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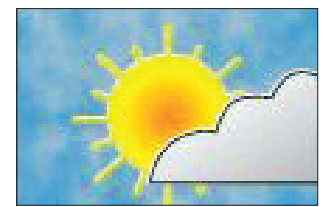
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ISD budget gets board's tentative approval Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees tentatively approved a budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year during their regular meeting Thursday evening.

The budget, which will not be formally approved until Aug. 31, is basically similar to the current fiscal package, officials said.

The new budget, which is balanced, calls for \$30.9 million in expenditures, an increase of \$200,000 from this year. Most of that increase will be taken up in pay raises for district employees, including a 3 percent salary increase for teachers, counselors, librarians and nurses, Chief



Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said.

Despite the recent economic downturn, BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said the district was in sound financial shape heading into the new budget cycle.

"We're in pretty good shape," he told trustees. "A lot of school districts in Texas are looking at deficit budgets or cutting staff, but we're not in that situation at all... when you're looking at a \$30.9 million budget, going up \$200,000 is not bad at all."

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Crossroads area residents gathered at the Hampton Inn & Suites Thursday to tour the facility and enjoy a wine tasting, courtesy of the Llano Estacado Winery. The Business After Hours event was hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Hampton Inn & Suites is located at 805 West I-20.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Vince Vialle, left, of Specialized Public Finance Inc., talks to Big Spring Independent School District trustees Thursday regarding the sale of almost \$51 million in construction bonds. In the background in BSISD Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell.

Credit rating saves BSISD major dollars

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

A sterling credit rating and prime market conditions — plus a little bit of luck — are going to save Big Spring Independent School District almost \$3 million in bond money.

During their Thursday meeting, BSISD trustees voted to sell more than \$50 million in voter-approved bonds to help finance school construction and renovation projects across the district. And in doing so, they were able to save taxpayers a good-sized pile of cash.

In selling the bonds, the projects underwriters were

"The higher the rating, the less your borrowing rate will be. That enabled the district to borrow these funds at the lowest rate possible."

—Vince Vialle

able to negotiate a an added premium of almost \$3 million from purchasers, said Vince Vialle of Specialized Public Finance Inc., who has assisted BSISD in the bond-selling

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Heeere's Bonnie! Oil spill work stalls

DAVID DISHNEAU
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 Associated Press Writers

GULF OF MEXICO (AP) — Work to permanently choke off BP's broken oil well stalled Friday as Tropical Storm Bonnie raced toward the Gulf of Mexico and dozens of ships

evacuated the area.

Engineers are so confident in the stability of an experimental plug — which has mostly throttled the oil for more than a week — that they won't open it even if the storm hits directly. They'll likely lose sight of the temporary cap for at least a few days.

The storm blossomed over the Bahamas and was to enter the Gulf of Mexico by the weekend, and a tropical storm watch was issued early Friday for the northern Gulf coast from Destin, Fla., to Morgan City, La.

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Youth Movement

Thompson, 26, named BSHS boys basketball coach



File Photo

Tristian Clay shoots a basket in one of the Steers' games last season. Cliff Thompson, who was an assistant at Big Spring from 2006 to 2008, makes his way back as the new 26-year-old boys basketball coach.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Cliff Thompson knows he's walking into a new challenge as the Steers' new boys basketball coach.

But it might not have much to do with keeping Big Spring on top of the district and picking up where Marcus Morris left off.

It could be doing that as a first-time, 26-year-old head coach.

"The age gap is obviously a lot smaller than with other coaches," said Thompson, who was officially hired to replace Morris Thursday night. "But at the same time I have to keep a professional distance and make sure, there can't be any question of who's in charge."

Thompson looks to keep the Steers on track, as Big Spring will be defending the district title it won last year for the first time since 1989.

One advantage for Thompson could be the fact he was an assistant for the Steers two years ago. Thompson was at Big Spring High School from 2006-2008 and will be a familiar face the minute he steps on campus. After that stint at Big Spring, he was an assistant coach for the junior varsity and varsity teams at Grandbury.

As far as his age is con-

cerned, Thompson believes he has all the tools to handle whatever challenges that might present.

He said it depends on the coach's personality and situations such as this and young coaches can be seen as father figures or best friends and still earn respect.

"For me I think it's going to kind of be somewhere in between," Thompson said. "There's a lot of different ways to approach this situation. It's something that comes with the territory when you're as young as I am. You're going to have to answer those criticisms and questions about being young and experienced."

Thompson isn't just returning to Big Spring, but he also is returning home. The first-time head coach is from McCamey and a graduate of Angelo State University. In fact, Thompson said his time in Grandbury was the only time he's been out of West Texas.

Having a relationship with Morris, who took a job at Graham High School, also helps. Thompson said he looks forward to reconnecting with some of the players he used to coach.

Thompson said he doesn't want to change much as far as scheme is concerned. He said there will still be a lot of

presses on the defensive side of the ball, but there will be a few new wrinkles on offense. He said that should make the transition even easier for the players.

Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey said he interviewed a lot of coaches before he ended up at Thompson, but one positive he saw out of the young coach is the energy he'll bring to the program.

"Our kids are going to know him," he said. "I think he's going to come in, bring a lot of energy and just excitement for his first opportunity. That's going to rub off on, not only him, but me and other coaches and teachers. We want to be just as successful in basketball as we were in football."

Ritchey also said he likes Thompson's references and the circle of coaches he has around him to call on for advice, should he ever need it.

Thompson has already added to that circle, however.

He said he talked with Howard College men's basketball coach Mark Adams about taking this job and what experiences being a young coach might entail.

Adams' advice was simple: enjoy every minute of it.

"In Cliff's situation, to be

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Lackey loses no-hitter in 8th

SEATTLE (AP)—First came John Lackey's no-hit tease. Then, a ninth-inning meltdown. Finally, extra-inning relief.

This zany, 4-hour game was perhaps Boston's worst win this season — and Seattle's best loss.

Lackey came within four outs of a no-hitter, only to watch the Red Sox blow a comfortable lead and cost him a win before they beat the Mariners 8-6 in 13 innings Thursday night.

Seldom-used Eric Paterson doubled home two runs with two outs in the 13th and the Red Sox overcame two errors in Seattle's five-run ninth against Manny Delcarmen and closer Jonathan Papelbon.

"I mean, you hear the music playing. But ...," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said as tony Francona said as the main room of the visiting clubhouse across the hall. "That's a tough way to win."

Josh Bard broke up Lackey's bid for baseball's fifth no-hitter this season by fighting off a high, 91 mph fastball and sending a clean single to right-center with two outs in the eighth.

Lackey, who allowed an unearned run, struck out six and walked one despite having what he called a bad fastball, threw his head back and dropped his mouth open

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File Photo

The Steers' Devante Lloyd makes a tackle during one of Big Spring's games last year. Two-a-days are around the corner, with the Steers tackling the field Aug. 2. They will practice for the next four days after that from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Athletic Training Center. Then there is an intra-squad scrimmage for the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams at Blankenship Field at 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m., respectively.

Sports in brief

State Representative Joe Heflin Golf Tournament

This golf tournament will make its way to Big Spring on July 24 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.

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. Num-

ber 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 rising-stars07@yahoo.com or call (979)417-3721 for more information.

Co-ed Softball Tournament

There will be a co-ed softball tournament Aug. 7 in Ozona. The entry fee is \$125 per team and the

deadline to enter is Aug. 2. There will be prizes for first, second and third place winners. For more information call CHRIS at 325-763-6630 or e-mail him at CARDENAS_CHRIS@YAHOO.COM.

Big Spring Football Season Tickets

Get season tickets at the ATC. Previous season ticket holders can purchase tickets from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting July 26 and ending Aug. 9. General public ticket sales are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting Aug. 10 and ending Aug. 18.

The cost is \$25 dollars per ticket book, which includes five home games.



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Obituaries

Estevan Martinez

Estevan Martinez, 66, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 22, 2010, in Galveston. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

The Salvation Army will take applications for its annual school supply program from Aug. 2-6 at the Army's headquarters at 811 W. Fifth. Application times are from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 267-8239.

Youth at the Spring Creek Fellowship are conducting a shoe drive for Shoes for Orphan Souls through Aug. 1. Shoes collected in the drive will be taken to Rock the Desert, set for Aug. 5-7 in Midland. Drop off boxes are located at Faye's Flowers (1013 S. Gregg) or Slaton Insurance (205 W. 15th). The drive accepts new shoes, socks and shoe strings. For more information, go to www.shoesfororphansouls.org or rockthedesert.com.

Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry St. The museum is 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.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-22-24-33. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$21,085. Winning ticket purchased in: Stafford.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-22-33. Bonus Ball: 12. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-8-9. Sum It Up: 26

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-8-2. Sum It Up: 13

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Thursday:

- ANDREW WILLIAM SMITH, 25, 4207 Dixon, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault against a public servant.
- ARNULFO CHAVERA RODRIGUEZ JR., 30, 307 W. Fifth, was arrested on charges of failure to identify fugitive from justice, driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction and two warrants from other agencies.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of E. 16th.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter and the 2500 block of Ent.
- THEFT was reported in the 500 block of Galveston and the 1200 block of Morrison.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Thursday (64 prisoners were reported in the county jail):

- HELEN M. ORTEGA, 52, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- ANDREW WILLIAM SMITH, 25, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of aggravated assault on a public servant.
- ARNULFO CHAVERA JR., 30, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of failure to identify fugitive from justice and driving while license invalid with previous conviction and two warrants charging bail jumping and failure to appear.
- JODI LYNN MILLS, 29, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY, 31, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL VASQUEZ, 28, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Thursday:

- MEDICAL was reported on N. McGregor Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate 20. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

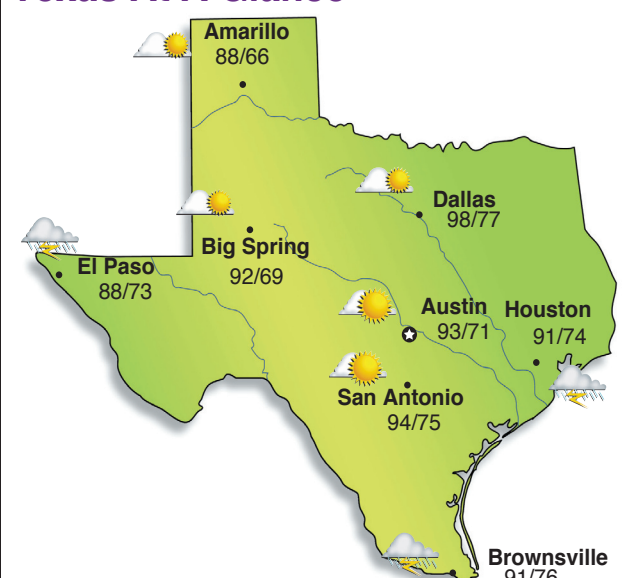
Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 7/24	Sun 7/25	Mon 7/26	Tue 7/27	Wed 7/28
92/69 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 92F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	89/70 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	89/70 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	91/71 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	91/72 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM

Texas At A Glance



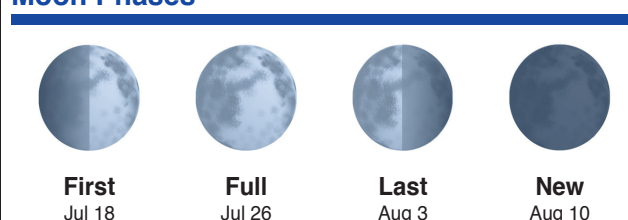
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	72	pt sunny	Kingsville	94	76	t-storm
Amarillo	88	66	pt sunny	Livingston	91	71	t-storm
Austin	93	71	mst sunny	Longview	94	75	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	72	t-storm	Lubbock	89	68	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	76	t-storm	Lufkin	89	74	t-storm
Brownwood	97	71	mst sunny	Midland	91	71	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	91	78	t-storm	Raymondville	94	75	t-storm
Corsicana	96	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	73	t-storm
Dallas	98	77	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	75	mst sunny
Del Rio	92	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	93	72	mst sunny
El Paso	88	73	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	97	77	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	90	68	windy	Sweetwater	93	71	pt sunny
Gainesville	96	74	pt sunny	Tyler	95	74	pt sunny
Greenville	97	74	mst sunny	Weatherford	97	73	mst sunny
Houston	91	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	96	72	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	96	75	mst sunny	Minneapolis	82	64	pt sunny
Boston	86	75	pt sunny	New York	95	82	pt sunny
Chicago	90	67	t-storm	Phoenix	101	84	t-storm
Dallas	98	77	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	56	pt sunny
Denver	78	59	t-storm	Seattle	81	58	sunny
Houston	91	74	t-storm	St. Louis	97	77	mst sunny
Los Angeles	78	64	sunny	Washington, DC	102	83	mst sunny
Miami	87	81	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Sat 7/24	Sun 7/25	Mon 7/26	Tue 7/27	Wed 7/28
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Dez makes it official

CLIFF

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IRVING (AP) — With all the stories about Dez Bryant being a character risk, and then with him picking the same agent his buddy and fellow receiver Michael Crabtree had during a holdout that lasted nearly until Halloween last season, plus there being all sorts of labor uncertainty complicating the signing of all draft picks, some Dallas Cowboys fans worried whether he'd ever show up.

Well, guess what: Bryant signed Thursday, becoming the first first-round pick in the entire NFL to strike a deal. The contract is for \$11.8 million over five years, with at least \$8.3 million guaranteed.

The key is that the deal is done in time for Bryant to be in San Antonio for the start of training camp Friday and, of course, the first practice Saturday. By the end of training camp, he might

even be pushing Roy Williams for the starting job opposite Miles Austin.

"This was very important to me to be able to get this done in time for the first practice," Bryant said in a statement released by the team. "I want to help this team. I want to compete. I can't wait to start playing football again."

Bryant played only three games for Oklahoma State last season, then was dogged by all sorts of questions about his integrity, starting with an NCAA suspension for lying to investigators about a meeting with former Cowboys star Deion Sanders.

There was talk of him skipping meetings and classes, and being late to games. There were concerns about his mother's private life, enough that Miami Dolphins general manager Jeff Ireland asked if she ever was a prostitute.

After he skipped the NFL combine and held his own pro day, there were whispers that he forgot to bring the right cleats.

But the Cowboys did their homework and wanted Bryant so badly that when they saw him slipping in the draft, they moved up to No. 24 and nabbed him. Team owner Jerry Jones also laid the foundation for Thursday's announcement before ever making the pick.

Speaking with agent Eugene Parker while the Cowboys were on the clock, Jones said: "We want a commitment here that we're going to work to get this done. We don't want a repeat of what happened last year."

That conversation was relayed by Stephen Jones, the team's vice president, while he repeatedly praised Parker and Bryant for getting this done on the eve of

training camp.

"It's always been a good relationship with (Parker)," Jones said, noting that he represented two other recent first-rounders, but leaving out the fact both were a few days late to camp. "It's a two-way street. He's benefited, we've benefited. Nobody is trying to get the upper hand. You just want things to be good. He wants things to be good for Dez, and so do we."

Parker agreed that his long, solid relationship with the Joneses helped this deal come together.

"The trust factor," he said. "That enabled us to cut through some of the typical posturing and positioning and get right to the issues."

Among those issues was the lack of a collective bargaining agreement starting in 2011. That uncertainty is among the reasons none of the other first-rounders have signed.

He said his players will want to win right away and he is no different. "I look at it as a positive," Thompson said. "I could've gotten a job where the expectations are low. Then you have to change the kids' perception of themselves as a team. But coming into a situation like this, you know they expect to win, as do I."

Taking over a team that has seen quite a bit of success might be the best part of this job, Thompson said.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association update

Individual play was the format for Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies play day. Annie Ward won low gross and low net for first place. Gus Leonardi won second place in a scorecard playoff with Ramona Harris.

There were 16 golfers competing in Thurs-

day's couples play. Jimmy and Deanna Fore-sythe and John and Gus Leonardi shot 4-under par to take first place. Two teams tied for second place with 3-under par. One team was Bill and Bobbie Holden and Trish and Howard Gabbard. The other team was Donnie and Shirley Long, Jerry Roach and Annie Ward.

Jerry Roach took the honors of shooting closest to the pin on the third and sixth holes.

LACKEY

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after Bard's liner fell a few steps to the right and in front of a sprinting J.D. Drew.

About half the Mariners crowd of 28,074 — roughly the proportion of Red Sox fans in the park — immediately gave Lackey a standing ovation.

