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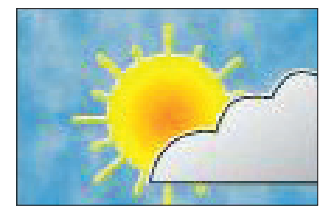


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Murder investigation continues

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The investigation into the May 29 shooting death of a local teen has yet to yield an arrest, according to local law

enforcement officials, but efforts are still ongoing.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, said investigators are still

conducting witness interviews in an effort to develop a suspect in the case.

“There haven’t been any arrests at this point, and we really don’t have enough to

release the name of any suspects,” said Everett. “There’s still a lot of work to do on this case, but we really don’t have anything new to report at this point.”

Justin Hernandez, 16, was pronounced dead the day following the shooting, shortly after 10 a.m. at a Lubbock

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LADY BUFFS ADVANCE



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Members of the Forsan High School softball team celebrate their 2-1 Class 1A semifinal victory against Iola at the University Interscholastic League state tournament at McCombs Field in Austin Thursday. The Lady Buffs advance to face Alto in the state championship game at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. See story, Page 1B.

Record Relay repeated

Recession, storm can’t dampen fund-raising efforts

By NANCY KOGER
Special to the Herald

When the community’s biggest fund-raising event begins with an admonition to remember that this is a time of economic recession and ends with a deluge-producing lightning storm, leaders and workers would probably expect mediocre results.

But this is the Howard/Glasscock Relay for Life, which apparently is immune to lightning, rain or a flat economy as it continues to raise record amounts of money to help find a cure for cancer.

Such was the case this year as a final net total of \$221,165 — a new record — for the 2009 Relay for Life was announced Thursday evening at the Community Wrap-Up at First United Methodist Church’s Garrett Hall.

The crowd enjoyed a video of Bruce Schooler’s photos taken during Relay, followed by a subdued and emotional audio luminaria ceremony, authored by Susan Lewis and Tumbleweed Smith, illu-



HERALD file photo

Cancer survivors participate in the 2009 Howard/Glasscock Relay for Life.

minated by battery-powered candles. The luminaria ceremony, a hallmark of each year’s Relay, was washed out by rain during last month’s event.

Recognition and appreciation was given to sponsors, underwriters, teams and Relay Committee members with plaques and certificates. Before announcing the team totals and best-performing teams, Co-chair Jenny Sayles stated that the T-shirt contest had earned \$800.08 that evening.

The highest-earning large Relay team was TexStone Racers with \$44,315, and the

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Educators still studying legislative session effects

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For some area educators, this year’s session of the Texas Legislature was notable for what it didn’t accomplish.

Unlike the past few years, when it seemed that the Legislature was passing one landmark bill after another, this year’s session was fairly quiet on the education front, local officials said.

The most significant education bill passed by the Legislature this year provides for an \$800-a-year raise for teachers, counselors and paraprofessionals.

“It looks like we’ll receive a little bit of additional revenue next (budget) year, but a significant part of that is dedicated to teacher pay raises,” said Randy Brown, superintendent of Coahoma Independent School District. “I think it’s great that teachers are getting a raise and they certainly deserve one ... but (this bill) makes it sound like the district will be getting additional funds, but we’re really not.”

Additional state aid is

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Brown

needed, Brown said, because Coahoma and other districts are limited in the amount of revenue they can raise. The financing formula for these districts is locked in — if local revenue exceeds those limits, state aid decreases — so there is only so much revenue the schools can count on.

“(The Legislature) really didn’t do anything to help us in that area,” Brown said. “The major thing we were

hoping for was help in finances, but we didn’t get it.”

Brown also was disappointed that the Legislature didn’t take any action in the area of vocational education. CISD, along with other Howard County public schools, is looking at establishing a co-operative vocational program through Howard College, but those efforts are currently hamstrung by state guidelines.”

Big Spring ISD Assistant Superintendent Steven Saldivar, meanwhile, is taking more of a wait-and-see attitude toward this year’s legislative session.

“I’m going to reserve comments until I’ve had a chance to study the bills further,” said Saldivar, who will assume superintendent duties at BSISD in July. “I’m really anxious to see what the entire school accountability bill will look like ... and how the pay raises will be applied.”

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Howard players earn postseason laurels

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

The Howard College baseball team brought home the Junior College National Championship earlier this month and several players are now bringing home postseason recognition and awards.

The National Junior College Athletic Association All-American list was released this week with designated hitter Wil Calhoun, pitcher Zach Neal and catcher Miles Hamblin headlining for the



Calhoun

Hawks. Vying for the recognition among 10,305 fellow student athletes who played junior college baseball, the three Hawks landed on the 126-member All-American

team.

"These guys deserve every bit of recognition they receive for the season they had," said Britt Smith, Hawk baseball head coach.

"They earned it each and



Davis

every game they took the field."

Calhoun, Neal and Hamblin will each have their names painted on the Jack Barber Field fence as they join their predecessors in the line of All-American recognition. Calhoun, with a regular season batting average of .527 – the highest in the nation — also brought home the Rawlings Big Stick Award.

Rawlings, in conjunction

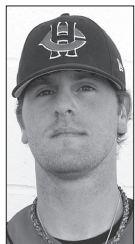


Hamblin

with NJCAA, annually honors the top hitter in each Division I District. Calhoun was not only the top hitter in the Southwest District, but also among his peers in the nation.

"We originally brought him here to pitch," said Smith. "The hitting was just a bonus, but what a bonus it was!"

The NJCAA/Easton Division I Baseball Defensive Player of the Year award went



Neal

to Howard center fielder Runey Davis.

Davis, touting a perfect 1.000 fielding average with 53 put-outs, 4 assists and 0 errors, also held a .381 batting average including seven home runs, 39 RBs and 34 stolen bases.

Runey was a fan favorite and served as a continual catalyst for the Hawks, pro-

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A rally to remember

Lady Buffs come from behind to earn spot in Class 1A title game

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

AUSTIN — Shanna Roberts' first experience at the Class A state softball tournament as a head coach began with a marriage proposal and ended with a berth to the championship game.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes scored one run in the sixth and seventh innings to overcome a 1-0 deficit to the Iola Lady Bulldogs Thursday, claiming a 2-1 victory in the semifinals game.

With the win, the Lady Buffs advance to the Class A championship game at 8:30 a.m. Saturday to face Alto, which defeated Lindsay in the other semifinal game, 3-2.

"We had a great ending. It took us a little while to get there, but I thought we would eventually start hitting once we stopped pressing so much," said Roberts. "I think we swung at some bad pitches early in the

game, trying to make things happen. Once we finally settled down, the hits started coming."

Before the Lady Buffs took the field, Roberts received a bit of a surprise when her boyfriend Scott Taylor took a knee, revealed a ring and asked for her hand in marriage.

"I've been waiting for a while for that," said Roberts. "Everyone from Forsan knew it was going to happen but me. I had no idea he was going to do that here. Of course, I've been in another world for the past couple weeks. It was real surprising."

As an engagement present, the Lady Buffs delivered their head coach a trip to the state finals with two seniors stepping up to play significant roles in the comeback victory.

Down 1-0 through the first five innings of play, the Lady Buffs finally got on the board when

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Kelsey Jones (10) celebrates with Sandi Golleher after Golleher scored the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh inning at the Class A state semifinals game at Red and Charline McCombs Field in Austin Thursday. The Lady Buffs defeated Iola, 2-1, advancing to the state title game at 8:30 a.m. Saturday against Alto.

Sports in brief

Howard College Hawks national championship attire available

The Howard College Hawks are the 2009 Division I Junior College baseball national champions and T-shirts and hats commemorating the feat will be made available in the Howard College Bookstore.

The cost for each item is \$19.99 and could be available by Monday.

Contact the Howard College Bookstore at 264-5050 if you'd like to pre-order an article.

Three Steers to play in all-star contest

Big Spring Steers baseball players Kaegan Hunt, Jeremy Solis and Rance Terry were selected by the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association to play in a Class 3A and 4A All-Star Game Sunday at Moegle Field in Lubbock. The game features some of the top 3A and 4A players from the West Texas region. All three Steers are recent graduates and play significant roles in Big Spring's first bid to the postseason since 2002 this past season.

Big Spring ISD announces sports skills camps

The Big Spring High School Athletic Department

will host a variety of sports skills camps during the summer.

Call Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center with any questions at 264-3662.

Steers Baseball Skills Camp

Big Spring Steers Head Coach Burt Otto will host a baseball skills camp beginning Monday and ending June 11 at Steer Park for first through eighth graders.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

Lady Steers Basketball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren will lend his skills in teaching a basketball camp for girls entering second through eighth grade June 22-25.

The camp will be split into two age groups. Second through fifth graders participate from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at Steer Gym, while sixth through eighth graders take the court every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Steers Football Skills Camp

A skills camp for first through eighth graders interested in football will be held June 15-18 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Athletic Training Center.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

Volleyball Skills Camp

A volleyball skills camp has been scheduled for June 17-19 at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

The camp is for incoming junior high and high school female athletes. Incoming seventh and eighth graders work out from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., while the high school aged girls take the floor from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 fee for a T-shirt.

