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Group plans rollback petition

On a 6-1 vote

weeks

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Hopes the proposed 2009-2010 tax rate for the city of Big Spring would go unopposed this fall were dashed Thursday, as the local Concerned Citizens Council of Big Spring and Howard County announced it will conduct a rollback petition.



the city staff the Thomason OK to move for-

ward with a tax rate of \$1.0132 per \$100 valuation. The effective tax rate

— the tax rate necessary to collect the same amount in taxes as the previous year is set at 95.0783 cents per \$100 valuation, with the rollback rate set at 97.9398 cents per \$100 valuation.

City Finance Director Peggy Walker said the proposed tax rate — which includes a bump from a paid-off bond will generate approximately

\$230,000 in additional funding, all of which the council has indicated would be used to finance the design and construction of a new municipal swimming pool, with current plans reaching more than \$4 million.

City officials' decision to move forward with a rate

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BSISD bags bus advert idea

Board adopts wait-and-see stance for now

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring school officials are adopting a wait-andattitude toward the see possibility of allowing advertisements on school buses.

Trustees discussed the issue Thursday night, but did not reach any kind of consensus for future action. While

not out-and-out an advocate for bus ads, school board member Irene Galan thought they might be a viable moneyraiser the for school district.





Altercation leaves two in lockup

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Two local women were arrested and a juvenile treated for minor injuries Thursday night following an altercation in the Wal-Mart SuperCenter parking lot.

Marlana Rose Beasley, 20, of 3705 Calvin was arrested and charged with criminal mischief — more than \$50, less than \$500, disorderly conduct — fighting and injury to a child at approximately 8:45 p.m., according to police records. Also arrested was Shelli Lynn Buck, 33, of 1101 E. 15th St., who was also charged with disorderly conduct fighting.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information offi-

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Love our Lake cleanup Saturday

By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be conducting its semi-annual "Love our Lake" cleanup Saturdav at Comanche Trail Park. "This is part of our Keep Texas Beautiful projects and we hope for a good turnout of community volunteers as well as KBSB members," said Pat Simmons, KBSB member. Registration will start at 9 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center parking lot where volunteers can pick up trash bags and other items and choose a site to clean. "We ask that you bring your gloves, rakes and whatever might be useful in cleaning

"I think this might be a good way to bring in

some extra revenue," Galan said. "And I would like us to look at this closer and see if it's feasible for Big Spring."

Currently, school districts that allow ads on the side of their buses are largely in larger urban areas like Houston. No districts close to Big Spring have such a it," Superintendent Steven program.

Gross revenue from bus ads could reach as high as \$4,000 per year, although it



Saldivar

Big Spring Independent School District Trustee Irene Galan looks at a specially designed bus the district recently purchased. The bus, which seats 46, will be used to transport

is unclear how much of that turn us down. Right now, total would reach school district coffers.

The idea was met with skepticism by BSISD administrators.

"I'm a little leerv about Saldivar said. "We've been trying to get a sponsor for the baseball field scoreboard and we've had 11 companies

with the economy the way it is, I honestly don't think this would drum up enough revenue for us."

BSISD teams to and from extra-curricular activities. An idea to allow advertising space on

Dr. Michael Stevens, special advisor to the superintendent, also spoke against the idea.

"I've received some very negative comments from the public over this," Stevens said. "This also sends a bad message — that we're so hard up for money that we're slapping ads on the side of school buses."

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Another concern administrators had was deciding just who can or can't buy rental space on a public school district bus.

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'E.T.' to land Saturday night

By THOMAS JENKINS

regular school buses was shelved by trustees Thursday.

Staff Writer

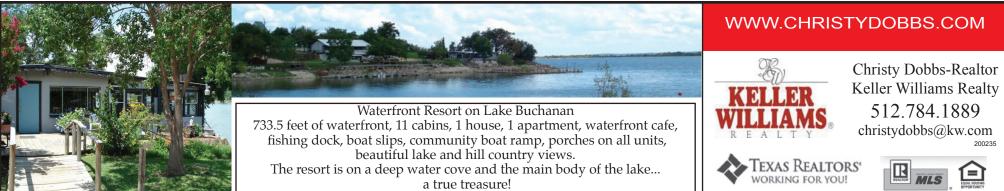
Someone special will be attempting to "phone home" from atop the historic Scenic Mountain Saturday night, as the Big Spring Film Society prepares to screen Steven Spielberg's "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" at the local state park.

Complete with a huge, inflatable movie screen and high-definition projector, the film society — led by founder Brandon Johnson - are hoping to make the event something families remember for years to come.

"It's just an amazing feeling to be able to kick back in a lawn chair and enjoy the beauty of nature and a film, all at the same time," said Johnson. "And with the beautiful night skies here in West Texas, what could be better than a film about extra terrestrials landing on Earth? This is a chance to do

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Sports

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Steer spotlight: Senior Martin Yanez does it all

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

If you can't find Big Spring Steers senior Martin Yanez on the field tonight when the Steers host the Snyder Tigers at 7 p.m. at Memorial Stadium, then you're not really trying too hard.

While his stature might cause him to be overlooked, Yanez' presence on the field is more than consistent. It's widespread, ongoing and rampant.

This is because Yanez doesn't ever seem to actually leave the field.

"I got to looking at it, breaking down our personnel on all of our units," noted Big Spring Head



Yanez

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Coach Phillip Ritchey. "He starts on offense and defense. He's our kick returner and punt returner. He's a gunner on punt coverage and he's on our kick coverage unit as well. He's also our holder on field goals and extra points.

"I saw that and thought I had to get him off the field at some point," Ritchey continued. "He's got to get some rest at some point. So I



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When: 7:30 p.m. today Where: Memorial Stadium Game-time weather: Partly cloudy, 83° F Radio: KBYG 1400AM, KBEST 95.7, KBST 1490AM, www.kbst.com

Cowboys' WR Williams hurts left shoulder

JAIME ARON

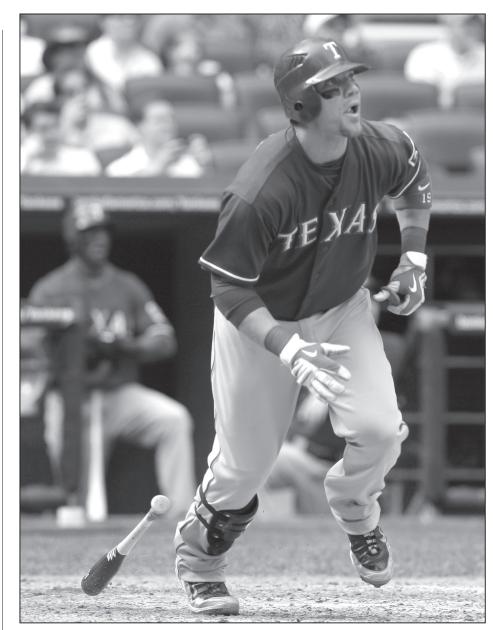
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — On a night meant for showing off their team and their stadium, the Dallas Cowboys provided a bit more excitement than intended Thursday night.

Receiver Roy Williams injured his left shoulder on a goal-line collision with cornerback Orlando Scandrick. Williams was down for longer than normal, then was examined by athletic trainers and shouted in anger as he headed into the locker room before the workout ended.

Williams might've been upset because he and Scandrick keep getting tangled up. During training camp, Scandrick — who is battling Mike Jenkins for a starting job — hit Williams hard enough to knock his helmet off (the chin strap wasn't buckled) and was covering Williams again on a play when Williams landed hard and sprained his wrist. The Cowboys are counting on Williams to replace Terrell Owens as Tony Romo's top target.

Immediately after the workout, coach Wade Phillips said he had no information about Williams' status, later adding, "I don't know that he's injured. Just wait and



AP photo/Kathy Willens

Texas Rangers batter Chris Davis watches his three-run home run off New York Yankees reliever Phil Coke during the seventh inning of an AL baseball game at Yankee Stadium Thursday in New York. The Rangers won, 7-2.

Rangers take series from NY Yankees

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Ian Kinsler and Chris Davis launched the loudest shots of the afternoon. The way Jason Grilli and his bullpen pals kept things quiet, that tilted this game to Texas.

Kinsler homered twice, a trio of relievers pitched shutout ball and the Rangers became the first visitors to win a series at Yankee Stadium since mid-June, beating New York 7-2 Thursday.

"This sends a statement that we can play with anyone out there," Grilli said.

Davis also had a three-run homer for Texas, which took two of three from the team with the best record in the majors.

Grilli, C.J. Wilson and Frank Francisco combined for 5 1-3 innings of two-hit relief. The Rangers remain in the thick of the pennant race, trying for their first playoff spot since 1999.

"We're treading into territory we've never been in before," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

Cut by Colorado this season and activated from the disabled list over the weekend, Grilli (2-2) entered in the fourth with Texas ahead 3-2. He escaped a first-and-third jam by getting Alex Rodriguez on an easy comebacker and pitched 2 1-3 innings.

Grilli was aware he'd done well against Rodriguez — the Yankees' cleanup man is

Campbell returns to BSHS as head athletic trainer

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

There will be a new, but familiar, face among those patrolling the sidelines at Big Spring Steer football game.

And every other sport for that matter.

Big Spring's longtime trainer of 14 years, Andy Rankin, is no longer with the school after accepting a job with Granbury Independent School District about 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Rankin joins a staff headed by former Athletic Director Dwight Butler, who holds the same position in Granbury.

