

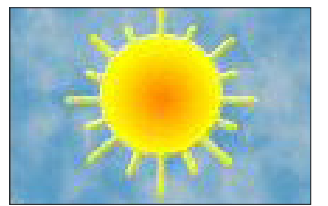
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Bush scrambles to save \$700B bailout plan

By CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — President Bush scrambled Friday to bring rebellious members of his own party behind a multibillion-dollar government bailout of the

financial system amid bitter political recriminations from both Democrats and Republicans over collapsed negotiations.

Bush delivered a terse statement from outside the Oval Office of the White House, acknowledging that lawmakers have a

right to express their doubts and work through disagreements, but declaring they must "rise to the occasion" and approve a plan to avert an economic meltdown.

"There are disagreements over aspects of the rescue plan," he said, "but there is no disagree-

ment that something substantial must be done. We are going to get a package passed."

On Wall Street, the level of institutional nervousness was palpable, especially after Washington Mutual Inc. became the largest U.S. bank to fail. The

Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 100 points, while fears of a deepening economic crisis fed safe-haven buying in Treasury notes.

Earlier Friday, House Financial Services Committee Chairman Hank

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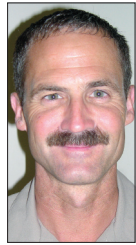
Hay rides!

Park hosting Harvest Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

What could be better than starting off the fall season with an old-fashioned hayride around Big Spring's historic Scenic Mountain?

Not much, according to Big Spring State Park Manager Ron Alton, who is gearing up for the park's annual Harvest Saturday.



Alton

Set with hayrides ready to roll off at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Alton said the fall event is a great way to usher in the new season.

"We've been doing this for about 12 years now," said Alton. "It's a fun family time. Of course, the

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Clockwise, from top left: Teresa Turner, left, was named Howard County Fair Queen during the fair's annual pageant Thursday. Darce Nicholson, center, was named second runner-up, while Tamara Nichols was named first runner-up; a drawing for this quilt will be held at 9:45 p.m. Saturday; contestants compete in the fair's annual domino tournament Thursday evening.



DEDICATION

Corwin, Ditto lend talents to county fair

By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald

Jo Beth Corwin and Joyce Ditto were recognized for their years of volunteer work at the fair at the recent Appreciation Hamburger Supper for Friends of the Fair patrons.

They continue the tradition. Corwin was receiving entries in the Arts and Crafts division and Ditto, taking Art and Photography entries Tuesday before the fair opened. Although neither is a director, nor wishes to be, both have played many roles during the event.

Corwin, whose husband Tommy is a former board president, has helped at the fair for 15 years or so, "ever since my kids were grown," she said. Even before that she was involved with the fair.

"We made our kids enter things in the fair; we think it's important to teach our children about agriculture, farming, our heritage," she insisted.

For years, the former teacher was in charge of the Kid's Fair department.

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Coahoma to celebrate homecoming tonight

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Homecoming festivities at Coahoma High School reach their peak when the homecoming queen is crowned tonight.

Five senior girls will vie for the crown. They are:

- Megan Conley, daughter of Mike and Carrie Conley. She has been active in band, student council, National Honor Society, cheerleading and theater during her high school career.

- Berkley Iden, daughter of Brandon and Neasa Iden. Berkley has been

a member of Future Farmers of America, student council and National Honor Society, as well as participating in cheerleading, softball and basketball.

- Paige Jackson, daughter of Johnny and Susan Jackson. During high school, she has been a participant in student council, cheerleading and is a member of the golf team.

- Shelbi Paige, daughter of Gary and Cathy Paige. Aside from participating in cheerleading and student council, she has been a member of the basketball and softball teams.

- Hilari White, daughter of James and Monica White. Hilari has been active in band, student council, color guard and National Honor Society

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Getting into the spirit of "Dress Crazy" day at Coahoma High School Thursday are homecoming queen nominees, from left, Megan Conley, Hilari White, Paige Jackson, Shelbi Paige and Berkley Iden. CHS will crown its 2008 homecoming queen during halftime of tonight's football game with Kermit.

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No. 2 OU tries to avoid another TCU loss

By **JEFF LATZKE**

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Lendy Holmes remembers the sheer silence he heard in Oklahoma's locker room after his first collegiate game.

There was no hooting and hollering, no win to celebrate. Unranked TCU had just come in and shocked the fifth-ranked Sooners, stifling Heisman runner-up Adrian Peterson in a 17-10 victory. No one had beaten Oklahoma on its home field in 19 games, and no one has done it since.

When the No. 24 Horned Frogs (4-0) visit Owen Field again on Saturday, they'll be trying to snap a 20-game home winning streak for the second-ranked

Sooners (3-0) this time.

"Now that we have them again, that's all the motivation that you need," said Holmes, a freshman receiver in that 2005 game who's since become a starting safety.

For a handful of Sooners players still on the team, that TCU game will forever be etched in their memories. Like it was for Holmes, the loss was the first college game for defensive tackle Cory Bennett and linebacker Keenan Clayton. In every home game since, they've been able to celebrate in the locker room afterward. But not that time.

"Just one loss a long time ago can set the foundation for what you don't want to happen for years to come. That's one

thing that we've focused on is making sure that we don't make any mistakes that we've made in the past," said Bennett, a senior.

Oklahoma's current span of 20 straight home wins is the longest of coach Bob Stoops' tenure and the longest currently alive in the nation. Stoops won 17 straight home games before losing to Oklahoma State in 2001, then 19 in a row before the TCU loss. He's 56-2 at home in his 10th year at Oklahoma.

"I just remember the feeling that I had after the game. That's one of those things, I don't want that feeling again," Bennett said. "You don't want to lose at home.

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Steer spotlight

Senior QB, RB, WR and DB Zamir Linton

By **JONATHAN HULL**

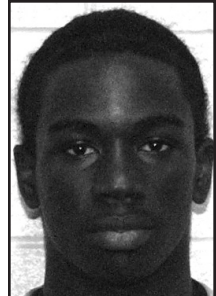
Sports Editor

Zamir Linton is a luxury the Big Spring Steers are grateful for.

Linton, a senior playing his first and only season on the gridiron for the Steers, gives Big Spring a lot of options offensively. His athleticism and a multi-dimensional skill set allows the Steers to line Linton up at a number of positions.

So far this season, Linton has played wide receiver, running back and quarterback on offense. He's also lined up at cornerback and safety on defense and is one of the team's top kick returners. "Zamir has great speed and agility. He has a skill set that allows him to play at several positions," noted Steers Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "One of those is quarterback. He's not a bad passer, but his legs are his best weapon. We have packages where he will receive some snaps. We like to use him a lot as our slot receiver and some at running back as well."

The position Linton has seen the less time at has been quarterback, which is understandable considering the success Matt Ritchey has had at the position this season. However, Linton's playing time at signal caller could



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Big Spring Steers at Sweetwater Mustangs

When: 7:30 p.m. tonight
Where: Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater
Radio: KBYG 1400AM, KBST.com, KBST 1490AM, KBEST 95.7 FM

First taste of a rivalry

Cowboys LB Thomas ready for first game against Washington

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Texas native Zach Thomas has a family divided by the Cowboys-Redskins rivalry before even playing in it.

Still, Thomas' first taste of the matchup won't be quite as bitter as it could have been for Dallas' leading tackler.

Sunday's game was supposed to be the first Thomas played against Jason Taylor, his teammate with the Miami Dolphins the past 11 seasons and his brother-in-law. But Taylor is out after a rare injury sustained after the Washington defensive end was kicked in the lower left leg.

"I hate to see that Jason is not playing, he's been healthy his whole career," Thomas said Thursday. "But if he has to take a week off, I'm cool with him taking this week off, let him get healthy."

Taylor's consecutive games streak will end at 133, seventh longest among active players. Taylor was hurt in Sunday's victory over Arizona and went to the hospital early Monday because of a mass of blood near his ankle. He needed surgery



AP file photo/Tony Gutierrez

In this July 27 file photo, Dallas Cowboys linebacker Zach Thomas (55) works out during NFL football training camp in Oxnard, Calif. Thomas, the leading tackler for Dallas even though he's still learning the system, is getting ready for his first Cowboys-Redskins game. It's his first taste of that rivalry and was supposed to be the first game he played against Jason Taylor, his former Miami teammate the last 11 seasons — and his brother-in-law.

to alleviate the problem.