"I jammed him, man. I threw it where I wanted to," Lackey said, still

disappointed 2 hours after he lost a no-hitter in the eighth inning or later for the second time in two calendar years. "I mean, you'd like for somebody to at least get the barrel of the bat on it to end it."

The last-place Mariners then rose up for five runs on three hits and two Boston errors in the ninth.

"What got me mad most was Lackey almost got a no-hitter and at least deserved the win," Delcarmen said.

Bill Hall, Drew and Marco Scutaro all homered as Boston scored more than four runs for the first time in eight games since the All-Star break. The Red Sox improved to 3-5 since the break — albeit the hard way. They stayed seven games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East.

"Definitely one of the weirdest no-decisions I've ever had, how about that?" Lackey said, grinning.

Hideki Okajima (3-2)

escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the bottom of the 12th by getting Jose Lopez and Milton Bradley to pop out. Ramon Ramirez worked the 13th for his second save in Boston's longest game by innings this season.

Kevin Youkilis began the 13th with a single against Garrett Olson (0-3) that went off the glove of shortstop Jack Wilson. Then came two outs and a walk to Mike Cameron. Patterson, who entered in the

11th for Hall, drove a 1-2 pitch into the left-center gap.

Seattle lost for the 15th time in 19 games — and was four outs from the first no-hitter in the 10½-year history of Safeco Field.

"It was a tremendous comeback and a heart-break all in the same game," manager Don Wakamatsu said.

Bard's hit came on Lackey's 111th pitch against the team with the fewest hits, fewest runs and lowest bat-

ting average in the major leagues. Wilson followed with a squibber that eluded Hall at second base for a weird infield single. Lackey just bent over at the waist and exhaled before getting out of the inning.

Lackey's two hits allowed tied his season low from May 5 against the Angels, for whom he tormented the Mariners inside the AL West until he signed an \$82.5 million, five-year contract with Boston as a free agent last winter.

A-Rod hits 599th homer, Yankees beat Royals

NEW YORK (AP) — On an odd night in the Bronx, Alex Rodriguez did what comes normal to him. He hit yet another home run on his march through the record book.

The slugger hit No. 599 to help the Yankees pull away and beat the Kansas City Royals 10-4 Thursday in a game of never-seen-that-before plays.

Before that, Derek Jeter hit his first inside-the-park homer since 1996 and Jorge Posada had a go-ahead double and a bizarre throwing error that cost New York a run and put Yuniesky Betancourt on second after striking out. But the Yankees rebounded to help CC Sabathia (13-3) win his ninth straight decision.

Rodriguez, who had four RBIs, hit a solo homer to right field in the seventh inning, putting New York ahead 6-4 and leaving him one shy of becoming the seventh major league player to reach 600.

He came up again in the eighth with a chance at the milestone. With cameras flashing, A-Rod hit an RBI double that drew groans and sent Yankees fans to the exits — just one more oddity on a night full of them.

"I'm having fun," Rodriguez said. "I'm going to hit it."

The three-time AL MVP connected on an 0-2 pitch from reliever Robinson Tejeda for his 16th home run of the season. Rodriguez, who turns 35

on Tuesday, is closing in on becoming the youngest player to reach the 600-homer plateau. Before last season, he admitted using steroids from 2001-03 with Texas.

Rodriguez hit No. 598 on Sunday against Tampa Bay, but No. 1 (in June 1995) and No. 500 (in August 2007) against the Royals.

He took his time getting to that last milestone, going 10 days between Nos. 499 and 500, but breezily dismissed questions Thursday about pressure.

"Nothing's as exciting as what happened last November," he said, referring to his first World Series championship. "Now, I have a different

perspective on things."

Jeter's deep drive in the third off Bruce Chen (5-4) settled in center fielder David DeJesus' glove, but he ran into the fence in front of the Yankees' bullpen in right-center with his arm extended. His glove and wrist twisted back and the ball popped out as DeJesus fell.

Jeter motored home for his second career inside-the-park home run, tying the game at 3. His first came Aug. 2, 1996, his rookie season.

"After I caught it, I jammed it into the wall and coming down, I thought I still had it," DeJesus said. "At first I thought it was my wrist, and then I looked down and saw

my thumb growing."

DeJesus sprained his thumb on the play and was replaced immediately by Rick Ankiel, who came off the disabled list earlier Thursday. Royals manager Ned Yost said DeJesus would see a hand specialist in Cleveland.

Sabathia gave up 11 hits and four runs, three earned, in 6 1-3 innings.

He struck out nine and walked four with a balk and a wild pitch.

Chen gave up five runs and nine hits in six innings.

Kansas City lost despite having 14 hits, five walks and a pair of successful double steals. The Royals left a season-high 14 on base.

Jennie Finch homers to lead U.S. to 9-0 win against Canada

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — With time running out on her softball career, Jennie Finch is savoring every swing. Especially when she sends another ball flying over the outfield fence.

Finch hit a two-run homer in her first at-bat after announcing she'll retire from softball, leading the United States to a 9-0 victory against Canada on Thursday night in the opening

game of the World Cup of Softball.

"I'm just trying to enjoy the moment," Finch said. "Normally, I would have probably had a little bit more serious of a face running around the bases being that early in the game, but I just had to smile. It was just kind of like, 'You can't hold it in anymore.'"

"You've just got to enjoy the moment, and that's what I'm trying to do."

With a full count, Finch lined a pitch over the left-field fence against two-time college player of the year Danielle Lawrie (0-1) to put the U.S. up 3-0 in the first inning. Kaitlin Cochran and Jessica Mendoza also homered, and Monica Abbott (1-0) struck out 16 in a two-hitter.

"I'm just enjoying this moment with my teammates and trying to soak it all up, and at the

same time compete," Finch said. "We're here to win. That's first and foremost, and that's our job here."

Finch announced this week that she'll stop playing internationally when the World Cup concludes on Monday, and end her professional career with the Chicago Bandits when the National Pro Fastpitch season wraps up next month.

She said she gets emo-

tional when she stops to think that the end is near, so she's doing her best to avoid doing that.

"Obviously, it's there and I know that the days are kind of counting down, but at the same time I'm trying to focus on the task at hand and that's winning," Finch said.

A two-time Olympian, Finch first made her name as a dominant pitcher who won 60 straight games — in-

cluding the 2001 Women's College World Series title — at Arizona. Her ravishing looks helped her transcend the sport, and she became a household name with appearances on shows like "This Week in Baseball" and "The Celebrity Apprentice."

But she can still play, too.

Finch led Team USA with three home runs as the Americans won the world championship.

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- All those who participated in the Cactus & Crude Ride 2010 last weekend. The two-day, 150-mile bicycle trek was held to raise funds for the West Texas Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and to raise awareness of the disease.

- The Howard County A&M Club and all those who participated in its 11th annual scholarship fundraiser that included a golf tournament, skeet shooting competition and a dinner and auction. The event also featured the appearance of Jackie Sherrill, the former Aggies head football coach.

- The local Veterans Family Fund, which presented a \$500 gift to the parents of Marine Cpl. Bridget Rivas, who are taking care of the young Marine's 19-month-old son, Camron Layne Rivas. Cpl. Rivas is currently stationed at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, Calif.

- The Big Spring VA Medical Center, its staff and its patients following last week's celebration of its 60th anniversary. The event was attended by U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, as well as representatives of U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, D-Lubbock, and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

- Howard College officials, who honored former trustee Don McKinney by naming the Big Spring campus' career technical education building in his honor. McKinney, who died in 2008, served as chairman of the college's board for 36 years and was a staunch advocate of workforce training programs.

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

Our success is based on our ability to adapt to Your word, Lord.

Amen

A survivor of circumstances

An old story focuses on coffee shop banter of a rabbi, priest and preacher pondering preferred postures for prayer. Prostrate positions, upheld hands and bowed heads are thoroughly discussed.

On an adjacent stool, a repairman hears their animated conversations without even cupping his ear.

"I ain't one to argue with clergy," he interrupts. "But I've done some powerful praying hangin' by one leg 30 feet up a utility pole."

This yarn came to mind with the news of Harry Marlin's death a while back. For him, adult life was a bonus. Before age 21, he had survived both the Great Depression and World War II — the latter including 50 combat missions flown over Germany during his 30 months in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Had he overheard the "prayer" discussion, he'd have offered a sobering personal remembrance: "I've done some powerful praying while crammed inside the ball turret of a B-17 bomber."

