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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
City employee Robert Bage works on welding sections of plastic water pipe together Thursday morning. The pipes will eventually replace water lines along Scurry and Main streets, officials said.

Local man locks self out of would-be getaway car

Suspect from Big Spring held in Martin County Jail

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

STANTON — A Big Spring man remains in custody in the Martin County Jail today on a charge of aggravated robbery after law enforcement officials say he locked himself out of his getaway car.

John Wilkinson, 24, of 2304 E. Marcy Drive, was arrested after allegedly rob-

bing the Stanton Drug Store Thursday afternoon and leading law enforcement on a chase through the downtown area.

"Wilkinson robbed the drug store using a caulking gun that was wrapped in a dark cloth," said Stanton Police Chief Mike Adams. "He made away with Xanax and hydrocodone. When he got to his car, which he had left running outside the drug store, he realized he had locked himself out. At that point, he dumped the drugs in a nearby alley and tried to get

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Grand jury indicts suspect in Glasscock County murder

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — A Glasscock County grand jury indicted three men during its Thursday session, including the suspect in the county's first murder in more than 50 years.

Rodney L. Mason, 29, of New Mexico was indicted on first-degree murder charges in the stabbing death of 18-year-old Timothy Wayne Sanchez of Odessa.

The first-degree felony charge carries a possible sentence of between 5 and 99

years or life in prison, as well as a fine not to exceed \$10,000, officials said.

Mason was arrested in May, more than six weeks after Sanchez's body was found alongside Highway 137 about 12 miles south of Stanton on the evening of March 15. The murder suspect was subsequently arrested at a relative's home in Carlsbad, N.M., authorities said.

"It appears that the parties involved (Mason and Sanchez) were traveling

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55 BSISD kids to repeat grade level in 2008-09

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

More than 50 Big Spring Independent School District students are going to have to repeat their grade level when school opens Aug. 25 and several may have only themselves to blame, officials said.

Insufficient grades and test scores will cause at least 55 elementary and junior high students — and probably more — to repeat the same grade level this year, BSISD trustees learned during their monthly meeting

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
U.S. Senator John Cornyn is greeted by Howard County Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman Thursday afternoon during a fund-raising luncheon for the incumbent candidate at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Cornyn will face Democratic opponent Rick Noriega in the November election.

Cornyn: U.S. must address energy at home

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

U.S. Senator John Cornyn was focused on energy Thursday afternoon during a fund-raising luncheon in Big Spring, calling on Congress to take measures he says will lower gas prices and help American become "energy independent."

Cornyn, who made the stop in Big Spring on his way to a legislative summit in San Angelo later in the day, discussed a number of issues he says is important to the residents of the region during the luncheon, held at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"I'm an 'all of the above' kind of guy. I think we need to be doing more in terms of conservation, as well as more drilling and production here at home," said Cornyn. "And we need to develop new renewable fuel sources and new technologies, such as nuclear power."

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—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

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Tempers flare at Cowboys/Broncos practice

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
AP Sports Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — As expected, tempers flared Thursday when Denver Broncos defensive lineman Marcus Thomas broke up a play in the Dallas backfield and Cowboys left tackle Flozell Adams found himself in the middle of a scrum that was quickly broken up.

"That's all part of football," Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens said. "When you get all this testosterone going out here, it gets a little out of hand."

"When you're going against other guys, guys that you're not friends with, sometimes tempers flare," Broncos linebacker D.J.

Williams said. "I guess two guys got into it a little extra at the end of the play, and once that happens, your friends come, everybody's friends come. It's a big pile-on, just grabbing and pushing."

Asked about the fracas, Broncos coach Mike Shanahan retorted: "That wasn't a fight. It wasn't a fight. You know what a fight is. That was just a little pushing. It happens all the time. But they kept their composure and they didn't swing. And that's what you want."

The intensity of the workouts also picked up on Day 2 of the joint workouts between the teams that will play each other Saturday night at Invesco Field.

"Usually, the second day it's always that way," Shanahan said. "Same thing last year. I've probably practiced with seven or eight different teams since I've been in the National Football League. It never changes: that second day is usually a little bit more competitive."

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips thought so, too.

"I think both teams picked it up a little, which is good," Phillips said. "Both teams are in a training camp mode and worn down a little bit and competition comes in and players think we can get better here."

Cowboys benefit

Wade Phillips said one of the

primary beneficiaries of the Cowboys' four joint practices with the Broncos is Dallas' front seven because it gets to face one of the NFL's top rushing offenses with its zone blocking scheme that deploys smaller, quicker linemen.

"Denver is so good in the run. We played them a lot of times in San Diego and they have been consistently that good," Phillips said.

Extra points

Phillips said he is considering playing QB Brad Johnson with the first-team offense Saturday night, although he doesn't know how much the first-team offense will play. The Cowboys need to

see Johnson work with the first-stringers to gauge whether his lack of arm strength is an impediment to being named the backup to starter Tony Romo. ... Broncos S Hamza Abdullah was rusty in his return to practice Thursday after missing two weeks with a strained groin. ... Broncos WR Darrell Jackson, expected to start this season opposite Brandon Marshall, missed Thursday's workouts with a right ankle injury he suffered Wednesday. "I can't tell you if he's going to play on Saturday, but it's not serious," Shanahan said. ... Broncos DE Ebenezer Ekuban (back) also was sidelined Thursday.

Summer Olympics

6 down, 2 to go

Phelps cruises to sixth gold medal

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
AP National Writer

BEIJING — Michael Phelps collected the sixth gold medal and stuffed it in his warmup jacket. No time to even savor that one as he rushed off to swim again.

It was just No. 6, after all, equaling his haul from Athens in 2004.

The most important ones are still to come.

Phelps made it 6-for-6 at the Beijing Games with another world-record triumph Friday, his bid to take down Mark Spitz and the grandest of Olympic records looking less suspenseful by the day.

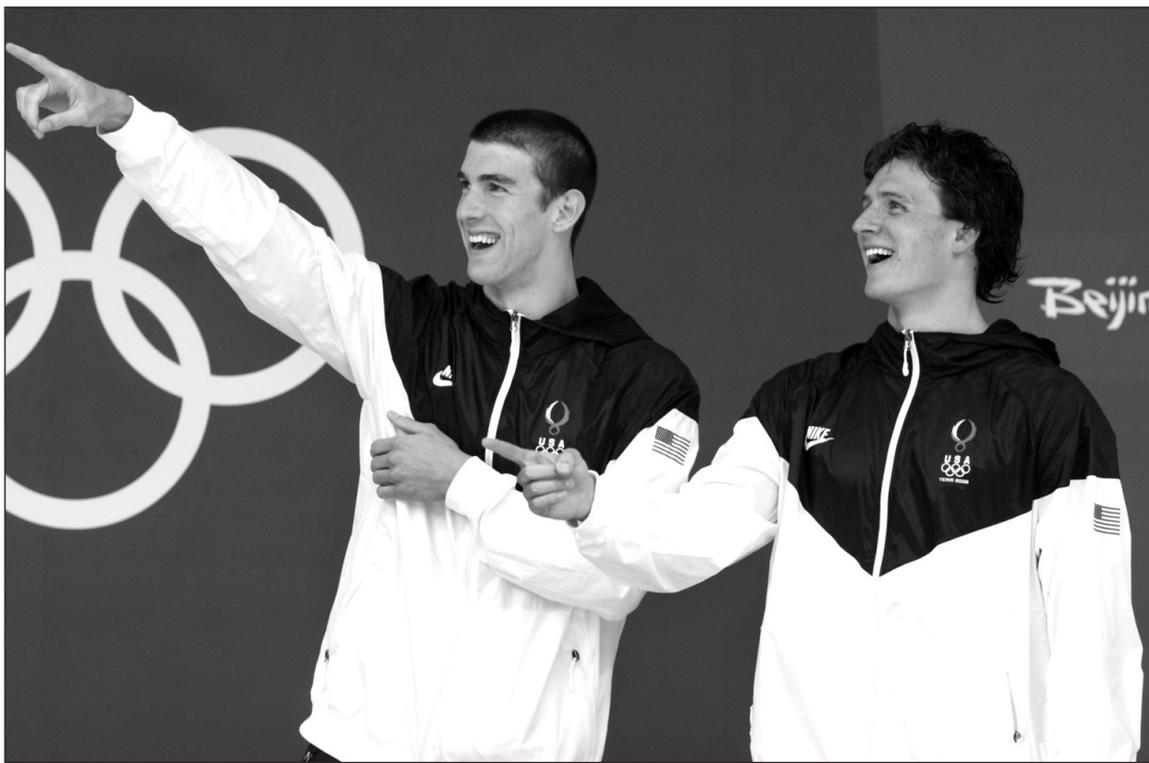
The American hung on the lane rope in a familiar pose after winning the

200-meter individual medley but showed little emotion other than raising his left arm when his time of 1 minute, 54.23 seconds flashed on the board — more than two seconds ahead of the next guy.

