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Explosion leaves 2

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with burns

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A pair of oilfield workers were injured Thursday morning when gas from an oil well near the Howard and Martin county lines ignited, causing an explosion.

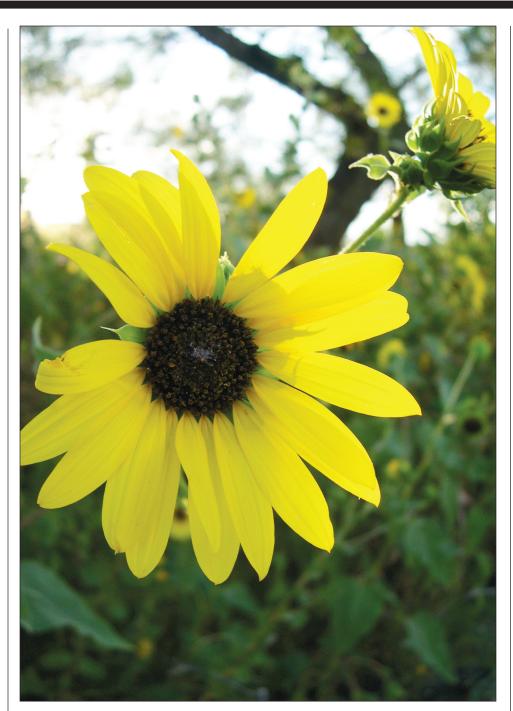
According to emergency response officials, the incident occurred at approximately 8 a.m. at an oil well located near FM 3900 — approximately 15 miles north of Stanton — in Martin County while a Basic Energy crew was preparing to perform maintenance on the well's pulling unit.

The two men injured were identified as Fernando Zamor and Abel Garcia, according to Martin County officials.

Eric Finley, communications manager for University Medical Center in Lubbock, confirmed the two men were transported to the facility and are listed in critical condi-

"Both men were brought in by air evacuation," Finley said. "They are currently

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Sunflowers brighten a neighborhood in southwest Big Spring.

Howard, Lubbock alignment could have interest conflict, committee told

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring resident Jim Sinclair addressed the Texas House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence during a public hearing centered around ongoing redistricting efforts this week in Lubbock, calling for the state to

align Howard County with similar economies to the east and west.

Sinclair was one of many West Texas residents who addressed the committee during the hearing, which was held Wednesday at the Texas Tech University's International Cultural Center Auditori-

Current district lines have How-

ard County aligned with Lubbock, a mistake, according to Sinclair.

"Our current districts for representation at both the state and federal levels follow a more northto-south orientation, resulting in Howard County being grouped with large population centers,

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Exhibit promises 'reel' fun

☐ 'Let's All Go to the Movies' reception set from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum.

By BILL McCLELLAN **News Editor**

Lights! Camera! Museum!

Beginning Saturday, the Heritage Museum will offer Crossroads patrons a nostalgic look at movie theaters in Big Spring.

"Let's All Go to the Movies," traces the history of movie theaters from 1909 to the 1950s. The come-and-go exhibit will

go on display from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and will continue through Nov. 2. During Satur-Schrecengost day's event, hot buttered movie popcorn and various candy will be

served, said Tammy Schrecengost, curator.

"Let's All Go to the Movies, will be a lot of fun. We'll have a silent movie theater, or at least a setting that allows people to get the 'feel' of what silent movie theaters were like," said Schrecengost. "We'll have a mock-up

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Tax-free sales will continue all weekend

Herald Staff Report

The statewide Sales Tax Holiday got under way at 12:01 a.m. today and will continue through midnight Sunday.

Back-to-school supplies are just some of the items which are exempt from state sales tax during the "holiday" period. Other items include most shoes, clothing, backpacks for school use, diapers, robes and pajamas.

All of the stores which carry these items will be selling them tax exempt, including some not often considered by the general public, such as the Howard College Bookstore on campus.

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Big Spring hits a milestone

But record-high water leaks leaving the city weary and wet

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Big

caught up.

Spring say the number of water leaks reported by municipal customers have reached a record high during the past several months, but every effort is being made to fix the lines and cover the holes associated with the repairs.

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said the recent rash of breaks in the water lines has caused something of a domino effect, leaving city crews scrambling to stay

"When one part of the line breaks, something almost always seems to go wrong 20 or 30 feet from the repair," Darden said. "That's really the only explanation there is for the number of breaks we've seen lately, which have mainly been in the small twoinch lines." Darden said those repairs

— and the holes left behind have offered a serious challenge for city crews. "Last week we had approximately 78 calls, so that

means 78 water lines to fix See **LEAKS**, Page 3



been barricaded for repairs to the water line for several days. According to city officials, the number of water line breaks reported are at an all-time high because of increased water **Elrod's Furniture**

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Obituaries

Kathleen B. Aton

Kathleen B. Aton, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, at the

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Tom Koger officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The daughter of Elmer and Ortry

Boatler, Kathleen was born Feb. 10, 1924, in Big Spring. She was raised here and graduated from Big Spring High School. Kathleen married Al Aton on May 12, 1945, in Las Vegas, Nev., and they had been married for 65 years.

years and was a homemaker. Kathleen's interests homemaker. and crocheting. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Al Aton of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Don Barnes of Gardendale, and Kay and Larry Reynolds of Silverdale, Wash.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring 79721-2222; or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St. Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Rita Sue Harless

Funeral service for Rita Sue Harless of Big Spring will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with the Rev. Byron Smith, nephewin-law, officiating. Interment will

follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Miss Harless died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, at Hospice House in Odessa. She was born Nov. 21, 1945. in Snyder.

Miss Harless was the Director of Critical Care Services for the West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation and

worked in the department for 30 years.

She is survived by her parents, Jack and Thadine Harless of Snyder; two brothers, Billy and Mary Ann (Savage) Harless of Midland, and Marcus Harless of Odessa; two nieces; a nephew and numer-

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice

House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa

79761, or a favorite char-

Support Groups

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

• Candlelight Meeting Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at 10 p.m. at 1609 S. Main in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 935-5805 or (432) 517-2272.



Heritage Museum For more info. Call 432-267-8255

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Stella O. Brooks

Stella O. Brooks of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, at the age of 88 years. Services will be held Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, at 4 p.m.

in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with burial immediately following at the Salem Cemetery. Stella was born March 10, 1922, to

Mack William and Georgia Walker and was one of 12 siblings. She grew up on the family farm just northeast of Big Spring. She married Jesse Brooks on Sept. 9, 1939. Being one of the "greatest generation," Stella enjoyed working out-She worked at Mort Denton Pharmacy for fifteen doors on the family farms and was an outstanding

She was a devoted mother, grandincluded camping in her travel trailer, oil painting mommy and friend to many. She was a life-long member of Salem Baptist Church. Survivors include her two sons and their wives,

Rodney and Carolyn Brooks, and Marty and Melissa Brooks, of Coahoma; two daughters and one son-inlaw, Diane and Ronnie Wood of Big Spring and Iva Jo Hanslik of Sand Springs. Her grandchildren include Reagan and April

Brooks and their children, Ali, Emily and Ryley; The family suggests memorials be made to First Ron and Angel Brooks and their children, Brittney, Jess, Laurel and Seth; Penni and Kaddo Kothmann and their children, Meagan and Kadden; Cory and Mandy Anderson and son, Chase; Justin Wood; Mandi Hanslik and daughter, Cydnee; Michael and Chandra Brooks and daughter, Landry; Tonia Brooks and son, Cody; and Collin McMillan.

She is also survived by one sister, Lillie Robinson of Granbury; sisters-in-law, Faye Walker and Mary Sue Walker of Big Spring, Bernice Fuller, Marie Snow and Ruth Blackburn of Abilene; and brotherin-law, Wayne Brooks of Pampa. Stella's extended family that she loved dearly is all the staff at Parkplace Retirement Center. In addition to her parents, Stella was preceded in

death by her husband, Jesse; one daughter, Judy Anderson; one son-in-law, Sid Hanslik; her nine brothers, Willis, Johnny, Shirley, Leslie, Noble, Deward, Dillard, Carroll and Jerrold Walker; and one sister, Veda McKee.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to a favorite charity. The family will gather at 3200 Greenbrier.

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

Paid obituary

Louise Boykin

Louise Boykin, 95, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Billie Maurene Patterson

Billie Maurene Patterson, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, at University Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m.



Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Sammy Espinosa of Coahoma United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 13, 1931, in

Aaron Seymore. She married Bill Patterson on July 30, 1948, in Abilene. She moved to Howard County from Avoca in 1954. She retired in 1976 from Coahoma Independent School District, where she was a

librarian at the junior high. She was a member of Coahoma United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Bill Patterson of Big Spring; two daughters, Vicki Walker of Big

Spring and Pam Beal and husband Roland of Wolfforth; one son, Ricky Patterson and wife Ladon of Midland; two sisters, Janelle Spradling and husband Frank of Allen, and Debbie Smith and husband Robert of Tuscola; one brother, Larry Seymore and wife Donna of Coleman; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one

sister, JoAnn Smith.

