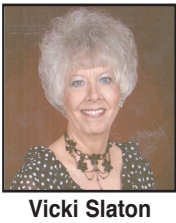




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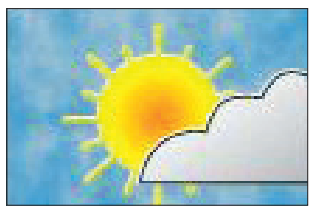


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Bealls robbed; 2 males sought

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officials are investigating an aggravated robbery that took place Thursday evening at the Bealls Department Store in the Big Spring Mall.

According to the Big Spring Police Department's Lt. Terry Chamness, two Hispanic males forced their way into the department store as it was being closed. "Both men were wearing bandanas over their faces

and hoodies," said Chamness. "They forced their way into the store and demanded all of the employees — who were counting the money in their drawers at the time —



Herald file photo
Bealls in the Big Spring Mall was robbed at closing time Thursday. Police are looking for two male Hispanic suspects.

Holdup suspect indicted

Grand jury true bills 13 individuals

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was indicted Thursday by a Howard County grand jury on two counts of robbery for his alleged role in a pair of March 9 holdups at local convenience stores.



David Hernandez Montez, 40, currently in the Howard County Jail, was indicted on two counts of robbery, both being first-degree felonies (enhanced).

Montez

According to police records, Montez was arrested in connection with a holdup at Star Stop No. 14, located at 4806 W. Highway 80. At the time of his arrest, Montez was also a prime suspect in a similar holdup at the 7-Eleven convenience store at FM 700 and Birdwell Lane.

Officers responded to the 7-Eleven shortly after 5 a.m. March 9 in reference to a robbery call, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring police Department.

Reports state that a Hispanic male subject had fled the scene after demanding money and knocking the clerk to the ground. The clerk was not seriously injured and the subject fled the store empty handed, according to Everett.

Shortly before 6 a.m. the same

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Work crews pour concrete on runway 17/35, the main landing strip at the Big Spring Airport Thursday afternoon. Renovation of the 8,800-foot runway should be completed by mid-June, officials said.

Runway project takes off

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

There's no recession in the construction industry — at least in Big Spring.

As crews cover the downtown area in multiple street renovation projects, workers are also busy at the local airport, pouring concrete as part of a \$6.5 million project to improve the facility's main runway.



Little

Federal Aviation Administration and local funds.

The work, being done by Duninck Brothers Construction of Roanoke, should be completed by mid-June, Airport Director Jim Little said.

Money for the runway renovation was provided by a mix of Texas Department of Transportation,

Work began early this year. Crews removed the old asphalt surface, stabilized the runway foundation and are resurfacing the 8,800-foot strip with an 11-inch deep slab of concrete.

"That was a pretty big decision — whether to go with asphalt or concrete," Little said. "The cost of asphalt vs. concrete had pretty much evened out at the time, so we went with con-

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UIL releases revised dates in wake of flu scare

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The state academics meet will go on — at a slightly later

date. Officials with the University Interscholastic League announced that the 2009 UIL Academic State Meet, originally scheduled for May 7-9, has been rescheduled because to the swine flu outbreak in Texas.

The revised dates for the Academic State Meet are May 25-26 for all conferences. The One-Act-Play competition for conferences 1A-3A will be

held May 26-28. All contests will take place on the University of Texas campus.

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A detailed schedule of the Academic State Meet will be posted on the UIL Web site in the near future.

More than 20 school districts in Texas have postponed classes as a result of the

swine flu outbreak. So far, no confirmed or suspected cases of the illness have surfaced in Howard County or the West Texas area.

Representatives from the three county public school systems, plus Howard College, have announced that officials are taking all prudent steps to help prevent an outbreak among their students or staff.

"We have taken some extra

precautionary steps," Coahoma Independent School District Superintendent Randy Brown said. "We given out information to our staff, plus we have a full-time nurse on hand to help in this area. Plus, we're having our custodial staff do extra cleaning ... and we're sharing any and all information we develop with Big Spring and Forsan school

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UIL reschedules regional track meets

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Turns out there will be regional track meets after all.

After collaborating with University of Texas officials and the 20 UIL regional track meet hosts, the UIL has tentatively rescheduled the regional track meets to take place after interscholastic competition resumes May 11.

"The decision to suspend competition was not a decision we took lightly," said UIL

Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "Much effort and consideration was given to resurrect the regional track meets and change the dates for the state meets. With the cooperation of our regional sites and the University of Texas, we are now able to hold the regional and state track meets



Breithaupt

as we had originally intended."

As a part of mass rescheduling Wednesday due to the recent outbreak of the swine flu, the UIL announced the state track meet would be held May 14-16 and qualifiers would be held from the top four participants in each event from each region.

The state meet has now been changed to June 5-6 at the University of Texas in Austin's Myers Stadium.

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Rockets dismiss Portland with Game 6 drubbing

CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets finally advanced in the NBA playoffs.

Ron Artest scored 27 points, Yao Ming had 17 points and 10 rebounds and Houston reached the second round for the first time since 1997, beating the Portland Trail Blazers 92-76 in Game 6 on Thursday night.

The Rockets drafted Yao with the top overall pick in 2002, and he's played on three of the teams that lost in the opening round. He broke his foot late last season and watched from the bench as the Rockets lost again.

He embraced teammates with a wide grin moments after this one ended, savoring every moment after his seven-year wait.

"It's a big step for me," he said. "Even when the clock was running down, I'm still not believing that it's coming true. Obviously now that we know that feeling, we've got to keep moving forward."

Aaron Brooks scored 13 points and Shane Battier tied a career playoff-high with nine rebounds as the Rockets won for the first time in their last seven first-round series.

Houston, which lost Tracy McGrady to season-ending knee surgery in February, put this one away with a big second quarter and moves on to play the top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers on Monday night at the Staples Center. The Lakers won all four meetings in the regular season.

Artest was shooting only 37.7 percent from the field in the series before producing his best offensive game. He was already talking about the next round.

"The fans were just so happy to get out of the first round and I'm like 'I'm just not happy to just be out of the first round,'" he said. "That's just not our goal here. That's not LA's goal, that's not Boston's goal, that is not Cleveland's goal. That is not our goal."

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 26 points and Brandon Roy had 22 for the Blazers, who were making their first playoff appearance since 2003. But the Blazers were the youngest team in the playoffs and their inexperience showed. They lost Game 1 in Portland, then dropped all three games in Houston, going out meekly in the finale.

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Hawks softball hosting Region V Tourney



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Kristy Leal picks up a base hit in Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball action April 10 at Foundation Field. The Hawks will be the fourth seed in the Region V Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, which is being held at Foundation Field Saturday and Sunday. They'll take on top-seeded Midland College in the opening round of the four-team, double-elimination tournament at 11 a.m. Saturday. Second-seeded Clarendon College plays No. 3 Odessa College in the other first-round matchup at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Sweeney robs Kinsler, delivers A's 4-2 win over Texas

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Ryan Sweeney retreated, leaped and stuck his glove above the eight-foot wall — and saved a much-needed victory for the ailing Oakland Athletics.

Sweeney's incredible catch in straight-away center robbed Ian Kinsler of a three-run homer in the eighth inning and the A's held on, winning 4-2 over the Texas Rangers on Thursday.

"It's phenomenal," said Dallas Braden, who pitched five scoreless innings to get the win.

"It was pretty much timing," Sweeney said. "I just jumped, got lucky and caught it. ... He hit it dead center. I think if he would have pulled it a little bit, it might have gone."

Kinsler, already with seven homers, slammed his helmet to the ground with

both hands when he realized Sweeney caught the ball.

"It was a good catch. There's nothing more I can say," Kinsler said. "I was hoping it would be on the grass and out of his reach."

A's manager Bob Geren said the 6-foot-4 Sweeney "needed every inch" to make the play.

Braden (3-2) allowed five hits and walked four, but managed to work out of trouble. The left-hander struck out six, escaping bases-loaded jams his last two innings with Ks.

