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AG'S BEST

Brooks, Gilbert named tops in agriculture at annual banquet here

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

A 34-year veteran of the West Texas cotton industry, local producer Marty Brooks holds many different titles, and the lifelong Howard County resident can add 2010 Ag Producer of the Year to his list of accolades.

Brooks, among family and friends, accepted the award Thursday afternoon during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation Luncheon at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Staring down at the plaque

commemorating the award, Brooks' first thought was to thank the woman who was instrumental in his early career as an agricultural producer in the Crossroads area.

"I just wish my mother could have been here to see this," an emotional Brooks told the audience after accepting the award. "She passed away recently, and i know she would have been proud of this."

Brooks is a 1975 graduate of Coahoma High School who grew up in a farming family.

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James Gilbert, left, owner of Ag Services, accepts the 2010 Ag Business of the Year award from Ronnie Wood during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation ceremony Thursday afternoon. Also pictured is Debbye ValVerde, director of the local Chamber of Commerce. At left, an emotional Marty Brooks accepts the 2010 Ag Producer of the Yea award.

HERALD Photos/Thomas Jenkins

Halloween: Don't trade safety for scary

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

With just weeks until Halloween, many area parents may find themselves on the prowl for costumes for their pint-sized goblins and ghouls, a decision local officials say buyers should look at closely when it comes to safety.

According to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, the desire to wow friends and family with a great costume should always take a back



Condray

seat to how safe the attire is.

"You want it to be a fantastic costume, but you shouldn't forget about safety," said Condray. "One of the most overlooked issues, especially with homemade costumes, is whether or not the costume is flammable. You need to make sure that the costume will not catch fire if the material comes in contact

with a flame, even for a very brief period.

"Keep in mind that your children will be going up on porches with pumpkins that have a lit candle. Children can brush against a pumpkin with long, flowing costumes. Using a non-flammable material is really essential."

Ease of movement and visibility should be two major concerns when choosing a costume, according to Condray.

"Make absolutely sure that

the child can move freely and see well. Remember that children will be climbing steps and walking through yards," said Condray. "Make sure your child can be seen. Select costumes that are bright colored. If that is not possible be sure to decorate the costume with reflective tape or reflective fabric paint.

"Reflective tape can be incorporated into the costume. For instance, if your child wants to be a witch with a black cape, cut stars out of

reflective tape and put them all over the cape. Having an authentic-looking costume is nice, but it's never worth it to sacrifice the safety of our children."

Condray also suggests sewing a name tag into your child's costume, giving their name, address and phone number.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests these guidelines for avoiding

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New York seeks to ban sugary drinks from food stamp buys

Could set national trend if approved.

SARA KUGLER FRAZIER
 Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Using food stamps to buy sodas, teas, sports drinks and other sugar-sweetened

beverages would not be allowed in New York City under a new government effort to battle obesity.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. David Paterson announced Thursday that they are seeking permission from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the nation's food stamp program,

to add sugary drinks to the list of prohibited goods for city residents receiving assistance.

If approved, it would be the first time an item would be banned from the federal program based solely on nutritional value.

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OVERCOMING THE ODDS

Steers prepare for hostile environment at No. 1 Brownwood

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

It's hard to stay calm when Big Spring defensive tackle Pernell Parker thinks about what tonight is going to be like.

It'll most likely be a packed house, the Steers will be the underdogs and the No. 1 Brownwood Lions will look to stay at the top of the rankings with a win.

"I'm getting goosebumps just talking about it," Parker said, as the Steers gear up for their game at No. 1 Brownwood at 7:30 p.m. today. "It's going to be great."

As much as Friday's environment in Brownwood could serve as a new experience for this group of Steers, Big Spring isn't new to the big game atmosphere.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey believes his players are as prepared as they possibly can be for tonight's game, which sets them up with the chance to knock off



Edward Agüero, Pernell Parker, Abraham Ellison, Caleb Gonzales and Anthony Terrazas gang tackle the Greenwood ball carrier in the Big Spring Steers' 47-7 win last week.

HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

the best 3A team in the state, one loaded with talent.

But the Steers have somewhat been down this road before. Pos-

sibly the closest thing to a game against No. 1 Brownwood was No. 2 Denison visiting Memorial Stadium, which Big Spring won. Ritchey

also pointed out games against Everman, the win at Frenship in 2009 and playoff games as a similar experiences.

Ritchey said the Steers

have to avoid getting rattled in front of what is expected to be a large crowd.

"A lot of these kids have never been in that

kind of environment," he said. "A lot of our kids have. It's not any different than going to Abilene Cooper, seeing all that red in Shotwell Stadium."

But besides battling the crowd and environment, the Steers have to have right mentality heading into tonight's game.

Ritchey said the Steers can't worry about anything except playing hard and making Brownwood earn every point. In other words, the coach wants to avoid throwing picks that turn into touchdowns and other turnovers.

"That's all you can do," he said. "We preach the scoreboard will take care of itself. We don't control that, all we can control is the way we play. If we'll go in there, be aggressive, play well and execute, then we feel like we'll have a chance to win the game."

Continuously moving the chains and keeping

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BSHS volleyball travel to Brownwood

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

The loss to No. 3 Abilene Wylie was tough, but Big Spring volleyball head coach Lynn Osborne wants to see how her team responds today at Brownwood.

It's a match the Lady Steers can't afford to drop.

"The pressure's on us," Osborne said. "The pressure's on them also. They need this one as well as we do. It's a big game, it's a turning point for the season. I think it'll determine second place throughout the season."

The Lady Steers take on the Brownwood Lady Lions at 5 p.m. today in Brownwood, a few hours before the Steers' football game at 7:30 p.m. The Lady Steers will be playing in Slim Warren Gym, about four miles away from where the BSHS football team will play tonight.

Big Spring is coming off a loss to Wylie, but had a lot more positives than negatives. Osborne said she thought the Lady Steers competed with the Lady Bulldogs well, but Wylie discipline was too much to overcome.

At 2-1 in district 5-3A play, Osborne wants to

avoid falling behind in the race with a trip to Wylie still on tap. The Lady Steers still have dates at home against Sweetwater and Snyder, two teams they've already beaten.

Osborne said Big Spring district schedule is favorable, even though the Lady Steers can't afford to look past any team. But a win at Brownwood could set them up for a high finish and she said the goal is still a district championship.

But the Lady Steers' are not expecting another match like Wylie in today's against Brownwood.

Osborne said the Lady Lions are still talented, but this is a winnable match.

"They're going to be good, they're going to be sound, they always are," she said. "There's not a weak team in this district. There's no sure game anywhere. You're going to have to be on the top of your game no matter who we play."

Once again, Osborne expects a solid defensive team in Brownwood, citing good blocking, ball control and digging.

The Lady Steers have ran into a handful of squads with strong defen-



Haley Dimidjian spikes the ball in the Big Spring volleyball team's match against Abilene Wylie Tuesday.

HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Over 80 2-man scramble

Gaines County Golf Course is hosting an over 80 2-man scramble on Oct. 23 and 24. The starting times are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The entry fee cost \$80 per person plus the cart. The entry fee also includes lunch on Oct. 23. For more information or to

enter call (432) 758-3808.

Washer tournament

There will be a washer tourney at 2 p.m. Saturday at Comanche Trail Park. Entry fee is \$50 per team and the deadline is at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Obituaries

Sue S. Willbanks

Sue S. Willbanks, 75, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at a later date.

She was born Sept. 24, 1935, in Luling and married C.W. "Wobbler" Willbanks on Nov. 22, 1953, in Alpine. He preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1979.

Sue had been a resident of Big Spring for 30 years and had taught for 14 years. She had lived in Arizona for 22 years and Hawaii for 5 years before returning to Big Spring a year and a half ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Jill Willbanks of Big Spring and Kay Brooke-Willbanks and wife Elizabeth Brooke-Willbanks of Easthampton, Mass.; one granddaughter, Madison Rose Brooke-Willbanks, and one grandson, Noah James Brooke-Willbanks, both of Easthampton, Mass.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, William and Melba Sutton; and many good friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Howard County Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823; or to the C.W. "Wobbler" Willbanks Scholarship Fund at Sul Ross University, P.O. Box C-114, Alpine 79832.