Wayland Baptist University conducting baseball tryouts

The Pioneer baseball coaching staff at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview is conducting a tryout camp for all graduating high school seniors and/or players with college eligibility remaining.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. June 13 at Wilder Field on the WBU campus. Tryouts follow at 9 a.m. There is no charge for the camp.

For more information or to make reservations, contact WBU Head Coach Brad Bass at (806) 291-1157 or Assistant Josh Milner at (806) 291-1158.

Obituaries

Cynthia Heath Ray

Cynthia Heath Ray died Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at her residence in Austin. An inspiration to all who knew her, Cynthia faced declining health, fighting three types of cancer for several years. Her courage, spirited determination and strong faith brought comfort to her, her family and friends.

Born to Mavis Barnett Heath and Judge William Womack (Bill) Heath in Austin in June, 1934, Cynthia attended Pease Elementary, University Junior High and Austin High School where she excelled at tennis. After graduation, she entered Hollins College in Roanoke, Va. Her sophomore year she enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin, where Cynthia was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and a Junior Helping Hand Debutante.

Cynthia married Bert Franklin Ingels and had three daughters, Mavis, Melodie and Julia. She returned to Austin with her daughters in 1962 and immersed herself in her children's activities.

Her love of nature and ranching was shared by her second husband, Dewey G. Ray, whom she married in 1966. They enjoyed more than 20 happy years in Big Spring with their family and friends. The love of her life, Dewey Ray, predeceased her in 1993.

In 1997, Cynthia returned to Austin where she happily reconnected with the Hubba-Hubbas and joined Nau's Lunch Bunch. As an active member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church, she enjoyed attending the Swift Sunday School Class and made many new friends. Cynthia also was a member of the Austin Assistance League.

Her passions were reading, gardening, watching sports and traveling with friends and family. As an avid Texas Longhorn fan, she attended UT games with her children and grandchildren. She also loved being at the family ranch in the hill country.

Cynthia was devoted to her friends and to her family. To the grandchildren she was affectionately known as "Honey." She enjoyed attending dance recitals, tennis matches, basketball games, football games and graduations. Cynthia enjoyed hosting gatherings and her bountiful table always was filled with wonderful food, beautiful flowers and warm hospitality. She was a charming, refined, Southern lady.

Cynthia is survived by her daughter, Mavis Ray Griffith and husband Joseph F. Griffith of Dallas and their children, Joseph Heath Griffith, Katherine Mavis Griffith and Guy Womack Griffith; her daughter, Melodie Ray King and husband Rhett King of Corinth, and their daughter, Natalie Ray King; her daughter, Julia Baines Ray of Austin; her daughter, Hanne Ray Overton and husband Dr. Phil Overton of Austin, and their daughter, Hanne-Lise Overton Parker and her husband Jay Parker, and their daughter, Morgan Leigh Parker of Park City, Kan.; her son, Steven K. Ray and wife Gloria Smith Ray of Conroe, and their daughter Christal Leigh Ray.

Cynthia is survived by her sister, Linda Heath Nelson and her husband Schuler Nelson of Fort Worth, and their children Bill Hester, Dylan Hester, Jennifer Nelson Johnson and Mitchell Nelson. Also surviving Cynthia are her cousins, Will David Davis and his wife Ann of Austin, Guy Hill Heath and his wife Donna of New Braunfels and James Neal Heath Jr. and his wife Frieda of Longview.

Honorary pallbearers will be Will Davis, Roger Joseph, Hank McNamara, Shuler Nelson, Phil Overton, Steve Ray and Charles Sikes. Serving as pallbearers will be Guy Womack Griffith, J. Heath Griffith, Joe Griffith, Guy Heath, Jim Heath, Bill Hester, Dylan Hester and Rhett King.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 5, from 2-4 p.m. and then from 6-8 p.m. with family present, at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. A celebration of life service will be held at Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2601 Exposition, on Saturday, June 6 at 11 a.m. A service of Committal will follow at Austin Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Cynthia H. Ray to The Assistance League of Austin, The Tarrytown United Methodist Church or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin 78705 (512) 452-8811. Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com
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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 17-33-26-31. Bonus Ball: 19.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-4-19-21.
Number matching five of five: 0.

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A.C. 'Pops' Alexander Jr.

A.C. "Pops" Alexander Jr., of Big Spring died Thursday, June 4, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



A.C. was born May 19, 1917, in Rhom to Minnie and Arthur Clay Alexander Sr. He married Doris Helen Welborn March 5, 1939, in Snyder. She preceded him in death Feb. 23, 2009. A.C. was a farmer and rancher in Tulia, Spur and Plainview. He returned to Snyder in 1977 and worked at Key Brothers John Deere and owned a Chevron Station at Union. He enjoyed golf, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Spring Creek Fellowship.

A.C. is survived by one daughter, Vicki Slaton and husband, Ray, of Big Spring; one son, A.C. "Alec" Alexander III and wife, Gwen, of Big Spring; three brothers, Weldon Alexander and wife, Aileen, of Dallas, Lyle Alexander of Austin, and Bill Alexander and wife, Betty, of Houston; six grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, A.C. was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, one sister and one brother.

The family suggests memorials to Spring Creek Fellowship Building Fund, Box 2070, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online to www.myersand-smith.com
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Ruby Pearl Gill

Ruby Pearl Gill, 96, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 4, 2009, at Marcy House. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall of Compass Hospice and the Rev. Dennis Teeters of Spring Creek Fellowship officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



Ruby was born March 6, 1913, to Susie and Johnny Gilbert in Bowden, Ark. She married Thomas Henry Gill Feb. 11, 1930, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death in 1981.

Ruby was a lifetime resident of Howard County for 80 years, except for a short time in New Mexico and Seagoville. She was a homemaker. Ruby is survived by one daughter, Bonnie Franklin and husband, George, of Big Spring; one son, James T. Gill and wife, Betty, of Austin; one sister, Sue Smith and husband, Buddy, of Columbus, Miss.; one brother, Delmer Lough and wife, Betty, of Hope, Ark.; one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to Spring Creek Fellowship Building Fund, Box 2070, Big Spring 79720.

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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:

- KATHERYN DIANE WILLIAMS, 50, of 408.5 W. Fifth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JASON PAUL BOLT, 23, of 1301 Mesa, was arrested Thursday on four local capias warrants.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 39, of 311 N. Aylesford, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
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 - in the 600 block of Tulane.
 - in the 1300 block of Harding.
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- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 4200 block of Muir.
- ABANDONING/ENDANGERING A CHILD WITH INTENT TO RETURN was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20. According to police officials, a child wandered out of his hotel room into the parking lot but was promptly returned. Charges are not expected to be brought against the child's guardians.

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.
- ROMANA ALVAREZ, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for bail jumping – failure to appear.
 - JASON PAUL BOLT, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and no driver's license.
 - NICHOLAS GEORGE CEGELIS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief – more than \$1,500.
 - DAVID CHASE EHRET, 20, was arrested (arresting agency not provided) Thursday on a charge of theft.
 - FRANK HERNANDEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - JOHN RENFRO, 42, was arrested Friday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - KATHERYN DIANE WILLIAMS, 50, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported near Avenue C in Ackerly. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of Marshall. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 400 block of Bell.

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► News in Brief

Obama calls for redoubling efforts for Israeli-Palestinian peace

DRESDEN, Germany (AP) — Prodding the international community, President Barack Obama called Friday “for all of us to redouble our efforts” toward separate Israeli and Palestinian states. “The moment is now for us to act,” he declared.

Alongside German Chancellor Angela Merkel following his Mideast trip, Obama said: “The United States can’t force peace upon the parties.” But he said America has “at least created the space, the atmosphere, in which talks can restart.”

The president announced he was dispatching special envoy George J. Mitchell back to the region next week to follow up on his speech in Cairo a day earlier in which he called for both Israelis and Palestinians to give ground in the standoff.

Obama says Israel must live up to commitments it made under the so-called “Road Map” peace outline to stop constructing settlements and the Palestinians must control violence-inciting acts and statements.

Fresh from visits to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Obama said that while regional powers and the entire international community must help achieve peace, responsibility ultimately falls to Israelis and Palestinians to reach an accord.

Pace of layoffs expected to slow somewhat

WASHINGTON (AP) — With companies in no mood to hire, the unemployment rate is still rising. But the furious pace of layoffs is easing as the recession loosens its hold on the country.

The Labor Department on Friday is slated to release a report expected to show that a net total of 520,000 jobs were lost in May. If economists are right, the figure would mark the second straight month that job losses slowed. It also would be the fewest job reductions since October.

“A loss of that many jobs is bad, but would be taken as a sign that the heavy weights on the economy and the labor market seem to be diminishing a bit,” said Steven Cochrane, managing di-

rector of Moody’s Economy.com.

The deepest job cuts of the recession came in January when 741,000 jobs disappeared, the most since 1949.

Job losses averaged 700,000 a month in the first quarter but dropped to 539,000 in April. They should average around 500,000 in the current quarter and taper off to 250,000 per month in the final quarter of this year, according to some projections.

Thai police say Carradine may have died from accidental suffocation

BANGKOK (AP) — The body of American actor David Carradine, best known for the 1970s TV series “Kung Fu,” was found in a hotel room closet with a rope tied to his neck and genitals, and his death may have been caused by accidental suffocation, Thai police said Friday.

