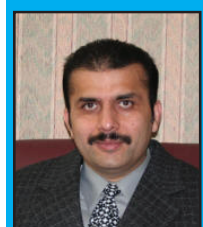




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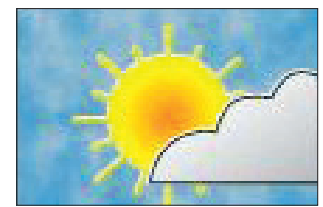


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Motorists respecting the 'zone'

Only a handful of tickets have been issued the first week of school, officials say

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Police Department say the number of traffic citations involving school zones is down slightly compared to the same time period last year, but warn area motorists to be vigilant when driving near school facilities.

Lt. Bob Fitzgibbons of the BSPD said Thursday local officers have written eight or nine citations for speeding in school zones since classes began Monday, and only one for using a cell phone in a school zone.

"You're not going to find much tolerance from the police officer who pulls you over, and you're not going to get any leeway here in municipal court, either."

—Municipal Judge Tim Green

"Speeding is by far the most common citation we

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A motorist traveling through a school zone near Goliad Intermediate School slows to 20 mph this morning. A state law enacted last year makes it illegal to use cell phones in school zones.

HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Housing dilemma

Local authority taking no more applications

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

An excessively large number of applications has forced the Big Spring Housing Authority to close its waiting list for the remainder of the year.

The authority said in a resolution that "many clients with no local preferences find themselves stagnant on the wait lists as it continues to build. Currently BSHA has over 500 on the waiting list."

The list is for low-income families seeking rental assistance through HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development).

"We have more (on the list) than we have ever had," Paul Pryor, housing authority executive director, said Thursday. "We have some families who have been on the list for more than two years."

Families who have a local preference are moved to the front of the list. A "preference" refers to a need the family might have such as being elderly, disabled or the victim of domestic violence.

Pryor said HUD currently provides 366 vouchers for the Big Spring Housing Authority. Of those, 359 are currently being used. Families are actively seeking housing to fill the other vouchers.

Pryor said Big Spring Housing Authority is unable to meet the needs of the families seeking help for a couple of reasons.

"There is not adequate housing in Big Spring for our clients. The other reason we are experiencing such a need, I think, is the economy," he said.

Local homeowners can help by signing up to participate in the program and rent to low-income families. The homeowners are reimbursed. However, many landlords aren't interested, for a variety of reasons, said Pryor.

One reason may be that housing units have to meet certain criteria.

"The units have to pass housing quality standards. Once a year that unit is inspected and it has to pass or it cannot be used by our clients," said Pryor.

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Partners in education

Consortium provides career training for area high school kids

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A unique partnership between Howard College and the area's public school districts is expanding career training opportunities for area high school students.

Under the Career Technical Education Consortium, students at Big



Brown

Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton high schools can take vocational courses at Howard College and receive both college and high school credit.

"Dual-credit" academic courses have long been available at Howard College, but this marks the first year

the idea has been expanded to include workforce-training courses such as welding and industrial trades.

"We want all our students to be prepared for life after high school," said Randy Brown, Coahoma Independent School District superintendent. "For some students, that means taking the

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Gliders extend a hand to youth in Big Spring

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Hang-gliding pilots in town for the recent national championships extended a financial helping hand to two local organizations.

Pilots attending this year's U.S. National Hang Gliding Championship at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark donated \$1,000 to be shared by the Howard County Child Welfare Board and the Howard Cottage Child Development Center at Howard College.



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pre-school education for children of college students, staff and community while serving as a lab school environment for students of college instructional programs, such as Child and Family De-

velopment Studies.

The Cloudbase Foundation is a non-profit organization of hang glider and paraglider pilots with the motto "Helping Children Wherever We Fly." Working with Rebecca Maughon, director of Howard Cottage, members of the foundation developed and approved proposals to support the two Big Spring programs.

