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## Alon suit moves forward

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The tax suit between Alon USA — owner of the Big Spring Refinery — and the Howard County Appraisal District moved one step closer to resolution Thursday, as 118<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Robert H. Moore III ruled the appraised value of the facility as of Jan. 1,



Moore

2007, was \$218 million. Alon is contesting a \$320 million tax appraisal levied against the refinery in 2007, with oil company officials claiming the valuation should be approximately \$152 million, slightly more

than half of the contested figure. The appraisal district's review board subsequently upheld the \$320 million appraisal, prompting Alon to file the lawsuit.

Alon had also contested its 2006 appraisal, which totaled \$130 million. However, at the beginning of the trial, attorneys for Alon USA announced the petrochemical



Fox



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Martina



Torres



Walker



Brooks



Hughey



Parker



Segundo



Wilson

## Ceremony pays tribute to 9-11 victims, heros

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Features Writer

More than 100 people gathered Thursday at the Big Spring Mall for a solemn 9-11 remembrance ceremony, sponsored by Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Meghan Bias, museum administrator, began the service with a moving tribute to those who died as a result of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001, those who have died fighting for their country since, and those

who continue to serve today.

"Tonight is about remembrance and honor," she said.

The crowd gathered in front of a shopping center wall that is dedicated to those who fight and those who have died in war.

During a ceremony and in front of family and friends, U.S. Army Sgt. Raymond Garica and Boy Scout Gerald Harris of Troop 5 retired the flags representing the eight people with

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**Mike Tarpley, a Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Army, ends the 9-11 Memorial by playing "Taps."**

## BSHS to name homecoming royalty tonight

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Royalty — homecoming royalty — will be the focus of halftime festivities at tonight's football game between Big Spring and Pampa.

Big Spring High School will select its homecoming queen and king from among 10 candidates at ceremonies sched-

uled at Memorial Stadium.

The five senior girls nominated for homecoming queen are:

- Baylea Fox, the daughter of David and Carrie Fox. She was nominated by the volleyball team and is active in varsity softball and the athletic training program.

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## Big Spring ISD hires superintendent search firm

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees hope to have a new superintendent in place by the end of the year.

During their monthly meeting Thursday, trustees took the first formal step in finding a replacement for Michael Downes when they hired Arrow Education Services Inc. to conduct a search for

*"They've done an incredible job for us. They do very thorough work ... and they develop information that you're not going to typically get from other firms."*

Jody Reid, Coahoma ISD board president

a new superintendent. Arrow was chosen over three other firms that made presenta-

tions to the school board. AES and its director, Mabank ISD Superintendent Dr. Russell

Marshall, may be new to Big Spring, but are familiar with Howard County schools, having conducted the last two superintendent searches for Coahoma ISD.

"We were very pleased to see

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## By air and 'sea,' Float Fly planes to land at city park

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Model aircraft of every shape and size will be zipping around Comanche Trail Lake Saturday and Sunday in a display of pilot

prohness and technical splendor, all part the 15th annual Don McKinney Float and Fly.

According to Big Spring Model Aircraft Association spokesman Chuck Miller, the event is

a great chance for area residents to come out and see what the hobby is all about.

"We really don't have much of a schedule throughout the day. We'll just be out there beating

these planes to death from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.," said Miller.

"We're hoping folks will come out to the park and see what this is all about. We'll have the buddy boxes for people to try their

hand at, and we'll be happy to set something up so they can come out to the airfield and learn to fly the larger planes. Safety is

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### Dine Out Day today

Dell's Cafe at 1608 E. Fourth St. is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

Proceeds from today's sales at Dell's will benefit United Way. Future participating restaurants will include Papa Georgio's Pizza, Cowboy's Steakhouse, Greg's Grill and others.



United Way

### 4-H signups planned Saturday

#### Special to the Herald

The Howard County 4-H Club will hold its annual sign-ups from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday at the Howard County Fairbarns.

Children in grades 3-12 are welcome to join the club and share ideas for community service projects to be held. Along with the usual animal-related events, 4-H also offers other projects in which to participate.

There is no cost to join 4-H. Monthly

meetings will take place on designated Mondays from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. In addition to the opportunity to join the club Saturday, food will be served and games are planned. Anyone interested in joining is urged to attend and meet the other members of the club and County Extension Agent for 4-H, Lorena Gomez.

4-H officers for the year are, Logan Gaskins, president; Judson Chevalier, first vice president; Ali Knight, second vice president; Tanner Christie, third

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# Sands tramples Trent

### Herald Staff Report

ACKERLY — No Crossroads area football team is building momentum like the Sands Mustangs.

For the first time in more than five years, the Mustangs shut out and won back-to-back games courtesy of the 45-point mercy rule.

The second of those victories came Thursday night, when

the Mustangs drilled the Trent Gorillas 48-0. This win comes off the heels of a 47-0 humiliation of Wilson last week.

"We've never done something like this as long as I've been here," said Sands Head Coach Wayne Henderson, who is in his fifth year as the Mustangs' head man. "We were a very young team last year in a tough district and we

just learned from that experience. These kids are playing with a lot of confidence right now. As soon as we saw how the redistricting panned out and that we landed in Division II, we felt like we had a real chance of making the playoffs."

The Sands' defense held Trent to a mere 21 yards with 18 of those coming through the

air. The first two passes Trent threw were each intercepted and returned for touchdowns.

Already leading 6-0 courtesy of a 4-yard touchdown run by quarterback Johnny Rogers, Daniel Armendariz scored the first of his three touchdowns on the night, returning an errant Trent pass 38 yards for

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# Steer spotlight

## Offensive guard Jimmy Watson

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

He's not quite six feet tall and it's hard to believe he weighs much more than 180 pounds. The player described is senior Jimmy Watson and he's a starting guard for the Big Spring Steers.

"Most people don't think I'm a guard when they look at me," said Watson. "They think I'm a fullback and maybe a linebacker."

Most lower classification squads in the state of Texas might have guards around Watson's size. However, Big Spring is a Class 4A team, where most players at the position are topping at least 240 pounds.

Take the Steers' first two opponents for example. Snyder boasted two guards weighing in at around 290 pounds. Denison's smallest starting guard was listed at 245 pounds.

Still, the Steers' running game hasn't slowed down a bit because of Watson's size. Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey says the explanation is simple.

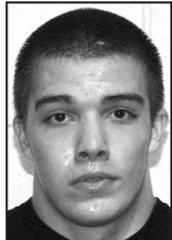
"What Jimmy doesn't have in size, he makes up for with his heart," Ritchey said. "He's got as big of a heart as any other player on the team. He plays with the heart of a 300 pounder."

Guard is the only position Watson knows offensively, having played it since he was in seventh grade.

"Since my first day of football I've been playing guard. It's just where I've always lined up," Watson said. "I'm just never intimidated to see a bigger player lined up over me. I know I'm usually quicker than he is and that I just need to get lower and find more leverage against him."

So far this season, Watson's abilities have helped the Steers rack up 358 rushing yards and six touchdowns on 65 carries. Big Spring is averaging 5.5 yards a carry through its first two games.

Ball control could become a big factor for the Steers at 7:30 p.m. tonight



Watson

# Loudmouth girlfriend

## Don't hate Romo because of Jessica

Evidence that celebrity girlfriends can be hazardous to a career dates at least as far as Samson and Delilah. On the other hand, a succession of them doesn't appear to have slowed down Derek Jeter. Either way, it's not as if Tony Romo didn't know the tabloids were going to have a field day.

When the sports and entertainment worlds intersect, there's never enough perspective to go around. Seeing the people blessed with big muscles squiring around the ones who inherited good teeth makes the rest of us flash back to high school. Not always a good thing. So when Jessica Simpson signed off her appearance on "Good Morning America" the other day by taunting Eagles fans that the Cowboys would kick their butts come Monday night, you know what just about everybody who doesn't already hate "America's Team"

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In this March 18 file photo, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, left, and singer Jessica Simpson, right, take in an NBA basketball game between the Los Angeles Lakers and Dallas Mavericks in Dallas. Simpson recently taunted Eagles' fans during an appearance on "Good Morning America", saying the Cowboys would kick their butts Monday when the two teams play at Texas Stadium in Dallas.

AP file photo/Tony Gutierrez

# All-Texas Monday Night

## Ike forces Texans to reschedule game with Ravens

### By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Dallas Cowboys just got some in-state company on the NFL docket for Monday night.

The Houston Texans' game against the Baltimore Ravens was moved to Monday at 7:30 p.m. because of Hurricane Ike.

The game was originally scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Hurricane Ike was headed toward the

Texas coast as a category 3 storm Thursday. It was expected to make landfall between Houston and Corpus Christi sometime early Saturday morning.

The game will be broadcast on CBS stations in Houston, Baltimore and Washington as well as several smaller secondary markets.

The Ravens are scheduled to fly to Texas on Sunday afternoon.

