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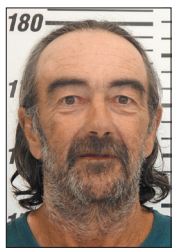
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Rangers investigating inmate's death

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Howard County Jail inmate who was rushed to the emergency room last week died Thursday at a local hospital, spurring local law enforcement officials to call in the Texas Rangers to investigate.
 Roger Lee Edwards, 53, of



Edwards

the same day.

Big Spring was arrested July 22 by the Big Spring Police Department on a charge of theft with a previous conviction and transferred to the county jail

According to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker, Edwards was found unresponsive in one of the jail's cell's at 3 a.m. Friday, July 24.
 "Edwards was in a pod area in the jail, along with several other inmates," said Parker. "The other inmates noticed he was having trouble breathing

and notified the jail staff, who found him unresponsive. At that point they called for an ambulance.
 "He was transported by ambulance with CPR in progress to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. We were notified of his death at approximately 3 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman has ordered an autopsy and I've requested an outside investigation by the Texas Rangers, standard procedure in a death of this nature."
 Parker said Edwards' body was transported to the See **INMATE**, Page 3



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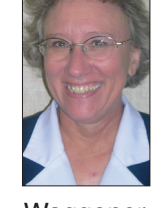
Emergency personnel prepare a woman to be transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Thursday afternoon following a two-vehicle traffic accident near the intersection of 15th Street and Goliad. Two women and two children, who were traveling south on Goliad in a red Toyota sedan, were transported from the scene. The driver of the second vehicle, a Toyota SUV, appeared to be uninjured in the accident. None of the injuries reported at the scene were life threatening.

BSISD budget balanced

Drop in mineral values not likely to impact bottom line

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials do not believe a significant drop in property valuations will seriously effect their budget for the coming fiscal year.



Waggoner

Like most taxing entities in Howard County, BSISD saw its certified tax valuations take a notable drop this year, from \$1.17 billion in 2008 to \$1.04 billion in the figures recently released by the Howard County Tax Appraisal Office.

Despite the decrease, officials believe that trustees will adopt a balanced budget when they meet Tuesday afternoon.

The main reason no major budgetary upheaval is expected is that a drop in valuations was expected, said Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer for BSISD.

"Actually, the valuations are slightly less than we hoped they'd be, but they're pretty close," Waggoner said. "The new figures really shouldn't effect the budget. We'll just have to watch our special projects more closely. We may not be able to do all the things we

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Keep Big Spring Beautiful looks to gussy up and needs your help

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Keep Big Spring Beautiful officials are hoping plans to renovate Comanche Trail Park will earn the organization money for even more

projects.
 KBSB members will soon undertake several projects to enhance the park in an effort to win the Keep Texas Beautiful's Governor's Achievement Award, a \$130,000 grant the organization would use to improve

three entrances to the city.
 "To win the award, we need some kind of big, splashy project that includes the city, county and civic groups," said Walter Ward, a KBSB

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Coahoma exes to reunite this weekend

Herald Staff Report

Have a tie to Coahoma High? Well, this is your weekend.
 Former and present students, teachers and staff will congregate at the Coahoma Elementary Building Saturday for a school-wide reunion.
 Activities will begin over coffee and doughnuts with registration from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Coahoma High School exes — graduates, teachers and staff — are invited.

Donuts and coffee will be served during registration, which will take place from 9 a.m. through 10:30 a.m.
 This year's reunion will highlight "CHS Sports Through the Years," and the 1:30 p.m. program will include former coaches Bernie Hagins, Norman Roberts and Jody Sory. All former athletes at CHS will be recognized, along with members of any state-qualifying team, and former athletes will be given an opportunity to share stories. An auction will

be held to raise funds for the CHS Scholarship Fund.
 There are several individual class reunions scheduled tonight and Saturday night and a good crowd is anticipated Saturday, including alumni from all across Texas, plus Wyoming, Oklahoma and Arkansas, organizers said.
 For more information, contact Joyce York Baumann at (432) 816-1588 or Patti Lee Meeks at 267-6688.

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Look In Today's Edition For Little League Team Photos

Obituaries

Betty S. Bishop

Betty S. Bishop, 86, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 30, 2009, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. She was born July 16, 1923, in Dallas and married Jay Bishop in 1939 in Bakersfield, Calif. He preceded her in death in 1970. She moved to Big Spring in 1998 and was a retired nurse, working for 34 years in West Texas. She enjoyed her family, playing golf, crocheting, home-making and traveling. She was a Catholic. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Mitzi Bishop of Coppell; one daughter and son-in-law, Bunny and Tom Fletcher of Big Spring; seven grandsons, Danny Bishop, Donny Bishop, Brian Bishop, Craig Bishop, Ray Fowler, Jon Bentley and Donny Brown; two granddaughters, Tonya Barrick and Erryn DeLeon; and nine great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Vikki Bentley; and one sister. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Rodney Allison

Rodney Allison, 66, of El Paso, formerly a teacher at Big Spring High School, died Wednesday, July 29, 2009, in an El Paso hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. He was born Oct. 5, 1942, in Colorado City and married Margaret Donnelly July 3, 1973, in Big Spring. Rodney taught from 1964 to 1974 at Big Spring High School. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Allison of El Paso; a brother, Preston Duane Allison of Austin; a niece, Mindy Rodriguez of Midland; three nephews, Corey Allison of Irving, Dan Donnelly of Kalispell, Mont. and Doug Donnelly of Killeen; and a number of aunts, uncles, cousins, grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Ozro Allison in 1971 and his mother, Vaurine Milliken Smith on Aug. 28, 2004. The family suggests memorials may be made to: Thru the Bible Radio Network, P.O. Box 7100, Pasadena, Calif. 91109. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Police blotter

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

- CYNTHIA ANN RAMOS, 30, of 1501 Scurry, was arrested Thursday on four local warrants.
- COLBY ROSS THURMAN, 26, of 1310 Baylor, was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 45, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR., 29, of 1509 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on an Ector County warrant.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Jr.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- PROHIBITED WEAPONS was reported in the 500 block of Aylesford.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of Aylesford.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2200 block of Monticello.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 15th Street and Goliad. Four people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of S. Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

Ruth Katherine Slate Brock

Ruth Katherine Slate Brock, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at Stanton Care Center. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Michael Willard, pastor of Cornerstone Covenant Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook. Ruth was born April 12, 1924, to Lizzie B. VanDyke and James M. Slate in Coleman County. She had been a resident of Howard County since 1942 and married Carl Brock on April 11, 1946, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death June 15, 1991. Ruth worked as a waitress in the Settles Hotel dining room in the early 1940s during World War II.



In the 1950s, she worked as a switchboard operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone. She later worked for Thornton's Department Store, from where she retired. She was a member of the First Assembly of God. Ruth was known and loved by many as "Sister." Ruth is survived by two brothers, Freddie Slate of Pampa and Edward Slate of Big Spring; one sister, Bonnie Stiehl of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, James Monroe Slate in 1953 and her mother, Lizzie Bell Slate in 1991; one brother, James Don Slate in 1991; and one sister, Pauline Kizer in 2004. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

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H.W. 'Bill' Sublett

H.W. "Bill" Sublett, 90, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 29, 2009, in Houston. His funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Roger Lee Edwards

Roger Lee Edwards, 53, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 30, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- HOLSTON BANKS, 17, was arrested Thursday by the HCSCO on a local warrant.
- RONNIE LEAL, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSCO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- RICHARD LEE OLIVAS, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSCO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- JOHNNY RAY PAYNE, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSCO on charges bond and probation revocations for resisting arrest, search or transportation (two counts), bail jumping – failure to appear (two counts), theft (two counts) and possession of marijuana.
- KENNETH ALAN POTTER, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSCO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CYNTHIA ANN RAMOS, 30, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- COLBY THURMAN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday on charges of expired driver's license and possession of a controlled substance.

