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HC officials pleased with funding process Though the state has declined to provide more money this year

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
 While Howard College officials are disappointed in not receiving more state money this year, they are celebrating a new funding process they believe will stabilize funding for the institution.

Barring a last-minute change of heart from Gov. Rick Perry, state appropriations to the Howard County Junior College District will remain roughly the same as last year. The appropriation bill, which includes money for

Texas colleges and universities, is awaiting Perry's signature. It includes slightly more than \$7 million per year for Howard College and \$2.65 million a year for SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. "Howard College is receiv-

ing \$10,000 less than last year, while SWCID will receive the same amount of money," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "So, as you can see, our state funding will remain essentially flat." The good news on the state appropriations front is that

state officials have adopted a new funding formula which Sparks believes will result in much-needed stability in how money is disbursed to colleges. In past years, state See **FUNDING**, Page 3

It's not your Daddy's Summer School

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
 Anyone over the age of 50 would probably look back on the idea of having to attend summer school and shiver — and, to be honest, no student of any era relishes the idea of attending classes when everyone else is goofing off — but the focus of summer classes has changed significantly over the years. In the past, summer school was reserved for those students who were in danger of flunking out, and that holds true to an extent today, as well. But it also is available to help students prepare for their state assessment testing or get some much-needed remediation or make up for excessive absences or even earn a few extra high school credits. Big Spring Independent School District students began attending summer school classes Monday and will continue doing so through June 20 (for elementary and junior high) and June 27 (for high school), said Chris Wigington, secondary curriculum specialist for the district. Wigington said summer school classes are offered to students who the district feels need a helping hand getting their coursework into shape. But it serves other purposes as well. "For kids in the fifth and eighth grades, it's offered for those who need remediation work so they can pass the STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) test," he said. "At the high school, it's offered mostly for credit recovery, but we also offer art and Spanish II classes for those kids who want to get ahead. In all the other grades,



Wigington



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Wednesday's high winds wreaked havoc on drought-riddled trees in the area. John Fisher helps out a neighbor whose vehicle was in the wrong place at the wrong time when this tree snapped at the base and toppled over onto his neighbor's truck. Despite some hail and loss of power in various locations, Big Spring and surrounding areas have received an inch or more of much-needed moisture this week.

Sign-up deadline nears for Boys & Girls Club program

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer
 Time is running out for area parents looking to take advantage of the annual Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Summer Program. The local charity looks to kick off its 10-week program Monday morning. Boys and Girls Club program director Duane Shackelford said the program is expected to serve 120 to 140 area children between the ages of 5 and 18 years, and with a new facility ready to go, the program will have even more to offer this year. "We've signed up about 80 children at this time," Shackelford said. "So we still have plenty of slots available for local children. However, we've had a lot of parents inquire about the program and pick up the paperwork, and I'm willing to bet a lot of those slots are going to disappear pretty quickly come Monday morning. So, if you've waited until the last

"Boys & Girls Club gives them a chance to participate in arts and crafts, sports and other activities that will help them grow as people. If they weren't participating in the program, however, many of them might be getting into trouble or causing problems in the community."



—Duane Shackelford, program director

with the newly constructed gymnasium and facilities," Shackelford said proudly. "We'll have athletic games in the gym, arts and crafts, game room activities, reading, movies ... you name it and it's likely we'll have it. The children will have more than enough to do this summer." The program will run until Aug. 16, according to Shackelford, Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. "For a lot of parents, daycare just isn't an option," Shackelford said. "The charge for our summer program is \$50 a month, which is \$125 for the entire 10-month summer program, which is within the reach of most parents. It's certainly less than what most child care facilities charge." And while the program is certainly a God-send for many of the area's working parents, Shackelford said it's also a chance for

minute, you'll have to move pretty quickly." Shackelford said children participating in the program have plenty to look forward to. "We have a lot to offer, especially

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Obituaries

Gary Lynn Goswick

Gary Lynn Goswick, 58, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m., Friday, June 14, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park Cemetery in Big Spring, Texas.

Gary was born Aug. 14, 1954, to Una and Lester Goswick in Big Spring. He married Gina on April 14, 1993, in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Gina Goswick of Midland; two daughters, Shelbi Lynn Goswick and Savannah Belle Goswick, both of Midland; brother, Jonnie Goswick and wife Laura of Kerrville, Texas; sister, Verna Baldwin and husband Kenneth of Amarillo, Texas; two nephews; and a grand-nephew.

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

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- VICTOR RAYMOND DOMINGUEZ, 37, 1425 E. Sixth No. 19, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- PEDRO RIVERA APONTE, 54, 1305 Nolan, was arrested on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to control speed, two counts of failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.
- JENNIFER DEANN CATE, 30, Forsan, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOSHUA NATHANIEL MILLER, 36, 2623 Hunter, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- EDUARDO RAMIREZ GALLARDO, 33, 806 Ohio, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated/third or more offense.
- RONNIE GARCIA, 34, Sweetwater, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- THEFT was reported in the 800 block of E. 13th, the 800 block of W. Interstate 20, the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and the 1600 block of Canary.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. Third.
- IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activity (84 inmates were reported in the county jail):

- VICTOR RAYMOND DOMINGUEZ, 37, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- MEAGAN BROOKE SCARBROUGH, 23, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for posses-

sion of a controlled substance.

- MARIAN REED, 59, was jailed on a motion to adjudicate for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.
- LORI GARCIA FRANCO, 27, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation on theft of property with two or more previous convictions.
- EDUARDO RAMIREZ GALLARDO, 43, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated/third or more offense.
- JENNIFER DEANN CATE, 30, was jailed on a charge of possession of controlled substance.
- PEDRO RIVERA APONTE, 54, was jailed on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to control speed, two counts of failure to appear and parent contributing to non-attendance.
- ERBEY LOPEZ, 48, was jailed on a sentence for driving while intoxicated with child passenger.
- RONNIE GARCIA, 34, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- JOHN MICHAEL McMURRAY, 44, was jailed on sentence for DW/third or more offense.
- JOSHUA NATHANIEL MILLER, 36, was jailed on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- JUAN ANGEL MADRID, 27, was jailed on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JONATHAN DAVID ANDERSON, 27, was jailed on two charges of possession of a controlled substance and one charge of possession of marijuana.
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 31, was jailed on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- MELISSA EUNICE PAXTON, 36, was jailed on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
- ADRIANNA VEGA, 18, was jailed on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on

the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at

Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320.

• VA Alcoholics Anon-

ymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY




• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m..

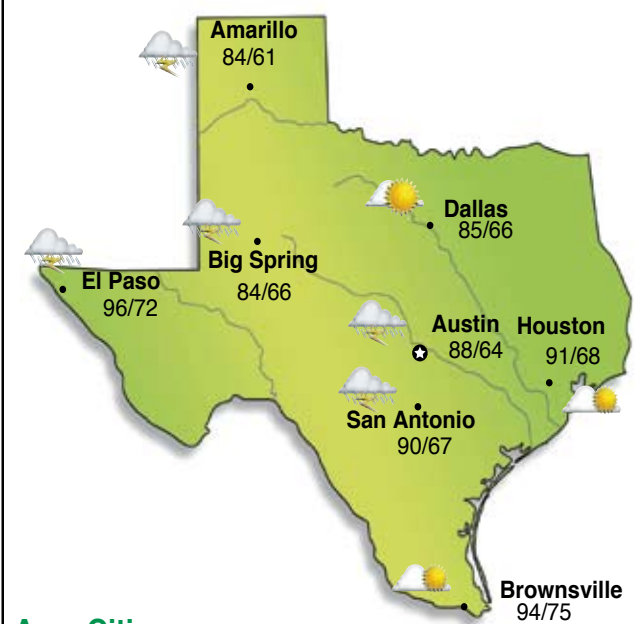
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| Mostly cloudy in the morning with scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. | Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | Mainly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s. |
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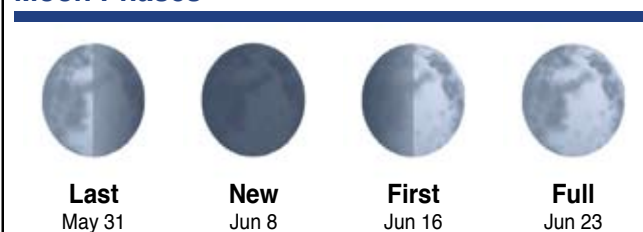
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| Ablene | 84 | 64 | t-storm | Kingsville | 93 | 74 | t-storm |
| Amarillo | 84 | 61 | t-storm | Livingston | 89 | 64 | mst sunny |
| Austin | 88 | 64 | t-storm | Longview | 85 | 63 | pt sunny |
| Beaumont | 88 | 69 | pt sunny | Lubbock | 83 | 62 | t-storm |
| Brownsville | 94 | 75 | pt sunny | Lufkin | 88 | 65 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood | 86 | 63 | t-storm | Midland | 87 | 67 | t-storm |
| Corpus Christi | 89 | 76 | t-storm | Raymondville | 95 | 74 | pt sunny |
| Corsicana | 84 | 64 | mst sunny | Rosenberg | 91 | 68 | pt sunny |
| Dallas | 85 | 66 | mst sunny | San Antonio | 90 | 67 | t-storm |
| Del Rio | 91 | 72 | t-storm | San Marcos | 89 | 64 | t-storm |
| El Paso | 96 | 72 | t-storm | Sulphur Springs | 84 | 63 | sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 85 | 65 | t-storm | Sweetwater | 82 | 63 | t-storm |
| Gainesville | 83 | 63 | mst sunny | Tyler | 86 | 65 | mst sunny |
| Greenville | 83 | 62 | mst sunny | Weatherford | 84 | 64 | mst sunny |
| Houston | 91 | 68 | pt sunny | Wichita Falls | 85 | 63 | pt sunny |

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| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Atlanta | 83 | 65 | t-storm | Minneapolis | 70 | 55 | pt sunny |
| Boston | 58 | 55 | rain | New York | 65 | 62 | rain |
| Chicago | 66 | 48 | pt sunny | Phoenix | 108 | 78 | sunny |
| Dallas | 85 | 66 | mst sunny | San Francisco | 74 | 59 | sunny |
| Denver | 78 | 58 | t-storm | Seattle | 71 | 52 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 91 | 68 | pt sunny | St. Louis | 75 | 59 | pt sunny |
| Los Angeles | 74 | 63 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 75 | 69 | rain |
| Miami | 87 | 77 | t-storm | | | | |