He hasn't missed a game since 1999.

Thomas said he hasn't spoken this week with Taylor or his sister, Katina, and wasn't sure if they were even making the trip.

"I'm sure he probably doesn't want to talk to me," Thomas said. "I don't know if I'll get to see him or not. But it will be awkward when I do see him and he's

dressed with another team. After playing with him for 11 years, it will be different."

Taylor was sporting crutches and an Ace bandage this week, and could miss more than the Dallas game. Taylor and Thomas get another chance to play against each other Nov. 16 when the

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No. 1 Southern Cal upset by Oregon State, 27-21

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**

AP Sports Writer

CORVALLIS, Ore. — It was the curse of Corvallis all over again for the Trojans.

Top-ranked Southern California visited Oregon State on Thursday night and lost 27-21. It was the second straight upset victory for the Beavers at home against the Trojans.

"I think across the board it was a case of we weren't functioning," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "We weren't playing like we normally do."

Freshman Jacquizz Rodgers helped the Beavers pull off the stunner, running for 186 yards and two touchdowns. Oregon State built a 21-point first-half lead before

capitalizing on a late turnover.

Orange-clad Beavers fans rushed the field when the clock ran out after the 25-point underdogs shook up college football with a victory over a USC team that was expected to roll right through its conference straight to the national championship game.

What once seemed like an inevitability for the Trojans now seems something of a longshot.

"That was great," Rodgers said. "It was something I've never witnessed before."

The Beavers (2-2, 1-1 Pacific-10) also upset USC at Reser Stadium in 2006, when the

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AP photo/Don Ryan

Oregon State defender Greg Laybourn is carried through the crowd after the Beavers beat No. 1 Southern California, 27-21, in a college football game in Corvallis, Ore., Thursday. Laybourn made an interception late in the game, setting up Oregon State's final score.

Sports in brief

Lady Steers Boosters grilling burgers before volleyball game

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will be grilling hamburgers before the Lady Steers first District 4-4A game against Frenship Saturday.

The freshman game starts at 1 p.m. with the junior varsity taking the court around 2 p.m. The varsity has been scheduled for a 3 p.m. start.

Free junior tennis league starts Monday

A free junior tennis league for 8-12 year olds or boys and girls in grades 4-6 is set to begin Monday at the Figure Seven Tennis Center near the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The league will be held every Monday for several weeks from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All a player needs to bring is a racket or one will be provided.

The league is being conducted by Crossroads Tennis

Association instructor Ted Olesen. Before the start of each session, Olesen will allow participants to attempt to throw a football further than he can. If successful, the individual wins a free 30 minute private tennis lesson from Olesen.

For more information call Olesen at (806) 236-8901.

Big Spring Powder Puff Football Friday, Oct. 3

The Big Spring High School junior class is hosting a night of Powder Puff Football at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at Blankenship Field.

Admission is \$2 per person. The freshmen will take on the sophomores followed by a game between the juniors and seniors.

The game serves as a fundraiser for the Junior/Senior Prom. Call Denise Carrillo with any questions at 816-1685.

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting at ATC Oct. 13

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster club will hold a meeting at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Athletic Training Center. Regular meetings will be held every second Monday of the month.

For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9806.

BSCC hosting over-80 scramble Oct. 11-12

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled an over-80 scramble where the combined ages of the two-person team must be 80 or higher.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart fee, however, private carts are welcome. The event is scheduled for Oct. 11-12 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days, and it benefits the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information.

LINTON

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increase significantly tonight when the Steers pay a visit to rival Sweetwater.

"The coaches want a mobile quarterback who can run and throw in some of the stuff we're going to do on offense," said Linton. "I'll split some time with Matt."

Between Linton and Ritchey, Linton has the stronger arm, however, accuracy and touch hasn't been easy for him to come by.

"I have to think about laying

the ball in there smoothly when I'm throwing," admitted Linton. "I just want to throw a good pass."

Last football season, Linton played a similar role for the Marlin Bulldogs. He says the biggest difference between Class 2A Marlin and Big Spring is size.

"Everybody seemed faster in Marlin, but everyone was a lot smaller too," he said. "Here the players are a lot bigger and run kind of heavy."

Linton believes his speed and elusiveness best serve the team at wide receiver, however, he is open to playing any position.

"That's my attitude. I'm will-

ing to go out there and step into any position they need me," he said. "I probably prefer wide receiver. That's just where I've played the most. I like getting the ball in space. The first thing I think is that I'm going to shake that dude coming at me."

One of the forces driving Linton is the competitive relationship he has with his younger cousin Monte Anderson. Anderson is Big Spring's starting running back and currently leads the Steers and District 4-4A in rushing with 443 yards and seven touchdowns.

While Anderson might receive much of the glory in the back-field, Linton was quick to point

out that we has about five steps on his cousin in a race.

"We're very close, but very competitive," Linton said. "We compete in everything. We want to be the fastest or the strongest. We just want to be better than the other."

While Linton is utilized at more positions on the team, Anderson does get one up on his older cousin this week. The kicking game has been the Steers' biggest Achilles' heel. However, Anderson will attempt to be the answer at the position.

Linton said there won't be a family feud over that one, though.

"I used to kick in junior high,

but I haven't done that in a long time," admitted Linton. "He can have that one. I won't battle him for it."

Last week, Linton injured his ankle before play had even started. As he was walking onto the field in Andrews, he didn't notice a drop off from the concrete to the playing surface. He still played in the game, but didn't have the same speed and elusiveness. He says that won't be a problem tonight against Sweetwater.

"My ankle is good," Linton said. "I'll be ready to go."

That could be bad news for the Mustangs.

THOMAS

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Cowboys go to Washington.

Thomas grew up in Pampa, about 340 miles from Texas Stadium, and watched Cowboys games with his father and grandfather. He was a standout at Texas Tech and then a seven-time Pro Bowl linebacker during his 12 seasons in Miami.

As part of Bill Parcells' massive overhaul of the

Dolphins in the spring, Taylor, a six-time Pro Bowler, was traded to Washington at the start of training camp.

Thomas has had an immediate impact for the Cowboys (3-0), with game-high totals in tackles the first two games, and a team-leading 30 stops so far.

Thomas insists he's still learning the Cowboys' schemes, making the adjustments to playing full-time in a 3-4 defense after being primarily a

middle linebacker in 4-3 sets in Miami. He had at least 100 tackles in each of his first 11 seasons with the Dolphins before 52 in five games last year, when he was limited by a concussion and then nagging migraines after his car was rear-ended.

"Once you figure out this defense, you can make plays. There's been so many things I'm learning as I go," Thomas said. "I'm really adjusting, but I'm really learning a lot and I really like the scheme."

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That's one thing you don't want to do, no matter where you're at."

To that end, Stoops has

reminded his players — at least those who didn't experience it firsthand — what TCU did in its last visit to Norman.

"They need to understand that we've obviously got to perform a whole lot better to have a chance to

win," Stoops said. The upset of the Sooners is only one in a line of victories against teams from BCS-affiliated conferences for the Frogs.

TCU is 11-2 in its last 13 games against such opponents, including a 31-14

The Cowboys are using the 35-year-old Thomas on first and second downs, primarily in running situations. He is averaging about 30 plays a game.

"We probably could play him more, but I think that is the way to utilize him right now," coach Wade Phillips said. "He played middle linebacker in a 4-3. That's a hard position. This position, you can run to the ball more and are protected more."

Phillips said Thomas makes a lot more plays

win against Stanford earlier this season.

Altogether, the Mountain West is 7-3 against schools from BCS conferences this season, and another TCU upset would be the biggest boost yet for the league's reputation.

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Trojans were ranked third. The team's lone victory over a No. 1 team came in 1967, when Oregon State beat the O.J. Simpson-led Trojans 3-0.

USC has lost three of its last four games in Corvallis.

Trojan quarterback Mark Sanchez's pass was intercepted by safety Greg Laybourn on the 30 with less than 3 minutes to play. Laybourn ran the ball back 28 yards to put Oregon State on the 2, and Rodgers ran in the final 2 yards to make it 27-14.

Fans carried Laybourn on their shoulders after the game.

Sanchez hit Patrick Turner with a 14-yard scoring pass with 1:19 left, but time ran out on the Trojans (2-1, 0-1).