"We understand completely why the change had to be made," Ravens coach

John Harbaugh said. "We'll adjust our schedules."

This isn't the first time a game time has been changed because of an impending hurricane. In 2004, a game in Miami between the Dolphins and Pittsburgh Steelers was moved from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. to allow Hurricane Jeanne to pass through the area.

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### Homecoming Game

Pampa Harvesters  
at  
Big Spring Steers

When: 7:30 p.m. tonight  
Where: Memorial Stadium  
Radio: KBYG 1400AM, KBST.com, KBST 1490AM, KBEST 95.7 FM

# Sports in brief

## AP Top 10 High School Rankings entering Week 2

- Class 5A**
1. Euless Trinity (1-0)
  2. Plano (2-0)
  3. Galena Park North Shore (2-0)
  4. Southlake Carroll (2-0)
  5. Abilene (2-0)
  6. Allen (2-0)
  7. Odessa Permian (2-0)
  9. Spring Westfield (1-0)
  8. Round Rock Stony Point (2-0)
  10. Lufkin (2-0)

- Class 4A**
1. Austin Lake Travis (2-0)
  2. Everman (3-0)
  3. Dallas Highland Park (2-0)
  4. Abilene Cooper (2-0)
  5. Aledo (2-0)
  6. Port Lavaca Calhoun (2-0)
  7. Wichita Falls Rider (0-2)
  8. Longview (1-1)
  9. Texas City (2-0)
  10. Texarkana Texas (2-0)

Notes: No. 2 Everman played Thursday, routing Fort Worth Southwest, 48-6. No. 7 Wichita Falls Rider also

played Thursday, falling to Sulphur Springs 22-16.

- Class 3A**
1. Liberty Hill (2-0)
  2. Celina (2-0)
  3. Waco LaVega (2-0)
  4. Cuero (2-0)
  5. China Spring (2-0)
  6. Navasota (2-0)
  7. West Orange-Stark (2-0)
  8. Gilmer (2-0)
  9. Sealy (2-0)
  10. Abilene Wylie (1-1)
- Class 2A**
1. Cisco (2-0)
  2. Crane (2-0)
  3. Pilot Point (2-0)
  4. Arp (2-0)
  5. Hitchcock (2-0)
  6. Kirbyville (2-0)
  7. Elysian Fields (2-0)
  8. Refugio (2-0)
  9. Altair Rice (2-0)
  10. Blanco (2-0)
- Class A**
1. Canadian (2-0)
  2. Stratford (2-0)
  3. Maud (1-0)

4. Cayuga (2-0)
5. Roscoe (1-1)
6. Itasca (2-0)
7. Normangee (2-0)
8. Alto (1-1)
9. Mart (1-1)
10. Sundown (1-1)

## Howard College schedules mini-cheer camp and Battle

Howard College is preparing to host its annual mini-cheer camp as well as the Battle of the Cheerleaders Sept. 20.

The cheer camp is for girls from kindergarten through sixth grade. Registration is from 8-9 a.m. Sept. 20 with the actual camp lasting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$25.

All campers will then perform at the Battle of the Cheerleaders set to begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 20. The Battle is open to any organized cheer squad at the high school or junior high levels.

Beginning this year, a traveling trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Admission is \$3 with students, cheerleaders and sponsors being admitted free.

## Obituaries

### Carl Raymond Frazier



Carl Raymond Frazier, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008, after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at the Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 14, 1929, in Tulsa, Okla., and married Billie W. Merrick Jan. 7, 1950, in Big Spring.

Carl was a longtime resident of Howard County. He had worked at Cosden Refinery for 42 years, retiring in 1993. After his retirement he continued as a consultant for seven more years.

He served in the United States Air Force for four years during the Korean conflict. He was a faithful member of Midway Baptist Church since 1962, served as Chairman of the Deacons since 1968 and taught the Men's Sunday School Class for many years. He loved working in his yard and traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Frazier of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Paul Davis of Stanton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tracy and Linda Frazier of Andrews, and Tony and Tina Frazier of Lubbock; seven grandchildren, Wendy Davis, Brady Frazier, Daniel Melville, Travis Frazier, Joel Melville, Lorian Frazier and Ashlyn Frazier; one brother and sister-in-law, Don and Shirley Frazier of Albuquerque, N.M.; and one sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Loyd Hammon of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Sylvia Frazier, and an infant daughter, Nancy Frazier.

Pallbearers will be Pat Johnson, Sam Hammon, Steve Merrick, Todd Frazier, Greg Frazier, Shawn Frazier, Brady Frazier, Daniel Melville, Travis Frazier and Joel Melville. Honorary pallbearers will be the Deacons of Midway Baptist Church.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Charles Lee Matthews



Charles Lee Matthews, 43, of Roanoke, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, at Roanoke. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Berea Baptist Church with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor, officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 8, 1964, in Aurora, Colo. He graduated from Big Spring High School and entered the Army, serving from 1983 until 1986. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by a son, Brandon Lee Matthews of Fort Worth; parents, Jewell and Charles O. Matthews of Big Spring; two sisters, Katherine Ruth Reyes and Katrina Marsette Schultz, both of Big Spring; and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Fred Matthews; and a great nephew, Aiden Matthews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Fred. C. Cox

Fred C. Cox, 65, of Lorena passed away Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008, in Waco. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, at Robinson First Baptist Church with the Rev. Micheal Moore officiating. Burial will be in Mineral Cemetery near Beeville at 5 p.m. There will be a reception following the graveside at Beeville First Baptist Church.

Fred was born Nov. 19, 1942, in Orange to Ward Cox and Ruby Dell (Williams) Cox. He graduated from Beeville High School and from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, receiving a B.S. Degree. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was County Judge in Hamilton County for 4 years. He was a member of Robinson First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Linda L. Cox; a daughter, Jill Rene' Cox-Ankeney and husband William of Austin; a son, Brady K. Cox and wife Lori of Frisco; two grandsons; two sisters, Violet Dell Hutcheson of Big Spring, and Lin Cox of Beeville; and a niece.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the South Texas Childrens Home in Beeville.

Arrangements are by Pecan Grove Funeral Home in Waco.

### Ruby Ruth Allgood

Ruby Ruth Allgood, 82, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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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:

- KALEB HEADRICK, 20, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.

- KELLY FORSHÉE, 40, of 1519 Kentucky Way, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, possession of a dangerous drug and possession of a controlled substance.

- AURTHUR CALLAWAY, 19, of 1301 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

- ROBERT CASEY, 29, homeless, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

- MELISSA HUFF, 43, of San Antonio, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JESSE CLASSEN, 50, of Pleasanton, was arrested Wednesday on two local citations.

- LOUIS KRUSE, 46, of Nebraska, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.

- ROCKY AUTRY, 25, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of burglary of a building.

- ERNEST CLARK, 68, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- DOMONIQUE WILLIAMS, 19, of 1309 Baylor, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- SHERRIE THOMPSON, 23, of 2409 Brumley, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.

- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

- THEFT was reported in the 700 block of Owens.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Virginia.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- ERNESTO TREVINO, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for deadly conduct - discharge of a firearm.

- CHERYL CLAYTON, 39, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check (three counts) and charges of no valid inspection certificate, no liability insurance and driving while license invalid.

- JAMIE LEE ATKINSON, 40, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of a protective order.

- KATHRENE CHAVARRIA, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a dangerous drug and failure to appear - credit/debit card abuse.

- LINDA GAIL NORMAN, 49, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of criminal trespass and a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

- DANIELLE MARIE RAWLS, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).

- KELLY DAWN FORSHÉE, 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, possession of a dangerous drug and possession of a controlled substance.

- BRUCE WAYNE RHOADES, 48, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.

- DANTE IVAN RODRIGUEZ, 43, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.

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## Bulletin Board

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

**SATURDAY**  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**MONDAY**  
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

- 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.

- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.

- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

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

- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

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

## Take Note

- The jury summons slated for Monday in 118<sup>th</sup> District Court has been cancelled. Residents receiving a jury summons for that date can ignore it.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

- A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

- Big Spring High School Journalism Department will have last year's and past years' yearbooks available for purchase at the Homecoming 2008 game Friday night at its booth under the home stands at Memorial Stadium. If you are missing one of your high school yearbooks, you might visit the booth before or during the game.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-23-26-35. Bonus Ball: 9.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-8-28-33.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-2-1-8. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-7-1. Sum it Up: 15

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# Big fish



Courtesy photo

**Eleven-year-old Marc Buchanan of Big Spring shows off an eight pound, six ounce large-mouthed bass he caught in Comanche Lake at Comanche Trail Park Aug. 30.**

## WATSON

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in their homecoming game against Pampa.

The Harvesters prefer to throw the ball more than run it, meaning Big Spring might want to hold onto the ball for long periods of time in order to keep Pampa's quick strike offense off the field.