"Over the years the people of Big Spring have been

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Obituaries

Lana Sue Williams

Lana Sue Williams, 68, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at her residence surrounded by her family and friends. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, at Willow Cemetery in Haskell.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Lana was born March 7, 1942, in Odessa and married her adoring husband, Clifton "Al" Williams, on Aug. 21, 1981, in Odessa.

She was an entrepreneur and successful business woman. She had been in the retail clothing and health spa business and had even taught aerobics using a record player while in Andrews. She was an outgoing and caring woman who never met a stranger. Her daughters and grandchildren say she was a great mother and wife, and would do anything for her family.

Survivors include her husband, Clifton "Al" Williams of Big Spring; four daughters, Sherrie Jones Yoes of Fort Worth, Amy Williams Gonzalez of San Antonio, Christine Pritchard of Burleson, and Cindy Carruth of Andrews; three grandchildren, April, Annie and Malachi; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Gomer "G.E." Stover Jr.; and two sisters, Donna Wheeler and Barbara Harville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gomer and Elsie (Porter) Stover.

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

Patricia Cordrey

Patricia Cordrey, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born July 8, 1932, in Chicago, Ill., and was a bookkeeper.

Survivors include two sisters, Gloria Chapman and husband Frank of Big Spring, and Darlene McKenty of Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one nephew; and one niece.

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

Kathrine Weidel

Kathrine Weidel, 95, of Carrollton, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, in a Carrollton nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Dean Lasater

Dean Lasater, 79, of Big Spring went home to Jesus on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center following a fall and hip surgery. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Christ Community Fellowship with Pastor Nick Portocarrero officiating. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Lamesa Memorial Park.

Dean was born May 10, 1931, in Ackerly to Marion and Sadie Lasater. He spent his young years in the cotton fields of Texas. He and his family then moved to New Mexico and homesteaded land. He left home at the young age of 17 and began breaking horses on a ranch in Texas. June 5, 1971, he married Donna Barnett. They settled in Big Spring 25 years ago. He continued to work on ranches in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; sons, Jim Lasater, Larry Lasater, Kenneth Wakefield, and Lyndol Lasater and wife Rochelle; daughters, Lynell Daniels and husband Bart, and Deanna Wakefield; stepdaughters, Debbie Benson and husband Larry, Diane Thompson and partner Marissa; grandchildren, Amanda Lasater, Andy Lasater and wife Shawna, Cicely Moore and husband Sid, Vanessa Burkholder and husband Ben, Cassie Hennis, Jill Benson and Audrey Benson; brother, Charles Lasater and wife Phyllis; sisters, Glenda Kruhm and Margie Faulkner, and Jody Hartman; and a number of nieces and nephews and their families.

He will be remembered as a strong man of faith, living his testimony daily and leading his family with Godly wisdom, patience and a good sense of humor. He was a faithful and loving husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend. He lived a long and full life and died peacefully with his family at his side. He will be terribly missed, but we all know he is in a better place with his Lord and Savior.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, two brothers, one sister and one daughter.

Pallbearers will be Mike Dawson, David Melcher, Gary Faulkner, James Dunlap, Brian Giles, John Giles and Clay Post.

Honorary pallbearers will be Raymond Roberts, David Roberts and Ron Dunlap.

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

Paid obituary

Troy C. Bradshaw

Troy C. Bradshaw, 93, of Stanton died Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, in a Stanton nursing home. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

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

- JOE MORRIS HAYES, 54, of 207 Washington Blvd., was arrested Thursday on two warrants from another agency.
- TANNER TALLY, 23, of Whitt Parker, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for failure to appear.
- GEORGE WARREN HARWOOD, 51, of 1503 S. Owens, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY, 47, of 700 E. 15th St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- DICKEY WAYNE MILTON, 43, of 2507 Kelly Circle, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1800 block of Winston. In the 1300 block of S. Runnels. In the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the area west of Spanish Inn.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel.

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 report.

