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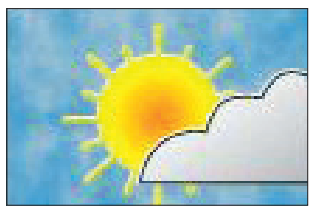


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## Man pleads guilty to murdering wife

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer  
A Big Spring man has been sentenced to 35 years in prison after pleading guilty to murdering his wife earlier this year.  
Tommy Gutierrez Jr., 48, received the sentence during a brief hearing in 118<sup>th</sup> District



Gutierrez

Court Thursday morning.  
Gutierrez was arrested June 15 shortly after his wife, Patricia, was found dead at the couple's residence in the 1200 block of Sycamore.

"The victim was shot once in the back with what is believed to have been a 12-gauge shotgun," Big Spring Police Department Sgt. Tony Everett said at the time of the murder. "The investigation into the shooting revealed the victim had allegedly been shot by her husband, who fled

the scene prior to officers' arrival."  
Several hours later, Gutierrez turned himself in to police officers at the Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center, where he was taken into custody and charged with murder.  
In arranging and then con-

senting to the plea agreement, District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said he relied heavily on the wishes of the family.  
"Shortly after Mr. Gutierrez was indicted, we met with family members of the  
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## 9/11 marked with mourning, a spirit of service

**SUZANNE MA**  
Associated Press Writer  
NEW YORK — Cold rain mixed with tears as mourners collected under umbrellas and a dreary sky Friday to mark the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with old rituals and a new purpose — honoring the spirit of those who rushed forward to help.  
Skies were gray in New York City, at the Pentagon and at the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in a Shanksville, Pa., field, where now-familiar ceremonies honored the nearly 3,000 people who were lost. Friday was also the first time the anniversary was observed as a national day of service, following an order signed this year by President

*Memorial set for 6:30 p.m. today at Big Spring Mall*

The local division of the Disabled American Veterans will be holding a 9-11 memorial service at the Big Spring Mall at 6:30 p.m. today.  
The ceremony is being held in honor of the Americans who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack, and the local men and women who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces since that tragic day. The memorial will be held just west of the Sears store inside the mall, near the memorial wall.

Barack Obama.  
"From this day forward, we will safeguard the memories of those who died by rekindling the spirit of service that lit our city with hope and helped keep us strong," New York Mayor Michael

Bloomberg said at a ceremony in lower Manhattan.  
Obama and first lady Michelle Obama observed a moment of silence in honor of 9/11 victims outside the  
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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins  
**Firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department watch as the flags are lowered to half-staff this morning during a special 9-11 memorial ceremony at Station 1, located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The memorial included a bell ceremony, tolling to commemorate the loss of several hundred firefighters in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on New York City.**

## Parolee may be headed back to prison

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer  
A Big Spring man recently paroled from prison might be headed right back to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility, as the Howard County Sheriff's Office took him into custody Tuesday on a pair of first-degree felony indictments from 2008.

Jeremiah James Roberts, 30, was arrested Tuesday on charges of burglary of a habitation and aggravated robbery, charges he was indicted on by a Howard County grand jury in November of 2008.  
According to Sheriff Stan Parker, Roberts was already in prison serving time for an unrelated crime when he was

indicted. Court officials said TDCJ had a hold placed on Roberts, calling for him to be released to the custody of the HCSO.  
"Roberts was indicted for the Feb. 17, 2008, aggravated robbery of the Fast Stop convenience store in the 1700 block of Wasson Road," said Parker. "Once he was re-

leased from prison on parole, he was shipped back to Howard County because of the indictments."  
Roberts was also indicted on a charge of burglary of a habitation for his alleged part in the Jan. 29, 2008, break-in at a home in the 400 block of W. Fifth Street.  
According to Sgt. Tony Ev-

erett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the investigation into the robbery eventually lead to Roberts.  
"According to witness statements, the suspect entered the Fast Stop convenience store and threatened the clerk  
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## Squeezed but not squashed

BSISD officials say space problem manageable

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer  
Despite a squeeze on classroom space in Big Spring Independent

School District elementary campuses, officials say the situation is manageable.  
BSISD administrators gave a report on the district's latest enrollment figures during the monthly trustee meeting Thursday in the high school board room.  
As of Sept. 3, 3,826 students were enrolled in classes, an increase of 44 over the same time last year, Superintendent Steven Saldivar told trustees.

Of that number, a vast majority — 2,294 — are enrolled in the elementary grades. Goliad Intermediate and Big Spring Junior High each have more than 500 students, while high school enrollment stands at 1,007.  
While there's plenty of room for students at Goliad and the secondary campuses, officials admit that's not the case in the  
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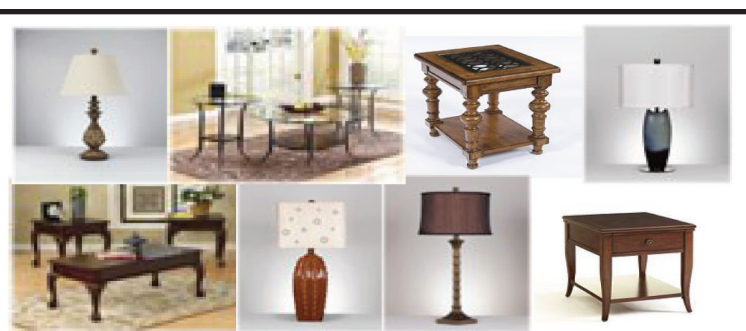
## STAND DOWN

VA Medical Center to help homeless vets

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer  
The Big Spring VA Medical Center will offer a helping hand to the area's homeless veterans when it offers a Stand Down program Saturday.  
The Stand Down, which will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the tennis court on the west end of the medical center, is  
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## Steer spotlight Playmaking receiver Thaddeus Straughter

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Call it a turning point. Just when the Big Spring Steers needed a big play against fourth-ranked Denison last week, Thaddeus Straughter helped deliver what seemed like a miracle.

With the Steers down 14-13 with about eight minutes to play in the game, Straughter lined up at wide receiver on the left side of the formation and ran a fly route straight down the sideline.

Denison's corner was playing man coverage, but he had safety help over the top. Big Spring

quarterback Tyler Tannehill decided to try and connect with Straughter and the safety broke on the pass as soon as Tannehill let it go.

It looked like a sure interception. It turned out to be another clip for

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Big Spring  
at  
Pampa



**When:** 7:30 p.m. today  
**Where:** Harvester Field in Pampa  
**Game-time weather:** Partly cloudy, 70° F  
**Radio:** KBEST 95.7, KBST AM 1490, www.kbst.com, KBYG AM 1400.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Big Spring Steers wide receiver Thaddeus Straughter fights through the tackle of a Denison defender during the Steers' 27-21 win last week at Memorial Stadium. Straughter had a miraculous 30-yard touchdown catch in the win. The Steers face Pampa at 7:30 p.m. tonight in their first road game of the season.**

## Cowboys counting on new approach

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Everyone on the Dallas Cowboys knows the deal.

"They're underachievers. They fall apart in December and January. All style, no substance. Ego first, team second."

Tony Romo and the boys realize they can't do anything about that perception for several months. Without Terrell Owens, and with a new attitude, maybe they will.

"I'm a little hesitant to say that we have lost swagger because I know of the pride and I know of the expectations we have being a part of the Dallas Cowboys," team owner Jerry Jones said during training camp. "But I don't believe anybody feels that we shouldn't have been a little humbled about what happened to us last year. I know I feel that way personally."

Humbled and hungry, the Cowboys are taking a new approach this season, a back-to-basics



Ap photo

**Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) looks to throw during a light practice at the team's training camp in San Antonio Aug. 12, 2009.**

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## Steelers open NFL season with 13-10 win over Titans

ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The game lasted 64½ minutes, yet it seemed only eight minutes mattered to Ben Roethlisberger.

The two minutes at the end of the first half. The two minutes at the end of the second half. And the slightly more than four minutes in overtime that decided a Titans-Steelers game controlled by two of the NFL's best and most physical defenses, except when Roethlisberger had the ball in his hands and little time to work with.

Roethlisberger didn't let the Steelers' offense get discouraged when an apparent game-winning drive ended abruptly on a Hines Ward fumble at the Titans' 4 with less than a minute to play. He came back to lead the decisive overtime drive that ended with Jeff Reed's 33-yard field goal, and the Super Bowl-winning Steelers beat Tennessee 13-10 in the NFL opener Thursday night.

The Steelers did it despite lacking a running game and, for much of the night, any flow or rhythm on offense despite Roethlisberger's 363 yards passing — the third most of his career. It was the biggest passing day by a Steelers quarterback in a season opener since the NFL merger in 1970.

This is only Roethlisberger's sixth season, yet he has directed 20 such comeback drives after Pittsburgh or was tied in the fourth quarter. He's had seven since the start of last season, including the decisive 78-yard drive that ended with Antonio Holmes' 6-yard TD catch to beat Arizona 27-23 in the Super Bowl.

"I told coach (Mike Tomlin) I didn't want to start this already," Roethlisberger said. "I struggled early, that's just jitters and excitement. I'm really proud of the way we bounced back."

Especially with the way the Titans defense started out shoving the Steelers around on their own field, limiting them to 1 yard in the first quarter. The Titans

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## Ware among Dallas' four team captains

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Reigning NFL sack leader DeMarcus Ware has a new entry on his resume: team captain.

Ware was the only first-time honoree among four players on the Dallas Cowboys who were chosen captains Thursday in a vote of their teammates. Tony Romo, Jason Witten and Bradie James are the others.

"Besides being a great player, I think we know DeMarcus is a great person and I think everybody recognizes that," coach Wade Phillips said. "I don't think

DeMarcus is going to be as demonstrative as some of them, but by his actions certainly and the way he works he's a great example."

Ware has been a star player since the day he arrived, but he's mostly kept a low profile off the field. He's taken it up a notch following his 20-sack season, especially now that the departure of Greg Ellis has made him the dean of the team's outside linebackers. No longer content to be a leader by example, Ware also is the team's representative for the players union, along

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## Sports in brief

### Big Spring swim team selling burgers at Wal-Mart Saturday

The Big Spring High School swim team is holding a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

The team will be selling hamburgers during that time or until they run out. All proceeds benefit the swim team.

### 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 foot-

ball players are encouraged to attend.