The 72-year-old actor’s body was discovered Thursday in his luxury suite at Bangkok’s Swissotel Nai Lert Park Hotel. Police initially said they suspected suicide, though Carradine’s associates had questioned that theory.

Police Lt. Gen. Worapong Chewprecha told reporters that Carradine was found with a rope tied around his genitals and another rope around his neck.

“The two ropes were tied together,” he said. “It is unclear whether he committed suicide or not or he died of suffocation or heart failure.”

Thai police completed an autopsy on Carradine on Friday. But Police Col. Somprasong Yenthuan, superintendent of the Lumpini police station, which is handling the case, said results would not be ready for at least three weeks because the cause of death was unclear. He called the time lag “normal.”

Trio of Indiana funds to argue against Chrysler’s sale to Fiat in court Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — The decision on whether Chrysler can sell the bulk of its assets to a group led by Italy’s Fiat as part of its plan to emerge from bankruptcy protection heads to a federal appeals court Friday.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Ap-

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area hospital, succumbing to a gunshot wound to the head, according to police officials.

According to Everett, Hernandez and a second victim, later identified as 17-year-old Richard Pineda of Big Spring, were shot at a residence in the 1600 block of Cardinal shortly after midnight. Pineda suffered a wound to the leg.

Both teens were transported to Scenic Moun-

tain Medical Center by ambulance, where Hernandez was later airlifted to a Lubbock area hospital.

According to members of the victim’s family, Hernandez and Pineda were attending a graduation party at a residence in the 1600 block of Cardinal when an altercation occurred between two female subjects. One of the unidentified females left the party, returning with the gunman.

Family members assert neither Hernandez or Pineda were involved

in the initial altercation between the two female subjects. Police officials declined to confirm or deny the validity of the family members’ claims.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is encouraged to contact Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 264-TIPS (8477), 263-TIPS (8477), or the BSPD at 264-2550.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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small team winner was Scenic Mountain Medical Center’s Cancer Crushers with \$18,235. The total revenue generated all the teams was more than \$131,000, while underwriters accounted for \$39,680.

Mind, Body and Soul from Big Spring State Hospital, with its decorated underwear décor, took the award for Most Creative Campsite. The MHMR Warriors were voted Most Spirited team.

Big Ed’s Deeres got a spirit stick to display at next year’s campsite in the Decorated Baton contest, and the SMMC Cancer Crushers were presented a stuffed T-shirt as winners of the Best T-shirt Contest.

Emery Blanton of the regional American Cancer Society office, presented the award for ACS Volunteer of the Year to Marci Lykken.

Bonnie Miller, a two-time cancer survivor with Cornell Team Lock-out and next year’s Hero of Hope, concluded the evening with her “Fight Back” presentation, ad-

monishing everyone going out in the sun to “Slap on a hat, slip into a shirt, slap on some sunscreen, and stay out of tanning salons” to avoid melanoma.

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peals is to hear arguments Friday afternoon from attorneys representing Chrysler LLC, Fiat Group SpA and a trio of Indiana state pension and construction funds, the latter of which say the deal unfairly favors the interests of the company’s unsecured

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Texas Medical Board recently handed down a monetary administrative penalty and requirements for continuing medical education hours to a local doctor who allegedly failed to properly conduct a pre-operative evaluation in a case in which a patient later died.

Dr. Manuel M. Carrasco, who originally registered with the Texas Medical Board in 1994 and currently has his practice located in the Malone and Hogan Clinic, was placed under board order May 29, according to information provided by the board’s Web site.

“On May 29, 2009, the Board and Dr. Carrasco entered into a mediated agreement ordering the

requirement that he obtain 10 hours each of continuing medical education in pre-operative evaluation of patients and general cardiology and that he pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500 within 90 days,” the order reads.

“The action was based on Dr. Carrasco’s failure to make appropriate efforts to follow-up on an EKG (electrocardiography) and further evaluate a patient’s cardiovascular status prior to clearing the patient for knee surgery, after which the patient suffered an acute myocardial infarction complicated by pulmonary edema and died.”

According to Texas Medical Board records, Carrasco graduated from the University Autonoma De Santo Domingo in the Dominican

Republic in 1979.

Calls to Carrasco’s Big Spring office were not returned Friday.

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### The Deadly Threat of a Nuclear-Armed Iran

What can the world, what can the USA, what can Israel do about it?

Iran’s president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has declared publicly – not once, but repeatedly – that Israel must be “wiped off the map.” That effort, the destruction of Israel, seems to be the main goal of Iranian policy. When Iranian missiles are paraded through the streets of Tehran, the destination “to Jerusalem” is clearly stenciled on them.

#### What are the facts?

A death wish for Israel. Ahmadinejad and the ayatollah who is the “supreme leader” have publicly mused that one or two nuclear bombs would obliterate Israel, but that, though it would cause devastating damage and millions of casualties, Iran would survive Israel’s retaliatory attack. Iran is a huge country, with about 60 million inhabitants, so they are probably correct. And who can doubt that those religious fanatics would not hesitate to allow the destruction of much

of their country and to sacrifice a third or even one-half of their population in order to eliminate the hated Jewish state. When our country was entangled with the Soviet Union in the bitter 40-year long “cold war,” with both sides having sufficient nuclear weapons to destroy the opponent’s country and its people, things were kept in place by MAD – Mutually Assured Destruction. However “evil” the leaders of the Soviet Union (the “Evil Empire”) may have been, there was one great consolation and assurance: They were not crazy. But the Iranians and other Muslims are crazies, as we understand the concept. Because they take instructions directly from Allah, who tells them to kill the Jews and other infidels, whatever the cost.

Israel has no problem with Iran. They share no borders and have no territorial dispute. In fact, they face common Arab enemies and should be natural allies, as they indeed were under the Shah. Iran’s death wish for Israel is based entirely on religious fanaticism. In contrast even to the intractable North Koreans, the determination of the Iranians is immutable. It cannot be changed by persuasion, by diplomacy, by sanctions or by threats.

Once Iran is in possession of nuclear weapons, it will not only be a deadly danger to Israel, but to all of the Middle East and to virtually all of Europe. The flow of oil from the Middle East, the lifeblood of the industrialized world, would be totally under its control and so would be the economies of all nations of the world, very much including the United States.

What is to be done? In 1981, then prime minister of Israel Menachem Begin, being aware of Iraq’s nuclear ambitions and looming realization of those ambitions, decided that its nuclear reactor at Osirah had to be destroyed. The IAF

(Israeli Air Force) accomplished that in a daring and unprecedented raid. Iraq’s nuclear capability was eliminated in one stroke, never to rise up again. Israel had done the world an enormous service. Had it not been for Israel’s decisive action, the Iraqi conquest of Kuwait and, without question, also of Saudi Arabia and its enormous oil fields and, for that matter, of Iran, could not have been prevented. Saddam Hussein would have been the ruler of the world.

The solution to the deadly threat that Iran poses to the world is obvious. Of course, diplomacy and persuasion, threats and promises, sticks and carrots – every possible means short of military action – should be used until it becomes clear even to the most obturate that nothing can deviate Iran from its chosen path of becoming a nuclear power and to dominate the Middle East.

There is reason to believe that the people of Iran, especially the young people, oppose the oppressive and theocratic regime of their country and are hostile to the mullahs who control everything. But the government has the tools of power firmly in its hands. It controls the instruments of coercion – it can kill people and it controls the oil money. While it would be most desirable and in the interest of the world to be able to foment an overthrow of the Iranian regime, that is an unrealistic and unattainable prospect.

Regrettably, there is only one solution to the terrible dilemma confronting the world, the unacceptable danger of a nuclear-armed Iran. The terror, the destruction and the 60 million dead of World War II could have been prevented at several times during the Nazi regime. But the Allied powers, under the leadership of Britain’s prime minister Neville Chamberlain, opted for appeasement and for “peace in our time.” We cannot afford to make that same mistake again. The world must give Iran an ultimatum: Desist immediately from the development of nuclear weapons; if you do not, we shall destroy the facilities that produce them. There still is a window of opportunity to do that. That window may close very soon. But who would do the job? The United States would be the obvious choice. But if the United States were in accord, Israel could do it, just as it did the job in 1981 in destroying Iraq’s nuclear potential once and for all.

An attack on the Iranian nuclear installations would fall under the heading of “anticipatory self-defense,” recognized and sanctioned by international law and by common sense. Nobody really knows for sure how far Iran is from reaching its goal — six months. six years? The experts disagree. But if Iran is not stopped now, it may well be too late not very long from now.

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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:*

- The Howard College Hawks, who claimed the school's second NJCAA National Championship in baseball by going undefeated in the Juco World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. In the process, the Hawks posted a 63-1 record, the best ever by any collegiate baseball team.

- Isaac Martinez, Red Martinez, Mario Martinez and Carlos Alvarado, members of the Lightweight team, which claimed the \$1,000 first-place prize in the Biggest Loser Contest, sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald* and the Big Spring YMCA.

- All of the area's seniors, who took part in graduation ceremonies for the area's high schools last week.