Before Matt Holliday homered in the ninth, Oakland got runs on two sacrifice flies and a bases-loaded walk issued by Eddie Guardado, who threw four balls to the only batter he faced and was ejected by umpire Angel Campos after he had already been taken out of the game.

Holliday's homer was his first in 18

games since being acquired from Colorado over the winter.

Andruw Jones homered for Texas in the ninth, right after Michael Young was thrown out trying for a triple on a ball hit off the left-field wall. Michael Wuertz, closing with Brad Ziegler out sick, still got his first save.

Landon Powell, a late addition to the Oakland lineup, hit a sac fly off Vicente Padilla (1-2) to break a scoreless tie in the sixth.

Padilla was pulled after loading the bases with no outs in the seventh, including a close call when the right-hander was covering first and stepped on the base simultaneously with Sweeney, who was called safe.

Guardado was pulled after walking Jack Cust and while going to the dug-out had words with Campos, who

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AP photo/Max Faulkner/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Oakland Athletics outfielder Ryan Sweeney robs Texas Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler of a 3-run homer in the Rangers' 4-2 loss to Oakland Thursday in Arlington.

Sports in brief

New schedule for high school baseball and softball playoffs

With the temporary suspension of any UIL interscholastic competition in the state, a new schedule for the baseball and softball postseason has been made.

Here's how it plays out for each sport:

Softball

Bi-district deadline: May 16
Area deadline: May 19
Regional quarterfinal: May 23
Regional semifinal: May 26
Regional final: May 30
State tournament: June 4-6

Baseball

District certification: May 19
Bi-district deadline: May 23
Area deadline: May 26
Regional quarterfinal: May 30
Regional semifinal: June 2
Regional final: June 6
State tournament: June 10-13

Forsan High School Sports Banquet scheduled for Monday, May 11

Forsan High School will hold its annual sports banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets for parents and guests at \$10 apiece and must be purchased at the high school office by May 8.

BSHS Spring Sports Banquet set for Monday

The Big Spring High School Spring Sports banquet is set for 6 p.m. Monday in the high school's cafeteria.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door or from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly report

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association held its weekly playday Monday with the team of JoAnn Hillger, Dee Jenkins and Sue Russell win-

ning first on a scorecard playoff.

The team shot par and was tied with Linda DeWaters, Shirley Long, Patsy Sharpnack and Gus Leonardi at the end of the day.

Both teams shot an even par, but the team of Hullger, Jenkins and Russell had the better score on the selected tiebreaker hole.

In couples play Thursday, the team of Donnie and Shirley Long and Forrest and Gayle West also took first via a scorecard playoff.

Second place went to Ray and Sue Russell and Chick and Carol Madry. Both teams shot 2-under.

Shooting a 1-under for third was the foursome of George and Betty Murphy and John Leonardi and Daury Cockrell.

Free adult tennis league starting at Figure 7

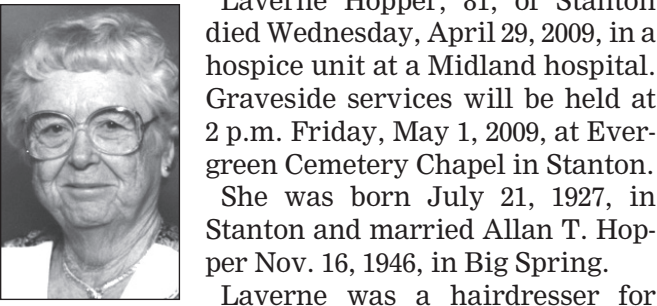
Ted Oleson, City of Big Spring tennis pro, is beginning a free adult tennis league on Sundays from 3-5 p.m.

To be eligible, players must be at least 18 years old and out of high school.

Visit www.bigspringtennis.com for more info.

Obituaries

Laverne Hopper



Laverne Hopper, 81, of Stanton died Wednesday, April 29, 2009, in a hospice unit at a Midland hospital. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2009, at Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton. She was born July 21, 1927, in Stanton and married Allan T. Hopper Nov. 16, 1946, in Big Spring. Laverne was a hairdresser for many years and worked at the Martin County Tax Office for three years. She enjoyed quilting, embroidering and crocheting.

Survivors include her husband, Allan Hopper of Stanton; one daughter, Linda Hopper Grissam and husband Tommy, of Big Spring; two sons, Kenneth Hopper and wife Jan, of Coppell, and Johnny Hopper and wife Linda Kay of Stanton; six grandchildren, Brandon Hopper, Bryan Garner, Candy Ulmer, J.L. Hopper, Kyle Grissam and Courtney Grissam; 10 great-grandchildren, Jacob Ulmer, Sarah Ulmer, Wesley Ulmer, Christopher, Dusty and Amber Hopper, Alina, Riley and Austin Hopper, and Dustin Williams; and one sister, Elsie Mae Ervin of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Wilma Young; one grandson, Cory Hopper; one brother; J.T. Young; and one sister, Francis Doshier.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

O.L. ‘Vick’ Vickers

O.L. “Vick” Vickers, 86, of DeLeon, formerly of Coahoma died Thursday, April 30, 2009, in an Abilene hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• Kids for Life, an American Cancer Society Relay for Life fund-raising team will hold a garage sale Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. at 2514 Cindy in Kentwood. For more information, Amanda Gillespie at 213-5455, Michelle Fryar at 935-4006 or Lori Kirby at 935-6431.

• A benefit account has been established at Woodforest National Bank (Account 1652331339) for John Allison and Jacoby Rivera, who lost their belongings in a residential fire on Runnels. Donations can also be made by calling (431) 213-4091.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas military personnel who have served or are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Apply at the Salvation Army, 511 W. Fifth St. These funds were granted by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• We are currently seeking Class of 1999 classmates from Big Spring High School. Our 10-year reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Please send your mailing information to bshs1999@gmail.com to receive information on the reunion or contact Jennifer Davidson at (432) 213-0257.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016

• The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at (432) 553-8127.

• Big Spring resident Velma Campbell was on vacation in Arizona when she had a massive stroke. She has since been transported to a nursing home in Big Spring. She has many friends and is an avid bowler. If anyone would like to help, a savings account has been set up at Wells Fargo. The savings account number is 9662778118.

Police blotter

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

- LUIS LARA, 28, of 1800 E. Fifth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of no driver’s license.
- THEFT was reported: in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1500 block of Lancaster.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1600 block of Benton.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 800 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Bell.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.
- JIM HARLAN DANIELS, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - JIMMY RICHARD DUBOSE, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a miscellaneous charge.
 - LUIS MANUEL LARA, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver’s license.
 - BRANDON JOE ROBINSON, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
 - CHRYL ANN WILLIAMS, 50, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of E. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

• Encourager’s Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

CHANGING DATES

• The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.

Your Local Weather

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TODAY

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

• Prospector’s Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Alzheimer’s Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• The Howard County Sheriff’s Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff’s Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-29-3-11. Bonus Ball: 17.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 23-12-7-28-19

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,400

Winning ticket purchased in: Lorena

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-3-5. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-7. Sum It Up: 10.

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Josh Howard: Dallas’ X-factor, difference-maker

DALLAS (AP) — This time last year, Josh Howard seemed lost — a guy who went on local radio to chat about how much he enjoys “smoking weed in the offseason sometimes,” then followed a playoff loss by going to a party in his honor that his coach had told him to skip.

This time last month, Howard couldn’t be counted on for another reason — having missed 11 straight games for the second time this season because of a bum ankle that probably needs surgery.

Now?

He might be the biggest reason the Dallas Mavericks are getting ready to play the Denver Nuggets in a second-round playoff series.

“I keep fighting,” Howard said.

Since Howard’s latest return, the Mavs have climbed two spots in the Western Conference over the final few weeks of the regular season — to sixth — then opened the playoffs by eliminating the San Antonio Spurs in five games. Dallas is 11-3 in that stretch, matching the Lakers for best in the NBA.

Although Dirk Nowitzki outscored Howard by a basket during the first round, anyone around the Mavs will say Howard was the series MVP, primarily for propping up the offense in Games 1 and 4 when the Spurs clamped down on Nowitzki and Jason Terry. He’s become Jason Kidd’s go-to guy in transition and he’s the top perimeter defender.