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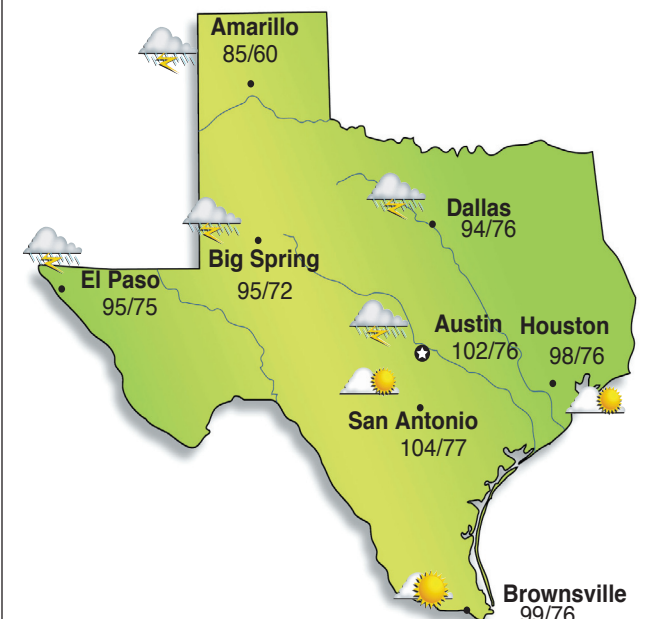
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms possible. High near 95F.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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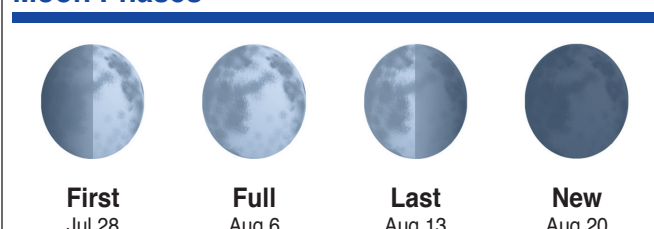
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	73	t-storm	Kingsville	102	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	85	60	t-storm	Livingston	98	76	t-storm
Austin	102	76	t-storm	Longview	91	74	t-storm
Beaumont	94	76	t-storm	Lubbock	90	66	t-storm
Brownsville	99	76	mst sunny	Lufkin	95	76	t-storm
Brownwood	96	73	t-storm	Midland	95	74	t-storm
Corpus Christi	98	79	pt sunny	Raymondville	103	77	pt sunny
Corsicana	94	75	t-storm	Rosenberg	99	76	t-storm
Dallas	94	76	t-storm	San Antonio	104	77	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	80	t-storm	San Marcos	103	77	pt sunny
El Paso	95	75	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	91	75	t-storm
Fort Stockton	94	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	93	71	t-storm
Gainesville	91	73	t-storm	Tyler	92	73	t-storm
Greenville	90	73	t-storm	Weatherford	95	72	t-storm
Houston	98	76	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	93	70	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	71	pt sunny	Minneapolis	72	55	pt sunny
Boston	81	65	pt sunny	New York	86	70	mst sunny
Chicago	78	58	t-storm	Phoenix	107	82	sunny
Dallas	94	76	t-storm	San Francisco	76	55	pt sunny
Denver	79	56	sunny	Seattle	89	64	mst sunny
Houston	98	76	pt sunny	St. Louis	83	62	t-storm
Los Angeles	80	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	91	73	mst sunny
Miami	91	80	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-10-12-33. Bonus Ball: 22.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:
1. Prize: \$625,000.
Winning ticket purchased in: Frisco.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-25-32-36.
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,491
Winning ticket purchased in: Marion.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-8-2. Sum it Up: 25.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-7. Sum It Up: 21.

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Money woes mounting, doctor found in Jackson a chance for fame and a badly needed payday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dr. Conrad Murray needed a big payday when he became Michael Jackson's personal physician last spring.

The Las Vegas cardiologist owed at least \$780,000 for settlements against his business, outstanding mortgage payments on his house, delinquent student loans, child support and credit cards. And that doesn't include the \$68,000 the distributor of an energy drink says Murray, a one-time business associate, owes for skipping out on payments.

Court records chronicling Murray's woes in Las Vegas, where authorities searched his home this week as part of their manslaughter investigation into Jackson's death, help explain why — beyond basking in a celebrity's aura — Murray might have jumped at the \$150,000-a-month Jackson's promoter was prepared to pay him to keep the star healthy through a series of concerts in London.

Murray hooked on with Jackson in May, as his bleak financial picture threatened to worsen. He already was under court orders to pay more than \$363,000 for equipment for his heart clinic and \$71,000 in student loans dating to the 1980s, a judgment that hit in April. Two lawsuits claiming he owes \$240,000 more for unpaid equipment are pending in Nevada courts.

And Murray had appeared unable or unwilling to settle more modest debts — a nearly \$3,700 judgment for not paying child support and two recent credit card company claims totaling \$2,600.

White House trying to keep 'cash for clunkers' program alive amid funding concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's popular "cash for clunkers" program may be running out of money after only a matter of days as car shoppers flock to dealerships to take advantage of the rebates.

The White House said Thursday it was assessing its options amid concerns the \$1 billion budget for rebates for new car sales may have been depleted. The program officially began last week and has been heavily publicized by automakers and dealers.

Transportation Department officials called lawmakers earlier Thursday to alert them of plans to suspend the program as early as Friday. But a White House official said later the program had not been suspended and they were reviewing their options to keep the program funded.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said they were working to "assess the situation facing what is obviously an incredibly popular program. Auto dealers and consumers should have confidence that all valid CARS transactions that have taken place to date will be honored."

Dubbed the Car Allowance Rebate System, or CARS, the program offers owners of old cars and trucks \$3,500 or \$4,500 toward a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle, in exchange for scrapping their old vehicle.

Congress last month approved the plan to boost auto sales and remove some inefficient cars and trucks from the roads.

INMATE

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medical examiner's office in Lubbock, with the autopsy expected to take place sometime today.

The cause of Edwards' death is still under investigation, according to Parker, but all indications are the inmate suffered a heart attack.

"It was definitely a medical condition that led to Mr. Edwards' death," said Parker. "We've ruled out an attack by the other inmates or any other outside factors. My understanding is he was being treated for a heart attack, but we won't know for sure until the Rangers complete their investigation."

Parker said he doesn't expect any solid answers from the Rangers — who arrived in Big Spring Thursday night to begin their investigation — until the autopsy results are finalized.

"Right now we're just waiting for the Rangers to complete their investigation," said Parker. "The jail staff acted accordingly in the situation, and I don't believe they did anything to contribute to Edwards' condition or death. They handled the situation just as they are trained to."

Funeral services for Edwards are being handled by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Elva Chavera, 62, of Big Spring, died Tuesday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ruth Katherine Slate Brock, 85, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook, Texas.

