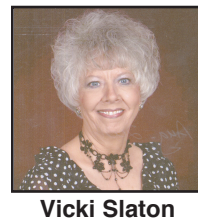




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Great Friends

Symphony season begins Saturday

Special to the Herald

"Great Friends," Big Spring Symphony Association's opening concert of the 2008-2009 season, is set to begin at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.

"We have invited a long-time friend of the Big



Giordano

Spring Symphony, Maestro John Giordano to conduct the first concert of the season," said Dr. Keith Graumann, the symphony's conductor and director. "We will also fea-

ture violinist, good friend and renowned artist Dr. Kirsten Yon, playing the popular Mendelssohn "Violin Concerto in e minor." Also to be performed on the opening concert are Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Festival Overture," the overture to "Die Fledermaus (The Bat),"

by Strauss, and the first movement of Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony."

Season tickets are available at First Bank of West Texas, Fayes Flowers, Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, Big Spring Area Chamber of Com-

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AP Photo/The Skagit Valley Herald, Scott Terrell

A Washington State Trooper leads shooting suspect Isaac Zamora, 28, to the county jail Tuesday in Mount Vernon, Wash., after he led authorities on a high speed chase from Alger, Wash. The Washington State Patrol says six people are dead and two are wounded after a shooting rampage.

Spree shows pitfalls for mentally ill

By **DONNA BLANKINSHIP**

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — Isaac Zamora's mother begged him to get help when he was released from jail a month ago. State and federal laws prevented her from doing much more for the man who has now been arrested after a shooting spree in rural northwest Washington that left six people dead and four wounded.

The Tuesday afternoon rampage began close to the home of Zamora's mother, Dennise Zamora, near Alger, about 70 miles north of Seattle. It continued amid a high-speed police pursuit on Interstate 5 and ended

in Mount Vernon, about 20 miles south of Alger, when Zamora surrendered at a sheriff's office.

In the wake of the shootings, Dennise Zamora has said she wants people to know that "my son was desperately mentally ill and we've been trying to get him help."

If someone resists help in Washington, a family member must demonstrate he is a danger to society or himself or is "gravely disabled" before he can be involuntarily admitted to a mental hospital.

Washington's laws offer more options for involuntary commitment than

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Kate Martin, top center, of the Texas Department of State Health Services, talks to members of the Howard County Health Center Board of Directors during their meeting in the county courthouse Thursday afternoon.

Health center planning begins

Director sought for county facility

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Plans to provide primary health care to Howard County's low-income

families received an \$80,000 jump start from the federal government. Now, the serious planning begins.

Earlier this week, county officials received word they received an \$80,000 planning grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to help with the establishment of the Howard County Health Center.

Once open, the health center will provide basic health care services to the county residents, regardless of their ability to pay. Irene Dominguez, director of indigent health services for the county, said officials hope to have the center open for business by Sept. 1, 2009.

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Hay, wanna ride? Park is place to be

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Local residents will get the chance to usher in the fall season with open arms, as the Big Spring State Park prepares to play host to the annual Harvest Saturday, Sept. 29.

Set with hay rides ready to roll off at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Park Director Ron Alton said the fall event is a great way to

usher in the autumn season.

"We've been doing this for about 12 years now," said Alton. "It's a fun family time. Of course, the kids like sitting on the hay bales and looking off the bluff, which is about a mile drop. We make a circle of the top of the mountain during the hayride and we'll have a speaker system set up so we can talk about the plants and the geology of the area."



Alton

Alton said "hay-riders" willing to take the 4:30 p.m. tour and hang around shortly after will be in for a real treat.

"If they decide to take the 4:30 p.m. hayride and stick around, they can see the sunset from atop the mountain," said Alton. "Watching

the sun set from there is almost like being on the coast and watching it set over the ocean because we have such a panoramic vista.

"There's also a playground and if folks want to pack their supper, that's a really nice family thing to do at the park during the evening."

And although park officials

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Belichick drives fantasy owners mad

By **JOHN McFARLAND**
Associated Press Writer

Here's one thing fantasy football players have in common with everyone involved with the real NFL as the 2008 season kicks off: New England coach Bill Belichick is about to drive them crazy.

A lot of fantasy football players staked their drafts this summer on the notion that the Patriots would continue the ridiculous aerial attack that saw Tom Brady fire an NFL-record 50 touchdown passes, including a league-record 23 to Randy Moss.

Meanwhile, other fantasy owners reasoned that a violent overcorrection is Belichick's only response to last year's

Fantasy football preview

failure to go 19-0, drafting Laurence Maroney based on the idea the Pats will feed him against defenses loaded with pass-fearing defensive backs. After all, Maroney averaged 100 yards and ran for four TDs in New England's final three games.

Did any of these fantasy players base their strategy on anything Belichick said? Nope. Anything he hinted at? Probably not. Anything from assistants who accidentally uttered sounds in public? Surely not. Like everybody outside the Patriots' cone of silence, they just guessed. And there'll be a lot more guessing when the season begins.

Fortunately, it's a fairly easy guess because all Pats should start for every fantasy team. Just get used to plugging them into the lineup without a shred of meaningful information on injuries or anything else.

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Steers spotlight

Defensive end LeLonnie Jackson

By **JONATHAN HULL**
Sports Editor

All-state middle linebacker Cade Hollandsworth receives a lot of the notoriety placed on the Big Spring Steers defense. However, if you ask Head Coach Phillip Ritchey, there are several players around Hollandsworth who allow him to shine.

Ritchey points to last week's season opening game against Snyder as evidence.

"Cade had a fantastic game. It's hard to argue with 28 tackles. There were a lot of guys around him making that performance possible, though," noted Ritchey. "Our defensive ends LeLonnie Jackson and Quentin Ausbie had fantastic games, keeping Snyder's backs from getting to the outside and allowing Cade to make the tackle after a cutback inside. Tyler Chesworth had a great game at defensive tackle and I think he set the tone for the game on the opening play, causing a fumble that Snyder did recover. Cade stands out, but when we looked at the film, there were a lot of guys on defense making plays."

The trio of players mentioned by Ritchey — Jackson, Ausbie and Chesworth — are all seniors on the defensive line.

Of the three, Jackson is probably the most intimidating for an offensive lineman to line up across from, standing at 6-4. However, the senior defensive end has a slender physique, weighing around 220 pounds.

"LeLonnie is going to play a key role in Friday's game against Denison," said Ritchey. "They're a zone blocking team and we feel like that plays to LeLonnie's strength. He's good at keep contain on the outside and that's important against the scheme. We need him to keep Denison's backs inside the tackles."

"We also think he can disrupt Denison's passing game with a rush from the outside," he continued. "His length is a benefit, too, if he can get his hands up and in the way of some passing lanes."

Amongst his teammates and coaches, Jackson isn't called by his birth name. They know him at Cali, referring to Jackson's home town of Sacramento, Calif. He moved with his family to Big Spring as a sophomore to be closer to his ill grandmother.

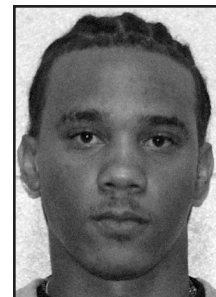
The biggest difference between football in California and Texas for Jackson is simply based on the role he has played.

"In Sacramento, I was the one carrying the ball and playing quarterback," he noted. "Now I'm not the star, but I like what I get to do as a defensive end. I really don't mind being out of the spotlight. I'm fine with being in the shadows as long as we're getting the win."

Getting a win after a 360-mile trip to Denison Friday might present some challenge, but Jackson at least understands his part in the scheme.

"I've just got to go out and do my job," Jackson said. "I've got to keep contain on the outside in the run game and do my best to get to their quarterback when they throw the ball. We can win this one. We know it won't be easy, but we can win this one."

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Jackson

T.O.'s time to shine

Owens sees lack of WR depth as an opportunity

By **JAIME ARON**
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Terrell Owens has an easy way for the Dallas Cowboys to hide their lack of proven receivers: Just throw it to him more.

"I did a lot of shoulder presses this summer," Owens said, smiling. "I think I will be ready to shoulder the load."

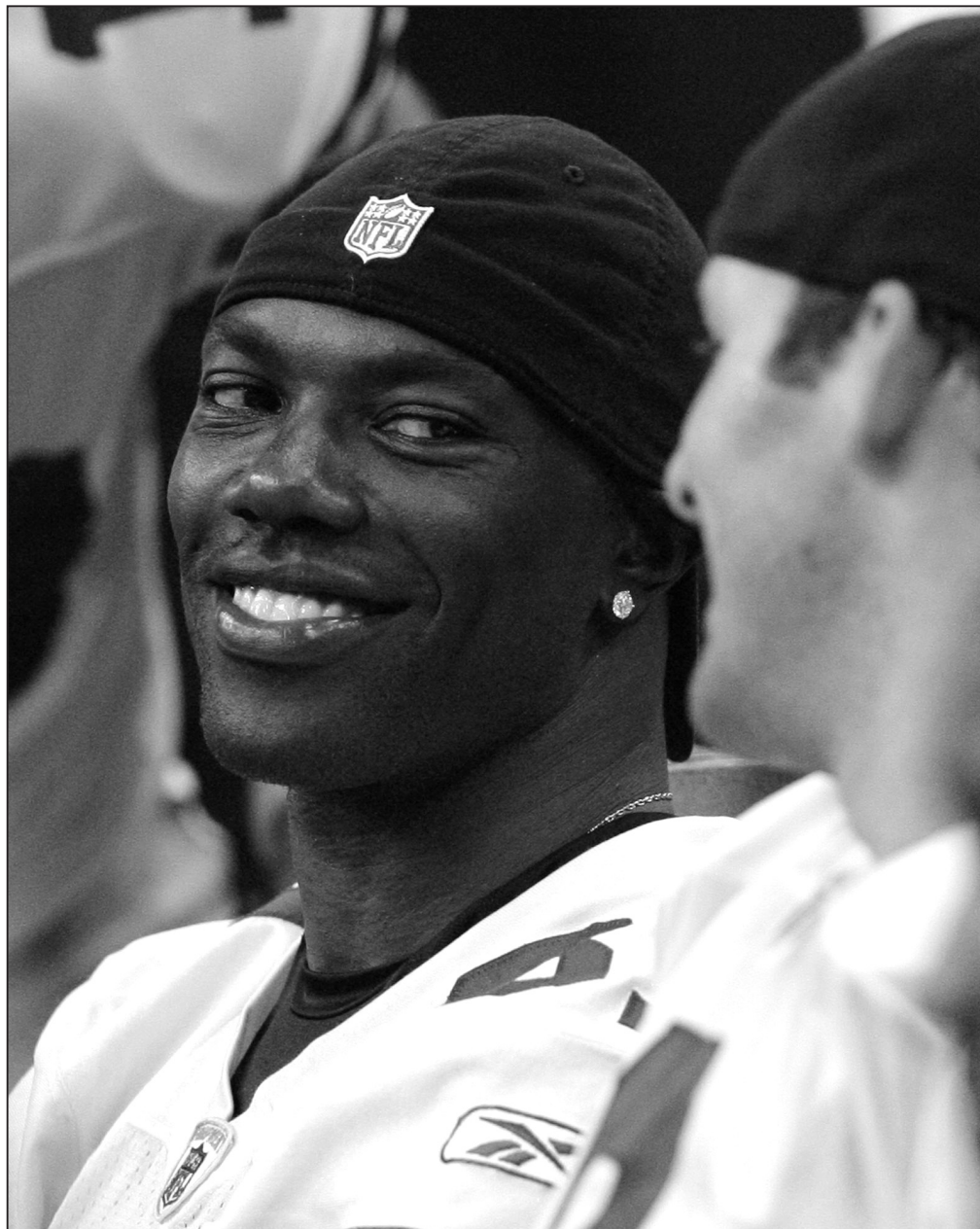
T.O. is always eager to be option Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and he might have to be at times during the opener Sunday in Cleveland. Because after Owens and fellow starter Patrick Crayton, Dallas has ... not much.