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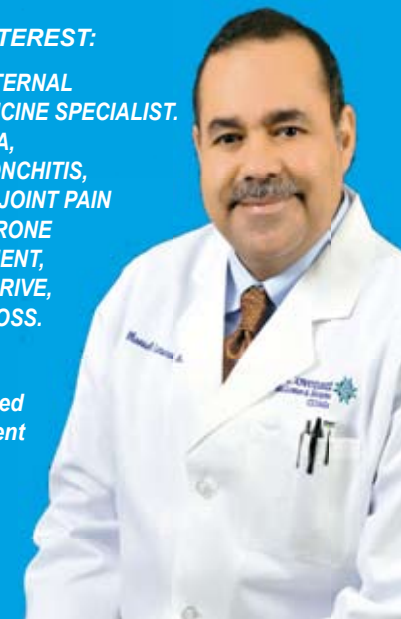
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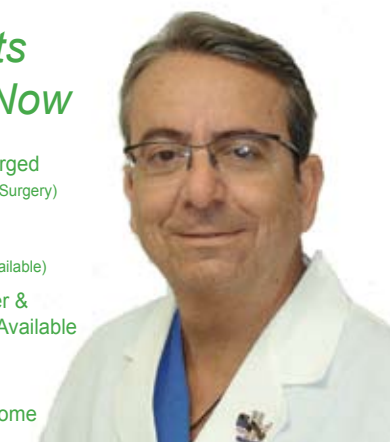
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Take Note

• The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia reminded producers they have until Friday to apply for assistance for 2011 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. The program provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or quality losses. For more information about the Farm Service Agency's disaster assistance programs, visit the local FSA county office or <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum will be having a clearance sale of all Gift Shop items and some specialty items from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Everything will be 75 percent off! Visit www.hangar25airmuseum.com for information on the Gift Shop items.

• God's Backyard Bible Camp will be held over five days in Coahoma and Sand Springs. Day one will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in Coahoma city park. On June 15, the 9-11 a.m. event will move to Sand Springs at the open lot on Texas Road. The final three days will be June 17-19 at Midway Baptist Church from 9 a.m. until noon. Fun-filled activities, games and snacks will be provided. Transportation is available. Children

ages 3 through the sixth grade are welcome. Registration is required but there is no fee. Call 432-263-6274 for questions or to reserve transportation.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Chorus rehearsals for July 3's Pops in the Park will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday of the month — June 4, 11, 18 and 25. The location will be at the First United Methodist Church chorus rehearsal room. Enter the north door in the alleyway. Anyone who has the time to attend all four rehearsals is welcome to participate. For more information, contact Dr. Keith Graumann at 432-213-0645 or keithgraumann@yahoo.com

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in 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.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209

Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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appropriations were almost entirely dependent on how many contact hours (the time students were in classes or labs) — the more contact hours a college generated, the more state money it received.

That formula was all fine and good when

Howard experienced good enrollment years, but the college felt the pinch when student numbers decreased, Sparks said. For example, she pointed to figures which show that 43 of Texas' 50 community colleges — including Howard — are now experiencing declining contact hours.

The new funding formula for community

colleges is split into three parts:

• Each community college will receive \$500,000 a year in "core funding." This figure will not fluctuate, Sparks noted.

• Ninety percent of the remaining appropriation will be based on how many contact hours the college generates.

• The remaining 10 percent of state money will be disbursed based

on how well the college achieves certain "student success points." The more students who achieve these milestones — which include factors such as how many semester hours they complete and whether they receive a certificate or degree for their coursework — the more state money the college will receive.

"Now, we're focusing

not only on enrollment, but also how successful the students are during their college experience," Sparks said.

The new formula will not effect SWCID appropriations, which is handled separately from other community colleges, she added.

Sparks said the new formula represents an improvement over past models.

"Certainly, we would have been pleased with more funding," she said. "At the same time, we are very pleased we now have stability in our funding. The fact we'll be able to maintain a consistent appropriation level is a good thing."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

SCHOOL

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it's for kids who we feel could use the extra help with their coursework or to help them prepare for the STAAR."

BSISD elementary students attend summer

classes from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., while junior high schools go to classes from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. High schoolers attend summer classes from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wigington said.

Summer school for Forsan ISD students starts Monday and runs

through June 26, said Randy Gartman, principal of Elbow Elementary. There, students will attend classes from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

FISD summer school follows roughly the same outlines as Big Spring, with a few extra incentives thrown in.

"We use it for kids who are just needing some extra reinforcement or kids who are having to take another state assessment test," Gartman said. "Kids can also use it to make up for (too many) absences during the regular school year; also, we

offer voluntary summer classes for (English as a Second Language) students who are having trouble with their classes."

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

SUMMER

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the children to learn and grow.

"For a lot of these children, the alternative is pretty bleak," he said. "Boys & Girls Club gives them a chance to participate in arts and crafts, sports and other activities that will help them grow as people.

If they weren't participating in the program, however, many of them might be getting into trouble or causing problems in the community. So it not only provides a

much-needed service to the parents and the children, it also helps keep these kids off the streets and out of trouble. We feel like that's very important."

Shackelford said lunches will be provided during the first several weeks — approximately eight weeks — and after that, the children will be expected to bring a sack lunch.

"The first several weeks, we'll be busing the kids to Big Spring High School for lunch Mondays through Thursdays," he said. "After that, the chil-

dren will be responsible for bringing their own lunch. There are no financial restrictions to be met or anything like that. Once the program is full, there will be a waiting list in case any of the children drop out. Anyone who is inter-

ested can contact me for more information."

For more information on the program, contact Shackelford at 432-264-7344.

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Holder can't investigate himself

No one should pretend that dealing with leaks of highly sensitive and classified national security documents is easy. I remember hearing plenty of conservatives taking to the airwaves to accuse The New York Times of nothing less than "treason" for publishing materials provided by WikiLeaks. I thought the Times publication was squarely within the bounds of First Amendment law, just as I think James Rosen was acting within the bounds of the First Amendment in the reporting that led to the government's securing a search warrant targeting him in 2010.



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The balance between the First Amendment and national security is delicate and difficult, to say the least, and the actions taken against Rosen properly demand a thorough review of Justice Department policy.

But the person leading that review should not be the same man who approved the Rosen warrant.

Eric Holder cannot investigate himself.

Any investigation or review led by him will not be taken seriously or accepted as legitimate. Off-the-record meetings with him will not restore confidence in his Justice Department.

I don't know Holder personally, but many people I know do. They say he is smart and thoughtful and decent, an honorable man in an unbelievably dif-

ficult job in a bitter and partisan town.

I expect that when he approved the warrant for Rosen's records, a warrant that named Rosen as a potential member of a conspiracy to commit espionage, Holder did so not because he doesn't like Rosen or Fox News, but because he was very concerned about a dangerous leak of sensitive information.

I expect that when he tells Congress he is troubled by warrants aimed at journalists, he really is. I expect that he is determined to lead a fair and thorough review of Justice Department policies, as the president has directed.

But none of that matters. No one can credibly investigate themselves.

An investigation led by the very man whose actions triggered the need for an investigation will be viewed as a whitewash regardless of its conclusion. His efforts to reach out to journalists in an off-the-record meeting were bound to lead, as they did, to rejections from major news organizations (including The New York Times, Fox News and others).

What is startling to me, frankly, is that neither the White House nor Holder seems to "get" this. Have they blinded themselves to so basic a principle as the one that says you can't investigate yourself? Is Washington so overheated that no one can see that everything has to be on the record if you are to restore trust?

Yes, Holder has been the target of partisan attack for much of the past four years. Yes, some of the criticism now is being brought by those who are only too happy to pile on another "Obama scandal."

But the answers offered by the administration and the Justice Department — a Holder-led investigation, an off-the-record meeting — are stoking the flames.

To date, Democrats mostly have been biting their tongues. But that won't last.

James Comey, President Obama's choice to head the FBI, made his name as acting attorney general during the famous "hospital room standoff" in which Comey stood up to the Bush White House's effort to try to convince the hospitalized attorney general to reapprove a wiretapping program that raised serious constitutional problems. Comey put law above politics, which is where it belongs.

Prominent Democrats, sooner or later, will have to do the same. They can only get away with being "deeply troubled" for so long. The White House is not only giving ammunition to its opponents, but it's also putting its friends in an impossible position.

Find a prominent Republican who values both the First Amendment and national security. Ask that person to put together an independent task force to review Justice Department policy. This is not that hard. What is hard to understand is why the White House hasn't done it already.

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Guantanamo's history: It's much more than a prison

Long before Guantanamo became synonymous with al-Qaida prisoners, American injustice and hunger strikes — yes, even before it became known as a high-security prison for suspected terrorists — it was a U.S. Naval Base with a long and fascinating history. It still is!

And long after the military prison is gone, the U.S. Naval Base is very likely to remain there, surrounding Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — still the oldest American outpost on foreign soil, and the only one in a communist country.

Those 45 square miles of land and water are so unique and awkward for an American military installation that you would think some occasional historical perspective is necessary.

Yet nowadays, we hear journalists and pundits talking about how Guantanamo "needs to be closed" — without clarifying that they are referring only to the military prison opened there in 2002, not the base established there in 1903.

We see no efforts to put Guantanamo in proper historical context, no explanation for why the United States can hold enemy prisoners within the territory of another enemy.

Listening to some pundits, you could easily assume that Guantanamo was inexplicably imposed on Cuba after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and that U.S. Sailors and Marines have been there only for the past decade.

In the interest of clarity, you would think that some journalists would take the time or space to explain that Guantanamo has a history, and that it goes all the way back to the Spanish-Ameri-

can War near the end of the 19th century.

You would think that someone would remind us that for the past few decades, Guantanamo has served as an escape valve for Cubans who defy minefields and shark-infested bay waters to reach the base and win their freedom from communism. You would think that at least some pundits would remember recent history, especially the early 1990s, when Guantanamo housed tent-city detention centers for Cuban and Haitian refugees intercepted at sea while trying to reach Florida.

But nah, that would be going much more in-depth than today's telegraphic news media allows. Our news is so abbreviated and condensed, so well packaged into tiny sound bites, blog spaces and even tweets, that we seldom get the full picture. For example, we hear all about how U.S. Marines are guarding the prison, but practically nothing about their other responsibility: Guarding the base's heavily mined perimeters with Cuba.

Most Americans know much more about the no-man's-land between North and South Korea than the one surrounding the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo. Most don't know that Guantanamo is surrounded by tall watchtowers, barbed-wire fences and minefields, or that instead of keeping prisoners in, those barriers were put there to keep the Cubans and Americans apart.