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

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday

Winning numbers drawn: 11-14-16-20. Bonus Ball: Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2.

Winning ticket purchased in: Fort Worth, San

Antonio. Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-22-28-29-37.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$21,777.

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For those who want to see "Hangar 18," a low-rated B movie, it will be airing upstairs in the museum. "Midnight Cowboy" won't be shown because it was X-rated when it first came out. Costumes, movie props and other items

will be on display, as well as a tribute to Big Spring's Jean Porter Dymytrk, Dave (Tex) O'Brien, Betty Buckley and Helon

A quick bit of history museum-goers can learn from the exhibit ...

The first motion pictures shown in Big Spring were presented by I.J. Robb in October 1909 in a building at the corner of Third and Main. He opened the Lyric theater at 110 E. Third in 1913. Robb's wife worked the ticket booth while sons Yuill and Harold ran the projection ma-

In 1916, the Robb brothers and childhood friend Ed Rowley formed R&R and built a roof garden theater in San Angelo. And in 1924, R&R added the Queen theater at 206 Main, which primarily fea-

In 1928, the family built the Ritz, the first theater in Big Spring built for sound. The first movie shown was a silent film, "Our Dancing Daughters," starring Joan Crawford. On Feb. 17, 1929, the first talking film was shown. It was "Lucky Boy," staring George Jessel.

The first local drive-in movie theater was the Terrace, which opened Aug. 15, 1947, on City Park Road (Wasson Road). By 1950, Robb and Rowley United Inc.

operated more than 150 theaters and drive-ins in 34 communities in Texas. Oklahoma and Arkansas and the corporation employed more than 1,100 people. "There's a lot of interesting, fun in-

formation in this exhibit. It's entertaining and for some people will bring back lots of memories," said Schrencengost. "Come join us!" Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scur-

ry. For more information on this or other upcoming exhibits, call (432) 267-8255.

> sion has yet to be determined, according to Borgstedte. Contact Staff Writer

The cause of the explo-

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Texas briefs

Toddler left in hot car

HOUSTON (AP) — A 2-year-old Texas toddler died Thursday after being forgotten in a hot car for two hours while his parents rushed from the vehicle to treat an older brother, who was having a seizure. The parents had arrived home

after a grocery shopping trip with the toddler and the 7-year-old brother, who has known medical difficulties, according to Chief Jim Sumner of the Harris County Constable's Office. The parents rushed the older brother into the house when he began having a seizure and only realized about two hours later that the baby was missing, Sumner said. Around 2 p.m., they found the

toddler hot and not breathing in the locked car. Ninety minutes later, he was pronounced dead with a body temperature of 105 degrees in a local hospital, according to Sumner. Police are questioning the par-

ents in the case, but no charges have been filed with the district attorney's office. The toddler is the eighth child

to die in a hot car in as many days nationwide, and the 10th in Texas this year, according to Janette Fennell, president of Kids and Cars, a Kansas-based awareness organization.

Court nixes appeal of senator's eligibility

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas appeals court in Fort Worth has rejected a Democratic Party challenge to the eligibility of new Republican state Sen. Brian Birdwell.

Birdwell won the central Texas seat in a special election after Sen. Kip Averitt retired, but he has faced questions over his residency. The Texas Democratic Party sued to have Birdwell declared ineligible, but the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth rejected the challenge Thursday, according to statements from both the state Democratic and Republican

Democrat John Cullar will oppose Birdwell in November.

Trespassing teen crashes through church rooftop

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say a Houston teen was injured after he crashed through a skylight on a church roof where he went to drink beer and stargaze with his

Bellaire police officer Tim Quimby says 17-year-old Gage Passick was in stable condition in a Houston-area hospital after his 40-foot fall early Thursday morn-

being treated in the burn

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and intensive care unit here at University Medical Martin County Deputy

Sheriff and Emergency Management Coordinator

REALIGN

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such as Lubbock and

Abilene," Sinclair said.

"Our main economic

engines are supported

by oil, agriculture, gov-

ernment sector interests

and the emerging wind

energy industry. These

interests are more aligned with counties

east and west from ours

along the Interstate

"Lubbock's economy

is built around being a

regional medical center,

Texas Tech and a large

retail sector. Lubbock,

being a large population

Highway 20 corridor.

"They are still gathering information at the accident site," Borgstedte said. "They will be the pri-

Association (OSHA).

Ashley Borgstedte said

the accident is being in-

vestigated by the Occupa-

tional Safety and Health

mary agency in charge of the investigation."

ests which would be at cation," Sinclair said. odds with those of How-

Sinclair, who made the trip to the public hearing with Howard County Democratic Chairman Roland Gore, said it doesn't take much to imagine a situation where the best interests of the Crossroads could conflict with legislative efforts designed to boost the Lubbock area. "For example, it could

ard County."

benefit Lubbock if the programs that support agriculture and oil exploration and production were removed and the additional tax revenue was spent on health care and higher edu-

"This could be very detrimental to the economy in Howard County. "I feel that our sena-

tors and representatives should be able to clearly identify with the priorities of the region they are elected from. In our case, I feel our region should be oriented eastto-west. I see no reason why district lines need to be drawn in ways that would be more appropriate to creating a jigsaw puzzle than developing areas of representation." Rep. Delwin Jones, R-

Lubbock, chairman of the Redistricting Committee, and Rep. Tryon

start cooling off and au-

tumn weather gets here,

but that's certainly what

One of the problems

the city is dealing with

in its efforts to have the

holes back filled is the

loss of inmate labor that,

until approximately two

years ago, the state of

Texas was providing

through its local prison

"We had dedicated

crews that were made

up of the inmates for

quite a while," Darden

said. "We lost that about

two years ago, and the

loss is still being felt.

However, there's noth-

ing you can do about it,

so you just have to man-

In the end, Darden is

encouraging local resi-

dents to be patient with

the efforts to backfill the

numerous holes — num-

bering 116 as of Wednes-

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age to move forward."

facilities.

we're hoping for."

Lewis, R-Odessa, cochaired the public hearing, one of 13 being held all across the Lone Star State.

The committee is responsible for redrawing the boundaries of the congressional, state's legislative, State Board of Education and other political districts when lawmakers go back into session in 2011.

The redistricting effort is expected to generate from three to four additional congressional seats, thanks to growing demographics in the state, which have exploded since 2000. Major areas such as Dallas and Houston, where the

be a slow process. How-

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time."

majority of the growth has been reported, are expected to gain at least one congressional seat Unfortunately, West

Texas isn't expected to be so lucky when the lines are re-established.

Despite considerable growth in both Lubbock and Amarillo during the past decade, many of the surrounding rural counties have steadily lost population during the past halfcentury. Those losses are expected to cost Panhandle/South Plains region at least one seat — and possibly a congressional district - during the redistricting process.

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Richard Delgado, 65, died Sunday. Services will be at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Patterson, 79, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m.. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial

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and 78 holes that need to be back filled," he said. "Once the crews were done with the repairs, they were able to get to about 12 of those to back fill them, but during that time we had 18 more calls. So, even though they were able to make some progress with the back fills, we still ended up another six sites behind on back fills."

Darden said recent claims city crews have been unable to back fill repair sites due to overtime pay being withheld is not true.

"We have our guys in the water department working overtime to repair the leaks and backfill the holes. The idea that the city isn't willing to pay overtime to those employees is the reason there are so many holes needing to be back filled is simply untrue," Darden said. "It's true the city identified a problem with overtime costs during budget session, but we've taken

other measures to try to

taxpayers, such as offering compensatory time and moving some of the employees around into shift work.

"The situation we're facing right now is the lines are just breaking quicker than we can fix them and get the holes back filled. These guys will keep working and they are working really hard — until it's all finished, we just have to try to remain patient."

The increased demand for water during the summer months may also be contributing to the number of water line breaks, according to Darden. "It's sort of the op-

posite of the effects we see on the water system in the winter," he said. "During the winter you have ground movement due to the temperatures, which causes line breaks. In the summer, there's such an increase in demand, there's a lot more water moving through the system, which puts more pressure on the lines.

"I can't say for sure we'll see a dramatic decrease in the number of

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decrease the cost to the line breaks when things each week, and that's Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail only when we're not inundated with calls for at citydesk@bigspringhline breaks," Darden erald.com said. "So it can certainly



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Our View

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- All the youngsters that took part in the Northside Community Center's summer reading program and members of the staff, who threw a party for the program's participants last Friday afternoon.
- All those who've spent the week making this year's U.S. Hang Gliding Championship at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark a success. The competition will continue through Saturday.
- Bill and Joyce Crooker, whose yard in the 2800 block of Parkway was chosen as the winner of the August "Doing Your Part Award," by Keep Big Spring Beautiful.
- · All those involved in Thursday's observance of the five-year anniversary of the Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month program.
- Members of AMVETS, the American Legion, the VFW and Chapter 47 of the Disabled American Veterans, on combining their resources to purchase a new seven-passenger 2010 Ford Explorer XLT that will used for the DAV Transportation Network for the West Texas VA Health Care System.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You are our helping hand, thank You Art Linkletter smile and Erma for being there for us.