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

### Big Spring Chicano Golf Association hosting tourney to benefit church

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will be hosting a tournament to benefit Holy Trinity Church Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Registration is set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday with a shotgun start slated for 10 a.m.

Cost is \$20 a man, including cart. Private carts are welcome. The format is a 4-man scramble.

For more information, call Tommy Billalba at 816-1091 or Sammy Reyna at 816-1693 or 267-5627.

### Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association weekly results

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association did not hold a playday on Monday due to the Labor Day holiday.

However, the organization still held its weekend couples tournament Thursday with the team of Steve and Patti Hedges, John Leonardi and Linda Dewaters taking first with a 4-under.

Two teams tied for second, shooting 3-under. One team consisted of Ray and Sue Russell and Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth. The other squad was made up by George and Betty Murphy and Donnie and Shirley Long.

Jimmy Foresyth shot closest to the pin on Hole 6.

## Obituaries

## Pete Gregg

Charles Ernest "Pete" Gregg, 65, a former Big Spring resident, left this Earth to join the ranks of the angels Aug. 22, 2009.

Pete was born Jan. 24, 1944, in Abilene to Charles Edward and Faye Dell Jenkins Gregg and lived in Big Spring most of his life.

He was an exceptional musician and was the drummer on the Jeannie C. Riley hit, "Harper Valley PTA." He will be remembered by his family and friends as the sleeping drummer and a great storyteller.

Pete was preceded in death by his father, Charles Edward Gregg, and his mother, Faye Dell Loflin.

He is survived by his daughter, Shelley Moody and husband, Thomas, of Burleson; his son, Dusty Gregg of Watauga; two sisters, Jann Carol Gonzales and husband, Al, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Paula Kent and husband, Dave, of Jamul, Calif.; four grandchildren, Brittne Simmons of Krum, Brandy Gregg of Woodward, Okla., Chance Gregg of Watauga and Riley Moody of Burleson; three nieces, one nephew, two great-nieces and three great-nephews.

His first wife, Cynthia Johnson Gregg, was his caretaker for the last two years of his life and they had planned to be remarried had he survived.

There are two scheduled memorial services for Mr. Gregg. The first was held Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, in Joshua. The second will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Also, there will be food served after the service at Out Yonder from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Please come and join us in celebrating his life.

*Paid obituary*

## Charles E. Beil



Charles E. Beil, 74, died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, at the Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

## Mariano Gonzales

Mariano Gonzales, 57, died Friday, Sep. 11, 2009, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## Police blotter

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

- RHONDA BRACKEEN HARDY, 44, of 3405 Highway 350, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- DAVID FRANCO, 31, of 1407 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to identify, burglary of a habitation, disorderly conduct – language and public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE, 17, of 3209 Oasis, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- TODD WAYNE ESTES, 35, of 3707 Caroline, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- JULIAN PARRAS RAMIREZ, 44, of 601 McEwen, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- STEFANIE MARIE CARRASCO, 27, of 800 Marcy Apt. 7, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- PATRICK RIOS, 20, of 602 Abrams, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1700 block of Owens.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION – ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

- REBECCA RIVAS CHAVERA, 30, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and contributing to the non-attendance of a minor.
- ANTONIO FLORES, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on two local warrants.
- JOE CRUZ GUTIERREZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft, resisting arrest, search or transportation, assault on a public servant and harassment.
- ANDREW JUAREZ JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft, assault Class C (two counts) and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- JENNY JUAREZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct – language and interfering with a police officer's duties.
- JOSHUA MIER, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a revocation of probation warrant of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARCOS AURELIO SALINAS, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of animal at large and no vaccination or license for animal.
- AMY SARMIENTO, 25, was arrested Thursday (arresting agency not provided) on charges of no driver's license, failure to maintain financial

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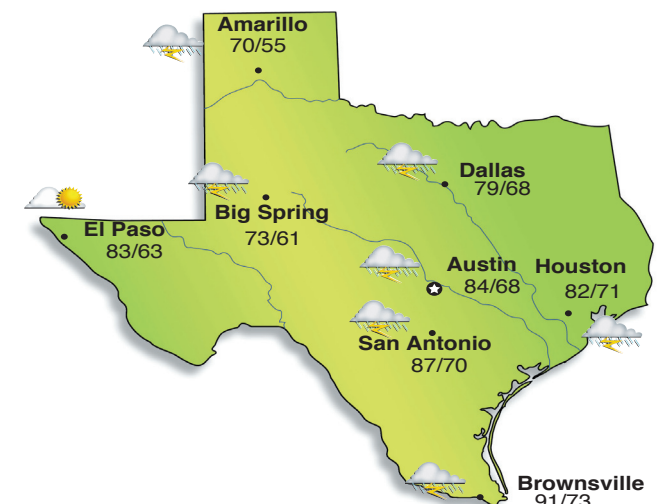
## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 9/12	Sun 9/13	Mon 9/14	Tue 9/15	Wed 9/16
 <b>73/61</b> Variable clouds with thunderstorms, especially in the afternoon. High 73F.	 <b>77/60</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	 <b>82/63</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 <b>86/63</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 <b>84/63</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:28 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:29 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:54 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:29 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:30 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:52 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:31 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:50 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



responsibility and failure to yield the right of way.

- KEITH WILSON, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- PAULA SUE BAKER, 50, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole revocation for driving while intoxicated.
- ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear (three counts).
- DAVID FRANCO, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, failure to identify – giving false information, burglary of a habitation and disorderly conduct – fighting.
- CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- SHERRY LYNN JOHNSON, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- NICOLAS CRAIG MILLS, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- JULIAN RAMIREZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear and displaying an expired motor vehicle registration.
- PATRICK RIOS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.

ANTONIO GONZALES TAMAYO, 53, was arrested Friday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of public intoxication.

- FELICIA KAY VALENCIA, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor (two counts).

The Big Spring Fire Department and

## Fire/EMS

Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAUMA was reported in the 3000 block of Rice Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. Service refused.

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## COWBOYS

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philosophy reminiscent of the early days of the Bill Parcells era.

For instance, there's this message on a giant sign in the locker room and in the hallways at team headquarters: "It is important to do things right, but more important to do things exactly right," with "exactly" in red.

And there's this notion Romo has been spouting all summer: "Is December going to be important? You're darn right it is. But I think that the approach needs to be about tomorrow's practice. That's when you play good in December and January, when you continue that approach every day, every week.

"We're doing things that we like to refer to as 'the Dallas Cowboy Way' now. For us, that's taking each day and stacking them together; stack all those days together at the end, then we'll see what happens."

December and January are a huge stumbling block for this club.

Dallas has finished the last two seasons by losing three of its final four games. Last year, the slide kept the Cowboys out of the playoffs. The year before, they were knocked out of the playoffs in their first game, despite being the No. 1 seed and playing at

home.

As bad as those 1-3 finishes under coach Wade Phillips look, they actually were an improvement from the final season under Bill Parcells. That year, Dallas dropped four of the last five, including a playoff game in Seattle.

Romo has been the quarterback all three of those seasons. His career record: 23-5 in September, October and November; 5-10 in December and January.

The fade at the finish lumps Romo into a dubious but important category along with Quincy Carter, Chad Hutchinson and all of Dallas' other starting quarterbacks since Troy Aikman: None has won a playoff game. In fact, the Cowboys haven't done so since 1996, a drought that's already the longest in franchise history. If they don't win the Super Bowl this season, they'll have the longest dry spell between titles in franchise history.

Most franchises would become irrelevant under those circumstances, even clubs with impressive trophy cases. Yet Jones has managed to keep Dallas among the league's most important organizations. Just check the TV ratings or the latest Forbes list that ranks the Cowboys the most valuable sports club in North America. Better yet, check out the nearly \$1.2 billion stadium the team is moving into this season, most of

which he paid for himself.

Jones believes the monster video board, retractable roof and others delights will bring out the best in his club. There is a precedent — the Cowboys' first Super Bowl title came in 1971, the season they moved into Texas Stadium.

They do have a lot going for them this season.

With T.O. gone, the offense will no longer tilt toward one player. Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett, the highest-paid assistant in the NFL, has plenty of capable playmakers to choose from, and Jones is counting on him to deploy them creatively.

His emphasis likely will start in the backfield with Marion Barber, Felix Jones and Tashard Choice. Jones could be the key to everything. Expect Garrett to try all sorts of ways to take advantage of Jones' speed and moves that sometimes seem borrowed from Nintendo. The trick is keeping him healthy; he played only six games as a rookie.

Dallas also will rely on two tight ends, Jason Witten and Martellus Bennett, usually at the same time. Bennett caught only 20 passes as a rookie last season, but averaged 14 yards and scored four touchdowns. Although he claims to be from Jupiter and rankled people with videos he put on the Internet this summer, Marty B has learned the playbook and developed into someone Romo

trusts.

As for the receivers, Roy Williams won't have to put up Owens-like numbers because of how much the ball will be spread around. Still, the Cowboys are counting on him to be more of a No. 1 receiver than the guy who caught 19 passes in 10 games last season.

Then there's Romo and his vow to take fewer gambles after having at least one turnover in 11 of 13 games last season.

The defense should be solid, too, with Phillips calling his own plays and getting to unleash linebacker DeMarcus Ware.

Ware led the NFL with 20 sacks last season and has been working on new moves to stay a step ahead of offensive linemen. What he really needs is for Anthony Spencer to blossom as a first-time starter on the opposite side.

The Cowboys believe they've upgraded their special teams, too, from bringing in proven coach Joe DeCamillis to adding a kickoff specialist.

They also have punter Mat McBriar back from an injury.

On paper, the pieces fit together nicely. Come December and January, we'll find out whether they hold up.

"With me, it's actions speak louder than words," Ware said. "That's what the whole team is thinking this year."



AP photo

**Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger passes during Steelers' 13-10 overtime victory over Tennessee in the NFL's first game of the season.**

## NFL

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didn't need to stomp on any Terrible Towels, like they did in beating the Steelers 31-14 in December — their defense trampled over the Steelers' offense instead.

The Steelers finally began moving the ball after shifting into a no-huddle offense late in the first half, and Roethlisberger needed only five plays to lead a 79-yard drive completed by Holmes' 34-yard scoring catch.

Roethlisberger to Holmes. Sound familiar?

