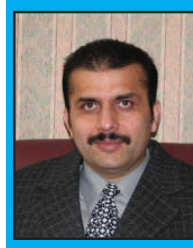




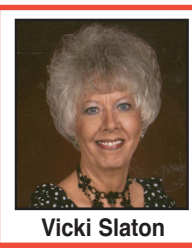
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Victor Cornejo, fire chief for Big Spring’s sister city San Miguel el Alto, center, removes a pillar from a vehicle during training exercises with the Big Spring Fire Department using the Jaws of Life Thursday morning at Mitchem Wrecking Yard. Big Spring recently donated a Jaws of Life tool to the San Miguel el Alto fire department.

Despite funding shortage, ‘Pops’ is shaping up well

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

In their final meeting before the big music and fireworks show, Pops in the Park committee members learned that while they are

still short of their financial goal, other aspects of the annual celebration are falling into place.

“It’s all coming together very well,” said Committee Chairperson Jan Hansen after the group had discussed everything from unloading drum sets and pianos to parking for vendors. “We’re expecting it to be as big and exciting as it has ever been. Bigger, actually.”

Each year the July 3 event draws an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 spectators to Comanche Trail Park. Since its beginning, the show has grown annually, whether it be

Funtastic Fourth Festival shelved

Support for the event just wasn’t there, organizer says

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

For the first time in eight years the streets of downtown Big Spring will be quiet during the Independence Day holiday, as coordinators with the annual Funtastic Fourth Festival announced this year’s event has been cancelled.

Allan Johnson, spokesman for the Funtastic Fourth Johnson committee, said there simply wasn’t enough support for the annual event this year, leading him and the rest of the group to temporarily toss in the towel.

“We just couldn’t get enough support to put it on this year,” Johnson said. “For most folks it was simply a scheduling issue because the July 4 holiday falls on a Sunday this year.”

Despite this year’s cancellation, Johnson said he expects the Funtastic Fourth Festival



— which normally centers around the downtown Heart of the City Park — to be back next year, and in style.

“I fully expect the festival to happen next year,” he said. “I know there is a lot of concern about the economy, but because of the religious theme of the Funtastic Fourth, there’s really just no way to get everything together on a Sunday. We’ll begin working on it in the coming year, and I expect we’ll try to do some restructuring.”

The event is sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association, and while the annual festival helps draw attention to the city’s downtown area, Johnson said it’s also a chance to for area patriots to offer their thanks to God.

“Each year the Funtastic Fourth is our gift to the community,” said Johnson. “It isn’t a fundraiser or anything like that. In the end, the DRA

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WANTED: One really big flag pole

Got an extra flag pole? A really big flag pole?

The Pops in the Park Committee is seeking donation of a flag pole to be erected at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater for use during the annual celebration of independence, as well of other events held there during the year.

But there is a catch. The pole needs to be 60 feet or taller because the American flag the committee wants to use is equally large — estimated at 25 feet or so in length.

Anyone who would like to visit with the committee about the possibilities of providing a flag pole is encouraged to call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at (432) 263-7641.

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Fire officials: Think before you ‘pop off’

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With fireworks on sale throughout the Lone Star State this week, local fire and emergency officials are urging Crossroads residents to exercise extreme caution if they plan to participate in the holiday tradition.

Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray said people wanting to have fun with fireworks this holiday should

observe some simple rules to help keep themselves and their neighbors safe.

The most obvious concern, according to Condray, is where you decide to “pop” your fireworks.

“It is against the law to discharge fireworks in the city limits,” Condray reminds the public. “If you’re going to light fireworks you need to find a place in the county that you have access to and have permission to be there, especially if it is on private property.”

Despite several fireworks bans in past years, Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said this year’s holiday is expected to take

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Jim Landtroop, left, Republican candidate in the State House of Representatives District 85 election, talks with David Wilson during a reception at Dora Roberts Community Center Thursday.



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Guerrero's hit gives Rangers 11th straight win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Even after 15 big league seasons, game-winning hits are a thrill for Vladimir Guerrero.

The 35-year-old slugger singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning and the Texas Rangers won their 11th straight game, rallying from an early four-run deficit to beat the struggling Pittsburgh Pirates 6-5 on Thursday night.

Elvis Andrus drew a one-out walk in the ninth from Steven Jackson (0-1) and went to second on Michael Young's single. Andrus dashed to third on Ian Kinsler's flyout and scored when Guerrero laced a 2-2 pitch to left, completing a three-game sweep for the Rangers.

Guerrero was mobbed by

teammates as he rounded first base following his second game-ending hit for Texas and the 13th of his career.

"It's a family that wins together," Guerrero said through a translator. "We're playing really well."

Josh Hamilton had three hits for the AL West leaders, extending his career-best hitting streak to 18 games. Texas' winning streak is the longest in the majors this season. The club record is 14 consecutive wins in 1991.

"They don't quit," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They don't give up. They play all nine innings. They never really feel they're out of games."

Frank Francisco (6-3) allowed two hits in a scoreless

ninth, setting a career high for wins.

Pittsburgh starter Jeff Karstens gave up three runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings after the Pirates were knocked around for 19 runs in the first two games of the series.

The right-hander took a 5-3 lead into the seventh, striking out five and walking one in his fifth start since he was promoted from the bullpen on June 1.

But the Rangers, who trailed 4-0 after one inning, pulled even at 5 with a two-run seventh against Evan Meek on Young's RBI triple and Kinsler's run-scoring single.

Young, the franchise leader with 1,757 hits, became the club's triples king with 45,

breaking a tie with Ruben Sierra.

Garrett Jones and Jose Tabata had three hits each for the Pirates, who've lost 15 of 17 and have the NL's worst record (25-47).

"We swung the bats well, we had guys in scoring position and guys on base, but we couldn't find a hole," manager John Russell said. "We were right there. It's hard to explain."

Hamilton went 3 for 4 in his return to the lineup after a day off. He is 36 for 72 (.500) during his hitting streak, raising his batting average from .281 to .345.

Hamilton requested Wednesday night off to rest a slightly sore hamstring in what he termed "the aches

and pains of the season." But he insisted there's nothing seriously wrong and said he felt refreshed after the brief vacation.

Rangers starter Scott Feldman allowed five runs and 12 hits in six-plus innings with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Feldman was 3-1 with a 3.71 ERA in his previous four starts, but he was in trouble from the outset as Pittsburgh scored four in the first on Pedro Alvarez's two-run double and RBI singles by Jones and Ryan Doumit.

Still, the Rangers weren't worried.

"It was the first inning," Guerrero said. "We know we still have a lot of game to play."

Astros take series over San Francisco

HOUSTON (AP) — Wandy Rodriguez's recent struggles caused him a lot of worry and some trouble sleeping.

On Thursday he shook off those problems and Hunter Pence had a three-run homer to lead the Houston Astros to a 7-5 win over the San Francisco Giants on Thursday.

"Today was a good game for my head," Rodriguez said. "I felt very good. I think about it when I pitch bad, but today my head is relaxed and I can sleep fine tonight and not think about it."

Houston won its first series over San Francisco this season and the first time the team has taken a set since winning three of four against the Rockies

June 8-10.

"It's a good win for us today and a good series win for us," star slugger Lance Berkman said. "We've been looking for something to build on and hopefully this will be that thing."

Rodriguez (4-10) allowed four hits and two runs — none earned — in six innings to break a three-game losing streak. It's his first win since June 2 after allowing 17 runs combined in his losing skid. Rodriguez was helped out by double plays in the first, fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

"It is sure nice to get Wandy a win and he threw the ball well," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "It was nice

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Photo Courtesy of Tony Claxton

Howard College rodeo assistant coach Lester Jourdan holds his son at the Hawk Rodeo Champion Welcome Home Celebration on Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The celebration was in honor of Jason Schaffer winning the national championship in the men's all-around category. Jourdan and head coach Greg Kernick now move their sights toward recruiting this summer.

Ready to shine: No. 1 pick Wall ready to help turn around Washington Wizards

NEW YORK (AP) — John Wall needed only one year to take a reeling Kentucky program to the brink of the Final Four.

He's ready to spark a similar turnaround with the Washington Wizards.