Rodgers' rushing yards were the most by a Trojan opponent since Vince Young ran for 200 for Texas in the BCS national championship game in 2006.

Rodgers' brother James had six catches for 36 yards and two scores for Oregon State. Lyle Moevao completed 18 of 26 passes for 167 yards and two TDs.

Sanchez completed 18 of 29 passes for 227 yards and three scores, with the one crucial interception. Tailback Joe McKnight rushed for just 10 yards against the Beavers, after gaining 105 yards in the Trojans' 35-3 victory over Ohio State.

The game opened with drama, as USC safety Taylor Mays was called for a personal foul on James Rodgers on an 8-yard touchdown reception.

Carroll asked that the score be reviewed, because it did not look as if the ball had crossed the line. The touchdown stood, giving the Beavers a 7-0 lead.

The Beavers more than held their own through the first half, with the Trojans appearing confused about how to handle Jacquizz Rodgers, who is just 5-foot-7 and 185 pounds. He somehow pushed through USC's defensive line for a 2-yard touchdown run to make it 14-0.

His big brother saw the end zone again before half-time. Moevao's pass was nearly intercepted by USC cornerback Kevin Thomas,

but the ball was tipped into the hands of James Rodgers to make it 21-0.

USC answered on its first series of the second half with Sanchez's 26-yard scoring pass to Ronald Johnson.

Sanchez then found wide-open receiver Damien Williams, who sprinted down the sideline — and narrowly avoided Laybourn's efforts to push him out of bounds — to narrow it to 21-14 with 2:56 left in the third quarter.

The Beavers squandered a chance to add to the lead midway through the fourth when they tried for a field goal, but Sean Sehnem's

41-yard attempt was blocked.

The Beavers opened this season with two losses, at Stanford and Penn State, before returning home for a victory over Hawaii.

Despite their struggles, the Beavers had seen steady growth on offense and the emergence of Jacquizz Rodgers, who went into the game against the Trojans as the nation's leading freshman rusher with 87.7 yards per game.

USC had shown little vulnerability in victories at Virginia and then at home against then-No. 5 Buckeyes. But Carroll noted earlier in the week

that the familiarity of Pac-10 play posed a danger.

The Beavers certainly seemed to have the Trojans figured out, holding them to 313 yards total offense. Stafon Johnson was USC's leading rusher with 48 yards. Williams had six catches for 94 yards.

Contract Bridge Bidding Quiz. By Steve Becker. You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been: North 1♦, East Pass, South 2♣, West Pass. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠KJ♥73♦KJ4♣AQJ1064 2. ♠864♥AJ2♦7♣KQ8653 3. ♠K10♥KQ8♦J7♣AJ7632 4. ♠J7♥A8♦643♣AQ9732

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1 p.m. - Senior Citizen Ice Cream Social, Bingo
4 p.m. - Fair opens: Displays, exhibits, carnival rides
6 p.m. - Cooking demonstration: Lithuanian Cuisine
8 p.m. - Bobby Flores
9:30 p.m. - Bobby Flores

Saturday

8 a.m. - Steers arrive
9 a.m. - Registration for Tractor Pull
9 a.m. - Ranch Rodeo, Cowboy Roping
10 a.m. - Fair opens, carnival rides
10 a.m. - Antique Pull
10:30 a.m. - Kountry Kids Contest
1 p.m. - Goat show
6 p.m. - Cooking demonstration: A Trashy Snack
7:30 p.m. - Guy Will Zant
9:30 p.m. - Guy Will Zant
9:45 p.m. - Quilt drawing

Sunday

8 a.m. - Cowboy Church

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cial Services Chairman Barney Frank declared that an agreement depends on House Republicans "dropping this revolt" against the Bush-requested plan.

The Massachusetts Democrat said leading Democrats on Capitol Hill were shocked by the level of divisiveness that surfaced at Thursday's extraordinary White House meeting, leaving six days of intensive efforts to agree on a bailout plan in tatters only hours after key congressional players of both parties had declared they were in accord on the outlines of a \$700 billion bill.

Bush decided to speak, and also was in constant contact with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who was returning to talks with lawmakers, White House press secretary Dana Perino said. Vice President Dick Cheney canceled planned travel Friday to New Mexico and Wyoming to remain in Washington and jawbone lawmakers.

And the campaign season's first face-to-face debate between presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama, scheduled for Friday night, was still in doubt.

Frank said he did not

think that Democrats were going to see a substantially different proposal from the plan the administration has been trying to sell to lawmakers and which had been the focal point of closed-door talks for days. He called the rival proposal being pushed by House conservative Republicans "an ambush plan."

Participants in a meeting late Thursday afternoon that Bush had at the White House with congressional leaders, McCain and Obama said that it descended into arguments. Disagreements were so deep-seated that some lawmakers wondered aloud just who — and how many — would show up for the resumption of talks, presumably Friday morning, at the Capitol.

"I didn't know I was going to be the referee for an internal GOP ideological civil war," Frank, D-Mass., said on CBS's "The Early Show."

Democrats put the responsibility on Bush for getting a rescue package back on track.

"We need to get the president to get the Republican House in order," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said on the Senate floor. "Without Republican cooperation, we cannot pass this bill."

Schumer said Bush should also "respectfully tell Sen. McCain to get out

of town. He is not helping, he is harming. Before Sen. McCain made his announcement, we were making progress." Schumer was referring to McCain's announcement earlier in the week that he was suspending his campaign to return to Washington for the negotiations on the financial industry crisis.

McCain met briefly Friday morning with House Republican Leader John Boehner.

Sen. Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican, said many GOP lawmakers dislike the proposal that has been pushed on the administration's behalf principally by Paulson.

"Basically, I believe the Paulson proposal is badly structured," Shelby said. "It does nothing basically for the stressed mortgage payer."

"It does a lot for three or four or five banks. . . ."

Even for a party whose president suffers dismal approval ratings, whose legislative wing lost control of Congress and whose presidential nominee trails in the polls, Thursday was a remarkably bad day for Republicans.

The White House summit meeting had been called for the purpose of sealing the deal that Bush has argued is indispensable to stabilizing frenzied markets and reassuring the nervous American public.

But it quickly revealed that Bush's proposal had been suddenly sidetracked by fellow Republicans in the House, who refused to embrace a plan that appeared close to acceptance by the Senate and most House Democrats.

Paulson begged Democratic participants not to disclose how badly the meeting had gone, dropping to one knee in a teasing way to make his point according to witnesses.

And when Paulson hastily tried to revive talks in a nighttime meeting near the Senate chamber, the House's top Republican refused to send a negotiator.

"This is the president's own party," Frank said at the time.

"I don't think a president has been repudiated so strongly by the congressional wing of his own party in a long time."

The presence of McCain and Obama at the White House session indeed lent a greater aura of urgency — and personal intensity — to the discussion.

McCain's leadership in the negotiations "is to try to stop us from yelling at each other, announcing deals that don't exist, to actually talk to the House and the Senate and get agreement and then go to the press," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said on NBC's "Today" show.

FAIR

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She noted she is pleased that the Howard County Fair takes place several weeks after the beginning of school because, as she put it, "Now the teachers and students have some time to prepare entries for the fair."

Later, Jo Beth took over the Over 60 Arts and Crafts area. She enjoyed seeing and arranging the efforts of "maturity-enhanced" participants.

"I enjoy all the people and

I think it's really important that we continue to do arts and crafts," she said. "I don't enter things much anymore, but I do make a square for the fair quilt each year."

The quilt, a project that's in its eighth year, is where Corwin and Ditto met.

In 2000, Ditto came to Fair Director Geraldine Posey with the idea of making a quilt to get women involved in the fair and to sell to raise funds. Ditto, who quilted but didn't do counted cross-stitch, offered to get people to quilt. Corwin was a cross-stitch-

er, but didn't quilt. With the help of Vi Harrel — who provided a top for the first quilt and knew where to obtain the proper cloth and thread — and Karen Oliver, a cross-stitch instructor, the group made a 50-states quilt.

This year's quilt is Texas Wildflowers, and the operation has become quite refined. People ask to take a square to embroider, with new volunteers every year. Suzanne Markwell strips the quilt blocks together and Corwin binds the edges. Once the top, inner batting and backing

are put together, the quilting can begin.