Marlin, 86, was the kind of man who typified the central figures of newsman Tom Brokaw's best-seller, *The Greatest Generation*.

His hardscrabble growing-up years in the Brown County hamlet of Blanket and the war neither defined him nor defeated him. The war did, however, snuff out dreams of studying journalism at the University of Missouri.

He volunteered for the Army Air Corps in 1943. Barely 18, his feet in stirrups and hands on a pair of .50-caliber machine guns, he took on what crew members considered to be the toughest assignment.

Inside the turret that rotated 360 degrees in the plane's underbelly, there wasn't even room



DR. DON NEWBURY

for a parachute. He couldn't "hunker" — up or down — but he stayed busy. Ever alert, he watched for enemy aircraft, fired machine guns, maintained radio contact with the crew, turned the turret and wished he had more room.

He mentioned oft-repeated prayers for take-offs and landings to come out even.

There were many close calls, including engine losses in the "workhorse" plane Boeing unveiled just three decades after the Wright brothers' aviation milestone.

Marlin won enough awards to weigh down his uniform before the war's end in 1945. Then, a mere half-dozen years later, he and his Army Reserve buddies were activated during the Korean Conflict.

Many lessons learned in the "school of hard knocks" are the best of all. For these, Marlin deserved Ph.D. recognition. Some might guess — albeit incorrectly — that his civilian life was comparatively mundane. He logged time as a police officer and insurance investigator, among other pursuits. His interests ran the gamut, including photography, Big Bend travels, sashays to Luckenbach and gardening.

He loved his family, one that spanned four generations, and his dog, Bitsy.

For a dozen years late in life, he tackled writing, authoring five books, all of them after age 76. His column was a "must read" weekly feature in the *Brownwood Bulletin*.

Bernell Dewees, his companion of 32 years, assisted with editing — when invited — and encouraged Marlin to maintain his writing regimen into his 84th year.

He used simple, unvarnished words, recounting common experiences. He is remembered for hundreds of classic lines, some of them gleaned for tributes written by Bulletin colleagues Gene Deason, Candace Cooksey Fulton and John Kliebenstein. Marlin was called, most de-

servedly, the "Will Rogers of Central Texas" and "a gifted prairie philosopher."

His writing would have lacked its "soul and substance" had his been a traditional education. Surviving life's most jagged edges trumps "book-learnin'" every time.

He took life as it came, even "humorizing" one of his final visits to the doctor's office. "I'm having no trouble 'hunkering down'," he drawled. "Hunkering up' is a whole 'nuther story."

Among the cast of characters in Marlin's life is Richard Hetzel, an unorthodox minister whose life has taken many tangents. He could, for example, fill in as an auctioneer or circus barker with short notice.

Marlin, once noting Hetzel's "propensity for embellishment" at a funeral service, made an "on-the-spot" request. "I want you to 'embellish me' at my funeral."

Hetzel came through, "in spades" as Harry might have said. There was a mixture of smiles and tears. In Marlin's printed funeral program were lines lifted from a 1990 column response to Jesus' promise of many mansions in His Father's house.

"But I don't want a mansion — just make a place for me where I can see the beauty of wildflowers, the green of the grass, the blue of the sky and the majesty of the mountains, and all of the glory of Heaven will be mine," Marlin penned.

On the roadside en route to Rock Church Cemetery near Blanket, wildflowers nodded in the breeze. Friends took note of the colorful countryside and wished for their cameras. There would have been nothing wrong in stopping for pictures; Harry would have.

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Lessons from the Autobahn

I am world famous for having a lead foot — it has always been hard for me to drive slow. Driving in a single lane behind someone who only wants to do 40 mph has always felt something like having a tooth pulled.

Worse yet is when someone drives slow in the passing lane. A sense of injustice overwhelms me as if an innocent person has been executed or land has been taken away by the government. Get out of the passing lane — it ain't right!

I remember when the speed limit went down to 55 on all national highways. Those were dark and terrible times for me. Then came the glorious day the it was moved back to 70. I had a party in the same way I think alcoholics did back when the prohibition ended.

A NEED FOR SPEED

Speed is dangerous, exhilarating, intoxicating and illegal beyond clearly set limits on every highway in the world. Every highway except one — the Autobahn.

Imagine a super highway designed for speed with thousands of miles of roadway where drivers can stand on their Porsches as fast as they want to. You might think this is Germany's way of population control, but, believe it or not, it's safe — even safer than the more conservative approach we have with our highway system. It seems to turn the premise that speed kills on its head.

According to the World Wide Waste of Time, the Autobahn has scored consistently lower in death rates than the U.S. highway system for almost 20 years

in a row.

Sometimes, cars drive literally 200 mph where traffic allows. In most places, typical cruising speeds for average drivers are 80-90 mph. That's burning up the road on this side of the world but just heading to the store for some milk and eggs in Deutschland.

DRIVE RIGHT

A big factor in its safety is a hardcore law that prohibits anyone driving in the passing lane unless they are passing somebody. The highways are patrolled and monitored not for speed but for improper use of the lanes.

While Germans are free to drive whatever speed they can, they are not free to drive in whichever lane they want to drive in. That is interesting to me.

See, you can drive 50 or 150 on the Autobahn, but you can't let your freedom cause someone else to have a wreck. You can't drive fast in the slow lane causing people who want to drive slowly to crash. You also can't drive slowly in the fast lane causing people who want to drive fast to crash. This is a responsible use of freedom, and I see Kingdom principles in this.

When it comes to the Autobahn or when it comes to life, you've got freedom. Jesus Christ offers us freedom, but you don't use your freedom in a way that causes other people to get messed up. Yes, grace is real and so is the responsibility that goes with it.

Paul wrote "Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak." — 1 Corinthians 8:9

Rock on Paul, and thanks for giving us the word.

Another issue in Germany, that every driver deals with, is the responsibility of knowing

the difference between life and death.

You see, when it comes to the speed limit, it is all legal. So in Germany, instead of asking if it is legal, which is never the question, you should be asking, "Is this going to kill me?" which is always the question.

So it is in the Kingdom. Cigarettes for example will not send you to hell, it will just make you smell like it.

Eating too much and eating whatever you want is perfectly legal in Christianity, but that freedom is supposed to bless us, not kill us.

So the issue for us as Christians is not is it legal, because we are not under the law. The issue for us is, is this smart? Is this kingdom advancing? Or is this reckless and stupid?

Are we using our freedom in a way that trips up other people? Are we using our freedom as an excuse to go back into some kind of bondage? Is it freedom, or is it bondage? Is it living life, or is it choosing death? Those are real issues even though the legality of the matter is not an issue.

No person or nation can remain free very long without such practices becoming widely accepted by its citizens.

The same warning applies to the abuse of our spiritual freedom in Christ. As the Apostle Paul said and repeated,

"All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient" — 1 Corinthians 6:12.

It's legal, but it is not all in our best interest.

If our heart is after the King's heart, we will make a choice that not only keeps us living, but doesn't kill everybody else around us.

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THE WORLD BRIEFLY:

N. Korea tensions rise; U.S. pushes on nukes, disputes
HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — North Korea on Friday threatened the United States and South Korea with a “physical response” to planned weekend naval exercises as tensions with the communist nation rose in the aftermath of the sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on the North.
In Vietnam for a Southeast Asian regional security forum, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and a North Korean official traded barbs over the ship incident, the upcoming military drills and the imposition of new U.S. sanctions against the North.

The spokesman for the North Korean delegation to the talks, Ri Tong Il, repeated Pyongyang’s denial of

responsibility for the March sinking of the ship that killed 46 South Korean sailors and said the upcoming military drills were a violation of its sovereignty that harkened back to the days of 19th-century “gunboat diplomacy.”

The exercises will be “another expression of hostile policy against” North Korea.

“There will be physical response against the threat imposed by the United States militarily,” Ri told reporters in Hanoi.

Shortly before he spoke, Clinton had lashed out against belligerent acts by the North, warning that it must reverse a “campaign of provocative, dangerous behavior” if it wants improved relations with its neighbors and the United States.

She said stability in the region, particularly on the Korean peninsula, depends in large part on convincing an “isolated and belligerent” North

Korea to alter course and return to nuclear disarmament talks.

Ratification uncertain with Republicans holding back support of nuclear treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The once smooth path for Senate ratification of a major nuclear arms control agreement with Russia is looking a little dicier.

Conservatives opposing New START, a replacement for a Cold War-era treaty, are trying to make it an issue in November’s congressional elections.