- MICHAEL TODD CHRISTIAN, 21, was arrested Thursday by DPS on warrants for operating on an out-of-state license for more than 90 days, failure to yield the right-of-way, failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and displaying an expired registration.
- DAVID W. O'BRIEN, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- JOE MORRIS HAYS, 54, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on motions to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance (two counts).
- TANNER DALE TALLY, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear – driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- DICKEY WAYNE MILTON, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open container – third or more offense.
- GEORGE W. HARWOOD JR., 51, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a Bexar County warrant for motion to revoke probation – injury to a child/elderly/disabled, reckless bodily injury and contempt of court.
- JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY, 47, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Winston. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- GAS LEAK was reported in the 900 block of Goliad.

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ZONES

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write when it comes to school zones," Fitzgibbons said. "We see the majority of those on Baylor, near Moss Elementary. We also see a lot of them on Eighth Street, near Big Spring Junior High School, and near Washington and Goliad Intermediate.

"Some of the other campuses in the city aren't much of a problem, mainly because traffic becomes so congested when the school zones are being enforced the drivers really can't speed."

Fitzgibbons said if it seems like there are more patrol cars than normal in those areas, it's not a coincidence.

"At the beginning of the school year we try our best to have officers placed in and around the school zones to watch out for these violations," he said. "However, they are trying to do this while answering the other calls that come in, so the amount of time they can spend watching the school zones is rather limited.

"We're working on a STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) grant that would allow us to bring in off-duty officers specifically to watch the school zones. Once we get that, drivers will see more police officers in those areas."

With just one citation issued for using a cell phone in a school zone so far, Fitzgibbons said it's a welcome surprise.

"There are signs posted in each school zone to remind drivers it's illegal to use

them there, and I think that has had a big effect on the issue," he said. "It's still legal to use your cell phone if you have a hands-free system, but drivers who are chatting with their phone to their ear or texting while they drive through a school zone are going to get a citation if they get pulled over."

Municipal Judge Tim Green said motorists who receive a citation for speeding or using a cell phone in a school zone should brace themselves, because the fine is going to hit them where it hurts: their wallets.

"Either citation carries a fine up to \$200," Green said. "You're not going to find much tolerance from the police officer who pulls you over, and you're not going to get any leeway here in municipal court, either. People should know by now."

Green said the use of cell phones in a school zone presents a very real hazard for everyone in a school zone, from the students trying to get home or get to school, as well as the parents and teachers.

"Using your cell in a school zone is the equivalent to being impaired as a driver," he said. "I understand it's one of those things you don't think of, but you really should put it down when you're in a school zone. It will take people a little while to get used to it, but that doesn't negate the fact this is a statewide law and must be followed."

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State briefs

Police: Woman says 'signs from God' led to killing

CARROLLTON (AP) — A Dallas woman said she fatally shot her co-worker because she received "signs from God" and was so cooperative with investigators that she even told them which hand to test for gunpowder residue, police said Thursday.

Theresa Gail Robbins, 48, remained in the Dallas County Jail on Thursday on a murder charge. Bond was set at \$500,000.

Police in suburban Carrollton said Robbins was taken into custody Wednesday after killing co-worker Greg Brasch of McKinney at the pest control business where they worked. After shooting him, Robbins sat down in another co-worker's office and waited for police, officials said.

"She was sitting with other employees, who identified her as having shot the male," Lt. Matthew Kosec told Dallas TV station KDFW.

Police said there was "no indication there was a problem between them. We believe she simply walked into his office

where he was seated at his desk" and shot him in the chest, Kosec said.

Robbins told police Brasch was her closest friend and that she killed him because God wanted her to "distribute the world order information," according to an arrest affidavit.

Ex-Camp Fire USA official pleads guilty to fraud

MIDLAND (AP) — A former executive director of the West Texas Council of Campfire USA has pleaded guilty to bank fraud and identity theft in a scheme to steal nearly \$400,000 from the youth development organization.