Roger Lee Edwards, 53, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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wanted to."

Lower valuations is only one of the financial headaches Waggoner has had to deal with this summer. In addition, uncertainties on state earmarks have made firming up budget estimates problematic.

"One of the issues we're dealing with right now is how much new money will have to be set aside for special populations (such as special education, vocational education and English as a Second Language instruction)," she said. "Once those things are settled, we'll have to look at the budget and see where we can go from there."

"But we shouldn't be too far off," Waggoner added. "We're not talking about millions of dollars."

Another reason for Waggoner's optimism is that the budget is a flexible package.

"The budget is basically a guide — it's not set in stone," she said. "If we need to move money around to different areas, we can do that."

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KBSB

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officer. "To do that, we plan on renovating Comanche Trail Park (with) small projects that are easily doable but would make the park a more attractive place."

The first of the planned projects would be the addition of between 10 and 12 stone benches at the park. KBSB hopes to finance the benches through business, church or civic group sponsorships.

To defray the \$400 cost for each of the benches, Ward said interested parties could buy full, half or quarter sponsorships. Those organizations' name and/or logos would then be placed on bronze plaques that would be set in the benches.

The next park project would be the construction and placement of between eight and 10 "you are here" signs that would help visitors better locate park attractions. Ward hopes businesses and other organizations will "adopt" a sign to help defray

the estimated \$300 cost. In return, the group's name and logo would be inscribed onto the sign.

Finally, KBSB is hoping to purchase 80 dome-top lids for the park's trash barrels. Cost per item is \$80, Ward said.

Ward said the projects are a multi-agency effort, spearheaded by KBSB but also including the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the city of Big Spring. The original idea, however, came from longtime beautification advocate Pat Simmons.

"She decided we needed a big project to get into that was also simple," Ward said. "She's been talking about the park for about two years now, and it was around June that she really started pushing these projects."

Ward noted that the group will likely send out solicitation letters to area businesses, churches and civic groups within the next few weeks and will encourage donations on the projects through the end of this year.

The state award recipient will be named early next year, he added.

Whether the group wins the award, Ward said renovation of the city park will be a priority for years to come.

"We would really like to see our park become the best city park in West Texas," he said. "And we have a really good shot at it."

For more information, call 935-6455.

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Church News

First Christian Church

It's time to Rock the Desert Aug. 7-8 near the Midland airport. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this hugely popular event for teenagers. High school youth who would like to attend with our young people are welcome to join us for this amazing, inspirational weekend. We will leave sometime around noon Friday, Aug. 7 and return late night Saturday, Aug. 8.

Tickets for the two-day event are available online at www.rockthedesert.com for \$20 each. Or, you can purchase them at the gate Aug. 7 for \$25.

Youth who travel with us will stay overnight at our sister congregation, First Christian Church in Midland. Pizza and water will be provided late Friday night and breakfast will be served Saturday morning.

The last group takes the stage about 8:30 p.m. Saturday, which means we will return to Big Spring around midnight, at which time youth would need to be picked up by parents.

If you would like to attend Rock the Desert with us, stop by the church office at 911 Goliad between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays to pick up a release form for your parent to sign, an itinerary for the trip and an information sheet on what to bring along for the overnight stay.

Since this is the 10th anniversary, you know the festival will be bringing in the hottest names in Christian rock. It's going to be awesome!

First United Methodist

This first Sunday in August our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese's sermon will be entitled "Lunch With the Lord." Services of worship are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m.

Everyone is reminded to bring your cards, letters and love notes for Brent and Amy Williams. The Blessings Box will be located in the foyer of the sanctuary and will be mailed to that family next week. We ask for continued prayers for Amy as she continues her cancer treatments.

The Big Relay Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15. Doors to the youth hall will open at 8 a.m. and

there will be lots of bargains just in time for the start of school. The Pathmaker's class is sponsoring this fundraising event for the church teams that will be entered in Relay For Life 2010.

A number of our congregation will be going to Lubbock on that same Saturday to attend the roundup for Methodist churches in this area. Our Big Spring Leadership Team will present one of the classes. Check the office for registration and transportation.

Thanks to all the volunteers, teachers, parents and youth who made our Vacation Bible School a big success.

Another of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Universities is scheduled to begin Aug. 26 and run 13 weeks from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. each Wednesday in the Pathmaker's class. A free trial class will be held in that same location Wednesday, Aug. 12; this is especially for those interested in trying out the class before they purchase a kit. For more information, call the church or go to www.daveramsey.com.

Get ready for "Back in the Saddle" Sunday, Aug. 23. It will be time to get back into the schedule for church and Sunday school. There will be fun and food in a warm and loving atmosphere. It's at First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

The lectionary for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time is II Samuel 11:26-12:13; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during morning worship.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. A

Advice from a giraffe

Good advice often comes from strange places. My friend and relative Peggy, an avid collector of all-things-giraffe, is now getting advice from her long-necked friends. For some time now, Peggy has had giraffe pictures on her walls, giraffe pillows on her couch and giraffe rugs on her floors. Any level surface in her house is a display ledge for a ceramic, metal, wooden, or resin giraffe. Since her fondness for giraffes has become known, the spotted replicas tend to migrate to her front door.



BONNIE WHEAT

Since Peggy started attracting giraffes, her collection has spread from her kitchen and living room to her closet. Her wardrobe includes multiple giraffe-print garments and giraffe-adorned necklaces, bracelets, and pins. They have become her logo — her brand.

When I saw Peggy at a family reunion not long ago, she was wearing a new T-shirt that her grandchild-

dren had given her. It featured some good advice from a giraffe. I don't remember all of the long-legged fellow's words of admonition, but they sounded equally applicable for tall folks and those of us who are vertically challenged. The giraffe's advice included:

- Stand up straight.
- Don't be afraid to stick your neck out.
- Reach for the leaves at the top of the tree.
- Hold your head up high.

All of that lofty advice reminds me of something that the apostle Paul said: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16 NASB).

In this day when Christians are being ridiculed for their faith, maybe we should all stand a little straighter, stretch our faith a little farther, and hold our heads up higher. Instead of acting ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, maybe we should be sticking our necks out more often.

That's good advice, even if it did come from a giraffe.

Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is Aug. 13.

On Sept. 10, we will celebrate the 1995 Walks 1 and 2. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our Web site at www.signal-emmaus.org

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Chapel of Faith. The church is located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets. Services are informal and lean more to the traditional form of worship.

This Sunday, Pastor Scott Willis will bring the message "Teach Us to Pray," taken from Psalm 51. A service of Holy communion will be observed.

Chapel of Faith offers an open communion to all who believe in Christ.

Remember, God loves you, no matter who you are, where you are or what you are doing. His love is being offered to you free of charge. All you have to do is accept it.

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St., invites everyone to attend Sunday services beginning at 9 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages following at 10:15 a.m.

Our mission statement is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that

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Replacing God with physical answers

She said the Devil told her to do it and you know what? I believe her. I'm talking about the mother down in San Antonio who killed, mutilated, decapitated and ate her three-and-half-week-old baby. Such acts are pure evil and while our society desperately tries to convince itself that they occur because of chemical imbalances in the brain, most know that something else is going on.



DR. MATT PRICE

The trouble with modern psychology is that it has no explanation for evil. If a person hears voices in their head, they must be schizophrenic. The problem with that is that most all people have or do hear voices in their head on a daily basis. So really the people

who are diagnosed schizophrenic are the ones who have admitted it and want help making the voices go away.