"Ben does a great job when things break down and you give him time down there — he shakes tackles and sacks and he's going to make plays," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "And that's what he did."

Holmes had nine catches for 131 yards and a touchdown — curiously, the same statistics he had in the Super Bowl.

According to Holmes, the Steelers

didn't get down when safety Troy Polamalu injured his left knee in the first half, Roethlisberger was sacked four times, Willie Parker was held to 19 yards on 13 carries or, most of all, when Ward fumbled. Despite the fumble, Ward made eight catches for 103 yards.

Polamalu, one of the NFL's top defensive players, is expected to be out 3 to 6 weeks with a sprained medial collateral ligament, though that prognosis was little more than a guess by Tomlin.

"I knew the game was over with (in the fourth quarter)," Holmes said. "But, when it (the fumble) happened, I knew we had overtime. Those guys weren't going to go anywhere."

The Titans were convinced they should have won it long before then, especially after leading 10-7 in the fourth. However, Rob Bironas missed two field-goal attempts inside the 40, a 37-yarder after a bad snap and a 31-yarder that was blocked by Aaron Smith.

"The Pittsburgh Steelers didn't beat the Tennessee Titans, the Tennessee Titans beat the Tennessee Titans," said wide receiver Nate Washington, the

former Steelers player.

Kerry Collins was 22 of 35 for 244 yards, including a 14-yard scoring pass to Justin Gage, but, like Roethlisberger, didn't have a reliable running game. Chris Johnson carried 15 times for 57 yards, but more than half of those came on a 32-yard run.

Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck compared it to the Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier fights of the 1970s, back when the Titans' predecessors, the Oilers, played numerous physical, punishing games against Pittsburgh's Steel Curtain.

"It's pretty much like one of those old-school boxing matches that used to go 15 rounds," Bulluck said. "Two defenses showed up, the offenses made plays here and there."

Mostly, the Steelers made them when Roethlisberger was in desperation mode.

"He did it in the Super Bowl and now in this first overtime," offensive coordinator Bruce Arians said of his quarterback. "Yeah, I would think people would start giving him his due as a player."

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**PLEA**

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deceased and asked what their wishes were in the matter," Wilkerson said. "After that, we went to (defense attorney) Robert Miller

in regards to what his client was willing to accept.

"When we arrived at (the plea agreement), we went back and talked to the family about it," he added. "If they hadn't been agreeable to the plea, then we would have gone to trial Mon-

day morning ... But because several of them were at the scene of the murder and would have had to testify, they were agreeable to the 35-year sentence."

Under Texas sentencing guidelines, Gutierrez will have to serve at

least half of the 35-year term before becoming eligible for parole, meaning he will be at least 65 before he is released from prison. At trial, he would have faced a prison term of between five and 99 years or life.

While being fully

prepared to go to trial in the case, Wilkerson expressed a degree of satisfaction with Thursday's plea.

"With the consent of the family, we feel we've accomplished some justice in this case," he said. "Obviously, we

can't bring back the deceased ... but we will be able to close the books on this case for good."

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**9/11**

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White House as a single bugler played taps. A Washington rain came to a stop as the observance began at 8:46 a.m., the moment the

first jetliner struck the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Later, in the rain, he placed a wreath at the Pentagon.

The nation, he said, came together as one after the terrorist attacks, "united not only in our grief but in our resolve to stand up for the

country we love."

At a plaza adjacent to ground zero in New York City, families gathered in the rain, with their umbrellas whipping inside out, while the names of the Trade Center victims were read, pausing for moments of silence at the min-

utes the jetliners crashed into the towers.

People involved in volunteer work across the nation joined relatives of victims to read the names of those lost in the twin towers.

One reader represented a group called New York Says

Thank You, which sends volunteers from New York City each year on the attacks anniversary to help rebuild communities around the country affected by disasters as a way to send thanks for the help that came to New York City after Sept. 11.

**PRISON**

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with a large wrench," said Everett. "He then went around behind the counter and took the money from the

register and fled the scene on foot. No injuries were reported as a result of the robbery, but because he used a weapon, it was enhanced from robbery to an aggravated robbery."

Everett confirmed no injuries were reported as a result of the alleged burglary of a habitation, either.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said the case is still in the early phases, with Roberts' arraignment next on the judicial agenda.

"We'll bring him in and arraign him on the charges," said Wilkerson. "After that, we'll go through the process

of appointing council and the discovery process will begin. We're in the very early stages of it right now."

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**BSISD**

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elementary grades. "We are full at the elementary level," Saldivar said. "During the second week of classes, we had to move a teacher from Bauer to Washington to accommodate enrollment growth there ... I think we have one empty elementary classroom in the district and that's at Bauer. Other than that, we are full."

Compounding the space squeeze in grades kindergarten through four is a state-mandated student-teacher ratio of 22 to 1. Also, BSISD instituted two half-day pre-kindergarten classes this year at Moss Elementary.

But just because conditions are getting cozy at the elementary level doesn't mean they're getting too cozy, officials added.

"We're not really seeing that many more students than we did last

week," Saldivar said. "Elementary enrollment is pretty much the same as it was last week."

"I'm not worried about it at all," Assistant District Superintendent Danny Ferrell said. "We would have to have a major influx of students for it to become a major problem ... we still have room for more kids."

"This is a good problem to have," Ferrell added.

In other business Thursday, trustees approved:

- An agreement to name Howard County Extension Agents adjunct faculty members for this school year.
- The purchase of four half-ton trucks from Bob Brock Ford for \$73,957.
- An agreement with Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin that allows that organization to operate the local Head Start program at the Lakeview campus.
- A budget amendment that will move \$600,000 from the district's re-

serve fund to purchase two air conditioning chillers at the high school.

• A new local policy pertaining to compensation benefits, leaves and absences for district personnel.

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**VETS**

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designed to offer assistance, alternatives and opportunities to homeless veterans, according to information released by Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations director of the VAMC.

"This is an opportunity for homeless vets to get all the TLC than can get for one day," Hanslik said. "That includes meals, clothing and

whatever other kind of supplies they need. And, of course, we'll have all our services available ... to try to convince these vets to come in off the streets."

A variety of supplies and services will be available to homeless veterans, Hanslik said. Representatives from several local agencies also will be on hand to answer questions and encourage veterans to participate in available services.

Counseling services

will be available, as well as new clothes, warm sleeping bags, portable showers and a hot meal served at noon. Morning pastries will be available with juice and coffee and a sack lunch will be provided for the veterans as they depart, Hanslik added.

In addition, medi-

cal, dental and psychological services will be available.

For more information, contact the VAMC at 263-7361.

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**STRAUGHTER**

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Straughter's highlight reel.

"I saw the ball coming and I thought I was going to get it for sure at first," explained the senior wide receiver. "At the last moment, I saw that safety come up to make a play on it, but he didn't finish it. I saw the ball out of the corner of my eye, caught it with my left hand and ran it in. It surprised me, too. I just had to handle my business. I couldn't get too excited about the catch. I had to go score."

The 30-yard touchdown pass put Big Spring ahead 21-14 with 7:55 to play in the game. It was the Steers' first lead of the game and they never trailed again on their way to a 27-21 victory over Denison.

Straughter wasn't the only one surprised to see the ball end up in his hands. Just about everyone from the fans in the stands to members of the media in the press boxes to the coaches on the sideline and even the referees calling the game couldn't believe that play resulted in a Big Spring touchdown.

"I was already looking down at my play sheet because I saw the safety coming across and I thought it was an interception," admitted Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "Next thing I know, Thaddeus is in the end zone celebrating. I went back and looked at the play on film. It was just great concentration on his part."

"Even the official was fooled," Ritchey added. "He had already thrown his flag to call pass interference and was marking the spot. He looked up and saw the back judge signaling touchdown, so he ran down there and made the signal, too. It was a tremendous catch, but that's what Thaddeus does. He's going to make more big plays this season."

For a third straight season, the Steers have been able to count on Straughter to be a reliable pass catcher. There's a strong belief among the coach-

ing staff that Straughter can continue to make big plays at the next level if he wants to.

"Thaddeus had the hands and body of a college receiver," raved Ritchey. "He can play college ball. He is a big weapon for us. He's a big play guy. When he touches the ball, something big is about to happen."

"I thank God for the talent he's given me," added Straughter, "but I'm really for the team. I'll do whatever it takes to get the win. Whatever it takes."

Evidence of that attitude was seen during the Steers 55-15 loss to Everman in the Class 4A, Division II, Region I semifinal playoff game last November.

Big Spring had only two scoring plays in that game and Straughter accounted for one of them when last year's quarterback, Matt Ritchey, found him for a 77-yard touchdown. Straughter had to fight off two Everman defenders to just make the catch and then outrace them to the goal line.

"When I make catches like the one against Everman, I surprise myself," he said. "That ball was deflected, but I was able to get ahold of it. I just have to remember the play isn't over. I have to do my thing and go score."

Straughter has had a different quarterback throwing to him in each of his three years on the varsity team. During his sophomore year, most of his catches came from Tannehill. However, Tannehill missed most of his junior season with an injury, making Matt Ritchey the Steers' quarterback.

Now that Tannehill is back under center — or at least taking the snaps from the center in the Steers' spread offense — Straughter is once again adjusting to a passer with a stronger arm. However, he says chemistry isn't an issue whether it's Tannehill or Ritchey throwing the ball.

"Back in junior high, Matt and Tyler were about even, but Tyler's arm got stronger. Tyler is bad," said Straughter with a smile, indicating bad means

good. "He's got a strong arm. Sometimes I can't even hang with him. I have to tell him to take it easier on me."

"I have a lot of chemistry with (Matt and Tyler) because we've played together since junior high," he added. "I know when Tyler is wanting to come to me. He gives this look, and when I see it, I know he's coming my way."

Two challenges face the Steers heading into their game against Pampa at 7:30 p.m. tonight. First, they have to travel 285 miles north just to reach their destination.

It's a trip that can be taxing on a lot of players.

"These long trips get to me some. I don't sleep when I'm on the bus. I sit beside the window and feel like I'm going to go crazy sometimes. I just want to get there and get on the field," admitted Straughter. "I always have the game on my mind, though. I try to stay focused so that the long trip won't effect me that much."

Second, Big Spring has to be cautious when considering last week's big win over No. 4 Denison, no matter how sweet the victory might have been.