He’s also having fun again. The joy

can be seen on his face as much as the box score, with teammates feeding off his energy and enthusiasm.

“He’s always kind of been our X-factor,” Nowitzki said. “When he’s playing well and he’s fired up, he can play both ends of the floor.”

Howard’s willingness to play through pain and to restore his reputation is a nice reward for the team’s faith in him.

The Mavericks stuck with Howard through all his travails over the past year, a list that also includes getting busted going 94 mph in a 55 mph zone and a YouTube video in which he says he doesn’t celebrate the national anthem because he’s black.

Whether the Mavs supported him because they truly believed he could

return to his All-Star form, or simply because his trade value was so low, it doesn’t matter now. Their loyalty is paying off.

The last month also has reminded everyone of his versatility, a jack-of-all-trades skill set (inside and outside, leading the break or breaking up the opponent’s) that allows other players to focus more on what they do best.

“Look, Josh is just a really big part of what we do,” Donnie Nelson said. “His athleticism, his rebounding, it gives us a completely different dimension. With the years Jason (Kidd), Dirk and (Terry) put together, we really got some good consistency from those positions. Now, with Josh feeling a lot better, there’s great chemistry there.”

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“At that time, we were simply trying to save the state track meet,” said Breithaupt. “When our staff had the time, opportunity and information they were able to make this happen. We had numerous calls in support of the original decision as well as calls to return to the regional format. We

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remained near home plate and ejected the pitcher.

The reliever then slung his glove and cap toward the stands near the Rangers dugout. Guardado, who has a 9.64 ERA in nine appearances, raised both arms over his head to incite the fans, who responded with

ROCKETS

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“This is a great experience for us,” said Roy, who averaged 26.6 points in the series. “All our guys are happy that we had a great season, but they have a bad taste in their mouth because you felt like we could have played better this series.”

The last three games had been decided by a total of eight points, but the Rockets turned this one into a rout before halftime.

The Rockets led 21-19 when Yao went out for his

cheers.

“It was all my fault. I was just letting out some frustration, and he happened to be standing there,” Guardado said. “I’ve not been doing my job. When that happens, it builds up.”

Kurt Suzuki added a sac fly for a 3-0 lead.

Two of Oakland’s three shutout losses are in games started by Braden, and it was a scoreless game when he threw the last of his 111 pitches.

Andrew Bailey pitched two shutout innings before Russ Springer allowed

Class A Region II meet at Abilene Christian University May 15-16.

All of these dates are tentative and pending the UIL releasing the current hold on interschool activities, which is scheduled to end May 11.

Having the chance to compete at the regional meets is good news for some area athletes, including a few Steers who might have fallen short of qualifying according to the original contingency plan, including seniors Jordan Valle, Kade Parker and Catherine Leubner.

Hank Blalock’s sixth homer leading off the eighth.

Powell started at first base and Bobby Crosby moved to third when Eric Chavez was scratched. Geren said Chavez, who has played in only three of the last 13 games, aggravated his sore right elbow during batting practice.

Oakland also was without infielders Nomar Garciaparra and Mark Ellis, put on the disabled list Wednesday with calf injuries. Jason Giambi has two sore hamstrings and

“It’s a positive thing especially for our seniors who weren’t going to get to go to state based on the system UIL had come up with,” said Big Spring Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey. “It’s a big deal for our program and school. Jordan, Kade and Catherine have a great chance of qualifying for state at the regional meets.”

Texas was the first state to suspend athletic and academic competitions, but Alabama has quickly followed suit, postponing all athletic events until Tuesday.

appeared only as a pinch hitter.

Notes: Rangers C Jarrod Saltalamacchia left after two innings because of eye irritation. ... A’s RHP Justin Duchscherer was started a throwing program in Arizona in his comeback from right elbow surgery. He is at least a month away from pitching in a rehab assignment. ... Rangers RHP Kris Benson, on the DL with tendinitis in his right elbow, threw on the side without problems and will make a rehab start Sunday at Double-A Frisco.

regular rest for the start of the second quarter. Houston took control with a 13-2 run. Reserve guard Von Wafer hit a 3-pointer and grabbed a rebound during the run, showing no effects of the back spasms that bothered him on Wednesday. He was cleared to play by team doctors Thursday, less than an hour before the game.

The Rockets outscored Portland 31-18 in the quarter and led 52-37 at halftime.

“Basically, we just couldn’t recover from that,” Portland coach Nate McMillan said.

The Blazers cut the lead to 13 early in the fourth quarter, but Yao muscled in a layup and Brooks hit a 3-pointer to make it 81-63. Brooks drove for a layup with 2:45 left to put Houston ahead 87-67, prompting the “Beat L.A.” chant from the raucous capacity crowd.

Yao embraced forward Brian Cook and Artest walked to the Portland bench to shake hands with McMillan as the final seconds ticked off.

“It’s been a long time coming,” Battier said. “I’ve only been here three years, but you feel the frustrations of the fans here. They love a winner here. We’re glad that we could get a win for them.”

Bulls 128, Celtics 127, 3OT

CHICAGO — Another overtime thriller has the Chicago Bulls and Boston Celtics heading for a Game 7.

Derrick Rose scored 28 points and blocked Rajon Rondo’s potential game-winner, and John Salmons

scored 35, as the Bulls beat the defending champions 128-127 in triple overtime Thursday night to tie the first-round series at three games apiece.

Ray Allen scored a career playoff-high 51 points for the Celtics, but the series — which has had a record four games go a total of seven overtimes — will go back to Boston for Game 7 on Saturday.

Rondo penetrated and pulled up on the left block with 8 seconds left and turned, only to be rejected by Rose. The rookie of the year then missed two free throws with 3.2 seconds remaining, before Rondo launched a harmless heave from beyond midcourt.

Allen finished three points shy of John Havlicek’s club playoff record and tied the NBA playoff mark with nine 3-pointers.

Magic 114, 76ers 89

PHILADELPHIA — Playing without suspended star Dwight Howard and injured guard Courtney Lee, Orlando beat Philadelphia in Game 6 to advance to the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Howard, who was suspended one game by the NBA for his elbow on Sixers center Samuel Dalembert in Game 5, will return when the Magic play the winner of the Boston-Chicago series.

Rashard Lewis scored 29 points and Rafer Alston had 21 to help the Magic win on the road for the second time this series. The Magic’s decisive run came early when they made 12 of their first 19 shots.

Alston hit two 3-pointers during the Magic’s fast start that put them up 15 and quickly negated the home crowd. J.J. Redick made all three 3-point attempts in the first half and ably filled in for Lee, who had surgery on his fractured sinus Thursday and could possibly be out two more weeks.

Andre Miller scored 24 points for the Sixers, who were eliminated in the first round for the second straight season.



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By Steve Becker

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1. Your right-hand opponent opens One Diamond, which you double for takeout, and your left-hand opponent bids Three Diamonds, which is followed by two passes. What would you do now?

2. You deal and bid One Heart, and partner responds One Spade. What would you do now?

3. You deal and bid One Heart, and partner responds Two Clubs. When you rebid Two Spades, partner bids Three Diamonds. What would you do now?

4. Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with Three Diamonds, which you double. Your partner responds Three Notrump. What would you do now?

1. Double. This is still a takeout double, even though partner had the opportunity to bid and didn’t. Your hand is much too good to give up without a fight, since you have considerably more strength than was implied by the first double. It is better to ask partner to choose the suit by doubling again than it is to blindly bid three hearts or three spades in the hope of finding partner with support for that suit. Furthermore, there is a chance that clubs may turn out to be the best place to play the hand.

2. Four spades. The jump to four spades tells partner that even though his spade response may be based on only six points and four mediocre spades, a game in spades is highly probable. By inference, therefore, the jump promises at least 20 points, including distributional values. The four-spade bid thus constitutes an indirect slam try, and is not a close-out bid, as some might mistakenly think.

3. Five clubs. Having indicated five hearts and four spades already, you should now show your excellent club support and additional strength by jumping to five of that suit. It would be wrong to bid three notrump, which would be correct if the queen of clubs were, say, the queen of diamonds. As it is, though, the queen of clubs is probably the difference between making a slam and just a game.