"We used to do the quilting at a local church, using Christine Horn's 'legs' for the quilting frame), but now we do it at Posey Cotton Office," Corwin said.

Formerly, Deanna Fore-syth embroidered the names of everyone who cross-stitched or quilted at the bottom of the quilt, but Geraldine Posey has taken up that task.

Working on the quilt led Ditto to help in the Art Department at the fair. Her quilting expertise and fair involvement have led her

in some interesting directions. This year she was asked to go to Moss Elementary to talk to some second graders about quilts.

"The children had read a story about a grandmother taking a little girl to pick out material to make a quilt," Ditto explained, "and the teacher said the children didn't know how a quilt was made."

She took two completed quilts, two quilt tops, several cut fabric pieces and demonstrated the process.

"I showed them how to pin the pieces together to

form the pattern, basted them, then placed the top, the batting, and the backing together and showed them how to quilt them."

The volunteer was surprised and delighted by the questions the children asked and the interest they showed. Her demonstration was such a success that she's already booked for a return appearance next year. Ditto never knows what she'll be asked to volunteer for, but she's willing to try it.

RIDES

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kids like sitting on the hay bales and looking off the bluff. 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 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 for a little while afterward, they can see the sunset from atop the mountain," said Alton. "Watch-

ing 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 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 that 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," 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 help 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."

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COAHOMA

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and has been a member of the tennis and basketball teams.

The queen will be crowned at halftime of tonight's football game between the Bulldogs and Kermit's Yellowjackets, school officials said.

Homecoming queen won't be the only royalty crowned tonight in Coahoma. The Football Hero and Sweetheart will be announced prior to kickoff at 7 p.m. in Bulldog Stadium, school officials said.

Other activities include a pep rally at the stadium

at 3:23 p.m. and a barbecue supper hosted by the band boosters at 5:30 p.m. adjacent to the stadium. Cost is \$5 per plate, which purchases a brisket

sandwich, chips, drink and treat. Money raised will help the boosters support the high school band program, said booster Tasha Rinard.

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OTHER VIEWS

Offshore oil: Drilling for votes

Congress might lift the decades-old ban on offshore oil drilling by next week, but don't expect it to affect gas prices anytime soon.

Lawmakers have been waging a political game over oil drilling since midsummer. Republicans, hoping anger over \$4-a-gallon gasoline would reverse their bleak political fortunes, began a coordinated election-year campaign to "drill here, drill now." They were pushing for a vote to end the federal ban on oil and gas exploration along most of the U.S. coastline, in place since 1981.

Never mind that Interior Department regulations would prevent oil leases from being issued for at least two more years. Or that the floating rigs needed to extract oil and natural gas in deep-sea locations wouldn't be available for at least five years. Or that gas prices wouldn't be affected until about 2030, and even then by only a few pennies per gallon. The GOP was drilling for votes, and public opinion polls showed that its strategy was a popular one.

The campaign succeeded in pressuring House Speaker Nancy E. Pelosi, D-Calif., to hold a vote last week to allow offshore oil drilling. But the Democrats' bill was at least as much of a political ploy as the GOP effort preceding it.

The legislation approved by the House would allow drilling, but prohibits exploration within 50 miles of shore — where much of the oil and natural gas deposits are located. And it prevented states from sharing in oil royalties, thereby eliminating the main financial incentive for states to take the environmental risk of permitting exploration.

The vote was election-year inoculation for Democrats. It allowed them to say they voted for offshore oil drilling, while the restrictions imposed still made drilling impractical.

Senate leaders were expected to hold a vote on the issue, but the financial crisis on Wall Street has intervened. It now appears that a bipartisan coalition in the Senate won't take up the legislation until after the November elections.

But the moratorium on drilling will expire anyway on Oct. 1 unless Congress reauthorizes the annual ban. Democratic leaders are signaling they might not have enough votes to renew the moratorium. That would put the question of whether to drill in the laps of individual states, at least temporarily, until a new Congress could act again.

America does need to reduce its dependence on foreign oil, and more drilling, along with renewable and clean energy, should be part of the solution. But drilling is still a bad idea for some waters off the Outer Continental Shelf.

New Jersey's beaches, the key to the state's vital tourist industry, shouldn't be placed at risk by allowing exploration too close to the Shore. There is little chance of that with Democrats in control of the legislature and the governor's seat.

Election-year gamesmanship is no way to formulate a sensible energy policy. After Nov. 4, the Senate needs to lead the way toward finding practical solutions to exploration and its alternatives.

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The Music City miracle

Nashville is a really neat town. Music City has always got my attention. I drove out there for the first time when I was 19 years old with nothing but my guitar. I left on a Friday, arrived Saturday, played on the street for about an hour and came back home to tell my friends I had played in Nashville. I used to do crazy things like that. I love music and I love history so how could I not love the land of David Crockett.



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The Ryman Auditorium is the former home of the Grand Ole Opry and it's still right in the middle of town. If you stick your head in the door you're bound to hear a Howdy from Minnie Pearl. It doesn't house the Opry any more but they still have concerts and shows out there.

My good friend John Ledbetter and I decided to take the road less traveled and see if we could get into the back door. To our dismay they had put up an iron fence to keep out bad people like us. Just looking up the staircase gave us a thrill. Legend has it that before Hank Williams got kicked out for hiding whiskey in his boot, he would sneak out that same back door and head across that same alley to a honky-tonk called Tootsies.

It was originally called Mom's but a lady named Tootsie Bess bought the bar in 1960. Many of her first customers were Willie Nelson, Mel Tillis, Waylon Jennings, Patsy Cline, Roger Miller and Kris Kristopherson. In fact, (or at least I think its fact) Willie Nelson got his first songwriting job after singing at Tootsies.

According to a biography called "Patsy Cline," Willie met Cline's husband, Charlie Dick, at that same

bar one evening and pitched the song to him. Charlie took the track home and played it for his wife, who absolutely hated it at first because of how Willie sang. Patsy Cline's producer loved the song and arranged it as the ballad as she would record it. Still recovering from a recent car wreck that nearly took her life, Patsy had problems reaching the high notes of the song because of broken ribs, so she came back the next day to record, which she did in one take. The rest fades into history.

So there we were, in the alley between the Ryman and Tootsies on a Saturday night. Isn't that what every preacher does? I love to be where things have happened.

Music and skid row

Last week I was in Nashville, Tennessee to visit a ministry called Provision International. Like my own ministry, they champion the cause of hurting and hungry people. Their food outreach makes a tremendous difference and their church is situated in one of the worst parts of the entire city. But you wouldn't necessarily know it if you visited because of the amazing transformation that has happened there.

Since 1991, Scott and Sarah McLeod have been working in the projects near Watkins Park and what has happened is nothing short of miraculous. They have been feeding people, helping people and praying for transformation in that area all this time. Clinton Street is known for a stronghold of prostitution drugs and violence. That is, of course, where they built their church and they call it The Fortress.

After what must have seemed like a lifetime they began to see God move in an awesome way. One day the building that everyone sold drugs out of just collapsed for no reason. On another day, all the gang members who sat on the wall

outside the park were arrested and herded off by federal agents. Then the city decided to just completely demolish the old projects there and build beautiful, colorful, landscaped neighborhoods. They planted trees everywhere and built community centers.

The transformation, they believe is a direct result of God's people getting involved and crying out upon their behalf.

I have seen the same thing happen. Ten years ago we started doing outreaches in downtown Cleburne at the old Piggly Wiggly parking lot. The hotel next to us was a filthy nest of witchcraft, prostitution and drug abuse. We even had some guy come out and put a hex or something on us. We had local pastors come out and tell us it was too dangerous. We called that terrible place holy ground and prosperous when there was nothing to show for it but a bunch of Jesus freaks out there feeding people.

Today it's the nicest and one of the most prosperous parts of downtown Cleburne. Situated exactly where we made our stand is the Caddo Street Steakhouse. It wasn't very long ago that it was a mess. Now it's just beautiful.

That's what God wants to do with everything and that's what happens when His people get off of their blessed assurance and do something within the community. He is a master at transformation. If He can do that with a neighborhood, imagine what He can do with you.

So the Lord will comfort Jerusalem; He will show mercy to those who live in her ruins.