Backups Miles Austin and Sam Hurd are out with ankle injuries, leaving only Isaiah Stanback, a college quarterback who didn't play last season while learning his new position. He also was slowed by injuries, and is now battling a shoulder problem that will force him to wear a harness.

Of course, the Cowboys also have Jason Witten, whose 96 receptions last season are among the most by a tight end. But even his backups are iffy — rookie Martellus Bennett and Tony Curtis (three catches in two seasons, although all for touchdowns).

Then there are the running backs. Marion Barber caught 44 passes last season, but his two backups are rookies and the fullback, Deon

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AP photo/Matt Slocum

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens, left, smiles while talking with quarterback Tony Romo on the bench during an NFL preseason football game against the Minnesota Vikings Aug. 22 in Irving. T.O. sees the Cowboys' current lack of wide receiver depth as an opportunity for him to shine in the spotlight even more.



AP photo/Bill Kostroun

New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck, left, tackles Washington Redskins running back Clinton Portis during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Thursday night at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The Giants won 16-7.

Giants dominant in season opener

By **TOM CANAVAN**
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants won the Super Bowl with defense and they kicked off defense of that title with more of the same.

Playing without Pro Bowl linemen Michael Strahan and Osi Umenyiora, New York limited the new-look Washington Redskins to 11 first downs and 209 total yards and gave indications that these Giants are back for another run in a 16-7 victory that ushered in the NFL season Thursday night.

"We played well and it's no surprise to us," defensive tackle Barry Cofield said. "We feel like we got capable guys and we held them for very few yards other than the two-minute situations where the got most of their yardage. We are confident in our defense and feel like if we stick with the scheme we'll have success all year."

Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning, Plaxico Burress and the rest of the offense that

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Angry Djokovic eliminates Roddick in four sets at U.S. Open

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Novak Djokovic heard what Andy Roddick said about him and didn't like it one bit.

Still, as much motivation as Djokovic might have derived, and as well as he played in their U.S. Open quarterfinal Thursday night, Roddick's own uncharacteristic serving miscues had a lot to do with the 2003 champion's 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5) loss.

After working his way back from a huge deficit, Roddick was two points from forcing a fifth set at 5-4, 30-love in the fourth. But he double-faulted twice in a row and was broken for the fifth time — twice more than he lost serve in his first four matches combined.

"You know what? I honestly don't feel like they were super-tight doubles," Roddick said. "I had been playing pretty high-risk, high-reward tennis to get back

and I probably wasn't about to stop."

But the first question Roddick was asked had to do with his verbal squabble with Djokovic, who took offense at comments the American made about how ill and injured the Serb was after the previous round. Both men sought to smooth things over in their news conferences.

"It was completely meant in jest," Roddick said, pausing to choose the right words. "I should know better."

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Obituaries

Richard "Dick" Bartlett

Richard "Dick" Bartlett, 81, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma with the Rev. Wendell Ferguson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born April 30, 1927, in Sapulpa, Okla.

Dick had lived in Coahoma from 1934 to 1976 and came to Big Spring in 1990. He had worked as a driver at the U. S. Naval Retirement Home in Gulfport, Miss. He had been a member of the First United Methodist Church in Coahoma for 30-plus years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Community Bible Study in San Angelo. Dick served in the United States Army during World War II and was at Dachau, Germany when it was liberated.

Survivors include his sister, Frances Bartlett of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma 79511.

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

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held Sept. 12-13 during the BSHS homecoming weekend. To get details and register, visit www.free-webs.com/bshs1998 or contact Traci Bellinghausen at (817) 308-9845 or Jacob Cordova at (432) 935-0533.

• BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com

• Big Spring High School Class of 1988's 20-year reunion will be held the weekend of Sept. 12-13. Contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe at 432-268-9587 or reibe1@suddenlink.net for information. The class still needs classmates' contact information so please contact Cheri to pass those along.

• Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 1401 S. Main St. in Big Spring. Lunch will be catered by Al's and Son Barbecue and served at noon. Cost will be \$11 per plate, including dessert and drink. RSVP to Betty Pitts at 267-1449 or Sissy Jones at 213-4452.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods.



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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:

- WILLIE MYLES, 47, transient, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to identify and a parole warrant.
- NATHAN ROBINSON III, 33, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.
- SUSIE LEDESMA, 23, of 703 E. 13th Street, was arrested Thursday on 10 local capias warrants.
- JUANITA FLORES, 24, of 703 E. 13th Street, was arrested Thursday on three local warrants.
- SUE ELLEN RODRIGUEZ, 27, of 1608 Bluebell, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants and a local citation.
- DELIA ZARRAFA, 41, of 804 Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- MIGUEL IBARRA, age not provided, of Mexico, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- TIFFANY GIBSON, 19, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on four local capias warrants and a local warrant.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1500 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1900 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.
- FIDEL MARTINEZ JR., 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for indecency with a child.
- DAVID LEE HELLMUM, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.
- DELIA SALAZAR ZARRAGA, 41, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Avondale. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Owens. Service refused.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported near the intersection of 11th Street and S. Johnson.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY






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

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For

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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 Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 11-8-22-28-35.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-6-4-0. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-8-0. Sum It Up: 16.

Support Groups

more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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Anderson, has only six catches.

So, to review, that makes nine skill-position guys likely to be active — four quality starters and five other guys who've caught a total of nine passes.

Owens alone might have that many Sunday.

"It's just more opportunities," he said, seriously this time.

But what if the Browns decide to load up on him and Witten, daring the five other guys to beat them. Then what?

"Just because we have somebody out doesn't mean there will be more added pressure on this team or the offense," Owens said. "Other guys just have to step up. Maybe the game plan changes a little bit. Maybe the personnel changes a little bit. Overall, we will be ready. ... We

have more than enough to get the job done."

Owens is certainly ready.

Heading into his 13th season, and third in Dallas, he remains among the league's top receivers and keeps inching higher among the all-time greats.

If Owens comes close to his usual numbers — 80-plus catches, about 1,200 yards — he'll finish this season in the top five on both career lists. He's already No. 3 on the touchdown receptions list, one shy of tying Cris Carter for No. 2.

He'll be 35 in December, but certainly doesn't look it. Always a careful eater and workout fiend, he talked this week about avoiding alcohol during the season and daring teammates to do the same.

He'll also soon be releasing his own fitness book.

"Sometimes, it's not all about working harder, it's working smarter," Owens said. "With the

Redskins owner Dan Snyder think twice about trying harder to hire him.

Spagnuolo was a serious candidate to replace Joe Gibbs until backing out to stay with the Giants.

Zorn eventually got the job, but his offense did little against Spagnuolo's aggressive defense, which limited Washington to three of 13 third-down conversions.

Jason Campbell threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Santana Moss with 13 seconds to play in the first half to account for the Redskins' points. The score was set up by a Giants' special teams lapse, a 50-yard kickoff return by Rock Cartwright.

Washington only got in New York territory three times in the game, the last time in the final seconds.

"A team held us to three and out for over half the game," said Redskins halfback Clinton Portis, who had 84 yards on 23 carries.

way I keep myself in shape, it kind of speaks for itself."

His sustained success and ongoing desire to be among the best were all reasons team owner Jerry Jones added three years to his contract earlier this summer.

Now, Owens is ready to show it was a good investment.

"I feel good," Owens said, "and I look good."

His teammates agree. On Thursday, he was selected a team captain, one of four on offense, along with Barber and incumbents Romo and Witten.

Despite the large number of honorees, it shows that Owens has the respect of his teammates, which hasn't always been the case — or, at least, it hasn't seemed like it.

"I am no different as a person and as a teammate than I was in San Francisco and Philly," Owens said. "Some guys even told me, 'Bro, you are a cool per-

The only concern for the Giants was that defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka went down with an ankle injury on the final play, but he said after the game that he was OK. He was switched from linebacker to end when Umenyiora was lost for the season with a knee injury in the preseason.

Other than that the game belonged to the Giants, who have been overlooked when it comes to their chances of repeating. Their odds were 25-1 heading into the game.

"We are not worried about what people are saying," middle linebacker Antonio Pierce said. "We are trying to win games. You have to get to the Super Bowl to repeat, and if we don't make the playoffs if won't matter. Right now our goal is to win the division. You win the division and the playoffs and then you think about repeating."

Manning, Burress (10 catches for 133 yards) and halfback Brandon Jacobs (21 carries for 116 yards) had the fans on their

son. You are not anything like we heard or what we expected.' So, other than that, I have pretty much been myself."

His first year in Dallas, coach Bill Parcells referred to Owens as "the player," and there was plenty of off-field drama. But he produced on the field, and put up even bigger numbers last season.

Now coach Wade Phillips, offensive coordinator Jason Garrett and quarterback Tony Romo are reaping the rewards of a happy, healthy Owens.

"I feel more comfortable with the role that I am playing on this team," T.O. said. "I am excited about the opportunities with this offense. And the things I can do in it. ... Everywhere that I've been and I've been successful, I've been that No. 1 option, been that feature guy, that go-to guy in the offense."

Maybe that's why so many prognosticators are picking the

feet time for most of the first half.

Manning completed passes of 30, 19 and 11 yards to Burress, who signed a two-year contract extension just hours before the game that will pay him an average of \$7 million annually for the next five years.

Burress more than earned his money on the 11-play opening drive. His 11-yard catch got the ball close and Manning scored on a naked rollout one play after a pass-interference penalty gave New York a first-and-goal at the 1.

Carney, signed on Saturday after a knee injury sidelined Lawrence Tynes, kicked a 24-yard field goal to push the lead to 10-0 on the Giants' second possession. It capped a nine-play, 45-yard drive that featured a bruising 17-yard run by Jacobs on which he bowled over safety LaRon Landry.

The Giants' defense, which led the league with 53 sacks last season, contributed to the score by forcing Washington to a three-

Cowboys as NFC favorites.

"If we do what we are capable of doing offensively, than everything will take care of itself," Owens said. "I think everyone knows across the nation that we have the talent, we just have to go out there and do what we do best."

Notes: The defensive captains are linebackers Bradie James and Greg Ellis, and safety Ken Hamlin. Keith Davis was voted special teams captain for a second straight year — even though he signed with Miami earlier this year, only to be cut and resigned by Dallas on Wednesday.

... Davis is so beloved by teammates that Phillips said he was an overwhelming choice. "I think it's credibility," Phillips said. ... Dallas has no plans to send eight captains out for the coin toss. Phillips will rotate them.

and-out series in Zorn's debut of the West Coast offense.

Justin Tuck, who replaced Strahan at left end, started the series, with a sack.

Carney's 25-yarder was set up by a 23-yard pass to Sinorice Moss, Santana's brother. The drive for the third field goal was highlighted by a 24-yard run by Jacobs that was one step away from a 70-yard touchdown run until Landry got him around the ankle.