While they are unlikely to kill the agreement, they could force Democrats to delay a ratification vote until after the election. That could be damaging to President Barack Obama.

A narrow victory after a lengthy,

contentious debate could destroy his hopes for achieving more ambitious goals, including further reductions of nuclear weapons and ratification of a nuclear test ban treaty.

“A delayed ratification with a close vote would be a blow to U.S. leadership around the world,” said Joseph Cirincione, president of the Ploughshares Fund, a foundation that advocates a world free of nuclear weapons. “People would doubt the president’s ability to negotiate other agreements.”

The administration still hopes to win approval for New START before the Senate begins its summer break in August.

To do that would require the support of at least eight Republicans, along with all 57 Democratic and two independent senators to achieve the necessary two-thirds majority in the 100-member Senate.

Annie’s Mailbox

Dear Annie: When my widowed father required constant care, I tried repeatedly and without success to have him moved to my home, but was rejected by my siblings, as well as by my father, who wanted to stay in his home. I live quite a distance away and was unable to share in his care, although I did visit periodically. The burden fell to my brother and sister, who hired a wonderful person to help.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I have had strained relations with my siblings for many years. When Dad died, my brother had him cremated before I could say goodbye. My family was purposely left out of the memorial service, and my siblings blocked my attempts to speak at the eulogy. I was devastated and appalled.

I am successful, well-liked and respected in my community, and I’ve been married for 30 years to a wonderful woman. Both my sister and my brother have endeavored to discredit me within the family. Although the hor-

rible lies they told were not believed by close relatives, doubts still linger with those who don’t know me well. The way my siblings have treated me makes me terribly angry, but they don’t think they’ve done anything wrong. In fact, they expect me to apologize to them. I tried this tactic once before and do not wish to make a fool of again.

I have come to realize that I must either make all the effort to maintain any semblance of a relationship or remove them from my memories for-

ever. Do you think reconciliation is possible? — **Needing Closure**

Dear Needing: Anything is possible, but it will take all of you to achieve it. Ask your siblings whether they would be willing to go with you for professional counseling so you can work on improving your relationship. It is truly the best way for each of you to air your differences under the guidance of an impartial observer, and is worth making the trip to their city or arranging it via phone or online therapy. If they refuse, we hope you will get counseling for yourself in order to make peace with the situation. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: My husband has a problem with constant flatulence. He passes gas every 15 minutes, and it drives me crazy. Our two teenage daughters run out of the room.

I have asked him to see a doctor because I fear there might be something medically wrong, but he refuses,

saying it’s a natural bodily function. Please help. We can’t stand to be around him. — **Indy**

Dear Indy: According to the Mayo Clinic, it is normal to pass gas between 10 and 20 times a day. People who are lactose or gluten intolerant or eat a diet rich in fiber are more likely to have gas problems. Check to see if it’s worse after your husband eats specific foods. You also can try over-the-counter remedies such as Beano, lactase supplements, medications like Gas-X and activated charcoal. If there is pain in the abdomen, however, it’s time to call the doctor. That could indicate diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel disease or a partial bowel obstruction.

Dear Annie: I disagree with your advice to “Loving Cousin in Philly,” whose relatives were conceived using donor sperm. It’s too bad others know about it, but if the parents wanted their kids to have this information, they would have told them direct-

ly. My husband and I used donor sperm to conceive our son. Our psychologist told us that keeping this information to ourselves was fine. She stressed that if we wanted to tell our child, we should make that part of his story from the beginning, not spring it on him later in life.

That cousin should mind his own business. There is no way to get that genetic information anyway. Sperm banks will not release donor data. — **Idaho**

Dear Idaho: Actually, some sperm banks will indeed release donor information regarding medical history, and we think everyone is entitled to that much.

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Drawing things out challenges artistically impaired

Dear Margo: I was given a book called “Your Man is Wonderful,” about how women can stop nagging their husbands. The author’s thesis is that we women hate to nag our spouses, but unless we do, nothing gets done. She says there’s a better approach: Draw him a picture. Literally. Draw a picture, make a list, and leave him a note. She says, “Most men respond first to what they see, instead of what they hear.” Do you think this could work? — **Questioning**



MARGO HOWARD

Dear Margo by Margo Howard

that there are a few chores that need doing. — **Margo, creatively**

Should 13-year-old be in charge?
Uh, let’s see... No.

Dear Margo: I am at a crossroads and don’t know what to do. I am 25 and am with a wonderful woman five years my senior. After four years together, we now have a beautiful 4-month-old son, and it is the greatest feeling ever. However, she has a 13-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter. The problem is that the son is constantly disrespecting her. He disregards everything he’s asked or told to do. Against my wishes, she got them both cell phones for emergencies only. Well, the boy is now texting at a rate of 10,000 a month, and she thinks it’s normal. She is scared that he is going to want to live with his dad so she caves in. I have no say whatsoever in my own house. I know they aren’t my kids, and I don’t try to act like their father, but they are in my house, so I think I should have some say as to what goes on.

I suggested we limit his texts to 3,000 a month, which is plenty to speak to a few people constantly. Nope, she wouldn’t have it. I have asked that laundry be done and showers taken by 9 p.m., and it continues to happen most nights at 10. I have tried

to discipline him, but she just overrides it and lets him do whatever he wants. She says they are minor things, which they are — until it becomes a year and a half of ignoring me, which, I think, constitutes a major violation of respect. I am at my wits’ end. — **Stepped On in Pennsylvania**

Dear Step: There’s a lot amiss in this situation. Your wife was quite young when she had her first two children. She is afraid to discipline them, uncon-

cerned with your wishes and operating from fear that her son may want to live with his father if she tightens the reins (which actually might not be such a bad thing).

What has to be done if you two are to last is that she must be made to understand that a united front is called for and that kids really need discipline. Fun though it may seem, no child thrives on walking all over his parents. You might need a family counselor to get through to her, but if that doesn’t

work, I suspect you will not be able to live like this too much longer, nor should you. — **Margo, adamantly**

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers’ daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high

volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Two Double-Dummy Problems

1. Spades are trumps, and it’s your lead with the South hand. How would you play to make all the tricks?

2. You are on lead with the South hand and, with diamonds as trumps, must make five of the last six tricks. How would you proceed?

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♠ 5
♥ K 7 4 3
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WEST
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♥ 6
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♣ 9 4

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♠ —
♥ Q 10
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♣ Q 3

SOUTH
♠ Q
♥ 5
♦ A J 8
♣ A 10

NORTH
♠ A 2
♥ A Q 6
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♣ —

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♠ K Q
♥ 10
♦ —
♣ K 5 3

EAST
♠ 3
♥ K J 8
♦ —
♣ A Q

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ 2
♦ K
♣ 6 4 2

1. Cash the diamond ace and lead the jack. If West covers with the queen, ruff in dummy, overtake the king of clubs with your ace and play the queen of spades, placing East under severe pressure.
He cannot spare a heart, which would establish all of dummy’s hearts; he cannot spare the diamond ten, because you’d then cash your eight, squeezing him again; nor can he spare the club queen, because you’d cash your ten, continuing the remorseless squeeze.
If West ducks the diamond jack, you discard a heart from dummy, ruff the diamond eight, overtake the king of clubs and play the queen of spades, placing East once again in the same hopeless predicament.

2. Play a spade to the ace and ruff a spade. East is forced to discard a club on this trick and, furthermore, must discard the ace. (If he discards the queen, you play the deuce of clubs next and forcing a heart from dummy, placing East to win and return a heart into dummy’s A-Q.)
Now lead the deuce of clubs. If West follows low, you discard a heart, compelling East to win the club and return a heart into the A-Q. If West instead goes up with the king of clubs to prevent East from being endplayed, you ruff in dummy and return the six of hearts. If East wins the heart, he must yield two heart tricks to dummy; if West wins the heart, he must yield two club tricks to you by leading from the 5-3 into your 6-4!