"I call last week revenge. Denison should have known what was up when they came here," said Straughter. "We made that long trip last year and took it to them. We almost came away with the win. They got that little lucky touchdown at the end. That didn't happen this year. We earned that win."

"We've been very focused since beating Denison," he continued. "Coach has made sure to tell us to not get big heads. We've got to approach this week like we're getting ready for another game with Denison."

One thing is certain about Straughter — he doesn't lack for confidence in himself or his teammates.

"I'm not going to say we're going to blow Pampa out, but we're going to hang more than 30 on them. We're coming back home with a win."

**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Test Your Defensive Play**

You are West, defending against Four Spades after South opened with three spades and was raised by North to four. You lead the king of hearts, on which East plays the three and South the four. When you next lead the ace of hearts, East plays the six and South the eight. Which card would you play at trick three?

**NORTH**  
♠76  
♥J952  
♦AQ84  
♣AK7

**WEST**  
♠A3  
♥AKQ7  
♦652  
♣Q1083

loses a club trick and goes down one. This was South's hand at the start:

♠KQJ10852  
♥84  
♦9  
♣J62

Now let's suppose you had shifted to a diamond at trick three, which seems the more natural thing to do. In that case, South can make the contract with correct play. He wins the diamond with the ace and leads a trump to his king. You take the ace and lead another diamond.

South ruffs, cashes the queen of trumps, leads a club to dummy's king, ruffs the nine of hearts and plays two more trumps to produce this position:

North  
♥J  
♠A7  
West  
♥Q  
♣Q10  
South  
♠8  
♣J6  
East  
♦K  
♣95

Declarer leads the eight of spades, and you are caught in a squeeze. If you discard a club, dummy discards a heart; if you discard a heart, dummy discards a club. Either way, declarer makes the last three tricks and the contract.

West must be exceptionally alert to foresee what might happen to him if he fails to lead the queen of hearts at trick three. But that's the highly demanding type of game bridge is.

Tomorrow: Logic dictates the play  
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**CAPTAINS**

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with Witten.

"Just in general, you sort of get molded into a leader," Ware said. "You always have the aspects but sometimes the leadership comes with time. I feel like that's how it became."

The Cowboys had eight captains last year, so many that they couldn't all go out for the pre-game coin toss. Phillips narrowed it to five this year — those four, plus a rotating cast of special teams players.

Punter Mat McBriar was chosen by the rest of the kicking group to have the honors for the opener Sunday at Tampa Bay. For the rest of the season, coaches will honor the special teams player who performs the best in the previous week's game.

"I think it's a good reward," Phillips said.

Captains were nominated by position group, then voted on by everyone on their side of the ball. There were no speeches or recommendations from the coaches.

"I count the votes, though, so you never know for sure," Phillips said, laughing.

Safety Ken Hamlin and running back Marion Barber were the incumbent captains who didn't get re-elected. The rest of last year's crew were Terrell Owens, Ellis and Keith Davis, all of whom aren't back this season.

Leadership has been a big question surrounding this club because of the stretch of meltdowns in December and January. Dallas has gone 12 straight seasons without winning a playoff game.

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## OUR VIEW

# We must make sure of our aim in war on terror

Now it's been eight years, and there's no doubt the anger, shock and disbelief has subsided with time. So, too, to some extent, has resolve. We as Americans survived the best terrorists could muster eight years ago and started battling back.

We call today Patriots Day and honor those whose lives were forever changed on Sept. 11, 2001.

While there are still plenty of questions that we may never have answers to, as a nation we've been able to rebound from the shock of that day and are now, and probably always be, in a war on terror against those avowed to deprive us of our way of life.

But what has become even more evident in the past few years of this war on terrorism in which we are now engaged is that it is unlike any war the United States has ever waged — one that unfortunately we're all used to.

We have in the past lamented in this space that it seems we've gotten off track in some very serious ways. Unfortunately, that still seems true today.

America is still mired in what seems an unending mess in Iraq — perhaps not as we once were, but American military personnel are still dying there. And the news from Afghanistan indicates the Taliban not only regrouped, but become stronger and even has a huge presence in Pakistan.

And Osama bin Laden? U.S. intelligence sources haven't had a good lead on his whereabouts in years, and new “Osama videos” have been released that still taunt America.

The real problem, we noted a couple of years ago, is that the “war on terror” had become a political football. Sadly, it's only less a political football, thanks to our nation's economic woes and the current hot topic, health care reform.

We still believe the real problem was our nation's belief that the way to deal with Islamic terrorists was using our military might.

You simply don't win the hearts and minds of anyone by killing people. You'd have thought we'd learned that in Vietnam.

Instead, you develop fear and hatred, and in the process, create a vicious cycle.

As we have noted before, perhaps we need to remember this “war on terror” is a test of faith.

Will the truths our forefathers termed “self-evident” outlast religious fanaticism?

We still believe they will.

But we need to remember that our forefathers pointed to those self-evident truths in explaining their reason for rebelling against a nation trying to impose its political will on its American colonies.

And, more importantly, we need to remember that fanaticism is the enemy.

Those fanatics wanting to destroy the freedoms Americans have fought and died for during the past 233 years still need to understand that we can be ruthless and will continue to be when necessary.

But we need to make sure our wrath is visited on those who attack us. We can't afford to be fanatical ourselves, and make no mistake, there is a difference between being resolute and fanatical.

Otherwise, we cheapen the loss of those who not only lost their lives on Sept. 11, but those who've died in our defense during the past eight years.

We should remember and honor all of them.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we have confidence in our life.

Amen

# Our quincentennial is coming!

When they take the time to read the writing carved on a marble wall in a particularly dark section of the San Juan Bautista Metropolitan Cathedral here, that's when visitors finally realize they are standing before the gravesite of one of the great Spanish conquistadors.

“Is that the Juan Ponce de Leon?” one of them whispered. I nodded my head and took pictures of the resting place of the man who first explored this beautiful island, became its first governor — by a royal decree from King Ferdinand of Spain — and then went on from here to discover and name the “Florida” territory we know as the United States.

Because little effort is made in Puerto Rico to promote this great historical site, American tourists are surprised to stumble onto it. Even in the cathedral's own history booklet, sold at the gift counter, Ponce de Leon's tomb is mentioned only as an afterthought, in the outline for a small photograph.

Two blocks away at the nearly deserted Plaza de San Jose, only the pigeons seem to be interested in the imposing statue of the man who, according to the writing on its pedestal, was a “shipmate of Columbus during his second voyage” to the New World, “visited the island (of Puerto Rico) in 1508, came back to populate it in 1509, ended his conquest in 1511” and became the “discoverer of Florida” in 1513.

Last week, this column questioned how the United States can ignore the upcoming quincentennial of Ponce de Leon's greatest discovery: our own North America! On April 2, 2013, exactly 500 years after the land we call home was first spotted by our European ancestors, why would we deprive ourselves of such a great birthday?

One logical explanation would be the still-enduring effects of “The Black Legend,” that insidi-

ous centuries-old campaign by Anglo-Saxon scholars to minimize the accomplishments of the Spanish explorers and to portray the conquistadors and their Latin American offspring as crueler and less civilized than other European settlers.

But Anglo-Saxons don't deserve all the blame. We Latinos can be our own worst enemies. Throughout the Western Hemisphere, many still are fighting 500-year-old battles between the Spanish invaders and the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

And as a result, when we honor our Spanish ancestors, we do it with too many reservations. Here in Old San Juan — and in many other such Spanish colonial areas throughout the Americas — while we celebrate and take pride in our Spanish culture and traditions, we still have many psychological hang-ups about the individuals who brought it all to us.

So if we are looking for the reasons no one in the United States seems to be getting ready for a big quincentennial celebration in 2013, Latinos need to look no further than the nearest mirror.

Before we can ask why Ponce de Leon is not given bigger stature in the United States, we need to promote his memorial tomb, chase the pigeons away from his statue and elevate his stature in Puerto Rico.

Granted, in his quest to conquer the island, Ponce de Leon's forces killed a lot of natives, and his efforts to quash native rebellions were ruthless. But unless we Latinos can learn to let go of our 500-year-old hang-ups, we will continue to be not only the victims of The Black Legend but also its promoters.

Americans don't dwell over the slaves owned or natives killed by some of the Founding Fathers and Revolutionary War heroes, because they recognize that those people lived in another time, with different moral standards, and that their historical accomplishments mattered so much more! Of course we revile slavery and the genocide against Native Americans, but we seldom pick on the individuals who upheld those barbaric standards, especially because many are also

genuine American heroes.

Unfortunately, many Latinos have not learned to feel that way about the conquistadors yet.

Curiously, Latinos who feel that way are usually those on the extreme left of the political spectrum. In promoting The Black Legend, they make strange bedfellows with Americans on the extreme right, those who still are writing letters that reflect what they learned from Anglo-Saxon historians.

“Only Miguel Perez would feel ‘nostalgia’ for the places where natives were forced to bring gold in order to keep from having their hands chopped off,” wrote another resentful person, from the opposite end of the spectrum, reacting to my column from Santo Domingo last week. “Or for a place where genocide and mass murder was performed on peaceful natives ... or where history and culture was destroyed ... all in the name of God.”

Among the extremists, The Black Legend is alive and well.

On one extreme end of the political spectrum, you have Americans who would oppose celebrating our 2013 quincentennial because we already have a birthday — the Fourth of July — and to recognize our “Discovery Day” would be to acknowledge the centuries of American history when the presence of Spanish was dominant here, a history that mostly has been distorted or hidden, thanks to The Black Legend.

On the extreme left, you would have Latinos who would oppose the celebration by asking how Ponce de Leon could have “discovered” a land that already was inhabited by natives. They would make some of the other tired arguments they use to promote Spanish cruelty and deny the Spanish achievements in the New World. And in doing so, they also would be promoting The Black Legend, which is still the basis of discrimination against Latinos in the United States.

But those are just the extremists.

How about the rest of us?

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# Remembering Septembers past

We may as well have had the words “tourist” tattooed on our foreheads, my wife and I, during our first visit to New York City, 40 years ago this September.

There was an extra jolt of excitement as we strolled Times Square where throngs of people were talking of nothing but Apollo 11's successful moon landing and of mankind's first footprints on the lunar surface.