The U.S. Attorney's office says 54-year-old Michael Woodson Burney pleaded guilty Thursday in Midland to one count of bank fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft.

Burney faces a mandatory two-year prison sentence and restitution on the identity theft conviction and up to 30 years and a \$1 million fine on the bank fraud conviction.

TRAINING

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academic route, and we certainly support their efforts in that direction ... But there will be other students who may be ready to enter the workforce. This program will open the door for those students."

The idea for the partnership was slowly developed over a two-year period after a series of meetings involving community, civic and educational leaders in the county.

"This group discussed a variety of issues facing people in Howard County," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College. "One of

the questions we talked about was what to do for the youth of this area."

Educational leaders sparked on the idea of increasing career training opportunities for county high schoolers, she added. A plan calling for Howard College and the area high schools to pool their respective resources — with Howard acting as a kind of hub for the training — was gradually formed over that two-year period.

Financing for the consortium came from a variety of areas — including grants from the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Texas Workforce Commission and a gift from the Big Spring Boys Club Foundation

— Sparks said.

The plan became full-bore reality this year.

Kinsey Hansen, HC's campus dean for workforce training, said 70 students from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton are participating in the dual-credit vocational courses this semester.

The college offers courses in 10 career-training areas, including welding, electrical, construction technology, wind energy, heavy equipment operation, cosmetology, computer repair and maintenance, criminal justice, introductory business courses and office administration.

Howard College provides reduced tuition

for students enrolled in dual-credit courses and other forms of financial aid are available, Sparks said.

In addition, the high schools offer a variety of dual-credit courses. Big Spring has long offered vocational courses and Coahoma has started a certified nurse's aide course this school year, Brown said.

Classes are held between twice and four times a week at the college. In some instances, transportation to and from the college is provided by the school district. In other instances, however, the student is required to provide transportation.

If all goes well this school year, Sparks en-

visions expanding the program to offer training in other career areas, including medical, solar energy and agriculture.

The increased focus on career training coincides nicely with the college's overall mission, Sparks said.

"The role of Howard College is to develop opportunities in our service area in the area of academic transfer, as well as workforce development," she said. "In collaboration with the school districts, we are enabling young people to explore options earlier in their education careers. As a result, we're hopeful students who choose to stay in this area have the skills

to go to work with businesses and industries."

Area public school educators are fully on-board with the program.

"In my opinion, our focus has to be more on a well-rounded educational experience for our kids," Big Spring ISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "This is just one more way that we can try to meet those needs."

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so wonderful to us," said Cloudbase Project Coordinator Belinda Boulter. "When we were looking for a U.S. project we naturally wanted to do something here. We are just grateful to have the opportunity to give something back to

this wonderful community."

The \$1,000 represented donations collected entirely from the pilots and crews attending this year's competition.

"I am simply amazed at the generosity of the pilots here, even in this difficult economic time and with a smaller turnout than we've had in the past," said Ricker Goldsborough, Cloudbase Foundation president. "But we think of this as a down pay-

ment. Our board has made a commitment to raise over \$7,000 for Big Spring, and we have already been talking with other sources of funding to make up the rest."

The money will be used by CWB to help provide emergency supplies for the Rainbow Room, plus items such as school supplies, medications, driver's education and even prom items to children who have been removed from their homes due to

neglect or abuse.

"We try to help out when foster families aren't always able to," said Dana Byrd of the CWB. "We'll use the money to supplement foster care expenses ... There are more than 75 foster children in Howard County and at one point in time or another, we will help each of them."

Howard Cottage will use its share of the funds to help with child care for low-income par-

ents who are students at Howard College.

Cloudbase Foundation projects funded so far have included a school and a medical clinic in Ecuador, a water tank at an orphanage in Ghana and special education equipment in Dunlap, Tenn.

HOMES

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Home or apartment owners interested in the program can contact Pryor at 263-4090.