With that, he quickly moved on.

"The next two races are pretty important," said Phelps, whose sixth world record in China erased his own mark of 1:54.80 at last month's U.S. trials. "I have to conserve as much physical and emotional energy as I can."

He's already the winningest athlete in Olympic history with 12 golds — he also won two bronze medals in Athens — but his sights are on eight in



AP photo/Mark Baker

United States gold medal winner Michael Phelps and bronze medal winner Ryan Lochte react during the medal ceremony of the men's 200-meter individual medley during the swimming competitions in the National Aquatics Center at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Friday. Phelps took the top spot on the medal stand for the sixth time, besting the competition in the 200-meter individual medley by more than two seconds.

Beijing.

Spitz won seven golds at the 1972 Munich Games. Phelps has two more events to remove any doubt he's the greatest Olympian ever.

Ryan Lochte tried to pull off a daunting double, going against Phelps just 29 minutes after winning the 200 backstroke. He couldn't keep up, though

he did hold on for bronze. Laszlo Cseh of Hungary picked up his third silver of the games — all of them trailing Phelps.

"It's not a shame," Cseh said, "to be beaten by a better one."

When the official times were posted, Phelps extended his right hand to Lochte in the next lane. The friends shook hands

and patted each other on the head.

Later, they yucked it up on the medal stand before Phelps hustled off to grab his racing gear; he had to come right back for the semifinals of the 100 butterfly.

"I switched from my dress sweats to my parka, shoes, threw my cap and goggles on and then they

pushed us on out. No time," he said. "The medal was in my warmup jacket."

History can't wait. A half-hour after winning another gold, Phelps was second-fastest behind Milorad Cavic of Serbia in the 100 fly, setting himself up to tie Spitz's record in

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AP photo/Rob Carr

Gold medal winner U.S. gymnast Nastia Liukin, right, listens to the national anthem alongside teammate and silver medal winner Shawn Johnson after the womens' gymnastics individual all-around finals at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Friday.

Liukin, Johnson claim gold, silver in all-around

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Sports Writer

BEIJING — Elegance and power, almost in equal portions. A combination that just shouldn't work.

Yet it's what women's gymnastics requires. When done precisely, it is mesmerizing. Just like Nastia Liukin's command performance at the Beijing Olympics on Friday.

In an intense climax to a friendly rivalry with U.S. teammate Shawn Johnson, the suburban Dallas gymnast won the all-around gold medal. The 18-year-old daughter of a two-time Olympic champion, Liukin displayed the grace of a ballerina and the strength of, well, her dad in edging Johnson and breaking China's stranglehold on gold. Yang Yilin of China took bronze, the first time the Chinese were not atop the medals podium in gymnastics.

It was no surprise, though, because Liukin and Johnson have been the world's best gymnasts for two years. On this day, the difference between them was six-tenths

of a point.

"Everything pays off for this very moment," Liukin said. "You can only think of good things."

You have to do good — make that great — things to become an Olympic champion, of course. Liukin did them regardless of what was demanded.

Style and charm?

Liukin was breathtaking on balance beam, where she took the lead for good. From the moment the Parker, Texas, gymnast puts her fingertips onto the beam and presses herself up into the splits, her long legs unfurling like the petals of a flower, every movement is exquisite. A grand ballerina would be jealous.

But so would a circus acrobat. On one front somersault, she lands without ever putting one of her feet on the beam, instead brushing it back until her leg is fully extended behind her.

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Obituaries

Martha Noyola



Martha Noyola, 53, of Snyder, formerly of Lomax and Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, in Midland. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 4, 1954, in La Feria. She had worked at Wal-Mart in Big Spring and Davidson's IGA and Dollar General in Snyder. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Mariano Gonzales of Snyder; four sons, Mike Prado and his fiancée Christina Duginski of Midland, Gabriel Noyola and his wife Daphne of Stanton, Joey Noyola and his wife Sherri of Monahans and David Noyola and his wife Lucy of Snyder; four brothers, Sunny Prado and his wife Linda of La Feria, Mario Prado and his wife Alicia, of Corpus Christi, Jorge Prado, and Carlos Prado and his wife Diana, all of Odessa; and grandchildren, Jaime Prado of Big Spring; Tayone Prado, Joslyn Prado, Brianna Prado, and Mike Prado, Jr, all of Andrews, John Garcia, Aaron Garcia, Alex Garcia, and Brandon Maxwell, all of Midland, Kye Noyola, Taegan Noyola, Braelyn Noyola, and Cayton Noyola, all of Monahans, Jaylan Noyola of Stanton, Klarissa Noyola, Kobe Noyola, Deavon Noyola, Adrian Marie Gonzales, Jessie Garza, and Jasmine Hernandez, all of Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Consuelo and Manuel Prado.

Pallbearers will be Mike Prado, Joey Noyola, Adrian Noyola, David Noyola, Joe Gonzales and Jesse Gonzales.

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

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Ina Corene Manning



Ina Corene Manning, 87, of Stanton died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008, at the Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Daniel Armstrong, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born May 12, 1921, in Stanton and married James Manning Nov. 20, 1941, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death April 14, 1963.

Corene attended Draughn's Business School in Lubbock. She was the tax assessor/collector and business manager for Stanton ISD for 29 years. She was one of the first certified tax collectors (CTA) in Texas.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Stanton where she served as a Sunday school teacher, was a member of the official board and of the United Methodist Women.

She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and served as president numerous times. She was a charter member of the Stanton Hospital Auxiliary and served as president several years.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Abe Lane of Friona, Linda and Jerry Tole of Dallas and Sheila and Michael Eck of Houston; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne and JoAnn Cook of Stanton and Fred and Gene Cook of Littlefield; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Corene is also preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Eva Cook; three brothers, Johnny Cook, Jack Cook and Eddie Cook; and two sisters, Eva Mae Cook and Flora Dee Wilson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Stanton Senior Citizens Building Fund, P.O. Box 1233, Stanton 79782 or to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79701 or to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1193, Stanton 79782.

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

Dorothy Drennan

Dorothy Drennan, 80, of Prosper, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 11, 2008, at Frisco. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Westbrook Cemetery with Ralph Anderson of Birdwell Lance Church of Christ officiating.

She was born Aug. 5, 1928, in Levelland to Esther and N. S. Griffith. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and Colorado City, having moved to Prosper in February 2008. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by two daughters, Debra Parker and her husband, Jack, of Prosper, and Vicki Newman of Roby; one son, Dennis Bolt and his wife Debbie of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 43 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, R. H. Drennan; and two daughters, Sandy Bradford and Carolyn Webb.

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 11-23-28-34-17.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$25,624.
Winning tickets sold in: Bridge City.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-34-20-32. Bonus Ball: 30.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-5-0-3. Sum It Up: 17

Ralph B. 'Monte' Osborne III



Ralph B. "Monte" Osborne III, 66, of Midland, passed away Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, at the Midland Memorial Hospice Inpatient Unit. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

He was born Oct. 14, 1941, in Midland to Ralph and Martha Osborne. He was a graduate of Midland High School and attended Texas Tech and North Texas Universities. Ralph loved antiques and

had collected them for years. He owned Mainstreet Emporium & Antiques in Big Spring until 2003. He often traveled to flea markets and other similar events. He was a mechanic and worked for several major car dealers, the last of which was Bob Brock Ford in Big Spring, retiring in October 2005.

