and dreamers. It's not about a cattle drive, it's about people, who, against all odds, shaped the world into what they wanted it to be.

It's about people, who have suffered tremendously but still love life and love to accomplish vision — fragile people who can't be stopped. That's what all of us want to be — independent, free, capable and unafraid. Such is the lore of frontier Texas.

'I GUESS YOU'VE BEEN SETTIN' UP ALL NIGHT READING THE GOOD BOOK'

It thrills me to tell you, these are the kind of people God wants us to be. This is the great offer from the hand of God and the benefit of surrendering to the King who makes everything brand new. As I type this week's sip from the Master's cup, I

think about those fictional characters and the reality of who we are through Christ.

By the grace of God we are river-crossing dreamers who have a vision who cannot be stopped. We confront our enemies, mourn our losses and celebrate our lives. We have a strong sense of right and wrong, and there are certain injustices we will not tolerate on the way to our promised land.

We are overcoming people of faith with a pioneer spirit ready to map out our victory for those behind us. Highly independent in a hostile environment, we go with confidence knowing God has made us to be more than conquerors, who people are going to talk about for years to come because of the way we lived and things we accomplished. That's the life Jesus handed me.

Lonesome Dove is a fictional work but the Bible is not.

What else can I say? There isn't enough time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets. Their faith helped them conquer kingdoms, and because they did right, God made promises to them.

They closed the jaws of lions and put out raging fires and escaped from the swords of their enemies. Although they were weak, they were given the strength and power to chase foreign armies away. — Hebrews 11

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He resembles the Marlboro man, except he's shorter, older and doesn't smoke. More hat than cattle, he and his trademark Stetson are inseparable. Blue jeans and boots made for amblin' complete his daily attire.

A 30-year agriculture specialist with the government, this son of West Texas has long had a keen eye for humor.

He's a wonderful storyteller, convinced that humor is an attitude — the title of his book. He maintains a blog (TheHumorAttitude.com) and commits funny speeches around the U.S. when he's not tied up with his grandkids.

His ability to diffuse difficult moments is undeniable. Jim Bob doesn't raise his voice and maintains unflinching optimism. Hard to rile and determined to smile, he rarely encounters obstacles that he can't climb over, sneak around, dig under or stare down.

Here's one example. Changed plans recently forced him to make an eleventh hour cancellation at a fancy out-of-state resort. Jim Bob and wife Jan weren't sure they could avoid a late cancellation fee.

First off, repeated phone calls to the swank place went unanswered. Then, the desk clerk could find no reservation for "Solsbery." The resort manager joined the search, and his computer screen failed to show "Solsbery" either — for that date or later.

Jim Bob was resolute, adamant that he had made reservations several weeks earlier. Finally, the manager asked if he had a reservation number.

He bluffed, saying he needed a few minutes to put his hands on it. Truth to tell, he didn't remember jotting down the number,

and certainly didn't know its whereabouts.

"I checked my office in the car," he related. "I found several items, including ballpoint pens, rubber bands, hamburger wrappers and church bulletins."

But wait! There was a crumpled envelope lodged between the seats, and on it, a scrawled number. Shorter than his Social Security number and longer than a Baskin-Robbins "wait in line" number, it was maybe, just maybe.

His voice oozed confidence when he returned to the phone. Seconds later, the computer coughed up a "chaching" reservation. It was for a week later, however, and under the name "Fosbury."

"You folks got me confused with the high jumper," he drawled. "I'm not the 'Fosbury Flop;' I'm the 'Solsbery Sot!'"

The manager, himself of granddaddy vintage, broke into laughter, recalling the unique "flopping," back-first style of Dick Fosbury, whose leap of 7 feet, 4.25 inches set a new world record at the 1968 Olympics.

The clerk, much younger, had no clue why the boss was laughing, and probably couldn't define "sot," either.

Maybe next time my friend will make reservations under "Jim Bob." That would be hard to get wrong.

In the meantime, he's got more fodder for his blog and upcoming speaking engagements.

And his firm belief that humor is an attitude, unshaken.

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First United Methodist

Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will preach from Amos, Psalms, Colossians and Luke. Our Sunday services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages meet at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday evening the entire congregation is invited to a "Send Off" for our junior high age members, who will be leaving Monday morning on a mission trip with ROTC (Reaching Others Thru Christ). We will have hot dogs and drinks furnished by the Youth and Family and Parish Life committees. Those attending are asked to bring chips, dessert, condiments or anything they'd like to go with their "dogs." Lets support our youth and let them know how proud we are that they are going to spend days of hard labor doing "God's work."

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and Becky Woodall is working hard to get everything organized. She can use help in almost all areas, so please consider joining these children and volunteers as they join Joseph in Egypt. There are a number of items needed for making the sanctuary look like the area near the Nile. They need solid colored sheets, an easy-up canopy or tent, large pots and baskets, any type of greenery, brightly colored fabric and they'd even like a plastic blow-up alligator. Call and volunteer your time, talents and any of the above mentioned items; they will be returned following VBS which begins Monday, July 19. Help begin our youngsters' journey to learn about the Bible.