Tomorrow: That extra ounce of effort.
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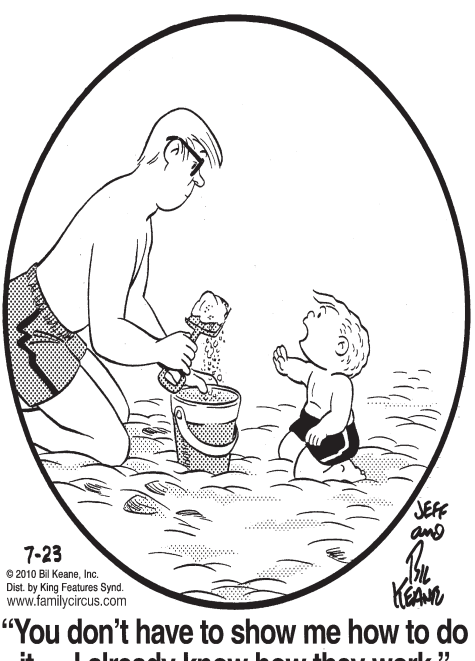
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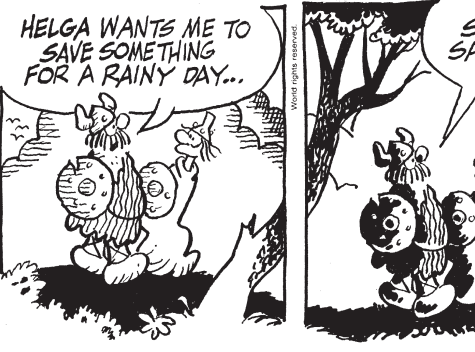
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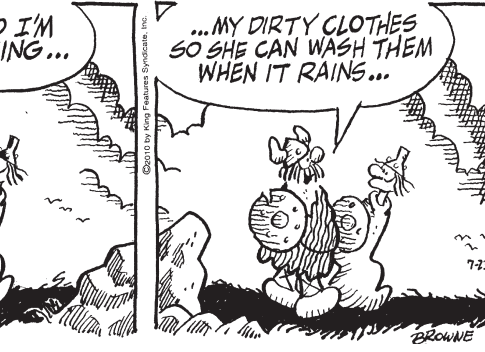


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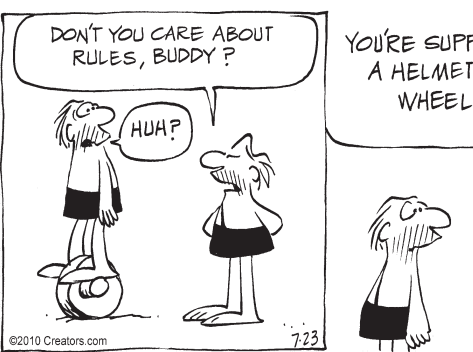
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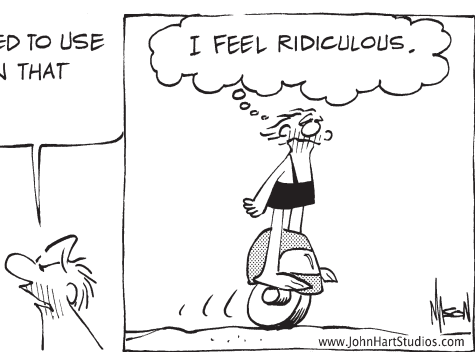
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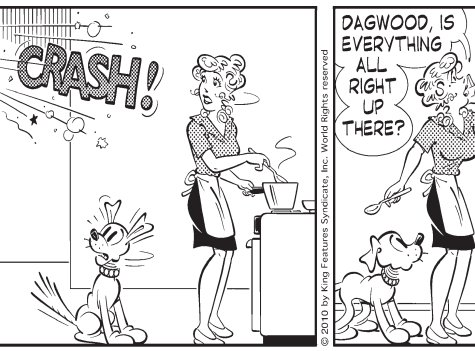
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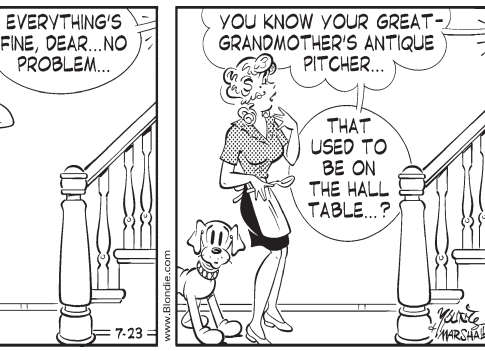
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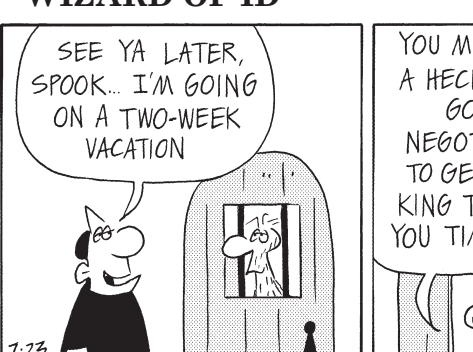
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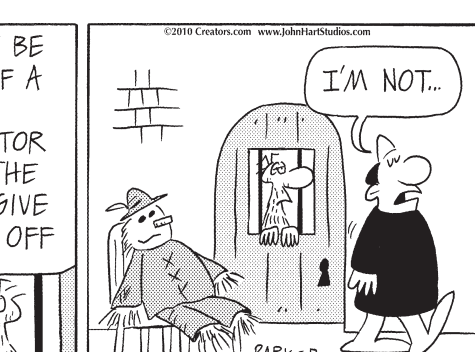
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 23, the 204th day of 2010. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, N.Y. at age 63.

On this date:

In 1892, Emperor Haile Selassie (HY'-lee suh-LAH'-see) of Ethiopia was born.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary issued a list of demands to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; the dispute led to World War I.

In 1945, French Marshal Henri Petain (ahn-REE' pay-TAN'), who had headed the Vichy (vee-shee) government during World War II, went on trial, charged with treason. (He was convicted and condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted; Petain died in prison on this date in 1951.)

In 1952, Egyptian military

officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser launched a successful coup against King Farouk I.

In 1958, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II named the first four women to peerage in the House of Lords.

In 1967, a week of deadly race-related rioting that claimed 43 lives erupted in Detroit.

In 1977, a jury in Washington, D.C. convicted 12 Hanafi (hah-NAH'-fee) Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March.

In 1985, Commodore International Ltd. unveiled its Amiga 1000 personal computer during a press event at New York's Lincoln Center. Bandleader Kay Kyser, known for his "Kollege of Musical Knowledge," died in Chapel Hill, N.C. (sources differ on whether he was 79 or 80).

In 1986, Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush announced his choice of Judge David Souter of New Hampshire to succeed retiring Justice William J.

Brennan on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gloria DeHaven is 85. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 74. Actor Ronny Cox is 72. Radio personality Don Imus is 70. Country singer Tony Joe White is 67. Rock singer David Essex is 63. Actor Larry Manetti is 63. Singer-songwriter John Hall is 62. Actress Belinda Montgomery is 60. Rock musician Blair Thornton (Bachman Turner Overdrive) is 60. Actress Edie McClurg is 59. Actor Woody Harrelson is 49. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 49. Actor Eriq La Salle is 48. Rock musician Yuval Gabay is 45.