Pryor said because of the overload of families on the waiting list, no applications will be taken through 2010.

He noted that the status will be evaluated again in 2011.

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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:

- The Rev. Kenneth McIntosh, pastor of the First Christian Church, and all those that volunteered to help him in his "Trash Drugs" campaign that collected donations for the DARE anti-drug education program at Goliad Intermediate School by picking up trash. He and the volunteers gathered 72 bags of trash and \$2,500 in donations.

- Jan Hansen, who received a plaque of appreciation from Howard County Judge Mark Barr commemorating her work on the 2010 Census during Monday morning's commissioners court meeting.

- All of the Crossroads area's students that began the 2010-2011 school year this past week. We wish you all a safe, happy and educational school year.

- Hayes Stripling Jr., who was the recipient of a roast Tuesday night at the Big Spring Country Club, as a fund-raising effort for the Boy Scouts of America's Buffalo Trails Council. A long-time supporter of Boy Scouts, Stripling received the Good Scout Award during the event.

- All of the Crossroads area high school football teams that are ready for the beginning of the 2010 schoolboy football season. Coahoma's Bulldogs were the first to get into action when they traveled to Midland Greenwood last night. Big Spring's Steers are in Fort Stockton tonight, while Forsan's Buffaloes travel to Grape Creek and Sands' Mustangs pay a visit to Lorenzo. Saturday's schedule finds Garden City's Bearkats traveling to Hico to take on Calvert, while Grady's Wildcats visit Sanderson.

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

When we walk with You, Lord, our results are dependable.

Amen

Jews' history of fighting back

We all know that in 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue, but did you know that at the same time he was leaving Spain to find the new world, thousands of Jewish families were leaving Spain to save their lives?

On March 1, 1492, the joint Catholic monarchs of Spain ordered the expulsion of everyone who was Jewish from Spain and its territories by July 31. From that day forward, it was illegal to be a Jew and live in Spain — the law was called the Alhambra Decree.

What is even more amazing to me, is the edict was not formally revoked by the Vatican council until Dec. 16, 1968.

Let me say that again — 1968! I plan to take this up with the Pope when I visit Rome this year.

Some 470 years later, the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, West Germany, was interrupted by an event that would be known as the Munich massacre. Members of the Israeli Olympic team were taken hostage and eventually murdered by a Muslim terrorist group backed by Yasser Arafat's Fatah.

By the end of the ordeal, the terrorists had killed 11 Israeli athletes and coaches and one West German police officer. Five of the eight terrorists were killed by police officers during a botched rescue attempt. The three surviving terrorists were captured, but later released by limp-wristed West Germany following the hijacking of a Luf-

thansa airliner.

The bodies of the five terrorists killed during the gun battle were delivered to Libya, where they received heroes' funerals and were buried with full military honors. As Muslim nations throughout the world celebrated the murder of the innocent athletes, King Hussein of Jordan — the only leader of an Arab country to publicly denounce the Olympic attack — called it a "savage crime against civilization... perpetrated by sick minds."

It was an unspeakable injustice.

Twenty years later, the 1992 Summer Olympics were held in Barcelona, Spain. In contrast to the failures of West Germany, Spain had its act together.

As expected, it was really an amazing event that you will probably remember if you were around and coherent back in '92. That was the year the "Dream Team" played basketball. The line up, and gold medal winners, included names like David Robinson, Patrick Ewing, Larry Bird, Scottie Pippen, Charles Barkley, Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan.

That year Dereck Redmond tore his hamstring during the 400-yard sprint. He hobbled to a halt, then fell to the ground. Stretcher bearers made their way over to him, but Redmond decided he wanted to finish the race and he jumped up on his left leg. He began to hobble along the track, when his Dad, Jim Redmond, barged past security and helped his son move forward.

Jim and Derek completed the lap of the track together, with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder for support. As they crossed the finish line, the 65,000 crowd rose to give Derek a stand-

ing ovation.