He is survived by a son, James Ronald Osborne of Midland; sisters, Susan Parsons and her husband V.M. of the Woodlands, Janet Burge of Midland; a grandson, James Bradley Osborne of Midland; a granddaughter, Ashley Michelle Osborne of Midland; aunts, Reba Wheeler and her husband James of Abilene and Maurine Davis of Winters; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

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Police blotter

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

- DANIELLE RAWLS, 26, of Coahoma, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to identify.
- MORGAN FRANCES LOPEZ, 26, of 2501 Barksdale, was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to identify and theft.
- LINDA FOSTER, 30, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to identify.
- MICHAEL NALL, 29, of 605 E. 15th Street, was arrested Thursday on six local warrants.
- BENJAMIN CLINTON, 32, of Coahoma, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESSE CONTRERAS, 22, of Hill Side, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL GODINES, 30, of 2520 Langley, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid.
- THEFT was reported in the 100 block of Marcy.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 1100 block of Lamesa. in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of FM 700.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of W. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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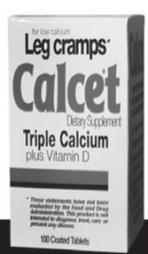
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|  79/65 Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms. High 79F. |  77/63 Thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s. |  82/63 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s. |  86/63 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. |  89/66 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s. |

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

SATURDAY
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.

• DANIELLE KRISTYN REYNA, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of theft of service and warrants for theft by check (three counts in three different counties).

• JOHN PAUL WILBON, 36, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts), manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts), assault and interfering with an emergency phone call.

• LESLIE LOUMENDY FUENTES, 37, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of speeding (67 MPH in a 45 MPH zone), speeding (83 MPH in a 70 MPH zone) and no liability insurance.

• WAYNE ADAM EDMONDSON JR., 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• JACOB LIVELY, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.

• BRANDY LEE HUBBARD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.

• LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• FERNANDO K. ARRIAGA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of a controlled substance and bail jumping - failure to appear.

• JONATHAN ANDREW ARRENDONDO, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of accident involving damage to a vehicle and bond forfeiture - driving while license invalid.

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SWIMMING

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Saturday's final. World record-holder Ian Crocker of the U.S. bounced back from a disappointing swim in the prelims to post the third-fastest time.

"There wasn't much time," Phelps said, "but I think there's going to be a lot of time for me to rest over the next 18 hours or so, and I'll be able to be ready for tomorrow morning's 100."

If all goes according to plan, Phelps will get No. 7 in the fly — his signature stroke — and have the coronation Sunday in the 400 medley relay. The Americans are always heavily favored for gold in that one.

Nevertheless, he's taking nothing for granted, especially in the fly. Crocker has the best time ever (though it was three years ago) and Cavic looked strong in both the preliminaries and semifinals.

"It's never a relief," he said. "Tomorrow is going to be a tough race. For me to be a player in that race, I have to be closer at the 50. If I'm not, then it will be tough. I was over a body length behind at the 50 in the prelims and came up a bit short, so I

have to be there."

Still, he showed little signs of tiring from the grueling schedule. He's already raced 15 times and has two more left — both going for gold.

"I actually don't feel too bad now," Phelps said.

That can't be encouraging for those swimmers who've come up with all sorts of amusing theories for Phelps' dominance. He's from outer space. He's come back from the future in a time machine. He's some sort of human rocket.

The official Xinhua News Agency dubbed Phelps "the American superfish."

For those who believe Phelps might be using more illicit methods to produce these times, he shot down any speculation about doping.

"Anybody can say whatever they want, but I know I'm clean," said Phelps, who took part in a special U.S. anti-doping program that subjected him to additional, more sophisticated testing. "People can question it all they want, but the facts are the facts. I have the results to prove it."

Lochte got quite a consolation prize for his loss to Phelps: a world record and the first individual gold medal of his career in the backstroke. The laid-back

Floridian edged teammate Aaron Peirsol in 1:53.94 to break the mark he shared with Peirsol.

Lochte was known as "Mr. Runner-up" for his frequent second-place finishes to Phelps and Peirsol. Then he stunned Peirsol at last year's world championships in 1:54.32, before Peirsol matched the time in beating Lochte at the U.S. Olympic trials last month.

Lochte got Peirsol back despite a problem with his LZR Racer.

"My suit came undone after the first 50," Lochte said. "I was just trying to control my legs."

Lochte couldn't tame Phelps, however, which would appear to leave Crocker as the last man standing between Phelps and his destiny.

A thoughtful, 25-year-old from Maine, who loves to cruise in vintage cars and jam on his guitar, Crocker is now trying to go down in history as the man who stopped Phelps.

"You can start by not worrying about what everybody else thinks," he said. "Nobody knows what I've really gone through in the last eight years and what has gotten me to this point, besides myself and a few people that I know well. So it's my own personal deal at this point."

Peirsol won the 100 back in cheered for Johnson, even as she anxiously paced back and forth.

Johnson's 15.525 equaled Liukin's score, giving her silver.

"I gave my heart and soul out there today," Johnson said. "Nastia deserved the gold."

It was the first time the United States has won two medals in the women's all-around.

"I'm feeling so much better than two days ago," said U.S. national team coordinator Martha Karolyi, whose squad won silver behind China in the team event, when the Americans — including Liukin and Johnson — made major errors.

"I am very, very proud of both

Beijing, but failed to match his backstroke double from Athens four years ago. He earned the silver in 1:54.33, while Russia's Arkady Vyatchanin claimed the bronze.

Rebecca Soni gave the U.S. women's swim team a much-needed boost, setting a world record in the 200 breaststroke with an upset of Australia's Leisel Jones.

Soni had already claimed a surprising silver behind Jones in the 100 breast, a race she wasn't even supposed to be in. She took over when Jessica Hardy failed a doping test at the U.S. trials and was dropped from the team.

Jones was out front over the first 100, but Soni came on strong at the end, finishing a full body length ahead of the Aussie in 2:20.22. She beat Jones' mark of 2:20.54, set two 2½ years ago in Melbourne.

Soni's victory came about 14 hours after American distance hopes Katie Hoff and Kate Ziegler failed to make the final of the 800 freestyle, and two summers after Soni underwent a minor heart operation.

Jones claimed silver and Norway's Sara Nordenstam took bronze.

The only non-American gold of the girls who did their personal best. They raised the standard of women's gymnastics even higher today."

But Friday's results continued the struggles for the reigning world champion: Only four women have won Olympic gold while holding the world title, the last happening in 1996.

"We kind of have been going back and fourth the entire year," Liukin said. "We knew it would come down to the final competition and it came down to our final event. We wanted to go out there and do our all and have no regrets. We did all we could ... and it definitely paid off this time."

When Liukin saw she was the

the morning went to Germany's Britta Steffen in the 100 freestyle, ahead of Australia's Libby Trickett by four-hundredths of a second. Steffen set an Olympic record, 53.12.

American Natalie Coughlin claimed the bronze for her fifth medal of these games, matching her total from Athens with the medley relay still to go.

In other semifinals, Brazil's Cesar Cielo was top qualifier in the 50 free (21.34) and 100 gold medalist Alain Bernard of France won his heat in 21.54. American Ben Wildman-Tobriner slipped into the final, tying for the seventh-fastest time at 21.76, but teammate Garrett Weber-Gale was eliminated.

In the 200 backstroke, Zimbabwe's Kirsty Coventry led the way at 2:07.76, just ahead of 15-year-old Elizabeth Beisel (2:07.90), the youngest member of the American team. World record-holder Margaret Hoelzer of the U.S. advanced to the final with the fifth-best time, 2:08.25.

Phelps' win was the 21st world record set in swimming during the Olympics, with two days left.

Two days that could make history.

winner, tears filled her eyes. Valeri grabbed her in a Russian bearhug, squeezing her tight for several minutes.

"It's 20 years earlier that I competed in the Olympic Games," he said. "I was second in that one. I guess it's nice to fix the little mistake that I had, so I am very proud of my baby."