Dieting's like eating grass

ome people have the gut of a billy goat, and the Brewer has historically been one of those people. Besides being a highly caffeinated Christian, it is a fact that I tend to over eat.

I am trying hard to loose weight these days, but I am a long way from being able to wear a belt buckle. When I do, it tends to turn over and disappear between my bladder and kidneys. It's sad because I have to wear a belt now that I am older. If I don't wear one, what should be around my waist ends up south

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of my ankles. My six-pack has turned into a keg but its not because I have a beer belly — it's more like a chicken coop. Pray for me.

Really, I am working out every day, and should have some kind of praise report about my weight loss soon, but I need a lot of praver.

When it comes to food, not only do I not care what it is — besides black liquorish or rye bread — I don't really care how it's cooked either. Like "Bubba" from the movie Forest Gump, I'll eat it boiled, fried, baked, sautéed, grilled, en flambé etc., etc. I have eaten locusts in Uganda, monkey in Rwanda and a batter-dipped, deep-friend candy bar in Scotland. I have eaten things completely unrecognizable in India and something that looked back at me from a soup bowl in Costa

I proverbially have to eat crow

often and have been known to insert my foot into my mouth on frequent occasion. Again, pray

About five years back, I was on the Rio Ranchito near the YO Ranch in Kerrville. I had gone on a "radical sabbatical" with a ministry called Fellowship of the Sword. A brother on staff there gave a testimony of how he had adopted five little girls from Russia. His eyes lit up like a blowtorch when he spoke of them.

Quite often, his family likes to go to a little Italian joint near their house — and not for the spaghetti, but for the homemade vinaigrette. Being Russian born children, they love salad and fruit so the local restaurant with the homemade dressing has become some kind of a staple for

While chowing down, one of the girls casually stated her salad tasted like the grass in Russia. He thought it was a funny thing to say and asked her if she had fallen down and tasted grass. Over the next few minutes his daughter began to open up and relate that a big part of being an orphan in Russia was learning to cope with starvation.

In her tiny little voice she recalled that she and the other little girls would sneak out of the orphanage at night to eat grass in the fields. They were so hungry one Christmas that they had actually eaten the green off of the Christmas tree.

All of his daughters had stories of the things they had eaten while they were starving and helpless. This mom and dad sat crying as they patiently listened to each story and shook their heads in recognition. Their

daughters are safe now, but there was a long period in their lives when they had eaten grass just to survive.

During the next few months the Lord did a work in my new friend's life in that he decided, as a dad, his family would never eat grass again — naturally or figuratively. He said, "It made me wonder how many times has my wife needed my encouragement, my love, my affection, but because I was tired or mad I refused to feed her."

I sat listening to him, and it made me afraid that at times I have emotionally and spiritually forced my family to "eat grass."

My wife and kids have never starved for food, but there have been times when I should have fed them as the man I am supposed to be, and didn't do it. One more time, pray for me.

I came home and repented to my kids and said, "I am sorry for the times you should have been fed but were forced to eat grass.' My 13-year-old boy didn't

understand what I was saying at the time, and tried to encourage me by saying, "Dad, it's OK, I eat grass just because I like it.

Yes, he's a little savage, but I'm proud of him. Parents, don't make your fami-

lies eat grass. Give them what they need. "If anyone does not provide for

his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." — 1 Timothy 5:8

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granddaughter in stitches

t's an "old shoe" kind of common for grandparents, their "doting" in overdrive, to be proud of their grandchildren. With the fervor of Super Bowl football combatants, they stretch moments into

hours, plunging into overtime with painful details about their "grands." Or at least until the senior center manager declares that it's time to go.

One granddad spoke about his rough-and-tough quadruplet grandsons as often as he took pills for what ailed him,

and much did. A fellow geezer swears that the braggart rattles off the quads' exploits - minutia and all — at 200 words per minute — with gusts to 250.

"You name the sport, and they excel in it," he wheezes, adding that "any one of them can whip the other three."

We have no quadruplets, triplets or twins, but my wife and I have a half-dozen grandchildren, ages three to nine, who amuse us often and amaze us occasionally. We'll pit them, one and all, against Garrison Keillor's "above average" Lake Wobegon children at whatever time and place seems best. I realize that columnists run

considerable risk when writing about their kin, and that a few of them write of little else. The topic can become repulsive for readers in short order. I write of them rarely, only when their pronouncements are priceless the kind that would have made Bombeck erupt into a full-scale

This is such a time.

We have a 7-year-old granddaughter who may be on the cusp of qualifying for Guinness World Records! The cusp seems only a hair short of reality, comparable to a horseshoe teetering against the stake, ready for the slightest breeze to complete the ringer. Or like Tiger Woods' putts of bygone days when wisps of wind provided impetus for golf balls' final half-rolls into

Now, back to "me and mine." Our Juliana, having brought first grade "to its knees," is ready to take on second grade. On top of that, she is well behaved in Sunday school. Further, she's got a bulletin board festooned with ribbons signifying her considerable grace at the gymnastics place.

Why should we be surprised to learn that this Tyler lass even as summer days dwindle — wants to develop still another talent? "I want to learn to crochet,

Mom," she announced to Jana, our daughter. Trouble is, Jana knows nothing about crocheting. But, Mom offered to provide instruction for the "simple" chain stitch — after she "Googled" to learn how. Resigned to reading, or other-

wise staying quiet in her room while little brother Kedren naps in the afternoon, Juliana was gung-ho about her new hobby. While Mom and Kedren

snoozed, our budding prodigy quietly chain-stitched, her crochet hook fairly flying on the "straight and narrow" task. either.

And she didn't cut any corners, When Jana awakened, she resumed household chores. Eventually, she decided to check on Juliana, who'd been quiet for

most of the afternoon.

Mom was taken aback. Her zealous daughter's chainstitched creation stretched to 21

feet — straight, with no corners. Managing to keep a straight face, she questioned, "Juliana, what have you crocheted?" Juliana replied, "Mom, I've made an afghan for a really long earthworm!'

Now I ask you, isn't it a near certainty that her creation will make it to Guinness for the longest afghan ever crocheted for a really long earthworm?

It is likely to fall my lot to find a really long earthworm. Worst case scenario, I may have to settle for a 10-footer, then persuade Juliana that the afghan can easily be doubled.

Thankfully, I won't need to look for snakes — at least, not

I'm not fond of them, having always sided with the guy who gushed about participation in the annual Sweetwater rattlesnake round-up. Surprise was widespread upon revelation that he had not found a single snake.

"When you're looking for rattlesnakes," he explained, "None is plenty!"

Meanwhile, if Juliana's interest in crocheting heightens, I'd better prepare to find an octopus for her next crochet creation one that will capture Guinness' recognition, too. Hey, a phone call ends all this.

It is probably from an editor proposing a full-blown feature story about our young artisan. No doubt there'll be a request for a photo op, too.

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Amen cackle.

Police blotter

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

- LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ, 25, of 410 W Eighth St., was arrested Thursday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, assault – family violence and a warrant from another agency.
- AARON SCOTT COMBS, 24, of 1514 Vines, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for failure to
- CHRISTOPHER ROBERT CARTER, 38, of 4929 Wasson Rd., was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia, no seat belt and failure to appear.
- SANDRA JO GARRARD, 36, of 305 E. Eighth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxi-• TIMOTHY SHEA WARGO, 30, of 624 State St.,
- was arrested Thursday on warrants for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DENNIS DEAN BOLT, 57, of 417 Edwards, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRUCE ERVIN ESSIX, 44, of Lubbock, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault – family vio-
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- In the 100 block of Cedar Road. In the 100 block of Courtney Place.
- THEFT was reported:
- In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of E. Third Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this • OSCAR HERNANDEZ JR., 29, was transferred

to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • FELIPE SAIZ, 37, was transferred to the county

jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • JACOB STRAIN, 30, was transferred to the

county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (two counts).

• ROXANNA AGUILAR COX, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a warrant for speeding in a school zone. • ALLEN LEE SMITH, 40, was transferred to the

county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • BRIAN MATTHEW JAMES, 29, was transferred

to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ESTMOND D. USSERY, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of • CHRISTOPHER SANDOVAL, 31, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • JEREMY DON RAINEY, 21, was transferred to

the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ, 25, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on warrants for violation of a protective order with two or more previous convictions, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and assault – family violence. CHARLIE JAKE TURNER, 30, was transferred

to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• CHRISTOPHER ROBERT CARTER, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no safety belt, failure to appear, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

• AARON SCOTT COMBS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a promise to appear.