Campbell finished 15-of-27 for 133 yards, but he was very ineffective on third down. Washington had the ball for less than 25 minutes.

"The thing that hurt us was not converting those first downs when we had the opportunity," Zorn said. "We had third-and-6 and we'd made 5. We'd have third-and-9 and make 8½. We'd have third-and-7 and make 6. We just couldn't get over that line."

Notes: There was only one turnover, an interception by Redskins cornerback Fred Smoot in the third quarter.

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started the Super Bowl against the New England Patriots also came up big in spoiling the debut of Redskins coach Jim Zorn and his West Coast offense.

Manning capped a game-opening 84-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run and recently signed John Carney kicked three field goals as the Giants scored on their first four possessions in posting a rare home win. They won their final 11 away from Giants Stadium in capturing their third Super Bowl, but they were 3-5 at home, losing the last four games.

The win capped a fun-filled opening night for Giants fans, who saw the retired Strahan hold up the Lombardi Trophy just minutes before the opening kickoff.

Coordinator Steve Spagnuolo and his defense made sure the home woes came to an end. In the process he might have made

FANTASY

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As you dust off that always-fashionable sleeveless sweat shirt, here's a look at some players to start in Week 1, some to rest and some long shots who just may pan out:

Quarterbacks:

A safe bet

• It's a strange NFL world when there's even a need to discuss whether Peyton Manning's worth a fantasy start, but not so strange that you should consider benching him. Manning's a football robot programmed to never miss a start, and his knee rehab's gone well.

• It's a stranger NFL world when Brett Favre's not a Packer. He may have a good handle on only a handful of the Jets' passing plays, but how many does he really need against the overhauled Dolphins coming off a one-win season?

• The wheels seem to be flying off the Bengals' once-proud offense, but the once-proud Ravens defense has been on blocks for a while so don't panic yet about that

high draft pick used for the broken-nosed Carson Palmer.

• Speaking of AFC North quarterbacks with recent head injuries, stick with Cleveland's Derek Anderson against Dallas despite his recent concussion. The Cowboys pass defense is rough, but this seems like a big-time shootout.

• Everybody in Arizona suddenly has a clear head, realizing it's better to have a really old and square QB who can throw touchdowns than a really cute and cool young one who can't. So make like the Cards and start Kurt Warner (the old square).

Take a shot

• If J.T. O'Sullivan really is your fantasy starter in Week 1, then, well, uh, welcome to the exciting world of fantasy football. Yet even a fantasy rookie could luck out this week, as O'Sullivan faces an Arizona defense probably not all that different from those preseason lineups he faced.

Back away slowly and nobody gets hurt

Please, in the name of Matt Cassel, don't start these guys:

• Matt Hasselbeck has no receivers and has had a stiff back that's kept him out most the preseason. He says his back feels fine, but that's before a 2,100-mile plane ride to Buffalo and a few encounters with the Bills' beefed up line.

• Can the Rams' Marc Bulger really stay upright behind a flimsy line that's blocking the always blitz-crazy Eagles? He may check in with the trainers earlier than usual, with T Orlando Pace still hurting and two other linemen already on the IR.

• Matt Schaub has been installed as an early favorite as the first Texan to limp away from the field in Pittsburgh, edging out Ahman Green and Andre Johnson.

Running backs:

All day long

• Overthinker Alert: Yes, Kansas City's high-mileage monster Larry Johnson probably will break down again this year, but not already. And a lot of those New England defenders aren't getting any younger.

• Overthinker Alert II: Steven Jackson might be out of game shape after his holdout, facing a rough defense with no real offensive line and still learning the Rams' newest offense, but he's still way too good to bench.

• Atlanta's Michael Turner gets his first crack as a starter against a Detroit defense that's supposed to be improved, but still allowed more TDs rushing last year than anybody but Oakland. He also has a rookie QB who'll be more than happy to hand off just about every play.

• Seems like the feared rookie won't steal so many of Willie Parker's carries in Pittsburgh after all. (Not yet, anyhow.) Parker's still the main guy facing a Texans defense that was fairly easy to run on last year.

• Chris Perry's been the poster child for breakable NFL backs, missing 26 of his 48 career games, but he's been impressive in the preseason and is the main guy with Rudi Johnson's departure. Should get lots of dump-off passes with Bengals receivers hurting, as well.

He could find a seam

• Dude, Ricky Williams has been like totally stoked this summer in Miami. And the Bill Parcells adminis-

tration just might give him more carries early on to show Ronnie Brown a thing or two about getting injured.

Red flags

• It's tough for backs with two good hamstrings to do much on the Vikings' run defense (NFL-best 74 yards a game last year), so bench the one-hammied Ryan Grant. He's practiced just a few times since his big season last year.

• Remember, you drafted Raiders rookie Darren McFadden for the long haul. Sit him until you get a better feel for how long Justin Fargas gets the sympathy title of veteran starter. (Chester Taylor didn't keep it long in Minnesota last year.)

• Chicago's Matt Forte, a popular rookie pick in fantasy drafts, will likewise be popular with unblocked Colts defensive linemen. They'll bring friends, too, who won't have to bother much with the Bears' "passing game."

Wide receivers:

Throw him the darn ball!

• Overthinker Alert: Don't bench Braylon Edwards despite his chopped-up foot, banged-up QB and a Dallas secondary full of big names. You just don't bench a guy coming off 16 scores.

• It's a race against time, so cash in on all the starts you can from Houston's Andre Johnson before he gets hurt. And don't sweat Schaub's looming injury much, since backup Sage Rosenfels knows how to wing it to Johnson.

• Who knows how much 36-year-old Marvin Harrison has in his comeback from knee injury, but surely he has enough for a few rehab-room highlights with Manning. The Bears' defense (27th against the pass last year) is a far cry from the unit Harrison faced in the 2006 Super Bowl.

• Anquan Boldin may be mad at his team about his contract, but he's happy with them for the Warner move. And he's kind of pleased with NFL schedulemakers for aiding his 2009 job search by offering up the Niners in the opener.

• Chris Chambers was solid after settling in with the Chargers last year. He faces an improved Carolina defense, but eight or nine of those guys will be following LaDainian Tomlinson around.

Maybe throw him the darn ball?

• Eagles Reggie Brown and DeSean Jackson both could put up decent numbers. McNabb always starts strong, Brian Westbrook can't score all the touchdowns, and last we saw the Rams they were giving up 41 points a game in their final three of 2007.

Show him the darn bench

• Atlanta's Roddy White may be this year's Drew Bennett. Even if he doesn't vanish like Bennett did after his sole 1,200-yard season, it's a bit much to expect much from his rookie quarterback in the opener.

• Packers receivers essentially have a rookie QB as well, and Aaron Rodgers is sure to be googly-eyed and panicked while fleeing from Minnesota's Jared Allen and Kevin Williams.

• Consider this a public service announcement for anybody who drafted without realizing Carolina's Steve Smith is suspended for the first two games and Denver's Brandon Marshall is out for the opener. (If you missed that, you also may need this advice: Don't start them this week.)

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	?

What would you bid now with each of these four hands?

- ♠107642♥843♦K5♣K62
- ♠9863♥AQ6♦J94♣J73
- ♠A8543♥J62♦10♣Q754
- ♠J9632♥Q874♦852♣10

1. **Three clubs.** It is clear that your partner has a very good hand. Apparently his values were too promising for a direct two-club overall, so he doubled first to identify his extra strength. This sequence typically identifies a 17-point or better hand that cannot be shown in any other way. You have two kings and support for his suit that he is totally unaware of — and the best way of letting him know this is by raising to three clubs.

Standing alone, your hand is not very impressive, but in conjunction with what partner has indicated he holds, there is surely a chance for game. For example, partner may hold ♠K5♥A7♦AJ3♣AQ10953, in which case three notrump is a virtual laydown.

2. **Two notrump.** You hold much more strength than your previous bid implied, so you owe it to partner to now inform him of your high-card values and double-heart stopper. Two

notrump does not announce a powerful hand; if you had a better hand, you would have responded initially with a jump-bid. Two notrump is also a far more encouraging try for game than a raise to three clubs would be.

3. **Four clubs.** Game appears to be just around the corner, and you can best let partner know that by jump-raising in clubs. One advantage of raising him to four rather than five is that it allows for the possibility that partner might next bid four spades (showing three-card support), which you'd pass. Ten tricks in spades could prove easier to make than 11 tricks in clubs.

To raise to only three clubs would show a lack of understanding of the power suggested by partner's first two bids. All too often, he would pass three clubs, and you'd wind up missing an excellent game contract. There is no good reason to pussyfoot in such a promising situation.

4. **Pass.** This setup is a hot potato, and the sooner you let go, the better off you'll be. Dangerous as your situation was at the start, partner's two-club bid has made it more so.

It is true that a spade contract might work out better, but as a practical matter it's not wise to test this possibility, lest the roof suddenly cave in. You're in a choice-of-evils position where a further bid would invite disaster.

► News in brief

Asian markets tumble after Wall Street plunge as weak data undercut hopes for U.S. recovery

TOKYO (AP) — Asian stock markets plunged Friday after more bad news on the U.S. economy, a vital export market, triggered a broad sell-off on Wall Street overnight.

Disappointing reports on U.S. retail sales and jobless claims undercut hopes for a late-year recovery in the U.S. and depressed investor sentiment across Asia.

In Japan, the benchmark Nikkei 225 index closed down 2.75 percent at 12,212.23.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index tumbled 3.1 percent to 19,752.65, dropping below the key psychological level of 20,000 to its lowest point in more than a year.

Markets in mainland China, India, Australia and Singapore were also down more than 2 percent.

Secretary of State Rice prepares to end decades of U.S.-Libya hostility

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — When Condoleezza Rice spends a few hours in Libya and shakes hands with Moammar Gadhafi, she will close a nearly three-decade era of bitter animosity between the United States and the North African nation that has sometimes gotten personal.

It's not every day that a U.S. president calls a foreign leader a "mad dog."

As the first secretary of state to visit the former pariah, oil-rich country in more than a half-century, Rice's visit Friday represents a foreign policy success for a Bush ad-

ministration badly in need of one in its final months.

Yet relations between the countries — once marked by brutal Libyan-linked terrorism, U.S. airstrikes and insults — still will face strains on a number of fronts, ranging from human rights to the final resolution of legal claims from 1980s terror bombings.

Despite Gadhafi's 2003 decision to abandon weapons of mass destruction, renounce terrorism and compensate victims of the 1986 La Belle disco bombing in Berlin and the 1988 Pan Am 103 bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland, not all questions have been settled.

Abramoff gets 4 years in prison; sentence cut for aiding corruption scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Broken and disgraced, lobbyist Jack Abramoff will spend four years in prison for his role in a corruption scandal that upended Washington politics and contributed to the Republicans' loss of Congress in 2006.

The once powerful Washington insider, at times choking back tears during his sentencing hearing Thursday, appeared crestfallen as a judge handed down a longer sentence than prosecutors had sought.

Over the past three years, Abramoff has come to symbolize corruption and the secret deals cut between lobbyists and politicians in back rooms or on golf courses or private jets. The scandal shook Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to Capitol Hill.

"I come before you as a broken man," Abramoff said at his sentencing before U.S. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle. "I'm not the same man who happily and arro-

gantly engaged in a lifestyle of political and business corruption."