Baby? Not quite. And Liukin has every chance of being the kind of sporting icon Mary Lou Retton became. She has the looks, the personality, the athleticism — and, yes, the gold — to be a crossover star.

While something beyond gymnastics should be on Liukin's radar, the 16-year-old Johnson is thinking about London 2012.

GYMNASTICS

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None of the other women could match Liukin's magnificent versatility. Not even world champion Johnson, who beat Liukin at nationals and Olympic trials this year, but came up short in Beijing against her Olympic roommate.

"We both supported each other 100 percent, and we just wanted to go out there and give it our all and have fun, because this is the games," Liukin said. "There is nothing bigger or greater than this."

For both of them. Liukin and

Johnson grew closer throughout 2008. They secured their Olympic spots together in Philadelphia — the other four had to qualify later on at a selection camp — and then were paired in the athletes' village in Beijing.

Rather than create enmity, being roomies provided more of a bond. They even made calendars to place by their beds to count down to the all-around finals.

When Johnson was doing her floor routine as the final competitor, Liukin knew only her teammate could snatch away gold — just as Valeri Liukin's countryman did in the 1988 all-around.

Yet Nastia Liukin clapped and

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Second Houston-area child dies in hot vehicle

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County sheriff's deputies say a 3-year-old boy struggled to escape his mother's hot truck before dying.

Cameron Thomas Boone is the second child to die in a locked, hot vehicle in the Houston area within less than 24 hours.

Investigators say the boy was able to get free of his car seat in a back seat and climb into the front before losing consciousness yesterday. Sheriff's Lt. John Denholm says it appears the child tried to start the engine or open the windows. The key was found in the truck ignition.

Denholm says the boy's mother found him unconscious when she returned to the truck after her shift at North Cypress Medical Center about 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

She broke the back windshield and called for help, but the child was dead when she brought him into the hospital emergency room. Denholm says the woman had meant to drop the child off at day care but had forgotten he was in the truck.

Another 3-year-old boy died in a hot vehicle in Houston late Wednesday afternoon. No charges have been filed in either case.

Texas school district OKs pistols for staff

HARROLD (AP) — A tiny Texas school district may be the first in the nation to allow teachers and staff to pack guns for protection when classes begin later this month, a newspaper reported.

Trustees at the Harrold Independent School District approved a district policy change last October so employees can carry concealed firearms to deter and protect against school shootings, provided the gun-toting teachers follow certain requirements.

In order for teachers and staff to carry a pistol, they must have a Texas license to carry a concealed handgun; must be authorized to carry by the district; must receive training in crisis management and hostile situations and have to use ammunition that is designed to minimize the risk of ricochet in school halls.

BSISD

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Thursday evening.

Director of Federal Programs Darrell Ryan told trustees that 280 elementary and junior high students were forced to attend summer school this year because of inadequate performance in the classroom or on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test.

Of that number, 55 students so far were informed that their summer school performance was inadequate to warrant promotion to the next grade. That number will likely increase after the district grade placement committee completes its work in the next few days.

"The ones who were retained either didn't take the TAKS or didn't even take it," Ryan said. "Several didn't even show up for the test."

Ryan said the overall numbers of retained students was slightly higher than last year, but would have been more in line with previous years if not for plain apathy in some cases.

"To be perfectly honest, if all the kids who went to summer school had ended up taking the tests, the numbers would probably be very close to last year," he said.

Ryan said students attend summer classes because of inadequate performance in either the classroom or on the TAKS test. Students who show improvement are usually passed to the next grade level.

"If they take the TAKS

and fail (during summer school), they still have the choice of meeting with the placement committee," Ryan said. "The committee can pass them on to the next grade if members feel the student can handle the work."

There's not many options for dealing with apathy, but Ryan said the district has some options in hopes of reducing the number of retained students.

"We're hoping that bringing our curriculum more in line with state standards will help reduce those numbers," Ryan said. "And we need to show those students the relevance of these courses. Many of them don't see it and subsequently don't care. But most of the retained students did care, and they came very, very close to passing."

Also Thursday, trustees

heard a "good news, bad news" report on the student laptop program instituted this past school year.

Technology Director Corey Wood said that slightly more than 600 of the 1,100 computers distributed to high school students and staff sustained some sort of damage this past year.

The good news is that most of that damage was not the students' fault.

Wood said that defects in the computer casing accounted for all but 57 of the damaged laptops. In those instances, Apple Computers repaired the computers for free. The other repair bills were covered by insurance on the laptops.

In other business, trustees approved:

- A resolution to sell delinquent tax property to

Howard County.

- The Howard County tax collection budget for 2007-2008. BSISD paid Howard County \$26,000 to collect its taxes during the current fiscal year.
- The resignation of Christopher Barrera, special education teacher/coach at the junior high.
- Employment of the following individuals: Pamela Billick-Gonzales, special education teacher; Amber Brockman, special education teacher/coach; Thomas Hays, high school math teacher; Michaela Klix, Goliad Intermediate teacher; Samantha Lopez, Kentwood Elementary teacher; Alexander Orosco, junior high social studies teacher/coach; and Jillery Roberts, Bauer Elementary teacher.

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ROBBERY

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away on foot."

According to Adams, Wilkinson led him on a foot chase that took the pair through a barbershop near the scene of the crime.

"He ran into a nearby barber shop and was hiding in the laundry area near the back," said Adams. "I made my way into the store, and while I was in another part of the building

he ran back out the front door. I caught a glimpse of him running through some weeds, so I went to my car to cut him off."

Adams said he located the suspect moments later between two buildings.

"He was hunkered down behind a tree located near the Quonset hut," said Adams. "At that point I ordered him to lay down on his belly. He jumped up and made an aggressive move toward me and I fired one round, which caused a wound at the top of his right shoulder. Adams said the suspect was

treated for the non life-threatening wound in Stanton and later taken to a hospital in Midland. After being treated, he was taken to the Martin County Jail, where he was awaiting arraignment and to have his bond set Friday morning.

Adams said the Big Spring man is currently charged with aggravated robbery.

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MURDER

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from Odessa to San Angelo in Mason's car," District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said. "During that trip, there was an altercation, which resulted in Sanchez's stabbing death."

Mason is currently in custody in the Reagan County Jail in Big Lake.

The arrest capped Glasscock County's first murder inves-

tigation since the early 1960s, Deputy Keith Burnett said.

The murder victim had last been seen driving a 1997 Dodge Neon the day before the murder. The vehicle was found a few days later parked in the 1500 block of South Grant in Odessa, Burnett said.

An autopsy performed by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office determined cause of death to be from multiple stab wounds.

Others indicted by the grand jury Thursday are:

- Raymond Lee Noble, 64, of Stanton, on the third-degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- Carl Earl Waycott, 19, currently in the Howard County Jail, for the state jail felony offense of evading arrest with a vehicle.

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in America that Congress won't allow us to produce.

"I hope the leadership — Speaker (Nancy) Pelosi and the Majority Leader Harry Reid — will allow us an up or down vote, and I'm convinced if they do we'll find Congress will do what the American people

want, and that's say we need to produce more here at home, learn how to use less and pursue alternatives."

Cornyn, who, along with fellow senator Kay Bailey Hutchison played an active role in keeping the Big Spring VA Medical Center off the government's chopping blocks in recent years, said taking care of our veterans is another major concern for him.

"I was proud to work with the Texas congressional delegation to help keep the Big Spring VA Hospital open," said Cornyn. "When our service members return home, we must provide them with the best health care, benefits and support."

Cornyn will face Democratic opponent Rick Noriega in November's

election.

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OTHER VIEWS

Georgia crisis
puts presidential
candidates on spot

Just when you thought the Olympics might provide relief, now comes conflict between Russia and neighboring Georgia. Americans

get a geography lesson (ever heard of South Ossetia?) and a chance to see the mettle of their presidential candidates.

Georgia became an independent country when the Soviet Union collapsed. Then Georgia's South Ossetia region declared independence, and an 18-month war began. A 1992 Russia-Georgia agreement created a joint peacekeeping force. The two countries have had disputes over the region ever since.