Replacing Rankin is the man he once replaced as well, Jim Campbell. Campbell's arrival has made the loss of Rankin much less stressful for the program, according to Big Spring Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey.

"Andy has left some big shoes to fill. He was good at his job and he took care of a lot of stuff aside from treating injuries. His organization and paper work skills were second to none," said Ritchey. "He'd always take care of the players' meals. Even (Rankin's wife) Amanda, we had her on staff part-time, and was going to be our full-time equipment manager. In 27 years of coaching, I've never had someone available in the position she filled. She kept up with everything.

"Losing them together was tough. They were a good family and we definitely didn't want to see them leave, but I understand, too. They've been associated

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring High School Athletic Trainer Jim Campbell wraps the ankle of football player Tevian Parnell before practice Tuesday at the Athletic Training Center. Campbell served as Big Spring's trainer from 1988 to 1994 and now returns to the position 15 years later.

Sports in brief

Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament set for this weekend

The Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament has been slated for Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Any resident of Howard County is eligible to contend for the title.

Players will need tee times both days and must have an established handicap or they'll be placed in the championship slot.

Fee is \$40 to play plus a cart fee, although private carts are welcome. Prizes awarded will be gift certificates for the Pro Shop.

One extra days alotted for Crossroads Youth Football signups

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has

extended its signup period for two extra days. Players can be signed up from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Scholarships are available for anyone needing help footing the bill.

For more information, call Jeff Vidal at 816-6871.

YMCA taking registration for Youth Volleyball League

Any boys or girls entering fourth, fifth or sixth grade interested in playing volleyball can now register for the Big Spring YMCA Youth Volleyball League during operating hours at the YMCA.

The fee is \$50 per child, but financial assistance is available for those who qualify. The deadline is Tuesday.

For more info, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

End of Summer Ragball Tournament slated for Friday and Saturday

The End of Summer Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

Registration starts at 7 p.m. Friday and players must be at least 14 years old. For info, call Melisa at 935-2960 or Jay at (325) 574-4338.

Big Spring Quarterback Club meeting at ATC Monday

The Big Spring Steers Quarterback Club is meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of junior high and high school football players are encouraged to attend.

For more info, call Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

LOCAL

Obituaries

Patsy 'Becky' Collier Ferrell Mattie Talley Sullivan



Patsy "Becky" Collier Ferrell, 75, of Amarillo died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, at the Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800 ParamountBlvd. withBobbyRoger, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church in San Angelo. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Angelo to Robbie and Jean Spinks Collier. After graduation from San Angelo Senior High School in During World War II, and until 1953, she worked at 1952 she married Bill Ferrell, who was in the Navy. They then lived in Key West, Fla., Charleston, S.C., and Cheyenne, Wyo., moving back to Texas in 1964. As a single mother, she attended and graduated from Howard County Junior College School of Nursing in Big Spring at age 36. Mrs. Ferrell worked as a licensed vocational nurse for three years in Big Spring at Hall-Bennett Hospital. Moving to Amarillo, Texas in 1974, she attended Amarillo College in a career change to office work. She then became medical transcriptionist at Kilgore Children's Hospital and then Psychiatric Pavilion for Northwest Texas Hospital for 26 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Jim Collier and a son, Burt Ferrell in 2005.

Survivors include a son, Steve Ferrell and wife Dana of Clarksville, Tenn.; a daughter, Kathleen Ferrell of Amarillo; a foster son, Darrell Martin; four grandchildren, Ryan Mason, Megan Ferrell and Ben Ferrell all of Clarksville, Tenn., and Christopher Miller of Bremerton, Wash.; and several very dear longtime friends.

Paid obituary



Mattie Talley Sullivan, 98, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park, with her grandsons Lt. Col. Russell Jackson and Pastor Michael Backhaus officiating.

Mattie was born Sept. 22, 1910, to Aples and Mattie "Snow" Bartlett at Seymour. In 1926, Mattie mar-

Mrs. Ferrell was born April 17, 1934, in San ried L.L. Talley. Together they had two sons and four daughters. He preceded her in death in 1979. Levi Strauss in Wichita Falls. In 1968, she married E.D. Sullivan and they moved to Kerville where she became an Avon representative.

> In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by two sons, one daughter, three sisters and four brothers.

> Mattie is survived by three daughters, Laverne Backhaus of Casper, Wyo., Margaret Ille of Sand Springs and Beverly Jackson and her husband Mick of Pueblo West, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

> In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Accolade Home Health, 421 S. Main St., A, Big Spring 79720, or Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, Ste. A, Big Spring 79720, or your favorite charity.

> Mattie's body will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home until noon Monday, and at Dutton Funeral Home in Iowa Park from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday.

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

Sheriff

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

• MARLANA BEASLEY, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct – fighting, criminal mischief and injury to a child – reckless bodily injury.

• SHELI BUCK, 33, was transferred by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.

• DENVER RAY HEFFINGTON, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, resisting arrest, search or detention and duty upon striking public fixture.

 JAMES CLAIR MCLAUGHLIN, 58, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• JEAN RENEE PARKINSON, 47, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• CHRISTOPHER LEE ROMAN, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

WILLIAM SAINT-GIRARD THOM, 26, was arrested Wednesday on judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance (two counts), a probation revocation and a charge of theft by check.



Mary Elizabeth Campbell



Mary Elizabeth Campbell, 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the

funeral home.

She was born April 30, 1932, in Bowie County and married Buddie Campbell Oct. 3, 1949, in Texarkana. He preceded her in death Dec. 21, 2007.

Mary owned Mary's Beauty Center and worked for different beauty shops in Big Spring for more than 30 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Brenda Rhyne and husband Buddy of Big Spring; three sons, Gary Campbell and wife Debbie of Nash, James Campbell of Odessa and Bruce Campbell and wife Belynda of Katy; two sisters, Doris Havern of Houston and Kay Wratislaw of Midfield; one brother, Jimmy Graham and wife Betty of Houston; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Graham and Joy Graham; and two sisters, Essie Mae Zboril and Dollie Arnold.

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

Police blotter

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

 ROMERO VILLARREAL JR., 24, of 1614 Canary, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.

• SHELLI LYNN BUCK, 33, of 1101 E. 15th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.

• MARLANA ROSE BEASLEY, 20, of 3705 Calvin, was arrested Thursday on charges of criminal mischief, disorderly conduct - fighting and injury to a child.

• CHARLIE JAKE TURNER, 29, of 501 E. 17th St., was arrested Friday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and assault - family violence.

• DENVER HEFFINGTON, 24, of 4111 Muir, was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.

• THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.

• INJURY TO A CHILD - RECKLESS BODILY INJURY was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

• IMPERSONATING A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

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"It's football," linebacker Bradie

Fans were let in for free, but paid \$10 to park. The concession stands

Anyone hoping to see punter Mat

McBriar hit the video boards went

home disappointed. He took about 25

kicks and not a single one reached

the world's largest high-definition

McBriar said no one told him to

avoid it. He simply never kicks the

ball straight up down the middle of

the field and he's not interested in

likely did brisk business, too.

James said. "I mean, sometimes people run into each other. Hopefully

that's all it is."

televisions.

trying just for grins.

Jimmy declares Cowboys' video boards acceptable

ARLINGTON (AP) — Jimmy Johnson loves the video boards at Cowboys Stadium right where they are.

Johnson was in the \$1.15 billion new home of his former team in June for the first event, a concert featuring George Strait and Reba McEntire, and couldn't take his eyes off the screens. He returned Thursday to film some commercials and still thinks they're just fine, even if a punt banged off them during a preseason game against Tennessee last weekend.

"If there's anything wrong, it's that people are going to watch the video board and not the game," Johnson said. "It is so dominating, but I think it's so cool. I think it's great."

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CAMPBELL

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with our athletic program for some time and for them to not be here feels kind of weird."

"When Andy handed me an envelope indicating he was going to take the job in Granbury, I was in shock,' Ritchey continued. "Then he handed me another piece of paper with a list of names who were interested in taking the job. The first name on the list was Jim Campbell. After I saw that, it put me at ease. I knew if Jim was interested, then we'd be able to replace Andy with a quality trainer with good experience. Andy is leaving some big shoes to fill, but he originally filled the big shoes of Jim Campbell. We're very excited for Jim to be coming back. I think training is his passion. He spent some time out in the oil field. I think he's back where his heart is."

Campbell's first tenure at Big Spring occurred from 1988 through 1994. He then made a tough decision and left a job he loved for the sake of the people most important in his life.

"I never really wanted to leave. It was a great place to work and I loved the coaching staff," said Campbell. "We had some family issues with health and made a decision for my wife to stay at home. I knew at that time we would not be able to make financial ends meet with me being a trainer. So I had to make a tough decision and make a job change."

Campbell never truly left the profession behind, though.

"I've always maintained my license in the state of Texas. I hooked up with a group in San Angelo that provided training service to many of the small schools in the area who didn't have trainers on staff," he explained. "We provided care on Friday nights and did a Saturday morning clinic. We'd also come out on an as needed basis."

Getting the call to come back to his old job at Big Spring is all Campbell could have wanted. He didn't spend much time speculating about the prospect of returning before giving Ritchey his answer.

