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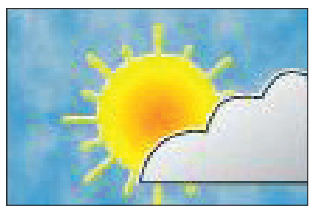
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Construction crews are shown excavating a portion of Gregg Street earlier this week. Work on the street, which is expected to continue through the end of the year, has adversely effected several businesses in the area.

Gregg Street shop owners: construction taking its toll

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Please be patient. Expect delays. These messages have been flashing on electronic road signs along Gregg Street since April, when efforts to resurface the major thoroughfare — otherwise designated at U.S. Highway 87 — began. And while the reconstruction of the roadway, which has forced closures to lanes and intersections alike, has certainly had an effect on local traffic, it's also having quite an effect on merchants with store fronts along the street. Most business owners are quick to point out the roadwork is a major boon for the city of Big Spring, but the havoc it's wreaking with their businesses is impossible to ignore. "Our business at the Gregg Street Sonic Drive-In is down between 30 and 35 percent," said Mike Abusaab, owner of Abusaab Companies and two Sonic loca-

"There's no way to know how much of it is due to the economy and how much is because of the construction. What I can tell you, however, is business is certainly down right now. Shoppers are avoiding Gregg Street altogether, and most of our customers are spontaneous shoppers. Those two things simply don't mix."

—Shane Ward,
 Ward's Western Wear

tions in Big Spring. "However, anytime you have construction of this magnitude you know it's going to slow down business. Unfortunately, they still haven't begun the actual work in front of the Sonic, so it's hard to say just how

bad it's going to get." Abusaab isn't alone, as Shane Ward, owner of Ward's Western Wear, said the construction has had a negative impact on his business as well. However, Ward is quick to point out there's no way to know where the economic slowdown ends and the roadway problems begin. "There's really no way I can put a percentage on how much our business is down due to the road construction," said Ward. "There's no way to know how much of it is due to the economy and how much is because of the construction. What I can tell you, however, is business is certainly down right now. "Shoppers are avoiding Gregg Street altogether, and most of our customers are spontaneous shoppers. Those two things simply don't mix. I'm not going to point my finger at the state or the construction crews and place

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Obama speech gets cold shoulder

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

What if the President gave a speech and no one listened? That is basically the situation in Howard County as U.S. President Barack Obama's planned televised speech to schoolchildren Tuesday will not be seen by many area students.

The president will speak directly to students Tuesday about the need to work hard and stay in school. His address will be shown live on the White House Web site and on C-SPAN at 11 a.m., a time when classrooms across the country will be able to tune in. Schools don't have to show it. But districts across the country have been inundated with phone calls from parents and are struggling to address the controversy that broke out after Education Secretary Arne Duncan sent a letter to principals urging schools to tune in. Critics are particularly upset about lesson plans the administration created to accompany the speech. The lesson plans, available online, originally recommended having students "write letters to themselves about what they can do to help the president." The White House revised the plans Wednesday to say students could "write letters to themselves about how they can achieve their short-term and long-term education goals." Few campuses in Howard County will air the President's speech live and many will not show it to students at all. "We actually decided before all this controversy erupted that we weren't going to show it," said Randy Brown, superintendent of

"We left the decision up to the campus principals and they all decided there were things planned for that day and time and they wanted to stick to the original plan."



Randy Brown,
 CISD superintendent

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More elderly in poverty than thought

By **HOPE YEN**
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The poverty rate among older Americans could be nearly twice as high as the traditional 10 percent level, according to a revision of a half-century-old formula for calculating medical costs and geographic variations in the cost of living. The National Academy of Science's formula, which is gaining credibility with public officials in-

cluding some in the Obama administration, would put the poverty rate for Americans 65 and over at 18.6 percent, or 6.8 million people, compared with 9.7 percent, or 3.6 million people, under the existing measure. The original government formula, created in 1955, doesn't take account of rising costs of medical care and other factors. "It's a hidden problem," said Robin Talbert, president of the AARP Foundation, which provides job

training and support to low-income seniors and is backing legislation that would adopt the NAS formula. "There are still many millions of older people on the edge, who don't have what they need to get by." If the academy's formula is adopted, a more refined picture of American poverty could emerge that would capture everyday costs of necessities besides just food. The

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Make Howard County Showdown yearly event

More than just a few people in Howard County are going to be wishing they could be in more than one place at a time tonight.

Include me on that list. It's a big night of football for all three Howard County schools. Not only do the Big Spring Steers host the No. 4 team in the state, the Denison Yellow Jackets, but there's also a rivalry being renewed as the Forsan Bulldogs pay a visit to the Coahoma Bulldogs in what is being coined as



JONATHAN HULL

the Howard County Showdown.

The fact the Showdown is taking place at the same time as the Steers game is a shame and completely unfair to a majority of the county's population.

While I want to continue to see the Bulldogs and Buffs match up on the gridiron on a year-

ly basis, I want the rivalry to receive the type of publicity it deserves from the area.

Instead of having the Showdown share the marquee with the Steers, it needs to have its own special time slot, day and venue arranged for it.

That's why, beginning in the 2010 season, I'm calling for the administrators at both Coahoma and Forsan High Schools to get together with the admins at Big Spring High and set this entertaining rivalry up so the entire county can enjoy. I'm asking

for the powers that be to move this game to either a Thursday or Saturday and allow Memorial Stadium to host it as a neutral site.

This move does two things. First, it would obviously allow everyone in Howard County the opportunity to see Forsan and Coahoma face off. Secondly, the change from a traditional Friday night setting to a Thursday or Saturday and the move to Memorial Stadium makes the

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Romo, Favre to sit

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — When Minnesota Vikings coach Brad Childress decided to rest Brett Favre and many starters for the preseason finale against Dallas on Friday night, it did anything but render the game meaningless.

Favre's arrival just more than two weeks ago stabilized the Vikings' quarterback situation in one respect, but threw it into upheaval in another.

Before Favre, quarterbacks Tarvaris Jackson and Sage Rosenfels were competing for the starting job while second-year player John David Booty was entrenched as the third-stringer and possibly the long-term solution for the position.

Now the future of all three is up in the air.

In all likelihood, Jackson, Rosenfels and Booty are competing for two roster spots. Favre played in the third quarter against Houston on Monday night, so all three will be looking to make an impression on Childress in their last chance against the Cowboys.



AP photo/Donna McWilliam

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) looks to pass as San Francisco 49ers defensive end Justin Smith (94) pressures during a NFL preseason game in Arlington Aug. 29.

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Steer spotlight Defensive tackle Steven Henry

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Coming into the 2009 football season, questions began to align about the Big Spring Steers defensive line.

The Steers had lost most of their ends to graduation and desired to become a quicker team up front. It caused the coaching staff to move some players from other positions, including offensive line and linebacker, in order to fill some holes.

However, one starter from the 2008 season remains on the defensive line and Head Coach Phillip Ritchey says he can't put a price on the experience Steven Henry gives the Steers up front.

"I think Steven is the anchor of our defensive line," Ritchey said. "He gives us some much-needed experience up front. That is priceless for us. He is one of our most consistent players on the defensive side of the ball."

Henry, a senior, says he knows his presence on the line is a vital one.

"I'm the guy with the most experience. I'm the one who needs to know who is doing what up front," he said.

Henry's junior season was brought to an abrupt halt. He was one of four players involved in an automobile accident in the middle of the season. He sustained a concussion and missed several games, never truly returning to his early season form.

"That was extremely frustrating for me. Sitting on the sidelines was hard to take," said Henry. "There were times I was standing there just fighting back the tears. I wanted to be on the field so bad."

Henry has used the accident as a motivating factor, though, with a rededication to his conditioning.

"The wreck definitely focused on getting ready for this season. It was a wake up call, too. I've learned not to take unnecessary risks off the field. I'm just being smarter with my decisions and what I'm choosing to do," he said. "I hit the weights hard. I made sure I was in the weight room everyday trying to get stronger. I don't want to be on the sidelines again."

Ritchey echoes Henry's dedication to the offseason conditioning program.

"Steven was one of the guys we saw in the weight room constantly throughout the

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Denison
at
Big Spring

When: 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Memorial Stadium
Game-time weather: Partly cloudy, 85° F
Radio: KBEST 95.7, KBST AM 1490, www.kbst.com, KBYG AM 1400.

Pudge helping Texas make playoff push

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — When Ivan Rodriguez was reacquired by his original team, the Texas Rangers planned to use him as a backup to a rookie who grew up idolizing the future Hall of Fame catcher.

Rodriguez also would provide a veteran presence in the clubhouse for a team whose last playoff appearance was 10 years ago when he was the AL MVP.