Coming events include: a group going to Nicaragua on a mission trip; and the Back In the Saddle Roundup Sunday, Aug. 22, right before school begins. That evening, Pastor Sharon will begin a new Bible study "90 Days Thru The Bible." This study is scheduled to end by Nov. 21. Also on that

date, we will welcome "Walk Thru the Bible" (New Testament) beginning right after noon.

This will coincide with National Bible Week. And remember, this is Lord's Acre year and it's on the calendar for the first Saturday in October. What a great day of fellowship this is. Start working on your creative projects now. We're busy and happy in God's work at First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

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

Our church is invited to the multi-generational Vacation Bible School combining the talents and personnel of First Presbyterian, Big Spring; First Christian; and St. Mary's Episcopal churches. Beginning Tuesday, July 27, at First Christian Church; Wednesday, July 28, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church; and Thursday, July 29, at First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring, we will have dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by classes for all ages lasting until 8:30. Friday, July 30, we will have a closing picnic at Comanche Trail Park. The theme is "What We Can Do About Hunger!" and we will be collecting canned goods and paper products as well as collecting an offering for the local food pantry.

The lectionary for Sunday is Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; and Luke 10:25-37.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is Aug. 12.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2006 Walks: Women's Walk 41, Joanne Sayles; Men's Walk 42, Robert Moore; and Women's Walk 43, Janice Bond. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our website, www.signal-emmaus.org

Baptist Temple

During the month of July, our Sunday morning messages will be a series called "Uncomfortable." God calls us to go places, do things, put us in situations and associate with people that will make us uncomfortable. The sooner we come to terms with that, the better. Our sermon title will be "No Room for Lazyboy Religion" from Matthew 10:34-37 and Ephesians 6:10-18.

Sunday evening will kick off our Vacation Bible School week with a dedication service for all the VBS workers. We will then begin VBS on Monday and have it each evening from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m., ending Thursday. Our VBS Carnival will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 18. You can register your child for VBS by calling the church office at 267-8287 or going online at btcbigspring.org.

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.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

We have been in the community for 68 years, helping in the spiritual needs that people have. We would count it a privilege to be acquainted with you, to be able to help you when the need should arise. We are a Bible believing, Bible preaching, Bible teaching, missionary minded, independent Baptist church for the winning of souls to Christ, to the edifying of the saints and for the Glory of God, where you are always welcome. Come worship the Lord, hear and study God's word with us.

We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane and our Sunday worship times are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. for all ages from pre-K to adult.

Children's Church is during the morning worship for ages 4 to 12. A nursery is provided for your little ones and if you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. If you enjoy singing, we have choir practice Sunday afternoons at 4:30.

We are in need of an organist. If you would like to use your talents for the Lord, call Pastor King at 267-8214.

Midweek prayer meeting and youth studies are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Church of the Nazarene

Summer days are upon us and God's love is shining everywhere. First Church of the Nazarene would like to invite you to come bask in the glow of our loving God. At First Church of the Nazarene we strive to love God, love community and love others.

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Parents, honor your role

The stage was set for all human relationships within the first four of the Ten Commandments that God gave Moses. The first commandment established that our Creator was and is Jehovah God. The second established our understanding of God as purity of life and holiness, and we are to worship Him and Him only. The third forbids us to use flippant words that bring dishonor to His Name. And the fourth directs us to focus on and honor His Name, His character, and His person as we honor our day of rest. We worship Him as the one who "made it all" in six days, then rested from His labor.

In every society, the family is the essential unit. If the integrity of the family is destroyed, then the glue, the cohesion that binds towns, cities, and nations together begins to crumble. God sees the family unit as a strong miniature corpora-

tion. The next in line of authority from God are the parents.

Parents are not only the author and preservers of their children, but the Bible tells us that the father is to be the high priest of his family, transmitting wisdom and authority from God to his children. Without question, a child forms his concepts of the nature of God from what he sees in his parents, and especially in his father. If the father is kind and considerate, if he upholds a standard of right living and discipline with his children, the children most likely will follow after him. The parent's tenderness and firmness toward them forms a solid foundation for a child to build his life upon.

I once heard a minister say that when a child is growing up, he can be compared to a flower. While the flower is growing it needs water and sunlight, but if the flower is deprived of these two important ingredients, it dies before the first bud appears. The same is true when parenting children. The child needs kind, encouraging words, and parents who shower them with love. Apart

from this, his life will always be unfulfilled.

Children who are raised by loving parents, who attend church as a family on a regular basis, who are trained to obey moral laws and live ethically tend to lean toward spiritual things in troubled times. To the contrary, parents who are harsh and overly strict in their discipline can actually push their children away from God. Sadly, there are many today who fall short of God's ideal as parents.