4. Pass. You should accept partner’s judgment that notrump is the best spot. He knows you were angling for a suit contract when you doubled, and it would be wrong to start groping around now in hopes of finding a better place to play.

Tomorrow: The climb to Mount Everest.
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## OUR VIEW

# We salute:

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

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

*This week we salute:*

- All those who took advantage of the opportunity last Saturday to see what their tax dollars are paying for during an open house at the new Howard County Jail

- SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Howard College officials, who unveiled the new training center for workforce training students at SWCID with an open house last Friday.

- Howard College officials who secured Linda Armstrong Kelly, the author and mother of champion cyclist Lance Armstrong, as a guest speaker for the HC Foundation Speaker Series held Thursday night at the Hall Center for the Arts.

- Guest musicians the Tardy Bells Handbell Choir under the direction of Susan Dawes; Darryl Knapp, organ and piano; Gloria Steelman, flute and violin; Scott McLaughlin, guitar; and singers Joyce Bradley, Susan Dawes, Joseph Dawes and Josh Pike, who performed Thursday during the second Eastertide Offerings Concert at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

- City Councilwoman Gloria McDonald and other city officials who took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Friday at the new Mt. Olive Cemetery Chapel. Mayor Russ McEwen credited McDonald as being the driving force behind the building's construction.

- Grady seventh grade students Kristen Blocker, Billy Froese and Bernadette Adkins, who recently participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Bernadette qualified for the Duke Tip's State recognition ceremony to be held in early June.

- Grady High School students Eva Dyck and Maxwell Kennady, who competed in the state academic meet.

- All those who took part in Saturday's fifth annual Fajita Cook-Off at the Big Spring American Legion Post.

- All those who took part in the Howard County Master Gardeners' annual plant sale Saturday at Heart of the City Park.

- The Big Spring Kiwanis Club, which celebrated its 80th anniversary last week. The club held its first meeting April 16, 1929.

- Dr. Keith and Willia Ledford, winners of the new truck given away during the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council's Third Annual Cars, Stars and Handlebars fund-raiser.

*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.*

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, create a mesmerizing atmosphere around us.

Amen

# Ain't scared of the Lord no more

Now, 1966 was a banner year. Yes, it was the year we lost Walt Disney, but it was also the year we gained me. My glorious entrance as a sixth generation Texan fell upon the 66th year of the 20th century but there was probably some other news too.

We learned a lot in '66. We learned we had the right to remain silent as the Miranda Law was passed. We learned to fill out forms when Medicare kicked in. Frank Sinatra informed us he did it his way and won the Grammy. We learned women's lib would go way too far when The Sound of Music got the Oscar.

Speaking of movies, one of the world's cinematic wonders of achievement was released in that same year.

You will remember it well and the impact it made on your life. It was called, "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken," starring Don Knotts.

OK, maybe it didn't do much for you, and no, it was not a biography on Bo Pilgrim's Christian journey. But I loved it and looked for the elusive rerun in those pre-VCR dark ages.

I was somewhat of a chicken myself. Scared of the dark, my great-grandfather had told me of a creature he called raw head and bloody bones that lived out there somewhere.

I could hear him on my heels every time I ran down to my Papa's house. The other big scare

I had was really two things. One of which was heights. I loved to climb trees but after getting just a few feet up I would become paralyzed and start screaming for my rescue. "Help!" I would cry in my 5-year-old hillbilly accent. "I'm a long ways from down!"

The other really big scare I had was not of spooks or the discontented souls of dead Confederate soldiers — I was scared of God. Totally terrified that one day I would run around a corner and see God face-to-face. I kinda felt like He was always watching me and I figured I would be in big trouble if He ever caught up with me.

While I never got over my terrible fear of heights, I did get over my fear of God.

Today I look for him in every situation I am involved in. His presence is the highlight of my mornings and the fuel of my day. I no longer hope He doesn't show up. I pray He does and I am not satisfied with his omnipresence, I am looking for His manifest presence.

As a Christian, I believe one of these days I will see him eye-to-eye and face-to-face. After he picks me up from off the floor, I've got the biggest bear hug imaginable coming to me.

I think God is the most wonderful person in the universe. Conquering my fear of Him and overcoming the lie that He is out to get me is the one of the most revolutionary achievements of my life.

Now I know the Good Book talks about the fear of the Lord being healthy. The book of Proverbs says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but it's not talking about

being terrified of relationship. The Biblical expression here really means proper alignment. In other words, to love what God loves and to hate what God hates — literally to get with His program.

You tap into the fear of the Lord because you are blown away by His majesty and nature.

Graham Cooke says His majesty is how He rules and his nature is how He acts. To me, it's a lot like a magnified version of how you look at Niagara Falls or Grand Canyon, only this one actually made the universe and wants to personally speak with you, and actually sit down and eat with you.

As C.S. Lewis describes it, the Biblical term fear of the Lord means to be "...filled with awe, in which you feel wonder and a certain shrinking."

In Johnson County terms, he means it's a right perspective of how awesome God is.

So may we all get a healthy dose of God's greatness and in so doing see how small our issues, burdens and needs really are.

When was the last time you've been slack-jawed or tapped into the fear of the Lord? As the ranch hand on the Wolf Brand Chili commercials used to say, "Well neighbor, that's too long."

"Happy the soul that has been awed by a view of God's majesty, that has had a vision of God's awful greatness, His ineffable holiness, His perfect righteousness, His irresistible power, His sovereign grace..." A.W. Pink

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# Uncle Mort comes to the rescue

Aunt Maude, a woman of few words, decided long ago that life is more pleasant if she lets Uncle Mort handle talkin' for the two of them.

Married to Mort for more than

75 years, she understands him to the degree that he can be understood and ignores the rest.

A while back, her passing observation explained much about her hubby's storehouse of opinions that fly headlong into the face of facts.

"It all goes back to the day of his birth," Maude said. "Mort was delivered by an absent-minded doctor who held him up by his hands and spanked his face."

My aunt's theory explains a great deal about Uncle Mort's bent to challenge conventional wisdom at every turn.

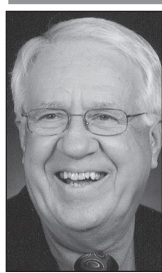
He's never had any use for conventions and precious little for wisdom.

Kinfolks claim that Mort "means well." This comes across as a worn, throw-away expression—in the same harness with "his heart being in the right place."

These thoughts came to mind a few nights back when Mort called.

He sounded as excited as a Somali rebel who graduates as valedictorian at pirate school.

The "chase cut to," he was breathless when he asked if I have a cutting edge, souped-up cell phone called an "E-Berry," and if I did, to "get rid of it immediately."



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I was as dumbfounded as the heavily-taxed guy who said he wished that whoever said "taxation without representation is tyranny could come back and see what it's like with representation."

What, in the name of Joe Biden, was my uncle talking about?

Immediately it occurred that I needed to reverse thought processes to line up with Uncle Mort's brain waves.

His next statement explained much: "Our neighbor got one of those new-fangled phones, and he said that he'd received an alarming blackmail on his 'E-Berry.'"

I thought about suggesting the possibility that yet again, he might be a victim of "backward recall."

But I didn't. I figured that trying to untangle his made-up mind would be as big a project as construction of a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. Further, I doubted that my countering that perhaps his neighbor's "e-mail on his BlackBerry" would result in opening yet a larger can of worms.

It was apparent that Mort wanted to talk about more than "E-Berries." No political party is conservative enough for him (his middle name is Attila). So probably I shouldn't have mentioned Vice President Joe Biden.

"I've wondered about him from the 'git-go,'" the 96-year-old huffed. "The man may be charitable, but his giving record suggests otherwise. He's claimed an annual average of \$369 to charity in IRS filings for the past decade."

Mort guessed the VP would have dropped that much into Salvation Army buckets. "Our preacher talked about church-

giving last week," he continued. "I guess his talkin' about giving 10 percent of income figured on gross instead of net would have been wasted on Mr. Biden."

Remembering that Mort's "fact-finding" and recall typically are "all sky west and crooked," I considered interrupting. (It occurred to me to suggest that maybe decimal points were misplaced, and that Biden's annual charitable giving might actually have been \$3,690, or even \$36,900.)