Also, the sun is not expected to be shining too much throughout the day and thunderstorms remain in the forecast through the night. The wet weather has a way of

slowing down a passing game with more emphasis generally being put on a ground attack.

That type of scenario doesn't worry Watson a bit.

"I've spent my time in the weight room, preparing for every situation. I'm strong enough in my lower body and have good technique," he said. "I work on that stuff a lot. I have to. It's the only way I can get an advantage. I know I have to get off the ball quicker than every player I match up against. It's all about speed and technique for me. That and I just have to want it more than the other guy."

## ROMO

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started thinking:

"We are all Eagles fans. Go Philly! And while you're at it, kick Romeo's butt!"

Fans will recall this isn't the first time Simpson affixed a big "kick-me" sign to her boyfriend's backside. A video of the two canoodling on a sun-splashed beach in Mexico during the Cowboys' playoff bye week last January raised quite a ruckus. And after the Giants went into Dallas and won shortly after, the people who whined Romo should have been studying film instead of starlets had all the proof they needed.

The New York Post, which hired a Simpson-impersonator at considerable expense and sat her a few rows behind the Cowboys' bench, even crowed: "She must have made the difference — Romo's final drive was stopped short of the end zone." Whatever.

Romo probably wishes

Simpson chose her spots a little more carefully — two of the worst clunkers on his impressive resume have come against the Eagles at home. But as we said, he knows it comes with the territory.

When the subject of Simpson's trash-talking came up Wednesday at his weekly media session, Romo raised his hands in a defensive posture and smiled, good-naturedly letting reporters know his "nothing-personal, just-football" interview policy was still in effect. What he didn't mind discussing was how hard he'd worked during the offseason to stop scampering around the pocket — a condition known as "happy feet" — every time a defense brings pressure.

That's because Romo knows that his improvement in that department will have a lot more to do with the Cowboys' performance against Philly than all the jinxes in the world. Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Johnson is a certified genius at blitzing. We're going to find out

whether the kid really did his homework, whether he's able to handle distractions a lot more perilous than any Simpson can cause him.

"They're not going to let you go through your stuff," Romo said about the Eagles earlier in the week. "You've got to work fast. Teams that do that also give you a chance to create big plays if you know their personnel or if you know what they're trying to hope for."

Romo came into the league with a gunslinger's mentality and way too often, he took that pressure as an invitation to scramble — with mixed results. Now, with a little seasoning, he's hoping to exploit it, not just by standing in the pocket longer, but standing farther back, and buying himself more time to make his reads and make better plays. Just like the playoff loss to the Giants and the two against the Eagles at home, his success will hinge in large part on whether Romo's offensive line and running backs do their jobs, too.

play in an NFL game," he said. "Just tell us when the game is and where to play it and we'll play it."

Texans tight end Owen Daniels said the hurricane isn't a distraction and is a bit intrigued at the prospect of going through one.

He has a degree in atmospheric and oceanic sciences and hopes to be a television weatherman one day.

"I would say (I'm) more fasci-

nated and interested to know what it's actually like or what it looks like or what it feels like than scared by what is going to happen," he said. "I think if we were out closer to the gulf I would be a little more scared."

Texans center Chris Myers said he went through Hurricane Andrew, the last category 5 storm that made landfall in the United States, in Florida in 1992 when he was 11 years old.

"After going through a catego-

second interception, and he appeared as if he didn't want to return to the game. Fisher pulled his headset off and talked to him before the quarterback joined the rest of the offense.

Four plays later, Young sprained his left medial collateral ligament when Jaguars linebacker Daryl Smith crashed into his left knee.

Young didn't go to the Titans' headquarters Monday, and Fisher went to his quarterback's house. The Titans also sent a psychologist and another team official to talk with Young. He was described as being emotionally down. Young said Thursday that lasted half a day and he was upset over his two interceptions.

Fisher told Young to go take the MRI exam needed to determine the extent of the damage to his knee. Young didn't go. But with so many people at his house, Young said, he needed space to think.

"Let the cloud go away for a minute, and that's what I did. I left. My mom seen me; she thought I wasn't in my right mind. At the same time, I was watching the game, watching Aaron Rodgers do his things ... eating some hot wings," Young said.

The quarterback said he didn't realize he had to tell his mother where he was going.

"Even though you're paying your own bills at your own house, you still got to tell your mama where you are going now. So I understand where my mama's coming from. She wanted to know where I'm going because I didn't take my cell phone because so many people were calling me and

making sure I'm all right," he said.

Those comments from his mother about his not wanting to play? Young blamed the media.

"She know I don't want to leave football. She knows I love this game. She's the one that put me in this game. I'm here. I'm ready to play, but right now I'm rehabbing," he said.

Young didn't talk about the police, including crisis negotiators, waiting for him at the Titans' headquarters when he arrived to talk with Fisher nor what they discussed. He thanked the franchise for being behind him.

As far as his injured knee, Young said only that it is sore and he is working hard to heal up. He won't rush back too soon for fear of aggravating the injury.

The Titans have listed him as out for Sunday's game at Cincinnati and have given no timetable for how long he might be sidelined. Young walked stiffly with a black wrap around his knee and promised he is arriving for treatment around 6:30 a.m.

He missed one game in 2007 with a strained quadriceps muscle, came back a week later and wasn't the same the rest of the season.

Fisher said Young is doing fine.

"First and foremost is getting his knee back, taking care of his treatment and getting his mind back in football," the coach said.

Helping Young do that have been his mentor, Steve McNair, and quarterbacks like Donovan McNabb. Young said he also will sit down with teammate Kerry Collins for advice.

## SANDS

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a touchdown.

On Trent's next play from scrimmage, Rogers picked off the ball and ran it in from 30 yards out. Rogers connected with Ethan Zant before the end of the opening quarter, pushing Sands out to a quick 28-0 lead.

Rogers threw a second touchdown pass in the second to Seth Fry and the Mustangs held a dom-

inant 36-0 lead at the half.

They made quick work of the Gorillas in the third quarter with Armendariz taking the spotlight. He scored on a 2-yard plunge on Sands' opening drive of the second half and then ended the game with a 56-yard punt return, giving the Mustangs the decisive 48-0 advantage.

Sands tries to remain undefeated next week against Division I foe Sterling City. The Eagles are entering their first season as a six-man squad.

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### First quarter

Sands — Johnny Rogers 4 run (Seth Fry kick failed)  
Sands — Daniel Armendariz 38 interception return (Fry kick failed)  
Sands — Rogers 30 interception return (Fry kick good)  
Sands — Ethan Zant 3 pass from Rogers (Fry kick good)

### Second quarter

Sands — Fry 17 pass from Rogers (Fry kick good)

### Third quarter

Sands — Armendariz 2 run (Fry kick failed)  
Sands — Armendariz 56 punt return

receiver, lay on the turf after getting knocked down and had to be stretchered off.

If fans needed another reminder to be careful what they wish for, here it is: The NFL is getting faster and tougher by the year, and injuries are piling up at an alarming rate. Three quarterbacks went down on the opening weekend, following a 2007 season in which 64 QBs started games, exactly half of them because of injuries. According to research by STATS, those injuries cost teams a collective 133 man-games.

More backup QBs mean more limited offenses, which means more boring football for everybody. So just because Romo's girlfriend likes to chirp is no reason to be a hater. Besides, Tom Brady's girlfriend, Gisele Bundchen, was the very supermodel of discretion, and look at what good it did him.

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## TEXANS

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Ravens offensive coordinator Cam Cameron worked for the Chargers in 2003 when California wildfires caused a game against the Miami Dolphins to be moved to Monday night at Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium.

"We all have an understanding that it's a blessing to coach or

ty of the storm.

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The Texans moved their scheduled Friday practice to Thursday night to allow players to have Friday off to take care of their homes and families. The players are scheduled to be off until Sunday morning, but that could change depending on the severi-

ty of the storm.

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# Forecaster warns of 'certain death' as Ike looms

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — A sprawling and strengthening Hurricane Ike steamed through the Gulf of Mexico on Friday on a track toward the nation's fourth-largest city, where authorities told residents to brace rather than flee. Closer to the coast, small towns were mostly empty after forecasters issued dire warnings the storm could kill.

Ike's 105-mph winds and potential 50-foot waves stopped the Coast Guard from attempting a risky helicopter rescue of 22 people aboard a 584-foot freighter that broke down in the path of the storm about 90 miles southeast of Galveston, Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Berry said. The ship was hauling petroleum coke used to fuel furnaces at steel plants.

Ike's eye was forecast to strike somewhere near Galveston late Friday or early Saturday, but the massive system was already buffeting Texas and Louisiana, causing flooding along the Louisiana coast still recov-

ering from Labor Day's Hurricane Gustav.

The National Weather Service warned residents of smaller structures on Galveston they could "face certain death" if they ignored an order to evacuate; most had complied, along with hundreds of thousands of fellow Texans in counties up and down the coastline.