Except, with every game meaning so much, Rodriguez is becoming a regular in the lineup. And the playing time has nothing to do with the nostalgia surrounding his return.

"He still has skills, man," manager Ron Washington said. "He's not the offensive player he used

to be, but he's still able to go up there and get good at-bats. But the important thing is but the receiving the ball and throwing the ball, getting pitchers through innings. He hasn't lost that."

Rodriguez has caught seven games since returning to Texas, pushing his Rangers total to 1,433 games. In the recent span, the club has won five games, two of them shutouts, and the pitchers have a 3.63 ERA — that mark lowers to 2.72 if you don't count a 10-9 victory over the New York Yankees.

After playing once in the first five games after being acquired from Houston on Aug. 18, Pudge was in the lineup for six of seven games (four at catcher, two as designated hitter) before Texas had a day off Thursday. He wants to keep playing as much as possible

down the stretch.

"Absolutely. I want to play and I'll be ready," said Rodriguez, who won a World Series with Florida and went to another with Detroit after being part of the Rangers' only three AL West championship teams. "You know me, I've been doing it for 19 years. I'm going to continue doing it."

Rodriguez also has been solid offensively, hitting .286 with five doubles and a home run through 10 games. He played both halves of a doubleheader Tuesday, the first as the DH before catching the nightcap, and was back behind the plate Wednesday night.

"He's going to help all of our young guys, our young

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Sports in brief

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly results

In the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's Playday Monday, two teams finished tied for first, shooting 1-over and forcing a scorecard playoff. The team of Daury Cockrell, Joann Hillger and Shirley Long came out the winners with second going to Linda Dewaters, Gus Leonardi and Betty Murphy.

In Thursday's couples play, Nick and Linda Dewaters teamed with Steve and Patti Hedges to win first with an impressive 7-under. Second and third place was decided via scorecard playoff as two

teams tied at 4-under. The group of Howard and Trish Gabbard and Donnie and Shirley Long came out on top with third going to Jimmy and Deanna Forsyth and Ray and Sue Russell.

Ray Russell shot closest to the pin on Hole 6.

Big Spring Tennis Boosters holding meeting Thursday

The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters are meeting at 5:45 p.m. Thursday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

All parents of current junior high or high school tennis players are encouraged to attend.

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.

Obituaries

Bobbie Jean Richey

Bobbie Jean Richey, 73, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, in a Midland nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.



She was born Nov. 11, 1935, in Stanton and had been a resident of Big Spring most of her life. She helped raise her nieces and their children. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a sister, Billie Holland of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews, including Jim Leonard and wife, Linda, of Big Spring, and Tammy Gibbs and husband, Mike, of Lamesa.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Gay Nell Leonard and Mary Sue Wood; and one brother, Jackie Richey.

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

Daniel 'Chato' Marquez

Daniel "Chato" Marquez, 73, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



He was born Jan. 21, 1936, in Big Spring to Victoria and Miguel Marquez. He married Benita Burrola, who preceded him in death Feb. 16, 2009. He was a truck driver for Price Construction for more than 20 years. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by three daughters, Betty Muniz of Big Spring, Irene Lara of Lubbock and Guadalupe Ramirez of Ft. Worth; seven sons, Juan Marquez of Kennedy, David Marquez of San Angelo, Charlie Marquez of Big Spring, Andrew Marquez of Oklahoma, Martin Diaz of Ft. Worth, Benito Diaz of Midland, and Theodore Diaz of Brownwood; four sisters, Maria Recio, Rosa Ontiveros, and Yolanda Carrillo, all of Big Spring, and Juanita Hand of Midland; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Take Note

• The Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the high school band hall. The meeting is open to all parents of high school and junior high school band students.

• 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.

• Coahoma Class of 1999 Reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Contact Latisha Miliken Perry with questions and RSVPs: tish_a_roo@yahoo.com or (512) 947-6680.

• Marcy House will be hosting the first Dementia Support Group meeting Sept. 29. Kim York, RN, will be presenting a presentation on the different types of dementia and its progression. Brenda Hamm, a licensed social-worker, will be on hand to help with and support that may be needed by the patient or the family. Refreshments will be served. Marcy House is located at 2301 Wason Rd. in Big Spring. For more information, call 268-9041.

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

Police blotter

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

- JOSHUA YANEZ, 21, of 1503 Wood, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of Third Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Third Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- DANIEL FOSTER, 45, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.
- PATRICK KYLE HECKLER, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- MARCUS DANIEL SMITH, 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault Class C — family violence.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Scott. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Monticello. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-10-14-33. Bonus Ball: 30.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-15-16-27-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-7-2-0. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-6-1. Sum It Up: 10

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

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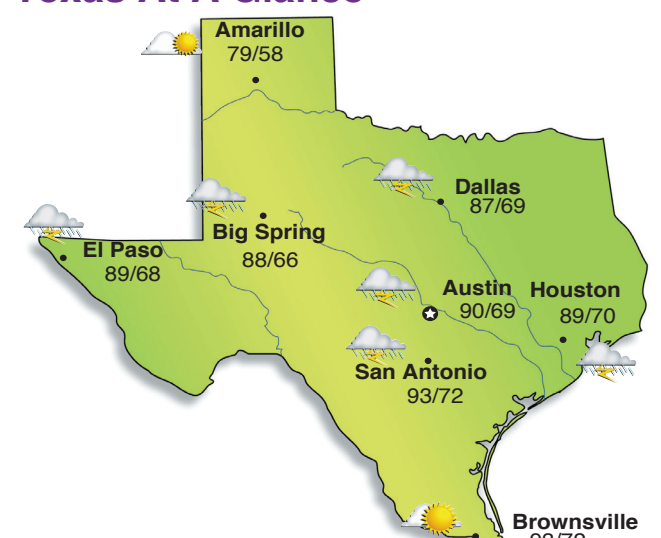
Today's Weather

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Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms possible. High 88F.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	Times of sun and clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
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Amarillo	79	58	pt sunny	Livingston	88	67	t-storm
Austin	90	69	t-storm	Longview	82	68	t-storm
Beaumont	85	70	t-storm	Lubbock	84	62	t-storm
Brownsville	93	72	mst sunny	Lufkin	87	69	t-storm
Brownwood	88	66	t-storm	Midland	90	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	93	75	t-storm	Raymondville	95	72	mst sunny
Corsicana	86	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	90	70	t-storm
Dallas	87	69	t-storm	San Antonio	93	72	t-storm
Del Rio	94	72	t-storm	San Marcos	91	70	t-storm
El Paso	89	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	82	68	t-storm
Fort Stockton	89	66	t-storm	Sweetwater	85	64	t-storm
Gainesville	87	65	t-storm	Tyler	83	67	t-storm
Greenville	84	66	t-storm	Weatherford	87	66	t-storm
Houston	89	70	t-storm	Wichita Falls	88	63	pt sunny

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PUDGE

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catchers, help our pitchers to get another vantage point, how to work guys," right-hander Kevin Millwood said. "It's probably going to make us all better."

Pudge won 10 of his 13 Gold Gloves with the Rangers and was a leader for their only playoff teams in 1996, 1998 and 1999, making him one of the most popular players in club history.

Among his countless fans is Taylor Teagarden, the Rangers' rookie catcher who was only 7 years old when Rodriguez played his first game in 1991.

"I caught at an early age so I always wanted to be like Pudge, or to say that

I had the same arm as him, funny things like that, because he was just head and tails above the best in the league as far as throwing guys out and being athletic back there," Teagarden said. "We always compared ourselves to Pudge and wanted to be like him."

Teagarden had posters of Rodriguez on his bedroom wall, but had never met him until they became teammates.

"I'm just trying to take it all in," Teagarden said. "This is a really cool year for me."

The Rangers made the deal after Jarrod Saltalamacchia, their other young catcher and primary starter, went on the disabled list because of shoulder fatigue that led to numbness in his throwing hand.

Rodriguez waived his no-trade clause, though he acknowledged he

had to think about it because of the expected backup role with the Rangers.

Within a day after Rodriguez arrived, Saltalamacchia was already sitting in the chair next to the veteran's locker. Teagarden and Rodriguez are often on the bench together during games.

"I tell him things that might happen in the game, anticipate every pitch. ... He's a good player, going to be a good catcher," Rodriguez said.

"There's a lot of things that I'm storing in the back of my mind that he's telling me," Teagarden said. "I'll ask him after a bad inning or something like that, what did you see, should I have done this differently. He'll tell me. It's not like I second-guess him because he's done it all, so I know it's right."

Washington insisted he hasn't

determined how he will split time between Rodriguez and Teagarden the rest of the season, but admitted experience could influence his decision.

That certainly seems to be the case so far.