Many fathers leave the parenting to the wife, but God's intention is that the man be the head of the home, not the woman. When the father does not fulfill his role according to God's plan, he is forfeiting his place of headship in the home. Fathers who disobey

God's laws and precepts will encounter numerous problems with their children since the child needs to see the authority figure in their dad. If they do not, they may perceive him as passive and weak, not fully connected to the family as he should be.

According to the apostle Paul, The fifth Commandment is the first to contain a promise. It says, "Honor your father and mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." We must honor our parents while they are living, and in death, as well. God promises to bless those who do with a long, stable life. 1 Timothy 5:8 clearly supports the fact that children have a duty to assist and help their parents in their old age.

"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for the parents, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

I was well acquainted with a young woman who was rude to her parents. She refused to assist them in their latter years. She spoke unflattering words against them and ignored holidays such as Mother's Day and Father's Day. She was in excellent health, but for no known reason, she went into cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead within minutes. We cannot

violate God's laws without repercussion.

When we continually honor our parents throughout every phase of life, in essence, we honor ourselves.

God bless.



JERRIE STOCKS

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	?	

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

- ♠A94♥Q6♦52♣KJ10843
- ♠K42♥A93♦10♣AKQ1075
- ♠AJ94♥8♦A7♣KQ9532
- ♠KJ♥J752♦63♣AKJ64

1. **Four hearts.** You should have no qualms about raising with only two trumps in this sequence. Partner's jump-rebid in hearts is virtually certain to be based on a strong six-card or longer suit. Raising to four does not imply extra values beyond those already shown by the two-club bid, since partner's three-heart bid compels you to bid again.

The objection to bidding four clubs is that partner might raise to five, and there is no reason to think that an 11-trick contract in clubs would be easier to make than a 10-trick heart contract.

2. **Four notrump.** The three-heart bid should strongly rouse your interest in reaching a grand slam. If partner has solid hearts and two aces — not much to ask for — 13 tricks are all but assured.

Point count won't help resolve that problem, but the number of aces partner holds almost surely will. If he shows two aces in response to Black-

wood and then also shows at least one king, a grand slam becomes mandatory. If he indicates only one ace instead, you should bid six hearts anyway.

3. **Three spades.** Prospects for a small slam are exceptionally bright if partner can support either clubs or spades. If he bids four clubs, or raises three spades to four, promising four-card support, you should next try Blackwood. Provided you are not missing two aces, you will then carry on to six of your suit.

If partner retreats to four hearts or three notrump, you should throw in the sponge. His inability to raise either of your suits, or to try for a slam in his own suit despite your constructive bidding, should persuade you to give up.

4. **Five hearts.** A four-heart bid would not reflect the exceptionally good support you have for a heart contract. For a typical example of a four-heart bid, see the first problem.

True, you have only 13 points in high cards, but the distribution and good suit controls make the hand very attractive for slam purposes. It is unlikely that partner would lose two tricks if he voluntarily bid six.

A Blackwood inquiry for aces is not apt to resolve the problem of deciding how high to go. Allowing partner to use his judgment, rather than you using yours, will probably lead to the best contract.

Tomorrow: Spadework.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

What transpires in the next three weeks could make or break your image. The mischief-making messenger of the gods enters Leo. While Mercury is in this dramatic sign, and he will be until July 27, our communication gets more creative, playful and fun. It will also be publicized to a greater extent, whether or not we want it to be!



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Work backward. Know where you want to go and who you want to reach. Imagine what reaction you want to elicit from others. Then cater your presentation specifically with this end in mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A perfect system should work well without you. You can prove what a good leader you are by taking a vacation. If things go all right while you're away, you've done your job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have excellent mojo when it comes to buying things. Do shop around, even for mundane purchases. You'll be able to find a better deal on just about anything you're looking for.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Why wait for bad weather to learn whether your fair-weather friends can double as foul-weather friends? Be a stellar observer instead. And ask the questions that will teach you more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your dreams will be

wild, though while you're dreaming, the strange experiences seem perfectly normal. Think it over in the morning. It's amazing what a dream can tell you about your waking life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are on a path of continuous personal growth. This now extends to your career. Develop your professional network. You could even find the gumption to take your mission global.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Hone your dream, change the goals, and alter the plan. But whatever you do, don't give up on it. Your dream is not, after all, affecting just you. The intention will span the multiverse in all dimensions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Recruiting is an art. You'll have fun with it now. You have a good idea to begin with, so you won't have much trouble getting others to sign on. Remember that everyone has within them the basic need to help others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's been said that there's nothing so bad that it can't get worse. The reverse is also true. There is nothing so good that it can't get better. With that in mind, you will hustle even when things are going well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You meet a number of interesting people as you work to realize a goal. Some of them are in a position of authority. Others seek help and advice from you. All are your teachers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone you want to connect with doesn't seem to