Enter the new age of psychotic drugs. They calm a person down and make the voices fade out. More and more we feed ourselves and our kids these drugs because we have forgotten a simple fact.

Thoughts enter your head that you know don't come from you. We are all tempted to do things out of character. If a person is honest with themselves they will admit that many times a day, especially when interacting with society, thoughts of the most horrible and base things occur to them.

The fact that we live in both a physical reality and a spiritual reality is quickly being lost and forgotten in our society today. What we are expecting is for science to come up with physical answers to spiritual problems. The best we have gotten is to numb the mind to

make it less receptive to those voices.

Of course as many people in the last 20 to 30 years have found out, the voices never go away. When the medications wear off or the people stop taking them the voices then are so loud that people go crazy and do the most base and horrible things. You know, like shooting up schools, killing their children, spouses and loved ones or most common of all, committing suicide.

Are the people sick? Oh yes they are. But the problem is not physical. The problem is spiritual. You see, they ... we and me really are hearing real voices that are not of ourselves.

The further away we get from Biblical Christianity in our society the more open to attack and "new" diseases we are. Just because we don't believe in Satan

and demons does not mean that they don't exist. Our unbelief, in fact gives them more freedom to kill, steal and destroy.

Jesus said that about the Devil and his fallen angels. That is the goal of the true enemy of mankind. We fight a losing battle when we try to counteract the attacks of a spiritual enemy with physical things. The next time you see your doctor ask them how many of the drugs that are out on the market today for psychological ailments actually cure the patients. If they are honest they will tell you that none of them do. The drugs only treat the symptoms.

I am more than happy to let a medical doctor treat a physical problem with physical techniques. Yet asking a medical doctor or psychiatrist to cure

a spiritual problem is like asking me, Dr. Matt, to perform open heart surgery. I could get the chest open but do you really want me wandering around poking at your heart?

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 6 that we need to put on the armor of God so that we can withstand the "schemes" of the Devil. He says that our struggle is not against flesh and blood. He later says that with the "shield of faith" we will be able to quench the flaming arrows of the evil one.

If you think that Ephesians 6 is just a metaphor then go ahead and try getting your peace of mind from a bottle, whether in liquid or capsule form.

If you're a Christian and truly believe in the Word of God — that it means what it says — then let me ask you

a question. When did Jesus stop being the Prince of Peace? When did He stop being the source for your peace?

The answer is simple. The peace that passes all understanding went away when we tried to replace Him with physical answers.

The lady in San Antonio suffers a spiritual problem. She listened to the voice of evil and then did what she was told to do. She had no defense because the church doesn't believe or teach how to fight in the spirit anymore.

Our society is sick and dying because we are trying to win a gun fight with rocks. Truly the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God.

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Proverbs 6: 2 says, "You are snared with the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth."

Few of us realize the effects our conversations have upon our own spirits and actions. When we pretend to be what we are not, it builds into our actions as weakness. It is like a piece of dry rot in the beam of a building. If your conversation is full of discouragement or you talk continually of your failures and mistakes, it will eventually rob you of your initiative. Soon you will find it difficult to rise above that mental attitude.



JERRIE STOCKS

You can be well assured that God did not design you to speak and confess failure over your life. He gave you an excellent plan for living a good life, and it is up to you as to how you will live out that plan. He did not create you as a robot, but in His image with a free will.

Christianity is a confession. It is our open confession of who we are and what we want our lives to represent. God's plan is that we design and live our lives for what is good and honest, speaking positive words that build up rather than destroy. He has given us authority through His Word and the rest is up to us.

Your life may not seem to be what you want, especially when you stumble and fail, but understand, you are not just an accident of nature that God took pity on. He is behind you all the way.

Where you are now need not predict your future.

Designing a good life is within the reach of all who desire to enrich their surroundings and lifestyles. However, all too often, we see those who live their lives in high speed, rushing from one day to another, never taking the time to enjoy God's creation and the joy of living.

We were put on this earth to have lives of joy and abundance, to be active participants in our own lives rather than spectators.

When we put genuine thought into the design and fabric of our lives on a daily basis by creating good and by taking full responsibility for our conduct toward others, life becomes more of a pleasure to both ourselves and others as well.

I recently read a story about a 106-year-old man who looked many years younger

than his age. When Mr. Otis was asked how he had lived such a long and strong life, his answer was, "I have always lived my life on God's side, and I never held a grudge against anyone, although there were times I had reason to. I just forgave them anyway."

He exercises every day, enjoys working in his flower garden, and looks for ways to bless others. He enjoys going to the coffee shop every day, always dressed in a suit and tie.

He said most Christians lack the knowledge of what it means to be an heir with Jesus Christ. So instead of acting and talking like royalty, they act and talk like they are nobody. He said when he realized who he was in Christ, it changed his life. One of his favorite Bible verses found in Proverbs 14:30 says, "A heart at peace

gives life to the body" (NIV).

If more of us realized the value God has invested in each life, we would design our daily lives as a vessel to create and spread the good rather than ignore the value within.

Our lives can and should be a trophy to Him, whom we represent.

The Bible says Jesus Christ went about doing good. He healed the sick, encouraged the down and out, and mixed with the lowly.

Since He is our example, we are to pattern our lives after Him.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in Him" Ephesians 2:10.

God bless.

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everyone may have eternal life." Services are led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

Bible study opportunities are available for anyone wishing to join. If you are interested, contact the church office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 267-7163.

Ongoing support for our troops continues. Items include powdered cold drink mixes (lemonade, Crystal Light, Tang) hard candy, Blistex and Carmex. Phone cards and donations are appreciated. The phone cards allow our military men and women to call home. Donations can be dropped by the church.

East Fourth Street Baptist

We are located at 401 E. Fourth St. and would love to have you come join in our worship service Sunday morning. Our Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Worship service is at 11 a.m., and our evening service is at 6 p.m.

The group that traveled to Mancos, Colo., last week on the mission trip to help teach VBS and share God's Word with the community had a glorious time. They have been asked to return next summer to teach again.

Our Fifth Sunday Singing is Aug. 30. If you wish to participate, contact Denise Weaver by Aug. 24.

Again, we invite you to come visit. If you need a ride, call our church office at 267-2291.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

A church staff meeting was held and the Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. There will be no choir practice or youth group this week.

Karen Schaedel will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Liturgist is Janie Conley. Ushers are Katie and Jerry Grimes, Ethel Guthrie and Mark Morgan. Communion servers for August are James Little, Nancy and Jim Bill Little, and Mike Robinson.

Sunday, Aug. 9, following worship we will have a called congregational meeting to elect an Office Nominating Committee and to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee. If the way be clear, this meeting will act to call the Rev. Mr. Craig Holstedt to be our pastor effective Oct. 1 and to care for any other items coming from this call.

The lectionary for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time is II Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35. This Sunday is Communion Sunday. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh will base his sermon, entitled "What's Our Job?," on John 6.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday

services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our Web site: www.fpcbs.org

Baptist Temple

Sunday mornings in August, our theme will be "I Need Recovery." All of us have hurts, habits and hang-ups that we need to turn over to God and allow him to heal and rescue us from.