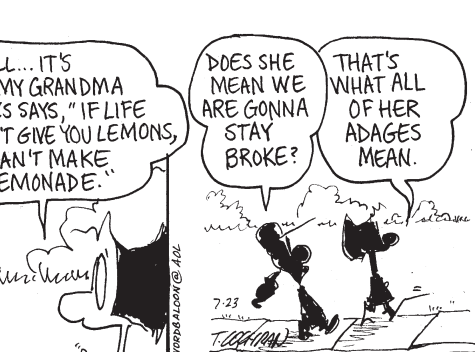
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 - 17 '80s middleweight champ
 - 20 Durable wood
 - 21 Ego
 - 22 ___ Gatos, CA
 - 23 They may be walked in
 - 26 Teddy Roosevelt successor
 - 28 Jane Fonda ex
 - 29 Type of salad dressings
 - 34 Regional plants
 - 36 Margaret Mead subject
 - 37 Wolverine relative
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 - 9 Admit, with "up"
 - 10 Perfume holder
 - 11 Frizzy hair
 - 12 Hats, so to speak
 - 15 Stalls
 - 18 White alternative
 - 19 When teams don't play
 - 24 Even if, for short
 - 25 Put in order
 - 27 What "x" may mean
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 - 33 GPS reading
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 - 39 Merchants assn.
 - 41 Superhero group
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 - 46 Live
 - 48 First name in figure skating
 - 49 Apple Inc. board member
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 - 51 Size up
 - 54 Tanning-lotion letters
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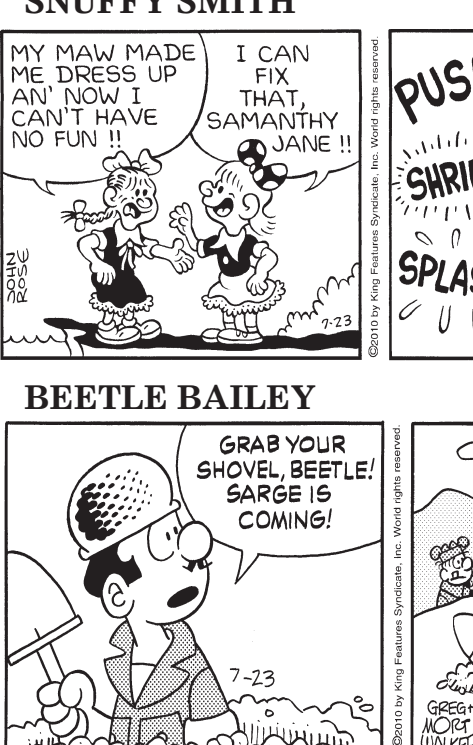
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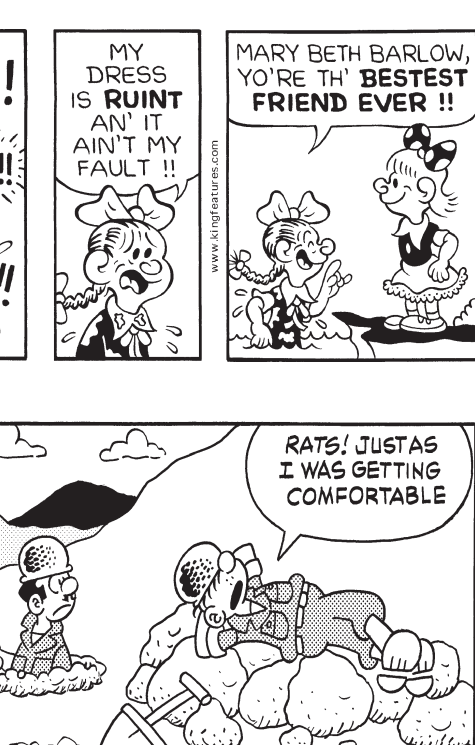
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Church News

First United Methodist

The walls and halls at First Methodist are still ringing with the sounds of children; children laughing, singing, playing and praying. That was the order of the day as those youngsters from age four through the fourth grade experienced Egypt and Joseph's travels from prison to palace at Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in any way and special thanks to Becky Woodall who served so ably as director.

And speaking of thanks; a great big hug and thanks to our junior high kids who have just returned from R.O.T.C (Reaching Others Thru Christ) mission trip. They spent a week in Floydada building wheel chair ramps. They went with a bed roll and no cell phones or any of those handy gadgets they have become so accustomed to keeping close at hand... and, they survived. Good job!

There is a very unique opportunity for bible study coming on Aug. 22. Earlier that day our church and Sunday school classes will observe "Round-up Sunday."; Yes kids, school starts the next day. That evening Pastor Sharon Wiese will begin a study titled "90 Days Thru the Bible." This will be held each Sunday evening and is scheduled to be completed Nov. 21. For more information, contact Joyce Choate at 393-5722. There is a sign up sheet in the church office.

There is a new addition to the church office. We welcome Felicia Vela as our interim administrative assistant. She started Monday, just in time to see all the Bible school activity. Welcome Felicia.

It's time to start thinking Lord's Acre. Get your creative juices flowing because that big day is coming, Oct. 2. Chuck and Bonnie Miller are the co-chairs of this "every-year-event." We'll have a silent auction, bake sale, luncheon and live auction of our talents and treasures. Mark your calendar.

And while you're at it, circle each Sunday and plan to join us down at Fourth and Scurry. We're First Methodist Church and we'd just love to share our joy in the Lord with you.

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. Sundays, there's singing and Bible study of the book of Mark.

Pastor Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message is entitled "Fullness of Life in Christ," based on scripture from Colossians 2:6-15.

Encouraging words: "When we see the lilies spinning in distress, taking thought to manufacture loveliness — when we see the birds all building barns for store — 'twill be time for us to worry, not before. Be still, my anxious heart." — 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.

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 will be "Throwing a Hook in the Water," from Matthew 4:18-20. Sunday evening our message will be "Taking Root," from 1 Corinthians 16:5-24.

Our SPEED weight-loss support group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and our 12-Step recovery group also meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the web at btcbigspring.org.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

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

The next meeting is Aug. 12. Please mark your calendar.

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

St. Paul Lutheran

Greetings from the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church. We invite you to worship with us on this Sunday at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. Bible study follows in the parish hall as Pastor Frost leads a study of Acts and the growth of the Christian church.

We invite you to join us for any of our small group Bible studies.

Ladies, our Wednesday noon luncheon study is now taking up the study of First John led by Pastor Frost in our parish hall.

Our 6 p.m. Wednesday study of Revelations is open to all.

Those of you who enjoy the early morning are invited to join members of our congregation at Gregg's Grill on Fridays at 6 a.m. to study "Seduc-

Knowing when to take a stand

What wise parent has not said at sometime, "I choose my battles carefully." Knowing when to attack and when to retreat is a life skill that all of us need from time to time. A country preacher addressed the problem accurately when he observed that he would never get to town if he stopped to throw rocks at every barking dog. Others have advised against majoring on minors and making mountains out of mole hills.



BONNIE WHEAT

Always a great wordsmith, one of our best-known Founding Fathers, Thomas Jefferson, pegged the real issue with this admonishment: "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

If Jefferson were to walk the streets of our nation today, he probably would not be disturbed by green hair, worn-out designer jeans, or baggy pants. He would more likely be concerned about matters such as integrity, ethics, and motives. While he might rip off his powdered wig in disgust over the current fashions, the real hair pulling would be over the change in values that he would encounter. He might question whether his Declaration of Independence had ever been read or whether the Constitution of the United States of America still existed.

However, Jefferson himself had some trouble complying with the written word. Unlike the apostle Paul who insisted that all Scripture is inspired by God, Jefferson was said to have made his own Bible. While the great president adhered to the teachings of Jesus, he rejected the rest of the Scripture. By literally cutting and pasting the words of Jesus into a notebook,

he created his own Bible without the help of a computer.

While the apostle and the president would not agree on the inerrancy of the Scripture, the two do have some common ground. Both would agree that sometimes it is necessary to take a stand. The apostle Paul wrote, "Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil" (Ephesians 6: 12 NASB).

If we tried to take a stand against everything that does not meet our approval, we would probably be too busy to recognize the enemy when he appeared. Maybe we, like Jefferson, need to learn to distinguish between style and principle. The armor of God may not be stylish, but it stands when all else fails.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net

tion of Extremes."

If you have any questions about our church or our faith, contact our church office at 267-7163. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray throughout the week for safety for our servicemen; comfort for those in need; good stewardship for our environment; guidance for our country whose needs are great and problems are many; and for joy in the message of the Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

Tom and Big Spring's pastor, the Rev. Craig Holstedt, continue 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 at First Christian Church, Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Thursday 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 next Frolic will be Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. in the church social hall. Bring your friends and prepare your special "act" for an enjoyable evening and a light supper.

The lectionary for Sunday is Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; and Luke 11:1-13.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets each Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and for evening meditation at 5 p.m.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams will lead the elementary group and Linda Hall is the youth leader. Sheila Welch will lead the adult class in discussion of "God's Own Faithfulness."

The United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and will begin the study of "Do What You Have the Power to Do" by Helen Bruch Pearson. This study is on the women spoken of in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The leader of the study will be Madeline

Boadle.

Angel Food delivery is Saturday. The pick-up time is 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Once again, we wish to thank all of our volunteers who come to help us in serving our community with this food program.

We thank Chris Jones for doing the yard.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. Our doors are always open to anyone who wishes to join us in worship, study or just fellowship, as we show our love for the Lord and our community.

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

First Christian

Vacation Bible School is coming July 27-30. However, this VBS is not your traditional half-day get-away for elementary kids. This VBS is for all ages.

We are delighted to co-sponsor our 2010 VBS with First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma and St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Four churches means one super, ecumenical experience.

Our united VBS happens Tuesday at First Christian, 911 Goliad; Wednesday at St. Mary's, 1001 Goliad; Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring, located at Eighth and Runnels; and ends on Friday, July 30, with a picnic party at Comanche Trail Park.

