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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.

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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



said. Despite the reeconomic

downturn, BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said the district was in sound financial shape heading into the

Financial Officer

Sandra Waggoner

"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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new budget cycle.



**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 Commercee. Hampton Inn & Suites is located at 805 West I-20.



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

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 Vialler

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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### Heeeere's Bonnie!

# Oil spill work stalls **DAVID DISHNEAU**

HARRY R. WEBER **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, See STALLS, Page 3A

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# **Youth Movement**

# Thompson, 26, named BSHS boys basketball coach



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-yearold 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

"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-

he has all the tools to handle whatever challenges that might present.

He said it depends on the coach's personality in 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

cerned, Thompson believes 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 Ritchev 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 are 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, how-

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 nohit tease. Then, a ninthinning meltdown. Finally, extra-inning relief.

This zany, 4-hour ride 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 Patterson 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 tunes blared from 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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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 taking 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 tourney 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 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.

### 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 purhase 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.

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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 amore. 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 vou 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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-22-33. Bonus Ball:

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

4-5-8-9. Sum It Up: 26

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- 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 Syc-
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- 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
- 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.
- 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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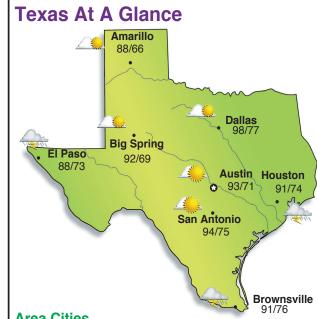
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Brownsville	91	76	t-storm	Lufkin	89	74	t-storm
Brownwood	97	71	mst sunny	Midland	91	71	mst sunny
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Corsicana	96	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	73	t-storm
Dallas	98	77	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	75	mst sunny
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

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Dallas	98	77	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	56	pt sunny
Denver	78	59	t-storm	Seattle	81	58	sunny
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# Dez makes it official CLIFF

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

Well, guess what: Bryant signed Thursday, becoming the first firstround 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.

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a head coach at his age is a little bit unusual," he said. "My first head coaching job (in college), I was 25. It happens, but you have to start somewhere. Whether you're 25 or 45, your first head coaching job, those first and second years are very memorable."

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-

11th for Hall, drove a 1-2

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."

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day's couples play. Jimmy and Deanna Foresythe 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

"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,"

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 firstplace New York Yankees in the AL East.

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

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 pitch into the left-center 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 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

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 2001-03 with Texas. 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 ALMVP 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 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 rightcenter 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 special-

ist 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 sea-

### son-high 14 on base. his ninth straight decision. Jennie Finch homers to lead U.S. to 9-0 win against Canada

OKLAHOMA (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

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-

"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

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

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

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# Public Records

### Texas mom challenges transgender widow's marriage

 $\overline{\text{HOUSTON}}$  (AP) — The family of a southeast Texas firefighter killed in a July 4 blaze has sued to void his marriage to his transgender widow and prevent her from getting his death benefits because she was born a man and Texas doesn't recognize same-sex marriages.

The attorney for the mother of Thomas Araguz III said Thursday that the firefighter only learned of his wife's gender history and after he found out, he moved out of their home and planned to end the marriage.

But a tearful Nikki Araguz said her marriage was not a fraud.

"I'm absolutely devastated about the loss of my husband. I'm horrified at the horrendous allegations accusing me of fraud. They are absolutely

not true," Araguz, 35, told reporters

during a brief statement at a news conference. Thomas Araguz died while battling

a blaze at an egg farm in Boling, about 55 miles southwest of Houston. The 11-year veteran of the Wharton Volunteer Fire Department was trapped by falling debris in a burning production building. In a lawsuit filed July 12 in Wharton

County, his mother, Simona Longoria, asked to be appointed administrator of her son's estate and that her son's marriage to Nikki Araguz be voided because the couple were members of the same sex. According to court documents in-

cluded as part of the lawsuit, Nikki

Araguz was born Justin Graham Purdue and changed her name to Nikki Paige Purdue in February 1996. Voiding the marriage would prevent

Araguz from receiving any insurance or death benefits or property the couple had, with these things only going to her husband's heirs, said Chad Ellis, Longoria's attorney.

### Texas liquor agent charged with selling fake merchandise

EL PASO (AP) — A state liquor board tax compliance officer has been arrested on charges that he was selling counterfeit merchandise. U.S. Customs and Immigration En-

forcement officials say 46-year-old Luis Salazar was indicted last week on federal charges of trafficking in counterfeit goods and arrested near his El Paso home Tuesday. ICE officials say the Texas Alcohol-

ic Beverage Commission agent had been under investigation for about nine months. Salazar was released from the El Paso County jail Thursday on \$5,000 bond.