For Pudge, who left after the 2002 season when the Rangers refused to offer salary arbitration, it's an unexpected extra chance at a late-season playoff run with his first major league team.

"I feel good. It's a good team, everybody's getting along here," Rodriguez said. "It's a different team, but at the same time, we look very good and we're ready to just keep going. ... We're not too far. We're almost there, so we've got to keep playing."

Just like Pudge.

COWBOYS

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"Definitely," Jackson said. "You never know with this business period. I just take it as it is. Whatever happens, happens. I can't control it. I just try and get better, that's it."

Jackson is in his fourth year in this system and played very well against Kansas City two weeks ago. He threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns and had a perfect quarterback rat-

ing.

But because Favre played in the only series of the third quarter for the Vikings against Houston, Jackson played only one series in the fourth quarter. His strong performance against the Chiefs, coupled with being just 26, makes him perhaps the most likely of the three to be traded.

"I can't worry about it," Jackson said. "I'm not worried about it because I can't control it. Whatever is going to happen is going to happen, whether I worry or not."

Rosenfels was acquired in a trade

from Houston before the Vikings signed Favre. In an instant, he went from having the opportunity to compete for the starting job for the first time in his nine-year NFL career to fighting for a roster spot.

Rosenfels missed the second game of the preseason with an ankle injury, but was sharp in his debut against the Colts on Aug. 14. He was 10 of 13 for 91 yards in that game.

"I think I've done a lot of good things while I'm in there and made very few mistakes," Rosenfels said. "That's half the battle as a quarter-

back is not making mistakes. I'm just trying to execute the offense and I think I've done a pretty good job with that."

In his return to Houston, Rosenfels completed both of his passes for 22 yards in his only meaningful series of the game. Booty did not play against Houston and has completed 10 of 15 passes for 84 yards in two exhibition games this year.

"I think all of those guys will have an opportunity to play and they will play more extensively than they have," Childress said.

SHOWDOWN

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Bulldogs and Buffs matchup more than just a game. It becomes a major sporting event in the county.

I have talked to more than one person in the past week leading up to tonight about this prospect and I'm yet to hear someone say it's a bad idea. This constituency includes the head coaches for Forsan, Coahoma and Big Spring.

"This hasn't always been a traditional rivalry, but I'd like for it to become something that definitely occurs on a yearly basis," said Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips. "It's a fun game for both communities and the players really look forward to it. Our kids hang out with their kids during the week and on the weekend. There's a lot of bragging rights involved. I'd love to play them every year and I think playing at Memorial Stadium on a day other than Friday is a great idea. It would allow more people from the county to get to the game and puts a spotlight on both programs."

Coahoma Head Coach Stacey Martin is also open to the idea, but does note some factors have to be weighed when considering the scheduling of this game.

"It all depends on how realignment goes before next season. There's a lot of different scenarios there. We could be in a district with Forsan," said Martin. "I also don't want a situation where we play on a Saturday and have to turn around the next week to drive 250 miles. That's not enough recovery time for our boys. I'm very open to playing the game and I don't really care where we play it, though. It is an important game for the community. I know we had a few folks from Big Spring in attendance last year cause the Steers were in Denison. I don't think we'll see those numbers this year because the Steers are playing at home. It would be nice if more people from Big Spring could attend this game as well."

Of course, BSISD will have to be brought into the mix if the game is to take place at Memorial Stadium. Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey was more than willing to offer his help in organizing the event.

"I think it's a great idea. I'd love to see it happen. For one, I'd like to watch the game as well," said Ritchey. "I'd be happy to help set this up. It would be a great deal for our entire county to set this up at Memorial Stadium. It really make a lot of sense."

Sounds like three important men who would be involved in making this happen all said yes to the

idea.

As the most visible member of the sports media in Howard County, I am in full support of pushing this idea until it's set in stone. Coahoma and Forsan do not share a heated rivalry. It is more of a friendly battle. The series between the two programs is almost dead even.

Coahoma and Forsan have met on the gridiron 23 times since 1939. Coahoma holds a slight edge in the all-time record, winning 12 and losing 11 of those games.

The two squads played 10 times from 1939 to 1947 with Forsan winning 8 of those games. According to some archives, both schools played six-man football at the time and the winner was often dubbed the County Champion.

The rivalry disappeared for almost 40 years. The Buffs and Bulldogs renewed it in 1986 with Forsan coming out on top, 35-14. Since then, the Bulldogs have owned the series, winning 11 of the last 13 conflicts between the two programs.

Forsan does have some recent success over the 'Dogs, claiming a 34-20 win in 2002.

As much as ever, both programs are turning out similar numbers in its football program, allowing for an even playing field.

So what's next?

The willingness to put the game into action is there, but I still think Forsan's and Coahoma's athletic departments would probably prefer to hear from local fans about the idea of making the game a bigger yearly event.

So call the school district offices and tell them this is something you want to see. If you want, you can e-mail me at sports@bigspringherald.com with your thoughts on the game and I'll be more than happy to forward them to the people who need to read them.

I only wish this had been thought of before this season because the entire time I'll be sitting at Memorial Stadium watching the Steers play tonight, my thoughts will also be on what's occurring 10 miles east of town in Coahoma.

Let's make sure everyone in Howard County has a chance to watch the Showdown in 2010.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing sports@bigspringherald.com.

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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

West North East South

1♠ 2♦ Pass ?

What do you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ QJ93 ♥ AJ ♦ Q105 ♣ K965
- ♠ 84 ♥ K10763 ♦ KJ5 ♣ QJ2
- ♠ 3 ♥ 74 ♦ K965 ♣ AK8743
- ♠ AQ73 ♥ KJ96 ♦ 6 ♣ 9864

1. **Three notrump.** Partner's two-diamond overall shows a strong diamond suit and roughly the equivalent of an opening bid. Facing such a hand, your 13 high-card points and good intermediates should give you a very good play for three notrump. Although partner may act over an invitational two-notrump bid, you should not give him a chance to pass when you have such excellent prospects for game.

2. **Three diamonds.** The most likely game, if there is a game, is in notrump. Obviously, partner must be concerned about the gaps in his diamond suit, since he is lacking the K-J. The raise in diamonds may be enough to encourage him to bid three notrump if he has spades stopped.

It is more important to show your diamond support than it is to bid your weak heart suit. A two-heart bid

would not identify the diamond fit. There is also an inference that partner is not interested in hearts since he did not make a takeout double of one spade.

3. **Five diamonds.** A dual purpose is served by jumping directly to game. First, there's the strong likelihood that partner won't lose three tricks in five diamonds. Partner may, of course, have the wrong hand and go down, but the possibility of this is not enough to outweigh the probability that 11 tricks will be made.

A second factor is that the opponents may have a good heart fit they have not yet discovered, and they are not likely to start looking for it at the 11-trick level.

4. **Pass.** This is a typical situation where many players feel compelled to take action either to improve their chances of making a partscore elsewhere, or to satisfy game ambitions. There is a relatively poor chance that any steps taken other than a pass will improve matters. Although you have 10 high-card points, the overall value of your hand is impaired by the lack of a fit with partner's diamonds.

Since game is highly unlikely, a two-heart or two-notrump bid is more apt to make matters worse than better.

Tomorrow: Safety first.

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HENRY

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summer," said Ritchey. "He showed a lot of improvement in his strength."

Henry was a starter at defensive tackle when the Steers made the 360-mile trek to Denison to take on the Yellow Jackets. Big Spring went up 16-0 early in the game before Denison rallied for a 44-37 win.

It's a loss Henry says the team would love to avenge at 7:30 p.m. today at Memorial Stadium.

"We're a much smarter team this year. We understand what we have to do to hold onto a lead better," he said. "If we get up on them this season, then I don't think we're going to surrender the lead."

He also notes that the Steers have to ignore the hype surrounding the No. 4 Yellow Jackets.

"We can't focus on what everyone thinks of them or how good they're supposed to be," Henry commented. "We have to believe we can play with them. That we're just as good as they are."

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GREGG

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the blame on them, but the street work certainly isn't helping the situation."

The Gregg Street project, which is estimated at \$5.2 million, will resurface Gregg Street from the FM 700 intersection to the Fourth Street intersection, according to TxDOT plans. The work has suffered several setbacks since beginning, mostly due to weather conditions, according to officials with Price Construction, the Big Spring firm TxDOT has contracted with to complete the project.

Abusaab said some of the business he's lost at his Gregg Street location has been picked up at the FM 700 Sonic Drive-In, but the downturn in business has forced him to make cuts in the meantime.

"We've seen an increase of about 15 to 17 percent at our FM 700 location since this started, so we feel very fortunate for that," said Abusaab. "However, there are plenty of businesses on Gregg Street that don't have other locations, and they are getting hit hard.