"I know this is a different level, but I just have to go in and show those guys I'm willing to work and listen as much as I can and be a leader," Wall said. "That's the key, is being a leader and trying to help them

win games."

Wall was chosen by the Wizards with the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft Thursday and four more Wildcats were among the top 30 selections, making them the first school ever to put five players in the first round.

One of college basketball's most storied programs, Kentucky missed the NCAA tournament in 2009 before falling one game short of the Final Four in Wall's lone season in Lexington. The

Wizards are trying to bounce back from their own tough times, a season that was embarrassing on the court and in the locker room.

"I feel like I had pressure since I became No. 1 in high school and was one of the top players," Wall said. "I always got there hungry wanting to fight hard and compete in every game, so when I step on the court I'm going to take on any challenge there."

The SEC player of the year is the first Ken-

tucky player chosen first overall. He goes to a team still reeling from Gilbert Arenas' season-ending suspension for bringing guns into the team locker room.

Wall could replace Arenas as the Wizards' point guard, or perhaps play alongside him in a potential high-scoring backcourt. He'll try to become the third straight freshman point guard to win Rookie of the Year honors after Chicago's Derrick Rose and Sacramento's

Tyreke Evans — who like Wall also played for John Calipari.

The pick came shortly after a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press that the Chicago Bulls had agreed to trade veteran guard Kirk Hinrich and the 17th pick in the draft, Kevin Seraphin, to the Wizards. Hinrich is a solid veteran defensive guard who could help with Wall's transition to the NBA.

After his name was announced to begin the

draft, Wall hugged family members and donned a blue Wizards cap before climbing onto the stage to shake commissioner David Stern's hand.

Predicted to finish in the top half of the Eastern Conference last season, the Wizards' season quickly spiraled out of control, reaching its low point on New Year's Day when news broke of the altercation involving guns between

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Sports in brief

Best of the Rest registration begins

Signups for the 30th annual Best of the Rest Golf Tournament, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course, have begun.

The tournament, a two-person partnership, will be held in different flights — championship, president's and Best of the Rest. Format will be two-man low shamble for the championship and president's flight and two-man scramble for the best of the rest.

The tournament is open to the first 80 paid teams and prizes will be paid on scores from Saturday, Sunday and total, organizers said.

Food will be available on the course each day. Entry fee is \$200 per team. For more information,

contact the CTGC pro shop at 264-2366.

Coahoma Ragball Tournament

COAHOMA — The school's annual ragball tournament runs from today through Sunday and will take place at Coahoma High School. If anyone is interested in being an umpire, call Amy Lang at 263-5615.

Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

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

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

Cavern City Tennis Tournament

This is a USTA sanctioned tennis tournament for participants of all ages and those interested must be USTA members.

Fee for singles players is \$20 and fee for doubles teams is \$30. Open draw is 9 a.m. June 28 at the Rio Pecos Tennis Shop in Carlsbad N.M.

The entry deadline is 6 p.m. June 27.

All first place winners get \$100, second place winners get \$50. Call tournament director Charlie Jurva at 575-887-1980 for more information.



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Obituaries

Betty Jo Pitts

Betty Jo Pitts, 84, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 24, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, June 25, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born to Mentle Berry Beasley and Violet Goodwin Beasley on May 20, 1926, in Quay County, N.M.

She married A.F. "Buster" Pitts Jr. on June 15, 1946, in Albuquerque, N.M. They moved to Ackerly and lived in the Ackerly Hotel while she taught shorthand, typing, English and biology at Knott, and Buster farmed.

Though not born in Ackerly, Betty was one of the driving forces behind the Ackerly Lunch Bunch. She was a member of Eastern Star and Elks Club in Big Spring and loved to dance. She was also an excellent artist and her home is full of her paintings. Betty always had time for a friend.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buster; and son, Richard Alan Pitts.

Survivors include her son, Tommy Pitts and wife Zoanne of Wiley; a daughter-in-law, Rita Pitts of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Veronica Johns and husband Ronnie of St. Paul, Texas, Shannon Pitts of Wiley and Jennifer Kelley and husband John of Big Spring; three great-grandchildren, Delaney and Lily Johns of St. Paul, Texas, and Laci Kelley of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229.

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

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Margaret Almeta Thomas

Funeral services for Margaret Almeta Thomas, 88, of Lamesa will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Northside Baptist Church with D Woolam officiating. Burial will follow at Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Almeta passed away June 23, 2010, in Lubbock. She was born April 26, 1922, to Alan and Martha Williams in Paducah. She married Buck Thomas on July 26, 1950, in Lovington, N.M.

Almeta was a seamstress who specialized in making custom drapes. She has been a resident of Lamesa since 1950. She was a member of the Quilting Club of First Baptist Church. Her two dogs, China and Charlie, were a very special part of her life as was her faith and her relationship with God.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, daughters, Patricia and husband Bobby Seal of Hobbs, N.M., Wanda and husband Carlos Wright of De Leon, and a son, John and wife Sherri Thomas of Lamesa; a brother, John Williams; sisters, Ruth Hanks and Gladys Holcomb; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buck Thomas; a son, Kelly Peugh; brothers, Joe, R.L., Lloyd Williams and Bill Williams; and sisters, Violet Rafferty, Loraine Ryan and Wynonna Lawson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the building fund at Northside Baptist Church.

Paid obituary

Samson M. Pesnell Jr.

Samson M. "Buddy" Pesnell Jr., 74, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 24, 2010, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 26, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born July 3, 1935, in Gilmer and worked as a truck driver for a number of years. Buddy then worked for McDowell Ranch for six years before continuing truck driving and retiring. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Charles F. Pesnell and wife Maria of Big Spring; one brother, Jack Pesnell of Houston; one sister, Mary Greer of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Priscella Adkins and Joyce Blalock.

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

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Police blotter

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

• MAY DOROTHY SMITH, 47, of 100 Circle, was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to identify – giving false information and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• JENNIFER MICHELLE OLIVAS, 24, of 508 S. First St. in Coahoma, was arrested Thursday on a charge of fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription.

• STEPHANIE ELAINE BAKER, 30, of 2614 Ent, was arrested Thursday on a charge of fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription.

• JAMES PAUL HARRIS, 24, of 1520 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for public intoxication.

• ERIN DENISE EASTERLING, 19, of 7102 Kyle, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• ORIANA JO HERNANDEZ, 18, of 1405 Benton, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (three counts), operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate and no driver's license when unlicensed.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

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In the 400 block of S. Gregg Street.

In the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

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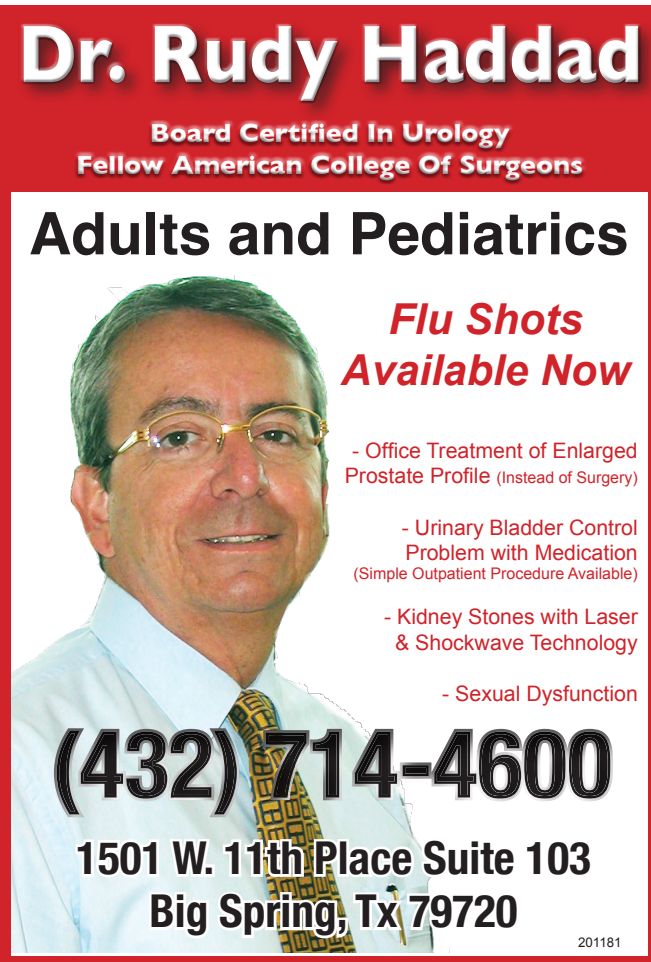
• SHAWN MICHAEL OVERTON, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ORIANA JO HERNANDEZ, 18, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (three counts), operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate and no driver's license when unlicensed.