have time for you. Maybe you have something to sell and this person isn't buying. But don't stop trying. A different approach might be what's needed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be part of a student body. The difference between you and the others in this group is that you will actually take what you learn to the next level, and then to the next and the next.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 9). You will be intent on giving more than you ever have. You'll transform your domestic environment, energizing the aesthetic and your relationships, too. By September, you will have a sense of personal arrival. You'll be surprised at what your loved ones do and also by the new friends you'll make in October. Gemini and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 50, 14, 33 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Every relationship has its frustrations — yours is not the only one. You'll work through one gracefully on Friday. **TAURUS:** You're ultra-attractive, especially to someone you'll be meeting for the first time this weekend. **GEMINI:** You'll get to know the truth about someone when you see him or her often. **CANCER:** Your enthusiasm will make you even more beautiful than you already are. **LEO:** If you are to capture a potential loved one's attention, spend more time with this person. **VIRGO:** You have a magical energy. You need only to glide by and your vibes spark excitement in someone. **LIBRA:** Do not let oth-

ers know that you doubt your attractiveness by seeking validation. Instead, strut. **SCORPIO:** Do what it takes to get comfortable in your own skin. When this is the case, you'll win everyone over — your ease will be infectious. **SAGITTARIUS:** There's something special you would like to do, and you shouldn't let another person stand in the way of your doing it. **CAPRICORN:** Talk about your curiosities. You'll bond with those who wonder about the same things. **AQUARIUS:** On a solo outing, you will meet someone fascinating who you would not have met had you been accompanied by your friends. **PISCES:** You'll play the odds and win.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Aquarius may be at odds right now, as planets in their realm pull from across the zodiac. But something wonderful can come out of the tension if it is approached from a positive and playful mindset. Just as strings must be stretched across some instruments in order to make a sound, some degree of conflict is just what is needed for this couple to make beautiful music together.

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Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

Sibling Flirting

Dear Margo: My husband of 16 years and I are having a problem. Or maybe I am the one with the problem.

He has two older brothers and a younger sister. His sister is visiting from Puerto Rico and has been staying with us for the past two weeks.

I've noticed that he pays extra attention to her and none to me. He follows her upstairs and waits for her to finish showering and dressing and doesn't come down until she does.

When she arrives home after visiting with friends, his face lights up and he is so interested to hear about her night out.

He sits very close to her on the sofa and at the dinner table. And he is always touching her, rubbing her back and her feet and washing her laundry — making sure not to damage her delicate items (panties, nighties, etc.).

I'm feeling very insecure about his behavior. He doesn't do those things for me and shows no affection toward me unless it's sexual, and even then I'm the one to initiate it.

I would like to know whether I'm being hypersensitive, or is his behavior inappropriate? Should I tell him how I've been feeling? — So Jealous

Dear So: This is his sister? The behavior sounds over-solicitous, to say the least. What is going on makes him sound like a cross between a gay butler (who is a masseur on the side) and a brother with incestuous feelings.

What is key to know is whether he has always talked about his younger sister in an older brother, doting manner, and if previous visits have played out this way.

I would by all means bring to his attention that the difference in the way he treats his sister as compared to his wife is causing you to have second thoughts about the raison d'être of your marriage.

Good luck with this one. It sounds pretty off to me. — Margo, curiously

Managing Clingy Parents

Dear Margo: I went to school about three hours from my parents, and my boyfriend went to the same school — about five hours from his parents.

We chose this school because it gave us opportunities that we would not have had staying close to home. We both graduated two years ago and worked hard for great jobs with fantastic companies that allowed us to stay in the same town as our college.

The problem is that each family wants us to visit more than we already do. We're both working to get ahead in our careers, while maintaining good relationships with our friends in town.

We visit both families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, while also visiting each family four more times a year.

Comparably, our parents rarely come to visit; the last time we entertained one of our families was more than a year ago.

How can we impress upon our parents that we're doing the best we can, while explaining that trips home use up valuable vacation time, take us away from routine maintenance around the home we share and are generally a cost we can't afford while saving for a wedding and a starter home?

The guilt is eating me up. — Trying To Please Everyone but Ourselves

Dear Try: Lose the guilt, honey. From this outsider's point of view, you are doing right by both sets of parents, and they need to get with the program that you two are grownups who are trying to build a life and careers.

Tell them you'd love to see them more in your town, but your combined visits to both families are all that you can manage.

If they continue to rag on you, do the emotional version of la la la la la la. — Margo, guiltlessly