• BRUCE ERVIN ESSIX, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.

• DENNIS DEAN BOLT, 57, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• TIMOTHY SHEA WARGO, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a probation violation and possession of marijuana.

• SAUNDRA JO GARRARD, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.



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News in brief

Authorities catch last prison escapee at Arizona campsite, ending 3-week nationwide manhunt

PHOENIX (AP) — An unattended campfire and a suspicious forest ranger led to the arrest of two of the most wanted fugitives in the U.S., ending a three-week nationwide manhunt that drew hundreds of false sightings, authorities said.

John McCluskey fled July 30 with two other inmates from a private prison in northwest Arizona and evaded authorities in at least six states before being caught Thursday evening just 300 miles east of the prison. Authorities arrested McCluskey, 45, and his al-

leged accomplice Casslyn Welch, 44, at a campsite in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in east-Welch, who is McCluskey's fiancee and cousin,

reached for a weapon but dropped it when she realized she was outgunned by a swarming SWAT team, said David Gonzales, U.S. marshal for Arizona. Officers apprehended McCluskey without inci-

dent after finding him lying in a sleeping bag outside a tent. He told authorities he had a gun in his tent and would have shot them if he had been able to reach for it.

It was a peaceful close to a manhunt that authorities had said was likely to end in a bloody shootout between officers and desperate outlaws who fancied themselves as a modern-day Bonnie and Clyde.

Pakistan's failure to convict suspected terrorists is weak link in fight

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani courts have yet to convict a single person in any of the country's biggest terrorist attacks of the past three years, a symptom of a dysfunctional legal system that's hurting the fight against the Taliban and al-Qaida at a critical time.

Police without basic investigative skills such as the ability to lift fingerprints, and prosecutors who lack training to try terror cases, are some of the main reasons cited. Another daunting challenge: Judges and witnesses often are subject to intimidation that affects the ability to convict.

Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2083. Everyone is invited. Take-outs are welcome.
- 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. The ceremony is being held in honor of the of the Americans who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and the local men and women who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces since that tragic day. There memorial will be held just west of the Sears inside the mall, near the memorial wall For more information on the memorial ceremony, contact Mike Tarpley at (432) 556-2227.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of

Trade. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of

Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of

Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of

Simler. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of FM 846 and FM 26. Service refused.

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The legal system's failure to attack terrorism is critical because it robs Pakistan of a chance to enforce a sense of law and order, which militants have set out to destroy. It has "caused a sense of terror and insecurity

amongst the members of society," said one of the country's top judges, Lahore High Court Chief Justice Khawaja Mohammad Sharif. The legal failures also call into question the government's ability to fight terrorism in any way ex-

cept by using the army in military offensives or human rights groups alleged — through targeted extra-judicial killings. The United States has said repeatedly that its suc-

cess in Afghanistan and throughout the troubled region depends on strong help from Pakistan against

Gulf oil spill and Iraqi combat behind him, Obama takes island vacation break

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass. (AP) — Finally, President Barack Obama can relax on vacation.

The Gulf oil leak is plugged. The last combat troops are out of Iraq. And Congress is on its own summer break. Still, doubts remain about the strength of the U.S.

economy, and Obama tried to tamp them down before his 10-day vacation on Martha's Vineyard. He called on lawmakers to pass a small business aid package when they return next month. "A majority of senators are in favor of the bill

and yet the obstruction continues," he said before departing the White House on Thursday. "It's obstruction that stands in the way of small business owners getting the loans and the tax cuts that they need to prosper. It's obstruction that defies common sense."

With that final jab at Republicans, he traded his suit coat and tie for an open collar, flew up to this island playground and settled into the 30-acre Blue Heron Farm, where the first family stayed last

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By Steve Becker **Bidding Quiz**

to yield a game. About all you need

You're the dealer and open One Diamond. Your partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠ 7 ♥ K93 ♦ AK8652 ♣ KJ4

♦ AK85 ♥ Q82 **♦** AKJ94 **♣** 6 **♦** 10 ♥ Q964 **♦** AK73 **♣** AJ85 **♦** 6 ♥ KĴ743 ♦ AKJ654 **♣** A 1. Two hearts. This hand presents

a conflict between whether to rebid your strong six-card suit or whether to show your heart support. In such cases, the decision depends on how you evaluate your hand. With minimum opening values,

you'd tend to rebid the diamonds; with extra values, such as those you hold here, you should lean toward the direct heart raise. The immediate raise will automatically increase the value of your partner's hand and will encourage him to bid again with a hand where he might pass a twodiamond rebid.

The bidding might then progress in a way that allows you to rebid your diamonds later on, thus warning partner that your heart raise was based on only three-card support.

2. Two spades. Once partner responds with one heart, it's best to take the position that this is a gamegoing hand. A one-spade rebid would

not be forcing and might be passed

by partner with a hand good enough

the K-J-10-x-x of hearts. Also, the jump-shift puts you on the right path to a slam should partner have the appropriate values. 3. Three hearts. Although you have only 14 high-card points, the

from partner to produce 10 tricks is

good heart fit, excellent controls and singleton spade put your side on the verge of game. The best way of letting partner know this is via an invitational jump-raise. Partner may pass with a very weak hand (six or seven points) but will carry on to game with anything more. 4. Four notrump. Point count

takes a back seat in hands of this sort, and instead you should try to estimate how many tricks partner will make opposite your hand. Once your partner bids one heart, all you really care about is how many aces he holds not how many points he has. Your Blackwood bid should settle

that question quickly. If partner responds five clubs, indicating no aces, you will sign off at five hearts. If he bids five diamonds, showing one ace, you'll bid six hearts. And if he bids five hearts, showing two aces, you'll raise to seven. It's true that partner may lose a heart or a diamond if one of those suits breaks badly, but you can't play winning bridge by being a pessimist.

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Church News

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the church.

Our noon Holy Eucharist service is every Wednesday in the chapel.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is set for 8 a.m. Satur-St. Mary's will have acolyte and

lay Eucharistic minister instruction Sunday after the 10 a.m. service.

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

Baptist Temple

During August, we will be answering the question of who God is. In our finite minds, though, we can best begin by answering what God is not. This Sunday morning we will focus on the fact that "God is Not Out to Get You" from Exodus 33:12-23. God is not against us, but instead desires to bless us with His active presence in our lives. Sunday evening's sermon will be "God is a Great Protector" from Joshua 2:1-24.

Our Financial Peace University class starts Aug. 30 and will be on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested may register by contacting the church office or by going on our website. The cost is \$100 for the course. However, you may attend the first session Aug. 30 at no cost and no obligation to you. If you are still interested after the first session, you may pay the course fee and we will order your class materials for you.

Sunday evening, Aug. 29, we will be having a Grill, Game and Music Night. It will be an informal time where we will grill some hamburgers, play some games and then have some music. Come at 5 p.m. and bring some games and we'll start eating at 6 p.m.

Our SPEED weight-loss support group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and our 12-step recovery group also meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

You are always welcome here. Sundays, we have classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have groups for all ages starting at 7

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

First United Methodist

Our mission crew is back from Nicaragua safe and sound following a successful trip. Our thanks to all for your interest, concern and prayers.

Sunday is the day we start to get "Back in the Saddle" for the fall routine. School starts next week: coming to church and Sunday school is a great way to kick off the season. This Sunday, following the 10:50 a.m. service of worship, we will have an all church dinner in Garrett Hall. The church is providing meat, bread and drinks, those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Come casual, wear your jeans and boots or whatever... just come and bring a friend or two.

Sunday evening there will be a snack supper at 5:30, followed by youth activities and the introduction of the Bible study, "90 Days Thru the Bible." If you have pre-enrolled you may pick up your bibles and study guides in the church office. They will also be available for you Sunday night.

The Lord's Acre committee met last week and everything is a "go" for this year's big event. The date is Saturday, Oct. 2. Lunch tickets are already on sale and classes are making plans for their gift baskets. Put your thinking caps on and get to work on your personal projects and remember the Talents and Treasures auction, as well as the silent auction which will begin on Saturday morning. And you

cooks, start looking for those favorite recipes. Gay Herren and Diane Murphy will be heading up the bake sale

"The Big Event" will take place next Saturday at Forrest Park in Lamesa. Area Methodist churches will meet for a fun filled day of great food and fellowship, followed Saturday night by a special youth concert.

Fall is such a busy time we hope you will include worship in your regular routine. If you have been looking for a church home take this as your invitation to visit us. We're located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry. We're First Methodist, growing and loving our relationship with Christ.