- The Forsan Lady Buffaloes softball team, which claimed its first regional championship and advanced to the Class 1A State UIL Softball Tournament in Austin. There, the girls defeated Iola and have advanced to Saturday's title game against Alto. Good luck, Lady Buffs!

- Robin Hallman, who has been named as May's Volunteer of the Month for the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council.

- The Heath and Jennifer Gillespie family, which is celebrating the good health of little daughter, K'lyn Jae, who despite weighing just 2 pounds, 5 ounces at birth, is now a very happy and typical 1-year-old.

*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

We are wise when we bring our needs, hopes and dreams to You, Lord, through our prayers.

Amen

# Question: What's in a name?

What's in a name? Such a question blows the lid off Pandora's Box, which turns out to be a "box in a box in a box in a box" kind of deal.

The first woman in Greek mythology went about carrying a huge jar (persnickety historians insist that it was a jar instead of a box, and the "persnickitist" think it may have been a purse.)

Each time she removed the lid, ills such as toils, sickness and assorted other perils were unleashed on mankind. One day, though, she discovered that at the very bottom was a layer of hope, thus completing the mixed bag in the — take your pick — box/jar/purse.

Some historians consider it quite remarkable that this single name "Pandora" has survived across the years, given that her name doesn't end with the typical Greek letters of "us."

You remember: Zeus, Erasmus, Prometheus, Epimetheus and a bunch of other "us-es;" their identities have held up well across the centuries. Such recollections lay waste to folks of our era who think people named Elvis, Fabio, Prince, Liberace, Madonna, Babe (the pig, the famous woman golfer or the baseball great) and Cher will endure across the ages.

Most of us need at least two names, if not three or four or more, for current identification, with little hope of them having much import beyond signatures on current mortgages, bank

checks, licenses, certificates and other documents. Except for a generation or so of "next of kin," they will eventually blend into the vapors of what used to be.

Still, it is hammered into us at an early age that names are important.

Liberal use of honey sweetens conversations with frequent mention of others' names.

Folks tire of many things, but rarely the sound of their own names.

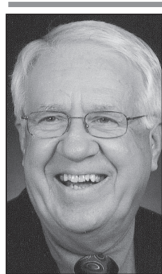
My journalism teacher for a half-dozen college classes belabored the importance of "getting it right," particularly the spelling of names in birth announcements and obituaries. Tess Martin frequently repeated, "For many, the only times their names are in print occur at birth and at death. Even 'Smith' can be spelled 'Smyth,'" she warned.

During the several hundred graduation ceremonies that I've attended, Miss Martin's admonitions always come to mind. I wonder if all the names are printed correctly on diplomas and in programs, as well as pronounced properly when graduates cross the stage.

Regrettably, some of the name-caller's give little time or thought to advance preparation for correct pronunciation. It's common to hear comments like, "I hope I pronounced that right," or "That's as close as I can get," or, even worse, to snicker or cough through bungled pronunciations. How lame.

Some years ago, I rather dreaded the assignment of introducing a nationally-renowned speaker. His name: Jack Yianitsis. I felt strongly that a "last name bumble" loomed.

During lunch, I meekly asked him how to pronounce "Yianitsis."



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# Sotomayor: A trap for Republicans

We're about to see just how dumb the Republican Party in general, and conservatives in particular, really are. I'm betting pretty dumb.

In one of his characteristically shrewd political moves, President Barack Obama last week nominated Sonia Sotomayor to replace David Souter on the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Sotomayor, for those of you who may not be up to speed on your Appeals Court Judges, is as close to bulletproof as you can get when it comes to Supreme Court nominees. First of all, she is Hispanic and a woman, both politically good things to be, given that there have been only two women on the court before her and no Hispanics.

Second, she has a resume out of Horatio Alger. Grew up in public housing in the South Bronx. Lost her father at the age of 9. Won a scholarship to Princeton, that toffee-nosed bastion of the Establishment. Finished at the top of her class. Went on to Yale Law, where she was editor of the law review.

Became a federal prosecutor in New York City. Later went into private practice, then on to the federal bench, first at circuit court level, then appellate.

Academic credentials, practical experience, compelling personal narrative; she's got it all.

And Republicans are making noises as though they'll oppose

her nomination---indeed, perhaps block it---on grounds that she is a judicial activist.

Senator Jon Kyl, a snarky Republican from Arizona, said as much. Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee — what passes for leading contenders for the Republican presidential nomination these days — have been singing the same song.

"If she's confirmed," said Huckabee, "then we need to take the blindfold off Lady Justice."

There are times when Huckabee seems a perfectly sensible fellow and others when it seems his jockey shorts are too tight.

For a long time now, Republicans have been riding the myth that liberals are judicial activists and Republicans never color outside the lines of the Constitution. It's bunk.

The conservative majority on the present court is about as activist as you can get, continually ignoring precedent in order to achieve a conservative result (as it did in handing the 2000 election to George Bush, for example). Conservatives also contend that the federal court system is shot through with activist liberals who insist on making law, rather than ruling on it and that only a Republican president can stop the onslaught. More bunk. More than two-thirds of the federal judiciary has been chosen by Republicans and it shows. We have a very conservative judiciary.

They're even saying that Judge Sotomayor really wouldn't be the first Hispanic on the court, citing Benjamin Cardozo, a Franklin Delano Roosevelt appointee in 1932, as the first.

"You don't say it, you 'sneeze it,'" he joked. The pressure off, I got it right.

Col. Max Smith, a math/physics teacher at San Marcos Academy, where most personnel wear multiple hats, has announced graduates' names at most commencement exercises during the dozen years he's served there.

It is a volunteer assignment that he has discharged with near perfection.

In so doing, he has mastered wheezes, gurgles, nasal inflections and the placement of unlikely accents. He's determined to master name pronunciations of a couple of dozen graduates each year who find their way to San Marcos from the other side of the globe, such as South Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand and China. He faced a real "toughie" two years ago: Phurin Rattanawenawatee from Phavankanong, Bangkok, Thailand.

A few days ago, I "heard him in action" at SMA's spring commencement exercises. Asian parents' faces brightened when the names of their graduates were called.

Smith visits with seniors about name pronunciations on numerous occasions during weeks prior to the ceremony. It shows. He handles this assignment better than anyone I've ever heard.

His mantra: We honor the Lord by honoring His people and the strangers in their midst.

And before you ask, He pronounces the names of Texans — such as "Jane Hutt" — just fine, too.

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Except that Cardozo came from a family of Sephardic Jews who had emigrated here from Portugal by way of England in the 18th Century. Some Hispanic. He wouldn't have known salsa from seltzer.

Personally, I kind of hope the Republicans do fight Sotomayor's nomination to the bitter end. In the last election, John McCain drew 31 percent of the Hispanic vote, down from the 44 percent that Bush got four years earlier. What is the GOP doing, shooting for single digits?

When Sotomayor arrived on the Princeton campus in 1972, she was one of only a handful of Hispanic students there. Alumni were still protesting the presence of women, who had been admitted to the school only a few years before. One of the protesters was now-Justice Sam Alito, Jr., who had graduated earlier that year. That's what this nomination fight is about, not activism versus formalism, but a tired old conservative vision of society. Is it something run by an exclusive men's club, or is it something in which a tough Puerto Rican kid from the Bronx can use her smarts to get a seat at the table?

Absent tax problems or scandal, the Republicans are on the wrong side of this in every way you can be on the wrong side of something. Which is getting to be a habit with them.

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Ephesians 1:11



# ► Church News

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Senior Pastor the Rev. Sharon Wiese's Pentecost Sunday sermon will be entitled "On The Road," based on scriptures from Acts 2 and Psalms 104. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages in between at 9:45 a.m.

The children will be putting together health kits during their Children's Church time. These kits containing towels, washcloths, soap, tooth brush, comb and nail care items make up one of several kept on hand to pass out in times of disaster. You are asked to bring some of these items or a monetary donation in order to complete these kits in time to be taken to annual conference.

Immediately following our late service we will gather in Garrett Hall for a reception honoring "The Brue Crew," as they prepare to leave for their new home in Amarillo. Please plan to be here, bring your favorite finger food and enjoy a light luncheon and fellowship with this precious family. A blessing box filled with your cards and special notes will be presented to Jill and the children. The box will be set up in Garrett Hall for you to add your blessing.

Sunday at 6 p.m. there will be a called Charge Conference and administrative council meeting in order to facilitate the sale of church property.

There will be no noon Bible study and luncheon June 10 as staff and many members of the congregation will be attending annual conference in Midland. Our church will be recognized for our services "Leading Out-

side the Walls," which include, but are not limited to, Kid's Klub, Project Light and Saturday Fun Days.

Remember to mark your calendars for Friday, June 12, when Spirit Wind 2009, the conference youth choir will present a free concert here at our church as it begins its summer tour.

Come check us out, we're located at Fourth and Scurry streets. We're First Methodist, where families grow in 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.

The Session met in the church social hall at 5:57 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

A Bible study group, led by Tom, meets every Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the church library at First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring to study the week's lectionary. Everyone is welcome.

The lectionary for Trinity Sunday is Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17. We will celebrate The Lord's Supper during the morning worship service.