But a stubborn few decided to stay. Emory Sallie, 44, said he had ridden storms out in the past and didn't think Ike would be any different. He didn't believe the dire warnings — he was more worried about the wind, not the flooding.

"If the island is going to disappear it has to be a tsunami," he said, as he walked along the block where his home is located, drinking a beer and smoking a cigarette. "If it ain't your time you ain't going anywhere."

In Surfside Beach, a small coastal town of about 805, construction worker Bobby Taylor decided to stay, even though his wife, Elizabeth, was leaving and the waves had already been whipped

up so high their home was flooded. Police there were using a dump truck to try to reach flooded residences.

"There's no changing his mind so I just have to pray for him and hope for the best," she said, her green eyes misting. "I just worry about him. I think it's going to get a lot worse than he realizes, and then there's no way to get out of here."

President Bush was briefed on the storm Friday by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, and spoke with Texas Gov. Rick Perry Thursday.

"I'm deeply concerned about Hurricane Ike. It's a large storm headed to a major population center," Bush said during a visit to Oklahoma Friday.

Officials said inland residents should not flock to the roadways en masse, creating the same kind of gridlock that cost lives — and a little political capital — when Hurricane Rita threatened Houston in 2005. Some evacuation orders were in effect for low-lying sections of the Houston area, but for

the most part, people stayed. Large hospitals in the city moved some patients away from windows, but they did not flee.

"It will be, in candor, something that people will be scared of," Houston Mayor Bill White said. "A number of people in this community have not experienced the magnitude of these winds."

The decision is a stark contrast to how emergency management officials responded to Hurricane Rita in 2005. As the storm closed in three years ago, the region implemented its plan: Evacuate the 2 million people in the coastal communities first, past the metropolis of Houston; once they were out of harm's way, Houston would follow in an orderly fashion.

But three days before landfall, Rita bloomed into a Category 5 and tracked toward the city. City and Harris County officials told Houstonians to hit the road. The evacuation itself wound up far more dangerous than the storm: 110 people died during the effort.

# TRIBUTE

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ties to Howard County who have lost their lives in the war against terrorism.

They include U.S. Army Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, 1986-2008; former Big Spring police officer Steven Evrard, 1971-2007; U.S. Army Pfc. Clayton Henson, 1983-2004; U.S. Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, 1983-2006; U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Chad Metcalf, 1982-2003; U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Clinton Newman, 1979-2006; U.S. Army Spc. Robert J. Volker, 1985-2006 and U.S. Army Spc. Branden Long, 1987-2007.

Guest speakers for the evening included Dr. Darryl Powell, retired U.S. Army brigadier general; Steven Hedges, Big Spring Fire Department deputy chief; and David Justice, senior warden at the Big Spring Correctional Center.

Poet John Pilgram, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Vietnam, read two his poems "The Other Veteran" and "Freedom."

Also participating in the tribute were Mike Tarpley, a Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Army. He began by leading the crowd in the pledge of allegiance. Debbie Mullin sang the Star Spangled Banner and U.S. Army Chaplain Dean Thomas of the Big Spring VA Medical Center gave the opening prayer.

Vocalists Ruth Jackson and Ellen Phillips sang "Remember, America!" a composition by local resident Ann Hollis Ward.

Closing out the ceremony were Joe Wineck, who sang "Amazing Grace." Rick Cunningham gave the closing prayer and Mike Tarpley played "Taps."

# ROYALTY

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- Chelsea Franco, the daughter of Tony Franco and Josie Ochoa. She is a member of the student council, band, color guard and the Bible Club.
- Channing Martin, the daughter of John and Karen Martin. She represents the student council and is a member of the National Honor Society.

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- Crystal Torres, the daughter of Gloria Hernandez and Adam Torres. She is a member of the student council, Spanish Club and participates in track and field.
- Traosha Walker, the daughter of Teresa Walker. She is an active member of Cornerstone Covenant Church and participates in track and field.

The five senior boys nominated for homecoming king are:

- Chris Brooks, the son of Greg and Lisa Brooks. He is a member of National Honor Society and Spanish Club and participates in football and basketball.
- Cameron Hughey, the son of Kim and Geoff Hughey. He participates in swimming and is the Spanish Club vice president.
- Sidney Parker Jr., the son of Sidney Parker Sr. He is captain

of the varsity football team and participates in basketball and track and is a member of the student council.

- Sammy Segundo, the son of Sam and Christina Segundo. He participates in theater, cross country and basketball and is parliamentarian of the student council.
- Joshua Wilson, the son of Ernest Wilson and Lisa Cooper. He participates in theater.

The homecoming queen will be crowned by last year's king, Jon Smith, while the homecoming king will be presented a sash by last year's queen, Ale Garcia.

The ballgame will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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# SEARCH

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Big Spring choose Dr. Marshall's firm," said Jody Reid, president of the CISD school board. "They've done an incredible job for us. They do very thorough work ... and they develop information that you're not going to typically get from other firms."

That kind of strong recommendation weighed heavily on Big Spring ISD's decision to hire Marshall's firm.

"The fact that he's currently a superintendent

himself and is involved in the day-to-day operation of a school district was a big plus," BSISD Trustee Michael Dawson said. "And he comes highly recommended by our neighboring district in Coahoma."

Marshall said the firm's first step will be to meet with BSISD trustees and employees, as well as community members, to develop a working idea of the type of candidate the district needs. After that, Arrow will screen applications for the position for between four to six weeks.

He said BSISD should have no trouble attracting

a large number of qualified applicants.

"You want quality rather than quantity. I know that sounds like a cliché, but it's true," he said. "We will probably receive at least 30 applications."

Reid said Coahoma received 41 applications for its superintendent position.

"That's quite a few for a small district like ours," he noted. "They brought us some very good candidates and made it very hard for us to decide on just one finalist."

After screening the total pool of applicants, Mar-

shall and his associates will present trustees with a list of recommended finalists.

"That's usually between four and seven candidates," Marshall said. "It depends on the depth and quality of the pool."

Irene Galan, president of the BSISD school board, said trustees will likely hold two rounds of candidate interviews after that. If all goes well, a new superintendent should be in place by first of the new year, Marshall said.

BSISD has been without a full-time superintendent since Downes resigned

in late June. Michael Stevens, the former superintendent at Hereford ISD, is heading the district on an interim basis.

In other business, trustees approved:

- A lease agreement with Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin to continue using Lake View School as home to the Big Spring Head Start program.
- The purchase of four school buses for \$360,000.
- The hiring of high school English teacher Dalia C. Benavides and Bauer Elementary special education teacher Ramona Hall.

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# FLOAT

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a major concern when we're at the park and so close to town, and while we're all insured just in case of an accident, we prefer not to take unnecessary chances in that environment."

According to Big Spring Model Aircraft Association member Don McKinney — who also just happens

to be the annual event's namesake — flying model aircraft is more than just a hobby.

"It's a family-oriented club," said McKinney. "The entire organization is set up for youngsters and adults. The rules are that we use don't allow any alcohol or drugs in it, so it's a really good hobby for the entire family to enjoy."

The annual event — which will be held at Comanche Trail Park near

the Dora Roberts Community Center and is expected to take to the skies of the park from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday — will offer model aircraft pilots and enthusiasts the chance to take off from the waters of the city's municipal lake.

Miller said lunch will also be available both days.

"We always have brisket at the Float and Fly, and this year is no exception,"

said Miller. "We'll offer brisket plates, complete with things like beans and potato salad, for \$5 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday."

For more information on the Float and Fly, contact Miller at 398-5434.

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# 4-H

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vice president; Harrison Chevalier, secretary; Brittney Hergert, treasurer

er; Molly Walker, reporter; Nathan Gomez, parliamentarian; and Sherrie Chevalier, Amy Burchett and Tiana Hergert, club managers.

Molly Walker, 4-H reporter

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## OTHER VIEWS

Anticlimax  
over Iraq  
drawdown

President George W. Bush announced Tuesday that the United States would begin drawing down troops in Iraq next year. Why, five and a half years into the war, did that long-awaited announcement land with barely a thud?

Two years ago such an announcement would have been hailed with trumpets. Instead, the president's speech at the National Defense University, a Pentagon think tank in Washington, was greeted mostly with shrugs.

The two presidential candidates, of course, reacted. It's their job. Democrat Barack Obama said at a news conference in Dayton, Ohio, that Bush's "plan comes up short — it is not enough troops, and not enough resources, with not enough urgency."

Republican John McCain later issued a statement reacting not so much to Bush's announcement but to Obama's statement, "Withdrawing U.S. troops as Iraqi forces are able to assume greater responsibility, and as our enemies in Iraq are being increasingly weakened, is the right way to bring this war to a successful conclusion."