"You can't have a 30 to 35 percent loss in business and it not effect how many people you employ. We've had a few employees that have been able to move over to the FM 700 Sonic, but not everyone has been that lucky. We've had to cut back on employees, but there's just no way you can keep the same number of employees when you lose that much business. You have to balance the two."

Ward said he's been fortunate not to have to cut any employee positions.

"We've made our adjustments by scaling back our inventory," said Ward. "We haven't had to eliminate any posi-

tions or let anyone go."

The effect the construction has had on his business — not to mention his parking lot — has been tough, according to Ward, but the most trying fact of the situation is he believes it could have been avoided.

"This roadwork was scheduled more than two years ago," said Ward. "They could have had this project completed or nearly completed before the economic downturn hit, which is really frustrating.

"Before, I had three entrances into and out of my parking lot, and now they've taken one of those away, which has been frustrating. It's that much harder to get in and out. I'm certainly not happy about that."

The effects of the construction could reach far beyond the resurfacing project, according to Abusaab, a prospect the local business man said he's not comfortable with at all.

"When you have a situation like this, people will simply go somewhere else," he said. "However, once the roadwork is completed it's hard to get them to come back, which is something that greatly concerns me. It could effect our business even after the roadwork is completed."

Mike Hughes, owner and operator of Gregg Street's Tire Time, said the street work has had such a negative impact on his business he's had to take drastic measures.

"I haven't laid anyone off in more than 15 years, but that's exactly what I had to do," said Hughes. "It's sad, really. I've talked to officials with TxDOT about the way they've tackled this job, and they have gone as far as saying this is one of their better jobs. It's totally frustrating.

"The chain stores and big boys along Gregg Can weather this storm, but the

independent business owners are really hurting right now. A lot of people are just avoiding Gregg Street altogether because of the construction, and that's simply not the answer. We need their support and patronage now more than ever."

Hughes said the drop in sales at his business has fluctuated between 16 to 33 percent, and while the economic downturn has certainly made things worse, the roadwork is definitely the main culprit.

"In April, before the roadwork started, our sales were down less than 1 percent," said Hughes. "Once the roadwork started, it plummeted. There's certainly an argument to be made concerning the state of the economy, but in my eyes that shows the correlation between the street construction and the fall in sales. There's no other way to explain it."

One of the hardest hit businesses on Gregg Street is Herman's Restaurant, which has suffered nearly a 50 percent decline in its business since the road work began in April.

"We still have our regulars, and they make it in here no matter what," said Sandy Roberts, seater and cashier at the local eatery. "However, this has pretty much cut off the business from people traveling through town on Highway 87 looking for somewhere to stop and eat. It's been tough, but we're holding our own."

As of Wednesday, the parking lot for Herman's was no longer accessible by Gregg Street, according to Roberts.

"The only way our customers can get to us right now is by Scurry street," she said. "So we're expecting things to get worse in the next few weeks."

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Paris Jackson weeps, Katherine falters at mausoleum during private funeral for King of Pop

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Paris Jackson wept as she stepped into the mausoleum where her father, Michael, was to be entombed. Katherine Jackson, overcome by sorrow, turned back when she was faced with her son's final resting place.

On a sultry Thursday evening, amid a sea of white flowers and with a bejeweled crown placed atop his casket by his children, the King of Pop was given an intimate, private version of the lavish public memorial held shortly after his death in June.

Gladys Knight performed the hymn "Our Father" (The Lord's Prayer) and moved many to tears, according to one guest who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the day.

When it was over, many of the the 200 mourners hugged each other. Among them were Elizabeth Taylor, Jackson's ex-wife Lisa Marie Presley, Barry Bonds and Macaulay Culkin.

The mourners followed the crowned, lushly flower-draped casket as Jackson's five brothers — each wearing a bright red tie and a single crystal-studded glove — carried it into the mausoleum. The 11-year-old Paris cried as the group entered the imposing building.

SPEECH

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Coahoma Independent School District. "We left the decision up to the campus principals and they all decided there were things planned for that day and time and they wanted to stick to the original plan."

Forsan ISD will not air the speech to students at Elbow Elementary, Superintendent Randy

Johnson said. At the junior high/high school campus, the speech will be taped and social studies teachers will have the option of whether to show it at a later time.

"If it turns out to be a political thing, we won't show it," Johnson said. "On the other hand, if the teachers can use it as part of a serious lesson plan or as a topic for discussion on high-end issues, it can be

shown."

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said the issue has been left in the hands of campus principals and, unsurprisingly, reactions vary.

At one end of the spectrum is Marcy Elementary, which plans to show the speech live. In the middle are campuses such as Goliad Intermediate, Big Spring High School and Washington

Elementary, which will allow teachers to incorporate the speech into lesson plans or class discussions. Some campuses, such as Kentwood Elementary, will not show the speech at all.

Parents need to contact their children's respective campuses for more details.

Sands Consolidated Independent School District officials left the matter in the hands of

parents, Superintendent Wayne Blount said.

"We've sent notes home with the students for their parents to sign," he said. "We'll be showing the speech in the auditorium. The kids whose parents don't object to the speech can watch it and the kids whose parents don't want them to watch it won't."

The Associated Press contributed to this

report.

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POVERTY

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result could upend longstanding notions of those in greatest need and lead eventually to shifts in how billions of federal dollars for the poor are distributed for health, housing, nutrition and child-care benefits.

The overall official poverty rate would increase, from 12.5 percent to 15.3 percent, for a total of 45.7 million people, according to rough calculations by the Census Bureau. Data on all segments, not only the elderly, would be affected:

— The rate for children under 18 in poverty would decline slightly, to 17.9 percent.

— Single mothers and

their children, who disproportionately receive food stamps, would see declines in the rates of poverty because noncash aid would be taken into account. Low-income people who are working could see increases in poverty rates, a reflection of transportation and child-care costs.

— Cities with higher costs of living, such as New York, Chicago and San Francisco, would see higher poverty rates, while more rural areas in the Midwest and South might see declines.

— The rate for extreme poverty, defined as income falling below 50 percent of the poverty line, would decrease due to housing and other noncash benefits.

— Immigrant poverty

rates would go up, due to transportation costs and lower participation in government aid programs.

The changes have been discussed quietly for years in academic circles, and both Democrats and Republicans agree that the decades-old White House formula, which is based on a 1955 cost of an emergency food diet, is outdated.

The current calculation sets the poverty level at three times the annual cost of groceries. For a family of four that is \$21,203. That calculation does not factor in rising medical, transportation, child care and housing expenses or geographical variations in living costs. Nor does the current formula con-

sider noncash aid when calculating income, despite the recent expansion of food stamps and tax credits in the federal economic stimulus and other government programs. The result: The poverty rate has varied little from its current 12.5 percent.

Next week, the Census Bureau will publish official poverty figures for 2008 with a cautionary note about the shortcomings. The agency says it will expedite release of alternative numbers in the following weeks, because of the interest expressed by lawmakers and the Obama administration in seeing a fuller range of numbers.

"The current poverty

measure does a very bad job of measuring the impact of quite a few of our anti-poverty policies," Rebecca Blank, the Commerce Department's undersecretary of economic affairs, said in an interview. "It isn't meaningless, but it isn't complete."

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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:

- Elbow Elementary School officials for their actions following a suspicious person report. The school was in a lockdown for about an hour Wednesday morning, when teachers on the playground recognized a person they did not recognize enter the back of the building. It was later determined the "suspicious person" was an older Elbow student, but teachers and administrators made all the right moves.

- All those who attended Wednesday afternoon's informative "coffee" with U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts.

- Charlie Garcia and Susie Hernandez, who claimed the men's and women's championships, respectively, during last weekend's Big Spring City Championships at Comanche Trail Park. It was Garcia's third straight city championship, and Hernandez's second.

- The Big Spring Economic Development Corp., which unanimously approved a \$220,000 grant for several new programs at Howard College that could jump-start workforce development in the area.

- Zac and Jay Phinney and Paul Nabors, who were part of setting a Guinness World Record for the largest guitar pickin' session.

- Terry Burns, an Amarillo inspirational fiction writer and former Big Spring resident, who has published a new book, "Beyond The Smoke," which has been selected as a 2009 Will Rogers Medallion Award Winner.

- Grant A. Bartlett, Emileh D. Cypert, Kandice N. Fryar, Tara L. Lopez, Nolan Paige and Aarika N. Thixton, Angelo State University students from the Big Spring area that among the 164 summer graduates at ASU.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Loving You, Lord, isn't taking the easy way out, but it's taking the right way out.