Rather than our usual First Sunday Covered Dish Meal, this Sunday afternoon a group of 16 from our church and community will attend a production of "Magdalene" at the Ragtown Gospel Theatre near Post.

## Chapel of Faith

The Chapel of Faith, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, invites you to Sunday worship services at 10:30 a.m. each week. Services are informal and present a message that teaches us how to live for Jesus outside the walls of the church building. Come early and enjoy refreshments and a time of fellowship.

The annual chili supper is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. This is a free meal and is open to everyone as a way of returning to our community the blessings we have received. Plan to come early and enjoy homemade chili, hot dogs and out-of-this-world desserts. This is time to relax, eat a good meal and enjoy visiting.

Please attend the church of your choice Sunday. If you don't have a church home, we would love to welcome you into the Chapel of Faith.

## Baptist Temple

Starting Sunday we will start a sermon called "The Others." All of us have an "other." It is that person or people you cannot stand to be around and try to avoid. But how does God view your "other?" What kind of attitude and feelings does God want us to have toward them? This Sunday we will talk about God's call to Jonah to preach to his "other" and how Jonah disobeyed and avoided God's call. Jonah paid a price for avoiding this call until he obeyed God and went.

On June 14, we will have the

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# Rev. Kirk-Norris to be installed in Sunday service

The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris will be installed as rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church at the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday by the Right Rev. J. Scott Mayer, newly-elected bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas.

During the ceremony, the bishop will lay out the responsibilities for the new minister — "care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people, nourish them, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come," — from the "Book of Common Prayer."

Kirk-Norris graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., in 2004. She served a four-year stint as rector at a parish in Bardstown, Ky., before she accepted the call to St. Mary's, serving since January of 2009.

Following the ceremony, the public is invited to a reception in the parish hall to meet the church's newly installed priest. Refreshments will be served.

St. Mary's is located at a 1001 S. Goliad.

## PARSON TO PERSON

# It's simple: Abortion is murder

Life can be very confusing at times. A person's emotions that erupt during those confusing times only add to the confusion.

This past weekend Dr. George Tiller, one of only three medical doctors in the United States to perform late term abortions, was shot dead inside his church in Wichita, Kan. His killer was caught late in the day Sunday and will surely be tried for first degree murder — the facts of the case are clear in the eyes of the law.



DR. MATT PRICE

I went on an emotional roller coaster ride when I heard the news. There were so many conflicting emotions that I didn't trust myself to speak about the incident with anyone but my wife. I'm sure I am not the only one who is picking their words wisely.

One of my first columns as "the Parson," eight years ago was on the yearly pro-life — anti-abortion gathering down in Wichita. The crux of what I wrote was that I was strongly against abortion but that I thought that conservative Christians were missing the boat by protesting in the streets in front of clinics. I believe that our rightful battle ground is in the spiritual realm — after all according to Ephesians 6:12 our struggle is not against flesh and blood.

No matter how the world tries to frame the argument for abortions the two sides can never truly come to any kind of understanding, compromise or agreement. Abortion is not

about choice — abortion is about ultimate selfishness and mankind's attempt to redefine life and defy logic.

When does life begin? Who is qualified to make a decision on this topic? I would think that the person armed with the most "facts" — the one who can bring "truth" to bear on the subject would be the one with the authority to make that decision.

Let me take a stab at it and you can judge for yourself. Life begins at conception. This is a fact — all human beings that are alive today are a product of conception — every single one. We were all oblast, embryos and fetuses.

Even if science has come up with clones, those clones still need the "material" from a fertilized human egg to be genetically altered. There is no way around it. Facts are facts.

If life begins at conception and logic and common sense tells us that it does, then to willingly and purposefully snuff out that life is not tantamount to murder — it is murder.

Here is the rub that most pro-lifers have. While those who hold that a woman's right to choose what is done with her body is a basic human right, a philosophical argument that could have many different outcomes depending on one view of what is "right" for them; there are others like myself who do not see it as a choice but as murder.

For me, there is no difference whether a doctor kills a baby in the womb or out of it. Just because our courts have ruled that abortion is acceptable does not make it any less murder. Yes, we live in a society that sanctions the murder of our youngest

and most vulnerable members. We have defied logic and the Creator by calling what is and always has been an abomination (murder of human life) a simple choice. We have given up the truth for a lie and are worshiping the creature (ourselves in most cases) instead of the Creator.

Words matter. When we try to have polite conversation about abortion and debate the pros and the cons we will never win because we have allowed the world to define the terms of the debate. We concede and hand over to doctors and politicians the right to change the meaning of words.

Abortion is murder. Those who practice and perform abortions commit murder — no matter what the law of the land is. There is a higher law than the Constitution — it is the Word of God commonly known as the Bible.

Did Dr. Tiller deserve to die for the murders that stain his hands? For sure, according to the Bible, Genesis 9:6 says, "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed..." Since our current laws make permissible the murder of the unborn does that give Bible believers the right to execute those in violation of God's laws? Absolutely not.

Like in other times of state sanctioned lawlessness, Christians must pray like never before. We must take to the battle field that truly matters — the spiritual one. If we try to fight on the world's terms we will lose — or should I say — we will continue to lose.

*Dr. Matt Price is a minister, author and columnist. E-mail*

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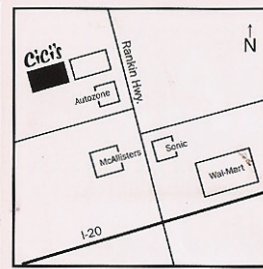
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Garage Sales

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# Meekness is not the same as weakness

*Dear Readers: I am happy to introduce to you my daughter, June George. She will be writing this column for the next three weeks while I am out of town. Thank you for your faithful following. Sincerely, Jerrie Stocks.*

Of all the terms mentioned in the Bible, meekness is undoubtedly one of the most difficult to define. Modern dictionaries don't even come close to the true biblical meaning of this word.

They mistakenly define it as "submissive, quiet, easily intimidated". But according to scriptural application, this is incorrect.

So what is meekness? One of the best definitions I have found is "strength under control." A good example of meekness is that of a wild stallion that has been broken. Before being tamed, he flailed and thrashed in an effort to throw off anyone who tried to mount him, but after he is tamed, a trained rider can easily climb on and ride. The power, and perhaps even the instinct, to buck wildly are still there, yet that strength has been "meeked" so that the animal becomes useful in any number of ways.

Vine's Expository Dictionary explains meekness as "a temper of spirit in which we accept God's dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting." In other words, we accept that God knows better than we what is best for us. We acquiesce

that He knows the end from the beginning and is therefore guiding us in a manner that will bring about the best outcome for us, regardless of the pitfalls we may endure along the way. Our natural instincts to fret or worry may still be present, but they have been put under submission to His higher power with a knowing that everything will turn out good for us in the end.

Our two greatest examples of meekness are Moses, the meekest man who ever lived, and of course, Jesus Christ. After studying the lives of these two men, one can in no way justify Webster's definition as pertaining to either of them. To the contrary, both men were powerhouses of strength. Let's compare the two.

John 2:15 gives the account of Jesus sitting calmly on the temple steps as he fashioned a whip of cords. When completed, He forcefully drove the money-changers out, knocking over their tables. I can just envision the small cages of doves flying in all directions, breaking open as they fell. I am sure that men, women, and animals alike were scurrying around in a frenzy, yet Jesus was in complete control of His emotions. He did not lash out in anger, but with a calculated, righteous indignation at the lack of respect being shown to His Father. Jesus was perfect in His meekness. Moses, on the other hand, was not. He rose up against a man in a rage and slew him, as stated in Exodus 2:12. Once he realized there were two

witnesses to his crime, he fled to the back side of the desert, where he was exiled for 40 years. It was during those 40 years that Moses

learned meekness.

It is comforting to know that meekness can be learned, just as that wild stallion can learn to be a useful tool.

Once Moses learned to control the strength within him, he became the instrument that God used to set millions of His people free from the cruel slavery of the Pharaoh and lead them into an abundant land of their own.

At times, the road we walk may seem hard. We may lament and wonder why God is allowing us to be tested in this way. Yet through meekness, we understand that our times of stress and hardship will end and we will find ourselves stronger and better positioned for growth and maturity as a result. And thus, the process starts over again.

Galatians 5:22 tells us that meekness is one of the nine fruit of the Spirit, and like the other eight fruit, they come only with spiritual growth. As we learn to control our emotions, we can begin to focus them at the underlying root of the circumstances that threaten us. It is in that focusing that true meekness is born. Like the difference between a flashlight and a laser, intentional focus concentrates the beam and intensifies its power many fold. Meekness is the laser that causes us to be able to harness our instinct to buck wildly, and instead demonstrate "strength under control."

**It is comforting to know that meekness can be learned, just as that wild stallion can learn to be a useful tool.**



JUNE  
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## CHURCH

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dedication service for the R.W. Johnson Memorial Study Library. It is a 10,000 volume library collected by the late Rev. R.W. Johnson. We are storing these volumes in a room here at Baptist Temple Church to be used by anyone in the community wishing to come by and study. The dedication service will be at 11 a.m. Dwayne Clower, pastor of Burkett Baptist Church in Burkett and one who was mentored by the late R.W. Johnson, will be the guest speaker.