He added later that, "My name is the butt of a joke, the source of a laugh and the title of a scandal."

Southeastern states brace for Hanna as planners cast wary eye to strengthening Ike

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Some Southeastern states declared emergencies and officials urged residents to head inland Thursday as Tropical Storm Hanna headed toward the Atlantic coast, where it could bring high winds and rain from South Carolina to Maine.

Meanwhile, disaster planners eyed ferocious-looking Hurricane Ike strengthening in the Atlantic. And with power outages and problems from Hurricane Gustav lingering in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and relief groups found themselves juggling three storms.

Rain and wind from Hanna could start as early as Friday night in the South, where some residents shuttered houses and stocked up on food and sandbags, coastal parks closed, and schools canceled events and changed sports schedules. Tropical storm watches and warnings were issued from Georgia to near Atlantic City, N.J.

Forecasters expected Hanna to strengthen only slightly before making landfall early Saturday, though hurricane watches remained for much of coastal North and South Carolina.

The governors of Virginia and North Carolina declared states of emergency. North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley urged residents to pay attention.

SYMPHONY

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merce and the Big Spring Herald. Individual ticket prices are \$15

adults, \$10 senior and \$5 student. Season tickets include four tick-

ets that may be used at any concert, and show substantial discounts over individual ticket prices. Season ticket prices are

\$50 adult, 30 senior, and \$15 stu-

dent. In addition to the opening "Great Friends" concert in September, the Symphony Association has planned three other

events. The "Nutcracker" ballet will be presented Dec. 20 by the full orchestra, joined by the entire cast and production crew of the Midland Festival Ballet. "Audience Choice," featuring pi-

anist Sijing Ye, will be presented Jan. 31. The final concert will be March 21 and is titled "The Bard and the Balladeer," featuring Don Edwards and Waddie Mitchell.

HELP

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most other states, said Ron Honberg, legal director of the Arlington, Va.-based National Alliance on Mental Illness. But Washington families still can't petition in court for their adult relatives to get treatment.

The laws were designed to protect the rights of the individual, explains David Weston, chief of mental health services with the mental health division of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services.

Many states, including Washington, also struggle

to pay for mental health services.

That might be part of the explanation why Zamora, who was ordered by a judge to seek a mental health evaluation as soon as he was released from jail in August, had not yet seen a counselor. He served six months for cocaine possession.

His evaluation was delayed while his parole officer tried to find money to pay for it, said Chad Lewis, spokesman for the state Department of Corrections, which was supervising Zamora after his release.

Zamora, 28, is being held on \$5 million bail for investigation of murder and attempted murder.

According to friends and family, the gunman had been in and out of hospitals over the years, seeking help for mental illness.

In Zamora's case, the treatment was mostly involuntary, but Weston said the majority of mental health services are provided to people who ask for help.

Fewer than one-third of adults with a diagnosable mental disorder receive any mental health services in a given year, according to a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report on mental health.

Honberg called it a sad irony that in most cases, the 8.1 million adults with schizophrenia or bipolar

disorder in the United States are being cared for by their families, who have no legal standing.

Friends of Zamora said he had been diagnosed with both mental illnesses, but state officials would not say if such a diagnosis was part of his file.

Forcing an adult to get mental health services requires a complicated legal process in every state, and an appeal by a family member is not usually the most effective way to get that help.

"It's not unusual at all for the initial contact to be with law enforcement," Weston said. "911 is often the right place to start."

Family members may be more successful at getting

their loved ones help for a mental disorder if they try an approach other than pleading or badgering, said Dr. Xavier Amador, author of a guide for getting treatment for a family member. Half of the people with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder in this country don't understand they are ill, Amador said.

Instead of trying to change the person's mind about treatment, family and friends can listen to the person's concerns and find a common area of agreement that can lead to the same result.

For example, the person may agree to treatment to keep the police away from their front door or may be willing to take medica-

tions as a way to avoid going to the hospital.

Amador, who said the method has been taught to families, health care providers and law enforcement officials around the world and helped get his own brother, who suffers from mental illness, into treatment.

"It's really pretty simple if you think about it," he said.

CENTER

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The \$80,000 grant provides nice "seed money" for that project.

"This is the kickoff, so to speak," said Commissioner William Crooker, a member of the health center's board of directors. "This gives us the necessary funds to get things rolling."

Directors met Thursday afternoon to discuss both the grant and how to best implement it in order to

bring the center to reality within the planned time frame. They learned from state representatives that there are a lot of details to take care of between now and the time the center opens.

"You'd be surprised," said Kate Martin of the Texas Department of Health Service's Primary Care Office. "It's like being a juggler. As soon as you put one thing down, another will take its place."

One of the first orders of business, Dominguez said, will be to hire a project di-

rector to oversee the many details involved with bringing the center to fruition. The county will begin receiving applications for the post immediately, she added, saying time was of the essence.

"The sooner we hire a project director, the better," Dominguez said. "We definitely want to have one hired by the end of the month, if we can."

The project director's biggest task, she noted, will be securing necessary funding for the center.

"The biggest hurdle will

be finances," Dominguez said. "We'll be examining grants, fund-raising efforts and other means of funding. And we have to start working on that soon. Right now, we're just in the planning stages."

Despite the looming deadline, Dominguez said officials were off to a good start.

"We appreciate the grant. It will allow us to start the project by hiring a director and conducting a community needs assessment," she said. "This is a real good thing ... and we

will do whatever is necessary to get the center up and running by next September."

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HAY

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expect to complete the autumn spectacle in two rides, Alton said no one will be turned away.

"We expect we'll be able to get everyone who wants to go on the hay rides at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.," said Alton. "However, if people don't make it in time and still want to ride, we're certainly not going to turn them away. We'll hold a

third ride."

Alton said there's plenty of other activities for area residents to take advantage of before or after the hayrides.

"We also have a nature trail, which is about a two-third mile walk," said Alton. "It's on a bit of a slope, but even kindergarten students and first graders can make it. It's a good way to wear them down at the end of the day as well."

Alton said park officials will be waiving the normal entrance fee to the facility,

opting to collect donations instead.

"We used to charge normal admission, which is \$2. However, we recently had so much success just accepting donations during the movie screening held here, we're opting to do that again," said Alton. "With so many parks having been taken out of the state system and turned over to private parties and city and county governments, attendance is key. Not just financial numbers, but the number of people

actually visiting our site is critical. So we're really hoping people will come out and spend some time outdoors with the family and help out the park. It's an important investment for everyone."

For more information on Harvest Saturday or the Big Spring State Park, contact Alton at 263-4931.

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Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE, Saturday, 8:00-2:00p.m. 100 N.E. 10th St. Young men & women clothes, household items, miscellaneous items. Also Burritos.

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OTHER VIEWS

The vetting of Palin: Ignored or missed?

The disclosure that Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's 17-year-old unmarried daughter is pregnant shouldn't concern voters. The real issue underlying this surprise detail, and other facts coming out about Palin, is what it says about John McCain's judgment.

A presidential nominee's choice of a running mate is a crucial test. Even more so for McCain, 72, given his cancer history and the fact that, if elected, he'll be the oldest president to take office.

As such, the vetting and decision process of a running mate provides a clear window into a presidential candidate's cognitive process. So it's disappointing that it appears McCain spent little time focused on Palin, a virtual unknown. He didn't even interview her in person until moments before offering her the V.P. slot Thursday.

A number of business and political leaders in Alaska said no one in the McCain camp spoke with them before Palin was selected. It looks as if McCain's staff didn't bother to search the archive of the local newspaper of the town where Palin was mayor, a basic background check.

McCain's campaign says he knew about the daughter's pregnancy, but if he did, was he trying to hide it?

But that's not the only revelation about Palin that's come dribbling out since McCain presented her as a reformer who will help him stand up to Washington's wasteful spending.

Palin, 44, bragged last week about how she had rejected federal earmarks for Alaska's controversial "Bridge to Nowhere." But reports now show she initially supported the \$400 million pork project.

McCain has made his opposition to federal earmarks a cornerstone of his candidacy. But as mayor of Wasilla, a town of 6,700 residents 45 minutes outside of Anchorage, Palin employed a lobbying firm that helped secure \$27 million in other federal earmarks.

As the media began to research information that the McCain campaign had either ignored or missed, it was revealed by state election officials that Palin's husband Todd had twice registered as a member of the Alaska Independence Party, whose members have sought to have the state secede. He was also arrested for drunken driving 22 years ago.

Palin has also hired a private attorney — paid for by state taxpayers — to represent her in a legislative ethics investigation into whether she abused her power as governor to dismiss the state's public safety commissioner.

Palin is alleged to have fired the commissioner after he refused to fire her then brother-in-law, a state police officer who was embroiled in a nasty divorce with her sister.

Palin's razor-thin resume combined with the troubling details emerging about her record raise serious questions about her readiness for prime time. But the real question concerns McCain's judgment.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Doing right is a risky business

Last week I got some great mail. Lots of people asking questions and looking for advice. This week's sip from the Master's cup is perking with fresh brewed reflections on the risks of reaching out.

In one letter, Denise wrote she had been slapped in the face for trying to help an old woman by moving an air-conditioner for her. It's a long story, but the elderly woman didn't like the window Denise put it in so she made her move it back several days later. What's worse is the recipient of Denise's charity told several people bad things about her. Her friends made it worse by saying she was too gullible. Here's my response...

Good morning, Denise. So what's a girl supposed to do when she tries to live out love in a hateful world? These are the perils of being selfless on a selfish planet. It's the ongoing challenge of being a resident of Heaven, while living here on earth.

The problem is not that you are too nice or that you shouldn't be helping people and making a difference. The problem is not even that this crazy woman is hatefully using you and accusing you while she is doing it. The problem is that it affects you in a way where you think you are the one messed up and actually pondering drawing back and not getting so involved.

Denise, you are awesome! I don't know very many moms who would take time out of their busy day and take their kids to an old woman's house to see how they could make

her more comfortable. Thank you for being like that. I'm just sorry it didn't turn out like it should of.

There are some simple guidelines you can go by that will keep some of this from happening again, but what's real is there's nothing you can do to keep it from ever happening again.

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If you give your opinion, you risk being criticized, so that's why I don't get bothered with hate mail.

If you offer to pray for somebody, you risk not seeing that prayer answered immediately. I've decided to pray for people anyway because living a powerless life is not an option for me.

If you go overseas on missions' trips, you risk untold number of things. My wife Leanna picked up a parasite in Uganda in 1998, which was not properly diagnosed until 2002. It nearly killed her but she has been back to East Africa five other times since then.

Not only does she risk getting sick but there have been people close to her who told her she's stupid and reckless and even irresponsible for going again.

Those people don't tell me, because I would firmly plant my first metatarsal upside their Gluteus Maximus. (In the most Christian kind of way, of course.) The prize for taking the risk is Leanna is the one who gets to tell the stories of saving children's lives and not just hearing about it. The complainers get to be the ones complaining.

And then there is speaking the truth. Not only do you risk making

people mad but also you risk really looking stupid. If you look stupid, like I do from time to time, its might not be because people are being mean but because you actually said something stupid in the midst of your brilliant recital. If you talk enough and passionately enough you're bound to say something less than brilliant. I've decided to be a preacher anyway.

I've also decided that if people don't like it, they can get over their bad self until they can preach better than I can. Ha!