Amen

Taking it slow still worth it

Like my mother telling me about playing with a Mr. Potato Head that was actually a potato or my father talking about working as the guy that reset the pins at the family bowling alley, I imagine I will someday be explaining to my my son about the joys of sitting down and reading the newspaper. He will likely listen for a minute or two being slightly amused before he resumes getting his news in two-word blips from whatever device delivers such things in the not-so-distant future.

As a child I used to get up early to be able to read the Boston Globe from front-to-back before anyone in my family touched the paper. I'm only 35, so we're not talking that many years ago, and there was not only no internet, there weren't really any computers. Essentially, the information you could get electronically was pretty much limited to the cut scenes between levels in Pac-Man (which, to be fair, did teach me quite a bit about the courting rituals of Pac-People).

The rise in people getting their news from Yahoo, Google and

the ticker at the bottom of the TV screen leaves me wondering if we have created a generation of people with no capacity for depth. Just give them the headlines and that's enough. Nobody cares for the when, where, why or how, they just want who and what.

If John F. Kennedy were shot today, a generation of non-readers would learn "President killed" and leave it at that. The public might be interested in reading a blog post about the president's romantic dalliances or perhaps they might sit through a 140 character or less "Tweet" about his murder, but the only way he could really hold their attention is if he made a sex tape or a reality show.

Glancing at the headlines on your desktop or your cell phone screen does not count as being informed. It's great that CNN will send you a one sentence update when news breaks, but that update should at least sometimes lead to you seeking out more information.

In my generation television news started pulling people away from the more in-depth forms of knowing what was going on like newspapers or magazines. That, coupled with video games, MTV and other short-form instant gratification entertainment lowered attention spans, caused a rise in Atten-

tion Deficit Disorder and slowly started lowering the bar.

The current generation not only has all those same distractions, but their methods of social interaction no longer require any effort or depth. If I wanted to keep in touch with a friend after college, I had to call or write an actual letter. Even the addition of email still required actual writing, though it did begin the decay of formality, structure and attention to grammar.

Now, you can superficially maintain every relationship you have ever had by becoming Facebook friends with anyone who asks. You may not have any real knowledge of how your old roommate's life has gone, but you know that she's at lunch or that he went skiing. This might lead to having a lot more vague acquaintances that we label friends, but it probably actually erodes our real friendships.

Real knowledge, real friendship and knowing about anything in depth actually requires work. Today might be the day to step back a little from the technology and read the paper, call an old friend and maybe even pick up a book. Of course, if you don't remember what those are, you can always Google it or look it up on Wikipedia.

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Deck walks, talks on cruise

Uncle Mort would have called it a "Kodak moment," had he been aboard Carnival's

Miracle cruise ship on that beautiful July afternoon. I'll update his predictable observation by a few decades and label it a "digital moment." Cameras hung from straps around the necks of the gawkers, and photos snapped as we chugged toward the Atlantic were many.

My wife and I were among a crowd of folks, mostly New Yorkers, waving goodbye to the always breath-taking skyline of New York City.

It's a special time when cruisers hear the ship's lingering horn blast — the signal that vacations have begun. Its message that the luxurious vessel is about to put out to sea is a welcome sound to the ears of vacationers, most of whom have already been on board for two or three hours.

I thought of my 97-year-old Uncle Mort who lives down in the East Texas thicket. Upon my return, I knew he would want a "blow-by-blow" account of our leisurely cruise down to San Juan.

My lips "mouthed" what I knew would be his exact words: "I hope you took your Kodak." I would tell him that I "never leave home without it," fully expecting him to "mouth" my words back to me.

Cruises always hold unexpected adventures. At the rail nearby stood a man with eyes locked on the Empire State Building as it faded from sight.

He appeared to be about my age, but, more surprisingly, looked like a "young Uncle Mort." A lively conversation followed.

"Sir, your name wouldn't happen to be 'Mort,' would it?" I asked. "You're a carbon copy of my uncle who lives down in the thicket of East Texas."

"Nope," he answered, "My name's Mortimer, and I live up in the Adirondacks of New York."

Asked if this was his first cruise vacation, he paused before offering a studied, laborious answer — the kind my uncle would give.

"Well, I told my wife a while back that we might consider remaining at home this summer for a 'staycation,'" he began.

His face told me that his words were misspent. She was "dead set" on cruising, her decision padded by "rock bottom prices." She added, "We'll even be able to take my mother."

Wilting, Mortimer decided that it was not a vacation or a "staycation." Confessing that he's "always liked his wife's mother-in-law heaps more than he likes his own," he confided that perhaps the trip could more accurately be called an 'obli-cation.'"

Later, my wife and I perused materials about the ports we'd visit, nightly entertainment we'd enjoy and sumptuous meals we'd consume. Then, we read about Camp Carnival's programs for youngsters from ages 2-11 to keep them happy throughout each day. (No wonder so many young parents smiled broadly at the prospect of turning their young charges over to the camp staff!)

Then, an initiative new to us grabbed our attention. At mid-week, there'd be an "On Deck for the Cure" walk, with proceeds

directed to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, an organization dedicated to breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment.

My wife is a cancer survivor, having undergone a double mastectomy three months ago. We signed up immediately.

On the day of the walk, we wore our trademark pink-trimmed T-shirts. Brenda joined a couple of dozen others to lead the one-mile parade. The rest of us, perhaps 150, followed along. We all wound up at the pink lemonade stand. Our cruise director explained that the fundraiser has been enthusiastically received, and that the deck walk on his ship raises \$2,000-\$2,500 on every cruise.

Turns out that five cruise lines now participate in the program, with such deck walks providing more than three million dollars to the Komen Foundation.

Cancer is never a cake walk, but ongoing deck walks help as notable strides are made against the disease each year.

We smile at the thought of this project being so much an "American thing," voluntarily and enthusiastically supported by the masses.

And, from the standpoint of folks who love to cruise, it's pleasant to think of upcoming glorious meals that are next on the agenda.

We can put away the groceries with a lessened sense of guilt if we walk first. I thought also of the "Uncle Mort look-alike," and how unexpected grand adventures occur every time we cruise.

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Church News

Chapel of Faith

With many people traveling this Labor Day weekend, we are reminded to take time to attend church somewhere along the way. You can meet some very nice people in some out-of-the-way places. God is always present, no matter where His people gather.

The Chapel of Faith, located at E. 14th and Goliad streets, will celebrate Holy Communion this Sunday and everyone is invited to attend. This is an open communion service and all who profess a belief in God are invited to participate.

Pastor Scott Willis will present a sermon entitled "No Condemnation." Scripture reading is Mark 7: 24-37. Worship service starts at 10:30 a.m. If you come a little early, you can share in a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Remember that God asks that you pray to Him. This week, please remember to pray for all who are traveling, and offer special prayers for our service men and women. See you in church Sunday.

Salem Baptist

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

The gospel group, Blackwood Legacy, will be presenting a concert at Salem Baptist Sept. 29 beginning at 7 p.m. Please join us for an evening of praise and worship music.

Salem is pastored by Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 394-4655.

Baptist Temple

Sunday mornings in September, our theme will be "The Voice of Truth." We hear many different voices in our day-to-day life. The challenge is to discern which is from God and which is not. This Sunday we will look at the quest of Nehemiah to rebuild the wall in Jerusalem. He had his naysayers who tried to take him away from his work but he also had people who worked with him. Nehemiah did not listen to the naysayers.

We will not have evening service this Sunday. Instead, we will have a cook-out at the church. We will start grilling at 4 p.m. and eat at 6 p.m. Bring something to put on the grill, a side and your favorite game to play.

Our Financial Peace class meets Mondays from 7-9 p.m. We will not meet Monday due to Labor Day. Also, the church office will be closed that day.

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

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

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

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

First Baptist

First Baptist Church would like you to be aware of the upcoming concert presented by the Singing Men of West Texas Thursday, Sept. 17, at

7 p.m.

This Sunday morning, our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, will begin a new sermon series on the Beatitudes. The sermon topic is "Poor in Spirit." There will be no 6 p.m. service this Sunday.

Sunday afternoon, Wayne and Londa Henry will be honored with a reception to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. in the parlor.

Worship Kidstyle begins at 6 p.m. Sept. 13. They will meet in the chapel.

Hope your Labor Day is not a day of labor.

If you are looking for a place to worship the Lord, we invite you to come to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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

Members and friends are invited to a fish fry Saturday, Sept. 12, at the home of Bob and Pam Hicks.

The lectionary for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Proverbs 22:8-1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the worship service. Everyone is invited to join in the covered dish lunch in the social hall after the service.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. The fall schedule begins this Sunday with Holy Communion celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.

St. Paul Lutheran

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life."