Federal court records don't list an

attorney for Salazar, who couldn't be reached for comment.

### Inmate charged with threatening judge SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 57-year-

old federal prison inmate has been charged with threatening a federal judge in San Antonio. John W. Manning of Houston is

serving a two-year prison sentence in the Garza East Prison Unit in Beeville An indictment from a federal grand

jury in San Antonio alleged that Manning was angry with U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia of San Antonio and mailed a letter to him, threatening to harm him after Manning's scheduled release on July 22.

If convicted, manning could be sentenced to up to 10 years in federal prison.

### **BSISD**

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In addition to salary increases, officials are looking to add more than \$300,000 to the district's reserve fund, which will bring that account up to \$10.8 million. "You should have three

months worth of operating ex-

penditures in your reserves," Waggoner said. "If state funding doesn't come in as it should, or if our local taxes are lower than anticipated, we'll have enough operating capital in the reserves to see us through the tough spots. Plus, with a \$60 million bond construction project, things

are probably going to come

up that we'll need to use re-

serve funds for."

The single biggest portion of the budget — \$16 million will be allocated toward classroom instruction, with \$14 million of that being allocated to salaries for teachers

The tax rate that will fuel the new budget is still to be determined. Waggoner said, although she is confident it

will increase by less than the 35 cents district officials anticipated prior to May's bond election. A proposed tax rate should be finalized within the next few weeks, she added.

Trustees will hold a public hearing on the new budget and tax rate Aug. 12. The new fiscal package is scheduled to be formally approved Aug.

In other business, trustees approved:

- The creation of two sports medicine classes at the high school.
- · Employment recommendations.

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

### **BONDS**

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The reason the bonds attracted the premium is two-fold — Vialle said it was a reflection of the district's top credit rating and current market conditions. And, as a third bit of good news, BSISD was able to secure the bonds at an interest rate of 4.29 percent, fully a half-point below expecta-

And the district had a pinch of luck, too, Vialle said.

BSISD headed into the selling process with a AAA bond rating, the highest possible. "It's just like your credit rating,"

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

Next, market conditions were just about ideal, which helped secure the premium, although Vialle admitted luck entered the equation. "The (\$3 million) premium was

a function of the current market," Vialle said. "You never know exactly what the premium, if any, will be. Market conditions were very favorable when we negotiated the bond sales ... We were very fortunate." The unexpected premium means

that the district's total debt obligation has been reduced by \$3 million. That, combined with the low interest rate on bond payments, puts the district in about as good a shape as any entity owing millions of dollars can hope for. With Thursday's action, trustees

sold \$50.9 million of the \$60 million in bonds voters authorized in May. Another \$6.7 million in bonds could go

on the market at a later date, as trustees are waiting to see if they can secure federally designated bonds with interest rates below 1 percent. Vialle said that process should take between six and eight months. If the federally-designated bonds are

not available — several Texas schools are competing for a limited amount of funds, Vialle said — trustees will sell the \$6.7 million in bonds at regular market rates at a later date.

"We'll just have to wait and see," Vialle said of the process. "There are a lot of federal strings attached to that money and a lot of school districts have (decided not to seek the bonds)."

The proceeds from Thursday's bond sales — \$53.26 million — should be in district coffers by late August. When they are received, they will go into special interest-bearing accounts, where they will sit, collecting extra money for the district until they are disbursed, Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said.

BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said district officials are consulting with architects in an effort to finalize construction plans.

With the bond money, the district will construct three new K-5 elementary campuses to replace existing campuses at Washington, Marcy and Goliad, renovate Moss Elementary to handle more students, add classrooms at the junior high to accommodate moving sixth graders to that campus and renovate Big Spring High School.

Groundbreaking on the projects is scheduled for late April or early May,

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### STALLS

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The rough weather could delay by another 12 days the push to plug the broken well for good using mud and cement, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen and BP officials conceded. Even if it's not a direct hit, the rough weather will push back efforts to kill the well by at least a week.

"While this is not a hurricane, it's a storm that will have probably some significant impacts, we're taking appropriate cautions," Allen said in Mobile, Ala.

Bonnie had maximum sustained winds near 40 mph Friday as it swirled about 80 miles southsoutheast of Miami. The delay in work

would be worse if BP had to fully open the cap while the ships closely monitoring the well head left. More oil would have been allowed to spew into the Gulf until they returned.