He will change her deserts into a garden like Eden; He will make her empty lands like the garden of the Lord. People there will be very happy; they will give thanks and sing songs. Isaiah 51:3 (NCV)

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Will Congress learn from the meltdown?

Seven years ago this month we watched two New York City skyscrapers disintegrate before our very eyes.

An enemy, using commercial jetliners as missiles, had attacked us, leaving a gigantic hole in lower Manhattan comparable to the wounds left in most Americans' hearts.

It was a tragedy that shook financial institutions, crippled the entire airline industry and set our government on a course of massive deficit spending trying to finance two wars.

In the last two weeks we've witnessed a series of other disasters as humongous businesses again wavered, crumbled, morphed and disintegrated as the world once again watched in disbelief.

The giants of Wall Street — their stone/steel/glass towers still standing — have fallen so hard that the effects will be reverberating throughout the country and the world for years.

And once more the folks in Washington are wrestling with decisions on how to use taxpayer money to combat a crisis that should have been foreseen and forestalled. It is one that will smother the nation in debt that will likely take decades to erase.

This most recent catastrophe cannot be blamed on some fanatical foreign enemy.

The culprits responsible for this devastating failure of investment banks, mortgage lenders and the nation's largest insurer are Americans, armed not with exploding

airplanes but with the weapons of greed and nonsensical deregulation.

Our leaders in Washington, who for the most part have been asleep at the wheel or intoxicated with the wines of the special interests, have been forced to work hastily to bail out Wall Street because some institutions are just "too big to fail," we're told.

Never mind the individuals who have been the victims of some of these institutions. I suppose they are just too small to really care about.

Oh, I understand where we are in this crisis.

The situation is so grave that to do nothing would be more devastating than to risk the \$700 billion to \$1 trillion it may cost the nation to save what is left of our fragile economy.

I'm angry about this, and every average American ought to be just as mad.

It's not the bailout per se that upsets me most but the fact we allowed these gigantic institutions the latitude to often treat Wall Street like it was the Las Vegas Strip or, as I've said before, as a collection of giant Ponzi schemes.

It bothers me that rather than providing true oversight of these financial behemoths and our overall economy, we had this administration, corporate executives and stock market gurus all playing cheerleaders trying to convince us that our economy was fundamentally sound.

For several years we have seen CEOs run corporations into the ground and bail with their multimillion-dollar parachutes, leaving many employees and stockholders without any means to escape the

impending disaster.

Members of Congress are right to insist that heads of the failed businesses being rescued by the taxpayers are not allowed to bail out carrying bundles of cash under their arms.

And, yes, there has to be more oversight than just the secretary of the Treasury Department or the head of the Federal Reserve Bank.

While there is an obvious urgency here, Congress is also correct in insisting on "deliberate speed" (to borrow an old Supreme Court phrase) rather than hastily passing a plan we will regret.

Millions of people in this country are hurting, most of whom see no relief in sight.

For those losing their homes, who can't afford insurance for their families or who find it difficult to put food on the table, it must be doubly painful to see Washington rush to the aid of the fat cats on Wall Street.

Whatever is done to stall the immediate financial dilemma, it will not be sufficient to address all the continuing economic concerns.

We can only hope that the next administration and the next Congress will have learned from these mistakes and those of the past and will finally address the issues with all of the American people in mind rather than just a privileged few.

But if history tells us anything, it tells us that American leaders can be very slow learners.

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We continue to be even more excited with the opportunities the Lord has provided us. Last Sunday after an inspiring worship service, the Rev. Bob Boyce led the adult Sunday school through the different steps of our service and explained the significance of each part of our liturgy. We could follow each step by using our newly published hymnal/book of worship. This was very interesting even for those of us who have used this formal order of service all our lives. It is also inspiring knowing that the liturgy dates back 400 hundred years or more.

This Sunday, our guest speaker will be the Rev. Chester McCown from Miles.

Rev. McCown is also a retired pastor with many years of experience. We look forward to hearing his gospel centered sermon.

A door offering was given to help with disaster relief from Hurricane Ike. Almost \$800 was received so far and this will be forwarded to the Texas District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for distribution to the most needy.

We appreciate our ancestors and our Lutheran heritage dating from 1513 as well as the pioneers of our Lutheran faith here in Big Spring.

An opportunity will be given for all of us to attend an adult Bible and information class beginning the first Wednesday in October. This class will be taught by a very learned retired Lutheran pastor. Twenty-three have signed up for this class; come join us. This class will be from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday for 10 weeks. Call 267-2594 if you can come so we can order enough Bible study books.

There will also be confirmation classes for sixth, seventh and eighth graders beginning the first Wednesday in October from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This class will be taught by Bobby Roever. Mr. Roever studied for the ministry and is well versed in the Bible and our Lutheran worship.

During the adult class there will be sitters avail-

able with movies, games and adult leaders to care for your younger children. High school and college students are encouraged to join the adult information class.

Mark your future to plan to come to a big, big garage sale for the benefit of Alive in Christ Lutheran church. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets, garages and storerooms and donate to the church. If you need a receipt for taxes, we will provide one. This will be held early in October.

**St. Paul
Lutheran Church**

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites any and all to join us for faith, food and fellowship this Sunday at our place of worship, 810 Scurry. Church service led by Pastor Wayne Frost begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by adult, youth and children Sunday school classes at 10:15. This Sunday we will have a pot luck dinner beginning at 11:30. Bring a dish or just bring yourself. All are welcome.

We recently received a letter from the chaplain of the 165th expressing how much the troops appreciate the "food, candy and comfort items" from the Operation On Going Support. He states, "the supplies you sent have great importance and meaning, especially coming from such a caring group of people back home." If you would like to be a part of the September box, we are collecting disposable razors, Q-Tips (small packages), trail mix (small packages) and donations for ATT phone cards, which allow our troops to call home.

Many thanks to all who came to the "clean-up, clean-out, and minor repair work" day last Saturday.

It's the enthusiasm of caring people giving their time and talents that help make a congregation. And, of course, the pimento cheese sandwiches, cookies and muffins were more than welcome when it was time to rest weary bones.

**Philadelphia Primitive
Baptist Church**

It is our pleasure to host visiting minister Elder Jeff Harris of Tifton, Ga., for this weekend. Services include a 7 p.m. Bible Study Saturday. Sunday worship services will be

10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Eld. Harris has recently returned from an evangelistic appointments in India.

The church is located at 201 E. 24th St. We extend a warm invitation to all lovers of Biblical truth.

For further information, call 263-6217 or 270-4618.

**Holy Trinity
Catholic Church
Christian Initiation
of Adults**

Non-Catholics interested in learning about the Catholic faith are encouraged to attend these informative and lively sessions. Catholics are invited, too. We also assist Catholic adults in need of Holy Eucharist, confirmation or marriage who wish to be in full communion with the church.

We meet at 10:30 a.m. following mass Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the building between the church and the school. For more information, call Elfie Tucker at 816-6247 or Richard Light at 466-9703.

**First United
Methodist Church**

This Sunday our pastor, Rev. Sharon Wiese, will continue her sermon series on Life Rules at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services. Magnets are available in the foyer to take home as reminders of Life Rules throughout the week.

In addition to our regular schedule of activities this week we factor in the Lord's Acre mode. Cooks are reminded to start preparing for Mission Delicious, our great bake sale. Sunday school classes need to get creative as they prepare their gift baskets as well as materials and set up for their booths at Fall Festival.

Ticket sales for the steak

and chicken lunch are available in the church office or from Hayes Strippling, who is offering a special for early purchases.

The bride's room has temporarily been changed to the receiving area for items for both the silent and live auction. Be sure your contributions to the sales are there and information sheets filled by Friday, Oct. 3.

Plan to attend all or part of the Lord's Acre festivities Oct. 4; it's a great way to be about the Lord's business.

All college-age folks are reminded of the Coffee House Ministry each Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Spanky's, across from H-E-B.

Come visit us at Fourth and Scurry; we're First Methodist where families grow in Christ.

**East Fourth Street
Baptist Church**

What a blessing we received this weekend. The deacons of East Fourth hosted our first Mission Conference. They brought together all of the missionaries we help through our mission fund each year. This gave the congregation a chance to meet them personally and have a greater appreciation for their individual ministries. We were pleased to have with us Ron Mathis, Texas Baptist Men Water Ministry; Keegan Williamson, C.A.M. International; Ron Banks, Mission Aviation Fellowship; Mark Kennedy, Open Air Campaigners; Calvin Westerhof, Hospitality House; Joe Whitten, Prison Ministries; Marissa Nieto, Summer Missionary Program in Japan; and Rick Gregory, First Baptist Church, Mancos, Colo.