I happen to think God thinks my mess-ups are funny. When my kids were little, if they fell down while learning to step, I ran to them, picked them up, left a red place on their belly from blowing on them and let them walk again. I celebrated the fact they were moving forward.

My babies might not of had the approval of other toddlers but they had mine!

I would love to have the approval of people around me but I understand it's just not going to always happen. However, I am convinced I have my Father's approval and so do you. When people don't appreciate your selflessness, Denise, I believe God does.

The Book of Hebrews says you are surrounded by a great a cloud of witnesses. You are standing center stage in Heaven's Olympic stadium. I encourage you to listen for Heaven's cheers over hurtful jeers. Remain a risk taker, a selfless world changer. Be somebody who is convinced you are the good guy and appreciate those who see it. Most of the time, our Father's business is a risky one.

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Never the crime but the cover-up

My first reaction to the choice of Sarah Palin was that she is no Hillary Clinton. I give her credit for her drive and determination, her willingness to take on special interests and her sheer guts in challenging the Republican establishment of her state. But less than two years as governor? And before that, mayor of a city of about 7,000? Would any man with such a thin resume have made it to the top of John McCain's list? Dan Quayle in a skirt, one of my wittier and nastier friends e-mailed me and he's a conservative.

Of course, many of the same things could have been said (and were) about Geraldine Ferraro when, with my help and support, she was tapped for VP in 1984. Republicans criticize Barack Obama every day for lack of experience. I understand that those of us who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. My biggest problem with Gov. Palin is not inexperience, but ideology.

When she was running for lieutenant governor, she told one anti-choice group she is as pro-life as you can be. What that means is that she opposes abortion even in cases of rape and incest. I'm a rape victim. Frankly, being a rape victim stinks. It's an injury that, no matter how many years pass or how far away you move or how big a lemonade stand you build in an effort to turn your pain into reform, never quite goes away. I know that. I live with that. But I can't even imagine — and don't want to try — what it would be like to have to carry to term a pregnancy that

resulted from rape or incest. I can't even conceive of that added pain, that awful choice at the end — what seems to me the sheer cruelty of not allowing a woman to control her destiny at least in those situations.

I respect Palin for choosing to continue a pregnancy when she and her husband reportedly knew there might be problems. I respect her for embracing her pregnant daughter, for offering the support a 17-year-old desperately needs if she and her teenage boyfriend are to become, in an instant, someone's parents, rather than someone's children. What I find much more difficult to respect is her willingness to impose her choices on others, to tell me what I should do in her situation, or what my daughter should do. In my book, respect should be mutual.

But what is just as troubling to me as Palin's willingness to impose her choices on others is the stupid and mean-spirited commentary from some of my liberal friends, attacking her for the choices she's made, attacking her diligence in securing prenatal care in her latest pregnancy, suggesting that the child was really her grandchild and not her son.

Since her selection last Friday, liberal blogs have been on the attack against Palin and her family. They have assumed the right to second-guess her choices in precisely the same way we criticize conservatives when they presume to second-guess ours. How dare she leave her infant at home and return so quickly to her job as governor? How dare she entrust the care of her baby, especially a baby with special needs, to someone as unqualified as, say, her husband? Maybe the baby wasn't really hers in the first instance. Maybe it was really her daughter's. And, most appallingly of all, maybe she didn't seek ade-

quate prenatal care for her son — a post so loaded with the implication that she might somehow be at fault for her son's Down's Syndrome that its author ultimately claimed he was merely questioning her "judgment" in deciding to give a speech in her seventh month of pregnancy before heading directly home (she also consulted her obstetrician by phone). How dare he?

There is an old saying that it's never the crime, it's the cover-up. So, too, I often think with women candidates: It's not about sex, but sexism. If you say to a group of women, you should support Mary or Jane, or Hillary or Sarah, because she is a woman, the majority will be offended. We women like to believe that we make our decisions on the merits, on the basis of policy and experience, not anatomy.

But if that woman candidate should come under what is plainly sexist attack, if her opponent or the media treat her in the sort of patronizing way that every girl and woman in America is more familiar with than we should be (as Hillary's Senate opponent did in 2000 and as many in the media did in 2008), women rally.

Obama is right in saying that he finds the attacks on Palin and her family offensive, but those who support him don't seem to be listening. They should. Keep this up, guys, and major backlash is sure to follow. Sarah Palin may be no Hillary Clinton, but if she faces the same sort of sexism that Hillary did, she may yet capture many of her supporters.

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Church News

College Baptist Church

The Three G's will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the church fellowship hall. Bonnie Wheat will bring the program, following the potluck supper. Senior adults of the community are invited to attend.

Senior adults are planning a trip to the Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post Sept. 19. They will see the production of Paul the Apostle. Anyone interested in attending is invited to contact Betty Birdwell to arrange for a reservation for the event.

The RAs will leave for an overnight camping trip today. Vern Bloodworth and Camilo Nieto are in charge of the group.

All men of the church are invited to a special breakfast in the church fellowship hall at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship service at St. Mary's this Sunday as we begin our fall church schedule. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

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

First United Methodist Church

Associate pastor Agustin Ypina will bring the message at both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. this Sunday. Based on Acts 2:40, his sermon topic will be "And They Gathered In Homes."

Children's choir and G.I.G. will start their fall activities with a skating party this Sunday. Meet at Skateland at 2 p.m. and finish at 4:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the skating, leaders will share details about the programs and activities planned for the coming months.

The Tuesday after school program, Kids Club, will start Sept. 15. Registration forms are available in the church office. This program is for students in the 1st thru 4th grade.

Adults and senior high youth volunteers are needed. Contact Joyce Willis 267-6394 for more details.

We are very happy to announce that next Tuesday evening our youth director, Brent Williams, will host the very first meeting of our "College Coffee House Ministry" at Spanky's, 1903 Gregg. All those of college age are invited to come hang out from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for fun and fellowship as this new school year begins. If you have questions call Brent at church or e-mail him at youthguybrent@hotmail.com.

And mark your calendars for one of the most exciting events of our church year, The Lord's Acre, coming back Saturday, Oct. 4. Mission Delicious, silent and live auction, steak dinner and fall festival all rolled into one fun-filled day of Christian fellowship at 4th and Scurry. First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church will have Courtney Ballard, pastor of Big Spring's Cowboy Church, as a guest

speaker Sept. 14 during evening church. Please join us as we hear how this ministry started and where it is going in the future.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., morning service and Children's church is at 11 a.m., and evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services.

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.

Calvary Baptist Church

You are invited to attend the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 W. 4th St. The sermon topic for Sunday is "He Shall be Called Wonderful!" The scriptures are Isaiah 9:1-7. The church roll seems to indicate that hundreds have fallen through the "cracks." The church and the Lord want you back. Just return: No questions asked!

First Baptist Church

Our pastor, the Rev. Ken Coffee, will return to the pulpit this Sunday after a week's absence. We've been hearing a lot about life lately. Sunday, we'll learn about the gift of life through the sermon, "Life: God's Sacred Gift"

We will have no evening worship in our sanctuary. Instead, we will meet in the Family Life Center for an evening of fellowship. A light meal will be served, followed by an evening of entertainment with Jody Nix and company. This fellowship is being celebrated to honor the members of First Baptist Church for their past faithfulness and dedication to God and His Kingdom. We all look to the future with excitement and anticipation to the things that God is going to do through us as we have picked up the banner of Christ and served him through his bride, First Baptist Church, Big Spring.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church in 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 had its monthly meeting Thursday at the church social hall.

Saturday, the women of the church are invited to a lunch at 11 a.m. in the parlor of the Big Spring First Presbyterian Church to hear Judia Foreman tell about her mission trip to Thailand.

The bi-monthly Frolic, where anyone who wishes may sing, play an instru-

Pacing but not racing

After spending the night at my Mother's house in a small West Texas town, I looked out the kitchen window the next morning to see a Labor Day parade that would equal the commotion Dr. Seuss reported to have seen on Mulberry Street. A dozen or so joggers, two bicyclists, a llama, and a back-up car rounded the corner and headed toward the local high school.

As the procession got closer and my focus got better, I realized that a fence separated the two-legged athletes from the one four-legged participant. I also noticed that the high school athletes, whom I assumed were the football team, looked tired and sweaty, but the llama seemed to be enjoying his morning trot. I could almost see him smile. He didn't seem to be protecting his turf by barking like a dog would have done, and he obviously wasn't in the race to win. By the way he seemed

to be keeping pace with his friends, I wondered if this might have been a daily scheduled event for both the runners and the llama.

Unfortunately, the llama had to drop out of the parade when he got to the end of his playing field and was blocked by another fence. I could only imagine how the scenario might have ended if the llama had not been fenced in and had decided to race rather than pace. I'm sure he could have reached the goal long before his competitors.

Although some of us may not have the strength or the energy of a high-school athlete, much less that of a llama, God has promised a different kind of strength and encouragement for those who wait upon Him: *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* (Isaiah 40:31 KJV)

Perhaps we all need to learn how to wait upon the Lord and not to run ahead of Him. Like the friendly llama, we might all come out ahead if we learned to pace instead of race.



BONNIE WHEAT

ment, read a story, poem, or joke, or offer any other talent, will be Saturday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. A light supper is provided and everyone is welcome to come and share the fun.

This Sunday, being the first Sunday of the month, is Communion Sunday. After worship, we will share our first Sunday covered dish lunch of the season.

The lectionary for the 23rd day in Ordinary Time is Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Thanks to Joyce Bronaugh, one of our newest members and wife of our interim pastor, for playing the organ at last Sunday's worship service. Appreciation is also expressed to Ellen and Donald Austin, Joyce Bronaugh, Christine Boling and Pam and Mark Morgan for providing meals for the youth for August.

The Youth Group did not meet this Wednesday because they were just returning from their trip to MO Ranch last weekend. Bible study at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m. did take place as usual.

Saturday, women from FPC Big Spring and Coahoma are invited to a lunch, at which Judia Foreman of Midland will share her mission visit to Thailand. This event is in the church parlor.

Saturday, Sept. 20 is the annual church barbecue and picnic at the Allan Guthrie farm. Be prepared to enjoy a day of food, fun and fellowship at the farm, followed by the barbecue lunch after worship on Sunday. Rally Day, the start-up for Sunday school, will be Sunday. Classes for children and the youth/adult group will resume at 9:45 a.m.

The adult Sunday school class, led by John Ferguson and Max Green, begins

a new unit titled "A New Community," a survey of New Testament texts.

The video-based Youth/Adult Class is studying a series, "God Is Closer Than You Think," authored by John Ortberg, focusing on how to "enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with God." Rip Patterson leads the first session, which will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Other leaders for this class are Don Boling, Marj Carpenter, Helen Glass and Lucy Odum.

Children ages 4 through 10 will meet in the The-

ater Room with Christine Boling to begin a study of the story of Phillip and the Ethiopian from Acts 8:26-39. Other teachers for this unit will be Donna Amonett, Ellan Austin, Kay Kenemur, Jennifer Patterson and Jamie Walker.

Also beginning at 9:45 on this Sunday in the Youth Room is a confirmation class for any child or adult who is interested in joining the church.

The lectionary for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20. The

sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during worship. "Come to the Banquet," by Joseph Martin and "Jesus, Thou Divine Companion," based on an American folk tune will be presented by the choir. Rev. Bronaugh titles his sermon "Get Ready."

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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 youth "hot topics" held in the gym upstairs in the Salt Shaker.