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

Paid obituary

Alta Mae Gage Bettie

Alta Mae Gage Bettie, 94, of Temple, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 5, 1916, in Austin and married Clayton W. Bettie on Feb. 12, 1947, in Big Spring. Mrs. Bettie was a long time resident of Big Spring and moved to Temple in 2009. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Laura B. Hart Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Clayton Bettie of Temple; one daughter, Kay Beard of Belton; one sister, P.D. Heith of Big Spring; two grandsons, Curt Beard and wife Katharine, and Clay Beard and wife Amy, all of Austin; and four great-grandchildren, Haleigh Beard, Curtis Beard, Alex McKee and Clayton Beard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William M. and Pearl D. Gage; two sisters, Hazel Davis and Cleo Hahn; and two brothers, Bill Gage and Tommy Gage.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church Music Fund, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Take Note

• Papa Chon's Mexican Restaurant, 310 Owens, is the United Way Dine Dine Out Restaurant of the Week. A portion of the proceeds received through Sunday at Papa Chon's will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, who lost all of their possessions in a recent house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

Charles Biddison

Charles Biddison, 81, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Nursing Home. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel with Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating.



He was born Feb. 9, 1929, in Big Spring to Gussie and Dixon C. Biddison. He married Lois Naureen on April 5, 1953, in Parsons, Kan. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and Army. He served in Korea. He was a retired truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Biddison of Big Spring; three sons, Greg Biddison and wife Shana of Big Spring, Tom Biddison and wife Mollie of Austin, and Marty Biddison and wife Michelle of Big Spring; two daughters, Leisha Morrison and husband Jim of Round Rock, and Loanne Smith of St. Mary's, Ga.; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to College Baptist Church Van Fund, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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

Roy A. Wilson

COLORADO CITY — Roy A. Wilson, 66, died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, in the Mitchell County Hospital. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 2010. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church in Colorado City on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Terry White and the Rev. Jim Mosley officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral home.

Roy was born Nov. 28, 1943, to Arthur and Bernice Sweatt Wilson. He was a lifetime resident of Mitchell County. He was a member of Westbrook Baptist Church and attended Westbrook High School. Roy married Brenda Conard on July 4, 1987, in Colorado City. He was a cowboy on the Spade Ranch for 40 years. He was instrumental in developing a breed of cow dogs called the cattlemaster.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Wilson of Colorado City; sons, Mike Wilson and Renee, and Matthew Wilson and wife Hannah, both of Colorado City; daughters, Kathi Carter of Houston and Kyla McGuffin and husband Dawson of Colorado City; grandchildren; sister, Virginia Claxton and husband Lloyd of Big Spring; sister-in-law, Joan Parker and husband Gene of Colorado City; mother-in-law, Billie Faye Conard of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Roy is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Kenneth Wilson.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Westbrook Baptist Church or a charity of your choice.

Support Groups

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- JODY KYLE ROGERS, 51, of 507 Union, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- LARRY SCHAEFER, 61, of Knott, was arrested Thursday on warrants for no driver's license when unlicensed and failure to appear.
- JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ JR., 20, of 1408 Tucson, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, transient, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Vines.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- LARRY WAYNE SCHAEFER, 61, was arrested Thursday by DPS on municipal warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear and a charge of no driver's license.
- RUSSELL GENE HOOVER, 53, was arrested Thursday by DPS on Montgomery County warrants for possession of a controlled substance (three counts).
- JODY KYLE ROGERS, 51, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- ISRAEL MIRAMONTES, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole violation.
- JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 4600 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Avenue Y. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Chapman Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.

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Bufs, Anson square off in Forsan

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

FORSAN — For Forsan head coach Jason Phillips, the motivation to beat Anson at 7:30 p.m. today in Forsan is simple: 1-1 in district is a lot better than 0-2.

The way the District 2-2A Division II race is shaping up, the Bufs may not be able to afford another loss.

"We feel like we let one slip away in Post," Phillips said. "We had a chance to win the game, just didn't get it done. So it's a big game for us. We need to get back on the winning side."

After a frustrating 9-6 loss to Post last week, the Bufs hope the bye week gave them enough rest and time to prepare for Anson.

The two teams have both lost to Post, Anson losing 28-14 last week. That loss put the Tigers

at 1-1 in district play.

It seems like the Bufs are facing the same challenges every week: duel-threat quarterbacks.

Phillips said Anson's Austin Baccus does a little bit of everything, and while he is not the best mobile quarterback, he is certainly good enough to do damage.

The Bufs were exposed to a mobile quarterback earlier this season at Sonora and it seems like they've faced one every week this season.

"Pretty much every team that we've seen has had a good running quarterback," Phillips said. "This one doesn't run quite as much as some of the ones that we've seen, but he's pretty dangerous in the open field, so we'll have to try to keep him contained."

The Tigers will try to

control the clock and run the ball and they won't throw a lot of different plays at the Bufs. The challenge here is recognizing the different offensive formations Anson will be in.

Phillips also said the Tigers' defense will be gunning for running backs Brendan Roman and Ty Johnson, who both might be looking to get back on track after last week's low-scoring affair.

Still the goal for the Bufs is to stay in the district race and a loss would put them with Hawley as the only teams without a district win so far, depending on if the Bearcats beat Idalou at home tonight.

Phillips hopes the bye week helped his players recharge for the rest of the season.

"We didn't practice as long last week," he



Brendan Roman and Ty Johnson celebrate after a win earlier this season. The Bufs take on Anson at 7:30 p.m. today in Forsan.

said. "We kind of throttled back a little bit. The guys seemed a lot sharper in practice this

week." *Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at*

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263-7331 ext. 237 or at sports@bigspringherald.com.

Rangers close to first playoff series win

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Following Cliff Lee in the post-season is a tough act, yet C.J. Wilson made it look easy.

Now, the Texas Rangers are up 2-0 in their AL division series against the Tampa Bay Rays, with a chance to make franchise history when the best-of-five matchup shifts to Ranger Ballpark this weekend.

A day after watching Lee shut

down the AL East champions in their home ball park and later turning on the television to catch Roy Halladay's no-hitter in the NL playoffs, Wilson took a one-hitter into the seventh inning of his postseason debut.

"I had some inspiration, so it was pretty fun," Wilson said after the Rangers' 6-0 victory on Thursday.

"Cliff is a better version of me.

He throws a little harder, he's a little bit taller, has a little bit smaller waist, so I try to follow his lead on a lot of stuff," the left-hander added.

"I just watched him kind of work in and out with his fastball, and from there I was able to see which guys maybe it was necessary to go in on and which guys it wasn't, and that was a big factor today."

STEERS

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Brownwood's potent offense off the field is key, too. Ritchey said the Lions should be aware of what the Steers are capable of doing through the ground attack and as a result, they may stack the line of scrimmage.

But with Steers' receiver Mike Menefield's recent emergence, Big Spring is hoping quarterback DaVonte Anderson can make plays with his arm. Ritchey is glad he has that option. A few weeks ago, the Steer had troubles in that area.

Still the Steers' vital part of the offense this season has been running behind an experienced and talented offensive line. Pete Chavarria has accumulated 63 carries for 628 yards and four touchdowns on the ground and Anderson has been even better with 92 carries for 711 yards and six touchdowns.

Anderson hopes the two significantly add to those totals tonight.

"We want to keep the offense off the field, get first downs," he said. "That's the key to the game. Get first downs, drive down the field and score. Every time we get a chance in the redzone, we need to score."

The Lions also have rarely in a fourth quarter where they've had to come from behind or stave off an opponent and Ritchey said he is hoping to create that situation tonight.

Tonight's game is the start of the District 5-3A play for the Steers and Ritchey expects a tight district race with Brownwood and Abilene Wylie being powerhouses and Snyder and Sweetwater being teams that can't be overlooked.

But it all starts with the opportunity to beat the No. 1 team in the state and BSHS senior right guard Jackson Watkins believes his team has a chance to make a statement.

"We feel like, why can't it be us," he

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sive players and Osborne said it will be a regular sight in this district.

"Every team in this district is a good blocking team," she said. "I thought Snyder was a very good blocking team. Sweetwater did a good job too. We're starting to come along in our blocking."

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237.

said. "Why can't we knock them off. We had a good week of practice and prepared the best we can. It'll be a good test for us."