Maybe that's why Bush's announcement seemed almost irrelevant. While one Marine battalion will be withdrawn this fall and not replaced, most of the reduction won't occur until late January, after this president has handed the problem off to his successor. And even then, there will still be 138,000 U.S. troops on the ground in Iraq, more than there were in January 2007 when Bush's vaunted troop surge began.

The suspicion grows, too, that regardless of who wins the White House in November, much of the decision about when and how to withdraw U.S. troops will be out of his control. Obama has made much of his 16-month phased timeline for troop withdrawals. McCain, having abandoned his flippant "100-year" timeline, continues to insist on "victory."

But in practical terms, "victory" in Iraq may look a lot like a phased 16-month withdrawal, both of them based on conditions that will be imposed in Iraq, not Washington. To the extent that the troop surge was supposed to reduce violence in Iraq, it succeeded. To the extent that it was supposed to buy time for the Iraqis to form a working, consensus government, it failed.

Iraq's Shiite-dominated central government is feeling nationalistic, which is to say sectarian, reluctant to enroll 100,000 Sunni "Sons of Iraq" into its security forces and insisting that Iraqis, not U.S. politicians, will set the timetable for U.S. withdrawal.

Meanwhile, in northern Iraq, control of the vital oil center of Kirkuk remains an unanswered question, with Kurdish nationalists squared off against the central government.

That raises the possibility — touted over the weekend by the Democratic vice-presidential nominee — that Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., was right in May 2006 when he wrote that since Iraq eventually would devolve into three states, one Kurdish, one Shiite and one Sunni, U.S. policy should encourage the inevitable.

Clearly the United States doesn't want 138,000 troops on the ground permanently presiding over a tripartite Iraq. As Steve Coll reported in the Sept. 8 edition of *The New Yorker*, some of the U.S. military's best young thinkers now believe that "Even if Iraq holds onto its embryonic democracy, it may be settling into a state that resembles Algeria or Colombia — unstable and troubled by internal violence but secure within its borders and unthreatened by existential collapse."

"This may not be the 'victory' sought by Bush administration speechwriters, but for many Americans in both major political parties, after the expenditure of so much blood and treasure in a war that became a strategic cul-de-sac, it would be more than good enough."

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## Ten Commandments for men

In a day where men are expected to get in touch with their feminine side let me say in all my hairy-leggedness, I am glad to be a man. I celebrate my masculinity and think that it's cool to be a guy. In spite of what the Feminazis you have worked for have to say, its OK to be a man.

I believe with all my heart that men and women are supposed to be equal but I don't believe they are supposed to be the same. Most men today have women for mentors and are pressured to act in a politically correct way that denies their identity and insures everyone in office can get along. Meanwhile TV, movies and advertisements increasingly portray men as simple-minded buffoons and as pawns to female strength and competence. Whatever!

It's produced a bunch of limp-wristed wimps that can't get anything done. May God save us from men who won't work and can't feel secure unless their wife is holding their hand. May God also save us from a political agenda that appoints Lorena Bobbitt for Surgeon General.

Men, let me encourage you to fire up your man gene and be an independent visionary. Go outside and spit in the yard and quit shaving the hair off your chest. It's ridiculous.

Seriously, when it comes to being a Godly man, there are Ten Commandments I teach at men's meetings. I encourage you guys to read through them between oiling your gun and flexing your muscles.

## (1) Be a prayer warrior

Get on your knees and fight like a man. Pray in a loving way for your family and at times when they can

hear you praying for them. I actually have a prayer sword that I hold while praying for my house and when the kids wake up and see the sword is out they know I was up fighting for them last night.

## (2) Impact your family before you attempt to impact the world.

I am a pastor of a church that I love greatly. But if I have to choose between my church and my family the church is not only out of luck but also out of a pastor. It's not that our family doesn't often have to make severe sacrifices, men who won't make sacrifices are wimps. It's that my first priority in ministry is to my wife and kids. I think a lot of pastors have really messed up on that and I've decided to man-up instead.

## (3) Impress your children, not your buddies.

Your friends in life will come and go but your family is forever. Don't always be expecting them to think and be relational on your level. For you to make an impact in your kids you have to think and be relational on their level. That's why you're the dad.

## (4) Do something good in your community

Get off the couch and make a difference. The most dangerous thing in your house is not the gun in your closet but the EZ chair in your living room. Help somebody, feed somebody, clothe somebody, clean something up, and help make somebody's life better in some tangible way. Demonstrate making a difference in other people's lives and include your family in it.

## (5) Be a God chaser

The Kingdom is progressive and Godly men should get better and better at their pursuit of God, godliness and Kingdom of God living. If you're not progressing, you are not walking the walk.

## (6) Take ownership of your mistakes

If you want to be the hero to your house, sit them all down some day and tell them what you've done, how it was wrong and how it has hurt the house. Apologize for what you said, did or how you acted and ask them to forgive you.

## (7) Make necessary corrections

Don't let any chick in a suit (or a man who acts like one) tell you not to discipline your kids. Have strict guidelines and outright confront things that need to be dealt with. Part of being a man of God is ending ongoing issues and finding solutions to destructive patterns within your family. You're going to have to constantly adjust and make changes throughout your life. Get over it.

## (8) Be a motivator

Be hope oriented. Be a visionary. Be big picture minded. Be positive. Get out of your box and do things adventurous. Don't be a whining sad sack who moans about how you've been victimized.

## (9) Value integrity

Be somebody who doesn't have to have an amen corner to do the right thing. Make good choices and don't abide anybody who won't. Remember God chooses character before charisma.

## (10) Intercede daily for your family

While being a prayer warrior demonstrates strength through prayer, there are things that should never be heard by anyone other than the Lord. Your fears, frustrations and disappointments over your family should be between you and God and that's it. If they know or never know it, you should be somebody they can count on to be their most able advocate in heaven's court.

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## Democrats and the backwoods upstart

"You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig," Sen. Barack Obama said Tuesday — thereby spawning one of those vacuous debates that will consume at least two days of air time on cable news talk shows.

Thank Sen. John McCain's campaign for holding a press call afterward asking Obama to apologize for comparing running mate Sarah Palin to a pig. And then you get instant mindless controversy.

Obama dismissed the gambit as "phony outrage." And: "Nobody actually believes that these folks are offended." No lie. It's why folks call this the silly season.

Obama also had said, "You can wrap an old fish in a piece of paper called 'change;' it's still going to stink after eight years." What next? Will McCain's Navy demand that Obama apologize to old fish, too?

As for Obama, he, too, has climbed on to the fake umbrage platform. Note how the instant anyone criticizes him, Obama decries "Swift boat politics" — evoking the independent 2004 campaign that took on Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry's war record and character.

Obama just can't help himself. The Democratic nominee brought up the "Swift boat" ads again Wednesday — undeterred by the

left's series of scurrilous personal attacks against GOP vice presidential candidate Palin and her family. It started with a Daily Kos story alleging that Palin was actually the grandmother of her infant son, Trig.

But it didn't end there. The folks at Factcheck.org felt compelled to respond to a flood of falsehoods being spread about Palin. As the organization reported, "She did not demand that books be banned from the Wasilla library."

"She was never a member of the (secessionist) Alaskan Independence Party." And: "Palin has not pushed for teaching creationism in Alaska's schools." Straight news stories have proved meetings in which Palin, then a rookie mayor, asked Wasilla librarian Mary Ellen Emmons about removing books from the library. Palin never named any specific books. No books were banned.

The librarian kept her job. But none of that matters.

In a 2006 gubernatorial debate, Palin said she believed in a "healthy debate" in public schools between creationism and evolution — and that reasonable view has been contorted into Palin wanting to force her creationist views down others' throats.

Actually, it is the side that wants no debate that is intolerant.

Methinks if the media believe in such strict scrutiny of Palin's past, then perhaps reporters might want to look at Obama's association with Bill Ayers, formerly of the bomb-happy radical Weather Un-

derground when Obama was a state legislator. Or is it only permissible to have flirted with your political persuasion's far side only if you are a Democrat?

Yes, Palin was for the Bridge to Nowhere before she was against it. Still, she was against it. And try as they might, Team Obama can't erase the fact that Palin stood up to the good old boys in the Alaskan GOP establishment.

The real smear is the insistence of Camp Obama that Palin is patently inexperienced — an odd claim coming from a campaign whose candidate began running for the White House two years into his first term as a U.S. senator.

Now maybe Palin will stumble and show the country that she is not ready to be a heartbeat away from the presidency. But the Democrats can't wait for that day, or limit the debate to the issues, because they want so much to destroy this backwoods upstart.

In that spirit, South Carolina Democratic Chairwoman Carol Fowler told Politico.com that Palin's "primary qualification seems to be that she hasn't had an abortion." If I were Obama, I'd stow the Swift boat laments.

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# Treasure your family and home

Something divine is at stake in man's existence. Just as life begins with God, so also do the family and home. Life is a partnership between God and man. This is why all life is holy and we do not practice deceit toward others.