First Presbyterian, **Big Spring**

The Lectionary Bible study did not meet Wednesday. The choir has resumed practice at 6 p.m. on Wednes-

Jamie Walker will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning; Christine Boling will be Liturgist for August. Ushers for the month are Mark Morgan, Katie and Jerry Grimes and Ethel Guthrie.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29: and Luke 13:10-17. The choir will present the anthem "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord" by Felix Mendelssohn and "Most Glorious Lord of Life" by William Harris as the offertory anthem. Mike Robinson, an elder from our congregation, will grace our pulpit Sunday, while the Rev. Craig Holstedt is on vacation.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

The weekly Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom and the Rev. Craig Holstedt, which meets in the church library at FPC Big Spring at 5:17 p.m. on Wednesday, will not meet this week or next.

The Frolic last Saturday was enjoyed by those attending. We were pleased to have the talents of some of "The Backsliders" musical group from First Presbyterian, Midland.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; and Luke 13:10-17.

North Birdwell Lane **United Methodist**

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading both

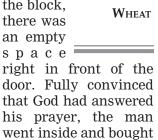
Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. with Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams leading the youth. The adult discussion will be on "Growing in Joy and Peace," taken from Philippians 4:2-14, and will be led by Dewayne Wagner.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. We are still studying the Book of Acts. The United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and are continuing their study on "Do What You Have the Power to Do." The study

Temptation always leans on the doorbell

The story has been told about a dieter who prayed that if God wanted him to have a donut on the way to work, there would be a parking place

in front of his favorbakery. Sure enough, the tenth t i m e around the block, there was an empty space



this way to work. However, a much wiser, anonymous person has observed that "Opportunity knocks only once, but temptation leans on the doorbell."

a dozen donuts to eat on

Although we tend to think of opportunity as a limited commodity, the real problem may be that we don't recognize its knock. We sometimes don't know if we are opening the door for opportunity or temptation, and we are afraid to ask. Not knowing the dif-

ference, we tend to shut opportunity out, and beckon temptation to come inside.

Opportunity knocks politely, but it seldom intrudes. It waits on the doorstep to be welcomed and pursued. Opportunity, often said to be golden, always has our best interest in mind. It edifies rather than devours. It is usually accompanied by encouragement, motivation, vision and hope.

On the other hand, temptation not only leans on the doorbell, it kicks the door down and comes in uninvited. Its goals are deception and destruction.

Its tools are indulgence, greed, over-commitment and self-pity. Temptation knows our weaknesses and masterfully uses them against us. It tricks us into thinking that bad is good and right is wrong. It takes us into its grip and refuses to In his omnipotent wis-

dom, God knew all of us would have trouble resisting temptation at times. He addressed the issue in Scripture: "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide a way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it" (1 Corinthians 10:13 NASB).

When temptation leans on our doorbells, we don't have to invite it to come inside. If it barges in anyway, we can always run out the back door.

God has promised us a way of escape.

Bonnie Wheat is an

author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@sudden-

is on the unnamed women in the four gospels and is being led by Madeline

A fellowship luncheon and administrative board meeting will be held immediately following the worship service Aug. 29.

Angel Food delivery is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Once again, we do thank all of our community volunteers who make this food program possible. The program is open to all who wish to save on their grocery bills.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane and welcomes all who wish to know more about God's love and the service He wishes us to do, as we learn to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

For more information, call 267-2203 or 263-2536. If there is no answer, leave a message.

Signal Mountain **Emmaus Community**

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting is Sept. 9. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2007 Walks; Women's Walk 44, Phyllis Franks; Men's Walk 45; Kevin Freeman; Women's Walk 46, Mindy Whitenburg; and Men's Walk 47, Carl Johnansen. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our website www.signal-emmaus.org

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's Word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week and at 5 p.m. Sunday. There's singing of the old favorites and Bible study of the book of Mark.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message is entitled "A Call To Listen To God," based on scripture from Hebrews 12:18-29.

Encouraging words: "Character is what you are in the dark." — Dwight L. Moody

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed. Remember God loves each of us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

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We would love to have you join us for church Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon text will be from Isaiah 66, Hebrews 12 and Luke 13, titled "Understanding by Faith."

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Jonathan Byrd. Our elders for this week are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke.

The liturgy will be read by Dolline Budke. The readings are Isaiah 66:18-23, Psalm 50:1-15, Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29) and Luke 13: 22-30.

This Sunday, during Sunday School, Pastor Boyce and Pastor Alan and Audrey Abel will be discussing their trip to Germany.

Rally Day has been scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 29. A pot luck and games have been planned for directly after Sunday School.

Wednesday, Sept. 1, we will have a "kick-off" for Mid Week School at 6 p.m. Hot dogs will be served. Classes for Mid Week School will begin the following Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 6

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our pastors on Sunday morning. Prayer is living and life-giving, it is joyful and joy-giving. It is a living soul spending time in communication with God. While in

prayer, God

JERRIE **S**TOCKS

comes to the aid of man in whatever he may need. Faith and fellowship with

God are inseparable, but fellowship and relationship are not one and the same. For instance, a man and a woman may be legally married and therefore would have a relationship even if they never lived together even for one day. They would be related by law as husband and wife, but it does not mean they have fellowship. A relationship, yes, but not necessarily fellowship. By the same token, every person who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior has a relationship with Him, but not everyone has fellowship with Him. Fellowship is something

we must give time to. It is like spending time with our best friend, our family or our grandchildren. We make time for fellowship with those we love, and that should include Jesus Christ. However, according to research, a very large percentage of professing Christians spend almost no time in fellowship with God. Fellowship is something we desire when we have a deep affection for another.

Christ should always come first in our busy lives, but sadly, He is often at the bottom of the list, if He is even on the list at all. I have often wondered how this must

make the heart of God feel. After having sent His only Son to die in our place, for our sins, and yet most take no time to meet with Him in a few minutes of daily prayer. But because of the goodness and grace of God toward His family, He continuously stands in the shadows waiting for even a small recognition from us. He waits patiently for us to invite Him into our lives because He loves to fellowship with those who are willing to give Him a small part of their day. Recently a friend told me

that she did not know how to pray or how to talk to God about her problems. She felt that she needed to use words such as "Thee and Thou" since the King James Version of the Bible uses those words. I explained that her prayers can be as simple as a child speaking and as long as they come from a sincere heart, God will hear and will answer those prayers. We should all understand

that prayer is the key to God's heart on behalf of our needs. Faith in our prayers and in God are major factors in receiving from Him. Prayer should be the first thing we do every morning and the last thing we do every night. Prayer makes us stronger in our faith; it builds us up when troubled times come. It is the only truly effective weapon we have with which to combat the enemy.

In difficult times such as we see today, a strong and faithful prayer life will take you through the worst of the storms. It will calm a troubled heart and heal the broken person who has wandered off the beaten path and is searching. The good news is that God is always there to pick us up. He never condemns, shames or intimidates. He wants us to be madly in love with Him, just as He is with us. Then His heart rejoices through our pravers.

God bless.



Police: Sunday school teacher had sex with girl

ECONOMY, Pa. (AP) — Police have charged a western Pennsylvania Sunday school teacher with twice having sex with a 12-yearold girl before class on church property.

Nineteen-year-old Thomas Law of New Sewickley Township is charged with aggravated indecent assault and other crimes for incidents last August, when he was 18 and still a Sunday school teacher at New Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Economy.

Economy police began investigating after the girl's mother found a note about the alleged relationship with Law.

Muslim employee: Disney banned her head scarf

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A Muslim woman who works as a hostess at a Disneyland restaurant alleged the theme park would not allow her to appear in front of customers while wearing her head scarf.

Imane Boudlal, 26, appeared outside the resort's Grand Californian Hotel after filing a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She said when she wore the hijab to work

Sunday, her supervisors told her to remove it, work where customers couldn't see her, or go home. Boudlal, who wore the scarf in observance

of Ramadan, chose to go home but reported to work for the next two days and was told the same thing. "Miss Boudlal has effectively understood

that they're not interested in accommodating her request either in timing or good faith," said Ameena Qazi, an attorney from the Council on American-Islamic Relations who is consulting with Boudlal.

Disneyland spokeswoman Suzi Brown said Disney has a policy not to discriminate. The resort offered Boudlal a chance to work with the head covering away from customers while Disneyland tries to find a compromise that would allow Boudlal to cover her head in a way that fits with her hostess uniform, Brown said.

"Typically, somebody in an on-stage position like hers wouldn't wear something like that, that's not part of the costume," Brown said."

Florida city denies permit for 9/11 Quran burning

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Officials in a Florida city have denied a burn permit for a church that is seeking to burn copies of the Quran on Sept. 11.

Interim Fire Chief Gene Prince said Wednesday that the open burning of books is not allowed under Gainesville's burning ordinance.

The Dove World Outreach Center drew international attention after announcing a plan to burn copies of the Islamic holy text on church grounds to mark the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Prince says the church will be fined if the burning is held.