A week of steady meathrough surements cameras and other devices convinced Allen they don't need to open vents to relieve pressure on the cap, which engineers had worried might contribute to leaks underground and an even bigger blowout. The cap was attached a week ago, and only mi-

nor leaks have been de-

tected.

The ships carrying

be the last to leave and the first to return.

Allen issued the order Thursday night to begin moving dozens of vessels from the spill site, including the rig that's drilling the relief tunnel engineers will use to permanently throttle the free-flowing crude near the bottom of the well. Some vessels could stay on site, he said.

"While these actions may delay the effort to kill the well for several days, the safety of the individuals at the well site is our highest concern," he said in a statement. It was unclear Thurs-

day night whether some of the vessels would go back to port or head farther south in the Gulf out of the path of the storm and await orders once the nasty weather passes. Bonnie caused flood-

ing in Puerto Rico, the DominicanRepublicand Haiti before reaching tropical storm strength later Thursday, and Allen said crews expected sustained wind above 39 mph at the spill site by early Saturday. Seas already were

choppy in the Gulf, with waves up to five feet rocking boats as crews prepared to leave, and more of the smaller boats involved in the coastal cleanup were called into port, Coast Guard Rear Adm. Paul

Zukunft said. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said he expects

the robotic submarines local leaders in coastwatching the well will al parishes to call for evacuation of low-lying areas as early as Friday morning.

At the spill site, the water no longer looks thick with gooey tar. But the oil is still there beneath the surface, staining the hull of cutters motoring around in it.

One large vessel — the Helix Q4000 — is burning off oil collected from the water, and bright orange flames flared at the side of the ship.

Scientists say even a severe storm shouldn't affect the well cap, nearly a mile beneath the ocean surface 40 miles from the Louisiana "Assuming all coast. lines are disconnected from the surface, there should be no effect on the well head by a passing surface storm," said Paul Bommer, professor of petroleum engineering at University of Texas at Austin. Charles Harwell, a BP

contractor monitoring

the cap, was also confi- from the top, a move he

"That cap was specially made, it's on tight, we've been looking at the progress and it's all good," he said after his ship returned to Port Fourchon, La.

Before the cap was attached and closed a week ago, the broken well spewed 94 million to 184 million gallons into the Gulf after the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig exploded April 20, killing 11 workers.

Work on plugging the well came to a standstill Wednesday, just days before authorities had hoped to complete the relief shaft. Allen said Thursday he has told BP to go ahead preparing for a second measure called a static kill that would pump mud and cement into the well



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Saldivar said.

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Allen before starting

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& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Tom Stevenson, 70. died Monday. Funeral Services were at 1 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at

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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, 150mile 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 pro-

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 has scored consistently lower in Your word, Lord.

# A survivor of circumstances

n 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 thor-

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

oughly discussed.

"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



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 Genera-

His hardscrabble growingup 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

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

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.

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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# essons from the Autobahn

Marlin was called, most de-

am world famous for having in a row. 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 gov-



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ernment. 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

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 death rates than the U.S. high-Amen way system for almost 20 years

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

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

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 Paul wrote "Be careful, how-

ever, 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

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" — I Corinthians 6:12.

It's legal, but it is not all in our best interest. If our heart is after the King's

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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

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 diplo-

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 Conservatives opposing

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

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 To do that would require the sup-

port 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.

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

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

I have asked him to see a doctor because I fear there might be something medisaying it's a natural bodily function. Please help. We can't stand to be around him.

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 overthe-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 directMy husband and I used do-

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

nor sperm to conceive our

son. Our psychologist told us

that keeping this information

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.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, Calif. 90045.

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

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 ap-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-



Marcy Sugar

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 made 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-

# Drawing things out challenges artistically impaired

Dear Margo by Margo Howard 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

**Dear Margo:** I was

says there's a better ap-

Draw him a picture. Literally. Draw a picture, make a list, and leave him a note. She says, "Most men re-

proach:

spond first what to they see,

instead of

what they hear." Do you think this could work? Questioning

Margo

Howard

Dear Quest: I wonder whether the author is basing her thesis on the principle that light travels faster than sound. In any case, I suppose if one had the talent of Mary Cassatt, leaving a little drawing of dirty dishes in a sink might be a more effective way to get the old boy to mosey on over to the sink and pitch in than hollering from another room, "Fred! Do the dishes!" For the artistically

impaired (like myself), this approach could be problematic. I am trying to imagine — even with stick figures drawing an instruction to pick up the cleaning. My guess would be that if you think you can make yourself understood with a drawing, that would be a more

fun way to "suggest" to

the man in your house

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-oldson and an 11-year-old daughter. The problem is that the son is condisrespecting stantly 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

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

father, but they are in

my house, so I think I

that there are a few to discipline him, but cerned with your wish- work, I suspect you will 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-

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es 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

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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 email to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high

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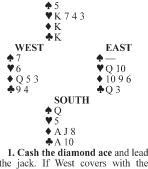
letters will be answered.