Service begins at 9 a.m. Sunday with adult and children's Sunday school classes following at 10:15 a.m. Our service is led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

Several small group Bible study opportunities are available. Anyone wishing to attend one or more of these interesting classes may contact the church office for places and times at 267-7163 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 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 stpaulcc@sb-cglobal.net

September 10 at 6:30 p.m., the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet in the parish hall at St. Paul. You do not need to be a member of St. Paul to attend. We would be very glad to have any interested ladies join us.

It's a better deal than cash for clunkers

Every time I turn on the TV, I hear something about cash for clunkers. It sounds almost too good to be true.

If my husband and I had a roll of money for every clunker that we have driven, we could buy several new cars. In the early years of our marriage when he was a beginning teacher, I was a college student, and together we were doing youth work, we attracted clunkers the way some folks attract stray dogs and homeless cats.

Of course we were grateful for every clunker that the Lord provided. We nurtured them with good maintenance and named them affectionately in an effort to coax them down the road.

We still laugh about some of our clunker adventures, trying to remember how we got those clunkers and when they died from old age.

Ralph, who came to us as a fifty-dollar bonus when we bought another car, resembled a rather mature turtle in shape and color. In spite of his appearance, Ralph was a good car. His only quirk was that he whistled like a teakettle when he got warmed up. Eventually, Ralph was diagnosed with a pin hole in his head gasket. He really had been letting off steam when he whistled.

Buford, another of our clunkers, was a

vintage, two-toned station wagon given to us to transport teenagers up and down the hills of Longview, Wash. In the days before seatbelts were required, Buford's backseat would hold an unlimited number of scrunched up kids, and the area behind the backseat could be packed with guitars, amplifiers, and other useful paraphernalia.

I don't remember how we acquired Red Rambler. I suppose we paid full clunker price for him. Although his name was more descriptive than original, he got me through several years of commuting from Longview to Portland State University. Determined to finish my degree and get a teaching certificate, I carried a Phillip's screwdriver in my purse with my pencils and pens because Red Rambler had push-button gears. When the reverse button fell off, as it often did, I dug in my purse for my screwdriver, removed the metal plate that held the buttons in place, and put the reverse button back where it belonged.

Through the years, we have owned more clunkers and a few new cars. Our clunkers haven't always been reliable, but they taught us to rely on God. The Scripture says: "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19 NASB).

Trading our clunkers for cash and new, more economical cars may be a good deal, but trusting God for all our needs is an even better deal.



BONNIE WHEAT

College Baptist

Seniors of the community are invited to join the Three Gs (Golden Glory Gang) when they meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, in the church fellowship hall. The program, which will follow a potluck supper, will feature guest speaker Nancy Jones. There will also be special music.

A study of the Book of John will begin Sunday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m. Child care will be provided for those from birth through kindergarten.

Men of the church are invited to a breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

The GAs are conducting "Christmas in August." They are collecting supplies for missionaries Bill and Betty Roberts of Whitewright. Donations need to be turned in by Sept. 13.

The state hospital is in need of used Bibles in good condition. You can help with this project by dropping off your used Bibles in the CBC library. Librarian Raquel Moore will see that they are delivered to the state hospital.

First United Methodist

First United Methodist Church is delighted to announce the arrival of our new director of music, Eddie Vandewalker. Officially coming on board Sept. 1, Vandewalker, who is new on the faculty of Howard College, will be leading the music program in addition to playing the organ. As director, he brings with him a long line of experience in Methodists and music that spans several of his family's generations. We rejoice that our long and prayerful search has come to such a promising end.

This Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will bring the message at both services of worship; 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m., continuing her sermon series. Part five is entitled "Still Following" based on Genesis 47:18-26.

Sunday evening Garrett Hall will be the site for our Senior Adult Ministries (S.A.M.) Labor Day Celebration. Beginning at 6 p.m., the group will enjoy a snack supper followed by a lively session of Bingo.

Our pastor will be leading a Newcomers Sunday School Class beginning Sept. 13.

An all church trip to Post to see the matinee performance of "The Baptist" is scheduled for Sept. 26. For more infor-

mation contact Betty Kelly or the church office.

The most exciting event on our fall calendar is "A Walk Thru the Bible" which is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 25.

This is an all day adventure that takes us through the Bible in interesting, interactive ways. Special programs will also be going on at the same time for the children. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Be watching and listening for more information on this great opportunity coming to Big Spring and our church.

For a more complete look at the calendar for fall please check our Web site, www.funfcs.com. It's all about First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met on Wednesday this week at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6 p.m.

Sunday will be Communion Sunday. Monday, the church office will be closed for Labor Day.

The Working Women's Bible Study group will begin the New Horizons study "Joshua, A Journey of Faith" under the leadership of Helen Glass Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. in the church parlor. The offering for this meeting will go to the Willie Hall Black/Barstow Scholarship Fund for Seminary Students. After September, the group will meet monthly on the second Tuesday of every month.

The annual church picnic will be at Morgan Ranch Saturday, Sept. 12. The barbecue "chefs" will be preparing their offering for Sunday lunch, but each family is invited to bring its own food, drinks and guests to enjoy the afternoon and evening fun and fellowship. The BBQers will be cooking campfire breakfast Saturday morning, for themselves and others who want to come out.

Rally Day, to usher in the new Sunday school year, is Sept. 13. Classes for children 4 years through fifth grade will be studying "Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac," with teachers Donna Amonett, Janie Conley, Paula Farquhar, Helen Glass, Kay Kennemur, Jennifer Patterson and Jamie Walker. Christine and Don Boling will lead the youth Sunday school group (sixth through 12th grades) in studying "Opportunities:

Jesus Christ for Youth," lessons designed to help youth relate ancient scriptures to everyday life. Adult Sunday School options are Covenant Class, led by John Ferguson and Max Green, and Video Class, led by Marj Carpenter, Lucy Odom, Rip Patterson and Helen Glass. Rally Day will be capped off with the barbecue lunch in the fellowship hall after worship. Everyone is invited to bring sides and desserts to go with the meat and beans served by our church chefs.

A reception for Bert and Joyce Bronaugh, who will be leaving us this month after a year as Interim Pastor and wife, is planned for Thursday, Sept. 17, in the church parlor from 5-7 p.m. Please come and join in expressing our appreciation.

Helen Glass will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Communion servers are Pat Fleming, Paula Farquhar, Karen Schaedel and Neva Green. Ushers for the month are Weldon Jones, Jody Jones, Baylor Walker and Ellen Austin.

The lectionary for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Proverbs 2:1-2,8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10(11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh will be in the pulpit to deliver the message. The choir will present the anthem "Honour and Majesty" arranged by Alan Ridout and the offertory anthem "Giver of Every Perfect Gift" by K. Lee Scott.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST AM 1490, 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

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The full Pisces moon offers spiritual awakening. As with most natural processes, this one is not to be forced. We need only to be open to experiencing a different kind of awareness, however momentary it may be. This is not designed to be a lasting state. Let your mind expand and contract as you breathe in the passing moments.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). With your typically dynamic and intense personality, you have been accused of many things — being boring is not one of them. You'll continue the trend of keeping everyone else on their toes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've seen a lot of the world, and you're ready to be surprised. If someone is to hold your attention, you require them to show you a little extra something — perhaps a bit of eccentricity, passion or novelty will do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll get the perfect opportunity to build on an already solid relationship. Perhaps you'll sign up for a class together, make a date

Legals

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

way into the future or endeavor a large project side by side.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When one person in your inner circle needs help, everyone chips in to assist. You'll have new social responsibilities because of this, and it will be a pleasure to be of service.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-expression is important to you, though you are sometimes surprised at how others receive what you have put out into the world. Do not let this make you self-conscious. Keep creating what feels good to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your awareness of your surroundings will be tested. If you learn that you were not paying attention, you correct yourself just in time to observe something truly, subtly wondrous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Step up and command respect. You may have to change your clothes to do so, although it's not really about wearing a suit or not wearing a suit. The attire makes you feel and act differently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your day is best spent doing what you want to do. This may seem impossible as you look around and see all of the things you "should" be doing. Give yourself permission to ignore the "shoulds" in favor of following your bliss.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you don't have the means to do something on your own, this is a blessing. Band together with others for a common cause. You'll have to compromise, and that's where the bonding begins.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everything is cyclical. You'll be