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Big Spring (4-2) at Brownwood (6-0)

Big Spring players to watch: WR Mike Menefield, DB Dayvion Young

Brownwood players to watch: WR Jaxon Shipley, QB Graylon Brown

— Shipley may be the best receiver the Steers face all season. Menefield has played well at receiver leading up to district play.

Favre regrets ending with Jets

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Brett Favre easily could be bitter about his one season as a New York Jet.

The team fell apart down the stretch after an 8-3 start. The seemingly indestructible Favre tore the biceps in his right arm, an injury that forced the second of his three temporary retirements. He seemed to get

old in a hurry.

Instead, Favre has mostly fond memories about wearing green and white after 16 seasons in Packers gold and green. That he's played another two years in Vikings purple perhaps has alleviated some of the negativity from his stint in the Meadowlands.

"Of course, the start was amazing, probably

more so than anyone could've envisioned," Favre said Thursday in a conference call ahead of Minnesota's visit to the New Meadowlands Stadium to face the Jets on Monday night. "I had a lot of good friends. I played with a lot of good players.

"My only regret is it didn't end better."

Actually, it ended miserably.

Favre was banged up this week. The offense managed just 51 points in four losses down the stretch.

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Shortly after his graduation from high school, Brooks entered into a partnership with his mother and brother. In 1982, the local farmer and his mother began the operation that would span 25 years with farm land located in both Howard and Glasscock counties.

According to Agriculture Committee member Donnie Reid, Brooks and his sons — Michael and Collin — currently farm approximately 5,000 acres of dry land cotton, 150 acres of drip irrigation cotton, 300 acres of wheat and run approximately 70 head of shorthorn and commercial cattle.

Brooks wasn't the only local resident recognized during the ceremony, as Ag Service owner James A Gilbert was awarded the 2010 Ag Business of the Year award.

The award was presented to Gilbert by Ag Committee Chairman Ronnie Wood, who was quick to point out the local businessman's talent with and love for tractors.

"He enjoys all sorts of tractors, especially antiques," Wood told the audience. "He and his tractor buddies travel all over Texas and Oklahoma each year to visit with antique tractor and engine owners. During the week he repairs his customer's tractors, but on weekends he regularly works on and restores old tractors and motors."

Gilbert graciously accepted the award with a quick nod and smile toward the audience.

Also during the luncheon, Wood announced the winners of the First Bale Contest being held by the Chamber of Commerce, recognizing local ag producers Fred and Terry Peterson as having delivered the first bale of cotton of the season.

Wood said the bale — which was raised in Howard County and ginned by Big Spring Gin Co-Op — will be on display at the county courthouse.

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News in brief

Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo wins Nobel Peace Prize, angering Chinese government

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo won the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for using nonviolence to demand fundamental human rights in his homeland. The award ignited a furious response from China, which accused the Norwegian Nobel Committee of violating its own principles by honoring "a criminal."

Chinese state media immediately blacked out the news and Chinese government censors blocked Nobel prize reports from Internet websites.

This year's peace prize followed a long tradition of honoring dissidents around the world, although it was the first Nobel for China's dissident community since it resurfaced after the country's communist leadership launched economic but not political reforms three decades ago.

Liu, 54, was sentenced last year to 11 years in prison for subversion. Unlike some in China's highly fractured and persecuted dissident community, he has been an ardent advocate for peaceful, gradual political change rather than confrontation with the government.

The Nobel committee praised Liu's pacifist approach, ignoring not-so-subtle threats by Chinese diplomats even before the announcement that such a decision would result in strained ties with Norway.

North Korean official confirms Kim Jong Un in line to lead after father

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — A top North Korean official confirmed Friday to broadcaster APTN that Kim Jong Il's youngest son will succeed him as the next leader of the reclusive communist nation.

In the first public confirmation of the succession

plan, Yang Hyong Sop, a top official in North Korea's ruling party, referred to Kim Jong Un as "the young general" during an exclusive interview with APTN. Yang said the nation's people were honored to serve him as their leader.

He would be the third successive generation of his family to lead of the nation of 24 million. His grandfather, Kim Il Sung, founded the nation in 1948 on policy of self-reliance called "juche" and built a cult of personality around him and his son, Kim Jong Il.

Toxic red sludge reaches the Danube, countries downstream test for damaging pollutants

KOLONOTAR, Hungary (AP) — The mighty River Danube was apparently absorbing the toxic red sludge with little immediate harm, officials reported Friday — even though the amount of caustic slurry spewed over western Hungary was nearly as great as the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Revising even higher earlier estimates, government officials said the reservoir break Monday dumped 600,000 to 700,000 cubic meters (158 million to 184 million gallons) of sludge onto three villages — just barely less in a few hours than the 200 million gallons the blown-out BP oil well gushed into the Gulf over the course of several months starting in April.

The risk of pervasive and lasting environmental harm remained nonetheless, with laboratory analyses organized by Greenpeace showing high concentrations of toxic substances in samples taken from the sludge.

Greenpeace told reporters in Vienna that the samples taken a day after the spill showed "surprisingly high" levels — 110 milligrams of arsenic and 1.3 milligrams of mercury per kilogram (2.2 pounds) of dry matter.

SAFETY

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problems during the Halloween evening:

- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle and sporting goods stores.
- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.
- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Mother's

high heels are not a good idea for safe walking.

- Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
- Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large

enough to allow full vision.

- Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.
- For more from the USCPSC on Halloween safety, visit <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/100.html>

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SUGAR

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Spending government money on "foods of little or no nutritional value not only contradicts the intent of the program, it also effectively subsidizes a serious public health epidemic," New York officials wrote in their proposal.

The idea has been suggested before, including in 2008 in Maine, where it drew criticism from advocates for the poor who argued it unfairly singled out low-income people and risked scarring off potential needy recipients.

In 2004, the USDA rejected Minnesota's plan to ban junk food, including soda and candy, from food stamp purchases, saying it would violate the Food Stamp Act's definition of what is food and could create "confusion and embarrassment" at the register.

New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Farley said he believes New York's request has a better chance of being approved than the "skimpy" 2004 Minnesota program because it focuses only on beverages.

He said it also has the advantage of being a temporary program with an evaluation plan to study its effectiveness.

USDA spokesman Aaron Lavallee said Thursday the agency received the proposal and will consider it.

The food stamp sys-

tem, launched in the 1960s, serves some 40 million Americans per month and does not currently restrict any food item based on nutrition.

Recipients can essentially buy any food for the household, although there are some limits on hot or prepared foods. Food stamps also cannot be used to buy alcohol, cigarettes or items such as pet food, vitamins or household goods.

The ban would apply to any beverage that contains more than 10 calories per 8 ounces, except for milk products, milk substitutes like soy milk and rice milk, and fruit juices without added sugar.

A 20-ounce sugar-sweetened drink can contain the equivalent of as many as 16 packets of sugar.

Some New Yorkers who receive the assistance said officials had

good intentions but felt the proposal went too far.

"I can see the sodas, but suppose somebody's in bad shape and they just want juice?" said Harold Wilson, a 56-year-old Brooklyn resident who said he uses food stamps.

"If people want to buy that stuff, they should be able to. If it's not an illegal product, they should be able to buy what they want to buy."

The program would be temporary, so officials could study its effects over two years. It would apply only to food

stamp recipients in New York City — 1.7 million of the city's more than 8 million residents — and would not affect the amount of assistance they receive.

"Sugar-sweetened drinks are not worth the cost to our health, and government shouldn't be promoting or subsidizing them," said Bloomberg, who also has outlawed trans-fats in restaurant food and has forced chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menus.

In fiscal year 2009, New Yorkers received \$2.7 billion in food stamp

benefits and spent \$75 million to \$135 million of that on sugary drinks, the city said.

Officials said stores that participate in the food stamp program would be responsible for enforcing the ban. They acknowledged the possibility that food stamp users could travel outside city limits to buy the prohibited drinks.