Fast-forward to 2008. On Aug. 8, Georgia marched on the South Ossetian capital. Russia responded with a large-scale attack. World leaders have rightly condemned Georgia's attempt to establish control over South Ossetia by force and Russia's disproportionate response. They're brokering a cease-fire.

That's not enough. The problem is the 1992 agreement. With Russia serving as a "peacekeeper," it is inherently unstable, leaving the future of South Ossetia unsettled.

Presidential candidate John McCain's approach is confrontational, siding with Georgia against Russia. Barack Obama's is diplomatic, acknowledging provocation on both sides and calling for international peacekeeping forces and a "genuinely neutral mediator" to begin negotiations on South Ossetia's future.

Pay attention. Their responses to handling this complex crisis will give you a good inkling of the future of U.S. foreign policy.

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A SHORT PRAYER

Father, thank you for greeting us each day with sunrises, and calming us each evening with sunsets. Amen

Respect for the badge

You may or may not remember Zsa Zsa Gabor but she is famous for several things.

She was Miss Hungary in 1936. She's been married nine times. Her house, which she bought from Elvis, is famous for being built by Howard Hughes. She is famous for suing her only daughter, Constance Hilton, aunt to Paris Hilton, as a fraud. You may have even caught her one episode of Gilligan's Island or cameo on the Naked Gun.

She is famous for saying things like, "I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man I keep his house." The Brewer tilts his cup and says between his stained teeth, "What a blessing."

When Mrs. Gabor was pulled over in 1989 by a Beverly Hills police officer, she became famous again. This time it was for slapping an officer in the face.

A few days later, the San Francisco earthquake halted the World Series and before the games resumed, her court sentence came out. The same day she was sentenced to 3 days and \$13,000 in fines, Jim Baker was sentenced to 45 years and a \$500,000 fine for mail fraud. It was



Gabor

the 80s. It was a scandalous and disrespectful mess. A day of big shaking when you would shamelessly slap the law in the face.

... Watch ya gonna do?

My dad was a Fort Worth police officer for awhile. From the day I first saw my daddy in uniform, I have had a high respect for cops in general. In Texas, there has been a long-standing tradition of high respect for men with a badge. It is quickly fading as our unique culture heads out of a door that no one holds open for ladies anymore.

This week I got an e-mail and it perfectly illustrates what I'm talking about.

Somebody named Glen Copeland, a retired veteran, wrote he had gone downtown to run a few errands and stopped at the coffee shop. He was only there for about 5 minutes and came out to find a police officer writing a parking ticket.

Glen said to him, "Come on, man, how about giving a retired person a break?" The cop just did his duty and continued writing the ticket. Glen said he was annoyed that this cop ignored him, so he called him a

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Nazi. Completely unnecessary.

The policeman just smiled and wrote out another ticket for worn out tires or some crazy thing. That's when Glen called him a doughnut-eating dinosaur.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then politely and patiently the police officer wrote a third ticket when Glen called him a moron in blue.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more Glen was ugly, the more tickets were written. Finally the policeman asked, "Are you finished?" Glen said, "Yes sir, I am."

Personally, Glen confessed in his e-mail, he didn't care a bit about the tickets because he came downtown on the bus. The car that with all the tickets had one of those bumper stickers that said, "Obama in '08."

Glen went on to say he tries to have a little fun each day now that he's retired. The doctor tells him it's important to his health.

The Brewer says, shame on you Glen. Have a little more respect for the police please.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. Proverbs 17:22

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We like Ike, and Big Mac, too

Let's drop the Isaac; instead, we'll, simply, call him Ike. When you think of Isaac Hayes, the first image is that of "Shaft." Ike's theme song, which begins with that trademark scratchy and searing guitar vibe, still ranks as GOAT (Greatest of All Time) for a movie score. We don't need Denzel Washington and "The Great Debaters" to tell us that.

I remember the only time I saw John Shaft's alter-ego, Richard Roundtree. That sighting was at the National Association of Black Journalists Convention in 1998 at the old convention center in Washington, 27 years after the release of the movie. We noticed Roundtree aged well.

Roundtree attended the convention as part of a panel discussion focusing on the then groundbreaking genre of movies featuring black stars in the 1970s. Fred "The Hammer" Williamson (remember him in "Black Caesar"), Pam Grier (remember "Friday Foster") and Antonio Fargas (remember Huggy Bear from "Starsky and Hutch" on TV) also appeared.

That's right, Shaft, the private detective, was milling around the convention. Can you dig it? Memories abound from that hot week in August.

I recall Williamson, during a one-on-one chat with him, complimenting the NABJ convention on the abundance of beautiful women in our organization. I told the former pro football player-turned-actor, "That's the norm, man."

Those movies showed a new norm, too. Ike was instrumental in conveying a new-age idea that black folk could be beautiful and sexy and heroic and confident, too. This

new era was on the heels of 1960s de facto segregation. Jim Crow and the civil rights movement, when many black folk entered the new decade of the '70s aiming to establish a base of dignified standing in U.S. society while trying, with uncommon effort, to shake the throes of inferiority complexes and second-class citizenship.

One could argue that "Shaft" was the first black super hero on the silver screen. Yes, Sidney Poitier played police detective Virgil Tibbs in the 1967 classic, "In the Heat of the Night," but John Shaft was cooler than cool. He had a suave side, too, just ask most women.

Shaft also taught us — especially young cats in the black community — how to wear mid-calf-length leather trenchcoats in the '70s. No, it wasn't Michael Jordan.

Ike, who died unexpectedly of a stroke on Sunday, helped bring that new style and swagger to the mainstream.

As Ike influenced the 1970s, comedian Bernie Mac — we'll call him "Big Mac" — brought us laughter during our present decade.

Big Mac, formerly known as Bernard Jeffrey McCullough, died Saturday of complications of pneumonia; he also had been afflicted with sarcoidosis, an inflammatory lung disease. Two stunning deaths within a 24-hour span.

Perhaps actor George Clooney, in a statement aired on CNN, said it best, when he offered this tribute to "Big Mac": "The world just got a little less funny. He will be dearly missed."

Clooney starred in the movie "Ocean's Eleven" with Big Mac, along with Brad Pitt, who also said in a CNN statement, "I lament the loss of a ferociously funny and hardcore family man. My thoughts are with his wife, Rhonda, and their family. Bernie Mac, you are already missed."

CNN's "Larry King Live" even offered a special tribute to Big Mac on Tuesday night.

Both Ike and Big Mac morphed from their core base of chosen endeavors; they were able to successfully cross over into other forms of entertainment, mainly becoming actors of note.

But there is a larger lesson that emanates from the duo, especially for today's black youth.

Though Ike and Big Mac were 15 years apart in age, they rose from difficult circumstances to lead productive lives.

Ike grew up in a tin shack in rural Tennessee and later worked as a shoeshine boy.

Big Mac was more urban, grew up on the South Side of Chicago and once wrote of eating bologna as a staple for dinner.

Both were raised by their grandparents after their mothers died.

They showed that you can grow up in poverty and dire circumstances, but poverty doesn't have to grow up in you.

They found their wheel of fortune, without Pat Sajak and Vanna White.

Another amazing coincidence is that both were set to appear in the new movie, "Soul Men," along with Samuel L. Jackson.

The release date was planned for Nov. 14, 2008.

According to the Internet previews, the genre of "Soul Men" is billed, appropriately enough, as "comedy and music."

As Ike would blurt in song, of course, "Can you dig it?" Damn right.

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The church is located north of I-20 and east of the Snyder Hwy. Call 263-4883 or 264-1565 for information or directions. The pastor is Jim Mills.

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Dare-To-Care Outreach Ministry will be this Sunday at 2 p.m. Please call our church office for details or any questions at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

First United Methodist Church

Saturday, one of the new Sunday school classes will have passed the planning stage. The "Myth Busters" led by Stacy and Mark Barr and Joan and Waylon Pierce is having a kick-off party at the parsonage beginning at 7 p.m. They will hold their first class meeting Sunday in Room 305 of our Education Building.