Some history: The Guantanamo Bay area, near the southeastern tip of Cuba, has been occupied by American forces since U.S. Marines landed there to fight the Spanish-American War in 1898. After winning the war, the U.S. Congress passed the Platt Amendment, giving the United States the legal right to intervene in Cuba's internal affairs and to establish a base at Guantanamo.

When a Cuban Constituent

Assembly was called in 1901, delegates were told that if they wanted the withdrawal of American troops from the rest of the island and political independence — with American supervision — they should accept the Platt Amendment. It was accepted by a one-vote margin, and the amendment became part of the Cuban Constitution.

Cuba was promised ultimate sovereignty over Guantanamo. But in 1903, the United States leased the 45-square-mile bay area from Cuba for 100 years at \$2,000 per year.

That lease could have expired in 2003. But when Congress abolished the Platt Amendment in 1934, the lease agreement was changed to \$4,085 per year — with the stipulation that it would not expire until both countries agree to its termination.

However, since 1961, the year of the unsuccessful U.S.-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion, the Cuban government has not cashed the U.S. checks because it maintains that the 1934 agreement is illegal.

In 1964, the Cubans shut off the water pipes to the base, forcing the United States to build its own desalination plant. But there has been no military conflict there.

The communist regime of Fidel and Raul Castro originally maintained that the lease had to expire after 100 years, dating from the 1898 Marine invasion. But 1998 came and went, and then some Cuban officials, continuing to ignore the 1934 agreement, said the United States would be forced to relinquish Guantanamo by 2003.

Of course, there was little chance that the U.S. government would give up Guantanamo as a gift to an antagonistic, communist regime.

But before the Bush administration turned Guantanamo into a prison for al-Qaida suspects in 2002, some U.S. military officials had

acknowledged that Guantanamo had become outdated and much less strategically significant to U.S. defense.

Although it was once considered an important training center for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, the advent of long-range nuclear missiles and submarines had made Guantanamo nearly obsolete, until it was turned into a military prison for suspected Islamic enemy combatants captured abroad.

Yet for the people eastern Cuba, who live far from Havana's beaches where Cuban rafters escape and sail for the Florida Keys, Guantanamo has been a gateway to freedom.

And while crossing the 90-mile Florida Straits on a flimsy raft is a difficult and treacherous task, Cubans say getting into Guantanamo is like playing Russian Roulette with sharks or land mines — take your pick!

If you go by land, you have to do it in the dark of night, avoid being seen from the Cuban watchtowers, and you have to crawl on your hands and knees through coils of barbed wire in the biggest minefield in the Western world. For a distance of about two city blocks, in the no-man's-land between the Cuban and U.S. fences, you have to avoid the mines and stay totally quiet as you feel the wires piercing your skin and shredding your clothes.

I have met many people who have done it.

No one knows how many Cubans have been killed while trying to make this journey, but we know that hundreds have been maimed and arrested by Cuban authorities after failed attempts to reach the base this way.

However, the other option is jumping in the water and swimming several miles along the Cuban coastline through shark-infested Guantanamo Bay.

Cubans say you have to be a terrific swimmer and a huge gambler to accomplish

this feat.

"We didn't want anything to do with the mines," one successful swimmer told me shortly after he and his buddy were pulled out of the water by U.S. Marines in 1994. "So we decided to take our chances with the sharks."

Marines told me that while Cubans trying to reach the base by land are making an illegal entry and cannot be rescued from the no-man's-land between the two fences, swimmers are covered by international search-and-rescue laws and are routinely fished out of the water.

Nevertheless, whether through sharks or land mines, every year for several decades, hundreds of Cubans managed to reach the base and then a flight to Florida. Under the lease agreement with the Cuban government, Cuba is entitled to claim fugitives who escape to the base.

But since the Castro regime has never recognized the agreement as valid, Cuba has never claimed anyone.

The last time I visited Guantanamo, in 1994, thousand of Cubans and Haitians were being detained in tent cities under deplorable conditions.

One Cuban camp had 12 latrines for 900 men, women and children. "Libertad! Libertad! Libertad!" they chanted when they saw visiting journalists.

I have been to Guantanamo twice, and there is still so much more to tell.

But you get my point, don't you? Guantanamo has a history, and seeing people ignore it is terribly irritating.

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Church News

Non-denominational Sabbath Fellowship

Now meeting at 809 Scurry, Saturday morning 10 till 11 a.m. Now, just who was it that decided to call it, "The old Jewish Sabbath?" In Isaiah 58:13, God calls it, "My holy day," and in Exodus 20:10 He calls it, "The Sabbath of the Lord your God."

And Jesus, referring to Himself, said in Matthew 12:8, "The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath day."

Maybe its time you discovered who changed the day of worshiping God from Sabbath to the first day of the week; the day the pagans worshipped the sun, and even called it the "Sun" day.

We meet each Saturday (Sabbath) at 10 a.m. No sermon or song service -- just an hour of intensive Bible study.

Bring your Bible, a pen and a notepad. You just might find something new that's been in your Bible all along.

Remember, what man says is unimportant; what God says is vital.

Bob Rainwater, moderator. 432-264-9937

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS - The Holy Trinity - Third Sunday After Pentecost - June 9, 2013

Our pastor is the Rev. Lannon Martin. Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Dr. in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is (432) 264-7818.

Our website is <http://www.aicbigspring.org>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday Service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday School to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Bobby Roever will present the readings this week. This week's sermon reference is Jesus The Son of God!

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in

to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts".

Forsan Baptist Church

Due to some unforeseen circumstances we have moved Vacation Bible School to a date to be determined.

Keep watching this space for details.

On Sunday evenings we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and on Wednesdays we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament.

We will have a youth fundraiser garage sale behind Faye's Flowers 7 a.m., June 22.

All proceeds will go toward the mission trip to Mobile, Ala.

We are also working on creating a youth recreation area in the garage.

So far we have a ping pong table, air hockey table, TV and DVD/VCR.

If you have something you would like to donate to this cause we would gladly consider making good use of it.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan.

Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities will continue throughout the summer, but Wednesday night meals will be suspended until the fall.

Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m.

Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time.

Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church is hosting a block party, 6 p.m. Sunday on the north lawn of the church to kick off a week of fun at Vacation Bible School.

Everyone is invited to register for VBS. Monday through Friday all area children are invited to come and take a ride on the Colossal Coaster

Daily sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon at

First Baptist Church.

VBS is available for children pre-K through 7th grade.

FBC invites you to join us for Sunday morning service at 10:50.

Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the message series based on Scripture Joshua 24:15, 'As for me and my house... we will serve the Lord.'

Available each Sunday morning is the opportunity to interact with the morning sermon through You Version on your smart phone, your iPad, or your Kindle Fire.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside FBC each Sunday morning, with Pastor Jim and Debbie Walterhouse. Come at 9:30 for Sunday School, followed by worship services in the chapel.

For additional information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact FBC at (432)267-8223.

FBC youth are having an exciting and busy summer of activities ranging from trips to Six Flags and Hurricane Harbor, 'Fuge' camp, pool parties, and opportunities to serve our community through local events, such as 'Pops in the Park'.

Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini for details at (432) 267-8223. The Mission Center is open the first Thursday morning of each month. Please call the church for additional details on both accessing or serving at the center.

The church has several mission trips scheduled for the summer.

A group from FBC will be traveling to Boston, Mass. in July to assist Charles River Church and the area of Boston that it serves. The relationship between FBC and CRC was in place long before the horrific Boston Marathon bombings.

Sunday school classes are available for all age groups each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

If you have questions, please stop by FBC or call (432) 267-8223 and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you, and talk with you about Jesus Christ.

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Teachable Moments

A few summers ago, my wife and I had the privilege of keeping our grandchildren for a few weeks in Montana. They were 8, 10 and 11. We normally saw them for a few days two or three times a year. I felt like Santa Claus, showering them with presents at Christmas, but not part of their daily lives.



BILL TINSLEY

So we were excited to have a few weeks with them and looking forward to meaningful conversations. We enrolled them in Vacation Bible School.

On the second day, my wife was doling out \$1 bills to each of them and instructing them to place the dollar in the offering. Our 11 year-old granddaughter refused to accept the dollar. "I am going to give my own," she said, a dollar she had earned the week before. "Your offering will have a special blessing," I told her, "because it is your own gift and it costs you something."

I then told her about the poor widow who gave two small coins. "She has given more than all the rest of them," Jesus said, "because she gave all that she had."

When I let them out, she bounced into church clutching her dollar a little more tightly and beaming a little more brightly.

The third day I picked them up from VBS and my 10 year-old grandson asked, "Granddaddy, what is a prostitute?" I hesitated a moment, a little stunned by the question. Then I told him, "A prostitute is a woman who has sex with men for money. Why do you ask?" He replied, "I saw a billboard

that said, 'Before meth I had a daughter. Now I have a prostitute.' What does that mean?" I told him, "That means that someone had a daughter they loved very much who became addicted to drugs and started having sex with men for money so she could buy more drugs. It is a very bad thing."

My 8 year-old, wanting to be part of the conversation said, "What does all *that* mean, granddaddy?" I was saved by his older brother who turned to him and said, "Don't ask. It's inappropriate information for us children."

Teachable moments come when they will. We cannot predict them. It is kind of like playing baseball. You never know when the ball might be hit your way. You just have to always be ready to respond in the best way you know how.

Jesus was the master of using the teachable moment with His followers. Once a group of men brought a woman to Him who had been caught in the act of adultery.

They stood ready to stone her according to the Law of Moses, but Jesus wrote something in the dirt beside her and challenged them. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

One by one they dropped their stones and left. When all were gone Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more." Life is filled with teachable moments when God wants to teach us a better way and help us teach our children and grandchildren.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com

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Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship followed by the word. Our 2013 vision focus is "Restoring Hope to the Hopeless." Last week, Pastor Willard began a new topic entitled "No Condemnation," with title of "Pardoned; not paroled." Scripture was taken from Romans 8:1. This week he will continue on part 2 of the same title.

Discipleship 101 Bible Study is Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Overcomers: Recovery and Restoration class meets Thursday 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the green room of the east wing. Please park in the rear of the church and enter in through the metal door across from the fellowship hall.