Our weight-loss support group, SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Baptist Temple fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interesting in attending. They also meet at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday at the VA to walk the track.

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 and we have activities for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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

### St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

Installation service for the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Mary's. Join us for this special time of celebration.

Our summer service schedule begins at 9:30 a.m. June 14. Sunday school is over for the summer and will resume in September.

The Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist services is every Wednesday in the chapel. There will be a women's lunch and prayer group meeting after the service in the library. Please bring your lunch and join us.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org).

St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Go-liad.

### Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

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

### First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday and choir practice was at 6 p.m. The Bible study group will meet next Wednesday, but will take two weeks off, resuming July 1.

Both groups of Presbyterian Women met last week for the final lesson before the summer break. Helen Glass led the Bible study for the Working Women's Circle. The PW afternoon circle celebrated the 2009 Birthday Offering and installed new officers, which follow: moderator, Lucy Odom; secretary, Nancy Little; treasurer, Neva Green; historian, Marj Carpenter; ecumenical missions, Patti Horton; Christian Community Action, Sara Tipton; leadership and resources, Ethel Guthrie; and bereavement, Pat Fleming. Katie Grimes, outgoing moderator, was presented the PW Annual Life Membership for her many years of service to PW and to the church.

During the worship service last Sunday, Christine Boling, on behalf of the congregation, presented a cross sculpture to Dan Miracle in recognition of his graduation from Austin

Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Our church is seeking a nursery supervisor for Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until noon. This person needs to be experienced in working with children and be CPR certified. The position pays \$15 per hour. Applicants may call Church Life Chair Helen Glass at (432) 398-5565 or (432) 466-1695 or the church office (432) 264-4211.

Adult volunteers and the Presbyterian Youth of First Presbyterian, Big Spring will join hands and hearts with youth and adults from Trinity and Grace Presbyterian, Midland, and Westminster Presbyterian, Odessa, to return to the Texas coast to offer help and hope to hurricane victims. This group leaves for Port Arthur June 19 and returns June 27. Prayers for this group and donations to buy tools when they reach their destination will be greatly appreciated.

During June, July and August the elementary children will have a program of videos in the theater room or computer lessons in the computer lab during the Sunday school hour. The Adult Video Class will resume Sept. 13.

Patti Horton will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Ushers for June are Dick and Janie Conley, Harry Middleton and Karen Schaedel. Communion servers for the month are Ellen Austin, Ethel Guthrie, Kay Kenemur and Janet Payne. By action of the Session last month, a fifth elder will be added to serve the choir, the minister and the nursery attendants. Liturgist is Jerry Grimes.

The lectionary for Trinity Sunday is Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17. Communion will be celebrated during the worship service. Anthems offered by the choir are "For the Bread Which Thou Hast Broken" by V. Earle Copes and "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedel. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh, our interim pastor, has chosen as his sermon topic "Calling," based on Isaiah 6:8.

### East Fourth Street Baptist

Things are beginning to gear up for our VBS that starts the evening of June 29 through July 1, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Children 3 years old through sixth grade will enjoy learning about Truth Trek. The church vans will leave at 5 p.m. to pick up the ones whose parents can't transport them, so if your child needs a ride, please contact Lillian Bohannon at 213-1046 or the church office at 267-2291.

Thanks to everyone who helped the youth by buying burritos Saturday.

We welcome you to come visit East Fourth and let us share a time of fellowship and hearing the Word of God together. Our Sunday services start with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., RAs, GAs and Youth at 5 p.m. Evening services are at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we have Adult Bible Study and prayer meeting, Youth Bible Study and Children's Back Door Bible Study. Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. we have a Men's Bible Study.

You are always welcome at East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

### Midway Baptist

Midway Baptist Church is a church for all ages. Pastor Jim Binnix and all of the friendly people of the church would like to invite you to come and worship with them Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Brother Jim will be preaching this Sunday morning from Genesis 37:26-28. There is a Sunday School class for all ages which begins at 9:45 a.m. The Youth (7th - 12th grade) meet Sundays at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Wednesday night is also a time for children of all ages to come, have a bite to eat and have a great time in activities and learning more about Jesus. Supper starts at 5:15 P.M.

Midway Baptist Church would like to invite children age 4 to those who have completed the sixth grade to our Midway Baptist Camp which will be held from June 8-12 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be served to all who attend

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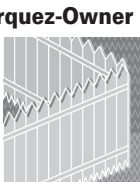
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## Club News

### TOPS TX 21

Tops TX 21 was called to order Monday evening with leader Laura Sickles calling for the TOPS cheer. The TOPS pledge was then led by Linda Stapel, and the KOPS pledge followed led by Laura Sickles. Mary Churchwell then led the groups in the welcome song.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call was then led by Hughetta Roberts with a loss of 3.5 pounds.

A new contest was presented by Frank Sickles. It will be a baseball contest with two teams. Team I leader is Laura Sickles and Team II is led by Ethel Cassady. Each team member will contribute an item for the prizes to be given to the winning team. This contest will end the last Monday in July.

Further discussion was a physical activity for the club members such as exercise at the First Baptist exercise facilities or bowling. The final discus-

sion is forthcoming at a later date.

The KOPS Activity Way will be sponsored by TOPS TX 21 Feb. 13, 2010. A soup and salad lunch will be served.

The program was “Restaurants and Fat on the Menu.” There is a new Texas law pending that calls for trans fats to be eliminated from restaurant meals. Trans fats do cause major health problems.

For more information about TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) please call Frank Sickles at 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819.

TOPS meets every Monday evening in the fellowship hall of First Christian Church located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Goliad streets.

Weigh-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. Come and meet with us for help and encouragement in your weight management.

It does help! All visitors are welcome.

E-mail your Church News and Club News to  
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We will be taking a ride down under on the Boomerang Express and learning that everything comes back to Jesus. Friday evening, June 12 at 6:15 p.m. there will be children’s program for parents and friends followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. The last chance to pre-register is from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday so make sure your children have their reservations for the ride of their lives.

### Birdwell Lane Baptist

Sunday services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. There is quartet singing, plain Bible preaching and a friendly atmosphere. There is Sunday school for ages pre-K through adult and a nursery is provided for the little ones. For a ride to services call 264-9924 or 267-7157. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Our midweek service is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The senior youth ages 13-19 will be leaving for Fort Davis Youth Camp Sunday afternoon and will be returning Friday around 3 p.m. This is a free camp and was established in memory of four youths who were killed by drunk drivers. If you would like to go or if a church is interested in bringing your youth, please call (940) 456-2516 or (940) 521-1512.

For further information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

### North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will welcome its new pastor, Billy Bates, with a fellowship luncheon Sunday, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday school is at 9:30 p.m. The evening service is at 5 p.m.

The Sunday school discussion “God Calls Moses,” taken from Exodus 3:1-2, will be led by Jacque Mauch.

Angel Food orders will be taken from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and June 12 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and June 13, respectively. Orders will also be taken the next two Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

North Birdwell Lane UMC is located at 2702 Birdwell and welcomes all who would desire to work for the Lord in a mission-oriented congregation.

For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241 and leave a message.

### First Baptist Church

It’s summer. What says “summer” more than Vacation Bible School? First Baptist Church invites all children 4 years old through the sixth grade to hop aboard the “Boomerang Express.” As the kids wind their way across Australia, they’ll discover the vastness of God’s love and learn that no matter where they go or what they do in life, it all comes back to Jesus. There will be great Bible study, crafts, recreation and cookies — lots and lots of home-baked cookies. The school begins at 9 a.m. and will be over at noon, Monday, June 8, through Friday, June 12. Come and join the fun!! Our youth intern, Chris Beaty, who

will be a senior this fall at Howard-Payne University, is here for the summer and has some exciting activities planned for the youth. If you have a youth who is not currently involved in a church youth program, we’d like to invite them to come and join in on all the activities Chris has planned such as swimming, bowling, scavenger hunts, skating and more. Call the church office, 267-8223, for further information.

We’d like to thank our community for the wonderful response to the concert last Sunday night that was presented by our wonderful organist and pianist, Beth Spence and Betty Downey. We hope you were blessed. We were blessed by your attendance.

We’ll have our kick-off luncheon in our Family Life Center for “Texas Hope 2010” Sunday, June 14. The luncheon will immediately follow the morning worship and will also offer those in attendance another (last) opportunity to help fund the youth’s summer camp expenses.

### Gateway Baptist

Gateway Baptist Church is a small, growing congregation that loves the Lord and is reaching out to the community. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit with us at 2305 Gatesville St. You will find a warm and loving fellowship of believers where you are welcoming, speaking the love of God and putting God’s love in action.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Come early for coffee and donuts. Worship is at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays at 6 p.m. we have a meal and fellowship, followed by prayer time, share time and devotion.

Currently on Sunday evenings we are having an expository study on The Book of Job.

We’re having an outside sale today until 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Come and check it out.

Call 263-4883 or 264-1565 for information or directions. Our pastor is Bro. Jim Mills.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

Our credo is “Celebrating and sharing God’s love and grace in our lives.”