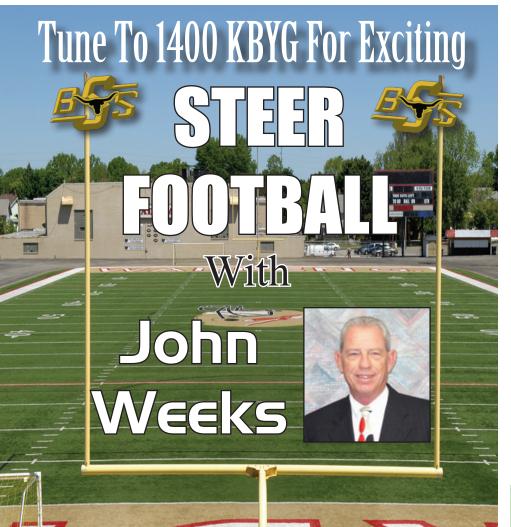
"I got a call from Coach Ritchey while I was on vacation with my family in Florida. I had never been there before and was having a great time, but coach calling and asking if I was interested in the job was just icing on the cake for that vacation," said Campbell. "I think he probably could have heard me from Florida when I said yes.

"(My wife and I) are done raising our children now and she loves education and teaching as well," added Campbell, whose spouse Sammye instructs third-graders at Washington Elementary. "There was a chance for her to come back and teach as well so we're both back in the BSISD system now."

Campbell does enjoy the irony that comes with his rehiring and replacement of Rankin. However, he's also appreciative of the groundwork and recommendation of his predecessor.

"Fourteen years ago when I left is when Andy came on board and now I'm back," said Campbell. "I've been joking with him that I'll be here for another seven or eight years, then I'll retire and Andy can come back for another 14 so he can retire."

"I don't think Andy had intended to leave. The opportunity arose for him and it was a good one," he added. "He made a tough choice to leave and he recommended me, which I'm really appreciative of."



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YANEZ

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"He banged his shoulder a little bit and we're checking on him," Phillips said. "I imagine they're going to X-ray it and we're going to see."

If Scandrick was a little too aggressive for a practice conducted in helmets but no pads, he might have a good excuse: There were 26,460 fans watching. The video boards were in full use and there was even a halftime performance by cheerleaders, giving it a far different feel than any other helmet-and-no-pads workout.

0-for-5 facing him. Grilli also realized

his early relief appearance was an

"It's not always so glamorous, but

Neither starter let the other side hit

A.J. Burnett (10-8) lost despite strik-

ing out a season-high 12 in six

innings. Texas' Dustin Nippert was

pulled after walking seven in 3 2-3

Through $7\frac{1}{2}$ innings, in fact, only

33 of 66 hitters overall managed to

put the ball in play. By the end, the

teams combined for 25 strikeouts

"Obviously, I had a good breaking

Kinsler got Texas' first hit, a three-

run homer in the fourth. Burnett

retired the first 11 batters before

walking Josh Hamilton and Nelson

Cruz on full counts, bringing up

mound to talk with Burnett, and

Kinsler lined the next pitch over the

removed him from the punt coverage

team. That lasted about two practices

and I had to have him back out there.

Yanez, who will start at slot receiv-

er on offense and cornerback on

defense, is one of the shortest players

on the varsity team. He's probably

He's hard to get off the field."

"Just be ready for a strike. You

Catcher Jose Molina went to the

balltoday,"Burnettsaid."Everything

the ball much, either — for different

sometimes it's the tipping point," he

I'm used to doing," he said.

"I don't want to get away from what

can't give him anything," Kinsler said. "You can't sit on one pitch."

Kinsler said he "got lucky and ran into a heater." Burnett said it was a slider in the wrong spot.

Kinsler also connected for a solo shot in the eighth off David Robertson, giving him a career-high 28 home runs.

Burnett fell to 0-4 in six starts this month.

He was tagged for a career-high nine runs by Boston in his last outing and shook off catcher Jorge Posada several times, leading to talk they weren't on the same page.

Posada missed this game, a day after a foul tip bruised his left ring finger. The Yankees thought the injury might sideline him for a few days.

"He's still day to day. Hopefully he'll be better tomorrow," manager Joe Girardi said.

Davis hit a three-run homer in the seventh off Phil Coke. He also made a nifty play at first base to end the sixth after Derek Jeter's hard grounder bounced off his glove — Davis retrieved the ball and made a blind, backhanded flip to Grilli covering the bag.

"It was close your eyes and throw it," Davis said.

Texas became the first team to win a series at Yankee Stadium since Washington won two of three from June 16-18.

are already circulating that one of Big Spring's district opponents sports a receiver upwards of six feet, eight inches. That's more than a foot taller than Yanez.

Still, the senior corner isn't intimidated.

"It's all about technique. It's like (secondary) coach (Nick) Roberson always talks about using good technique to take away size advantage," said Yanez. "I just have to try to strip the ball before the receiver secures the catch."

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the smallest defensive starter, standing at around five feet, seven inches.

However, his size is anything but a limitation for him.

"Marty is small in stature, but he's got a huge heart. He goes all out on every play and is good at so many different things," said Ritchey. "He's going to be a major part of the success of this team. His impact can be seen everywhere."

Yanez doesn't feel hindered by his size, either, even when the player lining up across from him holds obvious advantages. For example, in the Steers' spread offense, Yanez will be in the slot, meaning some defenses might try to cover him with a linebacker.

"I just try to counter bigger defenders with my speed and quickness," he said. "I feel like I run routes well enough to counter whatever a defense might try to do to me."

Flip it around to defense. Rumors

As for being a member of every unit that takes the field, Yanez relishes the opportunity.

"I just want to be out there. It's my senior year and being this involved is special," he explained. "Everyone keeps saying we've got a chance to be a very special team here and I want to be involved as much as I can."

So if you see Yanez catching passes, making an interception, returning punts and kickoffs and converting a two-point conversion on a fake kick as the placekick holder tonight against Snyder, don't be shocked. It's just what he does.

He also believes winning is something the Steers are going to do often in 2009 and that Snyder is simply the first victim tonight.

"I just go out there, do what I need to do and my teammates do the same," said Yanez. "If we play like we're capable, then Snyder better be ready. We're going to be bring it."



Lottery

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The winning Daily 4

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Lottery, in order: 9-1-6-

The winning Pick 3

numbers drawn Thurs-

day night by the Texas

Lottery, in order: 3-1-9.

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Sum It Up: 13.

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of E. 16th. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of E. 11th. Sedrvice was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 11th. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in

PETITION

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above the rollback mark drew fire from several citizens during a public hearing held Aug. 18.

According to Concerned Citizens Council Chairman Shannon Thomason, his organization plans to pursue a rollback election if the council agrees to adopt the \$1.0132 tax rate.

"While our members

LAKE

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up our lake property,' said Simmons. "We need the lake clean, especially the sandy beach area where the swimmers participating in the Sept. 12 triathlon can enter safely. Our historic spring needs attention, as do other areas of the lake.'

For more information, call Simmons at 263-4607.

are split on whether or not they believe the city needs a new \$4.2 million pool or water park, we all agree an expenditure of this magnitude should be voted on by the citizens of Big Spring as a general obligation bond," said Thomason. "The city is currently planning to finance the project through certificates of obligation bonds, which are not voted on by the

citizens." If the rollback election were successful in stopping the proposed tax rate, the city would be forced to adopt the effective rate, which would cause a budgetary shortfall of nearly \$250,000 when compared to the proposed budget.

According to Mayor Russ McEwen, the group's announcement didn't necessarily come as a surprise.

"When we decided to move forward with a tax rate above the rollback rate, we knew a petition could be passed around, and there could be a rollback election," said McEwen. "And that's their (the Concerned Citizens Council's) right under the law. However, I felt like keeping the tax rate the same as it was last year and trying to do some good for the citizens of Big Spring

McEwen said he's un-

According to the Texthe group would have

to collect petition signatures from no less than 10 percent of the registered voters in the city, and submit that petition within 90 days of the adoption of the tax rate. Once the petition is turned in, city officials would have 20 days to determine if it is valid and contains enough valid signatures to force the issue before the voters.

The rollback election would have to be held within 90 days of of the petition's validation. If a rollback election passes, the adopted tax rate is reduced by law to the rollback rate. The tax assessor must prepare and mail new tax bills, with the tax delinquency date postponed by the number of days between the date original bills were mailed and the date the corrected bills were mailed.

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ARREST

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cer with the Big Spring Police Department, a fight broke out between the two women in the parking lot of the local retailer.

"Apparently the two women have a problem with jealousy of some sort," said Everett. "The altercation turned

women fought. Then, at some point in the fight, Beasley shoved Buck's juvenile daughter to the ground, causing minor injuries. My understanding is she was transported to a hospital by private vehicle, treated and released.

"Because the child is a minor and she was attacked by an adult, the charges are pretty serious, regardless of the

extent of her injuries."

Everett said neither of the women arrested were seriously injured or transported for medical care. And while the case of flared tempers seem straightmay forward, Everett said there's still a part of the case investigators are working on.

"When police officers arrived on the scene, there was a man at the scene talking to one of

the women," said Everett. "Witnesses later said the man had identified himself as a police officer during the course of the fight. When the witnesses later asked to see a badge, the man couldn't produce one."

Everett said a report of impersonating a public servant was reported as a result of the man's actions, but no arrests have been made at this time.