Too, we thought it neat to attend Sunday services at Marble Collegiate Church, where a respected theologian, author and motivational speaker was pastor. This was during the 37th of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's 52-year pastorate. We were naive in assuming that this preacher — a man who could put a positive spin on a spider web — would be in his pulpit on a given Sunday at this stage of his ministry. Our faces reddened upon noting the bold letters on the church's marquee: “DR. PEALE'S NEXT SERMON WILL BE ON NOV. 16.” We attended anyway.

In the four decades since, I've kept a keen eye out for lives marked by optimism and determination to lend helping hands.

One who practices what the late Dr. Peale preached doesn't hold 22 honorary doctoral degrees, hasn't written 38 books and hasn't stood at lecterns in huge auditoriums crowded with both people and TV cameras. He did attend college for one year in his beautiful homeland of Barbados. But at age 19, he was off to New Jersey where he and his wife have parented three children. Two daughters are studying pre-law and education, and their 17-year-old son will be in college next year.

The husband/father/humanitarian I've identified is Adrian Greenidge; he's a hotel doorman. I've watched him on numerous occasions, from different angles and distances, at his Broadway Millennium workplace. He's got this “servanthood thing” down, worthy of a doctorate, if they gave degrees for such. Adrian practices Dr. Peale's teachings, a day at a time, a person at a time, a smile at a time. Folks get the same warm treatment, whether passers-by or hotel guests.

ABC News personalities took note of his ever-present smiles, songs and jokes three years ago. (Cabbies see a sterner side if his summoning whistles go unobeyed.)

The network provided Adrian with his hour of fame during Good Morning, America's 30th anniversary show. That day, then-host Charles Gibson switched jobs with him.

Adrian was spiffed out in a suit and tie in that pre-dawn hour when the network limo whisked him from his New Jersey home to his ABC news assignment. (Gibson admitted that doorman work is hard, and that he did a poor job whistling-down taxis.) Adrian, now featured on the hotel's TV ads, enjoyed the star treatment, as well as the interview he conducted.

That's how I first learned about the storied doorman. ABC personnel, and legions of others, believe that his work is a near-perfect fit for his “druthers.” Quite simply, his intent is to positively impact the lives of others on a daily basis.

During a couple of brief interviews, I've sensed his enthusiasm for the National Association of Hotel Doormen, whose convention he attends annually. The association's main project is to raise funds for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

His accolades for numerous humanitarian causes are many. When I talked to him a few days ago, he was melancholy.

He was saddened by the death of Sen. Ted Kennedy, whom he described as “the nicest political figure I ever met.”

And he was pensive about the near-at-hand eighth anniversary of 9/11.

At work during that carnage eight years ago, he was at once a counselor, comforter and sustainer. The hotel was a place of vigil, heavy with sounds of sadness and layers of dust dulling the shiny luggage carts.

“My usual singing and whistling to amuse children were useless that day,” he said. “The hotel became a crisis center for many, including relatives of a single firm that lost 400 employees.” He lamented the memory of a mother who fell to her knees in front of him upon learning that her son had been killed at the World Trade Center, while her husband, working on another floor, was spared.

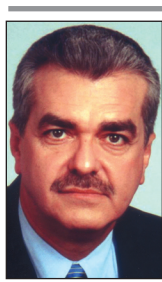
He spoke of five sisters who learned that their only brother perished at the WTC in the first hour of his first day on a new job.

“It was that way for too many long days, and soon even the thought of going to work was painful,” he added.

He believes that the city, however slowly, is recovering from that time when it seemed to be a ghost town, the scene of the worst carnage ever wrought on American soil.

Adrian prays to be spared from such sorrow ever again. He perseveres, now in his 18th year at the same front door, practicing what Dr. Peale preached. He's a lot like Will Rogers, too, in his penchant for liking folks. Terrorists, however, should never expect to see his smile, and tardy cab drivers only half of one

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# Church News

## First United Methodist

Hats off to Jobeth and Tommy Corwin and volunteers who hosted the Senior Adult Ministry's Labor Day Celebration. A great crowd joined the SAM committee for a snack supper and bingo Sunday night in Garrett Hall.

Saturday, members of United Methodist Women will be traveling to Lamesa for the Big Spring District's Annual meeting at La Trinidad.

Our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese will continue her sermon series Sunday morning at both services of worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. All the Sunday school classes are up an running beginning at 9:45 a.m. For class information and location contact the church office at 267-6394 or check out our Web site at www.fumcbs.com.

Immediately following the late service the Living Christmas Tree Committee will meet for lunch and a planning session. Hard to believe that its that time again but go ahead and mark your calendars for that first weekend in December, the 5th and 6th. It's our love gift to the community.

The most exciting event on our fall calendar is the opportunity to Walk Thru the Bible Sunday, Oct. 25. This is an all day adventure with separate sessions for adults and children and is praised for leading participants into a newer and more insightful look at the bible; one that will create your interest and dedication to reading long after the session has ended. Contact a Sunday school class or the church office to register. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

If you are searching for a church home, we urge you to give us a try; we're located at Fourth and Scurry in the heart of downtown Big Spring. We're First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

## East Fourth Street Baptist

We pray that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. It's time to get back into the swing of things so Saturday will be a work day at East Fourth.

We're wanting to get some things completed on the second floor. If you can lend a hand, it will be appreciated.

This Sunday is Grandparents Day. We will honor the grandparents during our morning worship service.

Sure hope you guys are signing up to go "Fishing" on Thursdays with our pastor ... the Lord has furnished the pole, line, bait and license; we just need to seek and bring them in.

Have you heard our pastor is going to "jail"? I've been told it's for a good reason. Be watching for "Rest of the Story" next week.

September 27 is "Old Fashion Sunday" at East Fourth. Come adorned in the olden days Sunday best and bring a box lunch. We will eat and fellowship after the morning worship service. In the evening we will return in our comfortable casuals to watch the movie "Amazing Grace." Make plans to enjoy this day.

If you are seeking a church home or need a place to worship anytime, you are always welcome at East Fourth Baptist Church, 401 E Fourth St. Our Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m. and our evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have adult, youth and children's Bible studies; Saturdays, there is a men's Bible study. Bro. Keith Weaver is our pastor.

## 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 challenge Moses faced in Numbers 13-14 when people within his own camp tried to stir-up fear instead of doing what God called them to do.

Our Financial Peace class meets Mondays at 7 p.m. The course has already started but we will be offering this course again in the spring for anyone interested.

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

# Your enthusiasm is the key

Enthusiasm is a priceless attribute that can change your life. Life never has been, nor ever will be without difficulties of frustration and pain. However, in spite of the negatives, we can bring forth the positives with excitement, aliveness, and joy.

Enthusiasm changes the gloomy and dull into an atmosphere of happiness. We can excel in everything once we decide to live with zest and passion. However, this new-found zeal will not just fall on us. We must get involved with our lives rather than standing on the sidelines as spectators. Enthusiasm is a conscious choice we make.

In today's economy, with its extremely high prices, lack of jobs, and homes going into foreclosure, people are grabbing for straws or anything else they feel they can hold on to. Some are fearful and worried about what might be around the corner. Many do not realize that even with the current economic problems, life is still only what we make it to be. If we dwell on them, fear and worry multiply, and will in time consume the fearful person.

The truth is, the world is full of trouble; it always has been and will continue to be until Jesus Christ makes His return. Today we face an epidemic onslaught of evil all around us as never before. It is brought about by those who have no hope, those who are angry, and those who have closed themselves in with their own despair and unhappiness. Anger is a huge part of their lives, yet they do not realize their answer is just one decision away.

Nothing can change a person like a strong relationship with God. He has answers for all our fears and worries. Psalms 118:6-7 says, "The Lord is on my side, I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is for me and will help me, therefore I shall see my desires."

That scripture guarantees us that we can rest in the assurance that God meant every word He spoke. He is on our side and He will help us when we call out to Him. Transforming our worries into enthusiasm and happiness will change our lives and improve our personalities. Switching apathy for joy, indifference for excited participation, sensitizes our spirits and erases dullness from our lives. It is possible to become an optimist and develop such enthusiasm that

a continuous flow of joy is the result.

Do yourself a favor; start your day with a Bible scripture, especially one from The Psalms or Proverbs. Everyone have 1,440 minutes per day. It is possible to live every minute with positive thoughts and fervor. The course of our day is decided within the first few moments after waking each morning. Giving careful attention to our first thoughts will likely have a positive effect on the rest of our day. Make the decision to think on the promises found in God's Word. Dwelling on scripture is like good medicine to the body, Proverbs 17:22.

Struggles are a natural part of life. All life comes about through labor, but it is out of conflict that we become strong. God did not put us on this planet to merely endure life, but to master it and be all that He desires us to be. His greatest longing is for His family to prosper and live a good life.

Remember that the sun shines after every storm, day always follows night, and enthusiasm comes by making a quality decision to change our lives from gloominess to cheerfulness.

Ask yourself, what good does a pessimist get out of life? He doesn't smile because he has nothing to smile about. He can't encourage others because he himself is discouraged. His pessimistic attitude developed over time because he acted and spoke like a pessimist. Soon it became a natural part of his life.

In much the same way, enthusiasm can be cultivated and developed by deliberately thinking and acting with ardor and exuberance. We eventually develop a mental attitude that is an important factor in finding solutions in difficult situations. Most are not defeated by hard facts, but by holding negative attitudes toward those facts. Enthusiasm changes the mental outlook from fearing actuality to the solid belief that there is an answer.

We can propel ourselves into enthusiasm by use of the "as if" principle. William James, a noted psychologist said, "If you desire to exhibit a certain quality, act 'as if' you already have it. If you want a better job, behave 'as if' you had the job." This power-packed principle truly works. Enthusiasm is a primary requisite for success.

"For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he," Proverbs 23:7.

God bless

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JERRIE STOCKS

in attending.

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

We have Sunday school classes for all ages and they meet 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.

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## First Presbyterian, Big Spring

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

The annual church picnic will be at Morgan Ranch Saturday. 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 barbecuers 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 Sunday. 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 Kenemur, Jennifer Patterson and Jamie Walker. Christine and Don Bolding 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. Come and join in expressing our appreciation to the Bronaugh's.