Monday evenings starting Aug. 24, we will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The average student pays off more than \$5,000 in debt and saves more than \$2,000 by the end of the course. The cost of the course is \$100 (which covers materials). For more information and to register, call the church office at 267-8287. There will be a free preview of Financial Peace University after the morning worship service Sunday. The free preview should start around noon. All those interested in taking the course are invited to the preview.

Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) has changed meeting times. It now meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Baptist Temple fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interested in attending.

Also, our 12-Step Recovery program is meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in our church fellowship hall. There is no cost to attend this either.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages Wednesdays at 7 p.m. We are located at 400 E. 11th Place.

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

Alive in Christ Lutheran, LCMS

Our credo is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives." We are located at 2805 Lynn St. in the Kentwood Subdivision. Our phone number is 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbtx.

Pastor Steve Misch will be our guest speaker Sunday. Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Analsia Rodriguez. Our elders for this week are Darren Byrd and Richard van Hassell.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Kent Ivey. The readings for the ninth Sunday after Pentecost are Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 145:10-21, Ephesians 4:1-16, and John 6:22-35.

Mark your calendars for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., for a vision and mission meeting/workshop with the Rev. Steve Misch. Your opinions and ideas are important. We need all members of the congregation to attend.

The Executive Board will meet after church Sunday at 11 a.m..

The next "Movie on the Mountain" will be Aug. 29, "E.T." will be shown on Scenic Mountain.

The Board of Education has set Aug.16 for a Sunday school teachers meeting in order for the teachers to go over the new quarter's Sunday school material as well as other items. This meeting will be held after Sunday school and should not take long.

Rally Day will be Sept. 13 at the church. This will be a fun-filled day of hamburgers and hot dogs, bingo and various games and activities. Plan on bringing your friends. Rally Day celebration will begin about 11 a.m.

We are updating our church directory. E-mail family photos to Angela Newton at angela.newton@wtcmh-mr.org or bring one to church to be scanned and returned.

We need someone to volunteer to maintain our church Web site. If interested, contact Dana Byrd. Training will be provided.

The Board of Evangelism is asking for help with recording short messages for the upcoming radio spots. If you are interested, contact Kent Ivey.

The Board of Evangelism is also beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of those wanting a visit from

this group should be given to Richard Knocke. If you would like to help, contact Richard.

The San Antonio trip that the members of the AIC Youth Group were going on beginning Sunday has been postponed.

Youth Ministry 2010 Symposium has been scheduled Jan. 8-10 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel at the Galleria in Houston. Plan to attend this very challenging growth opportunity to help youth develop a Christian worldview.

The information class is still meeting Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Christian doctrine, as well as Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments, and other topics will be discussed. Feel free to join.

The LWML will serve refreshments at the VA Aug. 11. The Elders will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 20 and the Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 8.

West Highway 80 Church of Christ

West Highway 80 Church of Christ cordially invites the public and sister churches to our Gospel Meeting beginning this Sunday.

The speaker will be Bro. Rufus Johnson, minister of the Church of Christ in Desoto. Sunday lunch will be served from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. Singing will begin at 2 p.m. and preaching will commence at 3 p.m.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly Monday through Wednesday.

The theme is "The Family of God," Gal. 3:26, 27.

If you miss this Gospel Meeting, you will miss a treat.

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Weary from spotlight, Romo glad to be playing football

JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — No Jessica Simpson, no Terrell Owens. Gee, how is Tony Romo going to get any attention now?

Oh, wait. He is still the starting quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys.

"There's always something new around the corner," Romo said Thursday.

Going into his fourth season on the job, Romo knows

all about the spotlight that comes with it. He soaked up plenty of rewards for two seasons, but for the last nine months he's become a pinata, getting bashed for things real and perceived.

The downward spiral began in December with a 1-3 flop of a finish that kept the Cowboys out of the playoffs. The last game was a real stinker, a 44-6 loss in Philadelphia filled with the kind of sloppy mistakes coaches have been trying to get him to avoid for

years. Afterward, Romo said something about losing a football game not being the end of the world. The blogosphere and talk radio were all over him for that and they've hardly let up.

He was accused of masterminding T.O.'s release, paying more attention to golf than football, and getting out of shape. Even those who were glad he dumped Simpson took offense to how he did it (the day before her birthday

and not long after she bought him a \$100,000 boat), calling it further proof of his poor leadership skills. Or maybe it was another turnover under pressure.

Romo's new reputation was summed up pretty well at a training camp kickoff party Tuesday night.

More than 20,000 fans came and when Romo was announced, the majority gave him a nice ovation. But as the noise faded, another chorus began. Boos.

"It's just part of playing the position," Romo said. "As you get older, you start to realize that not everybody is going to want to root for you.

"I wish we practiced year-round," he said. "Practice is a lot of fun. It's enjoyable. You get to compete. We're out here twice a day. I talked to (Troy) Aikman this summer and we were talking about that some of the funnest times you have is on the practice field, getting better."



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Derek Holland delivers to the Seattle Mariners in the first inning of a baseball game in Arlington Thursday. The Rangers win, 7-1.

Rangers' Holland two-hits Mariners, getting 7-1 win

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

Hanging over Derek Holland's locker is a cartoon drawing of his head-shot he got from a fan with the inscription: "New Legend of Lefty."

How fitting after the latest outing by the Texas Rangers rookie.

Holland allowed only two hits and struck out 10 while getting within one out of his first complete game to lead the Rangers to a 7-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Thursday night.

"We got a real good look at what Derek Holland is capable of doing," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "His future gets brighter."

The 22-year-old Holland became the first Rangers rookie left-hander with 10 strikeouts, and the first Texas lefty since 1999 to reach that total.

Holland retired 24 of his first 25 batters, taking a one-hit shutout into the ninth before starting the final inning with his only walk.

The only hits he allowed were Jack Hannahan's broken-bat single with two outs in the fifth and Franklin Gutierrez's two-out single in the ninth on his 118th and final pitch.

When Gutierrez reached and Washington came out of the dugout, Holland started pleading his case to stay in the game. The manager had already made up his mind and, with a smile on his face, emphatically shook his head as he reached the mound.

"It was just me begging out there, 'Come on, let me get this one guy, I've got it,'" Holland said.

"Wash was funny," catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia said. "He said, 'I know you want to finish this game. But

even better is when you hear the crowd when you walk off this mound.' It was pretty special."

Holland left the mound to a loud ovation that "put chills in my spine." It came from the fans who just seconds earlier had booed Washington when he came out of the dugout.

"He'd taken us as far as we needed him to take us," Washington said.

Michael Young hit two of Texas' five home runs, three of them off starter Garrett Olson (3-5). Hank Blalock, Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Marlon Byrd also connected.

A night after the Rangers struck out 18 times against Detroit, they had 12 hits.

Red Sox 8,

Athletics 5

Hours after he was linked to a positive drug test, David Ortiz hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning.

With two runners aboard, Ortiz hit a two-out pitch from Craig Bresit (4-5) to right-center, giving Boston a 6-5 lead.

The New York Times reported just before the game that Ortiz was on the list of more than 100 major leaguers who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003.

White Sox 3,

Yankees 2

At Chicago, DeWayne Wise's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth gave Chicago the victory.

Nick Swisher tied it in the top half with a solo home run after the Yankees fell behind 2-1 in the seventh thanks to some shoddy defense.

Next move for Rangers is within their farm system

Many thought the Texas Rangers wouldn't be buyers or sellers as the MLB trade deadline approaches, but apparently they're considering making a move to further bolster their pitching rotation.