• ERICK SHEROD FRANKS, 35, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a Reeves County warrant for failure to appear – assault causing bodily injury.

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Texas At A Glance

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	74	t-storm
Amarillo	95	69	mst sunny
Austin	94	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	96	75	mst sunny
Brownsville	96	76	mst sunny
Brownwood	99	74	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	94	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	95	74	pt sunny
Dallas	98	77	t-storm
Del Rio	98	75	pt sunny
El Paso	100	77	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	98	73	mst sunny
Gainesville	96	75	t-storm
Greenville	96	74	t-storm
Houston	95	75	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	73	t-storm
Boston	84	64	t-storm
Chicago	86	69	t-storm
Dallas	98	77	t-storm
Denver	88	61	pt sunny
Houston	95	75	pt sunny
Los Angeles	73	61	pt sunny
Miami	89	81	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Kingsville	96	74	mst sunny
Livingston	97	71	pt sunny
Longview	97	75	pt sunny
Lubbock	95	72	mst sunny
Lufkin	98	72	pt sunny
Midland	99	75	pt sunny
Raymondville	97	74	mst sunny
Rosenberg	95	74	pt sunny
San Antonio	96	75	pt sunny
San Marcos	94	73	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	96	76	t-storm
Sweetwater	97	73	pt sunny
Tyler	96	73	pt sunny
Weatherford	98	75	t-storm
Wichita Falls	98	75	t-storm

Texas briefs

Engineer says Alamo chapel safe

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An engineering review has found that the Alamo chapel, despite cracks in the historic structure, is safe.

Marty Sloan with Datum Engineers, in a May 31 report, indicated he walked on the roof and “detected no indication of weakness or instability.”

The update were released Thursday by the group in charge of maintaining the historic mission in San Antonio, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Patti Atkins, the DRT’s president general, says the updated engineering report has been submitted to Gov. Rick Perry’s office. The state owns the Alamo.

The Texas attorney general’s charitable trust division this year ordered the DRT to provide, by July 9, documents on Alamo issues

such as finances, engineering and maintenance.

Texas Democrats to rally at convention

AUSTIN (AP) — After traveling for months courting all types of Texas voters, Democrat Bill White will try to ignite excitement among party loyalists with his starring role at the Democratic Party’s state convention.

White, a former mayor of Houston and the Democrats’ best hope in years at winning the governorship, takes the stage Friday night to address convention-goers in Corpus Christi.

“The face of the party looks much like the face of the state. So this is an opportunity for people in different parts of the state to get to know each other and to resolve we want an election that will put Texas first,” White said this week.

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is lucky if it even breaks even. We’ve just tried to stir up the excitement in downtown Big Spring. We feel like if we can get the energy and determination up in the downtown area — if we can get the right kind of attitude growing — we’ll see the kind of revitalization we’ve been working for.

“The Funtastic Fourth Festival is also a chance for us to give thanks to the Lord in the process, because in the end, He is the one that is going to make these things happen.”

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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more talent or a larger fireworks display. But bigger shows call for bigger costs, and organizers have never charged for the event. Instead, they rely on donations. This year’s show is expected to cost about \$40,000.

“We’re a little bit below what we have been in the past, financially,” said Hansen, who said some \$23,000 in donations is all that has been received so far. “We have some money in reserve so we’ll be OK, but we’re still behind where we’ve been in the past and that is a concern.”

Less of a concern are the other factors, such as entertainment. It includes a group of performers from Big

Spring’s sister city, San Miguel el Alto in Jalisco, Mexico. They will be followed by a return to the Pops stage by the local band, Los Greengos. There will be a video tribute to area service men and women, a fly-over and, of course, a patriotic performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus choreographed with the fireworks show. It all takes place at the park’s amphitheater.

Because of the huge crowds, parking is always a problem at the popular event. Organizers discussed plans to have symphony members and vendors unload their instruments and wares near the facility, but park elsewhere. Keeping lanes open for emergency responders is always a priority, committee members said.

As to vendors, it was reported there are currently more than 20 different ones who will be manning 30 or more booths. They’ll be offering everything from funnel cakes to turkey legs.

Presenters of Pops in the Park include the *Big Spring Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony Association, Cornell Companies Inc., KBST and KBYG — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services. Those presenters’ contributions are not included in the amount the show costs each year.

The committee also seeks support at different levels — “Star & Stripes” sponsors donate \$3,000 or more,

SAFETY

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place without burn bans or fireworks bans in place.

“Regardless of whether there’s a ban in place or not, we will operate on a zero-tolerance basis when it comes to fires this July 4 holiday,” said Sullivan firmly.

“If your mistake results in the loss of someone else’s property, you’re looking at a charge of reckless endangerment and a \$500 fine. And if you’re caught popping fireworks by the side of the road, regardless of whether or not it causes a fire, you’re looking at a fine.

“The stuff out there will still burn, make no mistake about that. It’s just not as bad as it’s been in the past, but we’re still very concerned about the fireworks and what kind of damage they could do. We don’t have a lot of patience when it comes to this, and the boneheads that make these kinds of dumb mistakes are going to pay for them.”

Fireworks thrill-seekers planning to celebrate the holiday with their collection of Roman candles, sparklers and other assorted explosive displays should also remember to keep a few simple tools around while lighting up the West Texas sky.

“Make sure to have lots of water or a shovel where you can put out a fire,” Condray said. “Discharge the fireworks on a hard surface like a parking lot, something paved, concrete or on a dirt road. Light them on the ground and then quickly move away and don’t let children light them.”

Condray said firework enthusiasts should scout out a path for the direction of the fireworks before igniting them and remember to use some common sense while handling explosives.

“Don’t ever hold the fireworks in your hand and don’t point them at

other people,” Condray said. “Those things can backfire and they can catch your clothes on fire.”

Firework duds — pieces that have been lit but don’t explode — still present a danger and Condray recommends dumping them into a tub of water.

“Fireworks can be dangerous for long time after they’ve been discharged,” he said. “Sparklers also can stay hot for a long time. Kids can burn their hands on them.”

While many area residents won’t be able to resist the color and beauty of fireworks this July Fourth, Condray recommends skipping

the live fireworks this year and instead enjoy the warmth of friends and family.

“I wish people would choose to celebrate by sitting around with the family, friends and loved ones instead of popping fireworks,” said Condray. “And if fireworks are an important part of your holiday, enjoy the professional display at Pops in the Park. But if you are going to celebrate with fireworks, please be careful.”

Those who do decide to set off fireworks will be

held responsible if their Independence Day fun gets out of hand, Condray warned.

“They are liable if they start a fire, whether it was an accident or not,” he said. “You light the fireworks intentionally and there’s culpability. You’re going to be held responsible for your actions.”

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- All those involved in the United Methodist Army visit to Big Spring this past week when 30 youths arrived in the Crossroads area to do volunteer work on local homes.

- Members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department that successfully and quickly contained a grass fire about five miles north of Big Spring on State Highway 350 Tuesday. Only moderate damage was reported and no injuries were sustained as a result of the blaze.

- All those involved in the rescheduled Relay for Life, which despite being postponed from its original date, scaled down and moved indoors to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, raised more than \$175,000.

- Members of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association which held its Fly In on Saturday at the Howard County Airport.

- All those who took part in the 77th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo's three-day run that concluded Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we remain unruffled, Lord, and trust You and Your word.

Amen

Highest and best use

When I was a child, I dreamed of becoming a rancher. I wasn't interested in ranch work, or really any work back then, I just loved the idea of having my own land.