The Bible makes it clear that man is destined for high things, but the family has somehow been cheapened to little more than a bargain-basement sale item. We have failed to understand that the creation of man was God's supreme accomplishment. Society has tried to destroy the family unit, either through ignorance or a lack of respect. It has worked diligently to discredit and change the strongest unit on planet earth, the family.

Since the family was created by and belongs to God, He determined its inner structure. On a small scale, the family unit resembles a miniature corporation, a small business with the husband as the president, the wife as vice-president, and the children as board members.

If this theory was practiced today, the family would be a strong, thriving unit. However, as it is, no other institution has been as abused, misused, or come under as much attack as the family unit. The family's blueprint and origin were designed by God and His Word is forever settled in heaven. This means that it will never change from God's original plan. It may become tattered and fragile, but it will never be destroyed. No man has the power to destroy what God has created.

It is in the confines of a good, upright family that character is molded. It is

in this setting that the child learns to cope with life in the outside world. Without this knowledge and training, the child does not grow easily into a social human being. For this reason, an enormous responsibility is placed on the shoulders of the parents to model a lifestyle of discipline, integrity, and good character traits before their children.

If parents would view the home as God's learning base for their children, and would be as diligent about their home duties as they are about their outside jobs, we would not see the divorce rate increasing as we are today. Whether parents know it or not, children matter. They are human beings, and they really do count. It is a parent's responsibility to model, train, and teach their children good character.

Apart from the parent's relationship with God and their spouse, the children are next in priority. They must be treated with respect and love. No child should be yelled at since they BECOME what they live.

The secret to a successful marriage and family life is simpler than most believe it to be. To create a successful home is not a difficult task; it just takes respect for the other person, whether it is a child or an adult. Children deserve respect, too. Parents are to train and model a life of good character before their children.

Psalms 127:4 says, "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth." These words paint one of the most powerful portraits of parenting illustrated in the Bible. It reveals the awesome privilege God has given parents, the privilege of fashioning their children into obedient, faithful and responsible adults. Children are to be trained for success — and God has called parents to do the job.

God bless.



JERRIE STOCKS

## Church News

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Bible study at 5:17 p.m., Youth Group from 6-8 p.m., and choir practice at 6 p.m. met Wednesday.

Thursday evening at 6 p.m. the Working Women's Bible Study met in the church parlor.

Saturday, our congregation is invited to the Fall Frolic at First Presbyterian, Coahoma. This evening of shared talent and fellowship begins at 7 p.m. in the church social hall.

Also Saturday, from 9-11 a.m. the women are invited to the Fall Presbyterian Women's Creation and Crossroads Cluster Meeting at First Presbyterian in Odessa at 1401 N. Sam Houston.

The Session of the church will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the church library and the Encouragers' support group will meet at the same hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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 lunch after worship Sunday.

Liturgist for September is Mike Robinson. Communion servers for the month are Neva Green, Paula Farquhar, Pat Fleming, and Karen Schaedel. Ellen Austin, Caitlin Jones, Weldon Jones, and Baylor Walker are ushers/greeters.

The lectionary for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 14:19-21; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35. The

choir will offer "O For the Wings of a Dove" by Hand/Mendelssohn and "Bless the Lord" by Ippolitoff-Ivanoff as anthems. Rev. Bronaugh will preach on the subject "18 Inches of Water."

### First United Methodist Church

The Rev. Sharon Wiese, senior pastor, will return to the pulpit Sunday, preaching from Romans 16:16 with a sermon titled, "Greet One Another." Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. each Sunday with mid-week Bible study and lunch at noon on Wednesdays in Garrett Hall.

Sunday school classes for all ages are at 9:45 a.m. each week. And we are experiencing a new sound at First Methodist: the sound of walls coming down to make room for bigger classes. What a blessing.

Check on the small group meetings that are new for fall. There's Character in Family, Torch Family Groups, Marriage on the Rock and Starting Point, a class for new members.

The banners are up and we are officially into Lord's Acre mode and it's an exciting time. The date is Oct. 4. That means it's time to prepare; start cooking those tasty items for the Mission Delicious bake sale.

One freezer has been set aside just for that. Classes are already working on readying their gift baskets and folks are working on new ideas for the live auction. The creativity is always amazing; from hunting trips to home baked bread, fish fries to fancy

dinners, heirlooms to hat boxes, you'll find it at the live or silent auction. And of course we start the day with Fall Festival, fun and fellowship for the entire family. And steaks for lunch at Fourth and Scurry. All day Oct. 4.

It's First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

### First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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

The bi-monthly Frolic, where anyone who wishes may sing, play an instrument, read a story, poem, or joke or offer any other talent will be Saturday at 7 p.m. A light supper is provided, and everyone is welcome to come and share the fun.

The lectionary for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.

### Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church welcomes you this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service and Children's church at 11 a.m., and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m. A nursery is available at all Sunday services.

This Sunday at 6 p.m.,

See CHURCH, Page 7A

## NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

As they say, you can't stop progress. Uranus, the forward-thinking planet, meets the Virgo sun today, rallying for the evolution of our world. Instead of trying to stop changes from happening, drum up some enthusiasm for what's next. Fundamental shifts are taking place. Our tolerance for instability and disruption forcibly widens.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have energy to burn and so it will be tempting for you to jump onto every opportunity that comes along. However, there are only about two worth the effort. To sort the good ones from the bad, check in with your soul.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The challenges you meet in business mirror what you're dealing with in your personal life. Healing one side of the equation heals the other. You'll soon be making money in a more creatively satisfying way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's rare that you'd rather be alone than with your fantastic family, friends and colleagues, but it does happen. You rightly sense there's something to be gained from a few hours of silent solitude.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're so seriously focused that you can accomplish an entire days work in an incredibly short time span. Make it a solo mission. In the time it would take to instruct another person, you could just as soon do it yourself.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The glitches are easy to overcome, especially if you don't give them too much importance. You're playing big, so you don't have time to obsess over anything that's not working.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The distant past gets your attention. You're inclined to look into a piece of history that continues to impact you. And you have the power to resolve and release it once and for all.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People are inherently distrustful of those who cannot say "no." Today you find it just as easy to express your agreement as you do your disagreements, and you earn the trust of your peers along the way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This is no time to take your social responsibility seriously. You're better off taking it with playful irreverence, madness and mischief. Your friends will love you for it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All that's required for joyful living is within your grasp. You don't even have to pay for it. Your bliss comes free. It's a simple formula: Know what you like, and do that.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may not ask for help with your words, but there is something in you that calls out. The universe answers you, sending the perfect person to fill the requirements of your heart.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You needn't try and feel positive about what's going on. Feel how you feel. Wallow in it, or revel in it, whichever the case may be. The important part is that you accept yourself, your feelings and your right to them.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Just when you think your influence is minimal, you see how powerful you really are. There's irrefutable evidence today. Remember that with great power comes great responsibility.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** When a loved one can't come to you, you go after the one you love. **TAURUS:** Just as you get ready to turn it, someone proves you're really on the same page. **GEMINI:** The planets align for fun. Keep your

heart playful and your spirit light to stimulate romance. **CANCER:** You're at your happiest surrounded by or creating beauty. You don't even need to leave home. **LEO:** New information about an important relationship comes to light. You take it in stride. **VIRGO:** Don't worry about what others think of you. Chances are they're too busy worrying about themselves. **LIBRA:** An ardent admirer has the hots for you. Enjoy the attention and the company. **SCORPIO:** A surprising new attraction catches you off guard. Being honest with them about your intentions is the price of being this irresistible. **SAGITTARIUS:** Mutual friendships widen your circle of support. **CAPRICORN:** Success is your aphrodisiac, so sharing what you know or do well vicariously fuels your love life. **AQUARIUS:** Don't over-think the place of a significant relationship in your life. Love is your greatest teacher. **PISCES:** Take action on one issue you'd been ignoring to restore harmony to love.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Pisces people have a wise and dreamy way about them. If you believe in karma, it's easy to see the fish have been here and done that and can drop into one of their former incarnations for guidance. Aquarius is a seer of the future, so it shares Pisces' spiritual consciousness. As companions, they're a power couple of the new order.

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**Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: Three years ago, my sister invited us to her home, where she also had other guests who were rude to us, and whose teenage son hit my 6-year-old boy numerous times.

When I confronted the teen's father, the man repeatedly poked me in the face while my sister and the rest of her family did nothing.

My wife and I left with a bruised child and poke marks on my face. I haven't spoken to my sister since. I told my mother she owes us an apology.

It didn't bother me too much when my mother mentioned my sister during subsequent conversations. But she would not stop arguing with me about that visit, and sometimes things got heated.

I reminded her that all I want is an apology, and then Mom admitted she hasn't told my sister anything we've discussed and said I should e-mail her directly. So I did. Mom, however, wrote another e-mail, saying I was a 42-year-old brat and the whole thing was my fault. Now I'd like an apology from her, too.