Our youth attended

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Works Of art

Standing before the box of scrap glass, my untrained eye beheld only irregular pieces of color. With instructions to pick out several coordinating shades, I choose the hues I liked best then those that blended or contrasted in an interesting way.

"The best way to view those," the instructor said, "is to hold them up to the light. That way, you can see the variations in the textures and colors."

As I complied, sure enough, the chosen pieces of glass took on a completely different appearance, making it easier to visualize what my finished stained-glass creation would look like.

"Don't worry about the cracks, jagged edges and imperfections," she said. "We'll be working around those."

Once my pattern and glass was chosen, I followed the instructor's step-by-step guidance on scoring and breaking the glass as accurately as possible,

leaving only a few rough edges for the grinder." That's tedious work, grinding. One must exert the precise amount of pressure on the wheel or risk shaving the edges too much. Of course, the more work needed to make a particular piece fit, the more pressure necessary.

After the piece is correctly shaped, a thin strip of copper foil is wrapped around each edge. This is covered with flux, then the pattern is fitted together and soldered with lead. The finished product is then given a place of distinction, usually in a window, so the sunlight can bring out the work's true beauty.

Standing over the world of lost souls, the Master Craftsman beheld only fallen mankind. With instructions to His son, He devised a plan to bring creation back into harmony with Himself.

"The best way to view them," He said, "is to hold them up to the light of my word. That way, you can see the uniqueness and the beauty in each one."

As the Son obeyed, sure enough, humanity took on a completely different appearance, making it easier to visualize what the redeemed creation could look like.

Don't focus on the cracks, rough edges and imperfections," said the Father. "We'll be working those out."

Once the Son understood the plan, He followed the Father's step-by step guidance all the way to the cross.

That's tedious work, crucifixion. But because of it, the Father can now exert the precise amount of pressure on the grinding wheel to shape us into stainless works of art. And he's never at risk of grinding away too much. After the life is correctly molded, it is wrapped in grace and covered in a crimson ribbon of shed blood. Then the pieces are fitted together and fused with unconditional love.

We, the final product, are then raised to take our place of honor in the Son. As His light streams through us, subtle shadings of each individual life bounces like a prism off whomever stands nearby. All those around can then glimpse the glory and power of salvation's work as we gratefully say, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus..."

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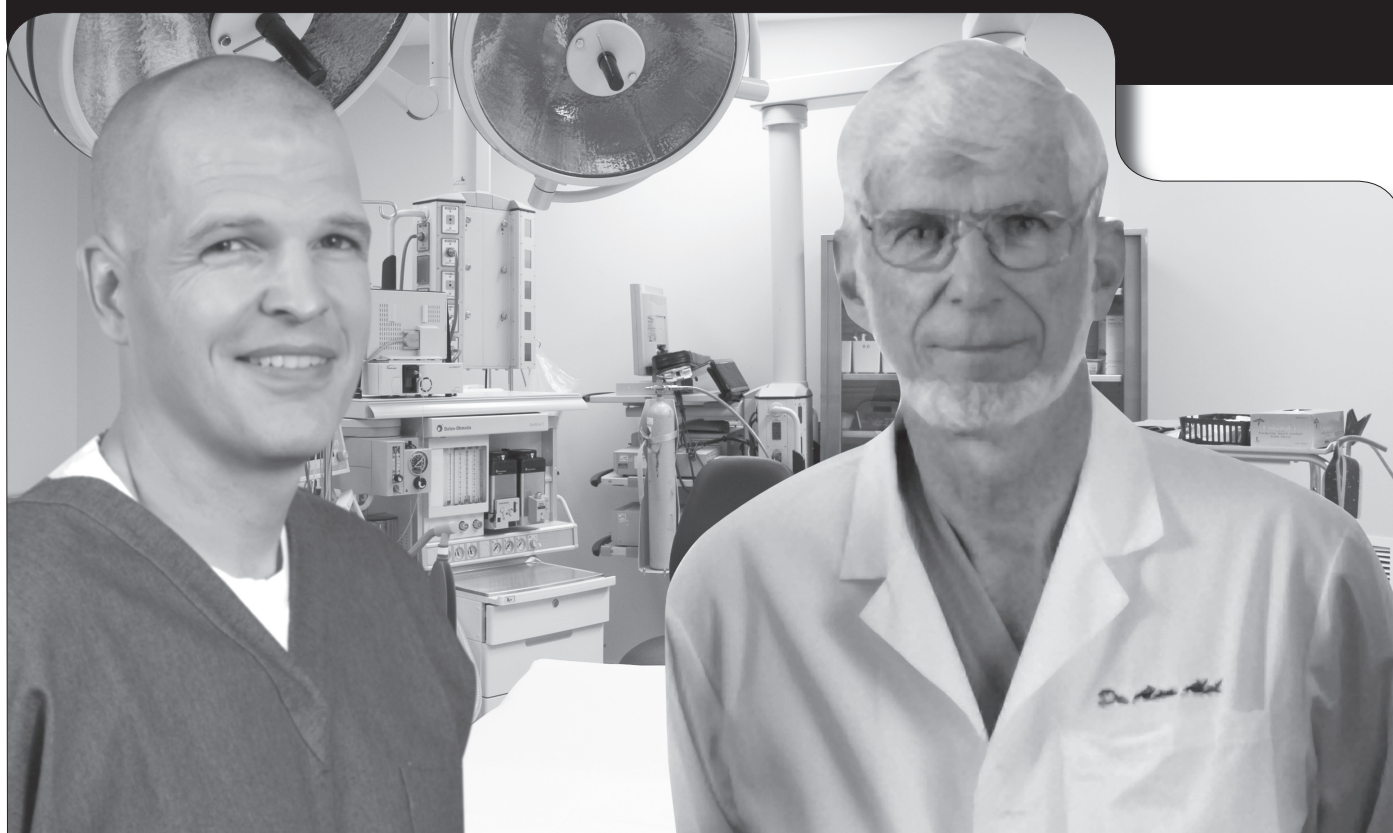
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CHURCH

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The "See You at the Pole" on campus, and the concert Wednesday at the auditorium. We will be excited to hear of their experiences this Sunday.

East Fourth welcomes you to attend services with us. Sunday services start at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school for all. Sunday evening is RAs and GAs.

Wednesday at 7 p.m., we have adult, youth and children's Bible study and music. Saturday at 7 a.m. is men's Bible study.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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

Members of our church enjoyed sharing in the FPC Big Spring's picnic and barbecue last Saturday.

We mourned the death this week of faithful member, elder and Clerk of Session Wendell Shive, and extend condolences to his wife and daughters.

The lectionary for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew

21:23-32.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Last weekend's church barbecue and picnic was well-attended and enjoyed, from the campfire breakfast Saturday morning through afternoon and evening entertainment, fellowship and eating. The cooking culminated with barbecue, beans, and covered-dish lunch following worship Sunday.

Presbyterian Women met at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Bible study at 5:17 p.m., youth group at 6 p.m., and choir practice at 6 p.m. took place Wednesday.

The lectionary for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32. Our monthly Noisy Offering will be taken to be used to alleviate hunger. Organist/choir director Mike Mitchell will lead in the anthems "Nature's Hymn of Praise" by Eugene Butler and "Day by Day" by K. Lee Scott. "But What Later?" is the title of the Rev. Bronaugh's sermon, based on Exodus 17:4.

After worship, the congregation elect an Officer Nominating Committee.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings from Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

If you are looking for a church home we invite you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. There are Sunday school classes for Pre-K ages 3 and 4, kindergarten class for ages 5 and 6, juniors class for ages 7-9, preteen class for ages 10-12, teen class ages 13-18, and an adult class. A nursery is provided. Mid-week service is 7 p.m. Wednesday. For a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. we will participate in the Life Chain event east of the church along Birdwell Lane.

The singing group, Forever His with Phillip and Dianne Crow, will be with us for both services Oct. 5. For information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. 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.

Our monthly pot-luck supper is at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Bring your favorite food to share and meet us in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and worship.