"Yes, this is my river," I would say to people as they envied my empire. "And those are my cows. Somewhere over that hill is my private lake," I imagined myself saying as a grown up. I would look like Tom Selleck under a tall cowboy hat. That was the plan.

At 43, I look more like Danny DeVito and am trying hard to pay off my half-acre lot near Joshua.

"This is my birdbath," I say to people who really are not interested. "And somewhere over the lawn gnome is an empty bottle of Miracle Grow."

I don't know much about real

estate, but I do know a few years back the market crashed like the Hindenburg. I didn't lose anything because I don't own much — it appears that feeding the poor, preaching in prisons and writing a newspaper column might not have been a good financial strategy.

Who knew?

Part of the proper lingo with the sale of any property is a term called "highest and best use." It has to do with the use of the property, and what makes it the most efficient and profitable.

An example would be an agricultural piece of land being developed into a shopping center rather than an onion field. The point being, you can get a lot bigger bang out of your buck if it is used in "the best" way.

This week's sip from the Master's cup comes caffeinated with a word on highest and best use.

The highest and best use of your heart, your mind and all of your life is to be of the Kingdom, for the Kingdom and by the Kingdom. The Kingdom is everything under the dominion

of the King.

You don't have to be churchy to expand the Kingdom anymore than you have to be an evangelist to give the good news. All you have to do is let Jesus be your King instead of being your homeboy or your copilot.

The best use for our lives is in the hands of the King himself. Who better than He can lead us into what we were made for — since He is the one who made us.

It is better to be useful to the Lord than to be used up by this world.

The highest and best and biggest bang we can get out of our lives is when we play a significant role in bringing Heaven to this Earth.

"All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify." — 1 Corinthians 10:23

The Rev. Troy Brewer pastors Open Door near Joshua and can be found at www.opendoorministries.org and www.troybrewer.com



Through 3-year-old eyes...

In the years between birthdays 2 and 3, youngsters make great cognitive strides, often risking information overload.

At age 3, they want to feed zoo animals that scared the "bejabbers" out of them at age 2. They're likely to cozy up to the same mall Santa Claus who reduced them to tears a year earlier. At birthday time, they feel more than equal to handling honoree chores without parental guidance.

Before party time, they're well-drilled on ritual sequences.

"First, we light the candles," mom says. "And while we're singing 'Happy Birthday,' you may blow them out." (It goes without saying that the honoree's next order of business is to grab the slice with the most frosting and the most letters from the cake-top greeting.)

Our Addison, who blew out most of the candles at her recent 3-year-old birthday party, is a world-class granddaughter who has joined contemporaries in voicing choruses of "whys" numerous times daily. Her curiosity never takes a holiday.

At mid-party, with some gifts not yet opened, she noticed our puppy munching grass on the lawn.

"Why?" she asked.

I explained that sometimes dogs eat grass to make them feel better. That would have been a good place to stop, but I added, "unlike horses, dogs don't in-

clude grass in their daily diet."

"Horses eat hay," Addison corrected. "And Baby Jesus ate hay, too."

Recently-deceased Art Linkletter, confidant for the children of the world, would have "made hay" with this story.

I met Mr. Linkletter just once. He was a guest on our campus for a few hours in the early 90s. He was every bit as gracious as he seemed to be on national radio and TV. Whatever ego he may once have had was long since checked at the door.

His smile was disarming and his cheerful countenance comforted like furry house shoes on a cold winter morning.

He spoke with delight of his love for snow skiing, even late in life. "In fact, if I had my 'druthers,' I'd depart this life airborne on skis, in those seconds between sailing off the slope and touching down on the snow run below," he joked.

A long-time friend, though not an entertainer, has a similar countenance. Oh, in a way he entertains, often injecting puns at unexpected times to keep students in his theology classes on their toes.

His name is Dr. Gary Gramling, longtime faculty member at Howard Payne University. He is deeply revered by peers and students alike.

During a recent phone visit, he spoke of conducting graveside services for a couple, one for the husband three years ago, the other for the man's widow earlier this spring. (It should be noted that the hubby's memorial service was held on a hot July day.)

Dr. Gramling mentioned his commitment to brevity at such

services, particularly in extreme weather. "I never speak more than 10 minutes," he said. "For this couple, remarks likely were six to seven minutes each, the lengths varying by no more than a few seconds," he emphasized.

On the day of the man's burial, a mourner fainted near the grave (though soon revived by wet cloths applied to his forehead).

Following the widow's service this spring, a relative of the deceased couple offered what she considered to be a genuine compliment.

"I'm so glad you conducted this service; your words were wonderful," she said to Dr. Gramling. "Thankfully, they didn't get the guy who conducted her husband's service. He spoke so long that a man fainted."

I'm sure that Dr. Gramling gave her an "Art Linkletter kind" of smile.

He likely was effusive in his thanks, and maybe even patted her shoulder as they walked away.

We all need reminders to avoid taking ourselves too seriously. Proverbs 29:23 so advises: "A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor."

The officiant's experience would have made Mr. Linkletter's face brighten.

Adults, no matter how many decades removed from childhood, also "say the darndest things."

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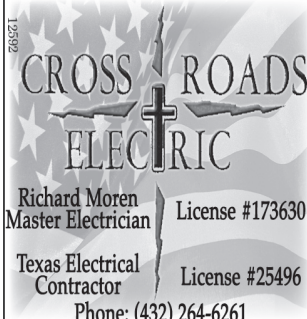
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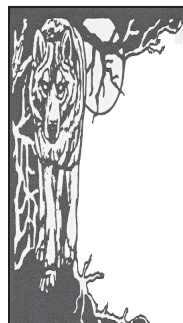
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News in brief

Engineer says Alamo chapel safe, despite cracks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An engineering review has found that the Alamo chapel, despite cracks in the historic structure, is safe.

Marty Sloan with Datum Engineers, in a May 31 report, indicated he walked on the roof and “detected no indication of weakness or instability.”

The update were released Thursday by the group in charge of maintaining the historic mission in San Antonio, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Patti Atkins, the DRT’s president general, says the updated engineering report has been submitted to Gov. Rick Perry’s office. The state owns the Alamo.

The Texas attorney general’s charitable trust division this year ordered the DRT to provide, by July 9, documents on Alamo issues such as finances, engineering and maintenance.

Texas Democrats to rally at convention

AUSTIN (AP) — After traveling for months courting all types of Texas voters, Democrat Bill White will try to ignite excitement among party loyalists with his starring role at the Democratic Party’s state convention.

White, a former mayor of Houston and the Democrats’ best hope in years at winning the governorship, takes the stage Friday night to address convention-goers in Corpus Christi.

“The face of the party looks much like the face of the state. So this is an opportunity for people in different parts of the state to get to know each other and to resolve we want an election that will put Texas first,” White said this week. He’s urging delegates to recruit friends and neighbors, even those who don’t always vote for Democrats.

That kind of support from independent voters is what White will need in November in conservative Texas, where Republicans have dominated state politics since sweeping all statewide elections in 1998 and where incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry is the fall favorite.

Democratic activists also will hear from their slate of other statewide candidates and tend to party business, such as electing a chairman and writing a party platform.

Body of hang glider recovered in Llano County

LLANO (AP) — The body of an Austin man who had been hang gliding has been recovered in Llano County.

The sheriff’s department says the death of 26-year-old John Seward is being investigated as an accidental crash.

Chief Deputy John Neff says Seward’s body was located Wednesday night near County Road 309. Authorities say Seward had been hang gliding over Packsaddle Mountain in Kingsland, about 50 miles northwest of Austin.

Autopsy results are pending.

Austin to study paying for \$1.3 billion rail line

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin leaders have voted to spend \$100,000 to study how to pay for a proposed \$1.3 billion urban rail system.

The Austin City Council on Thursday also approved a plan pushing back a possible light rail line bond election by a year, to 2012.

The rail finance study by Public Financial Management, Austin, is expected to be completed this fall.

The proposal includes rail service to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

A commuter line, Capital Metro’s MetroRail, opened in March with service connecting Leander and downtown Austin.

Lightning strike killed Texas coastal crabber

HIGH ISLAND (AP) — A southeast Texas crabber is dead after lightning struck the boat from which he and another man were working on the Intracoastal Waterway.