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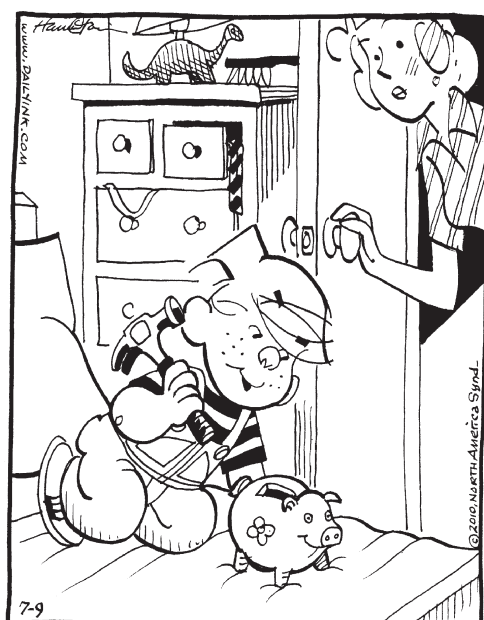
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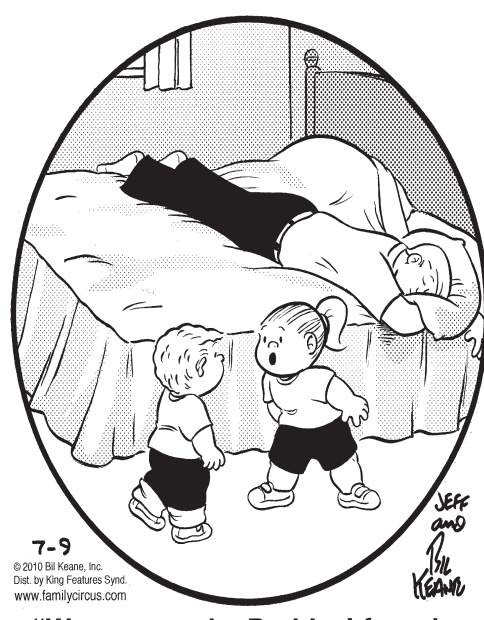
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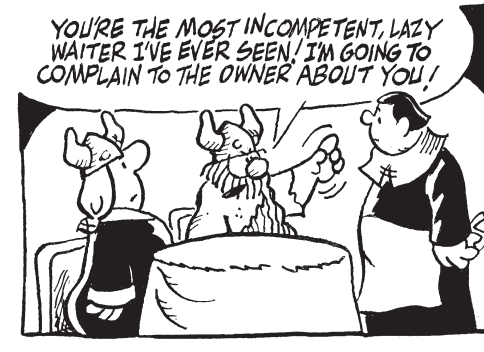
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"We gotta wake Daddy. I found a spider that needs to be taken care of."

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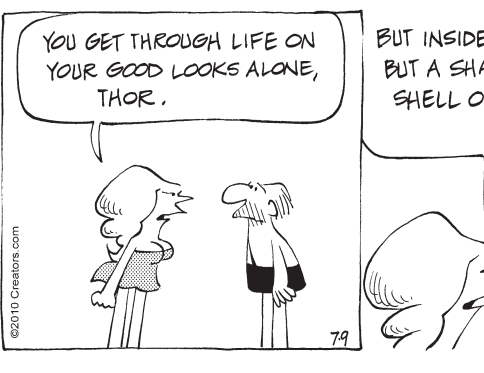
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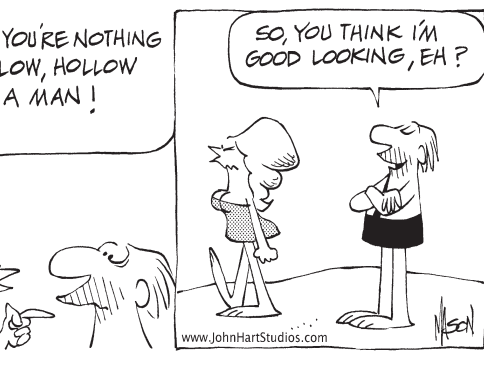
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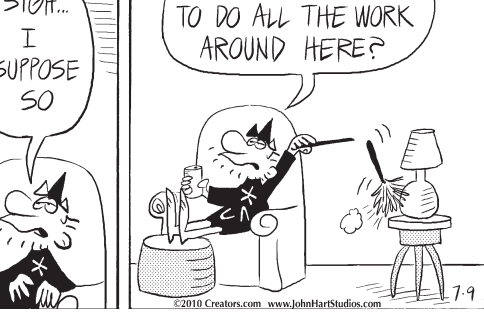
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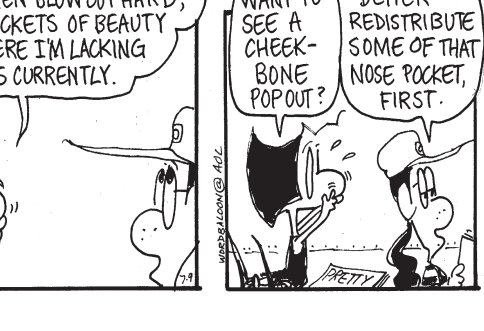
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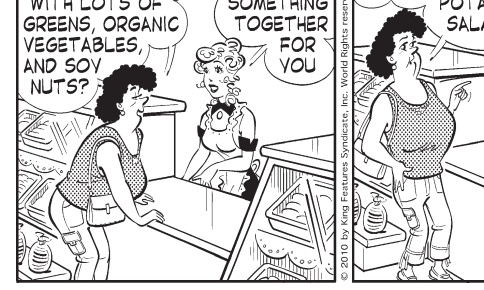
I HEAR YOU AN' ELDON BROKE UP, SARIE !!

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DO YOU MAKE ANY HEALTHY SALADS WITH LOTS OF GREENS, ORGANIC VEGETABLES, AND SOY NUTS?