Preachers who will be filling our pulpit after the Rev. Bronaugh's departure will be Dennis Haralson, CLP from Seminole, Sept. 27; Pastor Emeritus Flynn Long, presenting a sermon dealing with John Calvin, Oct. 4; and the Rev. Shannon Weisenfels, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Midland, Oct. 11. We will be pleased to welcome our new minister, the Rev. Craig Holstedt, Oct. 18.

The lectionary for the 24th

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## First United Methodist hires minister of music

Eddie Vandewalker has been hired as the new minister of music at First Methodist Church. Vandewalker comes with a bachelor of music education in voice/piano, a master of music and is full time head of the music department at Howard College.

He is currently pursuing a doctorate in music education and choral conducting. He has 25 years experience teaching in public schools and two years experience teaching at the college level. He has also been involved in theatrical directing and performing through his career.

His position with First Methodist is part-time, in which he will direct and lead several music programs as well as play the organ. He is a life long Methodist and has been involved in music in numerous churches.

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## CHURCH

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Sunday in Ordinary Time is Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh will be in the pulpit to deliver the message. The choir will present the anthem "The Heavens Are Telling" by Ludwig van Beethoven and the offertory anthem is an arrangement of "Kumbaya" by Paul Sjolund.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. See what's happening by visiting our Web site: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org)

## St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, located at 810 Scurry, invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 9 a.m. Sunday school for adults and children follows at 10:15 a.m. Our service is led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

Bible study opportunities are available to anyone wishing to attend. For more information, contact the church office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 267-7163.

On Going Support for our military troops continues with items needed: Powdered cold drink mixes (lemonade, Crystal Light, Tang), hard candy, Blistex, Carmex and donations for phone cards and shipping costs.

Prayer concerns and requests may be sent to the church office by calling or by e-mail. That address is [stpaulc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpaulc@sbcglobal.net)

## Signal Mountain Emmaus

## Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. A Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 8. Mark your calendar.

We will celebrate the 1996 walks 3 and 4. Bring a dish and join us for a pot luck fellowship at 6 p.m.

For more information, see our Web site, [www.signal-emmaus.org](http://www.signal-emmaus.org)

## 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 at the biggest little friendly church in Big Spring. We are located at 1512 South Birdwell Lane about 1-1/2 blocks north up Birdwell Lane from FM 700. Services start at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for ages 3 to adult where you can learn about God's Love. There is a nursery for your little ones age newborn-2. If you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is during the morning worship for ages 3-12 with music, bible lessons and crafts. Mid-week prayer services is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon the ladies will have a fellowship and discuss the church cookbook.

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DCE Chuck Eaton will be preaching this Sunday.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Analysis Rodriguez. Elders are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke. The liturgy will be read by David Carlisle. Readings for this week, the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, are Isaiah 50:4-10, Psalm 116:1-9, James 3:1-12, 14-18, and Mark 9:14-29.

Anyone interested in reading, 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.

A Bible study at church Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. has begun; if interested, contact Shirley Reid. A light meal will be available. You don't need to be a member of our congregation to attend.

A Thursday evening Bible study, hosted by Karen Ivey at 1005 15th St., will begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 17.

The topic will be "Unleashed Influence."

Rally Day is Sunday at the church. Mark your calendars for a fun-filled day of hamburgers and hot dogs, bingo, and various games and activities. Plan on bringing your friends. Rally Day will begin after Sunday school, about 11:30 a.m.

Mid Week School will begin Sept. 16 with a meal to be served at 5 p.m. A confirmation class is at 5:30 p.m.; Mid Week School classes begin at 6 p.m. An adult class is also in the planning.

We are updating our church directory. Please e-mail family photos to Angela Newton at [angela.newton@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:angela.newton@wtcmhmr.org) or bring one to church.

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

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

The Board of Evangelism is beginning visitation calls on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses and phone numbers of those wanting or needing a visit should be given to Richard Knocke. If you would like to help this group with visitation, contact Richard.

The church-wide garage sale will be held next Saturday, the 19th, beginning at 8 am. Any and all donations will be welcomed. The proceeds will be used to help the James Averette family.

If you are interested in helping at our AIC booth at the Howard County Fair Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, contact Kathy Laning or sign up on the poster board.

Our Thrivent representatives are Shirley Reid, Audrey Abel, and Dolline Budke.

The LWML will serve refreshments at the VA Sept. 14. The Elders meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at the church.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Are you, or do you know someone who is going through time of grief? A time where you may be having a hard time even thinking about the future with hope? If you have lost a spouse, child, parent or other loved one, Spring Creek Fellowship is offering a connection group for you. "GriefShare" will be led by Marie Justice and will be a time where you can connect with others who are going through what you are experiencing.

This is just one of the connection groups that will start meeting at Spring Creek Fellowship this Sunday at 5 p.m.

The Bible study for women will be a Priscilla Shirer study titled "One in a Million." It will be led by Susie Teeters and is a study to help you see how to conquer your "wilderness living" and claim your God-given inheritance.

Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, will lead the men's study, "Confessions of a Good Christian Guy." It will be a study on the incredible gift of God's amazing grace and how it covers the weaknesses in our lives.

"Hope Lives" is the connection group for youth and will be led by our youth pastor, Chris Tucker. It will be a heart-changing experience to lead students to apply what they learn through prayer, service, commitment and relationships.

The children will have their connection group in a study of "Getting to Know God," led by Dorothy Nichols. The kids will learn that God is pleased when His children seek to know Him.

As you can see, we have a group for every member of your family!

Come and connect with us and grow together in the Lord.

Remember, Sunday morning worship time begins at 9:30 with Sunday school and worship at 10:45 a.m.

Spring Creek Fellowship is in the northeast corner of College Park Shopping Center. We'll be looking for you!

## West Highway 80 Church of Christ

West Highway 80 Church of Christ, at 3900 W. Highway 80, invites sister congregations to attend a workshop at 9 a.m. Saturday. Speaker will be Bro. Ben Meyers of the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ in Richardson. The theme is "The Work of the Ministry," Eph. 4:12.

Church minister is Clayburn Jackson.

We hope to see you there.

## 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 invited to the fish fry will take place on Saturday at the home of Bob and

Pam Hicks.

The Big Spring First Presbyterian Church annual picnic is on the same date at the Morgan Ranch. The barbecue cookers will serve a campfire breakfast Saturday morning and invite everyone interested to come out. That afternoon and evening everyone is invited to bring picnic food and chairs and come for fun and fellowship. The barbecue will be served at noon Sunday after worship service.

We will have a congregational meeting to elect a nominating committee to select church officers for the Class of 2012 following worship Sunday, Sept. 20.

The next Frolic, an evening of homegrown talent and entertainment, will be Saturday, Oct. 10.

The lectionary for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Proverbs 1: 20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.

## St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. The fall schedule continues this Sunday with holy communion celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and adult Sunday school starts next Sunday, Sept. 20.

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 noon service in the library. Bring your lunch and join us.

The Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org).

St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

## First Baptist, Big Spring

Our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, began a new sermon series this past Sunday, "The Picture of A Disciple." This Sunday's sermon topic is "Mourn." Our children will begin "Worship Kidstyle" this Sunday evening at 6. The youth will meet for their study on Esther, and parents are invited to a new parenting study which will meet at 6 p.m. for this new study. Our evening worship is also at 6, and the Rev. Lindsey will preach the sermon, "Defeating the Giants in Your Life."

Thursday, Sept. 16, First Baptist will host the "Singing Men of West Texas" as they kick off their concert season. We'd like to invite you to come and experience an evening of praise and worship as these men present the gospel in song. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

## Coahoma United Methodist

Coahoma United Methodist Church invites all to join us weekly as we praise and worship our Lord. We have Sunday school for all ages beginning at 10 a.m. each week, followed by our traditional worship service at 11 a.m.

Sunday, we are hosting a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite dish and come join us for fun and fellowship.

The youth group will gather for fellowship and study Wednesday at 7 p.m.

One person's junk is another person's treasure. We'll take all your junk off your hands for our upcoming church-wide garage sale being held Saturday, Oct. 3 at 8 a.m. Contact the church office for more information or to learn how you can donate items for the sale.

## Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us this Sunday for Sunday school beginning at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening worship at 6. This Sunday we will be having Cowboy Church to call attention to Texas missions. Come dressed in your favorite western attire. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

The Blackwood Legacy, a gospel group, will be presenting an evening of praise and worship music Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.

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.

## Chapel of Faith

The Chapel of Faith, located at E. 14th and Goliad, is an interdenominational church which welcomes all to come to worship service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

This week, Pastor Scott Willis' message will be "Making Room for God," based on the scripture from Mark 8:27-38.

Remember, this Sunday is Grandparents Day. Let your grandparents (and/or parents) know you are thinking of them and invite them to attend church with you. Offer to pick them up and come as a family!

Immediately following the service, there will be a short business meeting. All are encouraged to be present for this important meeting. Several decisions will be made about the direction for the church during the next quarter. Next week, we will announce plans for coming events for the fall.

You know that God loves you, all you have to do is accept that love. See you in church Sunday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pluto goes direct in Capricorn. Since April 4, the slow-moving planet has been transiting retrograde, helping us review our status both individually and as a race. Now it's time to take all that introspective energy and turn it around. Do your part to evolve the human species through awareness, mindfulness and by raising your energy.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You almost never wander around. That's because you usually know where you're going and don't leave extra time for dawdling. But you'll find yourself in a new circumstance, and there's something to gain from being a bit nosy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are a champion and are, therefore, in a position to be

generous with those who are still learning the game. You'll share what you know, and there's no reason to hold anything back.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). In the past, someone has given you the message that you should relegate your own desire for the good of the group. It's not necessary now to do this. There is a way for everyone's wishes to coexist: respecting your own wishes.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you're not thinking about a problem, it doesn't exist. The struggle comes into being when that's what you call it. Otherwise, it's just a situation that you're working through in as graceful a way as anyone ever has.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). So many people see you in a certain role that you are forgetting how broad your talents really are. Your inkling that you might do well in a certain arena is absolutely correct. Follow it and expand your realm.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It will be fun to

explore your inner life and interesting to search your subconscious world for the clues that come through your dreams. However, the quickest way to peace is still through living consciously while you're awake.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Throughout your life you have known that kind of child who doesn't play with toys the way they were intended, who finds the most dangerous route and snubs authority. You'll meet again now. Steer clear.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You give smiles. You open doors. You greet, meet and help wherever you go. And you say the sweetest things to people and don't even realize it. Give yourself props for being generally decent, if not downright cool.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't worry. Getting organized is not going to squash your natural spontaneity one bit. Passionate people use calendars, too, you know! In fact, you'll be even more excited about your plans because you

put them in ink.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take a breather from trying to be a more spiritual person. Seeking enlightenment is like looking for the car keys that are already in your hand. Assume that you are complete, and then get in your car and drive.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be around a charismatic character — it takes one to know one. It will be important to focus on the ideas that are being presented and not the person presenting them. Avoid making a guru of anyone.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Why conserve your energy when you can increase it? The same goes for love and money. What you need is ever-present. All you have to do is open yourself to receiving it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 11). This year brings a balanced mix of celebration and work. You fulfill an important role in your community and will be honored for your contri-

butions. Your social standing is secured. In November, someone invests in your dreams. You are partly responsible for a loved one's accomplishments in January. Scorpio and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 26, 55, 39 and 24.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** You're a great conversationalist when you ask questions and give the floor to others. **TAURUS:** You'll say things in the proper way in order to preserve someone's feelings and show respect. **GEMINI:** This very minute, the one you want is seeking you, too. **CANCER:** You'll have positive conversations that motivate others. **LEO:** To have fun — that is a noble purpose. Any move you make toward that end will contribute to your legacy. **VIRGO:** Ask for what you need and you will be answered with action that improves your quality of life. **LIBRA:** Doing what makes you happy brings you together with potential partners or closer to an existing partner.