A scout for the Arizona Diamondbacks was in attendance at the Rangers' 7-3 win over the Detroit Tigers Tuesday, insinuating that the D-Backs were checking out a player or two for a potential player swap.

The Rangers have inquired about veteran pitchers Doug Davis and Jon Garland. Davis is more of a power pitcher, while Garland is a hit-the-target type.

Davis was originally drafted by the Rangers, but never produced much with the club. As soon as he went to a new ballpark in Milwaukee, he posted impressive numbers. That makes one suspicious to Davis' ability to produce at The Ballpark.

Davis has a 3.76 ERA this season with 100 Ks in 120-plus innings. The lefty holds a 5-10 record on a poor Arizona club.

Garland was a key piece on the Chicago White Sox, when they won a World Series in 2005. He won 18 games in

2005 and 2006. Garland is 5-10 this season with a 4.42 ERA. The right-hander won't strikeout many batters, either, recording just 57 in 128 innings.

Are either one of these guys really what the Rangers need?

A couple weeks ago, I was all for the Rangers getting in on the Roy Halladay sweepstakes.

However, the more I thought about it, the less I liked the idea. The Rangers have one of the best farm systems in the majors. The price on Halladay was much too high and would have cost them top prospects Neftali Feliz and Justin Smoak.

Smoak should be able to play in the majors in two or three seasons. Feliz will be moved up by September and might be a guy the Rangers try to move into the back of the rotation.

The Rangers have three spots in the rotation set. Kevin Millwood is the ace. Scott Feldman — ignore Wednesday night's shell-ing — has been a solid No. 2. Tommy Hunter has been a great find and fits as a No. 4 or No. 5 starter.

The other two spots are a bit more in limbo. Vincente Padilla can be the Rangers' most dominating pitcher, but is inconsistent. Once he kicks the swine flu, Padilla is the Rangers' No. 3 starter. As for No. 5, Dustin Nippert has earned a shot with his recent performances in spot starts.

He should be rewarded with the final spot in the rotation.

This isn't happening, though. Instead the Rangers are throwing Derrick Holland back onto the mound, which is a move that worked out Thursday night as Holland pitched a gem in a 7-1 win over the Mariners. It was by far his best performance of the season as he went into the game with an ERA over 6.

Bringing in Davis or Garland would put either one of them as the No. 3 guy in the rotation with Nippert and Holland likely moving back to middle relief. Does this really make the Rangers stronger, though? Is it the move that will propel them past the Angels?

I don't think it is. While adding Davis could be nice — I'd prefer him over Garland — it's not a move that makes anyone think the Rangers are automatically going to sweep past the Angels and win the AL West.

In other words, it's not worth sacrificing any part of what looks to be a bright future. For the first time in several years, there's light at the end of the dark tunnel of futility the Rangers have been stuck in for nearly a decade.

Despite a slew of injuries and a bout of swine flu, the Rangers are in the hunt for an AL West title. They're just 3.5 games behind the Angels and 1.5 back of the Red Sox for the AL Wild Card.



JONATHAN HULL

lineup as one of the Rangers' big OF bats (Andruw Jones, Josh Hamilton, Marlon Byrd, Nelson Cruz or David Murphy) will be left out of the lineup. Already, one of those guys aren't getting on the field in each game. Moving Vizquel into the lineup removes a second slugger.

There aren't a lack of home runs coming from the Rangers' lineup.

They've hit 148 this season, which is second in the majors behind only the Yankees (151). The problem is the Rangers are 26th out of 30 teams in on-base percentage, causing a majority of the Rangers' homers to be of the solo variety. They lead the majors in strikeouts with 804.

While there is a bit of mystic to making a trade and adding a bigger name, it's obviously not the pitching staff the Rangers need to address.

Unfortunately, there's also not a good lead off hitter available on the market.

The answer is within and the next great move manager Ron Washington can make is to convince GM Jon Daniels and President Nolan Ryan that this is true. Then, Washington has to realize a sacrifice in power might be the one thing the Rangers need to produce and fly by the Angels.