"We're still investigating the matter. The man has not yet been arrested," said Everett, who declined to release the name of the individual.

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Mattie L. Sullivan, 98. died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, at Highland 2009. Jemeterv in Iowa Park

BSISD

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"A big question is what do you restrict and what do you allow?" School Board President Mike Dawson said.

to adopt a go-slow approach to the issue. "Let's see how other districts go about doing this," Saldivar said. "Let them be the guinea pigs."

In other business Thursday, trustees approved:

Jesse Rodriguez, high school science teacher/coach; and Lawrence Thibeault, Kentwood Elementary special education teacher.

• The resignation of Karla Canada, high school home economics teacher.

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was worthwhile."

sure if the threat of the petition will spur the council to reconsider the proposed rate.

as Comptroller's Office,

• The Ackerly/Sands Homecoming will be held this evening, as Sands plays Hermleigh at Mustang Field with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. A spaghetti supper served by the junior class will be

Take Note

available before the game. Saturday activities will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the Sands High School auditorium/ gym. A business meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. and graduates will be recognized. A barbecue lunch will be served at noon. Cost will be \$10 per plate. RSVP Margaret Cares at (432) 353-4271 for meal reservations.

• DAV Chapter 47 will sponsor the third annual 9/11 Memorial at the Mall at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 in front of the yellow ribbons at the Big Spring Mall. For more information, call Mike Tarpley, DAV junior vice commander at (432) 556-2227.

 The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

After about 15 minutes of discussion, no consensus emerged and trustees decided

'E.T.'

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something most people will never get the chance to do. It's something kids and adults alike will remember for many vears to come."

The third film in a Spielberg retrospective the film society began several months ago, the film is expected to begin at 9 p.m. near the pavilion and playground area at the top of the mountain, according to Johnson.

"Everyone needs to bring lawn chairs and bug spray, and a concession stand will be available at the screening site. Also, everyone planning to attend needs to be aware that once we get 20 minutes into the film the front gates to the state park will be locked," said Johnson. "There's no admission fee, but donations will be accepted."

Saturday's screening will also feature something new, Johnson said.

"We had some folks at SWCID (SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf) contact us about providing captioning during the film," said Johnson, "and we all agreed the more people we can include in these screenings, the better. So we've made arrangements to have closed captioning during the film."

"E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial" - which is Rated PG - won four Oscars and countless other awards after its debut in 1982. The film also introduced the world to ac-

 Final budget amendments for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

• The following employments: Stacey Barr, Marcy Elementary music teacher; *bigspringherald.com*

as, who would both go

on to establish them-

selves as mainstays in

For Johnson, remem-

bering is a big part of

what's driven him to

screen the Spielberg

"My first film memory

goes back to the summer

of 1982. We headed to the

College Park Cinema to

see this movie that we

kept seeing commer-

cials on television for,

something about aliens,

kids and flying bicycles.

When we walked into

the theatre it was abso-

lutely packed. The only

seat we could find was

Hollywood.

classic.

tress Drew Barrymore sitting on the floor. and actor Henry Thom-

"The film started and I can remember being scared, then laughing, then being sad. And when those flowers came back to life I jumped up from my seat on the floor and screamed 'He's alive!' at the top of my lungs. After I walked out of that theatre I looked at my mom and told her that I wanted to be a part of movie stuff. I wasn't quite sure what 'movie stuff' entailed, but I knew that it was something that fascinated me, especially after the emotional roller coaster that "E.T." was for a 5-year-old."

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Texas. Mattie's body will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home until noon Monday.

W. Leo Eggleston, 82, died Tuesday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Vick makes Eagles debut in 33-32 preseason win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Overwhelmed by a positive reaction, Michael Vick tried too hard to please the fans.

Playing his first NFL game since his release from prison, the Eagles quarterback got a standing ovation in a half-empty stadium, avoided any ugly protests and completed four passes for 19 yards in Philadelphia's 33-32 preseason win over Jacksonville on Thursday night.

"It was unbelievable the way I was embraced and the warm welcome I received," Vick said. "It actually made me screw up one of my reads."

Though his minutes were limited, Vick showcased his versatility. He played quarterback, ran the wildcat formation, even lined up at wide receiver and completed a pass righthanded.

Philadelphia won on David Akers' 34-vard field goal in the final minute. but it was Vick's return that overshadowed a sloppy effort by an Eagles team that has Super Bowl aspirations.

It was Vick and only Vick who captured fans' attention — whether he was on the field, on the sideline or sitting on the bench.

"It looked like he did a couple of good things," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

Reid didn't wait long to use Vick. The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback jogged onto the field for the second play from scrimmage and got a hearty welcome from the notoriously tough Philly fans.

"I was proud of everybody. It was nice to see," Reid said.

So much for all those protesters and

anti-Vick factions. Some fans even chanted "We want Vick!" after he left the game.

Vick was on the field for six plays - all in the opening 18 minutes and completed all four of his passes, ran for 1 yard and lined up in the slot for one play.

"I just want to help this football team win, whatever I have to do," Vick said.

Vick acknowledged he's still working on his fitness, saying he was at about 70 percent.

"Once I get myself into tiptop shape, the sky's the limit," he said. "When I was younger I did it all. I can do it all now. Down the road, I'll be back at the quarterback position full time."

Vick hadn't played in an NFL game since Dec. 31, 2006, with the Atlanta Falcons. He was released from federal custody July 20 after serving 18 months of a 23-month sentence for his role in running a dogfighting ring. He signed a one-year, \$1.6 million contract with the Eagles, who hold a \$5.2 million option for a second season.

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It was a long day for Vick. He traveled to Virginia early Thursday, where a federal judge approved his six-year plan to repay creditors \$20 million and emerge from bankruptcy, and then hustled out of court to return to Philadelphia for the game.

"It was mentally draining," Vick said.

Though he showed little emotion at first, Vick loosened up as the game wore on.

"I think it's good for him," Donovan McNabb said, "I thought for him to get out there, get some plays and get his feet under him."

JIMMY

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Cowboys owner Jerry Jones spent about \$40 million on the boards, which are about 60 yards long, making them the world's largest high-deftelevision inition screens. They hang right over the middle of the field, 90 feet over the turf. While that's 5 feet above the league's minimum, the fact they stretch from 20-yard line to 20-yard line makes them a giant target.

Sure enough, one of 14 punts in the preseason game hit it, prompting all sorts of debate about whether a change is needed. Titans coach Jeff Fisher and backup punter A.J. Trapasso – who repeatedly hit the boards during warmups, then for real in the third quarter and almost did it again on his do-over - have said the screens need to be raised.

"Who knows, Jerry might've put them up to it so people will talk about it," Johnson said, laughing

Actually, Jones has been adamant about keeping the boards in place. A change would be expensive, of course, but Jones also is defending the reason he put them at 90 feet to begin with — the fact most punts are aimed toward a sideline. Johnson agrees, citing the same reason. "Once the regular season starts, I don't see it being an issue because I don't think you'll have punters trying to punt the ball straight up to try hitting the video board." Johnson said. The Cowboys practiced in the stadium Thursday night, drawing 26,460 fans who were let in free but charged \$10 to park. They saw receiver Roy Williams leave the field with a shoulder injury, but didn't see punter Mat McBriar hit the boards. McBriar went about 0 for 25. He's yet to hit it and is wondering what all the fuss is about. "It looks lower than it is just because of the size of it, that's kind of what I feel," McBriar said. "No one has told me not to hit it." He insists Trapasso was kicking it right down the middle every time. McBriar, who certainly has the leg to hit the board, never kicks that way because "it's just easier to cover half the field or a third of the field as opposed to the whole thing." So by aiming for the sidelines, the boards aren't an obstacle for him. "I don't want to get away from what I'm used to doing," he said.

The next test comes Saturday night with a preseason game against San Francisco. Will 49ers punter Andy Lee take aim?

"Maybe in warm-ups," he said.

As for the game, Lee said he'll be more concerned with putting the Cowboys in the worst field position he can.

"You have to go out there and not change anything," Lee said. "Otherwise you might start messing things up. I'm trying to get ready for the regular season.'

Twenty years ago, Johnson made the leap from coaching the University of Miami to replacing Tom Landry as coach of the Cowboys. Dallas won only one game that year, but won Super Bowls following his fourth and fifth years. Then he clashed with Jones and was gone. (The former college teammates are on good terms again, as evidenced by Johnson sitting with Jones at the Strait-McEntire concert.)

Now Johnson is heading into his 10th straight season as an NFL ana-

leaguewide perspective, he considers the Cowboys among the teams to beat this season.

"I think they're good enough to win the whole thing," Johnson said. "But I think there's 10 teams that are talented enough to win the whole thing if they stay healthy and if they don't make the mistakes and if they get hot at the right time. I don't think this team is as talented as they were a year ago but they could be a better team."

Cutting Terrell Owens removed some of the talent and much of the turmoil. It also turned Williams into Tony Romo's No. 1 receiver, which has drawn skepticism from several players of Johnson's era, most notably Hall of Famers Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin.

"I Johnson's take: haven't seen enough consistency out of Roy Williams to go out on a limb."

Williams had one big season in four full years in Detroit. Dallas traded for him in the middle of last season and he had 19 catches and one lyst for Fox. With that touchdown in 10 games.