Our Back to School & Caravan Party will be held Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the library where more information about adult Sunday school,

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able it may be, that
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hard to disguise. So the
privacy to examine what's
hubbling up to the surface
offers rephrase. We needn't
act on our emotions -- just
appreciate their message.



**HOLIDAY
MATHIS**

ARIES (March 21-April 19).
There's no way to tell
which of today's setbacks
will be absolutely the
luckiest thing that could
have happened, but you
can be sure that one of
them falls into the category.
Stay open to hidden possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
Purposeful energy is
attractive. Perhaps that's
why you're drawn to
someone who is on a
quest. You may even sus-
pect that you have what
this person is looking for,
and you'd be right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).
You may share com-
mon beliefs with your
neighbor, but the way you
express and act on those
beliefs isn't the same at
all. You're getting a
chance to exercise toler-
ance and you're a happier
person when you do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).
A friend offers you an
opportunity to test the

Tomorrow's Horoscope

unknown. The change
will do you good, especial-
ly if it's the one suggested
by a Sagittarius. You will
be surprised what you
enjoy when you give it a
chance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Offer the benefit of the
doubt wherever possible.
When you think highly of
someone, they react to
you using their very best
etiquette, resources and
abilities. Tonight, don't
try to solve people's prob-
lems. Just listen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
Attention to aesthet-
ics will forward your
business as well as your
romantic interests. There
is nothing phony about
making an impression.
Taking the time to be styl-
ish is just plain good man-
ners.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
Take a break from being
the group mastermind.
You don't have to be "on"
all of the time. Back up
and be a relaxed observer
of the dynamics around
you. You're learning and
growing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
There are some argu-
ments that you can never
win, and you actually
wouldn't be any better off
if you could. Know when
to walk away. Say your
final piece and leave it at
that.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). The things you
really want are intercon-
nected. Make health your
top priority, and other
unrelated personal goals
are attained in the
process. It's a cheerful,
high-energy night.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). When it comes
to your customers, clients or
boss, you're not content to
have merely their
approval. You want their
respect, loyalty, and undy-
ing affection would be
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work harder.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
Leading the pack is
no small feat today. If you
can get anyone to follow
directions, stick to your
plan or see your vision,
consider yourself a major
success. Tonight, your
charisma is off the charts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).
Instead of wondering
if someone loves you, fig-
ure out how to love your-
self. Part of your self-care
is making sure you have
enough challenging and
interesting work to keep
you creatively stimulated.

**WEEKEND LOVE
FORECAST: ARIES:** Love
is patient and kind, yet
when it's not, it's made
richer for everything in
between. **TAURUS:** Don't
let temporary fears cloud
your faith in the abilities
of the one you love. **GEM-
INI:** A partner is growing
and you couldn't be happi-
er at the prospect. **CAN-
CER:** It's one of those
times you do your best
work behind the scenes to
smoothly direct a partner-
ship decision. **LEO:** When
an old friend returns, you
pick up where you left off
without skipping a beat.

VIRGO: When you
indulge your fancy or
give into an overdue
romantic whim, you
receive a standing ovation
from the planets. **LIBRA:**
You pull out of a funk to
see your outlook on love
turn around just as quick-
ly. **SCORPIO:** Surrender
the distance between you
and another to bridge it.
SAGITTARIUS: Com-
promise isn't giving up
one for the other, but
figuring out a way to
make you both happy.
CAPRICORN: You're
called to share your
know-how with those who
need it, and you rise to
the occasion. **AQUARIUS:**
You find love when you're
not looking, and in places
you'd never thought to
look. **PISCES:** Give gifts,
but only what you can
give away without coming
up short yourself.
**COUPLE OF THE
WEEKEND:** If Sagittarius
flew on over to his next-
door neighbor Capricorn,
he might discover the elu-
sive security he'd been
missing. Sagittarius' exu-
berant optimism warms
Capricorn's heart, rekind-
ling long-forgotten
dreams. Solid Capricorn
offers a reality check
when flights of fancy
uproot Sagittarius' equi-
librium. A balance of
responsibility and spon-
taneity allows this rela-
tionship to take root and
flourish.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Please help
me understand my 15-
year-old child. We've
always had a great moth-
er-son relationship, and
my husband and I did
everything possible to
give him a good educa-
tion, spend time with
him, read to him, play
with him and love him to
no end.
Now he hardly speaks
to us. He's still a good
boy, pleasant, fun, incre-
dibly smart and dedi-
cated to all his activities
and school. But I feel terri-
bly sad suddenly knowing
nothing about his life. I



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

know he is having prob-
lems with his girlfriend. I
could really help him
understand women, but
he wants nothing from
us.

I know this is normal at
his age, but will he ever
again feel his parents
have something to offer
other than feeding him
and putting him through
college? I know things
will never be the same,
but is this something I
just have to live with? Is
there something I can do
so he will value my opini-
ons and listen to what I
have to say? -- Sad Mom
in Kansas

Dear Kansas: Don't
panic. Your son is going
through a perfectly natu-
ral and healthy stage of
separating from his par-
ents so he can become
independent. As much as
it hurts you, this is a
good sign. Will he ever
value your opinions
again? You bet.
Don't lecture or badger
him with questions, but
make sure he knows
you're always available to
listen. Just before bed is
often a good time. Your
comments should be mat-
ter-of-fact, honest and not
overly emotional. ("I miss
that you don't confide in
me anymore, but if you
ever want to, I'll listen.")
Use your sense of humor
a lot. ("Blow up anything
in chemistry today?")
Don't be afraid to discipli-
ne him. He needs to
know you care enough to
set limits. Watch for
changes in behavior,
grades and friends (these
years can include risky
activities such as drugs

and alcohol). And remind
him often that you love
him, no matter what.

Dear Annie: When is
the right time to give my
granddaughter a piece of
jewelry that I had made
for her? I took precious
stones that belonged to
her great-grandmother,
her great-great-grand-
mother and me, and put
them into a special piece
as a remembrance.

She is now 16 years old,
and I am hesitant to give
it to her. When do you
think she'll be responsi-
ble enough? -- Grandma
Kate

Dear Kate: Some 16-
year-old girls would take
good care of such a piece.
Others would lose it in a
day. If you don't think
your granddaughter is
responsible yet, you can
present it to her for her
18th birthday or as a
graduation gift, or if you
think that's too soon, save
it for when she is 21 or
finishes college. You
could leave it to her in
your will, but if she's
going to get the piece
sooner or later, it would
be nice for you to enjoy
her reaction.

Dear Annie: "Shell
Shocked" was reeling
from his wife leaving him
abruptly after 25 years
and he didn't know why.

Here's a possibility:
Men and women mature
differently. In their 20s,
women don't have a lot of
self-confidence and are
conditioned to crave secu-
rity. Young men are at
their most "risk-taking,"
and that makes them
appear confident and
exciting.

By our mid-30s, we have
flipped positions. Women
have developed the self-
confidence that comes
with raising children and
handling emergencies.
When the kids are teens,
we want to explore what
we've missed out on. We
want to travel, take dance
lessons, go back to school
or start a new career.
Men, however, have had
a drop in testosterone and
settled into a comfortable
routine. A husband often
resists efforts to do any-
thing new or different. He

may be a good man, but
he doesn't want to get out
of the recliner.

Couples that don't grow
together simply die
together. -- Armchair
Psychologist in Orlando,
Fla.

Dear Orlando: We still
think this is basically a
communication problem,
but you've made some
excellent points. Thanks
for weighing in.
Dear Annie: My
boyfriend, "Sid," has a sis-
ter who is getting mar-
ried in a few months.
Though I have never met
her (she lives across the
country), I am hurt that
Sid did not invite me to
be his guest at the wed-
ding. He says I would be
a distraction and it would
be difficult for his elderly
aunts and uncles to see
him with me.

We've been dating for
five years, and I view this
as an opportune time to
meet the rest of his rela-
tives. (He has introduced
me to the few who live
locally.) Am I out of line
to expect to be invited if I
have never met the bride?
I think most people in
long-term relationships
attend weddings with
their significant others. I
would certainly invite Sid
to accompany me to any
family wedding I was
invited to. This bothers
me so much, I am think-
ing of ending our rela-
tionship even though I
love him. -- Left Out

Dear Left Out: This may
not have been Sid's deci-
sion. His sister or parents
control the guest list, and
it's possible they told him
there wasn't room to
include you -- although
that would have been
improper, since you have
been together for five
years and you should
have been invited. Sid
should be willing to go to
bat for you. It sounds as
if his family does not
approve of the relation-
ship or, for whatever rea-
son, Sid wants to attend
stag. See if you can get to
the bottom of this before
you toss in the towel.

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Club News

Retired Teachers

At the Aug. 18 Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers meeting, five new RTA members were welcomed. They are Joseph Dawes, David Budke, Melba Camp and Marvin and Eloise Wynn.

Legislative concerns were discussed by Loyce Phillips. During this session, when a cost of living raise will be discussed in Austin, retirees are encouraged to be in contact with our state legislators. Also, nationally the GPO (Government Pension Offset) and WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) will be discussed. These provisions affect millions of Americans and prevent them from receiving what many consider to be their just payments. The RTA joins many other groups in stressing the GPO and WEP must be completely eliminated.

Bonnie Wheat, Member Benefits chairman, presented a humorous skit that portrayed many of the benefits available to RTA members. Our benefits are comparable to, or exceed, those of other retiree organizations, and are offered only after thorough investigation.

This year, the RTA will continue our Book Project. We hope to increase the number and scope of books to be presented to Howard and Glasscock County school children. Any individual is welcome to contribute to the fund in memory of, or in honor of, any person.

The next RTA meeting will be Sept. 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Howard College's Cactus Room. We encourage any persons eligible for the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) to visit us and see what we are about. Also, the public is always welcome at our meetings.

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, DAR, held its last meeting of the 2007-2008 year at the Big Spring Country Club May 10. Hostesses were Lora Mae Pollard and Neva Green.

A program about home schooling was given by Diane Fox, CPS, who home-schooled her children for many years. She said that the local school district has no jurisdiction over the curriculum that parents choose. She used a Bible-based program delivered by sat-

ellite feed. Although many people worry about the socialization of home-schooled children, Fox said that the community sports programs, Boy and Girl Scouts and church youth groups are examples of ways for children to interact with their peers. For home schooling to be successful, parents must be purposeful about their responsibility.

Donations for the NSDAR Helen Pouch Memorial Fund were collected from the members. This Junior-sponsored fund provides medical aid and scholarships to the DAR schools.

Katie Grigg and Lynn Grigg's names were submitted as prospective members.

Officers for the 2008-2010 term were installed by immediate past regent Charlene Ragan. They are Mary Schuelke, regent; Ann Witherspoon, vice regent; Carol Scott, chaplain; Katie Lara, recording secretary; Lora Mae Pollard, corresponding secretary; Luci Gabehart, treasurer; Sue Ann Damron, registrar; Heather Schafer, historian; and Carole Lawson, librarian.

Incoming regent Mary Schuelke was presented with the chapter regent pin by Ragan and then the chapter presented the outgo-

ing regent with a crystal DAR brooch for her dedicated service during her 2006-2008 term of office.

Lora Mae Pollard won the patriotic door prize.

Mary Schuelke, Sara Tipton, Sue Ann Damron, Carole Lawson and Lora Mae Pollard attended the West Texas Regents Council Meeting Aug. 8, at the Ranchland Hills Golf Club in Midland. President Melinda Young of the Permian Chapter in Andrews presided.