Remember? The United States won 108 medals that summer and the nation of Israel, well the nation of Israel won two, but they were bigger winners than you might think.

See, this was the 20th anniversary of the Munich massacre where Muslims murdered Jews at the Olympics. It was also the 500th anniversary of the Alhambra Decree, where Spanish Catholics murdered and cast out Jews for more than 450 years. And, this was the Olympics in Spain. It was at this event, in this location and on these anniversaries that Israel won its very first Olympic medal.

Yael Arad became the first Israeli to win an Olympic medal. She took the silver in, of all things, judo. The next day, Oren Smadja became Israel's first male medalist, winning a bronze in the same sport.

I think this says something about taking the fight back to the place where you have been defeated.

By the grace of God, all of us eventually find ourselves on the winning platform, in the very places where we have been hated, if we will just keep fighting.

Know that God sees you today my friends, and know that if you will keep fighting, by the grace of God, the day will come your enemies will see you blessed.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." — Psalms 23:5

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Clucks — Here, there, everywhere

Humpty-Dumpty's great fall comes across as mere child's play against the backdrop of today's serious egg issues. Egg farmers in the dell and beyond are suffering negative publicity, stroked broadly with brushes that, truth to tell, ought rightly to cover as few as two farms in Iowa.

With confirmed salmonella cases approaching 2,000 at this writing, egg distributors are scrambling to recall some 600 million eggs — just to be safe.

Taken for granted, eggs usually are mentioned in ads — not news stories stretching over a period of weeks.

Truth be told, eggs are important not only to diets, but also to jokes, stories and object lessons.

There's an exhaustive list, including "good eggs" to describe quality people, "rotten eggs" to denote the "last ones in" and "facial eggs" for the legions of us when we foul up.

We "egg" others on with "double-dog dares" and yuck it up when the "yolk's on us."

We laugh politely as old farm stories are trotted out for the "umpteenth" time — like the kid who claimed that the wind was blowing so hard, a hen laid the same egg three times.

Late country comedian Jerry Clower told stories with the best of 'em. Often, the former Yazoo City, Miss., fertilizer salesman was requested to "re-tell" stories that he'd already "re-told"

several times. One detailed his first visit to a "caffay" (café to the purist).

"How do you like your eggs?," the waitress asked. "I like 'em fine," Clower responded.

As to how many eggs he'd like, he answered, "I wouldn't 'yeller up' my mouth for less than a dozen!"

As a 10-year-old, I got my money's worth with the dime I spent to see Claudette Colbert and Fred McMurray in a black-and-white movie called "The Egg and I."

I never want to see the spoof again, because a second viewing, 63 years later, likely would cause me to lower it from the rave status offered at the time to "cornball humor" today.

The stars, "citized" to the max, decided to buy a farm. Their inability to cope with country life was evident; they never got passed E-I-E-I-O.

In stark contrast were the folks on the next farm. In supporting roles that catapulted them to popularity were Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride, Ma and Pa Kettle — "the Beverly Hillbillies in slow motion."

The couple and their 15 kids followed up with 10 films over the next decade, producing belly laughs that jiggled across America.

In one memorable scene, the Kettles, dining at a fancy restaurant, were intrigued by a waiter serving cherries jubilee. When Pa saw the leaping flame, he threw his jacket over the fancy dessert, yelling, "Everybody out! Women and children first!"

I warned you about the "corniness." At least in this edited version I omitted initial references to "cackles and clucks." And to

Looney Tunes' rooster character featured in 28 cartoons — one Foghorn J. Leghorn.

Maybe you could have better used the time checking the fridge for brand names and expiration dates on your egg cartons. Or, if you're fretting over a trip to Iowa, order "ham and egg substitute" at the diners.

On the whole, of course, eggs are safe. The tainted ones represent .00000-something of one percent. Eggs are, as ads have trumpeted for three decades, both "incredible and edible."