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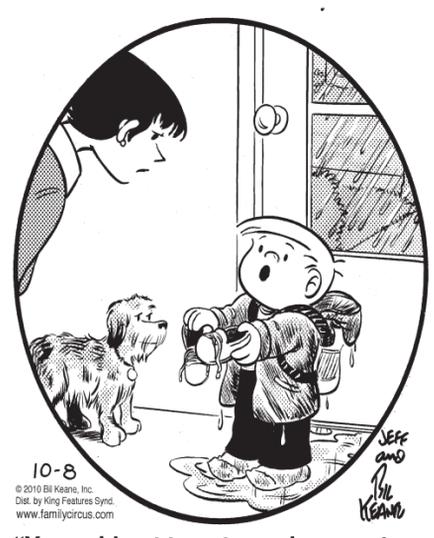
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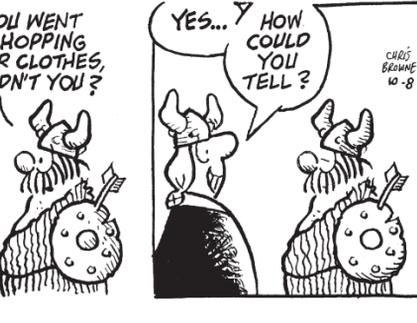


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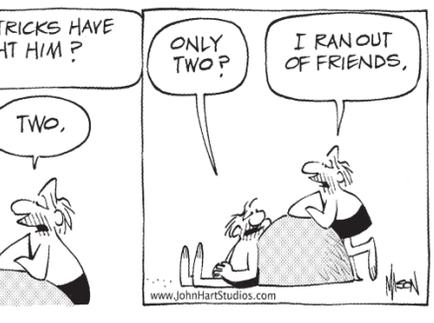
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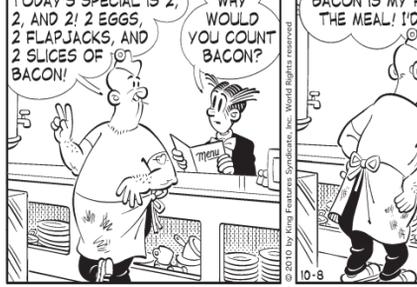
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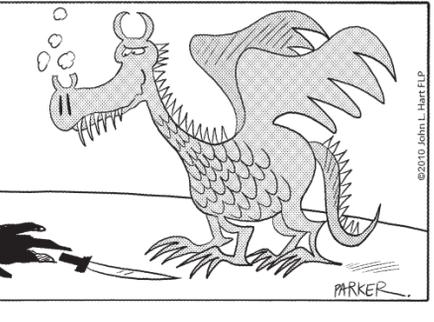
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 8, the 281st day of the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted; fires also broke out in Peshigo, Wis., and in several communities in Michigan. On this date: In 1862, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce (puhrs), died in Concord, N.H. In 1918, American Sgt. Alvin C. York led an attack that killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 others in the Argonne Forest in France. In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted by a grand jury in New Jersey for murder in the death of the son of Charles A. Lindbergh. In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0. In 1957, the Brooklyn Baseball Club announced it was accepting an offer to move the Dodgers from New York to Los Angeles. In 1967, former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee died in London at age 84. In 1970, Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature. In 1981, at the White House, President Ronald Reagan greeted former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, who were preparing to travel to Egypt for the funeral of Anwar Sadat. In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned. Today's Birthdays: Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 74. Actor Paul Hogan is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 70. Civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson is 69. Comedian Chevy Chase is 67. Author R.L. Stine is 67. Country singer Susan Raye is 66. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 62. Actress

Sigourney Weaver is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 60. Producer-director Edward Zwick is 58. Country singer-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 57. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 56. Comedian Darrell Hammond is 55. Actress Stephanie Zimbalist is 54. Rock musician Mitch Marine is 49. Actress Kim Wayans is 49. Rock singer Steve Perry (Cherry Poppin' Daddies) is 47. Actor Ian Hart is 46. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer CeCe Winans is 46. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 45. Actress-producer Karyn Parsons is 44. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 44. Actress Emily Procter is 42.

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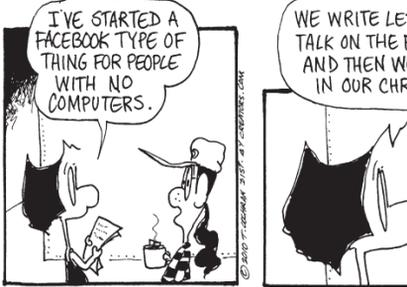
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Newsday Crossword

DIET DISCIPLINE by Bruce Venzke

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 - 6 Contingencies
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 - 14 Yacht spot
 - 15 Oater
 - 16 Don Vito's creator
 - 17 Start of a quip
 - 19 Japanese commercial center
 - 20 Hiawatha's craft
 - 21 Did the polka?
 - 22 Part 2 of quip
 - 25 Some convertibles
 - 26 Eight in Acapulco
 - 27 Green game
 - 28 Shields in movies
 - 31 Elephant's org.
 - 34 Part 3 of quip
 - 37 Modeled (for)
 - 38 Test subject
 - 39 Israeli statesman
 - 40 Start for sweet
 - 41 Jazz riffs
 - 42 Part 4 of quip
 - 48 Postgame features
 - 49 Middle Easterner
 - 50 Adler of the Sherlock stories
 - 51 End of quip
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 - 11 Poetic inspiration
 - 12 Former Army missiles
 - 13 Despicable ones
 - 18 Novelist Packer
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 - 22 Commotion
 - 23 G sharp equivalent
 - 24 Irish lullaby starter
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 - 36 Introduce
 - 40 Gershwin's breakout tune
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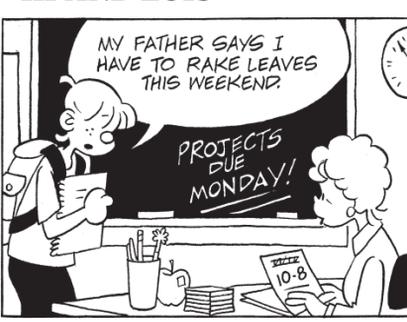
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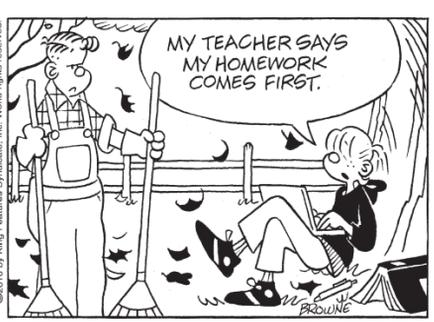
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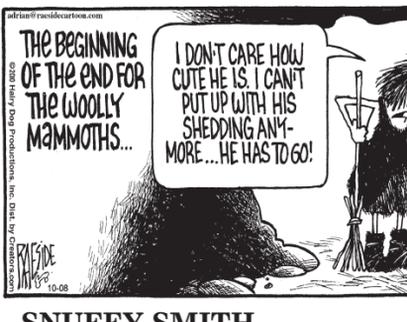
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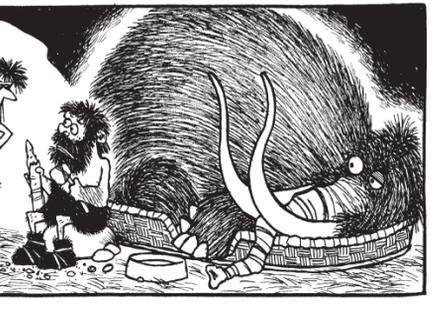
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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Melvin Daniels, who served as a lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps from 1957 to 1960. He was honored as the Veteran of the Month for September by the Hangar 25 Air Museum and a reception wash held in honor on Sept. 7.

- Bill Burrell for his varied community service work that includes driving cancer patients to treatment appointments, Meals on Wheels delivery and teaching children about astronomy.

- The Morgan family Ernie, Lori, Kaylee and Cayden which was honored as the Big Spring Family of the Year during a luncheon held last week at Howard College. The Family of the Year Banquet is a fund-raiser for the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas and helps fund low-income clients seeking counseling.

- Julian Valle Jr., Cassie Caudill, Larry Sneed and Ramone Ortega, all of Big Spring, who were recently honored by Texas Department of Transportation District Engineer Lauren Garduno for their service to TxDOT.

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

When we get frustrated, Lord, may we have faith in You for our success.

Amen

Something different out of you

When I started Open Door Ministries 15 years ago, my wife and I had a major disagreement. Oh, she was 100 percent supportive and on board with me starting the church, it was just that she didn't think she would be a very good pastor's wife.

"Why not?" I asked. "You're like the perfect pastor's wife. Heck, your the perfect any kind of wife."