I feel guilty because she is my mother, but for the sake of my wife and kids, I have taken the less-is-more approach to seeing her. I feel I am defending my family. Is there anything else I should be doing? — Angry Son

Dear Son: Demanding an apology is akin to an ultimatum. While it seems your sister, your mother and those rude guests certainly owe you at least one apiece, you have

pushed Mom and Sis into a corner, and instead of admitting fault, they prefer to shift the blame.

Forget about the apology. It won't happen. If you want to maintain a relationship, pretend this didn't happen while continuing to severely limit the time you spend together.

Keep conversation superficial so encounters remain pleasant, and if things get out of hand, leave immediately.

Dear Annie: We have two grandsons, ages 6 and 8. We have tried to take one child at a time and spend quality time with both of them. But our daughter-in-law says we have to take both so the other won't feel left out. When we do take both, they compete for our attention. It has become an unpleasant experience.

I have explained this to my daughter-in-law, but she is standing firm. Our son doesn't care. I am saddened and disheartened at their decision. I don't want to stop taking them places, but I can't put my husband and myself through this each time. What do we do? — One at a Time, Please

Dear One: The parents are being overly sensitive, but you can't fix that. Many grandparents invite their grandchildren on an excursion at a specific age.

It gives the children something to look forward to, and they know they will both will get a turn. If the parents permit, offer to take each boy somewhere special when he turns 10 — a trip out of town or a day seeing a

play and dinner. Until then, however, if you can't handle both of them, don't take either. Visit at their home until the boys are old enough to be more manageable.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Sanitary Sam" about public spitting. Laws against spitting on the sidewalk may not be enforced anymore, but you can still catch tuberculosis from spit.

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Dear Historian: Thanks for the health alert. You've probably scared a lot of people today, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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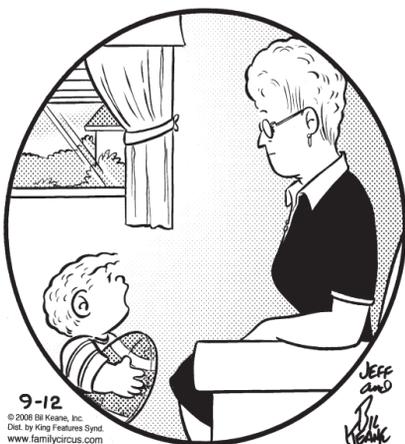
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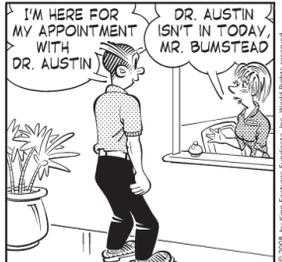


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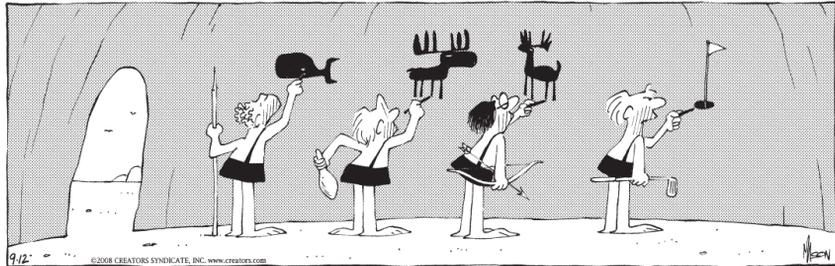
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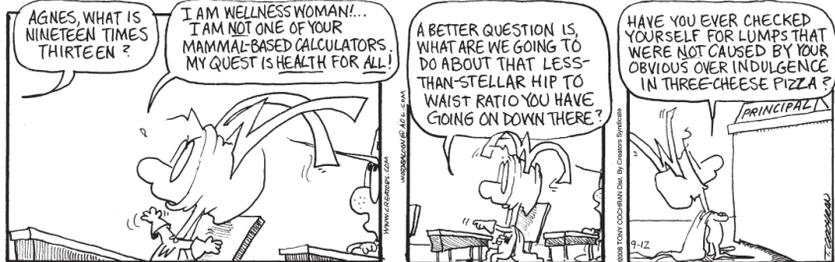
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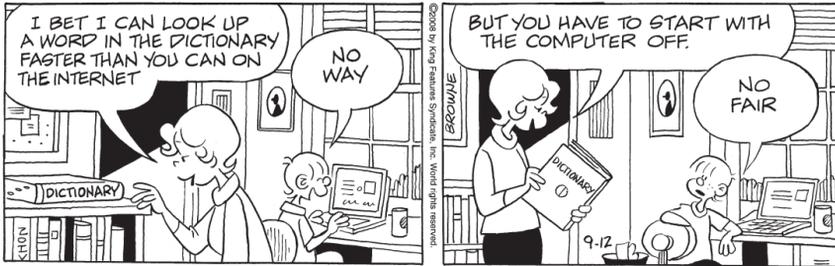
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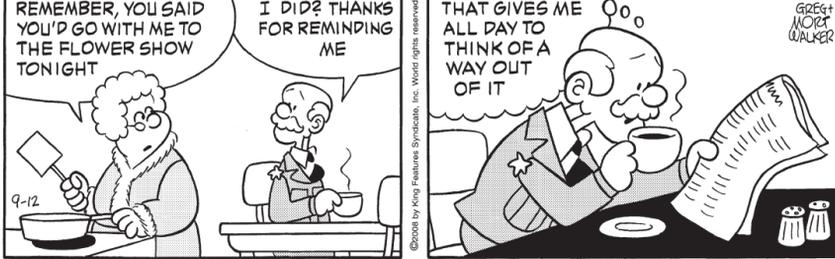
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- In 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed up the river that now bears his name.
- In 1918, during World War I, U.S. forces led by Gen. John J. Pershing launched a successful attack on the German-occupied St. Mihiel salient north of Verdun, France.
- In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded the right of self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.
- In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.
- In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married

Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, R.I.

In 1958, the science-fiction movie "The Blob," starring Steve McQueen - billed as "Steven" - was released.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed questions about his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Southern Baptist group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 58 years.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour blasted off, carrying with it Mark Lee and Jan Davis, the first married couple in space; Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space; and Mamoru Mohri, the first Japanese citizen to fly on a U.S. spaceship.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Irene Dailey is 88. Actor Dickie Moore ("Our Gang") is 83. Actor Freddie Jones is 81. Country singer George Jones is 77. Actor Ian Holm is 77. Actress Linda Gray is 68. Singer Maria Muldaur is 65. Actor Joe Pantoliano is 57. Singer-musician Gerry Beckley (America) is 56.

Rock musician Neil Peart (Rush) is 56. Actor Peter Scolari is 53. Actress Rachel Ward is 51. Actress Amy Yasbeck is 46. Rock musician Norwood Fisher (Fishbone) is 43. Actor Darren E. Burrows is 42. Rock singer-musician Ben Folds (Ben Folds Five) is 42. Rock musician Larry LaLonde (Primus) is 40. Actor Josh Hopkins is 38. Actor Paul Walker is 35. Country singer Jennifer Nettles (Sugarland) is 34. Actor Benjamin McKenzie is 30. Singer Ruben Studdard is 30. Basketball player Yao Ming is 28. Singer-actress Jennifer Hudson is 27. Actress Emmy Rossum is 22.

Thought for Today: "Nothing strengthens the judgment and quickens the conscience like individual responsibility." - Elizabeth Cady Stanton, American feminist (1815-1902).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

PREFIXATION by Richard Silvestri  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fridge foray
  - 5 Grate
  - 9 Outdated
  - 14 Autobahn
  - 15 Vogue competitor
  - 16 Mediterranean shade
  - 17 NFLer's dream?
  - 19 Printed defamation
  - 20 Gift
  - 21 "How \_\_\_ to know?"
  - 23 Braveheart name
  - 24 Pigeonhole
  - 26 All My Children star
  - 28 Some microbes
  - 32 Individual
  - 35 Latin for "I"
  - 36 Try to shred
  - 38 Tropical spot
  - 39 Where bowlers bowl
  - 41 Churchill's "so few"
  - 42 Tolerate
  - 43 Roman historian
  - 44 Capsule alternative
  - 46 It means "resembling"
  - 47 Solar product
  - 49 Soup partner
  - 51 Rider's handful
  - 53 Blue shade
  - 54 Selects for dinner
  - 56 \_\_\_ move on
  - 58 Fashion center of Italia
- DOWN**
- 1 Extremely attentive
  - 2 Enveloping glow
  - 3 Many a pop star
  - 4 Rid (of)
  - 5 Bring back
  - 6 Liston defeater
  - 7 Road warning
  - 8 Of punishment
  - 9 Ill will
  - 10 Commando weapon
  - 11 Undersea job?
  - 12 Shoe preserver
  - 13 Complain
  - 18 Coast features
  - 22 First-fl. tenant, often
  - 25 Miss America accessory
  - 27 'Hood home
  - 28 Ball girl
  - 29 Over
  - 30 One side of the debate?
  - 31 Certain League members
  - 33 Song of yesteryear
  - 34 Cries out for
  - 37 Key favored by Chopin
  - 40 Rochester employee
  - 42 Realize
  - 44 Newcastle's river
  - 45 Palladium, e.g.
  - 48 Mini ha-ha
  - 50 "Maybe"
  - 52 Chop relative
  - 54 Flat sound
  - 55 Playbill heading
  - 57 Bar on a car
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  - 60 Mention
  - 61 Some currency
  - 63 December drink
  - 65 Water source

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CHURCH

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Westover.  
October 5, the church is preparing for the 100th Anniversary Celebration following morning services. And the Fall Festival is

Club News

Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet at Howard College's Cactus Room on Monday, Sept. 15, at 11:30 a.m. Attendees will share a Dutch treat meal before the meeting.