Aren't we glad that Christopher Columbus — or maybe credit should go to the early Polynesians — brought laying hens to these shores?

My old daddy, himself of rural upbringing, spoke often of the first time he saw corn flakes displayed at the grocery store. "I wish we could have corn flakes for breakfast," he lamented, "All we ever have are biscuits, ham and eggs."

A wonderful story teller, he told of a classmate came to school with dried egg 'twixt nose and lip. Noting the residue, the teacher kidded that she knew what they'd had for breakfast that morning at his house.

"No ma'am," he answered. "We had eggs yesterday morning."

Oh, well. At least there's something in the news besides the oil spill. British Petroleum is plenty ready to forfeit the news spotlight to tainted eggs, or whatever.

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Church News

First United Methodist

Sunday's "Back In the Saddle" roundup was a huge success. One of the highlights of the day was a tour of the newly decorated children's Sunday School rooms.

The beautiful colors made those original stained glass windows look like jewels in the sunshine and the kids were all loving it. Thanks to all those volunteers who spent hours getting that job done.

Eddie Vandewalker and his cowboy choir added a special of fashioned touch to Sunday's services. And in the kitchen and on the parking lot all those guys were cooking a meal to be long remembered. Hats off to all those cooks and servers who helped out worship committee leaders Joan Beil and Stacy Barr.

Becky Woodall is also very pleased with the number of those in attendance who signed up to help with the children's Sunday school classes. There are still openings and it's good to know that the new curriculum has brought rave reviews.

Tomorrow, members of our congregation will travel to Forrest Park in Lamesa for "The Big Event." It's a time of gathering Methodist churches from this area for for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. Take a lawn chair and enjoy hot dogs and ice cream, as well as a barbecue cook-off. Kids will enjoy two giant air castles and a balloon clown. Adults will enjoy music from across our district and shop at the great silent auction. In the evening there will be a special concert for the youth featuring Seventh Day Slumber and Abandon.

Sunday's services will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 and with our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, bringing the message. It's also the day for Little Brown Church where birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated.

Confirmation classes will begin Sept. 19. When children get into the sixth grade, they are old enough to become accountable for their words, actions and faith commitment. As Methodists, we desire all our children to have the opportunity to understand what it means to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to be baptized into the Christian faith and to learn what Methodists believe. For more information and to register, contact the church office or our pastor.

We're hard at work bringing all the parts of the Lord's Acre together. The date is Oct. 2 and it will feature a bake sale, silent auction, Kid's Korner, steak lunch and live auction. Funds raised will go to the various missions both inside the church as well as outreach.

Those committees seeking funds are asked to present their request in writing to Bonnie and Chuck Miller. They and the Lord's Acre Committee will consider all requests and make disbursements following the event.

It's a busy time down at Fourth and Scurry. If you'd like to be a part of a fellowship made up of laughter, love and a dedication to living for Christ, we'd love for you to give us a try. We're First Methodist, in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

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 Limited" from Exodus 34:10. We mistakenly think that God has the same limitations that we do, but he has no limitations at all.

Sunday evening 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 Financial Peace University class starts Aug. 30 and will held 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.

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 p.m.

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

btcbigspring.org.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

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

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

At September'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.

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. Mary's is having an "All Church Cookout" at the Rectory at 4 p.m. Sunday. Please bring a delicious side dish for everyone to enjoy. All the meat for the cookout will be provided.

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

Birdwell Lane Baptist

This Sunday Birdwell Lane Baptist Church will celebrate its 68th anniversary. There will be special music, poems, testimonies and a fellowship dinner around 1 p.m. This Sunday service will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with no evening service.

We invite you to come and help us celebrate this special occasion. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. for all ages from pre-K thru adult. Children's church is during the morning worship for ages 4-12. There is a nursery provided for your little ones.

If you need a ride call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek prayer meeting and young adult Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Alive in Christ Lutheran

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives." We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx.