Thankfully, I didn't. Whadda you know? Numerous "Googlings" of respected sources support Mort's claim. (Broken down further, the figure represents less than one-half of one percent of income.)

I reminded Mort that one's stance on charity is a matter of choice and not a requisite for holding public office. "You still might want to write Mr. Biden a letter, telling him what you think," I advised.

"Haven't you heard what it's gonna cost to mail a letter next month?" he questioned, adding that he had protested the new 44-cent rate to his postmaster.

"Government guys usually have warped answers, ready-made for dispensing," Mort laughed. "When I asked him to verify that it's really going to cost 44 cents to mail a letter from the thicket to Washington, D.C., he said I was looking at it all wrong. He said that by the time it gets there, the cost will be only a penny a day."

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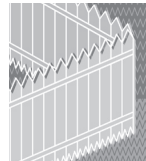
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# ► Church News

## First United Methodist

This Sunday our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will continue her sermon series “Living the Master’s Plan.” Through this series we strive to discover and use our spiritual gifts.

Services of worship are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45.

May is an exciting month for our CDO. They will have a special luncheon to honor their mothers as well as get ready for their end-of-year program May 15. On that day at 10:30 a.m., all the classes will sing and the pre-K class will have its graduation. It is also time to pre-register for the CDO summer program which will be held Wednesdays and Fridays for ages 6 weeks to 4th grade. For more information on registration, contact Loryne at 267-7511.

Celebration Sunday at First Methodist will be the May 17 following the 10:50 service. There will be a benefit meal with proceeds going to Amy William’s medical fund. This is being sponsored and prepared by the Hispanic Ministry committee. That day we also celebrate and honor our high school graduates. And to round out the celebration we will have a Ministry Expo; each ministry within the church is invited to show off what they do

To serve God inside and outside the walls of our buildings at Fourth and Scurry. Contact Stacy Sheppard at scotsheppard@hotmail.com to reserve display space and/or information.

Zane Yeater and her committee are hard at work visiting other churches and researching as we prepare to introduce an alternative service to our worship schedule. Be watching for more news about this important addition here at First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

## First Presbyterian, Big Spring

Last Sunday afternoon, April 26, a reception for newlyweds Patrick and Katey Farquhar was held in the church parlor.

The Lectionary Bible study met at 5:17 p.m., the youth group at 6 p.m. Wednesday this week and choir practice met at 6 p.m.

The 2009 Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Tres Rios Presbytery was held in Big Spring April 25. The meeting featured Marj Carpenter, past moderator of General Assembly PC(USA), and Patti Nance, Synod of the Sun Mission interpreter.

Presbyterian Women met April 28 in the church library for the Bible study of the book “Jubilee: Luke’s Gospel” by D. Lindsay Morgan.

This evening, May 1, everyone is invited to Family Movie Night in our Theater Room for a fun evening of pizza and popcorn and a showing of the inspirational movie “Fireproof” at 7 p.m. The young people will watch another movie and a nursery will be provided. For a ride to this event or more information, call the church office at 263-4211 or Ann Sinclair at 263-4433.

Mother’s Day cards for the NetWorkers Malaria Prevention Program are now available. Contact Jo Dell Myrick or Neva Green for your cards.

Pam Morgan will be in charge of refreshments for “Take Ten” Sunday. We also appreciated her serving as liturgist for last Sunday.

Liturgist for May is Marj Carpenter. Communion servers for this month are Janie and Dick Conley, Mark Morgan, and Harry Middleton. Ushers are Neva and Max Green, Paula Farquhar and John Yater.

The lectionary for the fourth Sunday of Easter is Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18. The choir will begin their offerings with the introit “Blow Yo’ Gospel Trumpet,” a spiritual arranged by Alice Parker. The anthem is “The Lord Is My Shepherd” by Thomas Matthews and the offertory anthem is “Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices” by Craig Courtney. The Rev. Bronaugh’s sermon for this communion worship service is “How Can We Know?” from I John 3:16-21.

## 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.

We greatly appreciated Pam Hicks playing the piano during worship last week.

The church session will have its monthly meeting Thursday, May 7, at 5:57 p.m. in the church social hall.

Sunday, the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated during the worship service. Following the first Sunday covered dish meal, there will be a meeting to discuss goals, future projects and other things of interest to the church.

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## Salem Baptist Church

If you are looking for a church home, please join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening service at 6. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6.

Salem is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 394-4655.

## Chapel of Faith

Now that Easter is over and you made your appearance at a church service, don’t let Jesus fall into the last place in your busy schedule. Jesus should be at the first of your life’s priorities, because with Him leading you, your schedule will seem less busy, the irritations of life will seem less and you will find a calmness about you that will make life more enjoyable. All you need to do is accept the love that Jesus

# Avoiding the fear of being quoted by a parrot

I’ve found another one — another great quote from a famous American. It is a tasty morsel of delightful, thought-provoking advice. Encapsulating humor and wisdom, this quote is the offspring of its witty author, a leading journalist of the early 20th century.

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Rogers crafted out a living doing rope tricks and criticizing politicians. Equally skilled in rope twirling and word twisting, this popular communicator turned millions of frowns upside down and cut his notch in the world of journalism. By poking fun at both political parties, Rogers lassoed a large readership of Republicans, Democrats, and independent voters.

In addition to his political jabs, this master wordsmith encouraged all of us to give some thought to how we relate to other people. Rogers said, “Live

in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.”

In the Scripture, the Master admonishes, “And just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way” (Luke 6:31 NASB).

These words, often quoted as “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” are the Golden Rule for how we should treat others. Perhaps if we all lived by this simple rule, we wouldn’t have to worry about being quoted by a parrot or misquoted by a town gossip.

offers to everyone.

You can find those who are enjoying that love and the satisfaction it brings at Chapel of Faith, located at the corner of East 14th and Goliad streets. They invite you to come and share with them as they worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. All it takes is one hour of your time each week for a lifetime of knowing that God is with you always.

Pastor Joel Miller and Associate Pastor Scott Wilis bring messages taken from scripture and relate them to our lives today. It is an informal atmosphere and all are welcome.

The church members and friends and family enjoyed an ice cream supper last week. Everyone brought “fixings” and ice cream and we all ate until we were totally satisfied (and more)! Now we are looking forward to the Community Chili Supper June 13. More details will be available closer to the date, but mark your calendar now from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Please attend the church of your choice. If you don’t have a church home, visit with us at Chapel of Faith. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. And now may God bless you and your family in your everyday life.

## Circuit Cowboy

Circuit Cowboy Church will hold its Trash to Treasure sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. We would also love to have you at our services, from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday. We are located at 807 E. 13<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

## Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

We have Bible study in Genesis at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

In addition to the preaching, the Gideons will have a presentation and explanation of their work and ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend this church. The ministry is forthright: We want you to know Jesus Christ and accept His offer of eternal life.

## East Side Baptist

Come hear Heaven’s Harbor quartet Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. These guys will excite you and bless your heart.

Our regular service times are 9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages; 10:45 a.m., worship with junior church during the preaching time; 1:45 p.m., a special time of worship and church fellowship. And Wednesday we have Kings Kids Bible Club and teen groups at 6 p.m. and church worship and Bible study at 7 p.m.

If you are looking for a church home, come see us at 1108 E. Sixth. Our phone number is 267-1915.

## North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

This Sunday, worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday evening services are at 5 p.m. with Pastor Christ Rodrique3z leading both services. Sheila Welch is in charge of the music.

The adult Sunday school lesson is “New Family in Christ,” taken from Ephesians 1:3-14 and will be led by Guy Teague.

Once again we say thank you to the many volunteers who come to help unload the truck and distribute the Angel Food. Without these volunteers, this non-qualifying food delivery program would certainly lack in distribution efficiency.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and the United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesday. Both meetings are at the church.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. Our congregation is an older, smaller congregation and welcomes anyone to come and share our love for the Lord, for mission and our community.

For more information, call 267-2203, 267-3241 or 263-2536. Leave a message.