"Any player in Detroit could be misevaluated," Johnson said. "If a team is not winning, it's hard for me to give credit to individual an who makes plays."

commercials The Johnson taped Thursday include a code of conduct message that will played be inside Cowboys Stadium, and two more about drinking responsibly that will air locally and nationally.

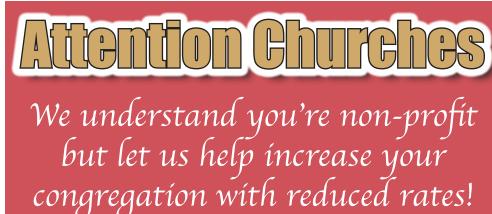
When his image shows up on the massive video boards at Cowboys Stadium, a huge roar is sure to follow. Johnson knows it after the warm reception folks gave him when he and Jones were shown together during the concert.

"People like success," he said, smiling. "Obviously it brings back great memories.'

sudoku

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.

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

Partner opens One Notrump. You are playing 15- to 17-point opening notrumps, Stayman, and are not playing transfers. What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠ KJ6 ♥ 73 ♦ K64 ♣ Q9852 2. ♠ K9743 ♥ AQJ105 ♦ Ì08 ♣ 7 3. ◆ Q96 ♥ A83 ◆ AQ7 ◆ KJ42 4. ◆ Q753 ♥ 6 ◆ K962 ◆ J865 5. ♠ 10 ♥ K98743 ♦ 5 ♣ QJ732 * * *

1. Two notrump. This is the normal response when you have about nine points and a balanced hand. Partner passes your response with 15 points, bids three notrump with 17 points and exercises his judgment with 16 points.

2. Three spades. This is a gamegoing hand opposite a 15- to 17point notrump. However, since a response of two spades or two hearts to an opening notrump bid is weak and not forcing, it is necessary to make a jump-response to assure getting to game.

Despite the disparity in strength of the two suits, it is better to mention your spades first. If partner rebids three notrump, you can then bid four hearts, asking partner to choose between the two suits. An initial three-heart response would leave you in an awkward position if partner next bid three notrump. 3. Four notrump. This is not Blackwood. Rather, it indicates 16 or 17 points and invites partner to bid a slam with maximum values for his opening notrump bid. Opener passes with 15 points, carries on to six with 17 points and can bid five notrump to indicate exactly 16 points and thus leave the final decision to you.

4. Pass. Game is virtually out of the question, so the only problem is to find the best partscore contract. Granting that the hand easily might be better at a partscore in spades, diamonds or clubs, there is no practical way of finding a better spot than one notrump. Despite your singleton heart, partner is a favorite to make at least one notrump when you contribute six high-card points.

5. Four hearts. High-card point count is not a reliable guide in measuring the value of distributional hands. It is much better to estimate the trick-taking power of unbalanced hands containing long suits, relying more on plain common sense

Thus, in the present case, despite a conspicuous shortage of high cards, you should assume that opposite the great majority of opening onenotrump bids, you are unlikely to lose more than three tricks with hearts as trump. You should therefore go straightaway to four hearts.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo; State Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton; and all those who attended Tuesday's town hall meetings in Garden City, Big Spring and Stanton.

 Local committee members, who worked for months completing the application that resulted in Tuesday's ceremony in which Big Spring became a Certified Retirement Community.

• Katrina Petrowski, a Big Spring High School student. has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy after being nominated for the honor by Vickey Bloodworth. She is the daughter of Joe and Lisa Petrowski of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Judith Via of Big Spring and Merlin Kirk of Brazil, Ind.

• Kaci Hecker of Big Spring, who was one of eight students to graduate from the Western Texas College Vocational Nursing program, and was honored by a reception Thursday evening

It's called: Leaving a legacy

harles Dickens is famous for several things. The opening line in A Tale of Two Cities is widely accepted as one of the greatest opening lines ever printed: "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."

I am not sure he out-penned Moses' intro of the Bible though.

The first four words are "In the beginning God..." and it's still controversial enough to make the Bible illegal in China.

With that said, Dickens was nonetheless brilliant.

Dickens is also famous for his magnificent yarn called "A Christmas Carol" where Scrooge gets a second chance at life when he sees how selfishness robbed him of significance. He changes his ways once he is shown what people said of him after he died.

A NOBLE THOUGHT Not far from the time or the

town in which Dickens lived, a real-life scrooge by the name of Alfred Nobel picked up the newspaper and got the shock of his life.

His invention and distribution of dynamite had made him a rich man and forever changed how effectively men killed each other on the battlefield.

On this typical early morning he sipped his coffee and was stunned to read his own obituary in the newspaper. His brother had died and the editor had written about the wrong Nobel, saying his explosives had killed many people.

Alfred jumped up from the table and decided he wanted to make a much greater contribution in life.

He vowed to promote peace and to acknowledge contributions to humanity. Now you know how the Nobel Prize came to be and it's all because of a revelation about legacy.

If you are successful in life, and I hope you are, you will be one who leaves an inheritance for other people. Not all of us get a real chance to leave an inheritance, but all of us can leave a legacy.

An inheritance is what you build for others, but a legacy is what you build in others.

John Maxwell says in his book, Thinking For a Change, "When you think unselfishly and invest in others, you gain the opportunity to create a legacy that will outlive you."

Being an unselfish person and putting others before you creates a legacy in which others can run with. You make a bigger difference in life than you know, and besides, you're not the only who knows it — God does too.

"Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." Deut. 4:9

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. Contact him through his Web site at www. FreshFromTheBrewer.com



TROY BREWER

• Sinh Tho Nguyen, who was in Howard County Thursday in the middle of his walk across the United States to honor military personnel and show his appreciation to America.

 The Big Spring Independent School District, which recently purchased a 46-person capacity bus specially designed to transport Big Spring teams to and from extracurricular events.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we rely on Your facts, Lord, for our pathway to Heaven.

hey showed up more than a thousand strong in San Antonio a while back, student recruitment and retention folks from throughout the nation whose jobs are to sign up — and retain

incoming college freshmen.

The conference was sponsored by Noel-Levitz, experts in the field who know more about 18-yearolds than the kids know about themselves. And these gurus spout statistics about trends, probabilities and other data

as effortlessly as youngsters exchange text messages. "The average high school senior texts 90 times daily," one speaker claimed.

This stat came to mind later in New York City when a young lady, perhaps facing her senior year in high school, emerged from a nail salon with nail extensions that would have passed for talons. They flummoxed her efforts to text. "It's like your fingers doing the walking - on

Two educators who taught multiple generations of students (without many teaching materials or much else early on) recorded 128 total classroom years. They had speaking parts at recent school in-service programs, one in Stephenville and the other in Sealy.

In Stephenville, Virginia Bond, who retired in June after 65 years as an elementary music teacher, received a standing ovation from the some 500 attendees. Superintendent Darrell Floyd asked how many people in the audience — or their children or grandchildren — had sat in Miss Bond's classes. A full three-

fourths of them stood. Mayor Nancy Hunter designated Aug. 17 as "Virginia Bond Day" and awarded her the first-ever "key to the city.'

"They couldn't tell me what it opens, except that I shouldn't expect it to work if I lock myself out of my house," the 85-year-old ioked.

In Sealy, 91-year-old Maggie Selman brought greetings. She "taught it all," so to speak, starting out there when the community had a one-room school. (She served in Sealy for 58 of her 63 instructional years.)

She told in-service participants how much she continues to value learning, but was reluctant to start first grade 85 years ago. "I so hated to leave my dogs and cats behind when I left the house each day," she admitted. A few minutes later, Board President Mark Miller said he felt the same way about his dogs and cats, and "that was when I left the house this morning!"

Mrs. Selman's name is on two Sealy schools. It was first on the elementary school, and when it was split to make way for an intermediate school, backers of both schools insisted on keeping her name. So, it's on the intermediate school, too.

My 97-year-old Uncle Mort, who claims to be "an honor graduate of the school of hard knocks," hopes Michael Vick learned his lesson after spending 18 months in the penitentiary for his dog-fighting ventures.

Mort spoke of sports humorist David Thomas' mention that if there were just one more letter in the Philadelphia nickname, they wouldn't have signed him. He wouldn't be a "fit" with the Philadelphia "Beagles.'

Extending that logic, he said that the fight for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Texas could be a tribute to S&H Green Stamps, trading stamps

that were a national rage for several decades. "Put an 'S' in front of Perry, and you've got Sperry,' Mort prattled. "Sperry and Hutchison printed a bunch more stamps than the post office for lots of years," he added. (I didn't have the heart to tell him that he'd have to introduce a second letter in Kay Bailey Hutchison's name, since the stamp people were named "HutchiNson.").

Uncle Mort continued on his winding trail of conversational topics, switching gears to the recent 40th anniversary of man's first moon walk.

"Old Alvin Dark was quite a prophet," he claimed. Dark was manager of the San Francisco Giants when Gaylord Perry was a rookie pitcher back in 1962. It is said that in that year, a sportswriter asked Dark what he thought of Perry's chances of ever hitting a home run. "Man will walk on the moon before he hits a home run," Dark predicted..

Wouldn't you know it? Seven years later, on July 21, 1969, Apollo XI made its lunar landing. A few minutes later (some claim it was a few hours), Perry blasted the first of his six career major league homers.

A final "kid kudo." Hats off to the "11ish" youngster who luckily took his glove to a recent Rangers' baseball game in Arlington. His perch, high in the stadium behind third base, was far removed from home plate.