CCC new member class began June 2. If you would like to find a church home, please contact the church office at the number below to pre-register for our upcoming classes. Classes are free of charge.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 mos.- Kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th - 12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24 yrs.); Men's and Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment. CCC meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. (Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services, please see our Multimedia Dept.) Mother's Lounge and Childrens Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services. CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens St.) For more information please contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

Midway Baptist Church

This will be a five-day event in the Coahoma and Sand Springs communities. Day one will be Saturday, June 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Coahoma city park.

Saturday, June 15 will be in Sand Springs at the open lot on Texas Road from 9 to 11 a.m. The final three days, June 17-19, will be at the Midway Baptist Church Monday through Wednesday at 6200 S. Service Road in Sand Springs from 9 a.m. to noon.

Transportation is available. Please call 432-263-6274 if you have any questions. All children ages 3 through sixth grade are welcome to attend.

All these events are free. Registration is required. For your convenience you may pre-registr your child/childrn at www.vacationbibleschool.com/midwaybaptistchurch

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesdays in the church library. The Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m. The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

The Youth Group meets at 6 in the theater room for movie night Sunday.

John Farquhar is liturgist for the month. Ushers are Nancy and Jim Bill Little, Jo Dell Myrick, and Ann Sinclair. Communion Servers were Janie Conley, Paula Farquhar, Helen and Lynn Glass, and Danny Kennemur.

Tuesday, at 6 p.m. we will have a fel-

lowship dinner in honor of the Rev. Sarah Henken, mission worker coordinator for the Andean region in South America and living in Bolivia. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Friday, June 14, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Odessa will host the 97th Stated Meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery. Registration forms are available in the church office. Sarah Salinas is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. The lectionary for the Third Sunday after Pentecost is I Kings 17:8-16, (17-24); Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17. The Chancel Choir will present the anthem "Most Glorious Lord of Life" by William H. Harris, and the offertory anthem "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" by K. Lee Scott. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will give the sermon.

You may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin please call the church office at 263-4211. Or visit our website: www.fpchs.org

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located on Gregg St. at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Sunday morning worship is 8:30 and 10:50, with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45. A nursery is provided at all times. The 10:50 a.m. worship service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

Saturday, is our women's brunch from 9 to 11 in the Partee Youth Gym. Special guest speaker is Cari Littau of Canyon, Texas. If you plan to attend please phone Shanna Niewoehner at 312-6883.

This Sunday, we'll be celebrating the congregation's mission efforts in Nicaragua. For the last 11 years, First United Methodist Church has sent two to three adult and youth mission teams to the Central American country each year.

As a part of the celebration, congregation members will hear from Brady Mikeska, Larry McLellan, Ann McClarty, Murray Murphy, and Diane Murphy at both morning worship services.

On June 11, members of the "Food2Kids" Task Force will gather at 5:30 p.m. in the open door meeting room to continue planning for the roll out of "Food2Kids" this fall. Task Force members include Pastor Bill Ivins, Ann McClarty, Muffett Bomar, JoAnne Forrest, Kyland Wegner, Karen Carmen, Pam Steel, Peggy Hopper, Jim Anderson, and Bri Anderson.

Everyone is invited to attend Wednesday noon Bible study in Garrett hall this week.

Our Minister of discipleship, Jim Anderson, will continue a study in the book of Hebrews. A meal is included for a nominal charge and serving begins at 11:50 a.m.

Pool side parables will meet Wednesday at the home of Adrian and Amanda Calvio from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information visit our website at fumchs.com or phone Jim Anderson at 267-6394.

Epic youth ministry will resume July 17.

The music ministry of First United Methodist Church is making preparations for our congregation's Independence Sunday celebration July 7.

All singers are invited to join the "Glory Hallelujah Festival Choir" for special rehearsals Thursday, June 20 from 8 till 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 27 from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m, Saturday, July 6 from 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information, please phone Eddie Vandewalker at (817) 521-8667.

Vacation Bible school is set for August 4 - 7. Please visit our website at fumchs.com for more information or to register your child.

Sometimes we all just need to listen

I know God must have a great sense of humor. He must be looking down from heaven, laughing at His self-sufficient adult children as they blunder through life.

He watches with an outstretched hand as we stumble from one mess to another. He must shake His head a bit when we throw up our hands in frustration without even asking for His advice.

While we are fumbling around trying to live our lives without help from anyone, God is scheming. He is busy finding ways to draw our attention to the things He wants us to learn.

He is the master teacher. He can manipulate events that seem coincidental into divine appointments and slap-in-the-face revelations. He doesn't stop until we are willing to listen.

Having just endured a bout with laryngitis, I had the opportunity to learn one of those valuable, laughable lessons.

After three days of silence, I sat down to check my email and get caught up on some reading. In the midst of a devotional article written by Pastor Rick Warren, I thought I would test my voice by trying to read aloud.

God's timing was perfect. In



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something between a whisper and a squawk, I read, "You can't hear God if you are talking."

When I got through laughing at my plight, I read the rest of the article silently. The entire article was about being still and knowing that God is God. (Psalm 46:10) Warren explained that his own translation of the verse is: "Sit down and shut up."

I'm sure God wasn't surprised that just a few weeks ago, I heard someone else pray, "God help me to shut up, be still, and let God be God."

If we are truthful, most of us have to admit that we had rather talk and complain about our problems than to be still and wait for God to speak.

We prefer our own ranting and raving to His small voice.

However, one wise man, perhaps King Solomon, wrote, "Those who are sure of themselves do not talk all the time."

People who stay calm have real insight. After all, even fools may be thought wise and intelligent if they stay quiet and keep their mouths shut" (Proverbs 17: 27-28 TEV).

Perhaps the best thing we can do when we are troubled is to shut up and listen. God just might have a message for us.

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► Reader's Corner

Daddy and Sonny

Daddy!
Well?
You awake, Daddy?
Yes.
So'm I.
Yes, I hear you are. What do you wish?
Oh, nuffin'.
Well, lie still and go to sleep.
I isn't s'eppey, Daddy.
Well, I am, young man.
Is? I isn't, not a bit. Say Daddy, if you was wick, what would you buy me?
I don't know.
Wouldn't you buy me nuffin', Daddy?
I guess so.
Well, what?
Well, a steam engine, maybe.
And would the wheels go round?
MMM Hummm.
And would it go choo, choo, chooooo, Daddy?
MMM Hummmm. Now go to sleep.
Say, Daddy, is you 'fraid of th dark?
Of course not!
I isn't either. Say Daddy, if I was wick, I'd buy you somepin'.
Would you?
Uh huh. I'd buy you some ice cream and choc'late drops, and a toof brush, and a candy Wooster, an--
That will do.
Daddy, Daddy, I want a drink of water.
No you don't either.
Yes, Daddy, I do.
Now, here, I don't want to hear another word out of you tonight.
I can spell dog, Daddy, b-o-g, isn't it Daddy?
Yes, yes, now lie still and go to sleep, instantly!
Then I will be a good little boy, won't I Daddy?
Yes, you'll be the best little boy on earth. Good night, dear.
Is I your little boy, Daddy?
Of course!
Some man's haven't got little boys, but you have, haven't you Daddy?
I should say I have!
Don't you wish you had two, free, nine, 'leven, 26, 300 little boys?
The mere possibility of such a remote calamity so paralyses the father that he lies speechless for 10 minutes, during which time he hears a yawn or tow in a little bed by his side, a little figure rolls over several

times, a pair of heels fly into the air once or twice, and the little boy is asleep, with his heels where his head ought to be.

I believe this was written by my Mother, Lilah Rhea Miller, over 60 years ago, when I was inducted into the Army and had left home for the first time.

Chaplain Joel Miller

The Greatest Man I'll Ever Know

The greatest man I've ever known
Is a man I seldom see
As I've grown up I've come to realize
The truths in what he's told me
He's always been there to give me guidance
He will always be my rock
And if ever I become the man he is
It'd be an accomplishment to have reached the top
He is the kindest, wisest and gentlest man
This world will ever know
But if ever you cross him or show disrespect
The other side of him will show
This man taught me to see the beauty in life
Even in the smell of air
And every evening God paints a picture in the sky
Now every evening at it I stare
Because of him I spend hours watching the rain
Just sitting and watching it fall
Because God put it here for us to enjoy
And it'll take a lifetime to enjoy it all
He has always pushed me with his faith in me
In me he instilled a desire to succeed
And in every course of action I take in life
I ask myself if he would agree
There are very few people I live my life for
Very few I strive to make proud
But he is always a man who is on my mind
Not just another face in the crowd
I ask myself often what he thinks of me
If he's proud of the man I've become

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I live my life by the standards he has set
Although they are big shoes to fill
I will always try to make the right decisions
Because he has given me strong will
If ever one day people look at me the way I look at him
May he be proud of me and know it's because He's influenced me since my life did begin
From the words of wisdom and facts of life
He used to teach me as a child
To teaching me how to drive his car
When I was young and

wild
He has always had the patience
Of a man who understands
The things in life that our generation thinks
Are just out of our hands
I wish the world had more people like his generation
they were the greatest to ever live
And I wish more people my age would shut up and listen
To the advice they have to give
Grandpa always know the influence you've had on me
That's helped make me the man I am
And know the values for which you have always stood
Are the values for which I now stand
— *By Zelda Gibbs*

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

Below are five bidding sequences. In each case, state whether you consider the last bid in the sequence to be forcing (compelling partner to bid again) or nonforcing (permitting partner to pass).

| | Opener | Responder |
|----|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | 1♠ 2♥ | 2♦ 2NT |
| 2. | 1NT | 4NT |
| 3. | 1♣ 2♣ 2♥ | 1♥ 2♦ 3♣ |
| 4. | 1♦ 3♦ 3♠ | 1♥ 3♥ |
| 5. | 3♦ | 3♠ |

1. **Nonforcing.** Responder has indicated at least 10 points by his two-diamond bid and does not show extra values by bidding two notrump in this sequence. Therefore, if opener has minimum values, he may pass. It follows that if responder has a game-going hand, he must bid three notrump, not two.