And it's "back in the saddle" Sunday for all classes. Dress western, come to classes, stay for church and attend the barbecue lunch in Garrett Hall following the late service. Bring a covered dish and be prepared for good food,

fun and fellowship.. Class prizes will be announced in a special ceremony at Lord's Acre Oct. 4.

The Rev. Sharon Wiese has begun a new sermon series titled "Everybody Is," This week It's Everybody Is Included. based on Acts 15;1-21.

Services of worship are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. with mid-week Bible study and lunch at noon Wednesdays in Garrett Hall.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Mt. Bethel invites you to share in our 36th Annual Women's Day, Sunday at 3 p.m. Speaker for the hour will be the Rev. R.T. McNeil of St. James Baptist Church in Odessa. Our theme is "How to Live in a Changing Society." Scripture reference Hebrews 13:8. We look forward to the fellowship as we lift up the name of Jesus for He is worthy to be praised.

Saturday, we invite you to share in our morning workshop from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come and get a blessing as our keynote speaker, Bethine McNally of New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ, addresses our annual day theme. McNally is the district missionary with the New Beginnings District.

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

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

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We were blessed this past Sunday with three baptisms and have three scheduled for this Sunday. We want to say "Welcome Home" to C.G and Joyce Evans as they have returned to Big Spring and East Fourth after living in Carlsbad, N.M., for several years.

The Old Settler's Pavilion in the city park will be the site for the association-wide prayer meeting for school teachers, administrators and students for the upcoming year. This will be held Sunday at 7 p.m.

All church members are urged to participate.

Promotion Sunday (for our Sunday school) will be Aug. 31. We will also have our Fifth Sunday Singing starting at 6 p.m. Following this service we will have a church wide baby shower for our nursery. We are needing to update some much-needed items.

We want you to come visit with us. Our church is easy to find at 401 E. Fourth St. Sunday school starts at 9:45 am; morning worship at 11 a.m.; evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday; adult, youth and children's Bible study at 7 p.m.; and Satur-

FBC to celebrate Erven Fisher Day

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Features Writer

If everyone has a day then for 81-year-old Erven Fisher that day is Sunday. This Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008, will be designated Erven Fisher Day in Big Spring to recognize his 30-year volunteer service as media director to First Baptist Church.

Fisher is a life-long Baptist and member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. He first joined in 1954 and except for two intervals — one five years, the other 12 when he moved to other towns for employment — he can count 37 years of membership to this church alone.

Since 1988, Fisher has been responsible for updating, selecting and cataloging the more than 9,000 books in the church's library.

"It's a very large library for a church," Fisher said. "I don't know of another church here in town that has this kind of library."

Three days a week and when the need arises, you can find Fisher at work in the library.

"I make all the book selections and I usually buy from Christian book stores and from known authors but I do try to review or read most the material that goes in," he said. "Of course I can't read it all. It's too much but I at least know something about the authors and their writings and that sort of thing."

Volunteers help him keep the place in order and his wife, Dean, helps to create a display on the table.



HERALD Photo/Lyndel Moody

Erven Fisher will be recognized for serving 30 years as media director of First Baptist Church in Big Spring Sunday with a proclamation from the mayor declaring Sunday as Erven Fisher Day.

And Fisher is quick to point out that contributions from the public really make the library run.

"This library is pretty much operated by benevolence," he said. "People use it to honor their friends and their loved-ones with donations. I keep new books here that they may purchase in memory or in honor of so most of the books that we get now are provided by the generosity of the people."

Reading of the proclamation signed by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will take place during morning service at the church.

Dying Moments

As a hospital chaplain, it seems to me that death makes many people uncomfortable. Sometimes people ask me, "What do I say?" Here are some thoughts:

What to say

Often, we want to express our caring concern with words. Sometimes it is OK to reflect on your own feelings and express them. For example, "When I hear that diagnosis, it sounds scary. Does it affect you the same way?" This gives the hearer the opportunity (and the power) to accept, reject, or modify the statement.



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What not to say

If words just fill the air, then they do not touch the heart. If we open our mouths just to break the uncomfortable silence, is what we say what needs to be said? Conversely, words spoken randomly can hurt. I have heard that someone said to a young mother whose baby had just died, "Oh, you're young. You can have another." Well, perhaps that may be true, but neither the words nor the concept can restore the promise unfulfilled of a life not lived, nor truly replace the life just lost, nor repair the pain when it feels like your heart has been torn from your chest. In other words, they do not help at that particular moment. Truth be told, they do not help at all. If words fail us when these opportunities arise, consider the eloquence of silence, the communion of tears and the power of touch.

The Eloquence

of Silence

In the Bible, we find the Book of Job. There is a passage where Job's friends come by to visit him. In Job 2:13 we find, "Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. And no one said a word, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words." For seven days they say nothing. For seven days they share his grief. For seven days they do the right thing. On the eighth day they open their mouths — and ruin the moment. When words do not suffice, a shared silence speaks volumes eloquently.

The Communion of Tears

Let me quote the eminent philosopher Spock from Star Trek. When Spock found his friends were hurting, he said, "I grieve with thee." Notice the preposition: not for, but with. Compassion is "with passion," a shared pain. Sometimes when words do not come, tears may. Tears come from the heart and speak to the heart, often clearer than words. It is a communion, a meeting of hearts.

The Power of Touch

Are we afraid of touch? Yes, it can be misused. But when expressed appropriately, a touch can be powerful. A squeeze of the hand or shoulder, a side hug, or a pat on the back can be a warm expression of humanity. Aren't there times when we all need a simple touch?

This is just a sample of common sense ways to express care and concern for both the dying and the living.

Scott Jimenez is chaplain at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

day at 7 a.m., a men's Bible study.

First Presbyterian Church, 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 sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The lectionary for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 1:8-12:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church would like you to join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship and Children's church 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 is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For further information, please call 394-4655.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Youth group, from 6-8 p.m., and choir practice, 6 p.m., met on Aug. 20.

The congregation heard a report from Meredith Morgan on the youth group's summer mission activities: the mission/work trip to Port Arthur and the Youth Synod Workshop to Tulsa, Okla., during the worship service Sunday, Aug. 17. All women in the church are invited to a

Get Acquainted Tea at 11 a.m. in the church parlor Saturday, Aug. 30. This is a correction in the date as stated in last week's church news.

The youth trip will be to MO Ranch Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Youth Director Gary Holoman is the person to call at (432) 770-2122 to reserve a place.

Please mark your calendars for Rally Day, the start-up for Sunday school, Sunday, Sept. 7.

The lectionary for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20. Rev. Bert Bronaugh has chosen as his sermon topic: "Had It Not Been for the Lord," based on Matthew 16:16. The choir will offer the anthem "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Thomas Matthews and, during the offertory, "Built on a Rock" by Jay Althouse.

Chapel of Faith

Do you want to learn more about the stories from the Bible? If so, you are invited to come to Chapel of Faith Sundays at 10:30 a.m. That is when Pastor Joel Miller will give the "rest of the story" to some of the Bible stories and personalities we are so familiar with. We may recognize some of the names and places, but may not know the background that led up to why it was included in the Bible.

Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. each week and if you come a few minutes early, you can join us for coffee and cookies. Chapel of Faith, located at 14th and Goliad, is an interdenominational church. Remember God loves you no matter who you are!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship service at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

Our EFM Class will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Parish Hall.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

Relationship is what God is all about. Come join us on Sunday for our Sunday School Connection time that begins at 9:30 a.m. We have groups for all ages that want to connect with you.

Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. with wonderful praises in music led by our worship pastor - Stan Hanes.

We have a special time of prayer led by our youth and children's pastor, Christ Tucker.

Our pastor is Dennis Teeters who will be continuing his sermon series titled "Deal or No Deal..." with a sermon titled "Service," found in Matthew 20:20-28.

This Sunday night we will celebrate the Lord's Supper as we remember what Jesus has done for us. Come join us for this special time at 6.