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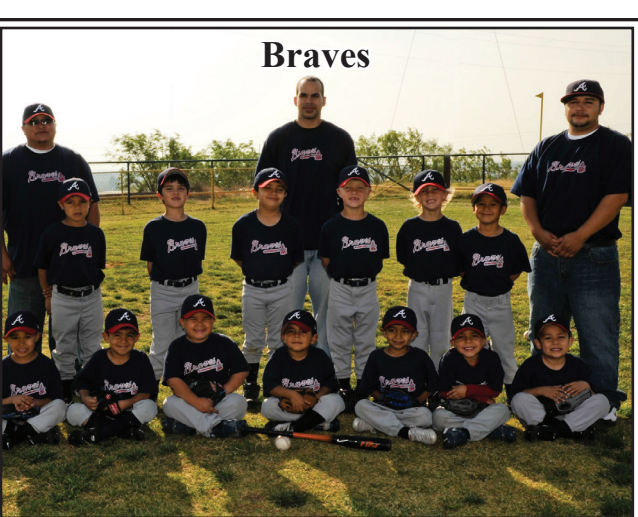
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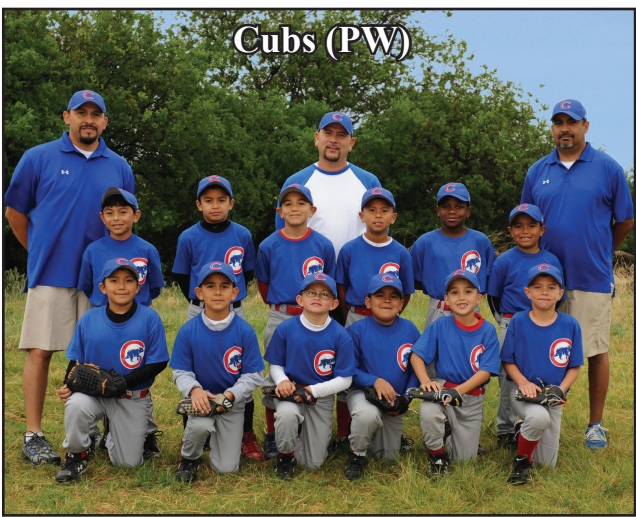
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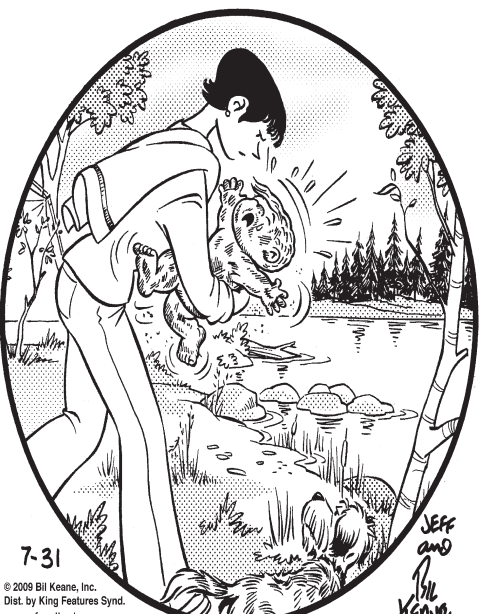
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7:30	Entertain	Fortune	Nombre Amor	You Smarter?	Entertain	Más Sabe el Diabolo	Southland	Seinfeld	House	Update	Swamp Log-gers	Movie: Training Day, Scott Glenn	Movie: Le-thal Weapon, Gary Bussey	CSI: NY	Movie: Linewatch, Sharon Leal	Wizards Suite Life	Boxing: Friday Night Fights.	X Games
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9:30	20/20	20/20	Rosa	TMZ	NUMB3RS	Victorinos		Church	Charlie Rose	Swamp Log-gers	Movie: Training Day, Scott Glenn	Movie: Le-thal Weapon 2, Joe Pesci			Movie	Wizards Suite Life	ATP Tennis: Los Angeles Open	SportsCenter
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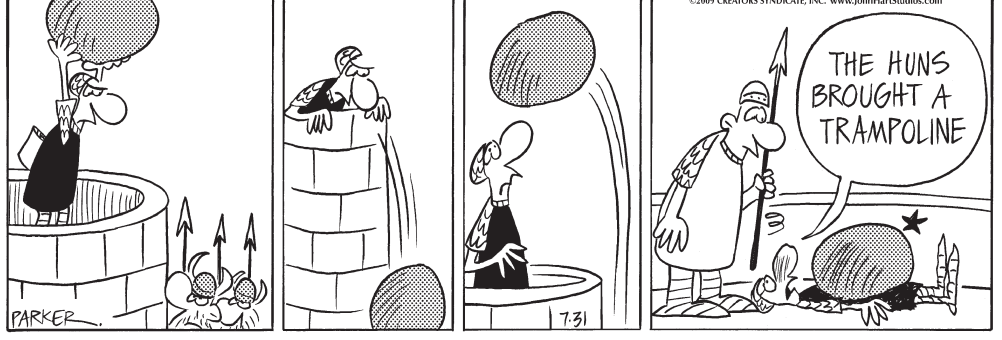
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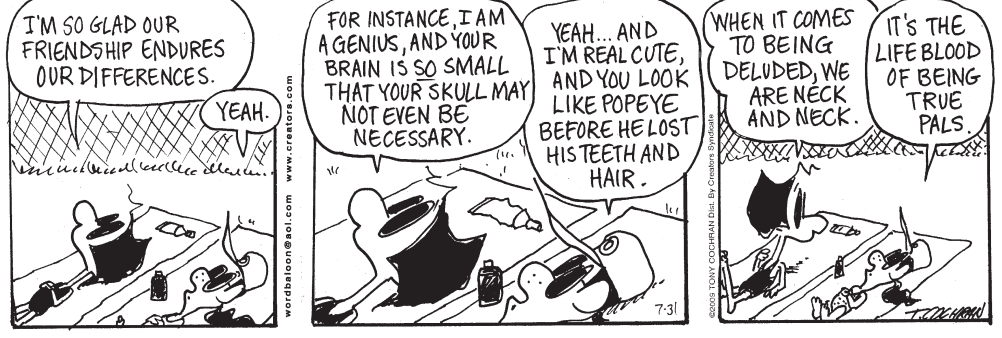
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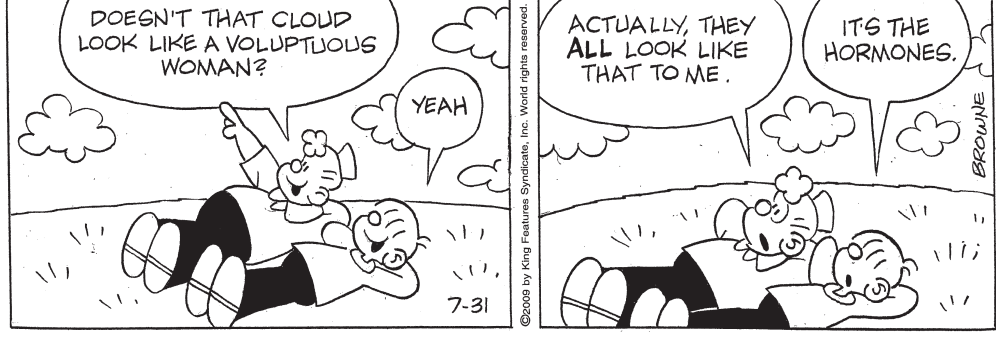
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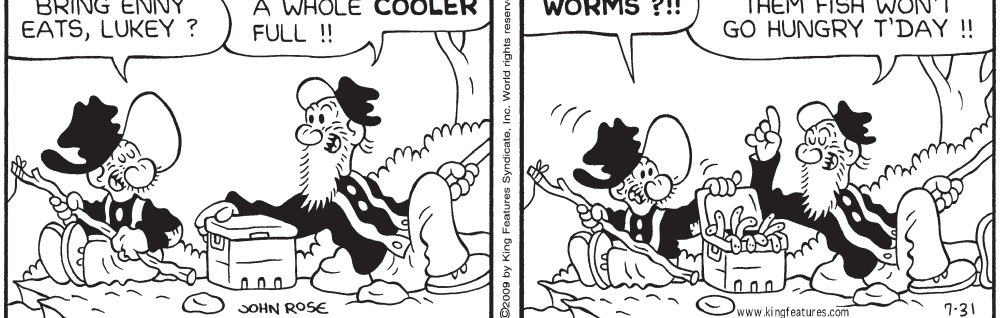
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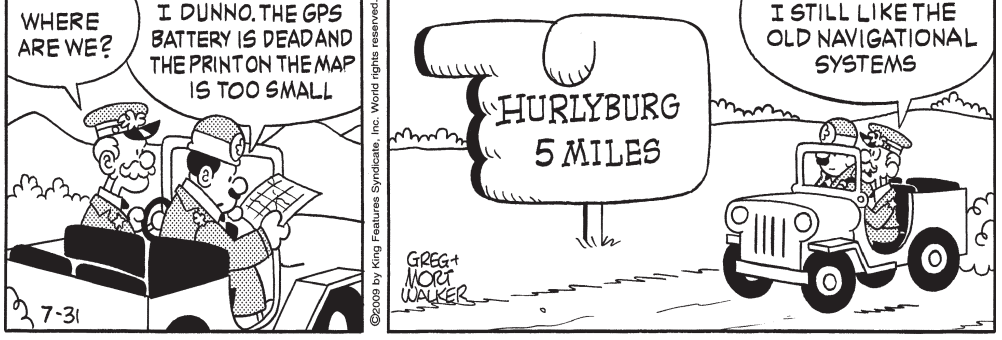
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 31, the 212th day of 2009. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 31, 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

On this date:

In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus — the Jesuit order of Catholic priests and brothers — died in Rome.

In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter County, Tenn., at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly.

In 1945, Pierre Laval, premier of the pro-Nazi Vichy government, surrendered to U.S. authorities in Austria; he was turned over to France, which later tried and executed him.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman helped dedicate New York International Airport (later John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild Field.

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 reached the moon, transmitting pictures back to Earth before crashing onto the lunar surface.

In 1969, the American space probe Mariner 6 flew by Mars, sending back images of the Red Planet.

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

In 1989, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon released a grisly videotape showing the body of American hostage William R. Higgins, a Marine lieutenant-colonel, dangling from a rope.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Don Murray is 80. Jazz composer-musician Kenny Burrell is 78. Actor Geoffrey Lewis is 74. Actress France Nguyen is 70.