He's glad he had his glove.

In the span of two minutes, he snagged two foul balls. May he be so fortunate at school this year.

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Parson to Person: Scripture is the final word

f such a thing were possible, I wonder if Martin Luther rolled over in his grave this past week. His own writings tell us that he

was against having any church or denomination named after him. I wonder if he could have envisioned what has happened in the largest American Lutheran denomination.



MATT PRICE

If you have not heard, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America voted to allow practicing homosexuals to be pastors of their churches — if the churches voted them in — on the condition that the homosexual individual (gay man or lesbian woman) was in a committed relationship.

Martin Luther based his theology that kick-started the Reformation on Scripture alone. His problem with the Roman Catholic Church at the time was that there were too many man-made rules and doctrine that was not based on the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament.

His stand on the authority of Scripture; that Scripture was, is and would always be the final word in the lives of those who claim to be Christians is the basis of every true Christian Church today. Christianity cannot be reinvented without the Bible and its authority and status as the Word of God.

The authority of Scripture is at the crux of what has happened in the ELCA and other denominations. In order to allow an unrepentive homosexual into the pulpit of their churches there had to first be an issue with the authority of the Word of God.

The vote of the 1,000 persons at the ELCA convention who were entitled to cast a ballot was 68 percent in favor of the change of doctrine and

polity.

We must understand that only a small percentage of the clergy of the ELCA is homosexual. This means that the majority of the clergy gives their hearty approval of the homosexual lifestyle and rejects the authority of the Word of God. For those 68 percent and the people who approve and advocate tolerance of sin for the sake of unity I say this — repent and return to the foundation of the Bible and the Jesus Christ of the Bible who died for your sins. To say that homosexuality is not sin is to trample the blood that was shed for that sin.

For those 32 percent who voted against institutionalizing an abomination and calling heresy right and true doctrine let me say this come out from them. I am not telling you to join any specific church or denomination. If you truly don't believe in the polity of the ELCA then according to Scripture you must not be seen to fellowship with them or even be named with them.

It's time for true Biblical Christians to stand for what they know is the truth. Jesus Christ came to die for sinners and He has revealed what sin is in the Bible. If we make up our own rules then we become our own God.

Because I think that homosexuality is sin does not make me a hater — it makes me a believer in the Scriptures.

If you attend a church that tells you that regardless of what you do and how you live, God loves you and accepts you then you are not attending a Christian church regardless of the name on the building — but a Social church.

A Bible-believing church will tell you that you are a sinner and that because of that sin you need a Savior. A true encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ will bring about a change in your life and lifestyle.

Let me ask you a question

if you claim to be a Christian and you attend a church. When you assemble as a congregation are you changed or are you just churched? Are you convicted of sin or are you confirmed in whatever lifestyle or actions that you may be doing?

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When you go to church are the sermons that are given full of the Word of God or full of cute, entertaining stories?

The problem that many have with the Bible is that to hear it preached brings conviction and an uncomfortable feeling in the pit of their stomach that things are not alright.

Have you decided to be the ultimate authority in your life? You have that choice but you can't have a Lord who is Savior and be the lord and god of your life at the same time.

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Church News

Signal Mountain **Emmaus Community**

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

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

The next meeting is Sept. 10. Mark your calendar.

We will celebrate the 1995 Walks 1 and 2. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

On Oct. 8 we honor the 1996 Walks 3 and 4. Plan to attend.

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

Chapel of Faith

The Chapel of Faith congregation was given a challenge for 2009 at the beginning of the year to invite someone to church each Sunday. It doesn't matter what church they attend, just attend church!

This should be a challenge for all those who are members of God's family. We are all challenged to spread the word of God's love. Won't you attend church this Sunday. If you don't have a church home, you are invited to visit with Chapel of Faith, a non-denominational church located at East 14th and Goliad streets. This Sunday, Pastor Scott Willis will bring a message on "Living Water." The scripture lessons are from Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23. Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. each week. If you come early, you can share in a time of fellowship and refreshments. Remember that God has a plan for your life. His love is there for you to accept.

ule of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m.; watch for a Newcomers class to begin in the fall.

Administrative council will meet Monday. Open to anyone interested, it will be held in the Pathmaker's class beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 6, our Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) will be observing the Labor Day weekend with a Snack Supper and Bingo Night beginning at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall.

For information regarding the fall schedule at our Children's Day Out program, contact Loryne at 267-7511. Classes are held Wednesday and Friday for children ages 2 weeks through Pre-K. An experienced, certified teacher leads the Pre-K class. There are still a few openings and you are welcome to drop by for a visit.

Coming in the fall, "A Walk Thru the Bible," an all-day adventure Sunday, Oct. 25 and Oct. 31, we're having "Drive In Family Movie Night " in Garrett Hall.

We'll be telling you more about these events as the dates draw near. It is all a part of the fall schedule at First United Methodist Church, in the heart of downtown Big Spring, where families grow in Christ.

day in Ordinary Time is Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh will be back in the pulpit to deliver the message. This Sunday we will receive the Noisy Offering, which is used to feed the hungry. The choir will present the anthem "Glory and Worship Are Before Him" by Henry Purcell and the offertory anthem "Great Is Our God" by Craig Courtney.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. 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 is "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. This Sunday we will be discussing coming home to God and helping others come home to God by looking at the story of the Good Samaritan. Monday evenings, we will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at 7 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 course materials and shipping and handling of the materials). It is not too late to sign up but if you are interested, we suggest you sign up quickly as we are in the second week of the course. For more information and to register call the church office at 267-8287. Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets Tuesdays at 5:30p.m. 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 Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall. There is no cost to attend this either. Our Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7 a.m. All men in our community are invited. There is no cost but donations are welcomed. Mark Lindsey, the new pastor at First Baptist Church, Big Spring, will be our guest speaker. 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

Too many rules!

ules! Rules! Rules! Every time I open my e-mail or pick up a magazine, I see a new list of things to do or things not to do. This morning, I read seven proven ways to increase productivity and 10 tactics to generate book sales. Yesterday, I read three secrets for making a laundry room more attractive and a time table

efficient laundry room. In the area of health care, there must be people who do nothing but make rules. I've seen umpteen ways to lose weight, 40 ways to lower cholesterol, and a million foods to avoid in order to lower blood sugar. There are multiple lists of exer-

cises guaranteed to build muscle and make flab disappear. There are dos



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First United Methodist

A great big thank you goes to the Worship Committee, the Myth Busters class, the youth and other volunteers for a wonderfully successful "Back in the Saddle" Sunday. The worship service and the meal that followed were well-attended and well-received.

This Sunday it's time again for the Bauer Initiative, taking Christ outside the walls. Held from 9 a.m. until noon at Bauer Elementary, it is for parents and children alike. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

Pastor Sharon Wiese will be bringing the message at both services of worship Sunday. This will be part four in the current sermon series, "When the Fasten the Seatbelt Light Comes on — Follow." Scripture reading is from Genesis, chapter 37 verses 1-11.

We are back to our regular sched-

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.

Members and friends are alerted that the Fish Fry will take place Saturday, Sept, 12, at the home of Bob and Pam Hicks.

The lectionary for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

First Presbyterian, **Big Spring**

The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. choir practice was at 6 p.m.

We express our appreciation to Dan Miracle for serving as preacher for the past two Sundays.

Wednesday, Sept. 2, there will be a church staff meeting in the office. Sunday, Sept. 6, will be Communion Sunday. September 7, the church office will be closed for Labor Day.

Nancy Hale will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" this Sunday. Liturgist is Christine Boling.

The lectionary for the 22nd Sun-

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and don'ts to reduce back pain, neck pai, and big toe pai, and there are ways to prevent wrinkles, age spot, and hair loss.

In the financial world, there are strategies for saving money and principles for spending wisely. There are tips for finding bargains and helpful hints about earning money. There are lists of foolproof investments and schemes to avoid paying taxes. There are rules for making budgets and more rules for making budgets work. Whole books have been written about how to get rich quick and how to reduce debt overnight.

When it comes to relationships. we have even more rules. There are suggestions for making friends and influencing people. There are blocks for building character. There are pillars of good leadership to be erected and habits of successful people to be emulated.

In the Old Testament, God gave His people 10 simple rules to follow, but they weren't able to keep those commandments. In the New Testament, Jesus summarized the list into two rules: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39 NIV).

Instead of making more rules or trying to keep the ones that have already been made for us, maybe we should just focus on the two that Jesus said were the most important.

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Thriving in the tough times

f you have watched any of the survival reality shows, you know the conditions are barely tolerable and sleep is almost non-existent, not to men-

tion a lack of decent food. It might remind you of what our country is experiencing today. To some it would be easy to fall into a similar trap, a survival mode during

these econom ic times. The

temptation would be to think in terms of just barely getting by or merely enduring.

But if you are a believer and have put your faith in Christ Jesus, the situation can be quite different. Genesis 26 begins by saying, "And there was a famine in the land." Famine means a "severe shortage" or "extreme scarcity." The times we are living in now are dark and bleak for the person who does not have a relationship with the Lord, or have Biblical knowledge regarding their covenant rights. That's why it is important to know what the Bible tells us about famine, and what to do when the world is experiencing one.

Psalm 33:18-19 says, "The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine."