By Steve Becker Two Double-Dummy Problems

### 1. Spades are trumps, and it's your lead with the South hand. How 2. You are on lead with the South hand and, with diamonds as trumps

would you play to make all the



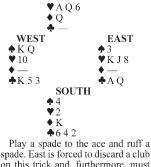
the jack. If West covers with the queen, ruff in dummy, overtake the king of clubs with your ace and play the queen of spades, placing East under severe pressure. He cannot spare a heart, which would establish all of dummy's

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. How would you proceed?
NORTH WEST

must make five of the last six tricks.



on this trick and, furthermore, must discard the ace. (If he discards the next and discard a heart from dummy, forcing 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.

in August.

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It's the first full day of if the solar journey through Leo, and already running through the stream of the collective unconscious are new ideas about how turn up the excitement. It's like Dorothy

opening the doors to Oz for the first time — the visual pops with saturated hues, and it's fun to get swept into the rush of the glittering



crowd. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your union with the unseen realms can happen at any time of day in any place at all. However, it may be easier for you to connect

setting your conducive to this. Sit in a cathedral or some other holy place for quiet reflection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A daydream is fine, but a dream snatched out of the sky and made to walk the earth is even better. There something you can do to bring your dream closer. Do that one little thing.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are in the mood to do foolish things good. As long as you do them with great gusto, you will not regret it. Enthusiasm is the nectar of the gods. It can turn mistakes silly felicity.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Shop when the stores are closed. The pretty window displays show the best the stores have to offer. You can take

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everything in without feeling pressured. You'll get the charge shopping without the cost.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've worked hard, and at last you're starting to see the success you've longed for. Momentum is with you. Keep up your pace and remember the people who helped you get there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've made a map for yourself, but you don't have to follow it exactly. Life wants to surprise you, too. Let go and allow the wind to blow you where it will. What an exciting ride this is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You recently met someone who is destined to play a role in your life. You just don't know which role it will be yet. There's only one way to find out: Go have lunch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Feeling too boxed in is a drag. Whether or not you really are confined matters not. You crave the wide-open spaces and big blue sky. Schedule some time for physical mental and wandering.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you don't have children of your own, you might consider borrowing some today.

### Legals

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Coahoma has a 2010 Planning award from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs under the Community Development Fund. We are soliciting proposals from Professional Planners for services Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 PM on August 6, 2010 at the City of Coahoma, Attn: City Secretary at 122 N. First Street, P.O. Box 420, Coahoma, TX 79511. We reserve all rights under the Professional Services Procurement Act. UGMS, and 24 CFR Sec. 85. Additional submission reauirements are available by calling (432)394-4287 or by emailing to cityofcoahoma@hotmail.com Affirmative Action/EOE.

Your sense of play is turned up to 10, and there's something you really want to do — like go to the batting cages or ride bumper cars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be the peacemaker in a trying situation. It's a role you're at home playing and one you're really good at. A display of welltimed diplomacy earn you the high esteem of a powerful ally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a day of miscommunication, but don't chalk it up as a wasted effort. Miscommunication leads to greater attention and awareness, which ultimately lead to better communication.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Preparation comes in stages. You think you're ready, but you don't really know until you are in the situation. Mistakes help you learn. When the important event really goes down, you'll be happy for these trial runs.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY You have (July 23). overcome fear and diversity in your life, and this year you teach others to do the same. September brings an opportunity to point your career in a fulfilling direction. Improvements in a key relationship have a happy impact on your health and fitness. Someone younger opens creative doors for you in December. Pisces and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 32, 19, 24, 37 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE **FORECAST:** ARIES: You thrive when your schedule is somewhat regular. Get more sleep, and you become more beautiful. TAURUS: Don't let vour expectations get in the way of a perfect GEMINI: date. You'll have a blast making