Pastor Bob Boyce will be delivering the message from the pulpit Sunday. Angela Newton is our organist. This week’s acolyte will be Jonathan Byrd. Our elders for this week are Darren Byrd and Richard von Hassell.

The liturgy will be read by Darren Byrd. The readings for this week include: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 26, Acts 2:14a, 22-36, and John 3:1-17

Sunday, we will have another first for our church: first communion for the students in Bobby Roever’s class that has been held Wednesday evenings for the past several months. A pot-luck luncheon will be served after church and Sunday school.

June 10 at 6:30 p.m., the insurance agent will make a presentation on insurance coverage followed by a meeting with Steve Minsch, the congregation, and members at 7 p.m.

June 20, the Big Spring Film Society is planning on showing the movie, Jaws, on the banks of the Comanche

## Only God cares how many irons we have in the fire

I’m busy — too busy. Even with the summer cancellation of some of my normal activities, my schedule is still overloaded.

As my mother used to say, “I have too many irons in the fire.”

While I’ve never tried blacksmithing, I do have a knack for getting too many rods hot at the same time. I find myself starting more projects than I can possibly complete, and it doesn’t bother me at all to leave some optional project unfinished if I am tempted by a more urgent or intriguing opportunity. Sometimes I forget what is on the bottom of the to-do list.

As the stack of papers on my desk grows taller, the empty spaces on my calendar are decreasing. I have back-to-back meetings, and sometimes more than one obligation fills a time slot. I have to leave one meeting early in order to get to another meeting late.

The worst thing about my self-in-

flicted busyness is that no one seems to care. When I complain to my husband about how much I have to do, he wants to compare calendars. I’m not sure if that is just his competitive nature or if he really shares my philosophy that a full calendar is a virtue. If I try to give my friends a detailed report on my self-imposed regime, they don’t seem sympathetic either.

They had rather talk about something more interesting than my boring spill about being overly committed.

Thankfully, God knew from the time He created Adam and Eve that there would be people like me who can’t always tell the difference in a distraction and an opportunity. He instructed the apostle Peter to write: “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you” (1 Peter 6-7 NASB).

When we get more irons in the fire than we can handle, God wants us to give Him the whole stressful load and let Him determine how we spend our time.



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Trail Park. Last year, they showed a movie on Scenic Mountain. Our youth will be helping with the concessions.

If you have not yet completed the pastoral survey, please either complete one of the paper surveys or log on at [txdistmmf.org\0413](http://txdistmmf.org\0413). This input is essential to our future planning.

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. Contact any member of the youth group. They will look great either on your car windshield or on your windows at home. The information class has begun.

The class is meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments and other topics will be discussed. Feel free to join at this time.

Plans for VBS are being made. Tentative schedule for VBS is the first part of August.

Scheduled meetings for June include: the Board of Education, the second Tuesday (June 9) of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church; the LWML, the second Thursday (June 11) of the month; and the Elders, which meet the third Thursday (June 18) of each month at 7 p.m. at the church. Also on the second Tuesday (June 9), the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA.



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The sun challenges Saturn, the planet of lessons, to a kind of cosmic pop quiz.

You may feel that the universe is bringing up old issues that you settled long ago, but don't let this annoy you. Take this as a gift, aimed to reinforce your learning and help you realize how much your awareness has grown. When you don't get mad, the test is easy.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There's something specific you want to have finished by the end of the day, so begin with the end in mind. When you think of your schedule backward, you set yourself up for success.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Go where you can gather thoughts and release tension. Many travel the globe seeking such a place, but you don't have to. You can find respite in a quiet garage, the library or country trail.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's your time to be

assertive. Focus on becoming internally fierce, in terms of self-confidence, not on merely appearing to be fierce on the outside. People will perceive the force of your personality and respect you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Ever wanted to run out onto a football field and break through one of those giant paper banners? At least metaphorically, this is the time to do it. You now have support for breaking through any sort of barrier or block.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your voyage begins on an auspicious note. How nice to have the clouds part before the journey. Even as you are only looking to have fun and escape the humdrum, something remarkable happens on this trip.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes you have a hard time believing that everything is working in your favor. Today, you don't even have to believe this for it to be true. Do all you can and fortune favors you even if the odds do not.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Speak about your spiritual leanings. You will find like-minded people in the most

unlikely of places. Tonight, you'll fix one of your pesky problems using a friend's insights and resources.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your quick wit draws to you the precise jesters needed to keep your environment balanced. When you assemble a lighthearted group of people, the old grumblers will eventually ease up and join the fun.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you are used to dead ends when attempting to rise to the next level, try again now. There will be new openings. An invisible force seems to be making sure you can get where you want to be.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Law and order work appropriately today as they apply to your situation. Follow the proper procedures and justice will be served. Tonight, you'll relax, knowing that tomorrow you can move on.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Innovation is your calling card. You have become accustomed to others utilizing your creativity. Time to shine the limelight on yourself. You'll capture the attention of the public.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March

20). A certain habit that you've been trying to change is definitely deeply entrenched in your psyche. That said, it's never too late to start doing things differently. You haven't tried everything yet. Have a go at this again.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** You have a feeling someone likes you, but don't bring it up. This uncomfortable tension is perfect now. **TAURUS:** Resist the urge to talk about yourself—it only indicates you have something to prove, which you don't. **GEMINI:** You're generous with the compliments and now is the time to pour them on thick—it means something coming from you. **CANCER:** When someone you love cracks jokes, you laugh the loudest. It's one thing this person loves about you! **LEO:** Your sophistication on a certain topic might be intimidating to a potential love. Go easy and talk plainly. **VIRGO:** Someone is showing off for you. Your applause will boost this person's confidence. **LIBRA:** You'll be tuned in to the body language of those around you and gain valuable insights. **SCORPIO:**

You're unpredictable and even you will be surprised at what you do next in the name of love. **SAGITTARIUS:** You will get precisely the respect you command. **CAPRICORN:** You'll suddenly get an insight as to what's going on and how to play it to your advantage. **AQUARIUS:** Select your company. Don't wait to be selected. **PISCES:** Your affection is returned—what better feeling on earth could there be?

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Leo and Virgo are neighbors on the zodiac wheel. To be clear, they are the borrowing-sugar kind of neighbors, not the "You're in my parking space" kind. In fact, these two understand and need each other more than most zodiac neighbors. Virgo is an anchor when Leo goes wild. Leo is the voice of fun when Virgo gets too serious. This weekend, life is a party wherever they meet.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to "Rocky" for a year. We are in our mid-40s, and it's a second marriage for both of us.

We are so much in love, but Rocky is jealous and insecure. I know he had a painful childhood and has emotional scars from his first marriage. (His ex-wife had several affairs.) All this has left him with little trust.

The problem is, I had an affair during my first marriage. It was only after years of neglect and a husband who refused to listen to me. Afterward, I felt so ashamed.

I learned a valuable lesson that cheating is never the answer, no matter how bad the circumstances.

I was upfront with Rocky about this when we met. I wanted a relationship built on total honesty. But whenever

Rocky is angry, he throws my past in my face, calls me names, claims I still have feelings for my ex and thinks I'm flirting with his co-workers.

He accuses me of checking out other men and talking to guys on the phone, even though he has access to my phone records and can see it's not true.

Last month, I locked my keys in my car and had to wait an hour for the tow truck. Rocky insists I secretly met someone and refuses to check out my story with the auto club. Our arguing has gotten so

bad that we have become physical.

I admit I pushed him when he got in my face, called me a liar and worse, and accused me of things I've never done. We went for counseling, and it was suggested that we have individual counseling first. Rocky agreed, but we haven't done it yet.

I love this man with all my heart and would never hurt him. How do I handle such an insecure person? I don't want a divorce, but I don't want to spend my life defending myself. — *Tired of Living in the Past*

**Dear Tired:** Rocky isn't simply insecure. He shows signs of being a potential abuser. And if both of you are getting physical, the

situation could escalate quickly.

Unless Rocky recognizes that he has a problem and works on it, things will not improve. It's good that he is willing to get counseling, so take advantage of his pliability while you can. Get a referral immediately. Otherwise, get out.

**Dear Annie:** I would like to send a request to all grocery store managers, checkout clerks and baggers on behalf of all the little old ladies like myself.

Please do not overfill those reusable grocery bags. Most of them seem to have a capacity of about twice the usual plastic bag, which means that unless you are packing light items, they will be too heavy for many

of us to lift.

I am not shy about asking to have them repacked, but that slows down the checkout line, which can be annoying for everybody. Thanks very much. — *A Little Old Recycling Bag Lady in Arizona*

**Dear Arizona:** Some people like to have those bags filled to the brim so they have fewer to carry. Smart baggers will ask the customers what their preference is before throwing everything in. But smart customers will tell the bagger in advance if they prefer their bags (recycled or otherwise)

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### Mom & Me Scrapbook Class

Monday-Friday, June 15 - 19, 2009, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: College at the Mall

Instructor: Shelley Futrelle

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Want something to do with your kids during the summer? Want to get them doing something creative? Then this is the class for you. Bring your kids and join us to create fun scrapbook pages and small albums. This is a class where you can participate with your child in sharing pictures, memories, and fun.