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SORRY, BUT I HAD TO ASK THAT TO CLEAR MY CONSCIENCE

This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 9, the 190th day of 2010. There are 175 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1810, French Emperor Napoleon I annexed the Kingdom of Holland.

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term. (He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore.)

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tenn. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress.

In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany. (An official end to the state of war was declared in Oct. 1951.)

In 1974, former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren died in Washington, D.C. at age 83.

In 1982, a Pan Am Boeing 727 crashed in Kenner, La., killing all 145 people aboard and eight people on the ground.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Ed Ames is 83. Actor James Hampton is 74. Actor Brian Dennehy is 72. Actor Richard Roundtree is 68. Author Dean Koontz is 65. Football Hall-of-Famer O.J. Simpson is 63. Actor Chris Cooper is 59. TV personality John Tesh is 58. Country singer David Ball is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Debbie Sledge (Sister Sledge) is 56. Actor Jimmy Smits is 55. Actress Lisa Banes is 55. Actor Tom Hanks is 54. Singer Marc Almond is 53. Actress Kelly McGillis is 53. Rock singer Jim Kerr (Simple Minds) is 51. Actress-rock singer Courtney Love is 46. Rock musician Frank Bello (Anthrax) is 45. Actor David O'Hara is 45. Rock musician Xavier Muriel (Buckcherry) is 42. Actor Scott Grimes is 39. Actor Enrique Murciano is 37. Rock musician Dan Estrin (Hooobastank) is 34. Actor-director Fred Savage is 34. Country musician Pat Allingham is 32. Actress Megan Parlen is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kiely Williams (31w) is 24. Actor Mitchel (cq) Musso is 19.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Casino calculations
 - 5 Cribbage counters
 - 9 Persian Gulf emirate
 - 14 Zip
 - 15 Indonesian island
 - 16 Style-manual matter
 - 17 Norman or Nilsson
 - 19 Held the title to
 - 20 Snooped (around)
 - 21 Capital of Serbia?
 - 22 Erstwhile news bureau
 - 23 SAT org.
 - 24 Slips into
 - 26 Lioness' lack
 - 27 Savor, with "in"
 - 29 Outback birds
 - 31 FDR power project
 - 34 Draft picks
 - 36 Canon competitor
 - 38 Shangri-la
 - 39 Security breach
 - 40 Coins of the Continent
 - 41 Went for the gold
 - 42 Aberdeen accessories
 - 43 Battlefield
 - 44 "Duck soup!"
 - 45 Not quite oneself
 - 46 Hair hairdo
 - 47 Sandwich title
 - 49 Singular
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- 1 Bleaching agent
 - 2 Where commuters convene
 - 3 Three sun followers
 - 4 Really steamed
 - 5 NewsHour network
 - 6 Finished off
 - 7 Three sun followers
 - 8 Letter opener
 - 9 Sales goals
 - 10 City near Lake Nasser
 - 11 Four sun followers
 - 12 Wises up, supposedly
 - 13 Roulette bet
 - 18 Stirs in
 - 25 Focus of a Santa Fe art museum
 - 26 German city
 - 28 Makes a plea
 - 30 Nursery-rhyme hurdle
 - 32 Signs from Churchill
 - 33 Rag-doll name
 - 34 High, in Havana
 - 35 Sheet of a sort
 - 37 Catnap noise
 - 38 Always
 - 46 Sometime soon
 - 48 Turnpike-toll unit
 - 50 Ceaselessly
 - 52 Geometric calculations
 - 54 Spider-Man director
 - 55 Barn baby
 - 56 Unvarnished
 - 57 Mild cheese
 - 59 "Sad to say . . ."
 - 60 Cal. opener
 - 62 Place to relax

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Is it better to look up or to look down?

Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dag Hammarskjöld is credited with having said, "Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye on the far horizon will find his right road."



BONNIE WHEAT

Having grown up in West Texas, I find it difficult

to take the Swedish diplomat's advice. I'm more inclined to believe that he who never looks at the ground will eventually step on a snake. Although I appreciate the far horizons of the future, I'm much aware of the many pitfalls of the present that can only be seen by looking down.

While I am totally convinced that walking by faith is essential to the Christian life, the Bible also reminds us that God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths. To me, God's

provision of light for our feet implies that He intended for us to watch where we step.

Perhaps Hammarskjöld's statement about keeping an eye on the far horizon raises a philosophical question. Is it better to be a visionary with a dream or a perfectionist who pays attention to the details missed by the visionary? Without a vision, details and small steps accomplish little. However, dreams are seldom fulfilled without footwork and a lot of attention given to details. While keeping one eye on the goal

is crucial, keeping the other eye focused on the ground-work is also necessary.

In the Scripture, Jesus addresses a similar issue: "For which of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'" (Luke 14:28-30 NASB).

Whether our goal is to

build a tower or to complete some other lofty project, we must calculate the cost in all aspects of the endeavor. An eye looking up toward the far horizon will certainly keep us focused on the vision, but an eye looking down will help us avoid stepping on a snake.