A Chambers County Sheriff’s Office statement says 30-year-old Charles Franklin Weaver Jr. of Liberty was dead at the scene of the lightning strike, while 47-year-old Jerry Duff, also of Liberty, was airlifted to a Houston hospital. His injuries were not thought to be life-threatening, according to the statement.

The incident happened about 9:30 a.m. Thursday as Weaver and Duff were crabbing in the canal near the Texas 124 bridge. A passing tugboat contacted authorities.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You find a purpose that is difficult and that requires you to grow stronger. That's why you like it so much. You would rather be a force of nature than a victim of life, acted upon by other forces of nature.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pick a small, simple idea, and take it from start to finish in a few hours. As you work, you'll be reminded of who you are — someone who can juggle and finish many projects simultaneously.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mind will be wrapped up in your latest scheme to the extent that it will be hard for you to concentrate on work. It bores you to do the same thing repeatedly, but at least it gives you time to think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a talent for moving people toward a common goal. The trick is in finding a destination worth reaching. Research and development will be crucial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When a loved

one tells a story, you'll listen. When this person dances, you'll watch, and when he or she writes, you'll read it. You care, and so you'll take the time. This support is deeply appreciated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're doing more than the others. That's just the way you are. You do more because you see more that needs doing and feel responsible for the way the world turns out while you're in it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being creative is one of your basic needs. It's a need that is only met when you carve out time and hold that commitment sacred. Guard against time invaders.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though you are friendly, you are also competitive. But this is just your mood of the day. Other days, you wouldn't care. You don't want to hurt anyone, but if there's going to be a winner today, you'd prefer it to be you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 25). Here's your winning secret: When you see opportunity, grab it without hesitation. Loved ones celebrate you through July. You'll see new parts of the world in August. There's a financial bonus in September, or one of your usual expenses is no longer necessary. Studies

connect you with new friends in October. Taurus and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 14, 33, 29 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You know what a loved one wants, and you'll thoughtfully deliver. TAURUS: Someone seeks your attention and affection and will work hard to please you. GEMINI: You're a miracle worker. You somehow manage to make everyone happy, including yourself. CANCER: You'll see where a relationship is headed and decide whether that's where you want to go. LEO: You might need someone more than usual, and this will be a positive for both of you. VIRGO: Others don't need to be able to read you like an open book. Close yourself occasionally. Stay mysterious. LIBRA: You believe you are right, but you still leave room for the possibility that you are not — a lovely and useful stance this weekend. SCORPIO: Talk about the things that excite the other person, and you will earn his or her devotion. SAGITTARIUS: You'll have the undivided attention of someone who genuinely wants to make you happy. CAPRICORN: Your work may interest you more than love right

now, but things swing back the other way next week. AQUARIUS: Being seen as a success and being seen as a nice person will go hand in hand. PISCES: You don't want to be attached at the hip to someone — it's space and freedom that make you feel more in love.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Gemini and Leo make a playful twosome. Gemini is an instigator of mischief, and Leo is happy to use innate dramatic gifts to take the fun to the next level. Bright, witty Gemini will keep Leo sharp and socially focused and won't allow the cat to be too self-indulgent or prideful. In a fanciful twist of events, this weekend these two will find out they have something in common besides a terrific sense of humor.

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Dear Margo: Sometimes Parents Are Right About Marrying Mr. Wrong

Dear Margo: I just married my boyfriend of five years. I was 17 when we started dating (he was 22), and he was my first and only.

I was told so many times by people (including my parents) that I was too young to be in such a serious relationship.

I didn't listen to them, and now I think they were right. I love him, but I regret the missed opportunity of getting out there, being on my own, sowing my wild oats and all that.

I told my husband repeatedly before we were married that I was interested in sleeping with other people (an open marriage kind of arrangement).

I thought that full disclosure was necessary, but he shut down whenever I brought it up, so nothing was decided.

We got married anyway. I know, I know, but I didn't realize at the time how strong these feelings were.

Then I slept with a male friend. It was amazing — and enlightening. It confirmed what I was feeling before, even if it was a terrible thing to do.

Since then I've discovered I'm into some light kinks, like hair pulling and being restrained (just handcuffs would work), but when I ask my husband to try these things, he either ignores my requests or doesn't get into it.

Here's the rub: Even though he's older than I am, he's just as immature (I was his first relationship, too), and he's crazy about me, as undeserving as I am.

He has said many times that he'd kill himself if he didn't have me; that I am the only thing that makes his life worthwhile.

I don't want to be responsible for killing him, but I keep thinking life is too short to spend

with someone who's not compatible, no matter how sweet they are.

I want to do the right thing by him. I just don't know where to start. — *Stupid Kid*

Dear Stu: I think you start by telling him "the grownups" were right; it was too soon, and you are ending it with a heavy heart.

Given what you tell me, this is not the marriage for you, or him, and because it is recent, I'm betting you could get an annulment.

Perhaps your telling him you slept with someone may make your departure easier for him, if not mandatory.

As for his saying he literally couldn't live without you, a lover's threat of suicide is somewhat standard, if one may say that about such a dramatic intimidation.

You may tire of the hair pulling and the handcuffs, but then again, you may not. I hope your next decision works out better. —

Margo, sensibly

Petty People Running Parties

Dear Margo: I was invited to a Facebook Event a month and a half in advance — 60 guests, a bonfire on a farm, bring your own lawn chair and beverage and a dish to share for a potluck supper.

I declined and posted a polite message. A week later, my schedule changed and I wanted to change my RSVP to yes, but the event administrator (a friend?) removed me from the guest list.

He now refuses to allow me to attend, stating: "Once you say no, you cannot change your mind." His rule of etiquette.

I would be grateful for any advice and your "etiquette opinion," please. — *Lady in Rochester, Minn.*

Dear Lady: Your friend (?) is a jerk and way out of line. Mind you, this is a Facebook Event, not a

debutante ball — where it still would have been all right to change your mind one week after your initial response and five weeks in advance of the event!

I'm sure you don't need me to remind you that this is a potluck picnic with BYOB and BYOC (bring your own chair). If you are inclined to go, and since everybody is bringing their own refreshments (and chair!), show up if you feel like it, if these are your friends.

Or ... you could burn some trash in your backyard and have your own bonfire. In other words, I don't think you'll be missing much. — *Margo, dubiously*

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Baptist Temple

During the month of June, our Sunday morning messages will be an examination of faith in Christ as opposed to other beliefs that are prevalent in our world. This Sunday, our morning message will be “Jesus and Those Who Come to Dine with Him” from Luke 14:15-24. We will also be observing the Lord’s Supper during our morning service. Sunday evening’s message will be from 1 Corinthians 16:1-4.

Our youth are attending the Youth Evangelism Conference in Dallas on June 24-26.

Our weight-loss support-group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) has started meeting again on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Our 12-Step Recovery group, led by Dean Thomas, meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

Our Vacation Bible School will be July 12-15. The theme will be “High Seas Expedition.” You may register your child by calling the church office or clicking a link on our website. We will also have a VBS Carnival on Sunday, July 18.

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

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

First United Methodist

In last Sunday’s service of worship Lay Leader Mark Barr announced the reassignment of the Rev. Sharon Wiese as senior pastor of First Methodist, Big Spring. The congregation joined in a covenant service, vowing our commitment to the ministry of His church and the support of Wiese in her ministries.

Sunday night we welcomed the United Methodist Army to Big Spring and our church. A banquet was served in their honor which included city and county officials as well as church leadership. If you have seen lots of action down at Fourth and Scurry, at all hours of the day and night during this week, it’s that army of young Christians at work, play or worship.

Sunday, June 27, the Rev. Wiese will preach on “Life Lessons From the Old Testament,” with scripture readings from Kings, Psalms, Galatians and Luke. Services are at 8:30 and 10:50 Sunday morning with mid-week Bible study and luncheon at noon on Wednesdays in Garrett Hall.

Independence Day is just around the corner and there will be an entire weekend of activity in Big Spring. Our SAM group, the Senior Adult Minis-

try, will have their annual air-conditioned Independence Celebration at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 7. There will be gourmet hot dogs with all the trimmings plus lots of fun and fellowship. There will be no Wednesday noon Bible study/luncheon that day.