**SCORPIO:** Keep your own secrets! **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll be running errands for a loved one. Make sure this person is aware of all you do and doesn't take you for granted. **CAPRICORN:** Write a love letter to yourself. This will raise your self-esteem and attractiveness. **AQUARIUS:** You don't mind putting time into making sure your loved one is happy. After all, your relationships deserve to be handled with care. **PISCES:** Ask open-ended questions and you'll learn fascinating new information about someone dear.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Leo and Pisces are a fantastically creative pairing if both parties try to understand how different they really are. Pisces admires Leo's bold moves. Leo should be cautioned that Pisces is sensitive, and Leo must never criticize Pisces, even if the criticism seems constructive. Pisces will influence Leo to be wiser and more effective and appropriate.  
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Dear Margo: The Other Side of the Coin

**Dear Margo:** OMG — I can't believe that you (or my wife) can't figure out why a man wouldn't want to have sex with his wife.

There are so many reasons that have nothing to do with being indifferent or gay — medical, girlfriend, performance issues, etc. In my case, I can't stand my wife.



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A little history: We dated for a few years, and then it just seemed time to get married. We were both in our mid-30s, wanting children. She seemed like she'd be a good mother.

During our engagement, she would get nasty, but usually apologized.

I thought it was the stress of planning a wedding. By the time we had been married a couple of years, her complaints and temper had gotten so bad that I left her for a couple of weeks.

I came back after she pleaded. It was apparent that she would not change and it was time to end things. Of course, that's when she told me she was pregnant.

We now have two lovely children. I have not had sex with her since conceiving No. 2. She knows I look at women and is concerned that I look at porn — and then calls me gay. I am not attracted to her in the slightest. She is like an annoy-

ing little sister, and whatever I do for her is never enough. So why am I still with her?

Any lawyer will tell you that she would get the kids, and then they wouldn't have a chance at anything resembling a loving home life. — *Not a Martyr, Just Protecting My Kids.*

**Dear Not:** You aren't the first person to have misgauged a potential partner. The unedited version of your letter makes your life sound like the road company of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

Because I think children pay a price for a loveless home with insults being hurled, I would encourage you to reconsider living apart and seeking shared custody.

Sometimes divorce is better than a miserable home situation. To be out of the house does not equate to being out of your children's lives.

Should you choose to stay, bear in mind they will not be pre-teenagers forever. Good luck figuring things out. — *Margo, thornily*

Hostesses, Guests and Allergies

**Dear Margo:** These days food allergies and sensitivities are more prevalent than ever.

Quite often when I'm hosting a small group, I'm aware of at least one person who has lactose intolerance, a gluten sensitivity, a peanut allergy, etc.

My question is this: As a hostess of a small gathering, is it incumbent on

me to accommodate their sensitivities when I'm preparing a meal?

My assumption has always been that it is, and to go out of my way to find recipes that are suitable.

However, some friends have told me this is unnecessary and "over and above" the call of duty as a hostess.

Even my friends with allergies tell me not to worry, that they'll bring their own food, but that doesn't feel very hospitable. What is etiquette in this situation? — *Eager To Please*

**Dear Eag:** You are right that food allergies abound. Many restaurants now routinely ask if anyone must avoid certain foods.

For a small party at home, you could not, of

course, accommodate different food requirements, and no one expects this.

If you know of one person who is, say, lactose intolerant, you might plan your meal accordingly, but no one assumes you would prepare a dinner without lactose, gluten, shellfish, nuts, and I could go on, but I won't.

Take your friends' advice and don't worry about this. Most people with allergies can forego one dish and still find other things they can eat.

And I remember that Carol Channing used to bring her macrobiotic meals in a paper bag to the best restaurants! — *Margo, realistically*  
*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter.*  
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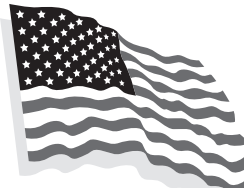
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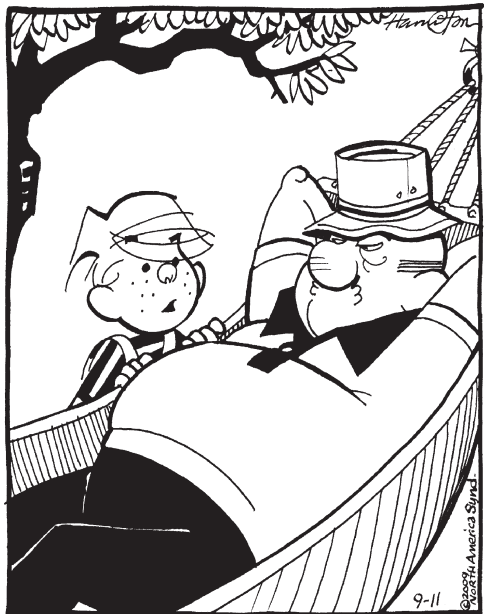
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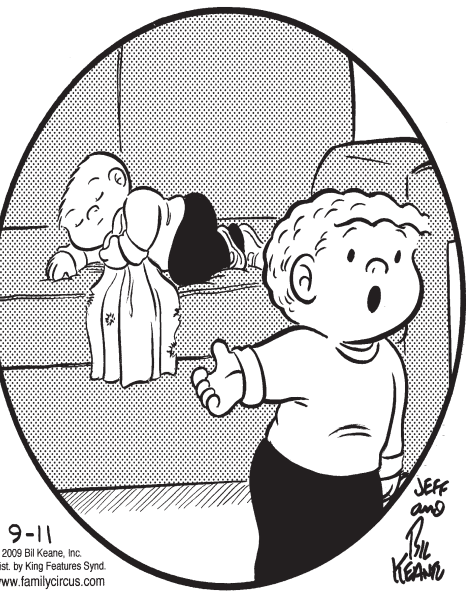
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| 5:PM<br>:30  | News<br>ABC              | News<br>ABC          | Locura<br>Noticiero  | Lopez<br>CBS        | News<br>CBS          | Noticias<br>Noticiero | News<br>NBC                 | Raymond<br>Friends                      | In Touch-Dr<br>Friends    | BBC<br>Business                    | Cash Cab<br>Cash Cab                       | Mobsters,<br>Richard<br>Grieco     | CSI: Crime<br>Scn      | Bones                          | 106 & Park:<br>BET's Top 10<br>Live | Suite Life<br>Suite Life         | Racing:<br>Sprint Cup                                | SportsCtr.                                     |
| 6:PM<br>:30  | News<br>Entertain        | Jeopardy!<br>Fortune | Gancho               | Two Men<br>Two Men  | News<br>Entertain    | 12 Cora-<br>zones     | News<br>Millionaire         | Seinfeld<br>Seinfeld                    | Scrivner<br>House         | News-Lehrer<br>MythBusters         | Wash Wk<br>NOW                             | Movie:<br>GoodFellas,<br>Joe Pesci | CSI: Crime<br>Scn      | CSI: NY                        |                                     | Suite Life<br>Suite Life         | Countdn<br>NASCAR<br>FACING:<br>Nationwide<br>Series | Hall of Fame<br>Enshrine-<br>ment<br>Ceremony  |
| 7:PM<br>:30  | Supernanny<br>Supernanny | Supernanny           | Nombre-<br>Amor      | You<br>Smarter?     | Ghost Whis-<br>perer | Más Sabe el<br>Diablo | Southland<br>Fam. Guy       | Update<br>Fam. Guy                      | Update<br>Morris          | Movie: The<br>Holiday, Jude<br>Law | Light of the<br>Southwest                  | Bill Moyers<br>Journal             | UFC Un-<br>leashed     | Movie:<br>300, David<br>Wenham | Movie:<br>Honey, Lil'<br>Romeo      | Wizards<br>Suite Life<br>Phineas | Nationwide<br>Series                                 | College<br>Football:<br>Colorado at<br>Toledo. |
| 8:PM<br>:30  | Ugly Betty<br>Ugly Betty | Ugly Betty           | Mañana es            | Glee                | Medium               | Pobres                | Dateline<br>NBC             | Movie: The<br>Holiday, Jude<br>Law      | Light of the<br>Southwest | County Jail:<br>Miami              | Inside                                     | UFC Un-<br>leashed                 | Dark Blue              | Frankie<br>W. Williams         | Frankie<br>W. Williams              | Baseball<br>Tonight              |                                                      |                                                |
| 9:PM<br>:30  | 20/20                    | 20/20                | Rosa                 | Simpsons<br>Friends | NUMB3RS              | Victorinos            |                             | Church                                  | Charlie Rose              | MythBusters                        | Movie: The<br>Return of the<br>Living Dead | To Be An-<br>nounced               | Dark Blue              | Dark Blue                      | Phineas<br>Yearbook                 | SportsCtr.                       |                                                      |                                                |
| 10:PM<br>:30 | News<br>Nightline        | News<br>Nightline    | Impacto<br>Noticiero | Raymond<br>TMZ      | News<br>Late Show    | Noticias<br>Titulares | News<br>Tonight Show        | Sex &<br>Cortes                         | Sanchez<br>BBC            | Dirty Jobs                         | Movie: The<br>Fly, John<br>Getz            | Joe Rogan<br>Spcl                  | MAN                    | MAN                            | Phineas<br>SportsCtr.               | Yearbook                         | SportsCtr.                                           |                                                |
| 11:PM<br>:30 | Insider<br>Score         | Insider<br>Score     | Desmadru-<br>gados   | Law Order:<br>Cl    | Late Late<br>Show    | Decisions             | Late Night-<br>Jim          | (-45) Movie:<br>I Spy, Famke<br>Janssen | Update<br>CCM             | County Jail:<br>Miami              | Movie: The<br>Fly, John<br>Getz            | Joe Rogan<br>Spcl                  | MAN                    | MAN                            | Phineas<br>SportsCtr.               | Yearbook                         | SportsCtr.                                           |                                                |
| 12:AM<br>:30 | Cathedral<br>Paid        | (:36) Extra<br>Paid  | Madre<br>Mujer...    | Faith<br>Paid       | Insider<br>Paid      | Pagado                | News<br>Poker After<br>Dark | Best of<br>Light of the<br>Southwest    | Update<br>CCM             | County Jail:<br>Miami              | Movie: The<br>Fly, John<br>Getz            | Joe Rogan<br>Spcl                  | MAN                    | MAN                            | Phineas<br>SportsCtr.               | Yearbook                         | SportsCtr.                                           |                                                |
| 1:AM<br>:30  | Walt Disney<br>Paid      | Walt Disney<br>Paid  | Güereja              | RENO 911<br>Paid    | Pagado               | Pagado                | Pagado                      | Pagado                                  | Pagado                    | Pagado                             | Pagado                                     | Pagado                             | Pagado                 | Pagado                         | Pagado                              | Pagado                           | Pagado                                               | Pagado                                         |