2. **Nonforcing.** This is an invitational raise in notrump and has nothing

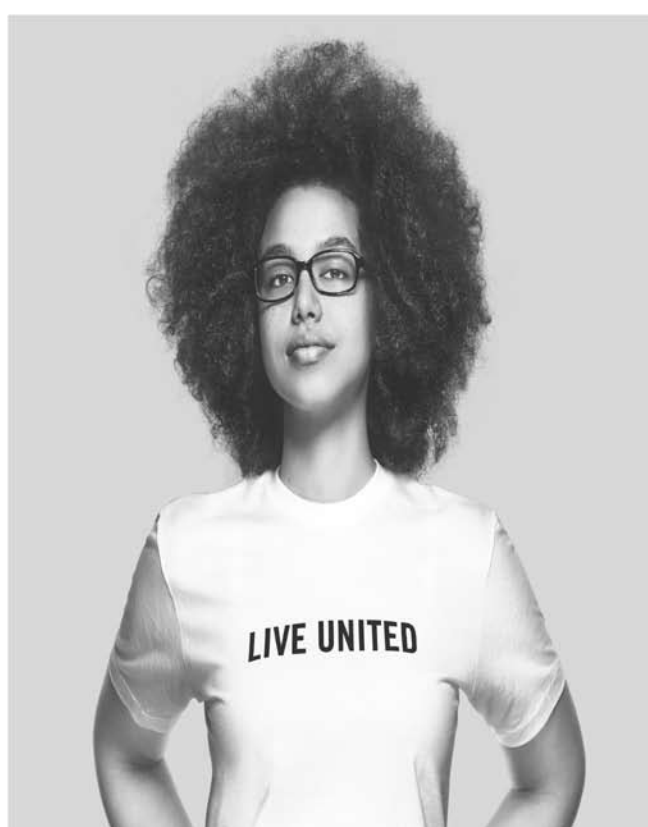
to do with Blackwood. Responder is asking partner to go on to slam if he has a maximum one-notrump opening, and to pass if he has a minimum. If opener is in the middle of his notrump range (say, 16 points playing 15-17 notrumps), he can bid five notrump and leave the final decision to partner.

3. **Forcing.** Responder's first two bids were forcing, and so is the three-club bid. Responder must have a game-going hand, since he failed to pass two clubs and also failed to bid three clubs (invitational) instead of two diamonds. He is apparently looking for the best game or slam contract.

4. **Forcing.** Opener might be inviting partner to bid three notrump with a club stopper, or he might be angling for a slam in diamonds or hearts. Responder can't tell yet which it is, but he should make the most descriptive bid he can find at this point.

5. **Forcing.** When responder names a new suit below the game level, the bid is unconditionally forcing — even when the opener's bid is pre-emptive. This allows responder to explore for the right contract when he has a good hand without having to make a blind stab at the best spot.

Tomorrow: Painstaking care.
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News in brief

Intelligence chief declassifies details of phone-records program after uproar over snooping

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving to tamp down a public uproar spurred by the disclosure of two secret surveillance programs, the nation's top intelligence official is declassifying key details about one of the programs while insisting the efforts were legal, limited in scope and necessary to detect terrorist threats.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, in an unusual late-night statement Thursday, denounced the leaks of highly classified documents that revealed the programs and warned that America's security will suffer. He called the disclosure of a program that targets foreigners' Internet use "reprehensible," and said the leak of another program that lets the government collect Americans' phone records would affect how America's enemies behave and make it harder to understand their intentions.

"The unauthorized disclosure of a top secret U.S. court document threatens potentially long-lasting and irreversible harm to our ability to identify and respond to the many threats facing our nation," Clapper said of the phone-tracking program.

At the same time, he offered new information about both programs, saying he wanted to correct the "misleading impression" created by out-of-context news articles even as he acknowledged that publicly discussing the programs comes with inherent security risks.

"I believe it is important for the American people to understand the limits of this targeted counterterrorism program and the principles that govern its use," Clapper said.

Like profit-driven companies, U.S. government mining Big Data to dig deeper into people's lives

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With every phone call they make and every Web excursion they take, people are leaving a digital trail of revealing data that can be tracked by profit-seeking companies and terrorist-hunting government officials.

The revelations that the National Security Agency is perusing millions of U.S. customer phone records at Verizon Communications and snooping on the digital communications stored by nine major Internet services illustrate how aggressively personal data is being collected and analyzed.

Verizon is handing over so-called metadata, ex-

cerpts from millions of U.S. customer records, to the NSA under an order issued by the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, according to a report in the British newspaper The Guardian. The report was confirmed Thursday by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Former NSA employee William Binney told the Associated Press that he estimates the agency collects records on 3 billion phone calls each day.

The NSA and FBI appear to be casting an even wider net under a clandestine program code-named "PRISM" that came to light in a story posted late Thursday by The Washington Post. PRISM gives the U.S. government access to email, documents, audio, video, photographs and other data that people entrust to some of the world's best known companies, according to The Washington Post. The newspaper said it reviewed a confidential roster of companies and services participating in PRISM. The companies included AOL Inc., Apple Inc., Facebook Inc., Google Inc., Microsoft Corp., Yahoo Inc., Skype, YouTube and Paltalk.

With California summit, Obama seeks to cement relationship with China's new leader

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Seeking a fresh start to a complex relationship, President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping are retreating to a sprawling desert estate for two days of talks on high-stakes issues, including cybersecurity and North Korea's nuclear threats.

Obama's efforts to press Xi to halt China's alleged hacking against the U.S. could be overshadowed by revelations that Obama's own administration has been secretly seizing phone records from millions of Americans.

There are significant differences between China's reported cyberattacks against U.S. interests and the Obama administration's court-approved domestic surveillance program. But both underscore the vast technological — and in some cases, legal — powers that governments have to access information covertly from individuals, companies and other governments.

The setting for the talks that begin Friday is the 200-acre Sunnylands estate just outside Palm Springs, Calif., marking a departure from the formality that typically greets Chinese leaders during state visits at the White House. U.S. officials hope the relaxed atmosphere will facilitate a more candid and free-flowing discussion between the leaders of the world's two largest economies.

Obama was due to arrive Friday afternoon following a health-care event and a Democratic fundraiser in Northern California. He and Xi will hold a bilateral meeting Friday evening, then take questions from reporters. They'll also have discussions during a working dinner Friday night and hold additional talks Saturday morning.

IRS agents in Cincinnati believe higher-ups in Washington directed tea party targeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Internal Revenue Service agents working in the agency's Cincinnati office say higher-ups in Washington directed the targeting of conservative political groups when they applied for tax-exempt status, a contention that directly contradicts claims made by the agency since the scandal erupted last month.

The Cincinnati agents didn't provide proof that senior IRS officials in Washington ordered the targeting. But one of the agents said her work processing the applications was closely supervised by a Washington lawyer in the IRS division that handles applications for tax-exempt status, according to a transcript of her interview with congressional investigators.

Her interview suggests a long trail of emails that could support her claim.

The revelation could prove to be significant if investigators are able to show that Washington officials were involved in singling out tea party and other conservative groups for extra scrutiny. IRS officials have said repeatedly that the targeting was initiated by front-line agents in the Cincinnati office.

Sudoku Answer on Page 5

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Britton to retire after 35 years

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

After 36 years of coaching — 35 of which were spent at Big Spring — Cross Country Coach Randy Britton is hanging up the spurs.

Britton has helped oversee several sports during his time at BSHS, but he will be remembered most for his contributions to the track and cross country programs. In fact, he guided the school to its only state championship in history in 2006, when his squad brought home the gold in cross country.

“It’s been a great 35 years,” said Britton, who plans to spend his newly acquired free time traveling and relaxing with his wife, Dottie, a retired teacher of 32 years. “I have a lot of stuff I’ve got to do. There’s always things to do with the house, we have a boat, maybe a little fishing and we will probably visit our son, Kyle, in Austin.”

After three-and-a-half decades of coaching, Britton

said the things he will miss are innumerable.

“I don’t even know where to begin,” Britton said when asked what his most memorable moments are. “We’ve had some ups and downs, but overall it’s been good. We’ve had about 25 district championships, about 95 state qualifiers — I think Gustavo Lugo (the most recent state qualifier) was the 94th or 95th — of course we won the state championship in 2006, we finished third in 2007 — we probably should have won that one, too. We fell just a little short. We finished fifth at state in 2008. I wish I could have gone out with another state championship, but it didn’t work out that way.”

More than the accolades, however, Britton will miss the human element.

“Working with the kids over the years was the highlight of it all,” he explained. “I had the honor of working with a lot of good athletes and coaches.”

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Spurs rally, stun Heat in Game 1 of NBA Finals

MIAMI (AP) — Tim Duncan’s NBA Finals game didn’t look as good now as it did last decade.

And last century, Duncan overcame a slow start to finish with 20 points and 14 rebounds, Tony Parker banked in a desperation jumper on a broken play with 5.2 seconds left and the San Antonio Spurs withstood LeBron James’ triple-double to beat the Miami Heat 92-88 on Thursday night in a thrilling Game 1.

Six years after the Spurs were last here and 14 years after the 37-year-old Duncan made his finals debut in 1999, he, Parker and Manu Ginobili earned their 99th postseason victory together, second-most in league history.

They don’t care if they’re called old. Three more victories, they’ll also be called champions again.

“We’re here to win. It doesn’t matter how we’re categorized. It’s been a lot of years since we’ve been here. We’re just happy to be back here,” said Duncan, who is trying to join John Salley as the only NBA players to win titles

in three decades.

“Old, veterans, whatever you want to call us, we’re in the mix right now.”

Parker ended up with 21 points after referees reviewed his shot to make sure it just beat the shot clock, giving San Antonio a four-point edge in the game that was close the whole way.

“We got a little bit lucky in Game 1,” Parker said. “Sometimes that’s what it takes to win games.”

Playing for the championship since sweeping James’ Cleveland Cavaliers in 2007 for their fourth title, the Spurs improved to 5-for-5 in Game 1s, hanging around for three quarters and then blowing by the defending champions midway through the fourth.

Ginobili, the third member of San Antonio’s Big Three who battled injuries throughout the season, finished with 13 points. Danny Green had 12.

San Antonio turned up its defense in the fourth quarter, limiting Miami to seven points in the first 8½ minutes in returning to the finals just the way it

left — with a victory over James.

James had 18 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists in his second straight NBA Finals triple-double, but he shot only 7 of 16 against some good defense by Kawhi Leonard, and Miami’s offense stalled in the fourth quarter.

“The Spurs are the Spurs,” James said. “They’re going to put you in positions where you feel uncomfortable offensively and defensively, and every time you make a mistake, they’re going to capitalize on it.”

Game 2 is Sunday night. James became a champion on this floor last year in Game 5 against Oklahoma City, but he hasn’t forgotten his first taste of the finals.

The Spurs overwhelmed his Cavaliers and James spoke Wednesday like someone who had payback in mind. He was 22 then, a fourth-year player headed for greatness but with holes in his game that San Antonio exploited.

Revenge won’t come

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AP photo

San Antonio’s Tony Parker lets go of a controversial shot in the final seconds of Game One, which led to the Spurs’ 92-88 win over Miami in the NBA Finals.