Isaac Castro and Joe Heflin, candidates for Texas State Representative from our district, are the guest speakers. They will present their views on Texas legislative matters and answer questions. Any interested persons from the community are invited to come and participate in their forum.

The Big Spring RTA is an organization for any retired person who is eligible for the Teacher Retirement System (TRS). We always welcome anyone who wants to find out more about our association.

Greater Big Spring Rotary

September Programs:  
Sept. 12 — Economic Development, Terry Wegman  
Sept. 19 — ECI (Early Childhood Intervention), Debbie Lindsey and Amy Gleaton  
Sept. 26 — What's new at the hospital, Kim Howell  
We meet every Friday at Howard College in the Cactus Room at noon. Guests are welcomed.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Sept. 8, in the Howard College Cactus Room. President Debbie Wegman presided and Gloria McDonald gave the invocation. Minutes, prepared by Nancy Crenshaw, and financials, presented by Jan Foresyth, were approved. Pat Simmons gave a wrapup on the Love Your Lake cleanup. Some 30 volunteers took part with noticeable results.

Bobby McDonald spoke on e-waste collection plans. November 8 will be the date. Plans as to the collection location and what materials will be collected will be announced later.

Walter Ward said plans to update the downtown pocket park are complete. Adopt-a-Spot has been sanctioned by the city. Applications to help can be obtained at Todd Darden's office at city hall. Trash bags will be furnished by KBSB and will be at the Code enforcement Office in the Polly Mays Building.

Debbie ValVerde gave out copies of "The Big Event," a cleanup project held annually at Texas A&M. Javier Flores hopes to start a similar event at Howard College. Upcoming activities are the booth at the Howard County Fair, Keep Texas Beautiful Training in Midland Oct. 29 and the e-waste collection.

The next meeting is Oct. 6.

going to be Oct. 31 in the gym and candy donations are welcome.

Call our church office for details or any questions at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

The exciting news this week is the Lord has moved the First Methodist Church to offer to us the use of the former Kentwood Methodist Church at the south end of Lynn Drive in the Kentwood addition. This building was also used for the Senior Citizens Center before they moved to the former Officers Club on the base. We are so grateful to accept their offer as we are growing and making plans for a permanent location for our new mission church. Thank you, First Methodist!

Last Sunday's attendance increased to 54. We celebrated Holy Communion with the Rev. Robert Boyce of Abilene officiating. September 7 was Christian Education Sunday. Our Sunday school teachers were announced and a special prayer was given for the following teachers: Dolline Budke, Dana Byrd, Angela Newton, David Carlisle and Cindy Carlisle.

Bible Baseball was played during the Sunday school hour. Many interesting questions were asked that most of us did not know. For instance, what were the three wise men's names? After Sunday school we had a potluck dinner which was enjoyed by all with plenty of food for more guests. Please come next time!

The Rev. Robert Bryce will lead our worship service, Angela Newton is our organist, Bobby Roever will be this week's scripture reader.

Saturday morning we will move our things into the new location and do what cleaning needs to be done. We will add more donated kitchen items to what the church left for us and settle in.

We are most grateful to the city of Coahoma for the use of the Coahoma Community Building for our first three services. We have rapidly outgrown the building and look forward to filling the new building.

Drive to 25th Street, take a left, go to Lynn Street, turn right and go as far south as you can. Our new church is on the left with the mountain straight ahead. It is located at 2805 Lynn Drive. To reach us call 267-2594 after normal working hours. Worship services Sunday are at 9 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible class begin at 10:15 a.m.

We have been blessed with so many talented, willing to serve members and we look forward to seeing you there. The Lord has been with us and we have no doubt He will continue to open doors for us. We pray that we will recognize the opportunities He has given us and continue to follow His lead. We thank Him for these blessings

Come, bring your friends and children and have fun with us as we serve the Lord in this new endeavor.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday as we continue our fall 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.

There will be an Acolyte Training Class Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact the Rev. Kelly Schneider Conkling for more information.

The planning committee is meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the church office.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

Sunday is a very special

day for Spring Creek Fellowship. At 6 p.m. we will dedicate the land that God has blessed us with. Our land is at the end of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, behind Goliad School. It also faces FM 700. You can see our sign on the side of the road. Sunday night will be an evening of prayer and praise as we dedicate the property where our future church will be built. We will also be "tailgating" as well as sharing supper together. Come join us for this special time. We will resume our usual Sunday evening activities next week at our church at 4:30 p.m. We have Bible studies for men, women and teens. We have activities for children as well. AWANAS has been moved to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sunday morning is always a blessed time. Sunday school connection times begin at 9:30 a.m. with groups for everyone in your family. Our time of worship begins at 10:45 a.m. with praise, prayer and proclamation of God's Word. Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, has begun a new sermon series titled "Stand," with this week's sermon titled "Stand Still," based on 1 Samuel 12:1-16. Stan Hanes is our worship pastor and leads us in praise and Chris Tucker is our student pastor and leads in time of special prayer.

We would love to welcome you and your family, so please come and experience hospitality and acceptance and love.

You can get to SCF by going down 1-20 east to the Salem exit. Turn left at the overpass and left on the service road then right at the church. Check us out on the Web at springcreek-fellowship.org

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

With or preparation for CDD — Catholic Christian Education — for grades K-12, we see another blessing of consolidation into one parish of Holy Trinity. We can share our resources of building, classrooms and catechists and so have the best program possible. After evaluating our buildings, the Pastoral Council, with the consultation of CRE'DRE's and catechists, decided on the following plan.

Grades 7-5, 7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Grades 6-7, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

at St. Thomas Grades 9-12, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart. We will no longer use the old school building (formerly Kate Morrison School) for various reasons, centering on health and safety issues. It has served its purpose. It cannot be remodeled; it simply must be retired and closed. We are grateful and honor the past; we now move through the present into the future.

Classes will begin Sept. 17. If you have any questions, call the Holy Trinity Office at (432) 714-4930.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

Your partner opens One Diamond, both sides vulnerable, and the next player bids One Spade. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠KJ7 ♥A96 ♦Q83 ♣AQ74
2. ♠62 ♥J8 ♦KQ952 ♣KQ63
3. ♠85 ♥AQ14 ♦Q7 ♣KJ852
4. ♠A4 ♥J7 ♦AQ162 ♣KQ102

1. **Three notrump.** This is the most descriptive bid you can make. The jump to three notrump, whether an opponent intervenes or not, shows a balanced hand, usually 4-3-3-3, with scattered strength and 16 or 17 high-card points. To that extent, three notrump is a slam try. When the bid is made after a suit overcall by an opponent, the notrump bid also indicates at least one stopper in the opposing suit.

2. **Two clubs.** Your hand is not quite strong enough for a jump-raise to three diamonds, which would commit your side to game, and is too strong for a simple two-diamond bid, which would not be forcing and could result in missing a game.

In these situations, where your valuations lie midway between a single and double raise, the best approach is to bid a side suit first, planning to sup-

port partner's suit later. This allows your side to stop under game when partner has a minimum opening bid.

3. **Two clubs.** Here there is obviously a very good chance for game, but where it lies is at this moment uncertain. The best approach under the circumstances is to try to describe your hand to partner as accurately as possible, and this can best be done by beginning with a two-club response.

You plan to bid hearts at your next turn, and in that way identify a holding of four hearts and at least five clubs. This will hopefully put partner in position to determine the best final contract.

4. **Two spades.** There is a good chance for slam, but you don't have the values to undertake it unilaterally. The best way to apprise partner of the slam prospects is by means of a cuebid. This indicates first-round spade control and implies good diamond support, which you certainly have.

How the bidding continues depends largely on partner's reaction to the cuebid. If he keeps bidding in minimum terms, you would reluctantly have to settle for less than slam. But if he shows any interest at all, you should not stop short of six.

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