VBS starts each evening at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, followed by group singing, age appropriate classes and closing prayer at 8 p.m.

Activities and learning groups will be available for pre-school age youngsters, elementary age youngsters, junior high and high school youth and adults. A nursery will be provided at each church for infants and toddlers.

Hunger is the theme and four teams of members from each church have spent the past three months preparing activities that focus on the problem of hunger and the choices we make. Special collections will be taken up during each night to support Big Spring's local emergency food pantry called Isaiah 58 and to support Food for the Poor.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the church.

Our noon Holy Eucharist service is every Wednesday in the chapel.

Vacation Bible School is being co-hosted this year by three churches — First Christian, First Presbyterian and St. Mary's. It will take place for four evenings beginning Tuesday at First Christian, Wednesday at St. Mary's, Thursday at First Presbyterian and Friday, July 30, at Comanche Trail Park for a praise picnic and play.

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It's all just a matter of choice

Once read a short story about a grandfather teaching life principles to his grandson. The wise grandfather said, "On the inside of every person, a battle is going on between two wolves. One wolf is evil, jealous, angry, and lazy. The other wolf is good, kind, gentle, and practices self-control. However, these two wolves are always at odds with one another."



JERRIE STOCKS

The grandson thought for a minute and said, "Grandfather, which one of the wolves is going to win?" The grandfather asked, "Who do you think will win?" "I don't know," the boy replied. "Oh, the answer is simple," the grandfather said. "It is the

one you feed." Oftentimes we make wrong choices when we dwell on past mistakes and replay them over and over in our minds. What we feed into our minds is what comes into focus. People who get ahead in life usually get there because they refuse to dwell on past hurts and wrongs. I have noticed that successful people develop better habits than those who do not get ahead in life. They know that dwelling on the past will get them nowhere. Since they cannot undo past mistakes, they choose to move forward by making better choices for the future.

The Apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14, "I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, for I press toward the goal for the prize

of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

The imagery of this scripture is that of a runner on the course, straining every muscle as he runs toward the goal, his hand outstretched to grasp the prize. This is the summary of those who make right choices and continue to move toward their goals. Instead of looking back, they look forward.

Family members and friends may persuade us to make choices that we are unsure of. It is not that they intend it for harm; it is often that they think it is right for us. However, when making decisions, we must be the ones who are fully convinced.

We often don't realize that much of the manner in which we approach life is a learned behavior. Our attitudes, demeanor, and habits are formed by repetitive thoughts through the

years, many of which we pick up from our parents and upbringing. If one has spent years focusing on wrong thoughts, there is a strong possibility they will make more wrong choices in life.

Studies show that parents who continually make wrong choices generally raise children who take the same path. In Deuteronomy 30:19, the scripture says, "I call heaven and earth as witness today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live."

This scripture clearly instructs us to make right choices, to choose life over death and blessing over cursing, so that we may live good, long lives. Psalms 25:4 (Messenger Version) says, "Show me your ways, O Lord: Teach me to make right choices." God's plan for each of us is

that we go on to new heights, but even if we make a wrong choice, it is not the end of the world. We get up, bind our wounds and move on. Life was never intended for us to give up, but to ever reach for higher levels. Many of the most successful businessmen and women today made some wrong decisions and choices along the way before they finally got to the top.

Celebrate all of your right choices and do not dwell on the wrong ones.

Right choices lead to more right choices and soon you will be on a roll of choosing rightly.

When God whispers something to you that you know you should do, be faithful to obey Him. What He tells you to do will always be in your best interest. Anytime you obey Him, a blessing will follow! Be faithful, as He is faithful! God bless.

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Our community theme is Operation Starfish — Feeding Our World. This is a multi-generational VBS experience for all ages. Each session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and start with dinner provided by the host church. A group singing along is set for 6:15 p.m., classes for each age group begin at 6:30 p.m. and closing with prayer will be at 8:15 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to join us for this special VBS. For more information, call the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris at 267-8201.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

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

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

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Hannah Also-brooks. Our elders are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke.

The liturgy will be read by Jill Also-brooks. The readings are Genesis 18:(17-19) 20-33, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) and Luke 11:1-13.

If you have a special occasion or just want to honor the glory of God, remember to sign up on the flower chart at the back of the church. The flowers are \$40 for both vases. Mark your offering "flowers" and drop it in the plate.

Wednesdays at 6 p.m., come join us and work on our new banners. We hope to make several banners for

the upcoming seasons of the church year.

This Sunday is the last opportunity to pay for the tickets to the Seventh Annual Lutheran Night at the Ballpark to be held Sunday, Aug. 8. The picnic meal will be between 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. with the game starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person. 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.

If you have not heard, the synod elections at the convention resulted in a new list of officers: President, the Rev. Matthew C. Harrison; First Vice President, the Rev. Herbert C. Mueller Jr.; Second Vice President, John C. Wohlrabe Jr.; Third Vice President, Paul L. Maier; Fourth Vice President, Daniel Preus; and Fifth Vice President, Scott R. Murray. Please go to www.lcms.org/convention for more information.

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.

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 Evangelism is also making "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses and phone numbers of those wanting or needing a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke.

Scheduled meetings for August include: Aug. 9 the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA; the Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the church; and the Elders meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the church.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

Our church is in the community to help you in the spiritual needs that you may have. 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 and hear God's word with us.

We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school is for pre-K through adult and if you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. There is a nursery for your little ones. Mid-week prayer meeting and senior youth meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

This Sunday night our Vacation Bible Schol begins from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and runs through Wednesday for ages 4-12. If you would like a ride to Vacation Bible School, call 267-7157 or 267-8214. The theme is "Hero Academy Headquarters." There will be fun lessons, crafts, special music, snow cones balloons and bouncers for the kids.

We are in need of an organist. We also need a nursery worker. Call and speak to Pastor King at 267-8214 if interested.

First Church of the Nazarene

Looking for a great Vacation Bible School? Come join us Aug. 2-6. More

information will be available in next week's news section.

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. Please come join us for one of our uplifting services.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts 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 home-made breakfast burritos.

Wednesday evening small groups occur at 6:30 with various discussions that will be sure to peak all your interests. Classes offered for NazKidz are for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, including a separate boy's and girl's 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.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study meets on Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. The choir will meet on Wednesday.

The Encourager's Support Group met in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Monday, July 19.

Ellen Austin will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning. Rip Patterson is Liturgist. Ushers for July are Paschal and Lucy Odom and Mark and Vicky McLean.

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

Each evening, beginning at 5:30, we will have dinner followed by classes for all ages, preschool through adult, ending about 8:30 p.m. 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. We are asked to bring dried beans and toiletry articles to add to the supplies.

The lectionary for Sunday is Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15(16-19); and Luke 11:1-13. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will present the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be taken during the worship service.

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.



Howard County Night 2010 July 25, 2010

The Midland Rockhounds and West Texas United Sockers are proudly announcing our "Howard County Night" special for the 2010 Baseball and Soccer Seasons. The aim is to foster community spirit and pride by hosting a night at Citibank Ballpark and Grande Communications Stadium (home of the RockHounds and Sockers, respectively) to recognize the essential members and organizations in the Howard County community.

Merchants may purchase specially printed "Howard County Night" tickets to distribute to employees and customers throughout the community. Merchants will also receive advertisement over PA announcements throughout the game as well as via local media.

Reserved Seat Tickets: \$5.00 (regularly \$7.00)

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please mail or fax this form to:

Midland RockHounds
Attn: Sara Rader
5514 Champions Dr.
Midland, TX 79706
Ph: (432) 520-2255
Fax: (432) 520-8326

Yes, I'd like to purchase community night tickets at \$5.00 each!

Name: _____ Company Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Check Enclosed or CC# _____ Exp. Date: _____

_____ (# of tickets) @ \$5.00 = _____ (total) Phone: _____

Special Picnic option available! Picnic tickets available for groups of 10 or more at only \$10.00 each (includes ticket to the game and 2 hour all you can eat picnic).

Picnic option includes Hot Dogs, Peanuts, Popcorn, Soda and Cookies

Yes, I'd like to purchase picnic tickets!

Name: _____ Company Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Check Enclosed or CC# _____ Exp. Date: _____

_____ (# of tickets) @ \$10.00 = _____ (total) Phone: _____

*Other Picnic Options Also Available