Ortiz hits 3-run HR in 9th as Red Sox beat Rangers 6-3

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz stood in the on-deck circle as Texas intentionally walked Dustin Pedroia, hoping the move to put runners on first and second with nobody out would result in the Boston slugger grounding into a double play.

Ortiz did not oblige, driving the first pitch he saw for a three-run homer that lifted the Red Sox to a 6-3 victory over the Rangers on Thurs-

day night after trailing by three runs.

It was his 11th career walkoff home run and first in nearly four years.

“They don’t like to mess with Papi late in the game. They stopped doing that,” Ortiz said. “In that kind of situation, pretty much most of the time it’s either a walk or something else happens. I just keep my patience.”

Jonny Gomes led off the

ninth with a double to center off left-hander Michael Kirkman (0-2), who then walked Pedroia intentionally with Ortiz watching and waiting. After going 0 for 3 with a walk, Ortiz delivered a shot that landed in an empty Texas bullpen.

Ortiz watched his homer for a few moments before trotting his way toward home where he was met by a swarm of celebrating teammates.

“I think it was a good move. I don’t think there was anything wrong with that,” Ortiz said of the walk to Pedroia. “It’s part of the game. Sometimes it works. Sometimes it doesn’t.”

It certainly did not Thursday.

“Apparently he was just sitting on that pitch,” Kirkman said. “I thought it was a really good pitch — good movement inside, right where I wanted

it. He just got the barrel to it.”

Andrew Bailey (2-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for Boston, which took two of three from Texas.

Jacoby Ellsbury scored the tying run on a fielder’s choice in the seventh inning of his first game after sitting out five straight because of a groin injury. Ellsbury had a

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll do your thing today — dance your dance, sing your song — and probably be met with shrugging shoulders. It's them, not you. "What is the voice of song when the world lacks the ear of taste?" — *Nathaniel Hawthorne*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What you see may disappoint you. But fill your heart with compassion, and your eyes will change. Your love is needed. You can make a difference by approaching this need differently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The tools of structure you've been resisting will help you. Timelines and measurements are needed; otherwise, your project will not move along in the way you want.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your conversational savvy will help you progress at work. You know when to stay on point and when to veer off in order to bring a sense of fun and surprise to the picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love it when the action comes full circle,

and you'll experience exactly that. The person who left to explore other offers will be back, realizing that the best offer around comes from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In this world of diverted attention, evidence that someone has paid attention to the little things you say and do is a tremendous gift. That's why, in relationships, specificity trumps grand gestures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You sometimes get uncomfortable when it's time to talk money, but the conversation doesn't have to be long and drawn out. Spell out the major terms. Only answer what's being asked. Keep emotions out of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Concepts of good and evil are not usually as black and white as the fairy tales paint them to be. And then sometimes they are. Like today — a day when it's quite obvious what to cherish and what to ward off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What priority have you placed on fun? Push it up the chart now to avoid becoming embittered and burned out. Issue a few invites, and you will have many takers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll wonder

whether everyone is really on the same page. Assumptions in this regard could hurt you, so be bold. Find out. Ask the others involved to summarize what's on their "page," and check it against yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Are you trying to do too much? This seems counterintuitive, but if you add one more task to your load, you'll find that everything crystallizes neatly into two categories: "Do it" and "Drop it."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you like to enjoy a funny person; sometimes you like to be the funny person. Your need for humor and self-expression will converge today to good effect.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 7). You wish grandly as you shoot for the stars this year. But by next month, you'll land on the right goal — one that can be accomplished by the end of September. Throw a party to celebrate your success, and invite the attractive people who come into your life over the next 10 weeks. November brings a solemn exchange. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 24, 39, 50 and 2.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You have a hard time letting

go of someone. Do you really have to? TAURUS: Finance and romance don't mix now. Instead of lending, give without expectation of return. GEMINI: There's a hitch in the plan, and this change-up will be lucky. CANCER: Your tenderheartedness will be appreciated. The one who is smiling in front of you could be crying when you leave. LEO: What is keeping you interested in a certain someone? It's not what you think. Think harder. VIRGO: You may not feel entirely sincere in your interactions, but you show up and put on a smile, and that means more than you know. LIBRA: True romance is never generic. Originality goes right to the heart. SCORPIO: People tell you things they would never say to others. Feel honored. SAGITTARIUS: The more people want your validation the less inclined you feel to give it to them. CAPRICORN: When you talk about your loved ones when they are not present, you say only what you would say if they were. AQUARIUS: The whim you follow alone will pave the way for a hot date later. PISCES: You have had many crushes in your life, but the current one may top them all in terms of intensity.

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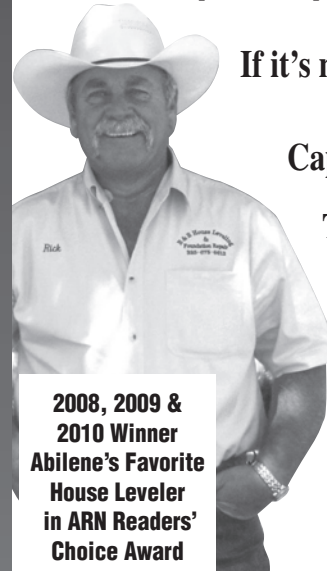
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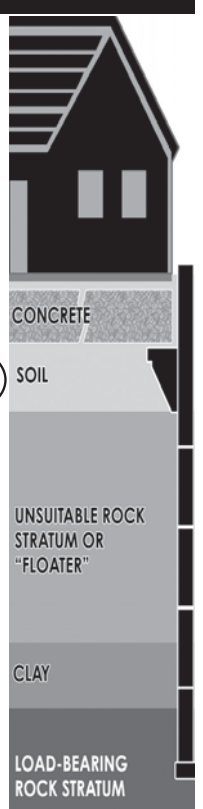
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When mighty Danube floods, Europe is shaken

PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — The mighty Danube is not the only river in Europe bursting its banks this week, but it packs the biggest punch.

Winding 2,850 kilometers (1,777 miles) across 10 nations, the Danube is the second-longest river on the continent, making its way from Germany's Black Forest to the Black Sea bordering Romania and Ukraine. Only the Volga in Russia is longer.

In the last decade alone, the Danube has been at the center of two major floods, several devastating droughts and a winter cold snap that froze the vital waterway for hundreds of miles. Its bridges have been bombed by NATO, its waters have been temporarily poisoned by toxic chemical spills, and yet it still provides drinking water for millions.

Immortalized by Johann Strauss in his "Blue Danube" waltz, the river is closer now to a murky green. From fishermen in prehistoric times to modern industries, many have harnessed its power for energy and transport, while derivatives of its present name go back to Celtic, Roman and Thracian times. It has inspired works by musicians as diverse as classical composer Richard Wagner, American satirists Spike Jones and his City Slickers and even the German industrial metal band Rammstein.

This week, however, the Danube is in its bad-boy mode.

The river reached heights not seen in over 500 years in the German city of Passau before surging downstream to crash through a levee in the southern village of Deggendorf. Dozens of village residents had to be airlifted to safety Wednesday by helicopters. On Thursday, the river smashed through another levee, engulfing entire neighborhoods in the same village.

"We would have risked our lives had we stayed at home," Deggendorf resident Hans Loefflmann said, adding that he and his wife had to leave all their valuables behind when the floods gushed into their house within minutes.

Those living in Passau, meanwhile, were glum, facing football fields of mud, uprooted trees, demolished cars and flood-wracked furnishings to clear away.

At least 16 people have died in the flooding of the Danube and Elbe rivers in central Europe this week and at least four others are missing. Tens of thousands of people have been evacuated in

the region, including over 700 in the eastern German city of Dresden, where the Elbe crested Thursday at 7 meters (21 feet) above normal levels.

For residents of Budapest, the Danube River is a source of pride and wonder, its waters providing an imposing setting for the city it divides in two — Buda on the right bank and Pest on the left. But now the Hungarian capital is now in a state of emergency, bracing for the river's raging floodwaters, which have already caused havoc upriver in Germany and Austria.

The Danube is normally around 370 meters (400 yards) wide as it passes the city's imposing Hungarian parliament building. Now its waters are lapping at the back steps of the neo-Gothic structure and cover large sections of the heavily used roads on both sides of the river.

Authorities are confident that the Budapest embankments, which date to the 1870s, will withstand the Danube's current assault, expected to peak here on Monday. Yet several hundred guests at hotels on low-lying Margaret Island, a popular park in the river, have already been evacuated.

"I had to find another place for my running routine, but at least here in the city the walls on the river are high," said Monika Pele, a physical education student who usually jogs around Margaret Island. "Actually, the Danube is beautiful when it's this wide."

Hungarians are well aware of the destruction the Danube can cause. A flood in 1838 killed more than 150 Budapest residents and left at least 50,000 homeless. Memorial plaques high on city walls, some hundreds of meters (yards) from the river, indicate just high the waters rose.

In the Austrian capital of Vienna, the Danube peaked Wednesday at levels above those of the 2002 floods that devastated Europe. The city's extensive protection system held, however, although the highway to the airport was temporarily inundated.

Floods are not the Danube's only problem.

A severe drought hit the region in 2011, stranding 80 big cargo ships on the Danube at the Serbia-Hungary border and causing sunken German World War II-era ships to break the surface of the water. In Romania that year, the Danube's water levels were so low there was concern about not having enough water to cool the reactors in the nuclear power plant in Cernavoda, which produces 20 percent of the country's electricity.

In 2003, another lengthy dry spell caused by a lack of rainfall and high temperatures lowered the Danube's levels so much that the river had to be dredged in Romania to allow hundreds of stalled barges to pass.

Last year, a deep freeze produced huge ice chunks and froze over hundreds of miles (kilometers) in the Danube, paralyzing the shipping of raw materials, coal, grains and other goods.

Natural disasters have alternated with man-made calamities to threaten the river and those who depend on it.

The 1999 bombing of several bridges over the river in northern Serbia by NATO forces during the Kosovo War paralyzed shipping on the waterway. It was years before the debris was hauled out of the river and navigation fully restored.

In 2000, the Danube suffered a bout of cyanide poisoning, when a spill at a Romanian gold mine flowed into its tributaries. The toxic waste killed off most of the fish and plants along stretches of the Tisza River in Hungary. Although most of its power was diluted by the time it reached the Danube, some measurements showed concentrations of cyanide at 50 times over the maximum levels.