In an e-mail sent out Wednesday, the church said, "City of Gainesville denies burn permit – BUT WE WILL STILL BURN KORANS."

The Gainesville church made headlines last year after distributing T-shirts that said, "Islam is of the Devil."

Appeals court rules against Utah memorial crosses SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The 14 crosses

erected along Utah roads to commemorate fallen state Highway Patrol troopers convey a state preference for Christianity and are a violation of the U.S. Constitution, a federal appeals court said Wednesday. The ruling reverses a 2007 decision by a federal district judge that said the crosses com-

municate a secular message about deaths and were not a public endorsement of religion. It's the latest in a recent rash of mixed-bag rulings on the public use of crosses. A three-judge panel from Denver's 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in its 38page ruling that a "reasonable observer" would conclude that the state and the Utah

Highway Patrol were endorsing Christianity with the cross memorials. "This may lead the reasonable observer to fear that Christians are likely to receive preferential treatment from the UHP," the iustices wrote.

The 12-foot high white crosses with 6-foot horizontal crossbars are affixed with the patrol's beehive logo and a biography of the deceased trooper. First erected in 1998, monuments were paid

for with private funds and erected with permission of the troopers' families. Nearly all of the 14 crosses are on public land. Two men behind the cross project have said

they selected crosses for the memorials because the image of a cross can simultaneously convey a message of death, remembrance, honor, gratitude and sacrifice.

In 2006, the Utah Legislature passed a joint resolution declaring the cross a nonreligious secular symbol of death.

But American Atheists, Inc., the Texasbased group that sued to have the crosses removed from state property, argued that the crosses could imply that the trooper who died there was a Christian.

Justices agreed and said that while the cross is a widely recognized symbol of death, it is a specific Christian message.

"Unlike Christmas, which has been widely embraced as a secular holiday ... there is no evidence in this case that the cross has been widely embraced by non-Christians as a secular symbol of death," they said.

The justices remanded the case back to the Utah-based federal district judge and ordered him to issue a judgment in favor of the Texas

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Sunday School classes for all age groups will begin Sept. 12 with exciting Bible-based material.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 19. We will have our dedication of our building and church property at that time. A barbecue luncheon will follow church and Sunday school. Dedication of the church property is scheduled for 3 p.m. with a reception follow-

The Board of Evangelism has begun preparations for our Thanksgiving celebration. They need cooks and grocery getters. If you are interested, contact Richard Knocke.

The pastoral call committee is still meeting. Progress has been made and we are beginning the final stages of searching for a pastor. We might have a list of prospective pastors by the end of the year. If you know of anyone that should be considered, contact Bo Vozcaino.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact any





member of the Board of Education.

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

Scheduled meetings for September include: The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the church. Monday, Sept. 13, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the church. The Elders meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the

Templo Belen Assemblies of God

We invite you to join us this Sunday, to gather with us as we worship God and learn what God's word says. We are a church that believes in you. No matter where you have come from, what ethnic background you are from, or what language you speak, we have a place for you. Pastor Maria S. Rios and the church fellowship welcome you with open and loving arms.

Our Sunday school classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Our celebration service is a bi-lingual service and follows after our Sunday school classes at 11 a.m. We sing, pray and preach in both English and Spanish. Our evening celebration service begins at 5 and is bi-lingual as well

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Girl's Ministries. Both of these children's clubs meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the church. Our youth have an evening for a time of praise and worship and a teaching from God's word. The youth meet on Tuesday nights at 7 at the church. Our Drama Ministry meets on Monday nights from 6 to 8 at the church. On Wednesday evening, while the kids are in their clubs, there is a time for intercessory

prayer at 7 in the sanctuary. We are also a church that believes in furthering vour education. If you have a desire to pursue an education in a Bible college, we have two opportunities for you — Vision International University and the School of Tyrannus International Discipleship Program.

Vision International University is an opportunity to better understand God's word, to learn the history of the church and to prepare yourself for what God has purposed for you.

School of Tyrannus is a two-year discipleship class. This course is designed to prepare the people of God for their intended purpose as you deal with your past and step into your future. Both of these schools meet once a month on a Saturday and Dr. Duane Bemis is the dean of students and campus director. The 2010-2011 fall semester will begin Saturday, Aug. 28.

This Sunday, our missions team will be selling a meal plate to help support our missionaries. We will be having a "Back to School" rally during our evening service.

We will be having a baptism service on Sunday, Aug. 29.

We are located at 2205 Goliad. We also provide transportation. If you have any questions, need a ride to our church services or need prayer, call 267-2111.



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Big Spring's DaVonte Anderson makes a tackle in the Steers' scrimmage against Andrews. Big Spring faces Lubbock Estacado at Lowery Field in Lubbock in its final scrimmage before the season starts.

Steers face speed in final scrimmage

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

It's a week before the Big Spring Steers' opener at Fort Stockton and head coach Phillip Ritchey sees an opportunity to test his players one more time before the season starts.

That test comes in the form of a speedy Lubbock Estacado team, the Steers' opponent in the final scrimmage before the 2010 season.

The Steers will play at Lowery Field in Lubbock and varsity is expected to be on the around 6 p.m.

Because of that speed, Ritchev said Estacado will be a different opponent compared to Andrews, the Steers' first speed. scrimmage.

"They're going to be one of the not the only objective fastest teams we see all for the Steers. year," he said. "That's something we need to see. They're going to show us a lot of things that Andrews didn't show us. They're going to expose some things that we need to be exposed to now and not later. It'll be a tough scrimmage for us. I hope we can match up with those guys pretty good."

scrimmage will pit Big Spring's strength and size against Estacado's

But seeing how that probably matchup plays out is

> Ritchey said he plans on giving the punt, return and kickoff teams a few reps before the focus on special teams goes up a notch next week in practice.

> What might be the most interesting in this phase of the game for the Steers is who ends

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Clemens vows to fight charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal grand jury's indictment of pitching great Roger Clemens for allegedly lying to Congress about his use of steroids deals a further blow to baseball, reinforcing the game's image as a sport where the use of performance enhancing drugs was widespread. The six-count indict-

ment alleges that one of the most dominant pitchers of his era obstructed a congressional inquiry with 15 different statements made under oath, including denials that he had ever used steroids or human growth hormone. As he did when he testified to a House committee in 2008, the seven-time Cy Young winner denied using the substances again Thursday and said he will fight to clear

lie to Congress," Clemens said on Twitter. "I look forward to challenging the Governments accusations, and hope people will keep an open mind until trial. I appreciate all the support I have been getting. I am happy to finally have my day in court."

Clemens is just the latest superstar to be ensnared in baseball's steroid scandal.

All-time home run king Barry Bonds is scheduled to go on trial in March on charges of lying to a federal grand jury when he said he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs. Slugger Mark McGwire admitted earlier this year to using

Clemens, who turned 48 this month, ranks ninth on the career list

"I never took HGH or with 354 victories and Steroids. And I did not was an 11-time All-Star. During a 23-year career that ended in 2007, he played for the Boston Red Sox, the Toronto Blue Jays, the Yankees and the Houston Astros and struck out 4,672 with a lifetime 3.12 ERA.

The rampant use of performance-enhancing drugs in the 1990s and early 2000s has been one of baseball's worst scandals. The indictments against Clemens raise new questions about whether the superstar will ever be enshrined in the sport's Hall of Fame — and might instead spend time in prison.

Clemens also used his lawyer Thursday to insist that he was telling

"Roger is looking forward to his day in court," the athlete's lawyer, Rusty Hardin, told a news conference.

Lady Steers at Granbury tourney

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Coming off a tough loss at Frenship, the Big Spring Lady Steers are hoping to see some good fortune in the Granbury tournament before their home opener.

The Big Spring volleyball team faced Abilene Cooper this morning at 10:30 a.m., but Bowie and Haltom are on tap for the Lady Steers. They should wrap up tournament play Saturday.

The Frenship loss Tuesday might have been the lowest point so far in the season for the Lady Steers. Osborne said her players were sluggish in that match and hoped they take the loss as a lesson. Big Spring dropped the match 25-20, 25-17, 25-13, with Morgan Slaughter getting the most kills on the team that night with

But things have been positive for the Lady Steers this week. Osborne said she believes her players have the right mindset heading into this tournament.

"When you come to Granbury, you always expect good competition," she said. "I've been here several times with other teams and you always get good competition. So we're expecting some real fast offense. We're just expecting some good volleyball."

ready faced Abilene Cooper to open the season, getting the win in five games. Previous to the start of Big Spring's match against Cooper today, Osborne said it's not wise to change strategy against a team her team has already beaten — it's better to improve on what her player did right.

"I wouldn't say we've really changed anything," she said. "We just try to do what we did a little better. We struggled with passing when we played them. We had quite a few mistakes. We just want to clean that up."