"No I'm not," she said with tears. "I can't sing or play piano."

I thought that was hilarious. See, I didn't need her to play piano or sing because God gave me an awesome set of pipes and I can play guitar like Davey Crocket. The bottom line is that Leanna didn't think she had any gifts or talents and, of course, she was drop-dead wrong.

One of Leanna's highest giftings has to do with kids. She loves kids. She works well with kids. She connects with kids and, as it turns out, there has always been a greater need in our children's church than on stage with musicians. The people at Open Door tend to be extremely fertile.

RECOGNIZING YOUR GIFTS



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A big part of you and I fulfilling our destiny has to do with the recognition of how we are different. There is something about you that really stands out. There is something you are a 10 at where the rest of us tend to be a two. There is something God has anointed you to do that He hasn't others. The rest of us need you to be different.

In this United Nations, cookie cutter day of political correctness and we are the world love songs, it is refreshing for you to be authentic and genuine. It is not your sameness as the rest of the world that causes people to be attracted to you — it's what makes you different. You don't have to be the same as everybody else. In fact, God didn't make you to blend in, but to stand out.

There is something God has stored within you that He has not put within the rest of us, and your contribution could be the missing piece that connects the rest of the dots for the rest of us.

NOW THAT'S DIFFERENT
Great crowds came out to see a man we know as John the Baptist — not because he was like the Pharisees, or the "Reverend Doctors," of his day, but because he dared to be different. He dared to be authentic and genuine, and it was out of him being real that his greatest gift was exposed. Jesus talked about how brilliant John was, and that

John's greatest contribution came from him not being like a common reed on the riverbank or a prophet in an Armani suit. (Luke 7:24-25)

No, John was really different and his prophetic gift turned out to be the greatest contribution. That's the way it is with you, too.

Discover how God made you different and you will discover some of the greatest ways you can make a difference. But, you have to have the courage to be you in a world that wants you to conform to ... whatever.

Today, my wife is not just a pastor's wife. She heads up an orphanage ministry that does amazing things around the world. It's called Spark World Wide. SPARK is an acronym for Serving, Protecting And Raising Kids.

She has orphanages in Uganda, India, Mexico and the Amazon. The difference she makes is amazing and if she had not stayed true to who she was, she would have never discovered her greatest gift.

"A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men." — Proverbs 18:16

The Rev. Troy Brewer can be contacted through his websites at www.troybrewer.com and www.opendoorministries.org and Leanna can be found at www.sparkworldwide.org.



Don't answer the door...

George Dolan, who tickled funny bones daily in his Fort Worth Star-Telegram front-page column for some three decades, was, at the very least, a unique person.

Blackie Sherrod, his best man and sportswriter extraordinaire, nailed it squarely in the foreword of one of Dolan's books: "Before God made George, He broke the mold."

Dolan cackled heartily at every opportunity, whether he was the "prank-puller" or the "prat-faller." Had he auditioned for the movies with Curly, Moe and Larry, there might have been "Four Stooges."

He could "take" as well as "dish out," though he was usually on the "taking" end. If someone flipped the switch to reverse a revolving door, it would be Dolan changing directions abruptly, his 360-degrees of circling laughter for all to hear.

Many readers would have sooner given up their morning coffee than miss a single column. And many a newspaper has been coffee stained by readers breaking into guffaws 'twixt the cup and the "quip."

Friends who knew George best graded him "A+" for both writing and speaking.

Few knew, though, that to him, speaking was far more daunting. Though he never broke a sweat

as newspaper deadlines closed in, when speaking engagements neared, he was in for sleepless nights. He thought speaking fees would limit his oral presentations. For most conventions and organizations, fees didn't stand in the way.

He once kicked himself for accepting a speaking engagement without first checking the Dallas Cowboys' schedule. He took great delight in watching the 'Boys on TV. Sure enough, speech and game kick-off were scheduled at the same hour.

He'd never been close to a VCR, but decided to buy one of the new-fangled gadgets. He "studied up" on operating instructions, checking and re-checking settings on game day.

He bought ear plugs to insert following the speech and made gentle threats to his friends to "leave him alone" to enjoy the game a few hours after the fact. On the drive home, he resisted turning on his radio, fearing he might learn the outcome of the game. Dolan hung a "Do Not Disturb" sign on the front door, and took his phone off the hook.

He chuckled victoriously when the VCR worked perfectly.

The kickoff coincided with a Western Union telegram delivery. His wife Melba (the "west-side housewife," as she was known in his columns), signed for it, tossing it immediately to her hubby.

He cringed, fearful that the telegram might bring bad news. It did. His buddies at the newspaper had pooled their resources to send the telegram, which, of course, revealed the game's final

score.

This vignette came to mind the other day when Gary and P. J. Gramling might well have used a "Do Not Disturb" sign. They were on a tight schedule, hustling to be on time for an out-of-town wedding.

P. J. heard the doorbell, and through the peep hole spied a man with paint bucket, brush and stencil. He was eager to paint the Gramlings' house number, 2005, on the curb, for "just \$20."

She explained that they were trying to leave town soon, and might not even have \$20 in cash. But, the man looked like he needed the money, so she and Gary looked under cushions and emptied piggy banks.

They came up with \$10, and the man agreed to do the job for half-price. He promised to go "the extra mile," painting the numbers on both sides of the driveway.

When the Gramlings backed out of the driveway, they saw the neat numbers — shiny black and well-spaced — on both curbs. Trouble was, they were transposed, "2500" instead of "2005."

They figure the painter may have been in a hurry, too, or maybe he gave "half effort for half-price."

Or maybe he'll come back on an upcoming Saturday morning, with a "re-do" offer for just \$25, or maybe more.

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First United Methodist

Wow! What a great day we had last Saturday. Beginning as soon as the doors opened, our Lord's Acre was a huge success. The line to the bake sale was out the door and items were soon sold out. The kids all had smiles on their faces, pleased with their purchases at Kids Korner. The steak and chicken dinner was yummy, and it just kept getting better as the day went on.

The final tally from the silent and live auctions put us over our goal. Thanks to those who worked so hard, purchased our items and attended any of the day's great event. We are thrilled to know that the various missions of our church will receive shares of this venture.

This Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will continue a four-part sermon series on "Life Decisions." This week, her sermon title will be "Priorities and Decisions." Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday School classes for all ages in between at 9:45 a.m.

Mid-week Bible study and luncheon is held in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays at noon. The "90 Days Thru the Bible" study is held on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

Coming up on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 11, the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) will have a stew and cornbread supper with bingo to follow. It all begins at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall.

And there's still time to get in on the Men's Wild Game Dinner to be held at First Methodist Church, Midland's Relationship Center. Contact Noel Hoff or Mark Barr for more information.

It's a wonderful time of year in Big Spring and First Methodist where we'll be talking about Living Christmas Tree before you know it. Come join us, we're at Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of downtown.

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.

The weekly Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom and the Rev. Craig Holstedt, meets in the church library at First Presbyterian, Big Spring, at 5:17 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Session met Thursday in the social hall. The fall edition of The Frolic is Saturday at 7 p.m. in the church social hall. We will have a light supper before and during the offerings of talent that anyone is invited to share with our appreciative audience. Come and share the fun and fellowship.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 29:1-7; Psalm 66:1-12; II Timothy 2:8-15; and Luke 17:11-19.

Cash and Leslie Berry will present their daughter Callie Ann for baptism during the worship service.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. in the church library; choir practice was at 6 p.m.; and the youth group met at St. Mary's Episcopal Church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Ethel Guthrie will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning and Danny Kennemur is liturgist for October. Ushers are Nancy and Jim Bill Little, John Yater and Susan Holstedt.

The children's Sunday School will continue their study of Joseph through Oct. 17, after which they will begin a new unit on Samuel. The youth group continues its "Reading the Bible in 90 Days" study under the leadership of Don and Christine Boling. The Adult Covenant Class begins a new unit titled "God Sustains," based on the book of Psalms. The Adult Video Class continues its study "The Trial and Testimony of the Early Church" through Oct. 17.

A fall session of "Reading the Bible in 90 Days," led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt, continues at 7 p.m. on Thursdays through November.