## College Baptist

CBC youth participated in Disciple Now this past weekend. It was a time of worship and inspiration. The youth will be hosing an enchilada lunch following the morning worship Sunday. All donations from the fund-raiser will be used to fund summer youth activities.

Preparations are in full swing for Vacation Bible School June 7-11.

All men of the church are invited to enjoy a time of good food and fellowship at the men’s breakfast Saturday, May 9, at 8 a.m.

The Three Gs, the organization for senior citizens, will meet at 6 p.m. May 14. The program, which will follow a potluck supper, will be a play presented by the students of Maranatha Baptist Academy.

## Baptist Temple

This Sunday our sermon will be titled “God is Bigger Than My Abilities” from Exodus 3-4. God called Moses to do something unheard of and Moses offered many excuses as to why he could not do it. But God showed Moses that he was bigger than his abilities and limitations. God is bigger than anything we can do or cannot do. He can do amazing things if we just follow and trust him.

Sunday evening, we will have a speaker from the Gideons share about what is happening in their Bible ministry.

Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) has changed meeting times. It now meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Baptist Temple fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is opening to anyone interested.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. We are located at 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

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

## National Day of Prayer

The local observance of The National Day of Prayer will be from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 Thursday, May 7, at the First United Methodist Church’s Garrett Hall.

Everyone is invited and people are encouraged to bring their own sack lunch. Tea, coffee and water will be provided by the church.

This year’s speakers will include Pastor Sharon Wiese, Mayor Russ McEwen, Pastor Randy Cotton, Pastor Sam Segundo and local businessman Everett Bender. Music will be directed by Joe Whitten.

For more details on the observance, as well as information on how to unite in 24 hours of prayer as a community, go to [www.hcchurch.org](http://www.hcchurch.org) or contact any local church.

## East Fourth Street Baptist

We will be hosting the Crossroads Baptist Association Senior Adult Birthday Party Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bill Thorn is the guest speaker and the Ladies Ensemble of East Fourth, directed by Raford Dunagan, will furnish the music.

Our RAs and GAs will start meeting again Sunday. They are beginning a mission project in May.

Those who plan on going to Colorado on the mission trip in July, please attend the meeting after the evening services this Sunday.

Should you be looking for a church home, or visiting in Big Spring and wish to attend church this Sunday, we invite you to come let us share God’s message with you.

Our Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting, Youth Bible Study and Children’s Bible Study, all beginning at 7 p.m., and Saturday morning a Men’s Bible Study at 7 a.m.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

reality and enlarge the ego, just to see who will be attracted to your particular brand of fun.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your current lifestyle can be quite demanding. Sometimes it feels like your energy is being depleted. However, you're stronger than you know. New reserves open up when an inspiring person joins your efforts.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It may seem that you don't have access to the things that fortify your soul. This is an opportunity to find new "soul nutrition" that you didn't know about before. You may be pleasantly surprised at what works well for you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your relationship with one person seems to

threaten another person. Even though you have a different kind of affection for each party, there is a jealous rivalry going on for your attention. Tread lightly.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Sometimes it takes a crisis in order to understand the range of your ability. However, today you don't need there to be a problem in order for you to surpass your own personal best. You'll do this just for the fun of it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Write your manifesto. It doesn't have to be a tome. A few phrases are all that's necessary to remind you what you are doing on this earth. Remind yourself through out the day so that you may stay on purpose.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll hear from someone you haven't seen in a while. There is a good reason to reconnect now and it possibly involves doing business together. Tonight, the dinner conversation will be more lively than usual.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a certain charm in the way you make a big deal out of mundane happenings. Others relate to you easily because you talk about things they know, and do it in an entertaining way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll set out to do one thing and wind up in an entirely different pursuit by the end of it. Let the changes happen without complaint or resistance. What seems like a detour was always meant to be your main road.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not a great time to discuss the details of your schedule or personal life. People don't need to be involved in your business. You are powerful when you stay dignified and guard your own privacy.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make no assumptions, things are not as they appear. Even if you think you know the answer, don't fill in the blank. Jumping to conclusions will only cut you off from true knowledge.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in a position to make new friends. Read and get involved in popular culture and topics. Bolster

your conversational arsenal with new anecdotes. It takes work to be charming, but the effect you create will be worth it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). How comfortable are you with your professional status? You'll be asked about your work and your answers are very telling. Highlight what you love to do, what makes you proud and gives you a sense of contribution.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** Fill your own emotional wells up first so that you'll have plenty of good vibes to share with others. **TAURUS:** Because you are so grounded, you will magnetize romantic opportunities to you. The Sun is rooting for you! **GEMINI:** Take your business to the next level and your personal life improves as a result.

**CANCER:** You will get back the power you once gave away. **LEO:** Be yourself. When you're doing what's genuinely fun for you, you'll bring energy and excitement to the relationship. **VIRGO:** Change the way you see yourself. Be kinder and more supportive. **MATHIS** Love blossoms as a result. **LIBRA:** Do the thing you used to do to for entertainment and pleasure that you long ago, for some reason, stopped doing. **SCORPIO:** Don't worry about disappointing a loved one. Focus on what you need to do. Independence is sexy. **SAGITTARIUS:** A short excursion out of your comfort zone brings you face to face with potential love. **CAPRICORN:** You'll show your affection in creative ways and win a heart. **AQUARIUS:** You bring magic and joy to someone who really needs it. **PISCES:** Lavish care on yourself and you'll instantly improve your love life.



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| 8:PM  | Wife Swap          | Wife Swap          | Cuidado-Angel  | Prison Break   | Ghost Whis-perer    | Doña Bar-bara | Howie Do              | Fam. Guy               | Update                 | Wash Wk NOW        | Machines of Malice  | Movie: The Rookie, Jay Hernandez | CSI: Crime Scn                            | Law & Order                      | Movie: Three Can Play That Game | Suite Life     | NASCAR Racing: Nationwide Series                  | NBA                                               |
| 9:PM  | Supernanny         | Supernanny         | Mañana es      | Flashpoint     | El Rostro de Analia | Dateline NBC  | Movie: Must Love Dogs | Light of the Southwest | Bill Moyers Journal    | Machines of Malice | Secrets of the Dead | Machines of Malice               | Movie: The Hills Have Eyes, Vi-nessa Shaw | Movie: Stomp the Yard, Ne-Yo     | Sunday Best                     | Phineas        | NBA Bas-ketball: First Round Game 6 -- Teams TBA. | NBA Bas-ketball: First Round Game 6 -- Teams TBA. |
| 10:PM | 20/20              | 20/20              | Rosa           | TMZ            | NUMB3RS             | Sin Senos     |                       | My Boys                | Church                 | Charlie Rose       | Machines of Malice  | News                             | MAN                                       | Movie: In the Mix                | Hatchett                        | Wizards        | NBA Bas-ketball: First Round Game 6 -- Teams TBA. | NBA Bas-ketball: First Round Game 6 -- Teams TBA. |
| 11:PM | News Nightline     | News Nightline     | Impacto        | Raymond        | News                | Noticias      | News                  | Sex &                  | Cortes                 | Smiley             | Machines of Malice  | Movie: King Kong, Charles Grodin | MAN                                       |                                  | Hatchett                        | Montana        | TBA.                                              |                                                   |
| 12:AM | Insider            | Jimmy Kim-mel Live | Desmadru-gados | King-Hill      | Late Show           | Titulares     | Tonight Show          | Sex &                  | Sanchez                | Smiley             | Machines of Malice  |                                  | Ways Die                                  | Movie: Underworld, Michael Sheen | Three Can Play That Game        | Cory           | Baseball Tonight                                  | SportsCenter                                      |
| 1:AM  | Jimmy Kim-mel Live | Extra              | RENO 911       | Late Late Show | Insider             | Pagado        | News                  | Clueless               | McGee                  | Update CCM         | Machines of Malice  |                                  | Movie: Mindhunt-ers, Kathryn Morris       |                                  | The Deal                        | Kim            | Fastbreak                                         |                                                   |
| 2:AM  | News               | Axis               | Madre          | Faith          | Insider             | Pagado        | Poker After Dark      | Best of                | Light of the Southwest | Movie: And         | Fearless Planet     |                                  |                                           |                                  |                                 | Emperor Dragon | NBA Bas-ketball: First Round                      |                                                   |