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Location: College at the Mall

Instructor: Joyce Hollingsworth

Cost: \$40.00

Description: Come learn how to make baby-sized quilts! One the first day of class, the instructor will show examples of different quilting techniques and tell you what you will need to bring for the next 3 class days. The following classes will be hands-on quilting. The techniques taught can also be used to make larger quilts.

### Scrapbook Basics

Saturday, June 20, 2009, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Location: College at the Mall

Instructor: Shelley Futrelle

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Are you interested in learning to scrapbook? Then this class is for you. We will be focusing on scrapbook basics in this class. Don't know the technical jargon for scrapbooking? Want to know how to get more creative pages? Join us for this Saturday class that will get you out of your scrapbook slump, or teach you how to begin scrapbooking. This is for beginners or intermediate scrap bookers.



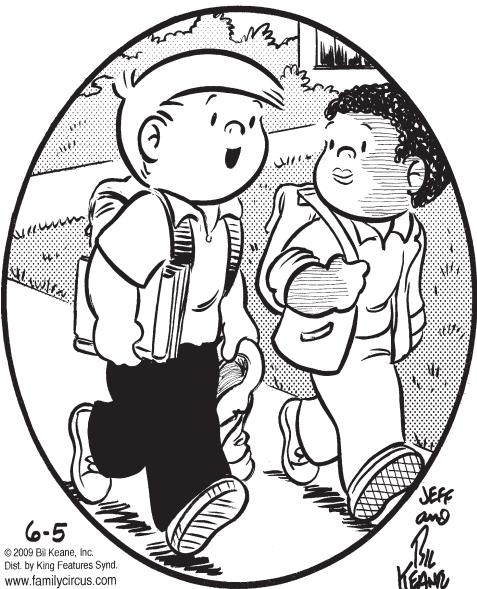
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| 10:PM | News              | News      | Impacto       | King-Hill     | News            | Noticias              | News                                               | Sex & Sex                              | Cortes                 | Smiley              | Angels vs. Demons |                                           | MAN                               | Movie: Enough, Juliette Lewis | Game                          | Kim                |                                                     |              |
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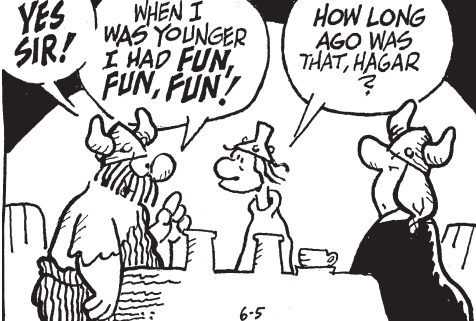
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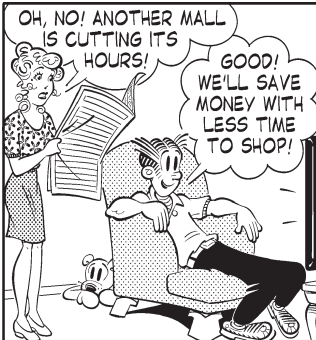


“I’m gonna spend all summer not missing school.”

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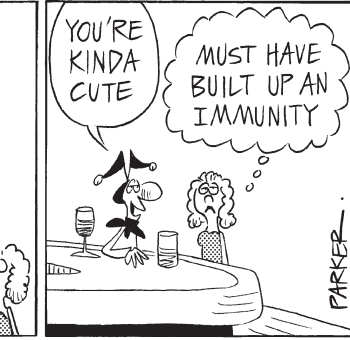
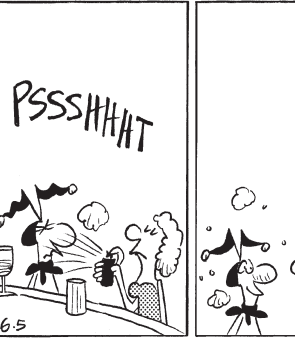
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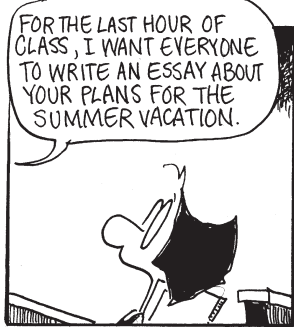
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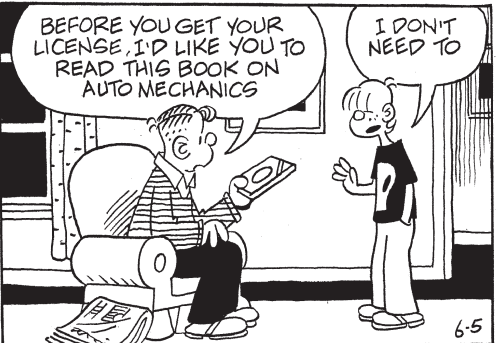
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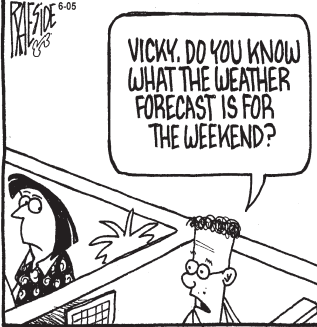
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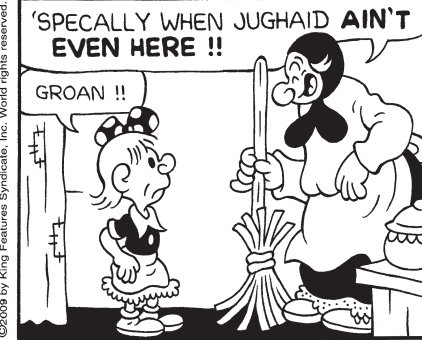
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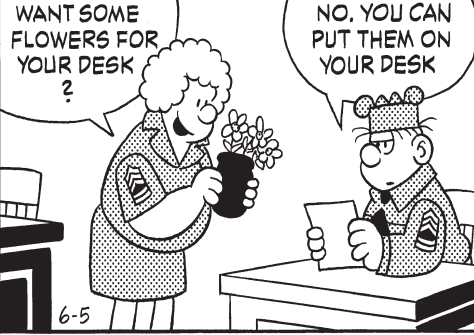
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, June 5, the 156th day of 2009. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

On this date: In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1916, the Arab Revolt against Turkish Ottoman rule began during World War I.

In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, during the World

War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as The Marshall Plan.

In 1967, war erupted in the Mideast as Israel raided military aircraft parked on the ground in Egypt; Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1976, 14 people were killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst.

In 1981, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

In 1993, country star Conway Twitty died in Springfield, Mo., at age 59.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Bill Hayes is 84. Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 75. Author Margaret Drabble is 70. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 64. Rock musician Fred Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is

63. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 62. Country singer Gail Davies is 61. Author Ken Follett is 60. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, is 58. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 57. Jazz musician Kenny G is 53. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychodelic Furs) is 53. Actor Jeff Garlin is 47. Actress Karen Sillas is 46. Actor Ron Livingston is 42. Singer Brian McKnight is 40. Rock musician Claus Norreen (Aqua) is 39. Actor Mark Wahlberg is 38. Actor Chad Allen is 35. Rock musician P-Nut (311) is 35. Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Torry Holt is 33. Actress Navi Rawat is 32. Actress Liza Weil is 32.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Messing with TV roles
- 6 Apple product
- 10 Hairspray
- 14 Join the club
- 15 Magnitude
- 16 Increased in stature
- 17 Up in Smoke
- 18 Sudden increase
- 19 Grad's garb
- 20 Statistician's concern
- 23 Key letter
- 24 Bonus piece
- 25 "Hold Me" Grammy winner
- 27 Green prefix
- 28 Sundance
- 31 Alpine skiing competition
- 32 Place to work
- 34 Legendary lawman
- 36 Archaeologists' spots
- 37 Seedy
- 40 Injured athlete's regimen
- 43 Betray
- 44 Gentlemen
- 48 Lack of energy
- 50 Luminary
- 52 Admit, with "on"
- 53 City W of Manhattan
- 55 Close tightly
- 57 Backward
- 58 Watt creation

- 61 Orchid creations
- 63 Mrs. Victor Laszlo
- 64 Unspoken but understood
- 65 Facility
- 66 Be too sweet
- 67 Forgo traditional invitations
- 68 Brood
- 69 Den piece
- 70 Discourage

DOWN

- 1 Laid down the law
- 2 Make better
- 3 Unbroken horses
- 4 Final movement, often

- 5 2007 Nobel laureate
- 6 Key, for example
- 7 Where vessels stop
- 8 Plateau (Missouri region)
- 9 Mail stations
- 10 Breeding ingredient
- 11 Bit of rain
- 12 Recent recruit
- 13 Canopies
- 21 Measuring device
- 22 Provoke
- 26 Quick rides
- 29 Pack down
- 30 Fields
- 33 Nkrumah (first Ghanaian president)

- 35 Agreement
- 38 Stage awards
- 39 Irritate
- 40 Fund-raising devices
- 41 Request urgently
- 42 Abelard's love
- 45 Proscribed
- 46 Get back together
- 47 First pope
- 49 High jinks
- 51 Leased out
- 54 Longtime Jack Benny sponsor
- 56 Yucca relative
- 59 From
- 60 Ancient Mexican
- 62 Ensure, with "up"

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