All in all, the Lady Steers might be a little happier after this weekend with the home opener against San Angelo Central and Lamesa set for Aug. 24.

The Lady Steers haven't been at home The Lady Steers al- since their scrimmage on Aug. 6 and they've been on the road since

> "We're excited about that, too," Osborne said of the home opener. "Have a few fans, back in school, it'll be a fun one."

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237.

Sports in brief

Soccer sign-ups

Sign-up are still open for the rest of the week until

Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The last day to sign up is from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Aug. 21. All sign-ups are at the Big Spring Mall. There will be no late registration for soccer sign-

This league is for 3-to 13-year-olds and cost is \$65. Call Issac Miramontes at 935-9056 for more information.

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-

Ragball tournament

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There will be a Ragball tournament Aug. 28 and 29 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Cost is \$10 per person, with a six-game guarantee.

All proceeds will go toward medical costs for Debbie Hicks, who is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant. Register at the complex between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Aug. 28 and games start at 10 a.m. that day.

For more information, call Rodney Jones at 213-3750 or James Statham at 213-7669.

Junior High volleyball tryouts

There will be volleyball tryouts for the Big Spring Junior High School team after school from 3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 23.

Contact coach Andy Couch at 682-225-2415 for more information.

CYFA Football sign-ups

Remaining sign-ups for this league will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The last day to sign up is Aug. 29.

Flag football league

The West Texas NFL Flag Football League is holding sign-ups from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Aug. 21 and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m Aug. 28.

The location for Aug. 21 is Little Learners Christian Daycare at 105 Spring Creek Road in Sand Springs and on Aug. 28 at the Coahoma Community Center. Ages are from 9 to 11 and this is a coed league. Cost per player is \$40 and discounts are given for multiple children families. This covers an NFL jersey, flags and there is no fundraiser.

Call Adam at 213-7186 or Leslie at 213-7157 for more information.

Railroaders Golf Tournament

This tournament takes place Aug. 28 at the Comache Trail Golf Course. Prizes go to the first-place team, longest drive for man and woman and closest to the pin for man and woman. Each player has a \$10 fee to play that will go to the BLET Auxiliary. The organization is also accepting donations. Call Sandy Shifflett at 816-1606 for more information.

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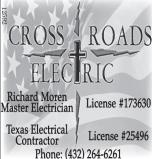
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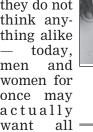
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the main one beyond the physical being that they do not think anything alike today, men and



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the same things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The menu of life is filled with feelings. You usually prefer to order up strong emotions that make you feel confident and powerful. Yet today you may dally in lighter fare like whimsy and wonder and be fulfilled in the process.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). See if you can turn the highpitched longing down in the stereo of your mind. Fiddle with the EQ. Definitely bring the volalready have it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There has been a blip in the harmony. You'll be able to make light of the disagreement. Your big, generous spirit will allow you to skip past the discord and get on with the business of getting along.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Good news: Your happiness does not have to come at the expense of anyone else's. If you are hearing otherwise, it's a sign that it's time to pick up your business and take it elsewhere.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). New information might throw you momentarily. You may even fall out of the game for a few minutes or hours, or for the whole afternoon. But you'll be back mostly because you love this game!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What is commonly agreed upon will be accepted as truth and the basis for all group activity. You may feel it's your job to rock this foundation. And this you may do just for the

Tomorrow's Horoscope fun of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be wheeling and dealing. Don't take the first package you're offered. Think about a number that makes you smile, and see whether you can get it — or at least get closer to it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Doing the same thing for and expecting the same thing from your love time and again is the antithesis of romance. It will be up to you to add the variety, the surprises, the zest, the spice... **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). You'll deepen your own knowledge by teaching others. Remember that each person has a different way of learning. Be patient and try to accommodate those whose style is varied from your CAPRICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). Any good speaker who has ever delivered a eulogy knows the No. 1 rule: Do not speak ill of the dead. It's bad taste and bad luck. The rule applies today in some way, perhaps regarding a histor-

AQUARIUS 20-Feb. 18). It's so easy for you to be cheerful since you're usually in a happy mood. You'll be in a position to welcome others. You'll set a positive tone for the events that will unfold over the next few days.

PISCES 19-March 20). The day is filled with words and sounds of deals coming together, the hashing through of agreement and disagreement, the lively ping-pong of conversation. Tonight calls for a long pause to reflect on the value of silence. TODAY'S BIRTH-

DAY (August Through hard work and friendly connections, you will meet a financial goal. In both personal and professional matters, you take pleasure in delivering beyond what is expected of you. You will be extraordinarily versatile, moving with ease in all kinds of social circles. You'll gain power and confidence in 2011. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 2, 51, 25 and 16.

LOVE WEEKEND FORECAST: ARIES: tial.

You radiate uncondi-Tension energizes a relationship. PISCES: tional love, which You listen carefully to requires that you be forwhat your love has to giving and nonjudgmental. TAURUS: Someone say, and he or she values your confidence. has stolen your heart, and it pleases you great-COUPLE OF THE ly just to look at this person. GEMINI: You will be confident in your abilities, but a loved one is even more so, talking you up behind your back. CANCER: What matters to you will matter to those who love

WEEKEND: Leo and Libra will be the life of the party this weekend. Leo makes sure they get into the best social situations and net plenty of attention. Libra keeps Leo decorous and sets an overall classy tone for their activities. Together they make such a stellar impression that they will be offered more perks, invites and perhaps even a job. Everyone around will want to associate with them.

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Dear Margo Howard

Sometimes It Pays To Conform

Dear Margo: I am a young (early 20s) Muslim woman. For more than 10 years, I chose to wear a scarf on my head, but my problem is that I don't want to wear it

anymore. I started wearing it on my own because I believed in it, but I've been reconsidering for several

years now after much thought and study.

I wish I could just take it off, but there are prob-

One, my family is very religious and would freak out if I did. (I tried to bring up the subject once, and they were horrified.)

I am a college grad currently looking for a job but haven't found one yet, so I'm stuck at home and, therefore, financially dependent on them.

Two, should I take it off, the small, tight-knit Muslim community in which I live would talk endlessly about it, which would "ruin" my family's reputation.

At the moment, they are held in high regard, particularly my dad, who is seen as a religious leader. I don't want to shame

my family or alienate myself from them, which is what would happen if I took it off.

We are close. Just to make it clear, my family members are not religious extremists in any sense, just devoted to their religion and terrified that I am drifting away from it. What to do? — To Wear or Not To Wear

Dear To: As you know, this issue is a hot-button subject both here and

Some people feel that Muslims in the U.S. should dress as we do. Others feel one's religion is something you carry with you, wherever you are.

In your particular case, because you are living at home and the issue has great import for your family (as well as your community), I would continue wearing the scarf.

Should you, however, in the future find yourself living apart from them, in a different community, that, I think, would be the time to do as you like. — Margo, situationally

> A Tough Spot To Be In

Dear Margo: I have known "Ryan" for about seven years and have Actually, no one is. I been in love with him for a year. He was a senior dur-

you. If it doesn't seem

that way, examine why

this is so. LEO: You will

strictly adhere to your

own moral code in all

matters of the heart.

VIRGO: The influence

of a special person will

help you balance your

needs and the needs of

those around you.

LIBRA: A challenging

relationship will help to

build your self-disci-

pline and character.

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though you must never

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SAGITTARIUS: You are

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CAPRICORN: Be care-

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ship

ing my freshman year of high school, and we've always kept in We talk every day

throughout the day, from morning until one of us falls asleep at night. We have been there

for each other (not in

the same town) through relationships, and we both want the same things in life. I finally told him I like

him, but he said our situation is a recipe for disaster. We are about two

hours away from each other, and he is about to graduate from college, while I am slowly paying my way through.

This is the most wonderful man I've ever known and the only one to meet the "qualities" list I made after my last relationship.

My question is: Could our relationship make it, or is he right that it would only end with broken hearts?

I love this man, and I will remain his friend, but my heart longs for so much more, and so does he. — Longing for His Heart in Texas

Dear Long: Alas, I am not in a position to predict success in a possirelationship.

suspect you are alone on this romantic track. When you say "so does

he" in regard to longing for more, I would beg to differ. If he were interested

in going in that direction, he would. I suspect he has great platonic affection for you but does not feel the romantic piece.

Time may change his mind, I don't know. If it's too difficult for you to have the daily checkins, perhaps take a break from them.

And do bear in mind an old saying that makes a lot of sense: It is easier to ride a horse in the direction in which it is going. — Margo, empathetically

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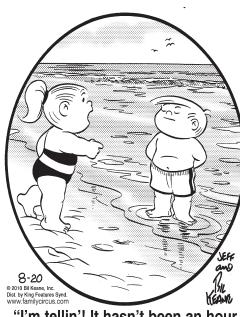
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In 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 20, the 232nd day of 2010. There are 133 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights History:

On Aug. 20, 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid tribute to the Royal Air Force before the House of Commons, saying, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." Exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky was assassinated in Coyoacan, Mexico by Ramon Mercader, a Spanish Communist agent working at the behest of Josef Stalin. (Trotsky died the next day.)