The dedication of the land that God has given us to build our new building is Sept. 14. More information in the days ahead.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Two planetary configurations color the day.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Neptune spies the sun, bridging tentative awareness between our sense of oneness with everything and where we may feel unfulfilled. A second influence, Saturn, hones in on Mercury for an opportunity to hammer out the details of a plan. Our best work is achieved with diligent attention.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may be on the defensive, and it's no wonder. People will surprise you with abrupt opinions. You're open to sensible advice, though you'll be hard-pressed to find any.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're gifted. Sometimes it's difficult to know what the best way to use your talents might be. You need someone to point you in the right direction. That someone shows up today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're so involved with the mechanics of what you're doing that you have to be extra careful not to lose sight of the bigger picture. Remind yourself of your purpose. Tonight, Scorpio has fun plans involving you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In order to remind yourself that you're powerful, strong and able, you need to do something for those who are not in that category. For instance, make a tax-deductible donation to a charity you believe in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your powers of empathy are stronger than usual now. It requires that you set your own identity aside and slip into the emotional space that someone else occupies -- a slightly difficult endeavor, but so rewarding for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Recent history has shown you more than your share of long working days, endless task

lists and plenty to worry your pretty head about. You're ready for a nice, lengthy rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You need someone you can really talk to, and just as the need arises, the person does, too. This day is sort of magical in that way. Merely think about what would please you, and you're halfway there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A romantic quest you began long ago now has some extremely interesting developments. You thought you gave up on a dream, but embers have been glowing in your heart all of these years inextinguishably.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're trying to be nice, really you are. Then in walks that person whom, for your own private and defensible reasons, you find it very difficult to be nice to. Watch those passive-aggressive tendencies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have enough social awareness for both you and your very unaware friend. When this person kids about something that isn't funny, or serves meat to the vegetarian, you'll be the one to make everything better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You thrive on serendipity, following your fanciful whims and allowing room for delicious distraction. Your friend may be more controlling and structured, which is fine, too. Make "tolerance" your motto.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things change, people grow in different directions, and now here you are wondering how to meet up with a person whose world is currently so foreign to you. The common ground you do share is enough. Trust that.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Find a physical way to let off steam and your beloved doesn't get caught in the crossfire. **TAURUS:** You harness the power of desire when wanting something (or someone) leads you right to it. **GEMINI:** Even if they

can't demonstrate how much they want to give you, the intention in a partner's attempt says it all. **CANCER:** Taking painstaking care to communicate with kindness elicits the best of all possible responses. **LEO:** You finally address that nagging little bother, and this improves your whole relationship. **VIRGO:** Romance relieves stressors in other areas of your life, helping you relax. **LIBRA:** The heart may know no bounds, but expressed boundaries keep relationships and hearts intact. **SCORPIO:** Don't mistake a person's individuality as disloyalty toward the group. This understanding uplifts all involved. **SAGITTARIUS:** If you had a dollar for all the wonderful things people are saying about you, you'd know how rich you really are. **CAPRICORN:** Love carries you through self-doubt. All you have to do is believe. **AQUARIUS:** A partner illuminates an important decision as the cosmos align with a message for you. **PISCES:** Balance your need for private time with socializing -- like taking phone calls from the bathtub!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: For Gemini, romance begins with a conversation, preferably with someone who demonstrates skill in a knowledge base about which Gemini knows just enough to be dangerous. Virgo is happy to oblige, being impeccably smart, coolly modest and intellectually unflappable. Gemini will search for loopholes in Virgo's logic and will find none. And when these two couple up, it's love logical.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm a proud father of two handsome boys, ages 14 and 11. Their mother and I are divorced. I recently found out through DNA testing that my 14-year-old is not my biological son. This has devastated my family. When I called my ex-wife about it, she responded, "Whatever," and hung up the phone. I haven't spoken to her since, so I got no apology or anything. Now I hear she wants to introduce my son to his biological father.

Fourteen years is a long time and I can't let go. It hurts. I'm concerned about my son and what's on his mind. What can I do? -- Disenfranchised Dad

Dear Dad: You don't have to "let go." You raised this boy, and he is still your son, emotional-



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

doing it because you've been asked to.

My in-laws live less than five miles away. We have two very well-behaved children, yet the only time my in-laws see them is on holidays and maybe a birthday party or soccer game. They've taken each of our children to see one stage show, but as far as taking them to the park, having them over for ice cream or even setting aside an hour a week to read to them, forget it. My in-laws are just "too busy."

Because they are almost completely removed from my kids' lives, I ask them to baby-sit once or twice a month. I feel I have to initiate contact by "needing" their assistance. Yes, I've spoken to my mother-in-law about it, but nothing has changed. I'd be interested to get some feedback. -- Midwest Mom

Dear Mom: Not all grandparents know how to interact with young children and many prefer not to. They've already raised their kids, thank you, and now they'd like to pursue their own interests. It doesn't mean they don't love the grandchildren, and it's very possible they will relate better when the kids are older. If your in-laws are willing to baby-sit on occasion, by all means, continue to ask them.

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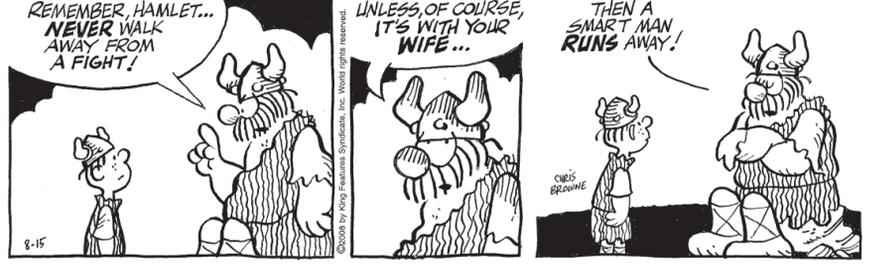
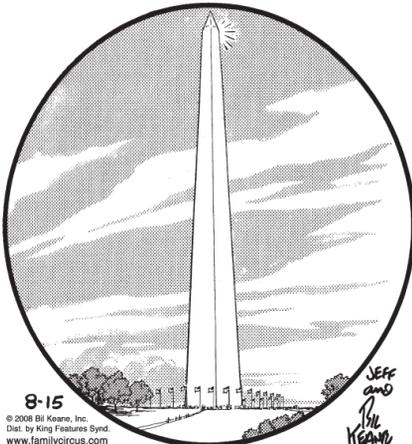
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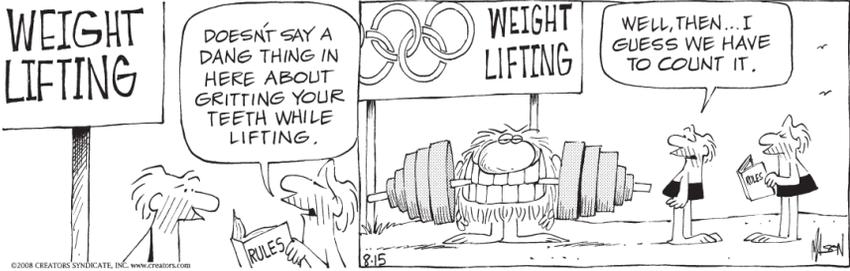
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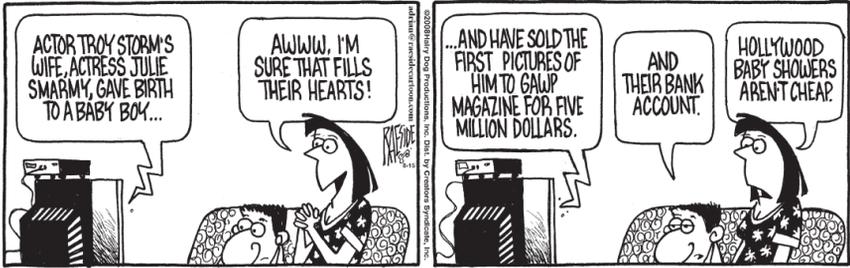
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 15, the 228th day of 2008. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito announced to his subjects in a prerecorded radio address that Japan had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain.

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1944, during World War II,

Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) was proclaimed.