Another spill in 2010 of red toxic sludge — a byproduct of aluminum production at a plant in western Hungary — killed 10 people after flooding three towns and reached the Danube through tributaries. Fortunately, the highly caustic waste was greatly diluted by the Danube's abundant flow.

Now, Hungarian authorities are making sure the red sludge tragedy isn't repeated in the town of Almasfuzito, which sits on the Danube just across from Slovakia and has its own red-waste reservoir.

Zoltan Illes of the ministry of rural development said there would be round-the-clock surveillance at the 74-hectare (184-acre) reservoir until Saturday, when the flood threat is expected to pass.

"Building a red sludge reservoir on the shores of the Danube was a very bad decision made decades ago during the communist regime," Illes said after visiting the site. "Since we don't have a time machine, it's a fact we have to live with."

AP writers Alison Mutler in Bucharest, Romania, George Jahn and Noura Mann in Vienna, David Rising in Berlin and Jovana Gec in Belgrade, Serbia, contributed to this report.

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Dear Margo

I Do, But I Don't

Dear Margo: My wife and I were married last June. We have yet to consummate the marriage. She is very reluctant to have physical contact of any kind with me. This reluctance does not extend to her three dogs, to whom she is very attentive.

I am a fairly romantic guy, but all of my attempts to connect have been rebuffed. Additionally, we purchased a house together, but my suggestions for decorating are largely unacceptable to her. Patience is nearing the breaking point. Suggestions? — *CJB*

Dear C.: My dear, it's been one year in which you and your wife have lived like brother and sister — and not very sociable ones, at that. Your, uh, situation makes me wonder what the courtship was like. You apparently failed to pick up on some clues during that time.

Any woman who marries a man, wants nothing to do with him, shows affection to her dogs instead, and rejects his suggestions for the house they've bought together is not, as they say, a keeper.

You might suggest couples counseling to find out what's going on (or why nothing is going on), but I think an annulment is most likely the answer. This is no marriage, and who needs another year of this? Good luck. — *Margo, rapidly*



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When Bad Doctors Happen To Good People

Dear Margo: Even though I am young (23), my life has been riddled with many female health issues. At the end of last year, a woman, "Friend X," suggested I go to her ob-gyn. I got an appointment, and a week later the doctor did a hysterectomy.

While the surgery cured my "female trouble," my experience with this doctor has caused me much heartache and other health issues. My time in the hospital can only be described as hellish. The doctor wouldn't return my phone calls or explain to me why I was having so many problems. She didn't even see me post-op. I let all of this go.

Now, seven months later, I just found out that, due to the doctor's blunders, I must have corrective surgery. I am ill and on mandatory bed rest. This is where my problem lies. Friend X is angry with me because I won't go back to her doctor to have the corrective operation. (I think the doctor already did enough damage; I'm not giving her the opportunity to do more.)

I tried to be rational with Friend X about this. I even suggested that we not discuss the topic. She agreed, but then proclaimed, "My doctor is the best surgeon in the state, and you don't even care!"

Why is she taking this so personally? This has nothing to do with her. What do you suggest I do? I don't want to cut her out of my life, but I feel that I am being punished because I am sick. Have I done something wrong? — *Sick of Surgery*

Dear Sick: Have you ever noticed how many people, when speaking of their doctors, will say, "He, or she, is the best (insert specialty) in the country"? This may be because people need the armor of believing their doc is "the best" because so much is riding on it.

That's the reason your friend is taking it personally; she is defensive because it was her doctor. And it's easier to get mad at you than consider the possibility that her doctor made a medical mistake.

It is my judgment that a "friend" like this you do not need. As for what you did wrong, the answer is nothing. Considering your young age, however, you might have gotten a second opinion. — *Margo, superlatively*

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Annie's Mailbox ®



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

rehearsal dinner on Saturday night, should we be included as out-of-town relatives? We're already spending a great deal of money on airfare and hotel rooms. What do you say? — *Dinner Guest or No?*

Dear Dinner Guest: The rehearsal dinner is specifically for the bridal party, immediate family and the officiant. If the hosts can afford to include out-of-state guests (related or not), it is both gracious and appreciated.

However, if there are many such guests, it can be beyond the means of the hosts to include them in the rehearsal dinner.

It is appropriate, however, for them to provide some welcoming snack or hospitality for all out-of-towners upon their arrival, since such guests are unfamiliar with nearby restaurants and might be arriving too late to eat at the hotel coffee shop.

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Dear Annie: I am a 16-year-old girl in high school. I have so much to be thankful for, but recently, I have been feeling like something is wrong with me.

Quite frankly, I am depressed. I am always tired, anxious and nervous, and I have outrageous mood swings. I have lost all focus, ambition and motivation, and sometimes it just hurts to breathe.

I hate to use this as an excuse for my grades, but I had been a straight-A student, and now I have two C's and a B. This is unacceptable. I hate disappointing my parents.

Along with the grades and the other symptoms I mentioned, I am constantly having trouble eating and recently resorted to self-harm.

Suicidal thoughts also accompany this, as much as I hate to admit it. I worry that if I tell my parents, they will hate me.

I don't have a teacher or counselor I feel comfortable confiding in. None of my friends know, and I am scared that I will do more damage to myself than I intend. Please help me. I hide behind a smile every day, and I am so lost. — *Depressed in Hiding*

Dear Depressed: Please tell your parents you aren't feeling well and ask them to make an appointment for you to see your doctor.

A lot of what you are describing may have physiological origins that can be treated (such as a hormonal imbalance). You can speak to the doctor privately and tell him what you told us.

But please don't be afraid to discuss this with your parents. They love and care about you. They may be worried, but they will want to help, and you will feel better confiding in them.

Dear Annie: My cousin is getting married in another state. I have four other relatives in my city, and we are planning to go together, even though we've seen this cousin only a few times in our lives.

The wedding is on a Sunday evening, and we'd arrive on Saturday afternoon. If there is a

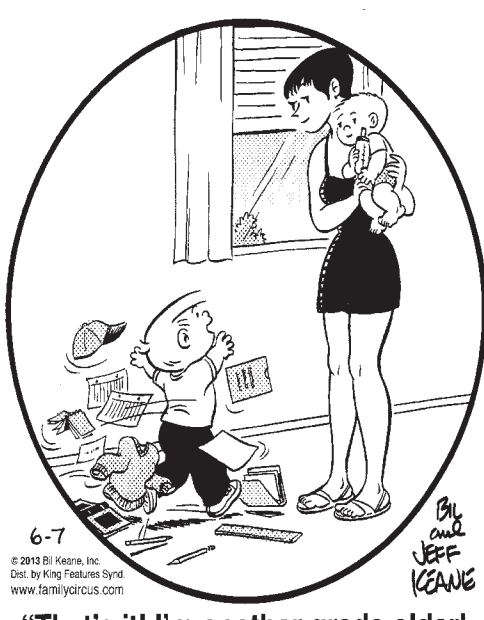
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"IF AR-KEE-OLOGISTS DIG UP BONES, WHAT DO THEY CALL THE ONES WHO BURY THEM?"

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"That's it! I'm another grade older! How many more do I have to do?"

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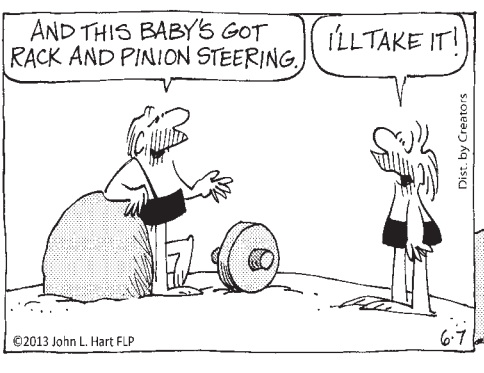
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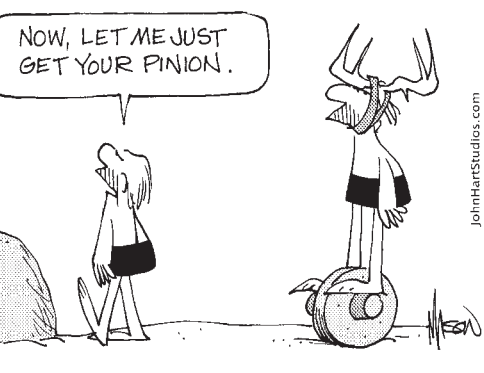
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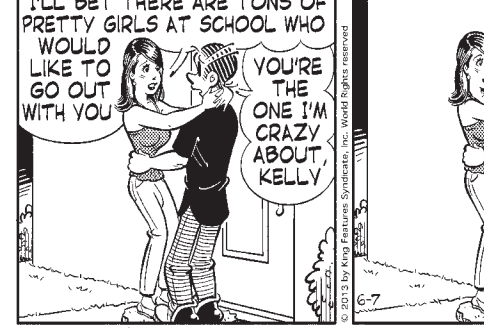
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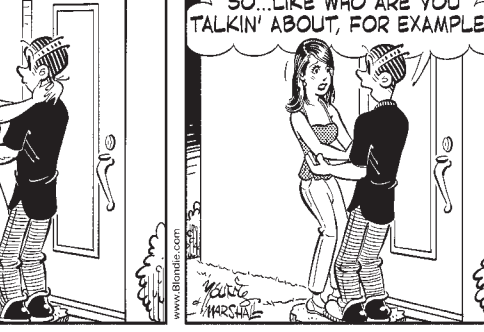
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, June 7, the 158th day of 2013. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution stating "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown."

On this date:

In 1654, King Louis XIV, age 15, was crowned in Rheims, 11 years after the start of his reign.

In 1769, frontiersman Daniel Boone first began to explore present-day Kentucky.

In 1862, William Bruce Mumford, a Confederate loyalist, was hanged at the order of Union military authorities for tearing down a U.S. flag that had been flying over the New Orleans mint shortly before the city was occupied by the

North.

In 1863, French forces occupied Mexico City during the Franco-Mexican War.

In 1892, Homer Plessy, a "Creole of color," was fined for refusing to leave a whites-only car of the East Louisiana Railroad. (Ruling on his case, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld "separate but equal" racial segregation, which it overturned in 1954.)

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway ended in a decisive victory for American forces over the Imperial Japanese.

In 1967, the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic opened in San Francisco.

In 1972, the musical "Grease" opened on Broadway, having already been performed in lower Manhattan.

In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme

Court ruled that religious groups can sometimes meet on school property after hours.

In 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man, was hooked by a chain to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death for the crime; a third received life with the possibility of parole.)