Vacation Bible School will come next, beginning July 19 as youngsters travel to Egypt with Joseph.

Continuing with the calendar of events here’s more to note. August 22, it’s Back in the Saddle fall Sunday school roundup. Also in the evening that day the Rev. Wiese will begin a study, “90 Days Thru the Bible.” This study will end on Nov. 21, perfect timing for a return of :Walk Thru the Bible.” This time we will be learning the New Testament.

Keep your calendar handy, there’s more yet to come and it’s all about loving and serving God. You’ll find us in the heart of down town Big Spring, at First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

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

Next meeting is July 8. At this month’s meeting we will honor the 2005 Walks; Women’s Walk 38 LD Susan Skelton, Men’s Walk 39 LD Joe Wennik, Women’s Walk 40 LD Kay Pittman. Plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

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

Chapel of Faith

Sunday services for Chapel of Faith, located at the corner of E. 14th Street and Goliad, are 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pastor Scott Willis’ sermon for Sunday is titled “Freedom for Love,” based on scripture from Galatians 5:1, 13-26.

Encouraging Words: “Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful, for beauty is God’s handwriting — a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every flower, and thank God for it as a cup of blessing.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

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

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. The adult discussion will be led

Serving the Lord with gladness

Many years have passed, since my first experience as a young pastor’s

wife, but I still have fond memories of our small-town church in Western Washington. Our little congregation worshiped in a structure that had evolved from a theatre into a skating rink before making its final transition into a church.

Although our congregation was delightful, our building had a few problems. Since our barrel-shaped tar and gravel roof wasn’t much of a deterrent for the daily rainfall, emptying drip buckets, mopping up puddles, and scraping moss off the ceiling were routine chores. Even though our floors were solid enough to skate on, they weren’t very attractive, and our

cinder-block walls were more serviceable than appealing.

In spite of the building’s shortcomings, our folks were proud of the work they had done on the church. We had a used stove and a vintage refrigerator that transformed a Sunday school room into a dining hall fit for a potluck dinner.

Since there was no water in the make-shift kitchen, someone, usually me, had to climb into the baptistery, kneel on the cold metal floor, and tilt the coffeemaker just enough to slide it under the faucet.

The trick was to get out of the baptistery with at least 34 of the 36 cups of water that the pot held.

By the time I sloshed my way back to the kitchen, leaving a trail of water, my feet were usually wet. But the great food and warm fellowship always made me forget about wrestling with the coffeepot — at least for a little while.

When the last paper

plate had been thrown away and the last casserole dish had been carried out after the meal, someone would inevitably notice that the coffeemaker was still plugged in.

Since I didn’t drink coffee, I would have been happy to throw the leftover coffee away, pot and all, but someone would always turn to me and say, “Let’s just give the rest of the coffee to the preacher, and you can wash the coffee pot at home and bring it back next week.”

A familiar psalm reminds us that we are to serve the Lord gladly regardless of the circumstances. “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing” (Psalm 100:1-2).

God doesn’t always call us to serve in perfect buildings. Sometimes we have to get our feet wet, and sometimes we get stuck with the coffee grounds, but we are always called to serve with gladness.

by Susie Jones. The discussion will be “Demonstrated in Action” taken from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12. The elementary class will be led by Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the Book of Acts. Angel Food delivery will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday, June 26. Orders for July can be placed at this time. The Angel Food program is open to anyone wishing to use it. We do take the Lone Star card.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located 2702 N. Birdwell and welcomes all who wish to work for the Lord through mission and worship.

For more information, please call 267-2203 or 263-2536; if no answer leave a message.

St. Paul Lutheran

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

We invite you to join us for any of our small group Bible studies. Ladies, our Wednesday noon luncheon study is now taking up the study of the letters of John led by Pastor Frost in our parish hall. Our Wednesday 6 p.m. study of Revelation is open to all. Those of you who enjoy the early morning are invited to join members of our congregation at Gregg’s Grill on Fridays at 6 a.m. to study “Seduction of Extremes.”

Tuesday, Nancy Michaelis will give a program on her experiences living and working in South Korea. Refreshment and gathering time will be from 6-6:30 p.m. with the program starting promptly at 6:30. If you have an interest in learning more about Korea in the 21st century, we would love to have you join us in our parish hall.

We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray throughout the week for safety for our servicemen, comfort for those in need, wisdom for our leaders, good stewardship for our environment and joy in the message of the Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

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

The Session will have its regular monthly meeting at 5:57 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at the church social hall.

Our church has been invited to the multi-generational Vacation Bible School combining the talents and personnel of First Presbyterian, Big Spring; First Christian; and St.