The Working Women's Bible Study begin the study year Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the church parlor with a series from Horizons Bible Study entitled "Journey through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today" by Barbara Rossing. The offering will go to the PW of Tres Rios Justice and Peace Project.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; II Timothy 2:8-15; and Luke 17:11-19. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "Thy Perfect Love," by English composer John Rutter, and during the offertory they will sing Rutter's "With Heart and Hand," an anthem composed for and presented at the Texas Music Educators' convention last spring.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST-AM 1490 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 by

visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. There, you can find a link to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas

The 52nd Annual Convention for the entire Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas, hosted by Lubbock's St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church, will be held today and Saturday in Lubbock.

The Annual Convention will be held in conjunction with the celebration of St. Paul's Centennial Year. Officially organized in 1910, the diocese covers the region from the top of the Panhandle down to the Permian Basin and Edward's Plateau, including Big Spring.

A majority of the convention is directed toward the delegates from the various Episcopal congregations in this particular diocese. However, the closing service from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's is open to the public. There is no admission charge for the service.

This year, the new bishop, the Right Rev. Scott Mayer, will be the speaker for the convention. Bishop Mayer will present the new diocesan vision this year, which will determine the group's direction for years to come. A guest bishop, as well as clergy and lay people from the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic, will also be in attendance.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

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

The next meeting is Oct. 14. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2008 Walks: Women's Walk 48, Brenda Hyatt; Men's Walk 49, Stan Hanes; and Women's Walk 50, Mary Schuelke. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

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

Birdwell Lane Baptist

We invite you to visit with us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. There is Children's Church during the morning worship for ages 4-12. A nursery is provided for your little ones. If you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek prayer meeting and young adult Bible study is at 6:30 p.m.

The ladies will travel today to Calvary Heights Baptist Church in Springtown for a ladies retreat Saturday.

Wednesday there will be a Senior Saint Retreat at Fort Davis Camp beginning at 5 p.m. and going through Saturday morning.

Our family fall festival, hobo supper and hayride will be Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214

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. and 5 p.m. each week. Sunday evenings, we sing the old favorites and continue in a Bible study of the book of Genesis.

Come join us for our annual stew supper and fellowship Saturday, Oct. 23, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message is entitled "A Letter From God," based on scripture from Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7.

Encouraging words: Make me aware, Lord, that today never returns. Give me a sense of stewardship that will make me want to use it to count for You. Amen — 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.

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. Sunday School for all ages starts around 11:15 a.m. following the morning service.

St. Mary's Second Sunday Potluck Lunch and Presentation is this Sunday following the 10 a.m. service. On this occasion, Robin Reece, the volunteer coordinator for CASA of West Texas, will be with us to explain the who, what, when, where and

Knowing when to go with the flow

Since my husband, Dwayne, celebrated another birthday recently, I have made an interesting observation about birthday cards. At some undefined point in life, cards become more about satirizing age than celebrating birth.



BONNIE WHEAT

One of Dwayne's most recent cards shows an elderly driver dodging oncoming traffic on a busy highway. He gets a cell phone call from a friend to warn him to be careful because a car is going the wrong way on the freeway. He replies, "There is not just one car going the wrong way; there are hundreds of them."

Sometimes it just doesn't pay to go against the flow. However, nature proves that sometimes fighting the current is worth the price. The salmon, one of the largest and most prized, catches in the Pacific Northwest, flows out to the ocean soon after birth where it lives from two to five years, gaining as much as 30 pounds.

If this giant fish is fortunate enough not to end up on a dinner plate in a restaurant or in a can with its picture on the wrapper placed on a supermarket shelf, the salmon starts planning a return trip upstream near the end of its life. The adult salmon instinctively swims against the strong current of water running out to sea in order to get back to its birthplace to spawn and die.

For the salmon, what seems like a sad tale to us has purpose. While the struggle to swim upstream ends in the death of the fish that made the treacherous trip, the real purpose of the trip is regeneration. It is all a part of the life cycle of the salmon.

We would do well to remember that sometimes we also need to swim against the current in order to achieve a goal in life. The apostle Paul exhorted his readers, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2 NASB).

Conformity to the ways of the world is usually the path of least resistance, but it seldom accomplishes God's purpose. Perhaps comedian, W.C. Fields expressed the thought best when he said, "Remember, a dead fish can float downstream, but it takes a live one to swim upstream."

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

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Garage Sales

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In tune

If you have ever been to the symphony, you have heard those final moments just before the concert begins when the instruments are given their final tuning. It may sound discordant and even chaotic, but ironically without this exercise, the symphony would most likely be off pitch. Similarly, we must keep our lives fine-tuned if we are to remain steady and joyful. If we get out of tune with friends, we can lose valuable understanding and support. Getting out of tune with our spouses causes us to lose our security. Being out of tune with ourselves costs us



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our peace and motivation.

In tune with God
There are many accounts in the Bible that tell us of men and women who were tuned in to God's voice and said "yes" to Him. Mary, the mother of Jesus had a visitation from the angel Gabriel, telling her she would bear a son, that he would be great, and would save the people from their sins. Noah built an ark at God's command, even though it had never rained on the earth before. Moses said "yes" when God told him to lead His people across the Red Sea with Pharaoh's army in hot pursuit. Lydia was a Christian business-woman. She operated a shop and sold fine lacework and expensive purple fabrics.

With examples like these before us, I am certain most everyone realizes that staying in tune with God requires total surrender. We cannot pick and choose the

areas in which we obey. It is absolutely "yes and amen" with no gray areas.

Keeping our lives in tune to God and others brings out the best in us. It awakens our senses and causes us to become more aware of those around us. It enhances our attitude, our awareness in general, and gives us an overall perspective of ourselves.

In tune with women
Jesus always encouraged the women to develop themselves. He repeatedly treated women with respect that far surpassed His culture. We have many very fine men in our church and I truly appreciate each of them. Many are a little shy and quiet, but very respectful of the ladies.

In tune with men
In return, women need to be in tune with men. Men need to be complimented, praised, and adored, especially by their wives. I truly enjoy telling my husband he looks nice on Sunday morn-

ing when we are leaving for church. It is also extremely important that we understand God's calling for men as the head of the home.

In tune with change
Most of us can anticipate planned progression. Knowing what the next step is and when it will take place is "safe" and therefore, not very rewarding. Change, by definition, is a bit scary. I will never forget when we moved from Big Spring to Fort Worth in the early 70's. I didn't want to move because we had just built a new home near the country club and I was happy. However, soon after moving to Fort Worth, I fell in love with "big city life" and was a little sad to leave 21 years later when it was time for us to go. Those years proved to be some of the best years of our lives. Bottom line, we must embrace change. It opens new avenues and brings us new and exciting adventures.

In tune with aging

Most people do not enjoy the act of aging, yet I have come to understand that being in tune with aging is a mindset. As long as we live, we will continue to age. Aging well is simply a matter of what we program into our minds that really makes the differences. Giving of oneself, working, and staying active keeps us young, regardless of the number of candles on the birthday cake. My husband and I personally enjoy short trips, entertaining, attending church, walking, and staying in touch with friends and family.

Psalm 1:3 offers this encouragement to those who are tuned in; "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf shall not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper." So if your life feels like those last few discordant moments before the symphony begins, realize that beautiful, harmonious music is just ahead.

God bless.

CHURCH NEWS

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Holy Eucharist is at noon in the chapel.

All youth from sixth to 12th grades are encouraged to join us for our youth group at St. Mary's Episcopal Church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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

College Baptist

According to Pastor Ken McMeans, going to church is not about whether or not you like the pastor or the song leader or if all the songs that are sung are your favorites.. It is about worshipping God. It is about preparing our hearts so that we may follow Jesus' teachings. It is about going forth to harvest ... being laborers for Christ. As Matthew 28:19-20 tells us, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Pastor Ken is beginning a new series of sermons this Sunday, "Learning to be in the Presence of God."

The people of College Baptist Church are on mission, in real life, reaching, teaching and ministering in Jesus' name.

Men's breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sunday our usual services will be in the morning but there will be no services at College Baptist that night. We will be meeting at First Baptist Church for the annual Crossroads Baptist Association meeting. The first session will be at 4 p.m. The evening meal will be at 5:45 p.m. and the evening service will be at 6:45.

The youth of CBC will be meeting at Memorial Stadium for a youth led event, "Fields Of Faith" on Wednesday at 7 p.m. This is for all area youth.