reminded of this because of the events occurring in the lives of your relatives. There is so much that is positive about your family, and that is where your attention is best invested.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a commanding presence, and part of what makes it so is that you do not know it. Your soft words will be heard as though you are speaking through a megaphone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Think about exotic travel, keeping in mind that any place you've never been might fall under that category, distance notwithstanding. Plan the perfect trip out on paper — it could happen.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 9). This year you will be deeply appreciated and applauded for your loyalty. Your love life sparkles through the fall, and exciting developments follow in the winter. Good fortune befalls you while you work within a highly structured group. Follow proper form and procedure, and you'll make fantastic money in December. Libra and Taurus people adore you. Lucky numbers are: 4, 25, 49, 11 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You find new things to appreciate in the one you've known forever. **TAURUS:** Your eye for quality will be useful to those who don't know the difference. **GEMINI:** You warm people up and get them talking. You'll be asked to accompany a shy individual. **CANCER:** You have abilities that you don't even consider talents until someone points it out to you on Saturday. **LEO:** Be thoughtful as you relate to family. It will now

affect all of your relationships. **VIRGO:** Having a bit of ego will serve you well. You deserve to be noticed and will be. **LIBRA:** Move your body. You're as lucky in love as you are active. **SCORPIO:** Your attention to current styles will pay off. You're seen as fresh and interesting. **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll be accepted in a whole new world. **CAPRICORN:** The ones who know you well might be so used to your ideas that they don't react much. But someone new finds you extremely exciting. **AQUARIUS:** You know what you want, so go where it is and get what you came for. **PISCES:** You are protective of a certain sweet loved one, though this one might not be as innocent as you think.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Virgo and Pisces are polar opposites who balance beautifully. Virgo sees the details that contribute to how things are and quickly finds logical solutions to any problem. Pisces takes in the big picture and is more attuned to the feeling of things than the way they work. Virgo and Pisces learn from one another and form a powerful partnership because of their differences.

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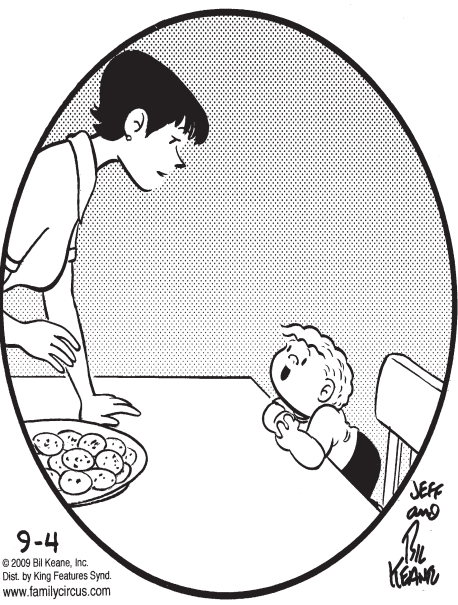
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6:PM	News ABC	Jeopardy!	Gancho	Two Men	News CBS	12 Cora-zones	News NBC	Friends	Scrivner	News-Lehrer	Under New York		Movie: CSI: NY	CSI: NY	Suite Life	Tennis: U.S. Open - Men's Second Round and Women's Third Round.		Football College Foot-ball: Tulsa at Tulane.	
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11:PM	Insider	High School Football: Midland High vs. Midland Lee.	Desmadrugados	Glee	Late Late Show		Private Valentine: Blonde & Dangerous	Sanchez	BBC	Meth Nation		Movie: Sniper 2, Dan Butler	Movie: Runaway Jury, Dustin Hoffman	Movie: Half Past Dead 2, Angell Conwell	W. Williams	Suite Life	SportsNation	Baseball	
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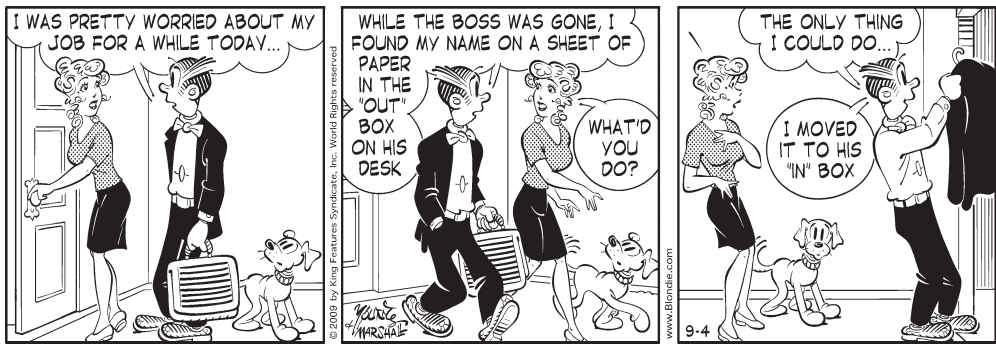


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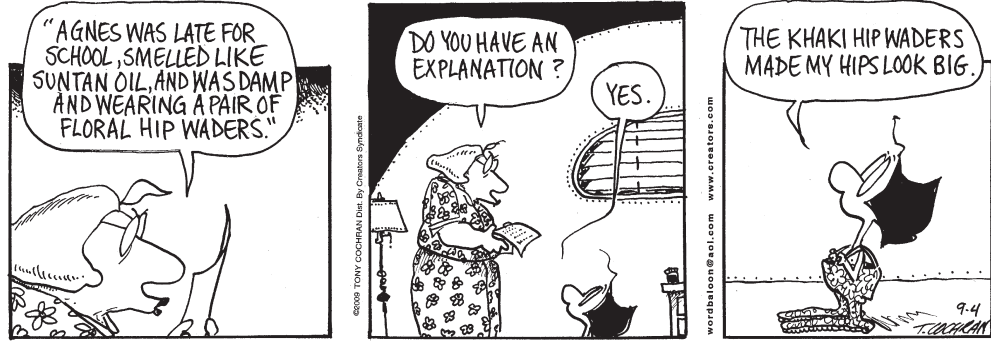
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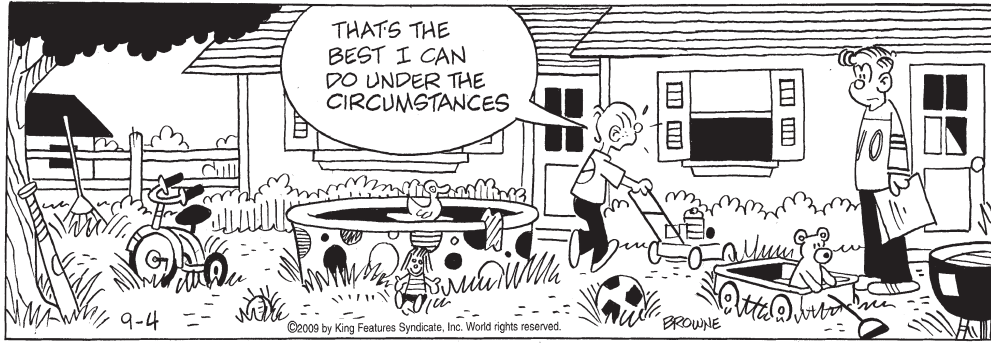
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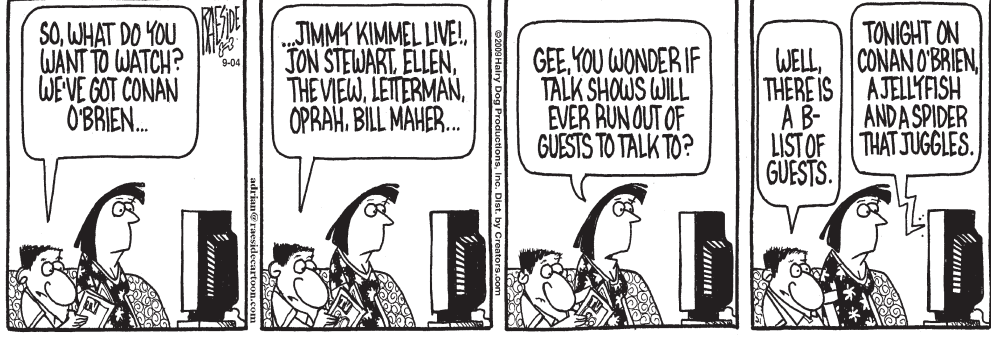
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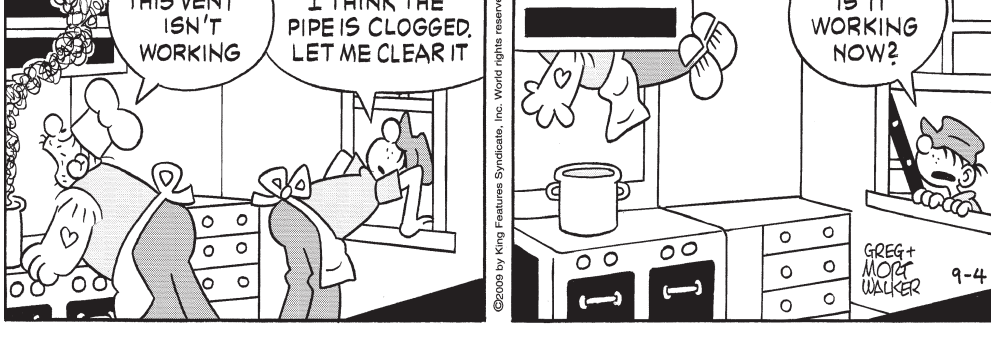
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2009. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers led by Gov. Felipe de Neve.