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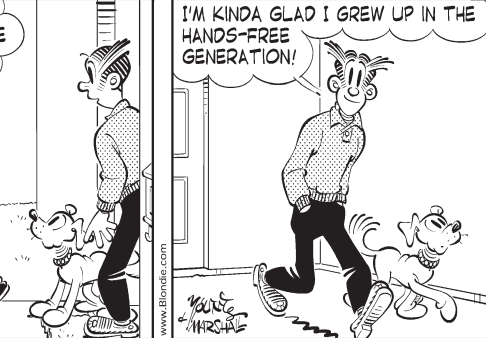
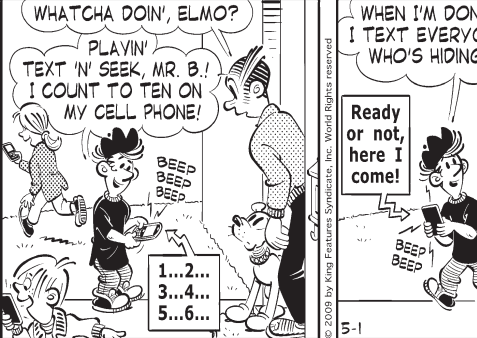


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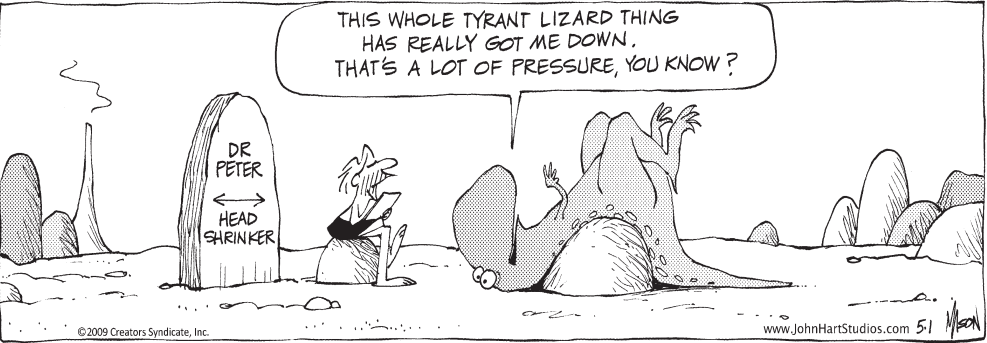
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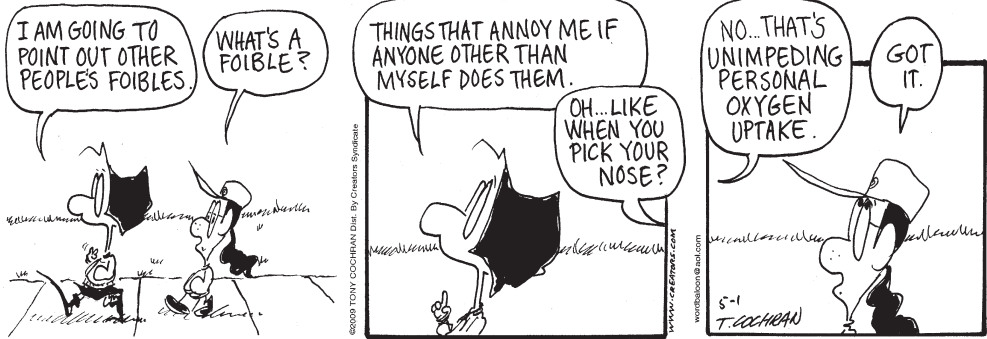
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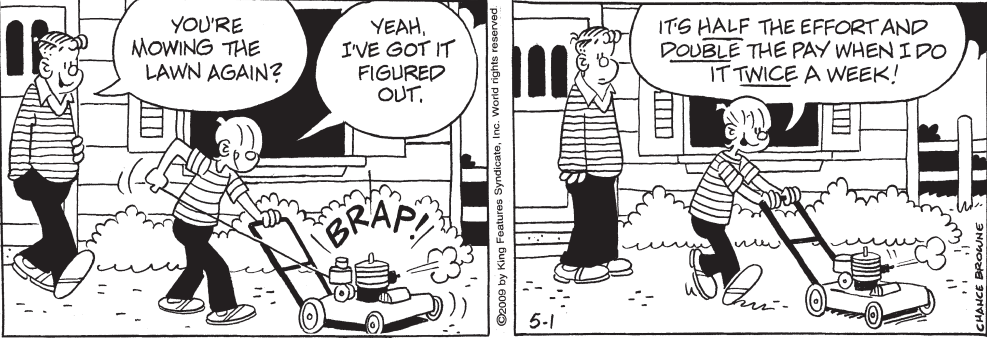
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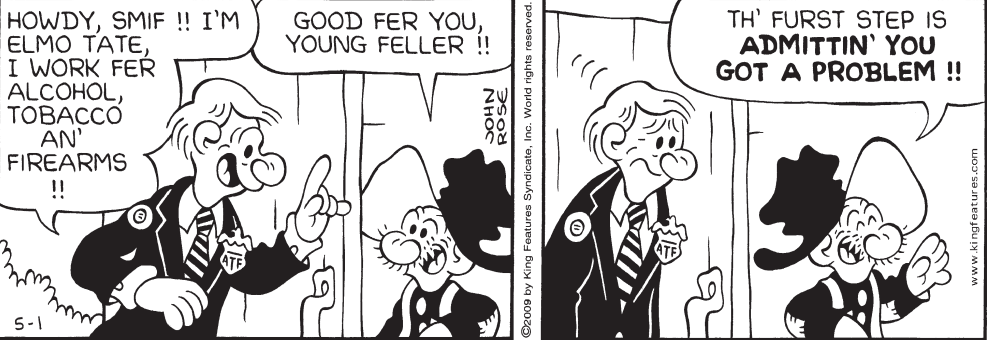
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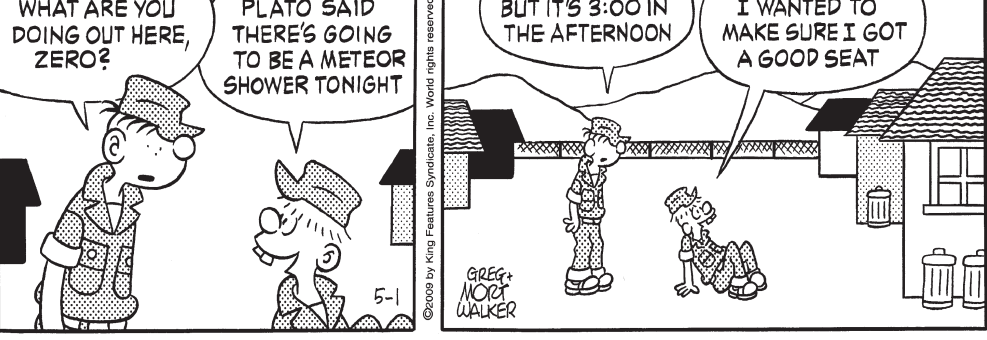
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 1, the 121st day of 2009. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on May 1, 1909, Walter Reed General Hospital (later a part of Walter Reed Army Medical Center) in Washington, D.C., admitted its first patients.

On this date:

In 1707, the Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.

In 1786, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

In 1884, construction began on the first skyscraper, a 10-story structure in Chicago built by the Home Insurance Co. of New York.

In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition opened to the public in Chicago.

In 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American

naval force destroyed a Spanish squadron in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane near Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

In 1963, James W. Whitaker became the first American to conquer Mount Everest as he and a Sherpa guide reached the summit.

In 1978, Ernest Morial was inaugurated as the first black mayor of New Orleans.

In 1982, the 1982 World's Fair opened in Knoxville, Tenn.