The Blessing of the Animals will be at 3 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Bennett Garden.

Just doing what we can

In the wake of hurricane Ike, the news channels have be inundated with pictures of destruction. Piles of rubble, partially standing buildings, overturned cars, and uprooted trees have dominated TV screens and changed peoples' lives. Those who have watched from a safe distance and waited anxiously to hear from loved ones have also felt the impact of the storm.

However, in the midst of all the confusion, one camera crew zoomed in on a young elephant and his trainer helping to move fallen trees from yards and driveways. As the cameras filmed, the three-year-old elephant happily picked up trees with his trunk and placed them where he was instructed to put them. His actions brought applause from all who watched him work so diligently to help those in need.



BONNIE WHEAT

In the scripture, Jesus also applauded those who did what they could for the benefit of others. When a woman anointed Jesus' head with a vial of precious perfume, she was criticized for wasting the costly perfume instead of selling it for money to help the poor, but Jesus defended her: "She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial." (Mark 14:8 NASB)

Another chapter of the Gospel of Mark tells about Jesus' response to the widow who put two mites, a small offering about the equivalent of one cent, into the temple treasury: "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors in the treasury; for they put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:43-44 NASB)

Whether we have the ability to move trees or to pick up sticks, to give much or little, God expects us to do what we can.

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

Chapel of Faith

The Chapel of Faith, located at the corner of East 14th and Goliad, invites you to attend worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Pastor Joel Miller presents a message of hope and inspiration based on scripture. The worship service is informal and open to

everyone. We are an interdenominational congregation. Come early and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment.

October 4 is the date for the stew and cornbread supper at the church. Serving time will be from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come. The meal is free and includes stew, cornbread, sandwiches and desserts. We look forward to having you as our guests. For more information, call 267-4082.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

The Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. This week in adult Sunday school, we will be discussing "Creating a Community of Servants," taken from the book of Matthew with Jacque Mauch as the leader.

Co-pastor Allen Welch will be delivering the Sunday morning message.

The date has been set for our annual chicken spaghetti supper, cooked by Alton and Treva Hall. The date for this fund-raiser is Oct. 18 with tickets priced \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

This Saturday is delivery day for the September Angel Food orders. Delivery time is 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. October orders can be placed at this time.

North Birdwell UMC is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and all persons are welcome.

First Baptist Church

Beginning Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, First Baptist Church will begin a Bible study for women by Priscilla Shirer. The name of

the study is "Discerning the Voice of God." Child-care will be available. Call 267-8223.

Calvary Baptist Church

The church now has adequate parking space between the church and annex, behind the church and on the streets beside the church.

We hope you will choose to attend our church. When you do, you will find a warm, friendly welcome. "The spirit and the bride same come. And let him that heareth say come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him yake the water of life freely." — Rev. 22:17.

Calvary Baptist is located at 1200 Fourth St. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., worship services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

Gateway Baptist Church

Gateway, formerly Crestview Baptist, is located at 2305 Gatesville St.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., followed by worship service at 11 a.m. and at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6 p.m., we have food and fellowship, followed by devotion and prayer time.

We invite you to come and visit a warm, loving fellowship of believers. We are small in number but have a big heart.

From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday we are having a mini concert presented by Bro. Mike Robinson and other local gospel singers. This will be followed by barbecue sandwiches, etc. Everyone is welcome.

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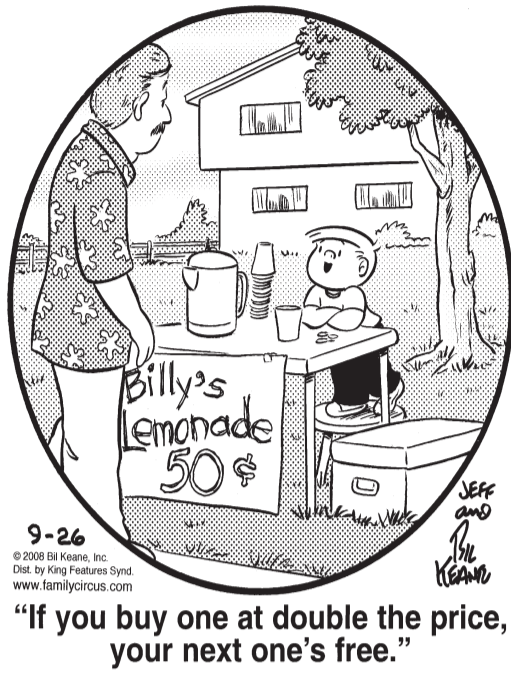
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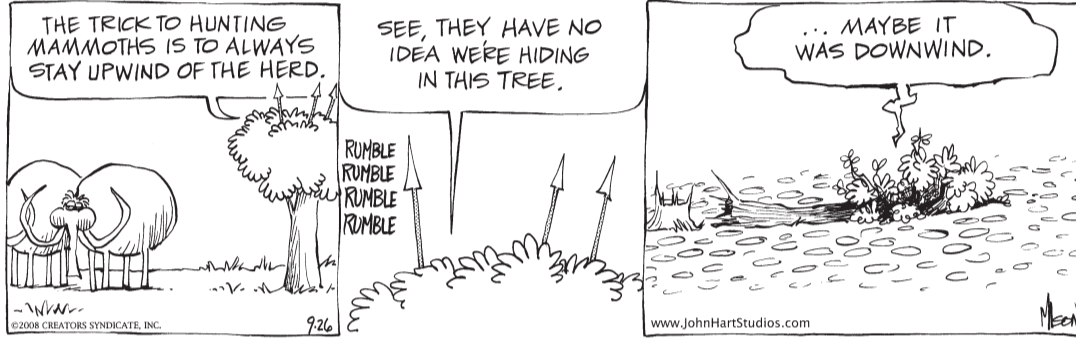
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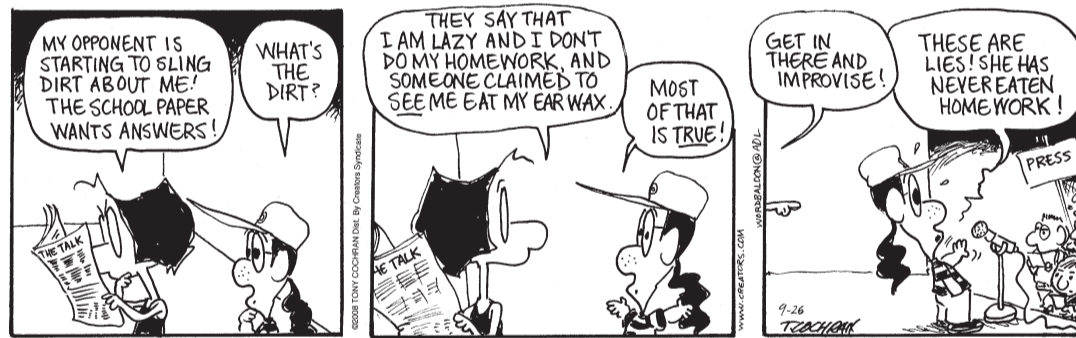
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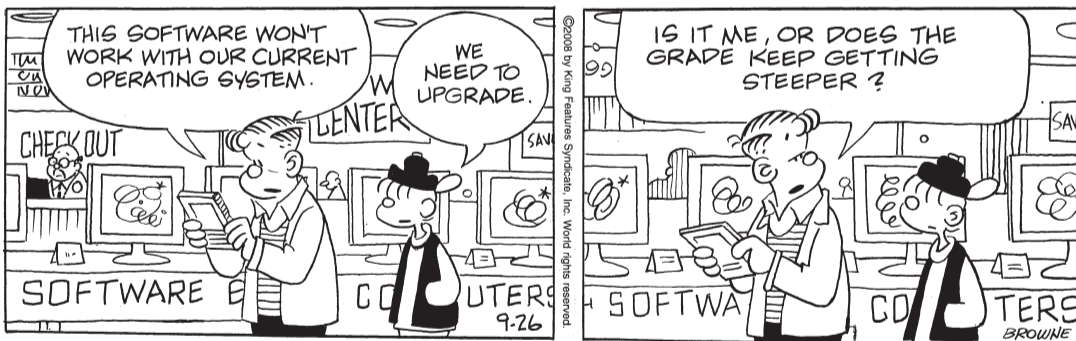
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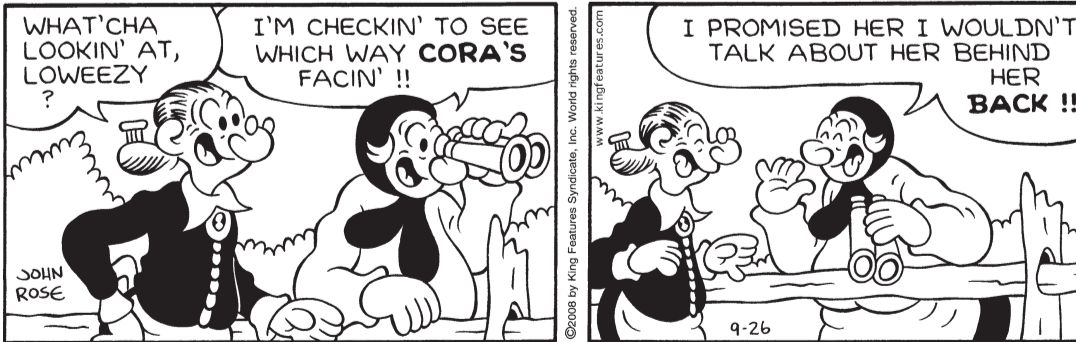
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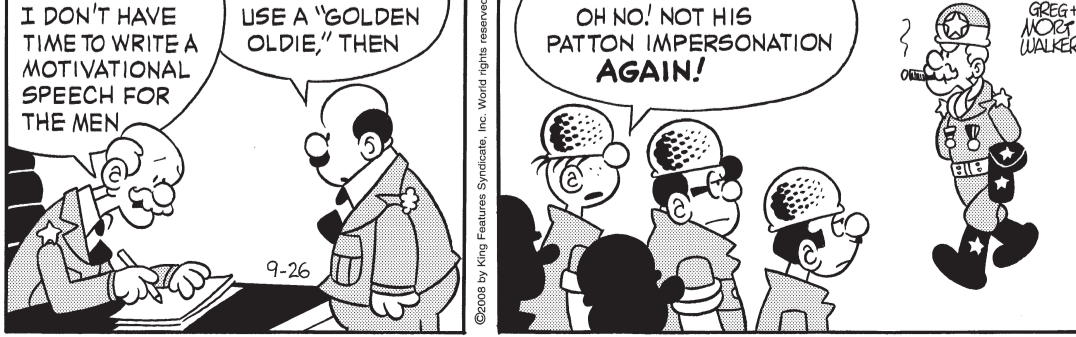
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 26, the 270th day of 2008. There are 96 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 26 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first secretary of state.
On this date:
In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.
In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J.
In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.
In 1918, the Meuse-Argonne offensive against the Germans began during World War I.
In 1955, following word that President Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.
In 1957, the musical play "West Side Story" opened on Broadway.
In 1960, the first debate between presidential candidates took place