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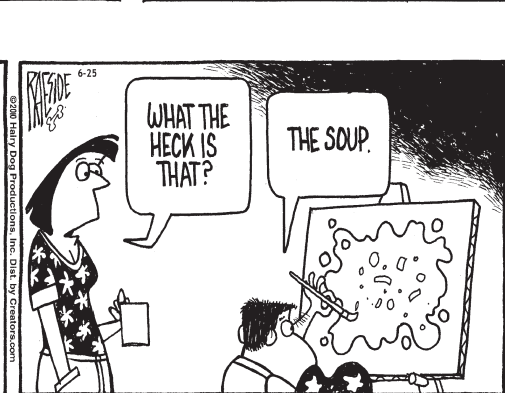
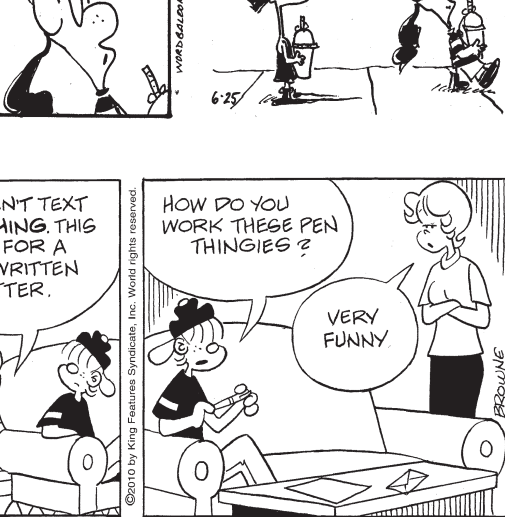
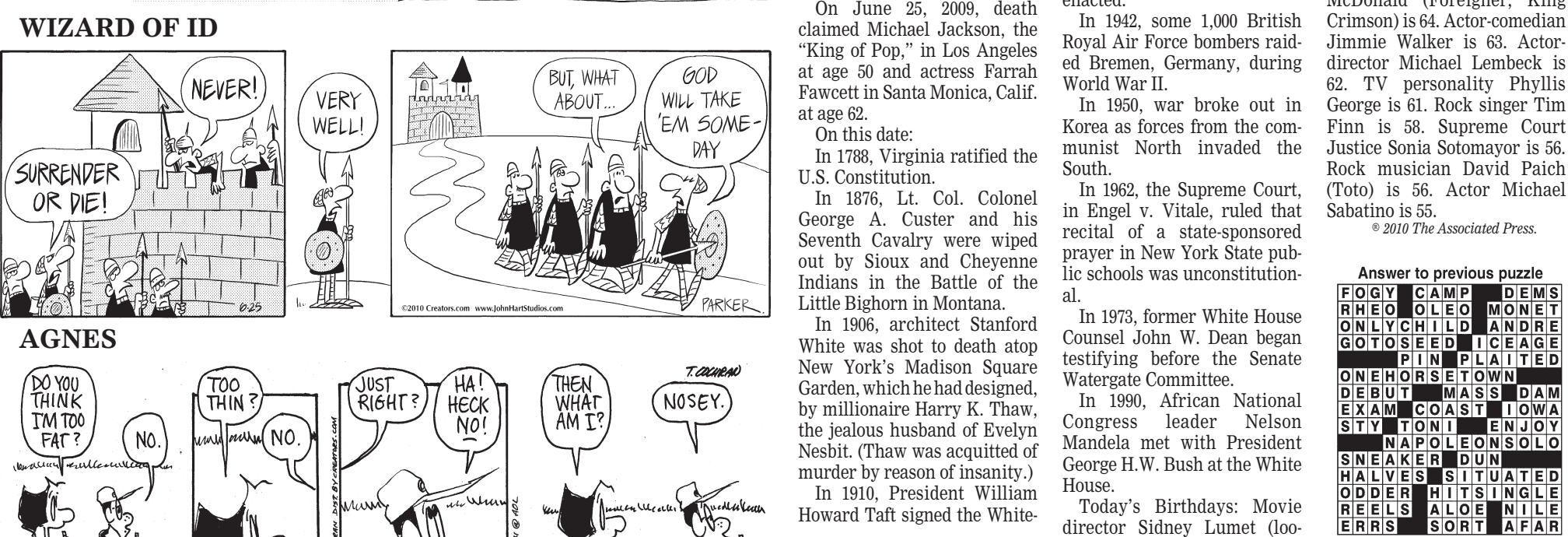
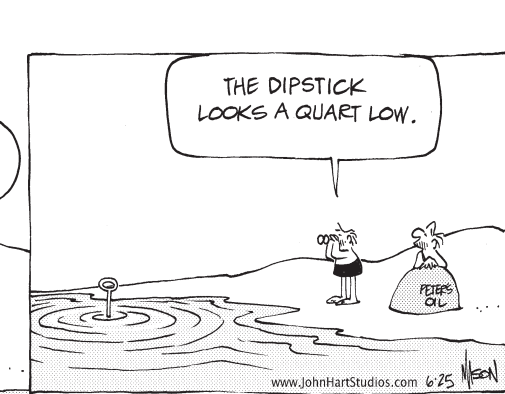
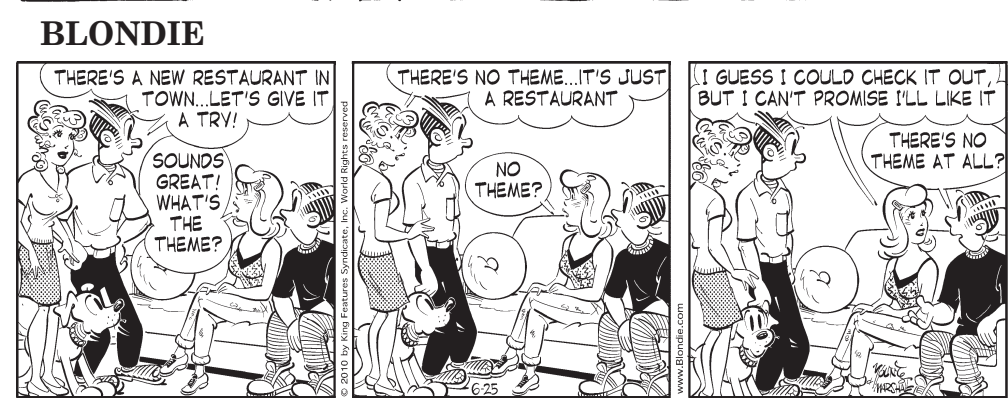
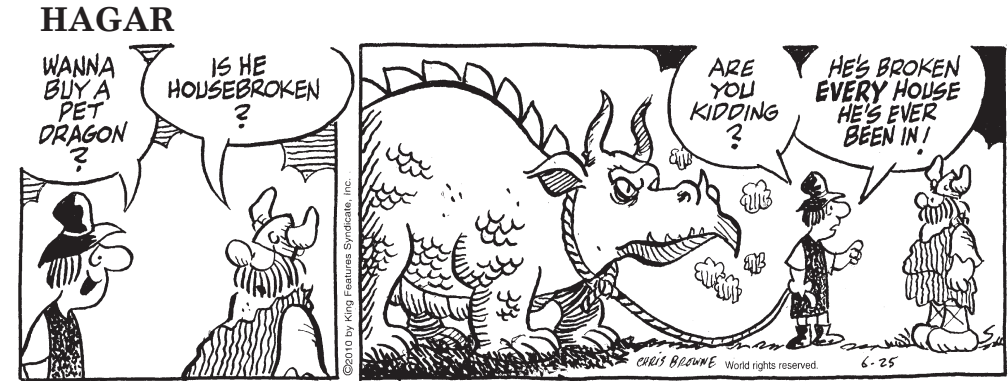
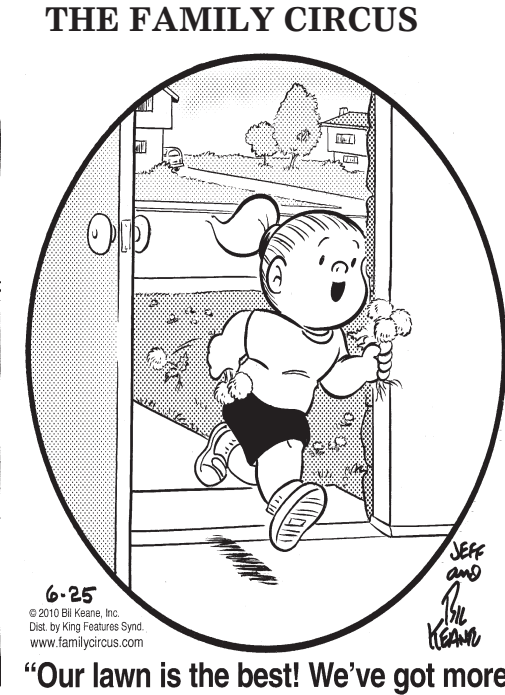
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6 :PM :30	Jeopardy! Wheel	Mi Pecado (SS)	Two Men Two Men	News Ent	A Corazón Abierto	News Millionaire	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Dr. Alewine	PBS News- Hour	70s Show 70s	American Loggers		CSI: Crime Scene	Bones		Good Wishes	Pardon ESP's NFL Live	NFL Live
7 :PM :30	Wife Swap	Hasta que el Dinero	Bones	Medium	El Clon	Friday Night Lights	Movie: Rush Hour 3, Hiroyuki Sanada	Door-Wis- dom	Wash. Need to Know	Smallville	American Loggers	Movie: Thunder- heart, Sam Shepard	CSI: Crime Scene In- vestigation	Movie: War of the Worlds, Mi- randa Otto	BET Hip-Hop Awards 2009	Movie: 16 Wishes	College Baseball: NCAA World Series, Game 12: Teams TBA.	Track and Field
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, June 25, the 176th day of 2010. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 25, 2009, death claimed Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop," in Los Angeles at age 50 and actress Farrah Fawcett in Santa Monica, Calif. at age 62.

On this date:

In 1788, Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1876, Lt. Col. Colonel George A. Custer and his Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

In 1906, architect Stanford White was shot to death atop New York's Madison Square Garden, which he had designed, by millionaire Harry K. Thaw, the jealous husband of Evelyn Nesbit. (Thaw was acquitted of murder by reason of insanity.)

In 1910, President William Howard Taft signed the White-Slave Traffic Act, more popularly known as the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes. The ballet "The Firebird" with music by Igor Stravinsky was premiered in Paris by the Ballets Russes.

In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was enacted.

In 1942, some 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II.

In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1962, the Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, ruled that recital of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1990, African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela met with President George H.W. Bush at the White House.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Sidney Lumet (100-106)

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ACROSS

1 Fills roles
6 Accounting amounts
10 UCLA offerings
14 Shakespearean sprite
15 Start of a fortune-teller's spiel
16 Intention
17 TWO ROOMS
20 8 Down filler
21 Historic caravel
22 Airheads
23 Saxon predecessor
25 Scenic designer's area
26 "Later!"
28 Thermodynamics concept
32 Base neutralizers
34 Boxer's wear
35 Univ. student's concern
38 THREE ROOMS
42 Barbarian
43 Canine cry
44 Biblical verb
45 Completely undaunted
48 Speculates
49 It means "huge"
51 Hannibal's favorite son
53 Sandwich specification
55 Muffin ingredient, maybe
56 Muzzle
59 THREE ROOMS
62 Safety-brake inventor

DOWN

1 Check out surreptitiously
2 Song for one
3 ONE ROOM
4 Hanoi holiday
5 Support for a limb, perhaps
6 Volunteer agcy.
7 Beef-rating
8 Sea, to Simone
9 Orange tree's origin
10 Dow Jones Industrials company
11 Formal directive
12 Stuff that's passed on
13 Loses firmness
18 Luxor's river
19 Hold in abeyance
24 Zilch
26 Rev gauge
27 Bill of Rights defender
29 Baloney
30 Baloney
31 Shogun accessory
33 Aviation routes
35 TWO ROOMS
36 Vexatious one
37 Exploits
39 Like Willie Winkie

63 2010 Grammy-winning rock group
64 Pago Pago's place
65 Songs for one
66 Suit part
67 Stuck

10 The works
41 Mongolian expanse
45 Four-time Australian Open champ
46 Uncompromising
47 Long-necked beauty
49 Extremely: Mus.
50 Paperless message
52 Unease
53 Drill instructors, e.g.: Abbr.
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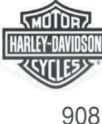
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Protecting your good name

Shakespeare wrote, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." It may seem odd, but names do bear a lot of weight, at least in floral selections.