One year ago: President George W. Bush imposed new sanctions against property owned or controlled by the military junta in Myanmar.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Scott Carpenter is 84. Country singer Sonny James is 80. Singer Judy Collins is 70. Actor Stephen Macht is 67. Singer Rita Coolidge is 64. Pop singer Nick Fortuna (The Buckingham) is 63. Actor-director Douglas Barr is 60. Actor Dann Florek is 58. Singer-songwriter Ray Parker Jr. is 55.

Hall of Fame jockey Steve Cauthen is 49. Actress Maia Morgenstern is 47. Country singer Wayne Hancock is 44. Actor Charlie Schlatter is 43. Country singer Tim McGraw is 42. Rock musician Johnny Colt is 41. Rock musician D'Arcy is 41. Movie director Wes Anderson is 40. Washington Redskins long snapper Ethan Albright is 38. Actress Julie Benz is 37. Country singer Cory Morrow is 37. Gospel/R&B singer Tina Campbell (Mary Mary) is 35. Actor Darius McCrary is 33.

Thought for Today: "He who is swift to believe is swift to forget." — Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Polish-born scholar (1907-1972).

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## Club News

### Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association

At the April 20 meeting of the Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association, Craig Ferguson, a 15-year veteran of the Big Spring Fire Department, spoke about fire safety in the home. He also discussed carbon monoxide, which is produced by gas appliances, and smoke detectors. Ninety-six percent of homes have detectors, but only 40 percent of the detectors work. He recommends changing batteries every six months.

In addition to home fire safety, Ferguson discussed safety outside the home. We should keep brush and debris away from buildings and trees out of power lines (the electric company will trim trees away if requested).

Bettie Cox, first vice president, announced the Spring Leadership Conference at Region XVIII May 4. All officers are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting will be May 18. Officers for 2009/10 will be installed by Maridel Fryar and Martha Kallus. This will be our last meeting until Aug. 17.

Any person interested in RTA is invited to attend our meetings. One does not have to be a retired school employee to join our organization as an associate member.



Courtesy photo

Dr. Keith and Willia Ledford pose by the new truck they won during the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council's Third Annual Cars, Stars and Handlebars fund-raiser held Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club. Sitting in the bed of the pick-up with the Ledfords is Stacy Barr, co-chairman of the event.



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Erma Dunne was awarded the Humana RSVP Volunteer of the Year Award by Big Spring RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) at their Annual Recognition banquet April 23. Dunne has been a community volunteer for more than 50 years. She joined RSVP in November 1999. During those years, she has volunteered for Isaiah 58, First Christian Church, Boy Scouts, Little League, West Side Center and Band Boosters. This year's Recognition Banquet was sponsored by Humana Market Point. The volunteer of the year award was presented by Anna Gonzalez, a career Humana agent. Pictured from left are Gonzales, Dunne and Dunne's son, Jerry Dunne.

# Have we forgotten our first love?

Did you know that Jesus loved Himself? Think about that for a moment.

Nowhere in the Bible will we find where Jesus ever criticized Himself, put Himself down or made a joking remark at His own expense. Does that mean that Jesus was arrogant and prideful? Not at all. Jesus simply knew who He was. He knew his own identity, He had a healthy, godly love for Himself, and the assignment His father gave Him was carried out with total love and respect.

Philippians 2:5-8 explains this more vividly. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Jesus didn't think He was robbing God to be equal with Him, and His reaction to this fact motivated Him to humble Himself to the point of death. This seems impossible to our natu-

ral way of thinking. How can being equal with God motivate someone to humble themselves? We might think to be equal with God would cause us to become exalted with pride and arrogance, but once we get a glimpse of all that He has done for us, our response should be to love as He loves. We can see from Jesus' example that a godly love for ourselves is essential to loving as God loves.

Many married couples have a "touching" relationship. They hold hands, sit close together, and are comfortable with each other's touch. This kind of relationship not only nourishes both partners, but it transforms them into God's canvas on which He paints His image. It is a love relationship that is bonded totally in Christ. All other relationships pale in comparison to this one, and indeed, they should.

We know that the first man, Adam, was created in the likeness and image of God. He was the perfect picture that God wanted to display of Himself on earth in fleshly form. Adam did not necessarily look like God in the physical sense, because God is Spirit, nor did he look like man as we know him today because Adam was created without blemish or defect. Yet Adam was distinctive from all other created beings. He had self-awareness, creative thoughts, and the ability to communicate with

God in a very personal way. Beyond that, he had dominion over everything God had created. One wonders why Adam chose to disobey God and forfeit it all.

When Adam bowed his knee to Satan, it was an indication that he had forgotten his first love. Gone was the fervent desire to visit and communicate with his Creator, and out of shame, he actually tried to hide from God's presence. With Adam's disobedience, Satan only too gladly took authority of the earth, and he keeps his dominion through fallen mankind today. Because he cannot destroy Jesus directly, his aim is to eradicate the work of Jesus Christ on earth, but he will never succeed at destroying the church.

What a sad picture we see played out in Genesis 3. Adam, God's beloved, had fallen, and was now a puppet in Satan's hands. He forfeited everything that God had given him; a place of paradise for his home, and a beautiful wife to bear his children. Adam had been given authority. So much so, that he had personal fellowship with God and talked with Him in the cool of the evenings. One might say he had it all, but Adam lost that fellowship and intimacy with God because he lost his first love.

We see very similar scenarios played out in our churches today. People join the church with a zeal

and enthusiasm to become a part of it all. But soon, the cares of life cause their new-found faith and fervor to dim. They slowly become erratic in their Sunday School or worship service attendance. Or if they do go, they sit on the back row in order to make a quick exit when the service is over. The reason? They, too, have lost their first love.

Revelation 2:2-5 says, "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have not become weary. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, repent and do the first works over, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent."

As believers in Christ, we are called to be fully separated from the world's value system and to be totally committed to Christ Jesus. Our faith is established in the knowledge of God and trusting Him. This calls for absolute devotion.

We must make sure our love for God is strong and on a firm foundation. Never let it be said that we have left our first love.

God bless

## CHURCH NEWS

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### Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

Our credo is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

This Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, our scripture reader will be Dolline Budke and our acolyte will be Abby Saucedo. Angela Newton is our organist. Last Sunday, our acolyte was Belinda Strong and the organist was Karen Thibeault. Our elders for this week are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell. Church begins at 9 a.m. Please join us.

This Sunday, the congregational meeting/voters' assembly will begin at 10:30 a.m. after church service. This important meeting will include the discussion of some future plans for Alive In Christ Lutheran Church. Those who wish to join the voters' assembly will be able to do so before any voting begins.

A final presentation from the Building and Growth Committee will include repair estimates, the survey, etc. Anyone wanting a copy of the reports need to contact Richard Knocke. We thank everyone who served on this committee for your

dedication, time, and extremely hard work these past few months. Also, reports from the various church boards will be given.

In preparation for this meeting, the members of the Board of Stewardship have been very busy. Postcards have been mailed to the members of the church while two of the members, Ruth Oppgard and Ramona Carter, plan to also call and remind everyone of this important milestone in our church's life.

Members of our AIC Youth Group are selling "Alive in Christ" window stickers for \$7 for the smaller size or \$10 for the larger size. The stickers include our logo with the outline of Jesus with his arms outstretched, our name and our credo. Please contact any member of the youth group. They will look great either on your car windshield or on your windows at home.

Last Saturday, our LWML ladies group traveled to Grace Lutheran Church in Midland to attend the LWML West Texas zone workshop. Those attending included Jaunell Roever, Janette Bentley, Gloria Wood, Ramona Carter, Ruth Oppgard, and Kathy Laning. The ladies decorated baseball caps, get-well cards, door hangers and sun catchers for the children staying at the St. Jude hospital. The theme was "serving others."

The next LWML meeting will be on Thursday,

May 14, at 7 p.m. at the church. Final plans for the May 17 reception for our four high school graduates will be made. The reception will be held after church.

Plans for another information class is being finalized. The previous class met Wednesday evenings. Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments, and other topics may be discussed.

Meetings for May include: the Board of Education, which meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the church; the LWML, which meets the second Thursday of the month; and the elders, who meet the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the church.

## City-Wide Garage Sale

Claude, Texas

### Saturday, May 9th

All Kinds of Sales Throughout the City  
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