Our staff appreciation date has been changed to Oct. 17 after the morning worship service. There will be a pot-luck meal.

The senior citizens group, 3 Gs, (Golden Glory Gang) will hold a meeting Oct.14 at 6 p.m. Following a pot-luck meal and a short meeting, they will attend the "Tabernacle Experience" training in the sanctuary.

Next week, we will be telling more about the "Tabernacle Experience."

Mt. Bethel Baptist

Once again, it is time for Mt. Bethel Sanctuary Choir's Annual Musical, set for 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17. We look forward to the fellowship as we lift up the name of Jesus in song for He is worthy to be praised.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. (NW Fourth). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us for Sunday School at 9 a.m., worship service at 10:15 a.m., Bible study at 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 5 p.m. Youth ministry meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene

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you to come, get fired up and have your spirit renewed. "He restores my soul." Psalms 23:3

Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot will be Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

We have the following services and weekly classes available:

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Adventure Bay sets sail in the fellowship hall for grades 2-6 and Critter Land lifts off for those in the second grade to 4 years old with class in the kindergarten room. The Critter Land Nursery for ages 3 and under starts at 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Sunday evenings, we have several new classes: Join us for Truth Seekers class (a leadership class developing people to strengthen, present and defend their faith), and "Each One, Disciple One" class will begin for new Christians.

Join us Wednesday evening for small groups. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 with groups meeting in various classrooms at 6:30. Children and youth classes are offered for all ages. Children sixth grade to nursery all meet in the sanctuary for opening with 10 minutes of praise and worship prior to going to class rooms.

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.

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, serving the Howard County Catholic faith community, has offices located at 610 S. Main St. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can reach us at 432-714-4930, fax us at 432-714-4932 or e-mail us at htch@crcom.net. Our new mass schedule, for those interested in attending our services is:

Saturday service is at 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus campus, 508 N. Aylesford, St.

Sunday services are at 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus and 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary campus, 1009 Hearn St.

Confessions are offered on Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus campus before mass.

Baptism, marriage, quincenera and Catholic Christian Education classes are also offered. Contact the church office for more information. Sick visitation and prayer is also offered and may be arranged by contacting the church office. We offer weekly prayer meetings at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the church office. Our Knights of Columbus meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the church office. Our Pro-life Rosary hour is held every Friday at noon at the St. Thomas Church at 605 N. Main St.

Special thanks to all who participated and helped our church women and youth group during the recent fund raisers. Thank you to all who also made purchases during these events and helped make them a great success.

It's time again for our annual church festivals. This year's event promises to be fun, exciting and fantastic for all that attend. This year's event will be called "Halloween Harvest Festival" and will be held from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Oct. 29 and Oct. 30 at 1009 Hearn St. We will have a Halloween costume contest, haunted house, food booths, game booths, cake walks, a religious articles store, nightly bingo

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Pastor Bob Boyce will deliver the sermon this Sunday. Communion will be served.

Thank you, Bobby Roever, for delivering the sermon last week and telling us about the wonderful missions that LWML has helped and is helping.

The flowers are given by Bo and Heidi Vizcaino in celebration of their grandson, Jude's second birthday on Oct. 6.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Haley Walker. Our elders are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Kent Ivey. The are Ruth 1:1-19a, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:1-13 and Luke 17:11-19).

Interested in reading? Contact Dolline Budke.

Mid Week School begins at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. The meals are served from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. After each evening's meal, food and family fun is scheduled with family games and activities.

If you are interested with helping with a meal, contact Dana Byrd.

Anyone interested in recycling your old used mobile phones, please donate them to Angela Newton. Take advantage of this opportunity.

Saturday will be the LWML Zone Rally and is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30. p.m. After lunch, Nancy Michaelis will present the program. Come join the LWML ladies as our zone meets at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Wednesday evening, "Jesus: Legend or Lord?" a DVD Bible study will begin at 7 p.m.

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

Sunday, Oct. 17, we will have our Voters' Meeting around 11:30 p.m. Plan to stay for this important meeting.

Scheduled meetings for October include: The Elders meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the church. Saturday, Oct. 30, our church will host our annual "Trunk or Treat" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, we will celebrate Reformation Day with communion.

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Father of drowned girls dies

TEXAS CITY (AP) — A father who unsuccessfully tried to rescue his twin 9-year-old daughters from drowning in the currents of Galveston Bay has now also died.

Family members said 33-year-old Hector Suarez died in a Texas City hospital Thursday, four days after the deaths of daughters Samantha and Alexandra at the Texas City Dike. Sister-in-law Linda Lopez tells the Galveston County Daily News that Suarez "is a real hero to all of

us." Funeral services for all three are scheduled for Monday in Houston, with two public memorials scheduled for Saturday in South Houston and Sunday in Texas City.

Mexico says search for missing tourist intensified

ZAPATA (AP) — Hundreds of people using speedboats, helicopters and all-terrain vehicles are searching for a missing American tourist presumably shot and killed by Mexican pirates on a border lake, authorities in Mexico say.

Word that the search had intensified came after U.S. officials said threats of an ambush from drug gangs temporarily thwarted efforts.

Tiffany Hartley said her husband, David, was shot to death by Mexican pirates chasing them

on speedboats across Falcon Lake on Sept. 30 as they returned on Jet Skis from a trip to photograph a historic Mexican church. Neither his body nor the Jet Ski has been recovered. Texas officials have warned boaters and fisherman that pirates frequent the Mexican side of the lake, a 25-mile by 3-mile dammed section of the Rio Grande.

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar told reporters that Mexican authorities were doing everything they could while trying to keep their own crews safe.

"When darkness was falling (Wednesday evening), they got word that there might be an ambush," Cuellar said. "People that are trying to do their job on the Mexican side are facing a risk, they're right inside the hornets' nest ... they had to suspend the search."

Cuellar said the search resumed midmorning Thursday.

That part of Tamaulipas state is overrun by violence from a turf battle between the Gulf Cartel and the Zeta drug gang, made up of former Mexican special forces soldiers, and both are battling the Mexican military.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, campaigning for re-election in Houston, said such threats were no excuse.

"I don't think we're doing enough. When you call off the search the

way they did ... and give as the reason because the drug cartels are in control of that part of the state, something's not right," Perry said.

Reprimand ruling coming for 'We close at 5' judge

AUSTIN (AP) — A special review panel is expected to rule on whether to dismiss the reprimand of a Texas judge who closed her court at 5 p.m., declining to accept the last-minute appeal of a condemned man who was put to death that night.

A special court of review in Austin set a Friday deadline to announce its ruling.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Sharon Keller asked for the dismissal of a "public warning" given to her by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

The disciplinary case against Keller came after she said "We close at 5" and closed the court in 2007 as attorneys for twice-convicted killer Michael Wayne Richard tried to file a last-minute appeal. No appeal was filed and Richard was executed hours later.

Texas teens accused of raping high school student

CHANNELVIEW (AP) — Two teens, including a 17-year-old girl, have been charged with raping a Channelview High School student while her boyfriend was held at gunpoint.

Jerricho Prince, 18, and the 17-year-old

girl, a current student at the school, were arrested Tuesday. They remained in the Harris County jail Thursday on charges of aggravated sexual assault, aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping. Bail for each was set at \$90,000. A jail official said Prince did not yet have an attorney.

The Houston Chronicle reports that two other teens are also in the custody of juvenile authorities in the case.

Court documents said the four teens are alleged to have approached the male victim at 2 a.m. on Sunday and Prince displayed a pistol in his waistband, ordering him to empty his pockets.

Prince then told the victim that he would be shot unless he called his girlfriend and had her meet them at the nearby football stadium. The girl arrived and while Prince and one juvenile sexually assaulted her, the other juvenile and the 17-year-old girl pointed the gun at the boyfriend, court documents said.

After the boyfriend was forced to withdraw \$80 from an ATM, the couple was released.

Channelview is located just east of Houston.

Man pleads guilty in death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio man has pleaded guilty to beating his friend to death with a baseball bat.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that the plea agreement on Thursday abruptly

ended the murder trial of 23-year-old Sergio Isaiah Garza.

As part of the agreement, Garza will get a 40-year sentence and won't be able to appeal. He must serve at least half of the sentence before being eligible for parole.