Knowledgeable flower shoppers know of one rose in particular whose reputation precedes it, the American Beauty. When one wants to present his or her best and really make a statement, a dozen of these lovely red roses will always delight the heart of the recipient.

Why is a good name so important? For one thing it defines, simply and succinctly, who we are. A good name creates favor and

opens the door for countless blessings. This explains the importance of living a life of excellence. We may never know who is watching us or what situation may arise that will pave the way for our advancement. Proverbs 16:7 says, "When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies to live at peace with him."

Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived a faultless life before God, so the insinuations of the enemy were not able to hinder her because God came to her defense. Joseph also rose to the occasion by standing as her covering and husband. A pure conscience and right-standing with God are the prerequisites for a good reputation. If you want a successful life, cultivate a good name.

Proverbs 22:1 tells us that, "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver and gold." Ecclesiastes 7:1

says, "A good name is better than fine perfume." A good name cannot be spent, will not tarnish and, like fine perfume, lingers long after one has left the room.

We have all been in a room with someone who is wearing a wonderful fragrance. The memory and scent of that person remains even after they are gone. One almost wants to follow in order to continue the pleasant experience of the fragrance. Likewise, our good name and reputation should bring pleasure to God and man. When people think favorably of us, they are most often willing to extend a favor or blessing on our behalf.

A number of years ago, my dad, who owned his own oil field welding supply business, received a phone call from a company in Boston, Massachusetts. They had heard of the quality of his work all the way from Texas. After a few days of negotia-

tion, Dad left for Boston to start the job, which was expected to take three months to complete. After looking things over, he explained that he could do the work in six weeks instead of three months.

The owner of the company was so impressed he doubled Dad's salary and paid him a 6 percent bonus for completing the work in half the time. He also offered him a full time job if he would move to Boston and take over full operation of the welding department. He explained to Dad that he had heard of him for over a year, and that his name was always held in high esteem. Dad refused the job offer, but received many recommendations from the Boston Company for several years thereafter.

Our name, good or bad will always follow us. Truthfulness, integrity and faithfulness are major character traits that enhance not only

our good name, but our life as a whole. When Daniel went into the employ of the king of Babylon, the king changed his name from Daniel to Belteshazzar, a Babylonian god, but Daniel held fast to his Hebrew name and did not compromise. Because of Daniel's good name, he served four administrations with the Babylonian government.

His reputation for wisdom, integrity and truth followed him.

What about you? Do you protect your good name? Do you walk with the assurance of who you represent? Are you conscious of your actions, words, attitude, and how you speak to your family?

Think about this; favor with God affects our favor with man.

We need favor for doors to open, and therefore, must protect our name.

God bless.

CHURCH NEWS

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Mary's Episcopal. The event will be in the evenings Tuesday, July 27 through Friday, July 30. Everyone, children through adults, is urged to attend.

The lectionary for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is I Kings 2:1-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met on Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. The choir will not meet on Wednesdays until July 28.

The Service Committee uses the funds from our Noisy Offering for the following: to feed 100 kids at the Salvation Army on June 2, to feed 10 families in May, to provide snacks for the Boys and Girls Club, to furnish groceries for three MHMR families, to stock the shelves of the Northside and Westside Centers with toiletries to wash and care for babies, and with the help of Dr. Rip Patterson and Dr. John Myers to give toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss to both centers.

The Children's Sunday School will have computer programs or Bible videos during the summer months. The Adult Covenant Class has a new study for the summer entitled "Christian Commitment for Today's World" from First and Second Thessalonians and Philipians. The Adult Video Class is studying "Walk as Jesus Walked — Making Disciples," faith lessons by Ray Vander Laan made in present-day Turkey.

Plans are underway for a family Vacation Bible School in cooperation with First Christian Church and Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in July. Please save the evenings of Tuesday through Friday, July 27-30 for this multi-generational summer-time event.

Monika Robinson will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning. James Little is Liturgist.

The lectionary for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is II Kings 2:2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62. Rev. Holstedt will present the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be received during the service.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website:

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

East Fourth Street Baptist

Some are trying to recuperate after the mission trip to Colorado and youth camp. Several are beginning their summer vacations, family reunions, etc. Whatever reason you may not be setting in your regular spot on Sunday morning at East Fourth, please remember to keep God first and be safe.

If you're visiting Big Spring and need a place to hear God's Word on Sunday morning, we welcome you to East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E Fourth St. Our Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m.. Wednesdays we have Bible Study for all ages at 7 p.m. On Saturday, there is a men's Bible study at 7 a.m.

Our pastor is Keith Weaver.

For more information, call our church office at 267-2291.

Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon will be "Discipleship -- On Whose Terms" from Luke 9:51-62.

This week's acolyte will be McKenna Alsobrooks. Elders are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Bo Vizcaino. The readings are 1 Kings 19:9b-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, and Luke 9:51-62.

The pastoral call committee is still meeting. Thank you for your dedication in its huge endeavor which is a slow but complicated process.

On June 6, a new Bible Study titled "The Bible According to Andy Griffith" began. Those participating are treated to a very interesting and inspirational class. Bring the whole family and join us. Last Sunday's dis-



The Rev. Maria S. Rios, pastor at Templo Belen Assembly of God, announced another successful Pow Wow camp for her Royal Rangers, bringing home five first- and second-place trophies in camp and personal inspections and sport activities and the wonderful services attended. Pictured are front row, Caleb Hernandez, John Gonzalez and Jordan Enriquez; and second row, Commander Juan Presas, Valdomero Presas, Ivan Sanjuan, Nziel Sanjuan, Elijah TEorres, Kevin Materiana, Sr. Commander Domingo Rios; and back row, Commander Tom Diaz.

cussion centered on the episode "Rafe Hollister Sings."

Tonight, the LWML is sponsoring a congregational picnic at Bob and Jaunell Roever's home at 401 S. Moss Lake Road. The chance of fellowship will begin at 6 p.m. Brisket, sausage, and ribs will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts. Call Jaunell at (432) 393-5377 if you have questions.

The Lutheran Youth Fellowship is planning a trip to Six Flags July 8-10. Participants will leave from the church early on the 8th and return late on the 10th. Any interested LYF members need to contact Dana Byrd.

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

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact any member of the Board of Education. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and could be held either at church or in a home.

The Board of Education will not meet July 13 but will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. at the church.

July 12, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The LWML will not meet on the second Thursday of July; instead, our next meeting will be Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet July 15 at 7 p.m.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

We are in the community to help you in the spiritual needs that you

may have. We would count it a privilege to be acquainted with you, to be able to help you when and where the need should arise. We are a KJV Bible-believing, Bible-preaching, Bible-teaching, missionary-minded independent Baptist church — for the winning of souls to Christ, to the edifying of the saints, and for the Glory of God — where you are always welcome.

Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday School is for all ages from Pre-K through adult beginning at 10 a.m. Children's church is during the morning service for ages 4-12. There is a nursery provided for your little ones and if you need a ride you can call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Mid-week services and youth meetings are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

Come worship the Lord and hear God's word with us. For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion is celebrated at 10 a.m. during our summer schedule. We will be meeting in the parish hall.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist Service is every Wednesday in the chapel.

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

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