as John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon faced off in Chicago before a national TV audience.
In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.
In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Biosphere on this date in 1993.)
In 1997, an Indonesian Airbus A-300 crashed while approaching Medan Airport in north Sumatra, killing all 234 people aboard.
One year ago: A judge declared a mistrial in Phil Spector's murder trial because the jury was deadlocked 10-2 in favor of convicting the music producer of killing actress Lana Clarkson. Myanmar began a violent crackdown on protests, beating and dragging away dozens of monks.
Today's Birthdays: Fitness expert Jack LaLanne is 94. Actor Philip Bosco is 78. Country singer David Frizzell is 67. Actor Kent McCord is 66. Television host Anne Robinson is 64. Singer Bryan Ferry is 63. Singer Lynn Anderson is 61. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 60. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 60. Actor James Keane is 56. Rock

singer-musician Cesar Rosas (Los Lobos) is 54. Country singer Carlene Carter is 53. Actress Linda Hamilton is 52. Country singer Doug Supernaw is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cindy Herron (En Vogue) is 47. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is 46. Rock musician Al Pitrelli is 46. Singer Tracey Thorn (Everything But The Girl) is 46. TV personality Jillian Barberie is 42. Singer Shawn Stockman (Boyz II Men) is 36. Jazz musician Nicholas Payton is 35. Actor Mark Famiglietti is 29. Singer-actress Christina Milian is 27. Tennis player Serena Williams is 27.
Thought for Today: "The world cares very little about what a man or woman knows; it is what the man or woman is able to do." — Booker T. Washington, American educator and author (1856-1915).
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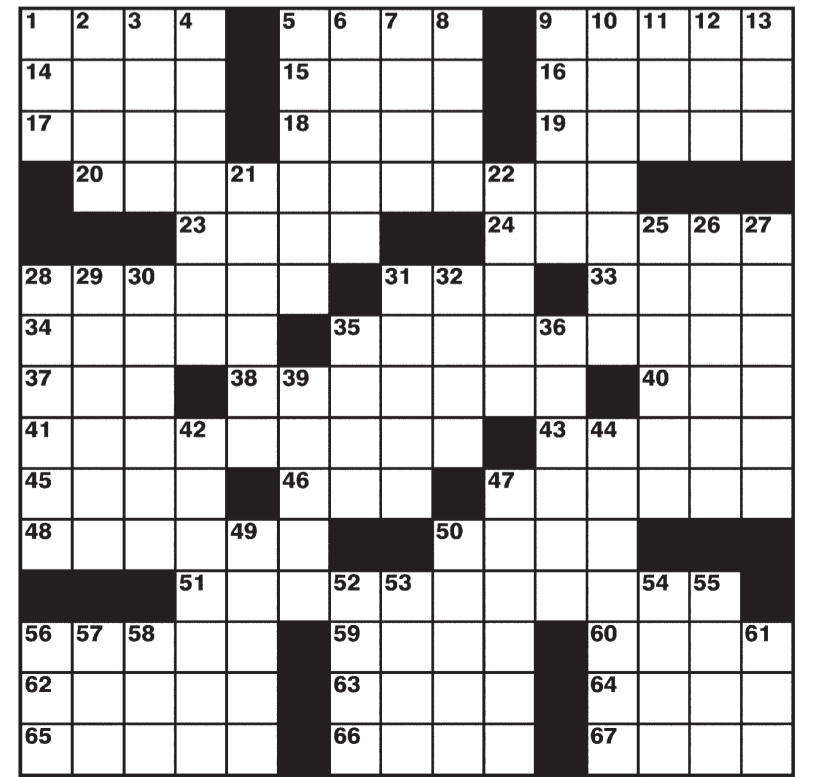
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- ACROSS**
1 Bantu language
5 Magic charm
9 Monroe's successor
14 Gobs and gobs
15 In a bit
16 Hold a candle to
17 Actress Teri
18 Luxor's water
19 Boat filler
20 Slogan for a Sierra Nevada resort?
23 Like Narcissus
24 Encrypted
28 Buccaneer's buddies
31 Greenhouse container
33 Three, in Tampico
34 Autobahn autos
35 Film versions of *A Christmas Carol*?
37 ___ Tin Tin
38 Oxen followers
40 Pupil's stat.
41 Embarrassed hula dancer?
43 Type of newspaper
45 Patisserie worker
46 Roker et al.
47 IHOP rival
48 Helvetia's lack
50 "Is that a ___?"
51 What could once be seen at Ararat?
56 Persistently annoying
59 Of two minds
- DOWN**
1 Abrupt turn
2 Park City's home
3 Popular knowledge
4 Get to the bottom of
5 Termite cousin
6 Pizza topping
7 Knock for a loop
8 SSS classification
9 Element in air
10 Alternative to cable
11 Mickey Rooney ex
12 Dallas player, briefly
13 Shifty
21 Hydrotherapy venue
22 Reno request
25 Fountainhead
26 Very much
27 EB White output
28 Commercial cat
29 Individually
30 Easy to chew
31 Board members of a sort
32 "Alas!"
35 Recipe direction
36 Up next
39 Tibetan capital
42 Ingenious trick
44 Estate-sale offering
47 *A Tale of Two Cities* character
49 Vestibule
50 Red River city
52 URL opener
53 Motel amenity
54 Invalid
55 *Dennis the Menace* girl
56 Light touch
57 Lack of modesty
58 Transgression
61 Prospector's gear



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