On this date:

In 1886, a group of Apache Indians led by Geronimo surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess.

In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands abdicated after nearly six decades of rule for health reasons.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1969, the Food and Drug Administration issued a report calling birth control pills "safe," despite a slight risk of fatal blood-clotting disorders linked to the pills.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

In 1984, Canada's Progressive Conservatives, led by Brian Mulroney, won a landslide victory in general elections over the Liberal Party of Prime Minister John N. Turner and the New Democrats headed by Ed Broadbent.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 78. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 67. World Golf Hall of Famer Raymond Floyd is 67. Actress Jennifer Salt is 65. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 60. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPreard is 59. Actress Judith Ivey is 58. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 58. Actress Khandi Alexander is 52. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans is 49. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 49. Retired Baseball All-Star Mike Piazza is 41. Actor Noah Mike Piazza is 40. Actress Ione Skye is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 34. Actor Wes Bentley is 31. NFL player Terence Newman is 31.

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Newsday Crossword

MISNOMERS by Merle Baker
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ACROSS	66 Oscar winner for <i>Sayonara</i>	10 Like McCullers' café	38 "Spring ahead" hrs.
1 Chairman's bailiwick	67 Brouhaha	11 Rice alternative	40 Motorola competitor
6 Not right	68 Hair holder	12 Jump for joy	41 LP player
11 __ XING	69 In itself	13 Floor model	42 Political refugee
14 Many a surfer	70 Course of thought	18 Enters	47 "Good heavens!"
15 Columbus' birthplace		22 Evade work	48 Fictional painter
16 Firefighter's tool		25 Pre- kin	50 Reverie
17 Place not surrounded by water		26 " __ Restaurant"	51 Seasonal flyer
19 Tally		30 Vintage film channel	52 Colorado Senator
20 Great distinction		31 "I get it!"	53 Bushel parts
21 Spanish eye		32 Racket	55 Venusian, e.g.
22 1944 battle site		34 Congressional creation	56 "Beats me!"
23 Upper hand		36 Battle of Baltimore	57 Rock singer Bob
24 Topper made in Ecuador		7 Sweet gourd	58 Foundry refuse
27 Like yams		8 Stuck	61 Extensive
29 French Sudan, today		9 California wine county	63 Copy: Abbr.
30 Bit			64 Golf-ball position
33 "At Last" singer James			
35 Steamed			
39 Game that originated in Germany			
43 Big house			
44 Part of 38 Down			
45 Eventually			
46 Isn't serious			
49 Boxer's weapon			
51 Pet that's not porcine			
54 X-ray units			
58 Scotch partner			
59 Impress deeply			
60 Insulation measure			
62 Mauna __			
63 Process that uses a liquid			
65 It's used at Gallaudet U.			

CHURCH

Continued from Page 5A

munion will be served. The flowers on the altar are in honor of Bill and Gerry Marino's 37th anniversary on Sept. 8.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Analysis Rodriguez. Our elders for this week are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke.

The liturgy will be read by Richard Knocke. The readings for this week, the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, are Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2:1-10, 14-18, and Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37.

Anyone interested in reading, please contact Dolline Budke.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact a member of the Board of Education. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and could be held either at church or in a home.

Plans for a Bible study at church during the noon hour Wednesdays (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) have been finalized; if interested, contact Shirley Reid. A light meal will be available. You do not need to be a member of our congregation to attend.

A Thursday evening Bible study hosted by Karen Ivey at her home at 1005 15th St., will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10.

A new Web site offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos.

Rally Day is Sept. 13 at the church — a fun-filled day of hamburgers and hot dogs, bingo and various games and activities. A sign up sheet for desserts, condiments, etc is in the kitchen. Bring your friends. Rally Day celebra-

tion will begin directly after Sunday school, about 11 a.m.

Mid Week School will begin Sept. 16 with a meal to be served between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. with both Mid Week School classes and confirmation classes being held. An adult class is in the planning. If interested in attending/teaching a Mid Week School class, contact the church or a member of the Board of Education.

If you are interested in helping with the Wednesday evening meals, contact Karen Ivey.

The Board of Evangelism is also beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of those wanting/need- ing a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke. Our Thrivent representatives are Shirley Reid, Audrey Abel and Dolline Budke. Youth Ministry 2010 Symposium is Jan. 8-10 at the J. W. Marriott Hotel at the Galleria in Houston.

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

East Fourth Street Baptist

This Sunday is Promotion Sunday and we want to say thanks again to all the teachers for their commitment and love in helping others and to the new teachers who have stepped in to help fill some spaces. May God bless you and your classes abundantly throughout the year.

Hope you'll be watching closely this month, as we have a lot of things going on at East Fourth. Members, we have our maintenance projects starting Sept 12. Please check to see where you can be of help.

Want to "Go Fishing" with

our pastor? Thursday of each week is set aside for he and a buddy to fish. If you're interested, contact Brother Keith at the church office at 267-2291.

We welcome you to come visit with us at East Fourth. Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Our Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m. (Family Worship Center); evening service at 6 p.m. (fellowship hall) Wednesday at 7 p.m. prayer and Bible study for adults, youth and children. Saturday mornings, men's Bible study at 7 a.m. (conference room).

Spring Creek Fellowship

The Lord commands us to go into the world and take care of the needs of people. He tells us to go in His name and give Him the glory. Spring Creek Fellowship is embarking on some ways to help those in need in our community and therefore do what Christ commands.

Manna House is our food pantry ministry that will begin on the third Saturday of every month. This will be a way of helping those who need food. We will also be making meals and giving those to people in need on that Saturday. There is a place for you to be a part of this vital ministry. This is just the start of SCF reaching out to minister to the Big Spring community.

Some other exciting opportunities begin Sept. 13 on Sunday evenings. We will have Bible study connection groups for men, women and youth and activities for children. These will be each Sunday at 5 p.m.

AWANAs, Bible study and youth worship time all begin at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. We have a free pot luck meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. Come and join us for a great time of food and fellowship.

Sunday morning begins with Sunday school connec-

tion groups for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship follows at 10:45. Our pastor is Dennis Teeters. Stan Hanes is our worship leader and Chris Tucker is our youth pastor.

Come join us! We are a loving church waiting to welcome you with open arms. Spring Creek Fellowship — where you make connections for life — meets in the building on the northeast corner of College Park Shopping Center.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

It is hard to believe September is already here. The kids are back in school and before long, Christmas will be upon us. If you are looking for a church home, North Birdwell Lane UMC invites you to come out and visit with us. We are a small, loving church with a big heart.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. We are starting a new quarter this week and our scripture lesson comes from Joshua 1:1-11, 16-17. The purpose of our lesson is to recognize that God's strength and courage are important promises for leaders who have big shoes to fill. Linda Hall will be leading our lesson this week.

Worship services begin at 10:30 a.m. with Certified Lay Minister Billy C. Bates preaching and offering the Lord's Supper to all present.

North Birdwell Lane UMC will have a charge conference Sunday, Sept. 13, following morning worship to take care of pending church business. All members need to be present for this meeting.

Angel Food orders will be taken today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church. Orders will also be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. If you plan on using your Lone Star Card, orders must be made at the church. Orders will also be taken Sept. 11-12 and the same times and locations.

There is no qualification to order from Angel Food. All orders must be paid for at the time the order is placed. We accept cash, money orders or Lone Star Cards.

Remember, God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it!

Hosanna Christian Fellowship

I-20 and N. Highway 137 in Stanton

Jannie Linney will be teaching a series of six lessons on the three sets of The Gifts of The Holy Spirit. Sundays at 6 p.m. starting Oct. 4.

Jannie has taught this series in several places. We believe it is time to have this study here in this area. In these last days, we need the Gifts flowing more than ever before.

This will be a condensed teaching of 30 years of experiential and Biblical study on this subject. Each person who completes all six lessons will receive a certificate of completion.

There will be no registration fee. There will be a \$10 charge for the study book. You do need to register and send your book payment in advance so we will know how many and have enough books. Call (432) 756-3688 to register.

Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist is a main line Baptist church, established in 1930. The church is conservative and all sermons are Biblically based. The music is old hymns of the faith.

We invite all who are like-minded to become a part of our church. Morning worship and preaching is set for 11 and Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The church roll contains hundreds who were once members of the church and are lost in the shuffle. We invite you back to active membership in the church. No questions asked.

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