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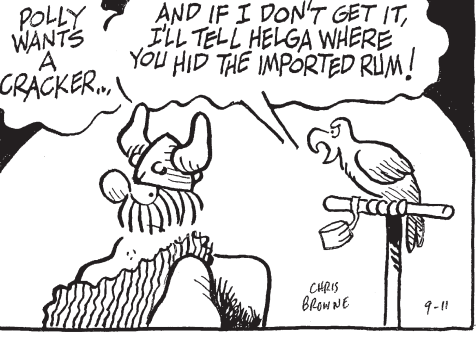
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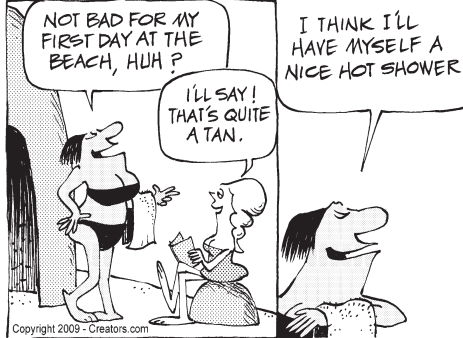
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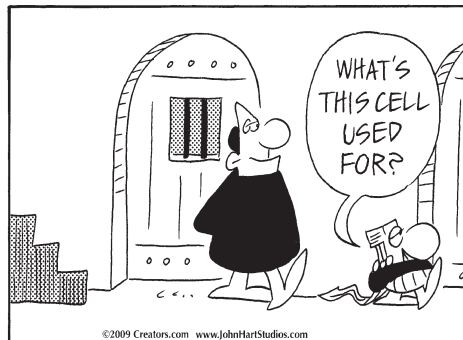
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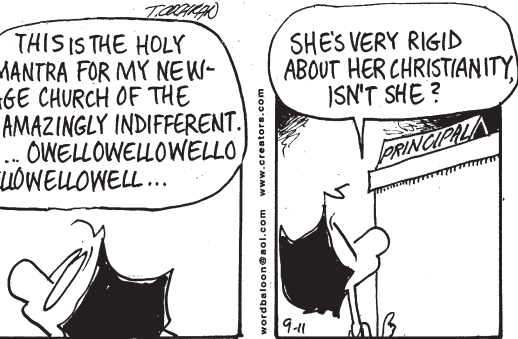
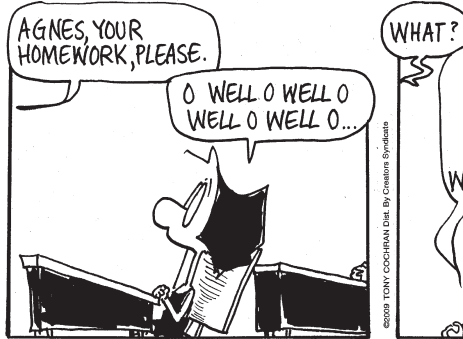
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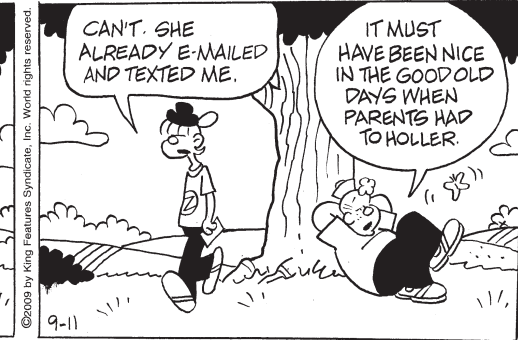
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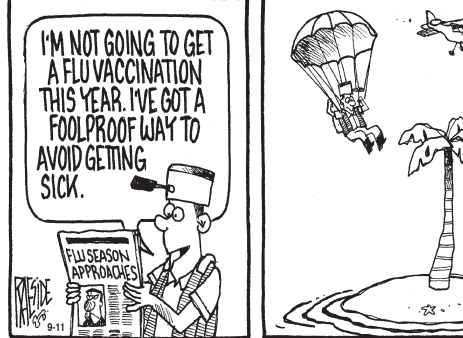
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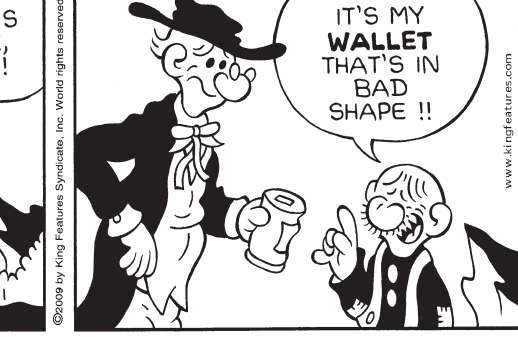
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2009. There are 111 days left in the year. This is Patriot Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 11, 2001, America saw its worst day of terrorism. Nearly 3,000 people died when two hijacked jetliners smashed into New York's World Trade Center, causing the twin towers to fall; a commandeered jetliner plowed into the Pentagon; and a fourth hijacked plane was crashed in a field in western Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.  
In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.  
In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaugh-

tered by Mormon militiamen aided by Paiute Indians.

In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon outside Washington D.C. That same day, Charles A. Lindbergh delivered a speech in Des Moines, Iowa, in which he said "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were trying to draw the United States into World War II.

In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1971, former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died at age 77.

In 1972, the troubled Munich Summer Olympics ended.

In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.

In 1974, an Eastern Airlines DC-9 crashed during a landing attempt in Charlotte, N.C., killing 72 of the people on board.

In 1989, the exodus of East German refugees from Hungary to West Germany began.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betsy Drake is 86. Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, is 85. Actor Earl Holliman is 81. Newspaper columnist David S. Broder is

80. Movie director Brian De Palma is 69. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 66. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 64. Actor Phillip Alford is 61. Actress Amy Madigan is 59. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 56. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 56. Actor Reed Birney is 55. Singer-songwriter Diane Warren is 53. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 52. Actor Scott Patterson is 51. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 51. Actress Roxann Dawson is 51. Actress Virginia Madsen is 48. Actress Kristy McNichol is 47. Musician-composer Moby is 44. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo is 42. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle  
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Pile up
- 6 Sorority sister
- 10 Canyon areas
- 14 Playground shout
- 15 Stead
- 16 Sleep like \_\_\_
- 17 Phineas T. Bluster was its mayor
- 19 Zip
- 20 Crenshaw, e.g.
- 21 Showed one's teeth
- 23 Verse starter
- 25 Dallas surname
- 28 Biscotti flavoring
- 29 Floor
- 31 Ready to run?
- 33 Price part: Abbr.
- 34 Otello, for example
- 36 Rose holders
- 38 The least amount
- 42 Pool shot
- 43 Arrange
- 46 Lobbying org.
- 49 Jimmy's predecessor
- 52 Fox Sports alternative
- 53 In \_\_\_ (steamed)
- 55 Adapt to rigors
- 57 Little bit
- 58 Alter
- 60 Sitcom mom
- 62 Scott Turow book
- 63 Inlet in Ireland
- 68 Tarzan's title
- 69 Hollow
- 70 Brownish gray
- 71 Site of Vulcan's forge
- 72 Votes for
- 73 Less mundane
- DOWN
- 1 Pair link, perhaps
- 2 Herd sound
- 3 Reduced to spray
- 4 Big beef buy
- 5 Creative interpretation
- 6 Place to practice
- 7 Slick material
- 8 Sargasso Sea dweller
- 9 Club charge
- 10 Arrested
- 11 Emphasized, perhaps
- 12 Demure
- 13 Black suit
- 18 Wedding words
- 22 Fabricated
- 23 Sci-fi staple
- 24 Break of a sort
- 26 One with a sub station
- 27 Fois \_\_\_
- 30 Bana of Star Trek
- 32 Att.'s designation
- 35 Saws
- 37 Customer drawer
- 39 Dr. of rap
- 40 Old stories
- 41 Flavor detector
- 44 Deduction expert
- 45 Cut off
- 46 Good-behavior reward
- 47 Ain't the right way?
- 48 Spelunker's spot
- 50 Light units
- 51 Bore
- 54 Title role for Rita
- 56 Poetic inspiration
- 59 Impatient and anxious
- 61 Ticked
- 64 "Way to go, Juan!"
- 65 Largest US union
- 66 Kong, e.g. "\_\_\_ out!" (ump's call)
- 67 "\_\_\_ out!" (ump's call)