style. This is all for you — but others like it, too. CANCER: You may go through a self-esteem slump, but the remedy is easy and doesn't cost a thing — straighten your posture and smile. LEO: Now that the sun is in your realm, you'll be feeling powerfully attractive. VIRGO: Your devotion to family is an attractive quality. Someone wants to be a part of your family because of the stellar way you care for kin. LIBRA: A business venture may lead to love, or love may lead to a business venture. SCORPIO: Instead of dressing to impress the object of vour affection, dress to express your personality. SAGITTARIUS: when you think you know who you are and what you prefer, you surprise yourself. CAPRICORN: You are self-directed. No one can tell you who to be or what to do. AQUARIUS: Your confidence makes you appealing. If you're not completely feeling it, fake it till you make it. PISCES: Instead thinking about what's in it for you, think about how you could put a smile on your loved one's face.

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You are commanded to appear by filling a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being the 19 day of July, 2010, in District Court of Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial Distric, at the courthouse of the 118th Judicial District Court located at 312 Scurry Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The case is No. 47302, styled Roberta Krehbiel, Plaintiff vs. Sharon Davidson, Mary Lynne Leslie and the Unknown Heirs and all successors to the Unknown Heirs Deceased, Defendants. and the Petition was filed on the 12th day of July, 2010. The attornev for the Plaintiff is John T. Ferguson and the address of such attorney is P.O. Drawer 1750, Big Texas 79721-1750. The nature of the suit is as follows:

The suit is an action for a declaratory judgment determining the parties entitled to take the share of the residuary estate of Nell Brown. deceased, under subparagraph A of Paragraph IV of her will, which

State of Texas had I died at such time, instate, a resident of Texas, and owning all of the property which is the subject of this gift", and declaring that all of the life tenants who took such property for life are dead, that the last of such life tenants to die was Clarine Brown, that Clarine Brown died July 9. 2009 and declaring that Roberta Krehbiel, Sharon Davidson and Mary Lynne Leslie were the only heirs at law of Neill Brown, deceased when she died on July 9, 2009 and are the parties entitled to take such interest, and declaring other matters as more fully requested in the Petition. You have been sued. You may

employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that date being the 19th day of July, 2010, a default judgment may be taken against

19th day of July, 2010. COLLEEN BARTON. DISTRICT CLERK OF HOWARD COUNTY, **TEXAS** By: Brandie Martinez Deputy #6620 July 23 & 30 and August 6

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### Legals

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** AMENDED NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 85134L002 **APPLICATION** Highland Concrete Co. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Registration Permit. 85134L002, which would authorize construction of a concrete batch plant. The applicant has provided the following driving directions: from Interstate 20 head north on Highway 87 to Leatherwood Road, turn left and travel 0.7 miles to private access road located on north side of Leatherwood road, turn right and head north 0.3 miles to concrete batch plant site, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 14, 2010. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard

County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. COMMENT/PUBLIC **PUBLIC** You may submit MEETING public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments After the final deadline for pub-

lic comments following any required Notice of Application and Decision. Preliminary executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general

public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in

MAILING LIST In addition to sub-

mitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address

**INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, 78711-3087, or electroni-Texas www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/com-

ments.html. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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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 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 mi

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. 1985, Commodore In International Ltd. unveiled its Amiga 1000 personal computer during a press event at New York's Lincoln Center. Bandleader Kay Kyser, known

whether he was 79 or 80). In 1986, Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. (The couple

for his "Kollege of Musical

Knowledge," died in Chapel Hill, N.C. (sources differ on

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

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. Singersongwriter 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 Lasalle is 48. Rock musician Yuval Gabay is 47. Rock musician Slash is 45.

# Answer to previous puzzle APTSMALTS

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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 "Roundup 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 cochairs of this "every-even-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

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

Gregg's Grill on Fridays at 6 a.m. to study "Seduc-

open to all. Those of you who enjoy the early morning are

# Knowing when to take a stand

That 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.



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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@sudden-

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

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 mes-

### **First Christian**

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

We are delighted to co-sponsor our 2010 VBS with First Presbyterian Church of Big Spirng, 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

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 teach-Ling life principles to his grandson. The wise grandfa ther 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." 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



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 con-

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 repetitious 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

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 sing 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

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

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Hannah Alsobrooks. Our elders are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke. The liturgy will be read by Jill Al-

sobrooks. 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

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

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 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

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.

### **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 Commnications 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 commur	nity night tickets at \$5.00 each!

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# **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. Midweek 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 Acadamy 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**

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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 homemade 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 Coaho-

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