Actress Susan Flannery is 66. Singer Lobo is 66. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 65. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 65. Singer Gary Lewis is 64. Rock singer Bob Welch is 63. Tennis player Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 58. Actor Barry Van Dyke is 58. The mayor of Fresno, Calif., actor Alan Autry, is 57. Actor James Read is 56. Actor Michael Biehn is 53. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick is 53. Rock singer-musician Daniel Ash (Love and Rockets) is 52. Entrepreneur Mark Cuban is 51. Rock musician Bill Berry is 51. Actor Wesley Snipes is 47. Country singer Chad Brock is 46. Musician Fatboy Slim is 46. Rock musician Jim Corr is 45. Author J.K. Rowling is 44.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Big name in chips

6 Hosp. area

9 Philanthropist Hopkins

14 Reagan cabinet member

15 PC connection

16 Oodles

17 Vaudeville slips

19 Lose one's cool

20 "And so forth..."

21 Forfeiture

23 Bashful companion

24 Baton Rouge sch.

25 Pungent powder

27 Put up a fuss

28 An essential element

32 Pushes in

33 Resort lake

34 Resort range

37 Over

39 Not fitting

40 Swash-buckler's need

41 Grossment

45 "Tis a pity!"

46 Dodgers Hall of Famer

47 "To Autumn," for one

50 Japanese computer company

51 Prevails

52 Works together

55 Former French colony

57 Wrist bone

59 Star flower

60 Envelop, with "in"

61 Time being

62 With modesty

63 Reagan program, initially

64 Boundaries

DOWN

1 Force

2 "Horse-headers!"

3 China piece

4 Where *el sol* rises

5 Hit the road

6 Misfortune

7 Some radio talkers

8 Still on the shelf

9 Sprees

10 Expression of surprise

11 Annoyance

12 Custard pastry

13 Like a skylark

18 S&L datum

22 Nurse, in a way

26 Bowlers, for example

27 *The Wild One* star

29 Takes as one's own

30 ___-car

31 Arcade pioneer

34 Vicious sorts

35 Not running free

36 Role

37 Grain bristles

38 Calculate

40 Hits the roof

42 Half of hex-

43 Place after a dot

44 Observing

48 Bottom of a suit

49 Salinger heroine et al.

51 Lean and sinewy

53 Hawaii's state bird

54 Lands' End competitor

56 Business-card abbr.

58 "What __, chopped liver?"

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OPER	INTRO	MITE
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Old Fashion Sunday to be featured in September. Join the fun in your overalls, straw hats and enjoy homemade ice cream and a big lunch. More details will be available in August.

Our youth and children have returned from an

exciting time at camp and we're gearing up for our Back to School Super Saturday. This may be the last time to cool off before school starts, so come expecting to get wet. Super Saturday is Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snacks and lunch are provided. Watch for more exciting kid's news.

Classes for all ages are also available Sunday and Wednesday as follows:

Adult Opportunities begin with Sunday morning fellowship, including coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. You are sure to find a study to keep you indulged Wednesday evening with classes beginning at 6:30 p.m. which offer your choice of being led down the Holiness Highway, inspired through Psalms 23, or captivated in how to Heal the Church.

Discipleship Junction is our place for kids to have fun, discipleship training and activities. Ages 4 through 11 gather at 6:30 Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Sundays. Children 2-3 years old have their own class in the sanctuary building, and infants and toddlers meet in the nursery.

Youth seventh through 12th grade enjoy Bible study and fun in Youth Explosion Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Cal.

Hispanic services are Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m.; Casa de Reastracion is led by Pastor Felix Torres

If you have any questions, call at 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@nazfamily.org. The First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. Be prepared to feel God's presence and may you be blessed each and every day.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2792 N. Birdwell Lane, invites you to visit our small, loving Christian congregation. We have Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

Our lessons this quarter deal with the Old Testament stories about the Israelites being freed from Egyptian rule and how they reacted to what God had in store for them. We have learned about God calling for Jubilee and the rules and restrictions placed on the people. It is interesting to note that God provides us with all we need, but why is it so hard for us to get through God's message that when it comes down to it, everything in our world is owned by God, including our homes, land and possessions?

This coming week, our Sunday school lesson is taken from Numbers 11. The lesson is entitled "People Grumble." The purpose of the lesson is to discern how disordered desire can lead to complaints and dissatisfaction. Perhaps we should wear some steel-toed shoes this week!

Linda Hall will be leading our Sunday school lesson. At 10:30 a.m., we have a worship service with Billy Bates in the pulpit. Evening service is at 5 p.m. each Sunday.

North Birdwell Lane UMC will have an Administrative Council meeting following worship services Sunday 7. Madeline Boadle is chairperson of the committee. We will have a sandwich luncheon along with the meeting.

Everyone is invited to come out and check out the little church with a big heart.

Evenly split appeals court upholds commandments ban

DENVER (AP) — A sharply divided federal appeals court has refused to reconsider a decision that a Ten Commandments monument on the lawn of the Haskell County courthouse is unconstitutional.

On a 6-6 vote the judges let stand an earlier ruling that the monument endorses religion.

County commissioners had asked the full court to rehear the case.

The June decision was written by 10th Circuit Judge Jerome Holmes.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

2	7							
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	9		6	5				
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the jack of spades. How would you play the hand?

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|----------------|-------------|
| West | East |
| ♠ A | ♠ K Q 6 3 |
| ♥ A | ♥ K J 9 5 |
| ♦ A K Q J 10 2 | ♦ 4 3 |
| ♣ A K 9 4 3 | ♣ 7 6 2 |

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the seven of spades, on which South plays the queen. How would you play the hand?

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|-------------|-------------|
| West | East |
| ♠ K J 5 | ♠ 6 4 2 |
| ♥ A J 9 3 | ♥ K 10 5 |
| ♦ K Q 8 | ♦ A 6 2 |
| ♣ Q 10 6 | ♣ A J 9 3 |

1. You are sure to make the slam if the opposing clubs are divided 3-2, so all your thoughts should be centered on how to cope with a 4-1 or 5-0 club division.

By far the best approach, after winning the spade lead with the ace, is to play as many trumps as necessary until the opponents have exactly one trump remaining. You deliberately do not draw this last trump, but instead next play the ace of hearts and A-K of clubs.

If both opponents follow to both clubs, you draw the missing trump and concede a club trick. If the clubs divide 4-1 or 5-0 and the ace or king of clubs gets trumped, you score the

rest of the tricks because the player who ruffs is forced to return a spade or a heart to dummy.

If the clubs divide 4-1 or 5-0 and the A-K are not ruffed, you next lead your deuce of trumps, hoping that the player who wins with the missing trump will be forced to return a spade or a heart.

2. Let's say you win the spade queen with the king and try a club finesse. If it loses, South will return a spade, and if North started with five spades to the A-10, you go down one.

Alternatively, you could win the spade lead, cross to the king of hearts and take a heart finesse through South. If this lost, you'd still be in trouble because you'd have only eight sure tricks. You could then try a club finesse, but again would go down if it lost.

The safest line of play is to let South win the first trick! This assures the contract whether North has four or five spades. Let's say South returns a spade at trick two. When you play the jack, North may or may not take his ace, but the contract is safe either way.

Assume he ducks. You next try the club finesse, confident that if it loses South cannot harm you. If he has a spade to play, it means North started with only four of them, and you finish with nine tricks. If South has no more spades, you also have at least nine tricks.

Tomorrow: Chalk one up for declarer.

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