On this date: In 1833, Benjamin Harrison,

23rd president of the United States, was born in North Bend,

In 1910, a series of forest fires swept through parts of Idaho, Montana and Washington, killing at least 85 people and burning some 3 million acres in what became known as the "Big Blowup."

In 1914, German forces occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War I. In 1920, pioneering American

(later WWJ) began daily broadcasting. In 1955, hundreds of people were killed in anti-French riot-

radio station 8MK in Detroit

In 1960, the Mali Federation broke up with the withdrawal of Senegal, which declared autonomy. In 1964, President Lyndon B.

Johnson signed the Economic

Opportunity Act, a nearly \$1

ing in Morocco and Algeria.

billion anti-poverty measure. In 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring"

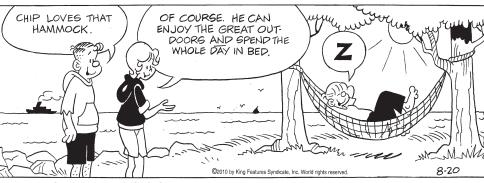
liberalization drive. In 1977, the U.S. launched Voyager 2, an unmanned spacecraft carrying a 12-inch copper phonograph record containing greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music and sounds of nature.

Today's Birthdays: Writerproducer-director Walter Bernstein is 91. U.S. special envoy George Mitchell is 77. U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) is 75. Baseball All-Star Graig Nettles is 66. Broadcast journalist Connie Chung is 64. Musician Jimmy Pankow (Chicago) is 63. Actor John Noble is 62. Rock singer Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin) is 62. Country singer Rudy Gatlin is 58. Singer-songwriter John Hiatt is 58. Actor-director Peter Horton is 57. TV weatherman Al Roker is 56. Actor Jay Acovone is 55. Actress Joan Allen is 54. TV personality Asha Blake is 49. Actor James Marsters is 48. Rapper KRS-One is 45.

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Forsan quarterback Foster Burchett prepares to throw a ball in practice. The Buffs will be busy today with their final scrimmage before the season starts, facing Reagan County at home.

O's beat Rangers

BALTIMORE (AP) — Brian Matusz did his homework before facing the Texas Rangers, a team he struggled against throughout his brief major league ca-

The study session produced the desired results.

Matusz allowed five hits over eight innings, and the Baltimore Orioles used a four-run seventh to defeat Colby Lewis and the skidding Rangers 4-0 on Thursday night.

Matusz (5-12) came in with a 10.95 ERA against Texas in three career starts, including two this season in which he yielded a combined 11 runs over 5 1-3 innings.

This time, the rookie walked one, struck out six and allowed only two runners to get past first base. No one got as far as third against the left-hander, although Andres Blanco made a run for it before getting tagged out in a heated

"It definitely felt good out there today, especially coming off two bad outings against Texas this year," Matusz said. "It's a lineup that's really hurt me in the past.'

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He got ready for his start by discussing each batter with pitching coach Rick Kranitz and catcher Matt Wieters.

"I really wanted to make sure I was prepared and had a game plan," Matusz said.

Lee leads Astros past Mets for series win

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's last nine wins have been come-frombehind victories.

The Astros have rallied so often lately that they have come to expect a late comeback.

Carlos Lee hit a threerun homer in the seventh inning and the Astros did it again on Thursday night, beating the New York Mets 3-2. "We've been fighting

back a lot lately and winning a lot of games coming from behind," Lee said. "Now we feel like it's never over until it's over. So it seems like we get a hit here and there ... and then a big hit."

Hunter Pence singled with no outs before Lee drove Pat Misch's next pitch to the Crawford Boxes in left field.

Angel Sanchez and

"Thev found right spots and then we kind of decided to go in with Lee," Misch said. "He guessed right and crushed it. I could have gotten it in a little bit farther, but he also opened up, and guessed right. He got it, and that is what he gets paid to

Misch (0-2) was rolling before the trouble in the seventh, retiring 16 straight hitters after Pence's two-out double in the first.

"We were 1 for 19 or something like that against this guy until the seventh inning and to see the guys put some good at bats together and get some hits was good," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "Being able to finally get some guys on and get something going was big. Of course when you get a big hit like that, that's huge." Bud Norris

(6-7)pitched seven solid innings for Houston, yielding two runs and two hits. Wilton Lopez worked

the eighth before Brandon Lyon tossed a perfect ninth for his fifth save, completing three-hitter.

New York scored both of its runs in the fourth. Angel Pagan walked,

stole second and advanced on a groundout before coming home on Jeff Francoeur's bouncer to shortstop. Chris Carter added a run-scoring infield hit.

Mets manager Jerry Manuel is disappointed with the his team's recent hitting slump.

"We have to do more offensively." Manuel said. "We have to find a way to get it done."

STEERS

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up returning kicks and

Ritchey said the coaching staff has an array of options. There's Mike Menefield, DaVonte Anderson and, if healthy, Terrell Demerson, who might be one of the fastest players on the team.

Safety and receiver Dennis Merworth is not out of the question, either.

"We're looking at our punt team and we're working extra points right now," Ritchey said. "We going to actually do some punting in the scrimmage and we're going to kick some extra points in the scrimmage. Not live, but just to get them on the field and let them run the lanes, stuff like that. We'll hit the kickoff

teams and returns really hard all week next week." One thing the coaching staff

knew it had to work on after the Andrews scrimmage was the passing attack. The Steers had trouble

completing passes and mak-

ing catches in the Andrews scrimmage. Ritchey said that aspect of the team, and the Steers as a

whole, is improving. "Our effort's good," he said.

"We're still making some mistakes, but everybody is this time of the year. We're just working hard to try to correct them and limit them. Passing-game wise, we worked really hard (Tuesday) on some passing. It was a good practice. I think we saw a little bit of that (Wednesday). We got some guys catching the ball

that were hard." As far as starters are concerned, Ritchey said most are in place as the season opener approaches. Demerson not being able to practice has opened up some opportunities for other to get reps at cornerback. Demerson was hurt in the Steers' first intersquad scrimmage, but still runs with the team after prac-

For the most part, Ritchey said the depth chart will not be too much of concern in this scrimmage.

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commish calls latest departures 'selfish'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Fresno State and Nevada should not expect any parting gifts from the other members of the Western Athletic Conference when the Bulldogs and Wolf Pack west.

WAC commissioner Karl Benson said on Thursday the departing schools will have to pay \$5 million to his league and wait until 2012 to move after accepting the MWC's invitation and dismantling an agreement the WAC was on the verge of completing with BYU.

The Cougars were in leave for the Mountain line to rejoin the WAC in all sports other than football, in which BYU would have become an independent.

> Benson called Fresno State and Nevada's deci-

sion "selfish."

"In a 12-hour period, the WAC went from having a secure and prosperous future to once again not knowing what the future will hold," Benson said in a conference call.

The WAC had already lost Boise State to the MWC earlier this summer, then on Wednesday both Fresno State and Nevada received and

accepted invitations to join the Mountain West — less than a week after WAC members formed a buyout pact intended to keep what was left of the league intact.

Although Nevada did not actually sign the buyout agreement and loyalty pledge, Benson said WAC lawyers believe the Wolf Pack are still subject to the terms

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Weekly Report

Individual play was the format for ladies play Aug. 16. Patsy Sharpnack won low gross and Linda Dewaters won low net.

In team play Aug. 9,

Debra Lusk, Ramona Harris and Mary Gilbreath won first place with a 4-under par.

Shooting a 3-under par for second place was the team of Linda Dewaters, Connie Fowler, Annie Ward and Dee Jenkins.

There were 14 players who competed in couples play Thursday. Placing first with a 4-under par were Donnie and Shirof the deal. ley Long, and John and Gus Leonardi. Second place went to Bill and Bobbie Holden, and Joe and Patsy Sharpnack

with a 3-under par. Joe Sharpnack shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 3 and No. 6.

There were 18 players who showed up for couples play Aug. 13, but were rained out.

Harvin has migraine attack at practice

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) - Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Percy Harvin was taken to a hospital by ambulance after collapsing at Thursday's practice, and coach Brad Childress said Harvin suffered another migraine headache attack.

Harvin, who has dealt

with migraines most of his life, has been unable to practice for most of training camp because of the headaches and their debilitating symp-

Harvin returned to the field on Monday after missing more than two weeks, but at the beginning of Thursday's workout he experienced another episode that was scary enough for the Vikings to halt practice while their teammate received medical attention.

"To see a guy go down, it's never a good thing," defensive end Ray Edwards said of the incident.