Sometimes it is necessary to test the ground before taking the next step.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Please join us for one of our uplifting services.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts in the Commons at 9:30 a.m. We also offer Kid's Church in the fellowship hall for ages 4 through 12. Come early for homemade breakfast burritos!

Sunday Evenings at 4:30, "Each One Disciple One" class is being led by Pastor Tim.

Wednesday evening small groups occur at 6:30 with various discussions that will be sure to peak all your interests. Classes offered for Naz Kidz are for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, including separate boys' and girls' class for the fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Come and learn about Jesus with us on Wednesdays!

For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can also visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org and view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Morning prayer will be observed at 10. We will be meeting in the parish hall.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist service will not meet Wednesday.

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

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

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad St.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. The choir will not meet on Wednesdays until July 28. The choir members will join the congregation for the next few Sundays.

Janie Conley will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morn-

ing. Rip Patterson is Liturgist. Communion servers for the month were Helen and Lynn Glass, Todd Patterson and Mary Gregg. Ushers for July are Paschal and Lucy Odom and Mark and Vicky McLean.

Beginning Tuesday, July 27, we are having a joint Vacation Bible School with the First Christian Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and including First Presbyterian of Coahoma.

Each evening at 5:30, we will have dinner, followed by classes for all ages, preschool through adult, ending about 8:30. Tuesday evening will be at First Christian, Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal, Thursday at First Presbyterian, Big Spring, and Friday we will conclude with a picnic at Comanche Trail Park.

The theme of "What We Can Do About Hunger!" will be explored and collections of money, canned goods and paper products will be made. Please plan to come with the whole family and invite your friends to share this experience. Nursery care will be provided for those younger than preschool age.

The lectionary for Sunday is Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; and Luke 10:25-37. Rev. Holstedt will present the sermon.

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.fpchs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

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 church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx.

We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School following around 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Don Rosentreter will preach this Sunday. The sermon text will be

Colossians 1:3-14 with the title "Always Thanking God and Praying."

The flowers this week are given in honor of Janet and Kevin Walker's 19th wedding anniversary July 14.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Haley Walker. Our elders are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke. The liturgy will be read by Bobby Roever. The readings are Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18, Psalm 41, Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37.

Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. join us and work on our new banners.

Last Sunday, we sang patriotic songs during Sunday School. This gave us a chance to think on the importance of our country's history, as well as the sacrifices of her military and her citizens. We were extremely blessed to live in our United States of America. May God continue to bless her and us.

The LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship) will return from their trip to Six Flags Saturday. They left on Thursday.

Monday the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA.

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

Sunday, Aug. 8, the Seventh Annual Lutheran Night at the Ballpark will begin at 5:15 p.m., with the picnic and the game starting at 6 p.m. The picnic will last from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The picnic meal includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cookies, peanuts and soft drinks. The Midland Rockhounds are playing Corpus Christi. The deadline for purchasing the picnic meal and game ticket for \$7 per person will be Sunday, July 25. Please give any monies to Janette Bentley.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 19! We will have our dedication of our building and church property at that time. More details are following.

The pastoral call committee is still meeting.

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. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and could be held either at church or in a home.

The Board of Evangelism is asking

for help with recording short messages for our radio spots. If you are interested, contact Kent Ivey.

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. at the church. The next LWML meeting will be Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. at the church.

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 and at 5 p.m. Sunday, singing and Bible study in the book of Mark is conducted.

Pastor Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message is entitled "Giving thanks to God," based on scripture from Colossians 1:1-14.

Encouraging words: "One's true worth can often be measured by the things pursued." — author unknown.

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 so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

North Birdwell United Methodist

The North Birdwell United Methodist Church meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages. Susie Jones will lead the adult discussion, "Glory to Christ," taken from 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12. The youth leader will be Linda Hale and the elementary leaders will be Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams.

Angel Food orders will be taken from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Delivery will be 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. July 24.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 272 N. Birdwell Lane and welcomes all who wish to participate in mission work for the Lord and our community.

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

Religion briefs

Fort Wayne parents sue school district over religious education program during school

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Parents of a Fort Wayne third-grader have sued the school district, claiming the girl was sent to a religious program on school grounds without their permission.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, which filed the federal lawsuit for the parents, argues that the program is unconstitutional and should be barred from operating on school property. The ACLU also wants to prevent the school from sending students to the religious program without parents' explicit consent.

The Haley Elementary School student and her parents are named in the suit only by their initials. Fort Wayne Community Schools spokeswoman Krista Stockman declined comment. The head of the church group that offers the program was traveling and couldn't be reached July 2.

According to the lawsuit, the child was taken to the class in a trailer on school property for several weeks this past year while she was in third grade. Her parents had not given permission for her to attend the class and she was removed after they found out.

Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County has since 1944 offered the weekly classes in which students learn the Bible during school day sessions in mobile classrooms that are nicknamed "little churches on wheels," or in some cases at a near-

by church building. The group's website says 80 percent of local schoolchildren in grades 3, 4 and 5 take part.