The first speaker was Kay Alston, TSDAR state organizing secretary, whose program was titled "Sharing the DAR Story." She said that the DAR is a service organization made up of a very diverse group of women whose individual interests and talents should be utilized by their chapters.

There are so many avenues and opportunities for members to do something to put the DAR's motto of God, Home and Country into practice. She compared each chapter to a piece of pie, saying that it takes all the individual pieces to make a whole pie. She emphasized that what enhances the local chapters also enhances the state and national

organizations.

After lunch, Division VIII Chairman Vene Gregg spoke on "Self Help for Regents." She emphasized that regents should keep the handbook and bylaws at their side at all times. It is important that they pay attention to the DAR calendar and read what they receive in the mail. A regent should delegate responsibility to chapter members and, if at all possible, attend Fall Forum to get essential information about her duties.

Sue Ann Damron, state DAR Service for Veterans chairman, distributed DVDs, brochures and car magnets from the Home For Our Troops organization whom the TSDAR helped build a home in Santa Fe, Texas, last year for disabled veteran Shawn Monroe.

Barbara Barrera, state DAR Museum chairman, invited everyone to the Houston International Quilt Festival to be held Oct. 30-Nov. 2. The DAR Museum Quilt Collection will be the featured exhibit. Volunteers are needed to staff the DAR information table and to serve as quilt docents.

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CHURCH

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children and youth departments will be available. Parents are encouraged to come with their children for a time fellowship, meet the teachers and register for 2008-2009.

Caravan is our midweek scouting ministry that teaches lessons that begin building towers of truth in our children's lives. We are excited to welcome the

children back into a fun-filled time with Caravan. It is time to start earning our badges again!

Our children meet the second through fifth Sundays for their own service at 10 a.m. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 14, the children will begin participating in Discipleship Junction and meet in the fellowship hall.

Dare-To-Care Outreach Ministry will be Sunday at 2 p.m.

Call our church office for

details or any questions at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The membership of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church would like to invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10 a.m. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. The Hinkle Family will be ministering in song and word this Sunday from 10 a.m. till noon. They are a family group with great harmony and play all different instruments. They minister to seniors at nursing homes, senior centers and retirement homes. They travel all over the U.S. with the seniors as their mission field. They especially enjoy ministering to World War I and World War II veterans.

Evening service is at 5 p.m. and midweek service is 7 p.m. Wednesday. Children's Church is during the Sunday morning service for ages 3-12. For

a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. For further information call 267-8214.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church, located at Ninth and Scurry, meets Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for worship with Sunday school following. Our doors are always open for visitors!

The pastor of St. Paul is the Rev. Wayne K. Frost. Small group studies are forming. If you are interested in enrolling, please call the church office at 267-7163. God's Daughters Bible study group meets on Wednesdays at noon in the parish hall for a meal and Bible study. They will begin the latest Beth Moore study "Stepping Up" on Wednesday, Sept. 10. This group is open to ladies in the community.

The church continues to support the troops in Iraq with a monthly package to chaplains to be used for our military.

luck dinner with the meat furnished and all drinks and utensils provided. There will be games for all and White Elephant bingo (bring a useful item). Everyone is invited for this fun fellowship.

The Rev. D. Boyce will be our guest pastor again this Sunday. He is retired and lives in Abilene.

Wednesday night we were blessed to have the Rev. Steve Misch of Lubbock to present the demographics of this area. He will continue to work with us for the duration helping us toward the establishment of our new church. Rev. Boyce also joined us for this meeting.

Committees are hard at work and plans for the future are being made.

We invite everyone to come join us for worship, Sunday school and Rally Day celebration. If rides are needed, please call. After work hours the number is 432/267-2594.

Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives!

Jacque Mauch, co-lay pastor, will lead the service this Sunday and Allen Welch, co-lay pastor, will lead the services on Sept. 14.

The United Methodist Women will have their first meeting of the fall at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and will continue their Bible study. They will meet at 503 E. 16th and all women are welcome. The date for the Church Bible study will be announced at a later date.

As host site for the Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring we thank all the volunteers of the community who come out to help us unload and distribute the food each month.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

Midway Baptist Church

Praise Inc., the award winning quartet from Benbrook, will be performing at Midway Baptist Church Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. There will be a potluck lunch.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some Southern Gospel as we praise God.

We would also love for you to join us for our regular activities. Sunday school classes start at 9:45 a.m. and then worship service begins at 11:00 AM. The RA's, GA's, CIA's and Youth meet at 5:00 PM on Sunday before the evening worship service that begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesday nights are also full of worship and fellowship. We have a church wide fellowship meal at 5:15 p.m. and then the children and youth meet at 6. The adults have a Bible study and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. We have many children and youth activities for children of all ages. We also have a nursery available for children through 4 years old. We look forward to you joining us!

Hillcrest Baptist Church

Hillcrest Baptist Church now has a College Sunday school class beginning this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Come get connected with Christ and enjoy the fellowship and the donuts and coffee.

For more information, please contact the church office at 267-1639 or Danny and Kristi Isbell at 816-1644.

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Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Worship services with Holy Communion begin at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.

Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

This Sunday is Rally day. We are celebrating the promotion of our Sunday school youth to their next class. There will be a pot-

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will begin its fall schedule with a new worship time as of Sunday. Sunday morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Evening services will remain at 5 p.m.

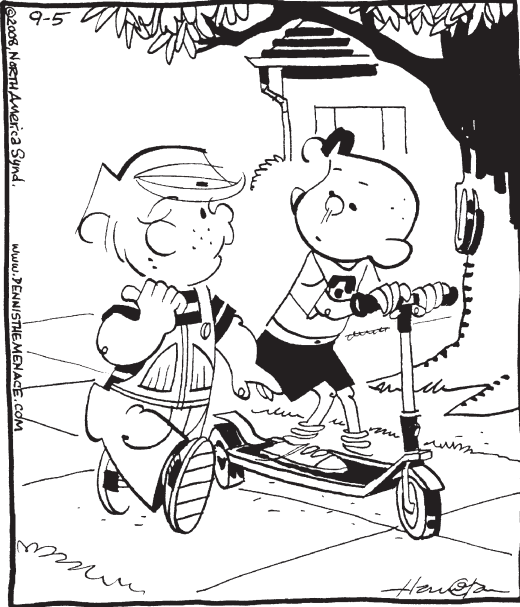
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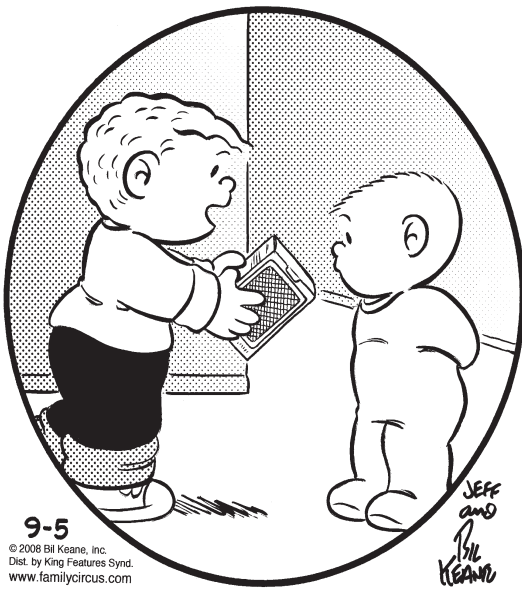
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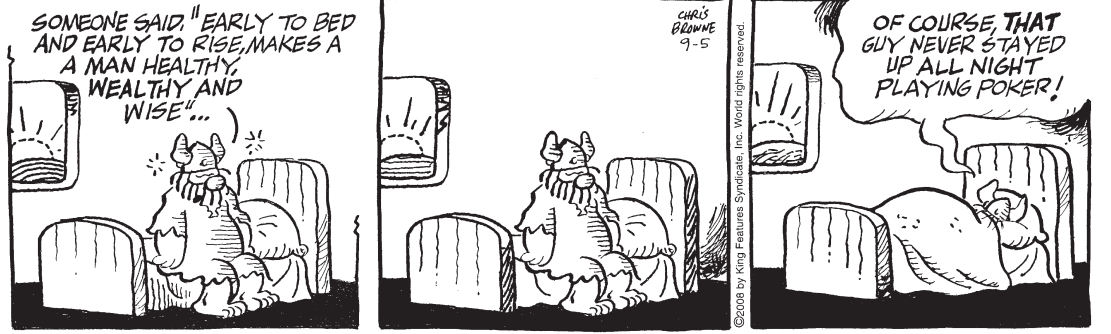
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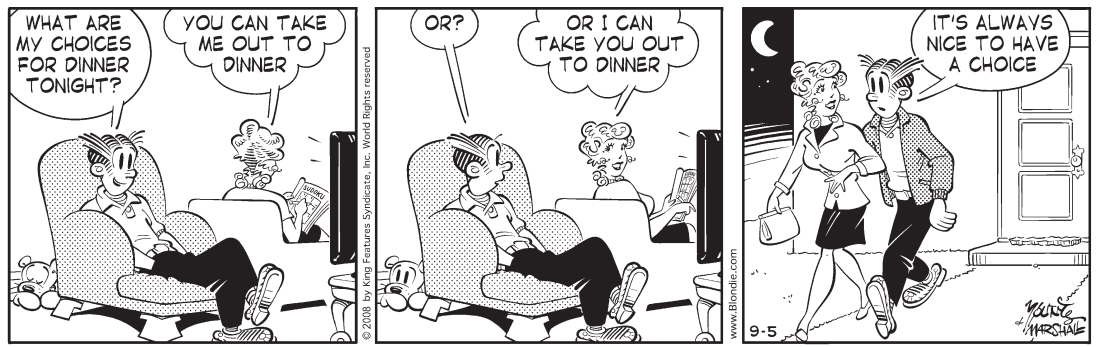