As believers in Christ, we need to know that we have been delivered from lack and death in times of shortage and famine. The term death need not be taken literally; it could mean death to your business, your finances, or even death to your investments. Job 5:22 says, "You will laugh at famine — for it holds no power over you." The New Living Translation says, "Even in famine they will have more than enough." The Hebrew translation says, "He will supply until no more is needed.'

God is not a God that He would leave His children alone during hard times such as we are experiencing today. Regardless of the news reports, we should not allow ourselves to slip into a survival mentality. We can know without a doubt that God will take care of those who put their faith and trust in Him.

Obedience is a key principle in a time when the economy seems to be spiraling out of control. Many people are fearful and seem to have no direction for their lives, but obeying God is a secret to blessings. Isaac, Abraham's son, feared God and was faithful to obey all of God's commandments, statutes, and laws. God told Isaac to stay right where he was, to keep obeying Him, and He would lead him in the direction of abundance and prosperity right in the midst of a severe famine.

Giving is another key factor that is important in times such as we are seeing today. Oftentimes, we tend to hold back rather than give, but giving is God's way of getting more to us. The scriptures tell us it is more blessed to give than to receive. So giving is valuable in terms of receiving.

Another reason Isaac

thrived in famine was because he was a tither of his increase. He was faithful with his tithing even when everything around him looked bleak. Isaac knew the first 10 percent belonged to God. He knew he had to be obedient with his tithe in order to receive God's blessings.

Keeping your faith in God and His promises will cause you to flourish, even when others may still be living in lack.

If you want to prosper during hard times, it is of the utmost importance to keep your faith strong in God's provision and Word. The Amplified Bible says, "Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward."

Keep attending church. We blossom and grow by staying connected to the Word of God and the words of our pastors. Stay close to other believers, as there is strength when we have the support of Christian friends.

They help to keep us anchored in tough times and will support us with their prayers.

Determine that you are going to thrive, not just survive. God wants you strong and He will always be your front and rear guard if you allow Him to lead you through these economic difficulties. Remember, God has no shortages, no lack, and no economic problems. He sees from the beginning to the end and He is not nervous regarding the outcome of our present day economy and the world.

Keeping a positive attitude and a spirit of joy will not only bless others, but it is sure to help you, as well. Recently, a friend said to me, "Are you always happy? How do you always have a smile and stay so cheerful? I really want to know."

I explained that joy is a choice we make. Being negative and complaining about the economy only tends to pull us down and makes life unpleasant for all of us.

Proverbs 21:23 says, "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble." God bless.

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activities for all ages Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

For more information call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org. We are located at 400 E. 11th Place.

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 9 a.m. Sunday school follows at 10:15 a.m. for all ages. We welcome you to come join our worship service with a loving, caring congregation. Pastor Wayne K. Frost leads us from the pulpit.

Several Bible study opportunities are available to anyone wishing to attend. If interested, we would love of hear from you. You may contact the church office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 257-7163 for times and places.

Ongoing Support for our military troops continues through August with items needed: Powdered cold drink mixes (lemonade, Crystal Light, Tang), hard candies, Blistex, Carmex and donations for phone cards and shipping costs. Phone cards allow our men and women to call home and speak to their Also Wednesday nights at 6:30, NazWhiz (ages fourth grade through sixth grade) will meet in the fellowship hall to become Bible "whizzes." We will pump up the volume with cool videos and games and learn a lot about Joshua, Judges and Ruth this school year. We cannot wait to meet you children.

Youth, grades seven through 12, need to "Bring your Fun" for Youth Explosion Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Cal. Chill out in the Salt Shaker with other teens and kick it God's style.

We wish you an awesomely blessed week. Remember, God has made you more than a conqueror.

If you have any questions about the Church of the Nazarene, call 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@ nazfamily.org

East Fourth Street Baptist

Summer is winding down and it's time for our Sunday School Promotion Day which is Sept. 6. We want to thank the teachers for their continued loyalty in their teaching and guidance from the Word of God..

Our church choir had the summer off but we are back and ready to sing. We are looking forward to working with Denise Weaver as she leads our song service.

This Sunday evening, we will have our Fifth Sunday Singing. We welcome you to come hear the talent our church has to offer. You will be blessed. This will take place in the fellowship hall. Opportunities at East Fourth are: Sunday school (for all ages) at 9:45 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, Youth and Childrens Bible Study. Saturdays at 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. We welcome you to come worship and fellowship with us. The church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Call us at 267-2291. his series of sermons on "You Can" with "You Can Practice Patience — Right Now!" Sunday morning and "You Can Pray Powerfully" Sunday evening.

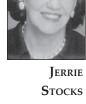
Tuesday, our senior adults will meet at noon for LLL. Mita Garvin, a representative from Compass Hospice, will bring the program, followed by game time. Come join this fun group for some great food, informative program and fun fellowship.

Our Wednesday evening schedule is being slightly altered to allow the children more time to eat. Meal service begins at 5 p.m. Children's choirs begin at 5:45, Bible study for youth and adults at 6, RAs, GAs, and Step-Up at 6:15, and, finally, adult choir at 7. September 13, Worship Kidstyle will begin at 6 for children 1-6 grades.

What do you do with your empty inkjet cartridges? If you'll bring them by First Baptist, we'll make good use of them by cashing in and using the proceeds for next summer's children's camps.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday, St. Mary's will be having a Rally Day to share with our parishioners and visitors what is being planned for this fall and winter at the church. Be sure to come and see if you might like to participate in any of the classes,



loved ones so far away.

If you should have concerns or prayer requests, you may call the church office or e-mail your requests to stpaullc@sbcglobal.net

First Church of the Nazarene

Great things are happening at the First Church of the Nazarene. God's love is growing all around and we welcome you to come grow with us.

There are events and classes for all ages that not only feed you spiritually but also allow you to kick back and relax.

Current events include:

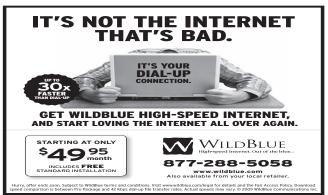
Old Fashioned Sunday is Sept. 6. Come join the fun in vintage style clothes and enjoy a big lunch and homemade ice cream, just like the good ol' days.

Special speaker, Terry Barker, a missionary to Africa, will speak Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. Our Faith Promise Banquet, at noon in the gym, promises to be an international feast.

Sunday service and Wednesday classes are: Adult opportunities begin at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday morning fellowship, which includes coffee and doughnuts and worship at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. You are sure to find a study Wednesday evening with classes beginning at 6:30 which offer your choice of being led down the Holiness Highway; inspired through Psalms 23 or captivated by how to Heal the Church.

Ahoy, mates! Sunday mornings at 10, we will be starting a new and exciting ministry for children ages 4 to 11. It is called "Adventure Bay!" Our setting will be on a tropical island with captains, pirates, tourists and parrots. We will have a lot of fun learning about Jesus. You do not want to miss it.

Wednesday nights at 6:30, NazKidz (ages 4 years old through third grade) will meet in the north classrooms of the fellowship hall for Bible class. Get ready for some hands-on Bible activities to suit their needs.



Birdwell Lane Baptist

Have a great Sunday! Attend your church and if you don't have one why not come visit with us? You're always welcome. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are at the southern end of Birdwell Lane one-and-one-half blocks north of FM 700.

Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. for all ages for 3 years and up. A nursery is provided for your little ones and if you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

September 6 we will celebrate our 67th year church anniversary. There will be quartet singing, testimonies, poems and a fellowship dinner. Dr. Gene Krieg from King's Highway Baptist Church in Fort Worth will be our speaker. It will begin at 10 a.m. and go until 3 p.m. with no evening service. Due to our anniversary celebration we will not have a Fifth Sunday fellowship on the 30th. Pastor Steve King and the membership invites visitors and past members to come help us celebrate this special occasion.

First Baptist, Big Spring

Summer is over, school is back in session and we are back into the swing of our fall activities here at First Baptist Church. We invite you to join us.

Our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, is concluding



organizations or events being offered.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist service is every Wednesday in the chapel. There will be a women's lunch and prayer group meeting after the service in the library. Bring your lunch and join us.

A Confirm Not Conform class will begin at St. Mary's at 7 p.m. Monday in the parish hall. If you have a youth age 12-17, be sure to come for more information about this important program.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www. stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with Guy Teague teaching the final lesson of this quarter on "God's Call for Decision." This lesson is based on Deuteronomy 30:1-20, which focuses on our need to realign our lives with God's purposes by opening ourselves to God's transforming work in us. Our worship services is at 10:30 a.m. with Certified Lay Minister Billy Bates in the pulpit. This week we will celebrate a special communion service as we say goodbye to Don and Nita Taylor, who are moving to the Waco area. Both Nita and Don have been active members of our church and administrative council. Nita served as council chair and SPRC chair and Don served as financial chair and trustee chair. We thank them for all they have done. Following our worship service there will be a potluck dinner in their honor.

Saturday is Angel Food Delivery Day for August. Delivery time is 1-2 p.m. Don't forget your box to pick up your food. Order forms for September will be available Saturday and someone will be available to take your order.

Remember, God loves you and there is not a thing you can do about it. No matter what is happening in your life, God is always there. Reach out and take His hand ... You won't be sorry!

Spring Creek Fellowship

Have you felt like a Weeble? You know, the toy that when it gets knocked over pops right back up? Pastor Dennis Teeters' sermon this week is about Job and entitled "Out of the Toy Box into the Pulpit ... You Can't Keep a Good Man Down" (Weebles).