Nineteen-year-old Anwar Acosta was beaten to death in November 2007.

Garza was arrested a year and a half later and was extradited from California, where he had been stationed with the Marines.

Prosecutor David Lunan says Acosta's family agreed to the plea agreement.

Suspect killed as officers serve warrant

BONHAM (AP) — Authorities say a suspect was shot and killed after a struggle began as officers served a federal arrest warrant at the man's home in North Texas.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Mark Tackett says that 31-year-old Christopher Ramquist was shot and killed at the home in Fannin County on Thursday morning.

He said it was not yet known how many shots officers fired.

He says that a multi-agency drug task force was issuing an arrest warrant for conspiracy to possess with intent to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

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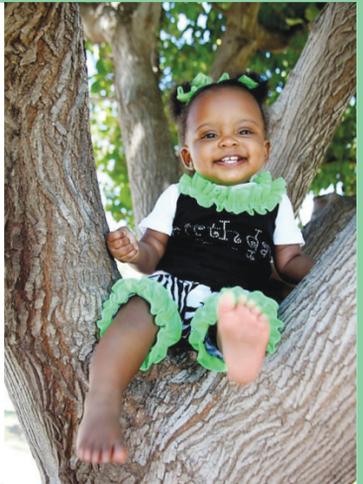
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Are you worried about how you'll do in today's testy situation? Well, you shouldn't be. You'll perform well when you know that you are being evaluated. Having the attention of others brings out your best.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be enticed by popular entertainment. What you call a "guilty pleasure," someone else would call "keeping up with the times." So go on and enjoy. You'll be educating yourself at the same time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a lot of competition out there for you today. Your success depends upon your ability to choose a worthy opponent. Also, things go better for you when you are the one to establish the terms of the game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're an inspiring force. You have a way of invigorating others and can rev up even the most sluggish person around. Call a friend and go work out together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may decide that certain relationships require a degree of strategy. If you really want to affect someone, it's not what you say but what you don't say that will do the trick. Your silence will be powerfully felt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is wonderful to be around a person who appreciates the little things you do. This quality of attention is unusual and should be savored for the rare treat that it is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are being evaluated for a job or a desired role in someone's life. You'll be in a position to tell others what you've accomplished. Yours is a bright collection of strange victories.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone loves you. This does you very little good, though, unless the same person can demonstrate his or her love in a way that makes you know and feel it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may make the rational choice and appear to be acting just like everyone else, but there's a dancing gleam in your eye. A certain madcap excitement swirls around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can feel what

others are feeling. It would be difficult to ignore their concerns. Take care of your own needs first, and you'll be in a better position to help.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 8). You will grow in worldly wisdom. Because of your commitment to learning, you will get the right instruction to help your projects take off with impressive velocity. December brings a sweet new connection. Prepare well for January's business boom. Family comes together for a fun common purpose in June. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 33, 30 and 15.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You get closer to a workable

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relationship by deciding what is not workable. **TAURUS:** Go where you're the youngest, the oldest or the only girl or guy — in other words, where you stand out. That's where you'll get the attention you deserve. **GEMINI:** A friend will introduce you to someone fascinating. **CANCER:** For a certain someone, your name is the first on the list of datable people. **LEO:** You prefer to spend some time alone, and that is perfectly acceptable to the one who loves you. **VIRGO:** A loved one craves your attention and desperately needs to be acknowledged for special contributions. **LIBRA:** Loneliness is remedied by selfless giving. **SCORPIO:** Someone with a good deal of discretionary time and

income will spend it on you. **SAGITTARIUS:** The graceful way you handle yourself favorably impacts the environment around you. Someone will be intrigued and want to know more. **CAPRICORN:** Give yourself what you deserve, and others will follow suit. **AQUARIUS:** Give a loved one points for all that is going right in a relationship. **PISCES:** Your opinions matter to a loved one — maybe too much. Be sparing with them!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Libra and Scorpio are both getting cosmic attention now, with the sun in Libra and Venus in Scorpio. Both extremely attractive, they are next-door neighbors on the zodiac wheel. Libra pays careful

attention to aesthetics and radiates class and refinement. Scorpio's magnetism is raw and cool and has an undeniable intensity to it. This weekend, they could make an indelible impression on each other.

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Dear Margo: by Margo Howard

Gaga Grandpa?

Dear Margo: My parents adore their grandchildren and regularly do wonderful things for them and take them to lovely places.

This past summer, they took them to the lake for a few days with my niece. My children are 11 and 7, and my niece is also 7.

My father provides childcare for my niece while my sister works. The main problem is that my parents do not discipline my niece when it's called for, and sometimes she almost seems to be rewarded for bratty, whiny behavior.



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Her behavior on this past trip was so bad that I felt she endangered the safety of my children. She jumped on top of my daughter and was not punished at all. My dad just seems too old to handle children, and my stepmom simply has no clue what to do. They told my kids and my niece that next

summer they are taking them to New York for four days.

After this past trip, I just don't think this can happen. New York is a busy city, and if my parents are attending to one of my niece's many tantrums, they will not be able to adequately watch my children.

I have this fear that my youngest will be left on a subway or in a cab. They also put too much pressure on my oldest child to help out with everything.

Now my husband is furious with them and with me because he really wanted to take the children to New York first, and he doesn't trust my parents, either.

My children are also mad at me because we've said they will not be going to New York with their grandparents.

I don't know how this situation has spun out of control, and I'm also unhappy that I have to feel like the bad guy in this situation. — Mom in the Middle

Dear Mom: Forget being the bad guy. That designation only comes up in a mother's life maybe 8,000 times before the kids are grown up.

The first thing you

should do is discuss the situation with your sister.

She clearly needs to up the ante on the discipline front when she is at home, and do share your concerns that your dad may be too old to look after little kids, and his wife doesn't seem cut out for the job, either.

I think your children will be cool with the idea that their dad wants to take them on their first trip to NYC.

And I would be forthright in explaining the reduction of time spent alone with their cousin and grandparents. Don't be shy about saying safety matters to you, and Grandpa is too permissive for your taste. — Margo, immovably

It Can't Be a Coincidence

Dear Margo: I seem to have a five-year itch for just about everything: relationships, geography, jobs. Do you think it's them or me? — Stuck

Dear Stuck: Well, that's certainly a precise question. Knowing little else besides the fact that everything in your life lasts for about five years, I would hazard the guess that it's you.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are the dealer. What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

- ♠Q8752 ♥AKQ4 ♦J8 ♣A6
- ♠AKJ104 ♥9 ♣A ♦Q109832
- ♠10 ♥AQJ93 ♦198652 ♣A
- ♠AK74 ♥AJ5 ♦873 ♣762
- ♠K92 ♥AQJ ♦8754 ♣A65

- One spade.** This follows the general rule that you bid your longer suit first. You should not abandon the rule simply because the hearts are of much better quality than the spades. The length of the two suits is the determining factor. Hearts can be mentioned next if the opportunity arises. It would be wrong to open one notrump, even though you have 16 high-card points and no void or singleton. The two doubletons, as well as the potential of a major-suit game, militate strongly against opening one notrump.
- One club.** Here also, the longer suit is bid first. The club opening makes it possible to bid the spades economically at your next turn and then again at your third turn, identifying your five-card spade suit and, by inference, your equally long or longer club suit. This should help partner steer your side to the best contract.
- One heart.** An exception is made here by opening one heart even though the diamonds are longer. The chief reason for this is that when you're dealing with a 6-5 distribution in the minimum range, and the two suits are touching one another, it is better to start with the higher-ranking suit even though it might be the shorter one. This enables you to bid the lower-ranking suit on the next round, thereby keeping the bidding lower.
- Pass.** Despite your three quick tricks, there is simply no adequate opening bid available. To open one spade and be faced with finding a proper rebid if partner responds two clubs or two diamonds is asking for trouble; it would be impossible to make a rebid that would show you values and distribution correctly. Alternatively, to open one club with the 7-6-2 would be too great a distortion of your actual holding. A pass is therefore the best course of action.
- One diamond.** Hands containing 14 high-card points are compulsory opening bids. This principle overrides one's natural reluctance to open the bidding with a suit headed by only the eight, but there is no other possible bid available. The only alternative — one notrump — would promise a higher point count.

Tomorrow: Self-control.
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