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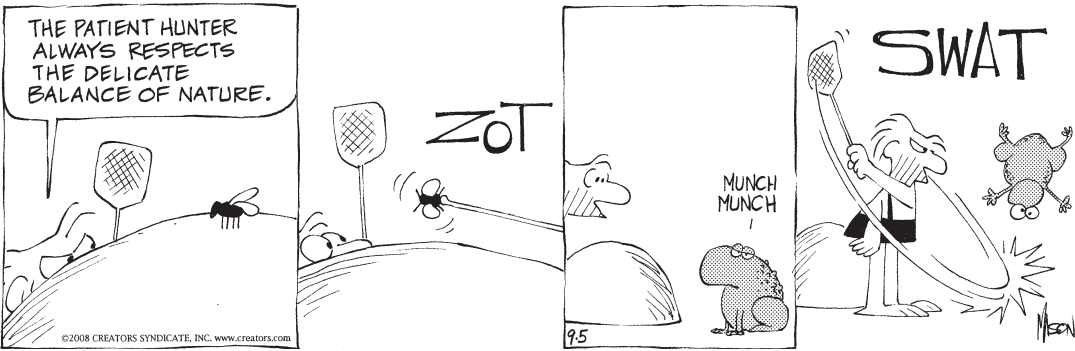
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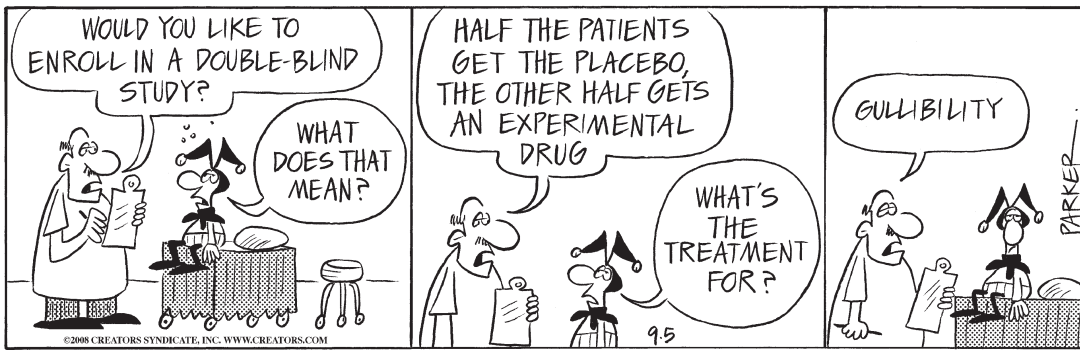
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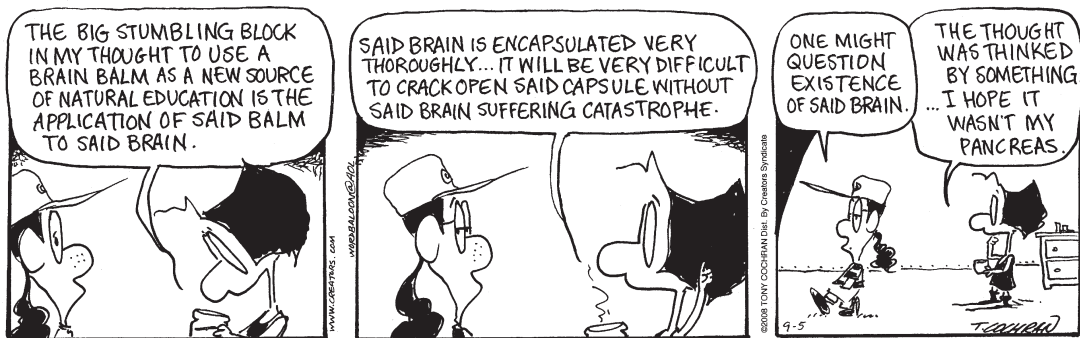
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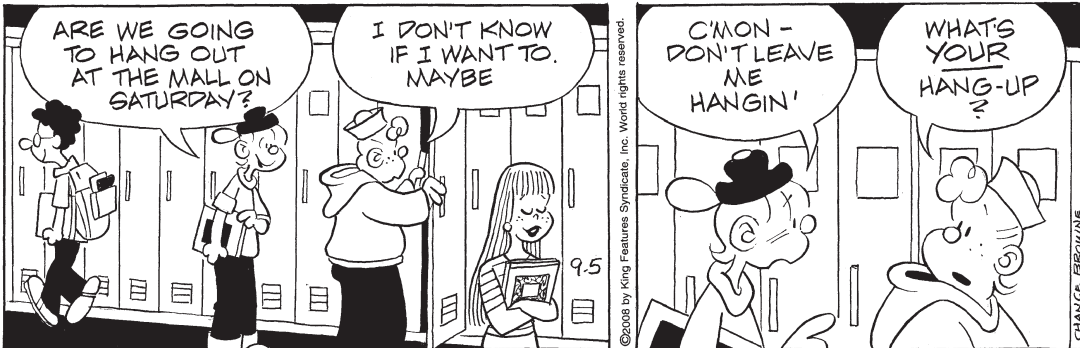
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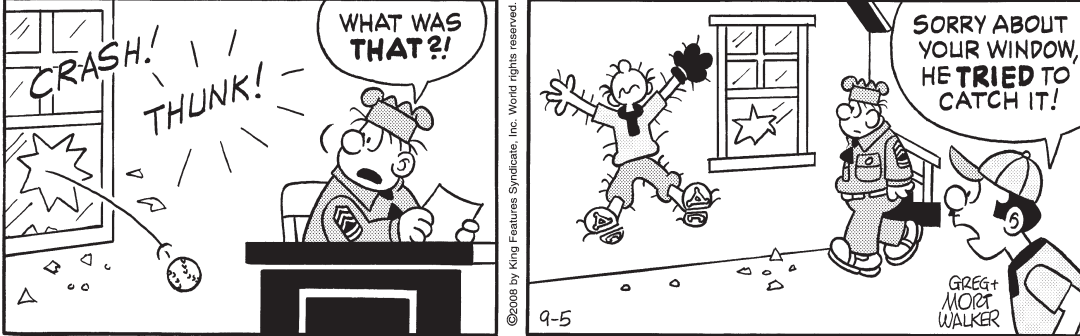
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 5, the 249th day of 2008. There are 117 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 5, 1972, Arab guerrilla members of Black September attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games...

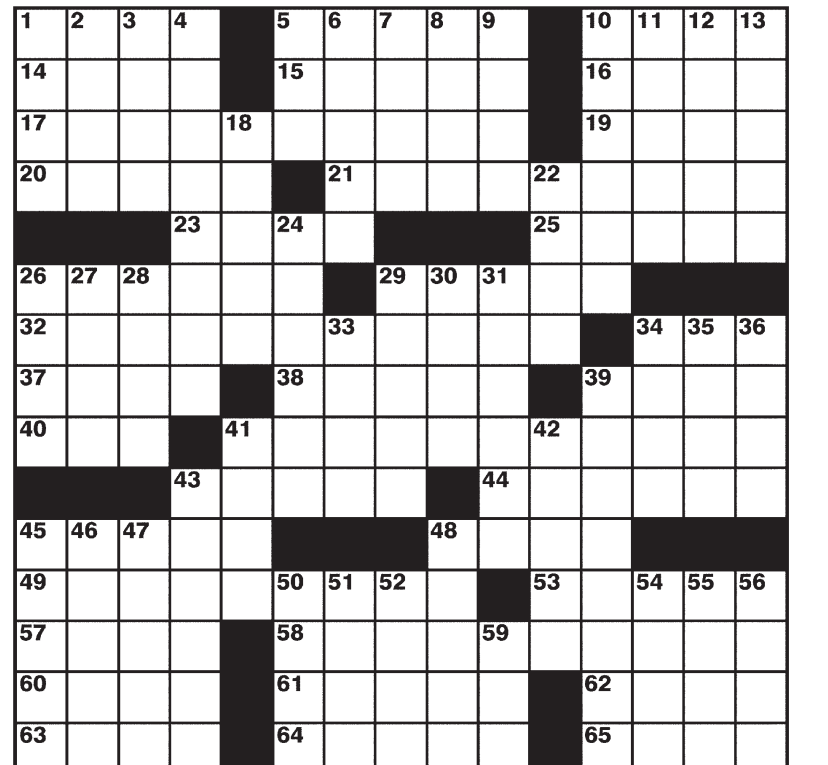
United States for the first time. In 1975, President Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette 'Squeaky' Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif. In 1977, West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer was kidnapped in Cologne by the Baader-Meinhof gang...

William Devane is 69. Actor George Lazenby is 69. Actress Raquel Welch is 68. Movie director Werner Herzog is 66. Singer Al Stewart is 63. Actor-director Dennis Dugan is 62. Singer Loudon Wainwright III is 62...

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Abbott: Look at romance allegations in Hood's case

HOUSTON (AP) — In an unusual alliance, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said Thursday he was joining lawyers for a condemned prisoner in urging allegations of an unethical romantic relationship between the trial judge and prosecutor in the case be reviewed even if it means inmate Charles Dean Hood is not executed as scheduled next week.

"I believe that the unique issues in this case, which involve the impartiality and fairness of his trial, warrant thorough review before his sentence is carried out," Abbott said in a letter to Collin County District Attorney John Roach. "A death sentence is the most serious and solemn act of any state. The impartiality of a defendant's trial and conviction must be beyond reproach."

Hood's lawyers contend the secret relationship they allege between retired trial judge Verla Sue Holland and Roach's predecessor, former District Attorney Tom O'Connell, tainted the 1990 trial where Hood was convicted and condemned for killing a couple at a Plano home.

Holland, who in the mid-1990s served as a judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and O'Connell, now in private practice, have declined to address the

allegations of engaging in a secret affair.

A state district judge earlier Thursday moved a hearing date to Monday for Hood so that it's no longer scheduled after his execution date Wednesday. And State District Judge Greg Brewer in suburban Dallas, in moving the date, ordered Holland and O'Connell to be ready to be interviewed by lawyers if Brewer agreed the pair should be deposed.

FEMA may cover hotel costs for hurricane evacuees

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Federal Emergency Management official says Hurricane Gustav evacuees whose homes remain uninhabitable — because of power outages, damage or for other reasons related to the storm — can have their hotel costs paid by FEMA.

David Garratt, a deputy assistant administrator for FEMA, said Thursday night that the aid won't be available for short-term evacuees who fled the storm, spent a few nights in a hotel, then returned home.

Rather it will be for Gustav-related "extended stays" in hotels. As outlined by Garratt, the program will cover those still out of their homes as of Wednesday because their home is uninhabitable. It

will pay their hotel costs as long as their home is considered uninhabitable for up to 30 days from that date.

A.H. Belo completes buyouts, layoffs done soon

DALLAS (AP) — A.H. Belo Corp. said Thursday that it has completed a round of buyouts at its newspapers and that layoffs will be done by this fall.

The company made the voluntary severance offer in July and 413 have accepted and plan to leave the company.

That includes 270 people at The Dallas Morning News, 23 at The Providence Journal in Rhode Island and 120 at The Press-Enterprise in Riverside, Calif.

The company said the buyouts will cost \$11.2 million.

A.H. Belo said involuntary cuts will be completed by mid-to-late October to meet its staff reduction goals.

The combined work force reductions are expected to result in a savings of more than \$29 million on an annualized basis.

DFW airport readies for more cameras, OKs proposed pet hotel

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Carrollton-based SecureNet has been awarded a \$4.98 million contract to increase the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport's

capacity to gradually add 1,975 security cameras, officials said.

The DFW Airport Board voted Thursday to appropriate the funds on upgrades to its Terminal Building Security Surveillance System.

The appropriation does not include the closed-circuit cameras, which still have to be purchased.

The added capacity will cover security cameras for the next three to five years of airport expansion projects, said William Flowers, vice president of information technology services, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Friday in its online edition.

The airport currently has about 1,590 cameras installed around terminals, runways and airfields.

The cameras are generally automated and work with triggered sensors at exits to send visual feeds to a master control room.

There, security officials are stationed to monitor the feeds and respond as needed, the newspaper said.

In October 2003, officials bought 250 cameras, doubling the system the airport had on 9-11.

The airport board also voted unanimously Thursday to change its rules in order to allow a proposed pet hotel to be located on the Grapevine side of the airport.

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Mary Schuelke invited everyone to participate in the Four Chaplains Memorial Program held at the Big Spring VAMC each February.

The attendees voted to donate \$100 to help defray the cost of producing the award winning video, Today's DAR, which the State Regent and the NSDAR had as a joint project.

Claudia Wilbourn of the Lt. Wm. Brewer Chapter in Midland was elected WTRC's president for the coming year with Bobbie Brown of the Paisano Chapter in Alpine as VP and Dorothy Driskill of Mid-

land as secretary-treasurer.

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