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

This week has already brought quite a few changes and the Sagittarius moon offers the chance to get away so that we may process them, not through introspection and meditation, but through recreation and play. The best downtime is spent in a place that forces you out of your normal world. You will be bolder in a new context.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Most will honor your requests, try to accommodate your needs and be receptive to your wishes. Most, not all. The one or two wild cards in your life will challenge your ability

to keep your cool. TAURUS (April 20-20). be seen

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let stellar work ethic stand in the way of this one. The work will still be there waiting for you when you return.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even though you're a talented conversationalist, you'll still be stymied by the characters you meet. They don't exactly make it easy to socialize. But true to form, you'll find your way to common ground. **CANCER** (June 22-July

22). You don't want to be too forward with a new friend; however, you should know that this likes person you immensely already. It's safe to reveal slightly more of your personal life for the sake of bonding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though the glamorous life does suit you, there are times when all of the rules and social dynamics get exhausting. Stick by those friends who are easygoing and unlikely to assess the correctness of your every move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Loved ones will make an effort to please you,

although they are not likely to do so without asking exactly how. You will be doing everyone a favor by giving specific instructions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you have too many choices, you can become frustrated and feel lost. Narrow down the field and old your confidence returns. Even if you don't know exactly what to do, you feel capable of doing anything.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're special now. You'll get perks and privileges and luck into fantastic situations. The best part is you don't let it go to your head, which is what allows this trend to continue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're the consummate egalitarian. You understand that there are no small jobs. You see each how person contributes in an essential way. You have just the right perspective to lead a group.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're strong and so are your opinions. You could write a brilliant essay or a compelling memoir and that would be a far better option than sharing what you're thinking at the dinner table.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). E-mail is a dangerous tool when you're loaded up with emotion. It's too easy to press "send" before you've had a chance to process your feelings. Avoid the medium altogether if you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When it's difficult to move past a less-thanoptimal circumstance, it will be helpful to get your gripes out in a notebook, then get on with looking for what's positive about the situation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 28). It's a year of favorable partnerships. You'll follow shared to wondrous interests places. As you study and take in many experiences, you have the sense that you don't yet know how to apply what you've learned.

Hold tight. Your purpose is more obvious in the spring. A door opens to your life's work in April. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 26, 28 and 41.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Group dating is a terrific idea. You'll shine and stand out in the crowd. TAURUS: Make sure that the ones you love are recognized for their contributions. GEMINI: Everyone is in charge of his or own fun. Remember this and you'll have more fun, too. CANCER: Abide by the rules of etiquette and you'll be impressive to new friends. LEO: You know where all the best spots are; give someone a VIRGO: You tour. understand what others are trying to communicate even when they do it very badly. LIBRA: Write down what you're looking for in a mate and you'll attract it. SCORPIO: You're set to "mild" mode, and that's actually a good thing. A date will find you interesting you and haven't even pulled out all of the stops vet. SAGITTARIUS: Push yourself into potentially uncomfortable situations. You'll make everything better and have a story to tell later. CAPRICORN: Rally the troops for some fun, especially those you haven't seen in a while. AQUARIUS: Do not take sides in your friend's dispute, no matter how loyal you may be to your friend. PISCES: Let your

sensual nature take over. COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Virgo and Capricorn are two earth signs who can combine their talents to make a fortune together. Sometimes their working partnership turns into love, and other times their love turns into a working partnership. As long as these two remember to work as hard at filling their relationship with mutual love and respect as they do working on other things, they will be blissfully intertwined.



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Club News

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association met Monday, Aug. 17, at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, rather than at Howard College, due to the ongoing construction.

Guest speaker was Maridel Fryar, second vice president for the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Ms. Fryar discussed current legislative matters that related to retired school personnel. Then she focused on benefits of belonging to TRTA. Of the 279,000 retired school personnel, 70,000 are members of TRTA.

TRTA represents all retired school employees, whether they are members or not, and only TRTA can lobby the Texas legislators on behalf of retirees. TRTA has been influential in keeping legislators informed about areas of concern to retirees. Since we have not had a raise since 1991, it is vital that we continue to contact our legislators and let them know we are very interested in matters pertaining to present and future retirees.

Another benefit retirees have is a defined benefit retirement plan, which has allowed us to still receive full benefits despite the downturn in the stock market, which greatly affected the Teacher Retirement System. Despite losing several billion dollars in the stock market, the TRS has recouped a great deal of the loss, due to knowledgeable advisors. Our Teacher Retirement System is very

strong and progressive.

Any retired school person is welcomed and encouraged to join the Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association. The benefits are tremendous, and we have an opportunity to improve the retirement of all school retirees, present and future.

There will be a District XVIII Convention Sept. 22 at the Region XVIII Service Center. Any interested person is welcome to attend. Our next local meeting will be Sept. 21 at the Howard College Cactus Room, if construction allows. The announcement of the meeting will be in the Herald, as well as the meeting place.

TOPS Club Tx 0021

TOPS Club TX 0021 (a new ID number) met Monday, Aug. 24 in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad.

Leader Laura Sickles called the meeting to order by leading the TOPS and KOPS members in the TOPS cheer. TOPS member Frank Sickles led the group in the TOPS pledge followed by the KOPS pledge led by Laura Sickles. The group then sang the TOPS welcome song as a united chorus. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Carol Smith and approved.

Roll call followed, led by Hughetta Roberts and showed the membership that Dennis Stapel was the Best Weekly Loser with a 3.5-pound loss. Hurrah for you, Dennis. Keep up the good work. The tally

showed 11 TOPS present and two KOPS.

During the business portion, members were reminded of the Fun Days in Abilene set for Sept. 26. The members are encouraged ot dress in costume for the day. The theme is TOPS Goes Hollywood.

Then a correspondence from Barbara Cady, TOPS Club International president, informing members to participate in the "10 Pound Loss Contest that begins at the IRD Fun Day 2009 and ends aty the IRD Fun Day 2010. Prizes will be awarded for the accomplishments of this international contest.

It was announced that the TOPS Tx 0021 baseball contest has ended with the TOPS Texas Rangers being the winners. Prizes were awarded to all Ranger team members.

The program for the evening was a round table discussion focusing on losing excess weight and how to lose that weight. It was interesting and enlightening to all participating.

For more information on weight loss and the help TOPS Club can give, call Frank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. TOPS does help. You too, can lose that extra weight.

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Come learn about how God helps us to stand up to the problems in life as we look at Job 42:1-17.

Spring Creek Fellowship's Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:45. We have a time of worship in song led by Stan Hanes, prayer and then a time of study of God's perfect Word. Before worship we have a time of fellowship beginning at 9. Sunday School Connection time brgins at 9:30. We have a place for every member of your family and well welcome you with open arms.

As fall comes on us, we will begin several ministries to serve God in this community. We'll have more on that in the weeks to come and you may want to come and join in with us to help folks out. We want to touch people in Jesus' name and meet some needs that are out there.

Join us Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for a free potluck meal. Bible study for adults and youth begins at 6:15. AWANAS for the kids will begin Sept.

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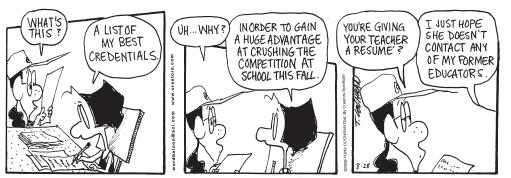
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Aw, Mommy! 'My Brother's Clothes' isn't really a brand name, is it?"

This Date In History

YOU'RE HAVING MY "VERY END OF THE MONTH SPECIAL"

Today is Friday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2009. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, D.C., where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

On this date:

In 1609, English sea explorer Henry Hudson and his ship, the Half Moon, reached present-day Delaware Bay.

In 1774, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first Americanborn saint, was born in New York City.

In 1907, United Parcel Service had its beginnings as the American Messenger Company of Seattle.

In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete died after being gored during a fight in Linares,

teenager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later.

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I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A NICE CHANGE TO JUST SIT BACK AND

ENJOY THE HAIRCUT

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic national convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1973, more than 600 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico.

In 1983, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin announced his resignation.

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein, West Germany.

In 1995, a mortar shell tore through a crowded market in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, killing some three dozen people and triggering NATO airstrikes against the Bosnian Serbs.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Billy Grammer is 84. Actor Ben Gazzara is 79. Actor Sonny Shroyer is 74. Actor Ken

WAITING MARSHAL Baseball manager Lou Piniella is 66. Actress Debra Mooney is 62. Actress Alice Playten is 62. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 58. Actor Daniel Stern is 52. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is 51. Actor John Allen Nelson is 50. Actress Emma Samms is 49.

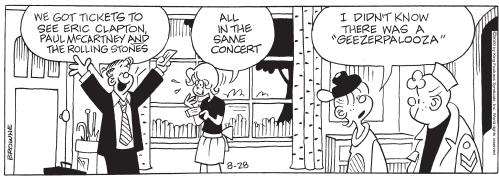
Actress Jennifer Coolidge is 48. Movie director David Fincher (Film: "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button") is 47. Actress Amanda Tapping is 44. Country singer Shania Twain is 44. Actor Billy Boyd is 41. Actor Jack Black is 40. Actor Jason Priestley is 40. Olympic gold medal swimmer Janet Evans is 38. Actor J. August Richards is 36.

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