The group says the classes are non-denominational and use the Good News Bible as a textbook. The class, the website says, "is based on understanding the word of God and applying it to our lives, living as an example of God's love, and trying to be more like Jesus every day."

3 Hopi tribal members sentenced to probation for illegally possessing a golden eagle in Arizona

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Three Hopi tribal members have been sentenced to probation and ordered to pay restitution for illegally possess-

ing a golden eagle.

Prosecutors say Arthur Batala, Darrell Batala and Steven Silas were sentenced in U.S. District Court in Flagstaff for violating a federal law that protects most species of birds.

Eagles are viewed as sacred in many Native American cultures, and the feathers and other parts of the birds are central to tribal religions and customs. Authorities say enrolled members of federally recognized tribes may obtain permits to take eagles for religious purposes, but federal law prohibits the sale of bald and golden eagles or their feathers and other parts.

Arthur Batala was sentenced last week to two years of probation, Darrell Batala to one year of probation and Silas to one year of supervised probation.

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News in brief

14-person spy swap between Moscow, U.S.

VIENNA (AP) — U.S. and Russian flights believed to be carrying candidates for a 14-person spy swap landed in Vienna on Friday, parking nose-to-tail in a remote section of the tarmac as the largest such exchange since the Cold War moved into its final stage.

The U.S. charter — a maroon-and-white Boeing 767-200 carrying 10 deported Russian agents — arrived after flying overnight from New York's La Guardia airport. Within minutes, it

came to a halt behind a Yakovlev Yak-42 — Russian Emergencies Ministry plane thought to be carrying the four Russians to be exchanged.

Stairs were put up to the U.S. flight and people wearing fluorescent yellow jackets entered the plane.

Before anyone was put on those flights, both countries won admissions of crimes from the subjects of the exchange — guilty pleas in the U.S. and signed confessions in Russia.

In exchange for the 10 Russian agents, the U.S. won freedom for and access to two former Russian intelligence

colonels who had been convicted in their home country of compromising dozens of valuable Soviet-era and Russian agents operating in the West. Two others also convicted of betraying Moscow were wrapped into the deal.

Backup plan to halt Gulf gusher

THEODORE, Ala. (AP) — The first of two relief wells being drilled to stop the Gulf oil gusher could be done by the end of the month, BP officials say, but if that doesn't succeed, one backup being considered is transferring the crude to non-producing

underwater wells that are miles away.

BP would run the flow through pipelines across the floor of the Gulf of Mexico, said retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration's point man on the crisis.

"That would take some construction and some time. It would probably move us into the late August timeframe," Allen said.

Still, the best hope to stop the spewing oil from the blown-out well a mile under the sea is the relief wells. Though officials said the first could be finished by the end of July, weeks ahead of schedule, they are quick to point out that such an optimistic timetable would require ideal conditions every step of the way.

Authorities recover body from Delaware River

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Coast Guard officials say a body has been recovered from the Delaware River near the site of a collision between an

amphibious tour boat and a barge that left two people missing.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Crystal Kneen says the body was recovered early Friday near Penn's Landing in Philadelphia.

A duck boat carrying 37 people was struck and sunk by a barge there Wednesday. Two passengers are missing, 16-year-old Dora Schwendtner and 20-year-old Szablocs Prem. They were part of a group of Hungarian teachers and students aboard the boat.

Kneen says the body has not been identified and authorities could make no immediate connection between it and the missing boaters. Kneen said she did not have information on the sex of the recovered body.

Suicide bombers kill more than 50

KHAR, Pakistan (AP) — Two suicide bombers struck outside a government office Friday in a tribal region where Pakistan's army has fought the Taliban, killing more than 50 people

and wounding more than 100, officials said.

The attack, one of the deadliest in Pakistan this year, indicated that militants remain a potent force in the country's tribal belt bordering Afghanistan despite army offensives.

The U.S. has praised Pakistan for taking on Islamist extremists that use the tribal region to plan attacks on Western troops across the border, but the militants have often retaliated on Pakistani soil.

The bombers detonated their explosives near the Yakaghund village office of Rasool Khan, a deputy administrator of the Mohmand tribal region who escaped unharmed. At least one bomber was on a motorcycle.

Nearby, officials were distributing wheelchairs to disabled people and equipment to poor farmers, said Mohmand's chief administrator, Amjad Ali Khan.

Obama talks energy, economy and elections

LAS VEGAS (AP) — President Barack Obama is wrapping up a two-day swing through Missouri and Nevada with a speech on clean energy that could deliver a boost to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, who's in a tough fight for re-election.

In Friday's address, Obama planned to call on Congress to expand a tax credit program for advanced energy manufacturing jobs. Eligible would be solar projects that Reid has been promoting heavily in Nevada as a way to capitalize on his state's scorching climate and cut down on pollution from coal.

Obama was to speak to an audience at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, along with officials from a solar panel manufacturer called Amonix.



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