In 1961, East German workers began building the Berlin Wall.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rose Marie is 85. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 84. Actor Mike Connors is 83. Actress Lori Nelson is 75. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 73. Actor Jim Dale is 73. Actress Pat Priest is 72. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 70. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is 66. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 64. Britain's Princess Anne is 58. Actress Tess Harper is 58. Actor Larry Mathews is 53. Actor Zeljko Ivanek is 51. Actor-

comedian Rondell Sheridan is 50. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 47. Movie director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu ("Babel") is 45. Actress Debi Mazar is 44. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 42. Actress Debra Messing is 40. Actor Anthony Anderson is 38. Actor Ben Affleck is 36. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 34. Latin pop singer Belinda (Film: "The Cheetah Girls 2") is 19. Rock singer Joe Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 19.

Thought for Today: "We must not read either law or history backwards." — Helen M. Cam, English historian and educator (1885-1968).

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- 1 Stuffing spice
- 5 Grill filler
- 9 King of Judea
- 14 First place
- 15 Collectible adjective
- 16 Concert performance
- 17 Bought another round?
- 19 Paul Revere, for example
- 20 Overwhelms
- 21 Thickening agent
- 23 Bunk
- 24 Sign for a hitch
- 26 Type of type
- 28 Something grilled
- 30 Black Sea port
- 33 Christmas tree
- 36 Mariel's grandfather
- 38 Piedmont province
- 39 Upgrade, as text
- 41 SAT kin
- 42 Sample on a slide
- 43 Mexican munchie
- 44 Element #27
- 46 Put in a kiln
- 47 Ethically neutral
- 49 Sauna feature
- 51 Professional parker
- 53 Runways
- 56 Title opener, often
- 58 Blessing
- 60 Consoles, perhaps
- 62 Blood line

DOWN

- 1 Feudal worker
- 2 Die
- 3 Board
- 4 Matriculates
- 5 Less refined
- 6 Feedbag morsel
- 7 Sector
- 8 Place for plants
- 9 Really bad
- 10 Center prefix
- 11 Changed clothes?
- 12 Milk partner
- 13 Move quickly
- 18 Prepared for print
- 22 Often
- 25 Ballroom dance
- 27 Reds or Blues
- 29 Tyres might get scraped on them
- 31 Have the lead
- 32 Light and delicate
- 33 Spanakopita ingredient
- 34 Mosque leader
- 35 Went over again?
- 37 Government centers
- 40 A Doll's House heroine
- 42 Feel a strong need
- 44 Ancient queen, for short
- 45 Green bed
- 48 Eastern capital
- 50 Pew reading
- 52 Olympic symbol
- 54 Dish deviser
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Teenage girls have been enjoying "Transparent" Aug. 15-16. This has been a time to live, learn and laugh with prizes, fun and good fellowship. Meetings have been held in the church activity building.

The Beth Moore Conference is scheduled Aug. 22-23 at the church.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Mt. Bethel invites you to share in our 36th Annual Women's Day, Sunday Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. Speaker for the hour will be the Rev. R.T. McNeil of St. James Baptist Church Odessa. Our theme is "How to Live in a Changing Society." Scripture reference Hebrews 5:8. We look forward to the fellowship as we lift up the name of Jesus for He is worthy to be praised.

Saturday, Aug. 23, we invite you to share in our morning workshop from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come and get a blessing as our keynote speaker, Bethine McNally of New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ Big Spring, addresses our annual day theme. McNally is the district missionary with the New Beginnings District.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredes St. (N.W. Fourth). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

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

Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Chapel of Faith

Chapel of Faith, located at 14th and Goliad, invites you to attend worship service at 10:30 a.m. The service is informal and inspirational. Pastor Joel Miller will bring a message from the New Testament this week.

Plans are being made for an upcoming stew and cornbread supper to be held at the church in September or October. Watch for the date to be announced soon and make plans to attend. There will be no charge to come eat and enjoy fellowship.

For more information, call 267-4082. Always remember that God loves each of us.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings to you and your family. If you are looking for a church home consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are a very friendly church and would love to help you in anyway. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday. Children's church is during the Sunday morning worship for ages 4-12. If you need a ride, please call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

The youth will meet Saturday from 2-5 p.m. for visitation, games and banana splits. Enter to learn and go forth to serve.

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

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Elder David Machiavello of Tyler will be the guest speaker for the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church. A warm invitation is extended to all.

We are located at 201 East 24th St. Anyone desiring farther information, please call 263-6217 or 270-4618.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our exciting and spirit-filled services.

Sunday mornings, we have a meet and greet time with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with a mixture of contemporary and traditional music sure to uplift your soul. This is followed by a scripture-based message from our pastor.

Wednesday nights, all adults are invited to join us

at 6:30 p.m. for your choice of one of two interactive Bible Studies in the Sanctuary Building. The youth are invited to "Youth Explosion!" with pizza and fellowship, praise and worship, and Biblical messages addressing hot topics in the gym upstairs in the Salt Shaker.

Kids, don't miss out on "God Wants You! Bible Boot Camp," throughout the summer each Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. Wear your camo clothes, earn shirts, hats, other great prizes, and a chance to use authentic Army equipment. Learn to put on the whole armor of God using the Sword of the Spirit, the Bible. Join God's Army and get involved with great stories, music, puppets, water games and more.

Our schedule is as follows: Wednesday's camp: 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.) to 1930 hours (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning camp: 1000 hours (10 a.m.) to 1130 hours (11:30 a.m.).

Dare-To-Care Outreach Ministry will be this Sunday at 2 p.m. Please call our church office for details or any questions at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

Gateway Baptist Church

Gateway Baptist Church (formerly Crestview Baptist) is at 2305 Gatesville St. Big Spring. Sunday school is 10 a.m. Come early for coffee and donuts. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday activities begin at 6:15 p.m. including food and fellowship, followed by devotion and a time of prayer.

The church is located north of I-20 and east of the Snyder Hwy. Call 263-4883 or 264-1565 for information or directions. The pastor is Jim Mills.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is happy to report that the back to school drive was a complete success. So far, we have given out 330 backpacks. This has doubled last year's effort. We conducted registration for two weeks and would like to thank our volunteers Sharon White, Robert and Patricia Aaron, Ada Lafler, Robbin Hutcheson, Dan Lafler, Peggy Cottongame and Justin Daniels. We also want to thank all the businesses that provided meals and helped in getting supplies. Of course we always appreciate the help and consideration of

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those who make it possible for us to assist the less fortunate.

We also completed our Vacation Bible School the past week. The theme this year was Pirates That Don't Do Anything. The average daily attendance was 45 to 50 children. Volunteers who held include those mentioned above as well as Deloris Albert, Paula Lafler, Juanita Annalla, Sandra Licon, Joseph Cheshire and Ronnie Baker. A special thank you to Capt. Ed and Terrie Cheshire for their dedication and hard work.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship service at St. Mary's this Sunday in honor of St. Mary's Day. Holy communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. and a special brunch will be served after the service. Everyone is encouraged to join us for a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's will have their breakfast and meeting this Saturday at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's will host an "Evening with Muses" Monday. The program will

include Beethoven and Pat Metheny in Blue Jeans; Artistic Expressions by Paul Nabors and Mary Dingus; and On the Road with Bob Dylan and Jack Kerouac.

The evening events will begin at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Admission is free and the event is open to anyone interested in art, culture, spirituality and fun.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201. The church is located at 1001 South Goliad.

New Life Church of God in Christ

Prophetess Janet Floyd from Monroe, La., will join us in a three-day revival Aug. 20-23 at 7:30 p.m. The event is hosted by Holy Mission. New Life is located at 204 N.W. 10th.

Prophetess Floyd is a young woman God is using to minister a powerful word coupled with knowledge and anointing to bring deliverance to the people of God.

There will be a noon service Aug. 21-22. Sessions will be ministered by Pastor Allison and Prophet

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First Baptist Church

Where has the summer gone? We are celebrating the start of school with our "Back to School Splash" at the city pool this Sunday evening after we see our camper's videos and hear testimonies from all of them during our evening service which will begin at 6 p.m.

We are busy preparing for our fall schedule for children and adults. We invite you to come and be a part of God's kingdom as we serve through His bride, the First Baptist Church, Big Spring. Call us if you need information at 267-8223.

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