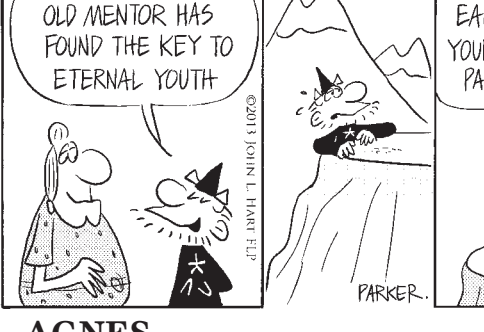
Today's Birthdays: Movie director James Ivory is 85. Actress Virginia McKenna is 82. Singer Tom Jones is 73. Poet Nikki Giovanni is 70. Actor Ken Osmond ("Leave It to Beaver") is 70. Former talk show host Jenny Jones is 67. Actress Anne Twomey is 62.

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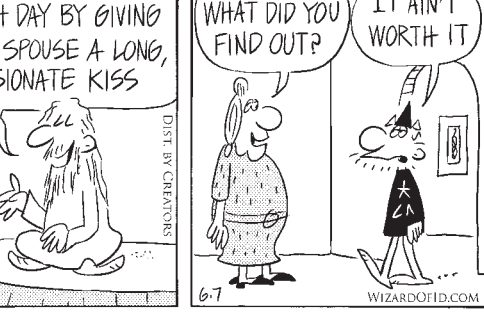
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- ACROSS
- 1 Got out of town
 - 5 Rainout insurance of a sort
 - 10 "You're a riot!"
 - 14 Autobahn auto
 - 15 Portray
 - 16 Line of revolution
 - 17 iPod model
 - 18 Coffeehouse order
 - 19 Fill-in
 - 20 Lineman with integrity?
 - 23 The lowdown
 - 24 Hotbeds
 - 28 Items in many lists
 - 32 Summer cooler
 - 34 "In other words..."
 - 35 Actress Delany
 - 37 Unprecedented
 - 38 Serious lineman?
 - 42 Emulating
 - 43 Share of expenses
 - 44 Suitable position
 - 45 Turn down
 - 48 Heavy rain
 - 49 Had leftovers, maybe
 - 50 Set of choices, often
 - 52 Lineman who plays only away games?
 - 59 Enthusiasm
 - 62 Go along
 - 63 Up to it
 - 64 Shakespearean villain
- DOWN
- 11 Feller's implement
 - 12 "That guy!"
 - 13 Copperhead cousin
 - 21 With 27 Down, ABC anchor
 - 22 Indivisible
 - 25 Yuletide VIP
 - 26 Sprout molars
 - 27 See 21 Down
 - 28 Noisy bug
 - 29 Diner order
 - 30 Imperil
 - 31 Step on it
 - 32 Bus Stop playwright
 - 33 Vacation rental
 - 35 Finished
 - 36 Nautical direction
 - 39 Wasn't colorfast
 - 40 Battery part
 - 41 Traveling through
 - 46 Hide out
 - 47 Roadside rest
 - 48 Make shady plans
 - 50 "It's ___ country!"
 - 51 Substitutes
 - 53 Most scoutmasters
 - 54 Fire-breathing boss
 - 55 Heckle
 - 56 English horn relative
 - 57 Sunscreen additive
 - 58 DC contingent
 - 59 Nada
 - 60 Grain spike
 - 61 Before now

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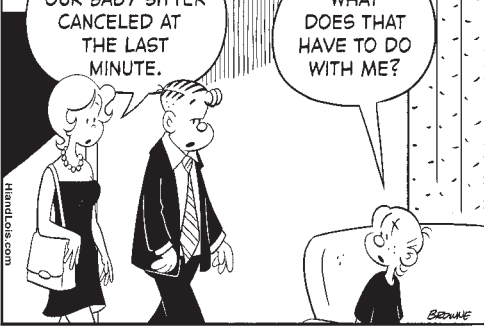
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SNUFFY SMITH



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THEY SAY DOGS ARE A MAN'S BEST FRIEND

BETLE BAILEY



BUT I DUNNO, I SURE FEEL FRIENDLY TO A LOT OF GIRL DOGS

Texas takes RHP, SS in 1st round of MLB draft

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers chose a college pitcher with their top pick in the Major League Baseball draft. The Rangers took right-hander Alex Gonzalez from Oral Roberts with the 23rd overall pick. They had last used their top choice on a college player in 2008.

Texas got high school shortstop Travis Demeritte (duh-MEHR-iht) with the 30th overall pick, their compensation for slugger Josh Hamilton signing with the Los Angeles Angels during free agency last winter. Demeritte hit .404 with 12 home runs for Barrow High School in Winder, Ga.

Gonzalez was 9-5 with a 1.83 ERA and 126 strikeouts in 113 1-3 innings. The Southland Conference pitcher of the year went to Oral Roberts after being an 11th-round pick by Baltimore three years ago out of Boca Raton High in Florida.

RANGERS

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pair of doubles and two singles. Gomes also had four hits and Pedroia hit a two-run double in the third. Jeff Baker and Adrian Beltre drove in all of Texas' runs on early homers off of Jon Lester. The Rangers didn't score after Beltre's solo homer in the third and the Rangers' bullpen couldn't hold off Boston down the stretch. Texas manager Ron Washington said pitching around the right-handed Pedroia for the left-on-left matchup between Kirkman and Ortiz seemed he best option. "It's not the first left-hander Big Papi got, but that was the right move to make right there," Washington said. "It was the only move to make. I can live with Papi doing that." Texas led 3-2 until Ellsbury scored in the seventh when Mike Napoli beat out the throw on a grounder that would have ended the inning after Boston loaded the bases with one

out. Napoli hit a sharp grounder to first baseman Lance Berkman, who bounced his throw to Elvis Andrus covering second. "We had a couple of opportunities and we were finally able to cash in," Boston manager John Farrell said. Jon Lester survived a rocky first few innings and pitched through the sixth for Boston, leaving with the Red Sox trailing 3-2 on Baker's two-run homer in the second and a solo shot by Beltre in the third. Lester also had to get himself out of trouble in the first by striking out Nelson Cruz after a two-out walk to Berkman and a single by Beltre. Boston got two back with two outs in the third when Pedroia doubled off the center field wall after Jose Iglesias reached on a walk and Ellsbury singled. Lester allowed three runs on seven hits, walked three and struck out four. Texas starter Derek Holland's line was nearly identical. He allowed two runs on nine hits, also walking three and striking out four. Holland was 5-0 against Boston entering the game.

BRITTON

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At one time, Britton had his sights set on heading up a football team somewhere. Life had other things in store, however, and he grew to appreciate running more and more. He has had time to analyze the little differences between athletes who compete in various events. "I always loved track," he said. "Sprinters are wild, kind of like race horses. Distance runners tend to be more even-keeled athletes. They can be introverted. Cross country runners will work themselves to death. Jordan Valle (a former Big Spring athlete), is

a perfect example; he was a tremendously hard worker. You have to respect those kids who aren't born with the physical ability, but work hard and succeed. I have enjoyed watching the progression of these athletes. You develop a closer relationship with distance runners. It's unique." Britton has also been around long enough to watch the sport grow and evolve, sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse. "We would have qualified a lot more kids for state, but for many years, only the top two in an event would qualify instead of three. It waters it down a bit," he said. "Now, they've added the area meet to the schedule. You

get into the metroplex area and you have bigger schools and their top four runners could be the best in the state; it cuts into the smaller schools out here in West Texas." Regardless of what guidelines the University Interscholastic League imposed along the way, it's obvious Britton had fun being a part of it all. "I have a lot of good memories," he added. I will miss the competition and most of all, I will miss the camaraderie with the kids. It's time to let someone else do it." Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@big-springherald.com

RALLY

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easily — if it comes at all. Dwyane Wade scored 17 points for the Heat but was shut out in the fourth quarter. Chris Bosh had only two of his 13 in the final period. James shot an airball on a 3-pointer on his first shot attempt, then was soon back to the step-in-front-of-him-at-your-own-risk force that has made him the game's best player. But San Antonio handled that and everything else Miami did, even while only shooting 42 percent from the field. "This is a hell of a game to play because both teams are so good offensively and defensively," Bosh said. "You can't have any letdowns." Forced to seven grueling games by the rugged Indiana Pacers in the East finals, the Heat clearly enjoyed the more wide-open flow of this game, making 18 of their first 30 shots. But the Spurs' defense simply got better as the game went along, forcing Miami into five turnovers in the final quarter. "I thought we were a little fatigued honestly in the fourth quarter," Wade said. "Looking around, we looked like a team that came off a seven-game series." Miami outshot and outrebounded San Antonio in the first half, yet led only 52-49. The Heat stayed ahead until Parker's free throws gave San Antonio a 77-76 edge with 7:47 remaining. James set up Bosh for a jumper on the next possession for his 10th assist, but Leonard made a follow shot and Parker turned James' turnover into a spinning layup and an 81-78 lead exactly halfway through the fourth. "We were just trying to hang," Parker said. "In the third quarter, the same thing. In the fourth quarter we finally made some stops and made a couple of big shots."

The lead grew to seven, but Miami was back within two and appearing ready to get the ball back when Parker lost control of the ball and his balance as the clock was set to expire. He gathered his footing and the ball, turning and tossing it in as the light above the basket turned red. "Tony's shot is one of those things that happens sometimes," Ginobili said. "We got lucky today." It was an entertaining start to a matchup that seemed years in the making between perennial contenders, the Spurs making their fifth appearance and the Heat their fourth. Commissioner David Stern called it "probably the most anticipated finals in who knows, 30 years," likely more a bit of hyperbole in his final state of the league address than a comment meant to slight fans of the Celtics, Lakers, or Michael Jordan's Bulls. It delivered on the promise of beautiful basketball between two fluid offenses who were built differently but share common beliefs and a healthy respect. The Spurs value system over stardom, never asking for attention — and too often not getting it. The Heat have been never been out of the spotlight from the moment James and Bosh showed up to join Wade, James vowing multiple titles as lights flashed and music boomed, showing they were going to be loud and impossible to ignore. Only Duncan, the three-time finals MVP who has remained among the NBA's best, looked out of sync. He missed all five shots in the first quarter before going to the bench late in the period with his second foul. Back in the arena where James had 26 points, 11 rebounds and 13 assists in last year's closeout game, fans arrived to white shirts reading "Witness Miami" draped over their seats. The Miami fans didn't like what they witnessed, many leaving as referees reviewed Parker's shot.

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