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

Pastor Don Rostentreter will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon text will be from Luke 14:7-24 with the theme, "The Place of Honor."

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dr. Alan and Audrey Abel.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Hannah Also-brooks. Our elders for this week are Bobby Roeber and Darren Byrd.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Bo Vizcaino. The readings for this week are Proverbs 25:2-10, Psalm 131, Hebrews 13:1-17 and Luke 14:1-14.

Last Sunday, after church, we were treated to a wonderful discussion by Pastor Bob Boyce and Dr. and Mrs. Alan Abel. They recently traveled to Germany and attended the Oberammergau Passion Play in Bavaria, Germany. What an inspirational experience! Thank you for sharing your pictures and knowledge.

Rally Day is this Sunday. A pot luck and games have been planned for directly after Sunday school.

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

We need someone to be responsible for the Wednesday evening meal served prior to Mid Week School; if you are interested, contact a member of the Board of Education.

Remember to bring your ballots for the altar vote to place in the elders' mailbox by Sept. 5.

Check out the fund raiser for our youth group. Several items just might interest you. They would make very good Christmas presents.

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

Mark your calendars for Sept. 19.

What happened to self-appraisal?

What ever happened to self-appraisal? It seems to be such an outdated idea. We're hearing more and more about building self-esteem and bolstering self-confidence, but self-evaluation is almost unheard of in our politically-correct, humanistic society.



BONNIE WHEAT

Fault finding and the blame game are always aimed at someone else, never ourselves. Even accepting responsibility for honest mistakes is not a popular thing to do.

When it comes to admitting our weaknesses, we had rather play hide than seek.

Perhaps we would do well to consider the advice of one of our best-known founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin. The great statesman, signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of Ameri-

ca, left a legacy of witty quotes, pragmatic advice and useful inventions.

As an inventor, Franklin gave us the lightening rod, bifocal glasses, and the Franklin stove.

Some of his pithy quips, however, offer the security of a lightening rod, the focus of a good pair of reading glasses, and the warmth of a friendly fire.

Many of them were made popular through his publication, Poor Richard's Almanac.

On the subject of self-centeredness, Franklin advised, "He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals," and "A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle."

A keen observer in most aspects of life, Franklin admonished, "Search others for their virtues, thyself for thy vices."

Being well aware of his own shortcomings, Franklin warned, "Observe all men, thyself most."

Although self-esteem building has replaced constructive self-appraisal in many social and educational

circles, the Bible has little to say about self-esteem. But it does encourage us to search our own hearts and invite God to search them as well.

In the Scripture, the apostle Paul also cautions us about elevating our self-worth:

"For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3 NASB).

Perhaps we should heed Franklin's advice and avoid falling in love with ourselves or getting wrapped up into a small bundle.

Although it might not be as pleasant as pumping up our egos, a hard look at our own vices might be much more beneficial.

According to God's appraisal, we are all worth the same amount — the blood of Jesus.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

We will have the 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 following.

The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the church and on 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 church.

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 on Sunday evenings, 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 "Service Well-pleasing to God," based on scripture from Hebrews 13:1-8.

Encouraging words: Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! — Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV

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.

First Church of the Nazarene

We hope you will join us for one of our services and weekly classes to find rest and the love that God offers. We have the following worship services and classes available:

- Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the Commons at 9:30 a.m.

- We also offer Kid's Church in the fellowship hall for ages 4 through 12. Come early for homemade breakfast burritos.

- Wednesday evening small groups occur at 6:30 with various discussions that will be sure to peak all your interests. Classes offered for NazKidz are for pre-K through sixth grade, including a separate boy's and girl's class for the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders. Come and learn about Jesus with us on Wednesdays!

For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can also visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org and view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

The 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. Wednesday, will resume meeting Sept. 1.

The Session will meet at 5:57 p.m.

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Saying yes when you mean no

Have you ever pondered why temptation is so enticing? Do you wonder why so many still battle with desires once thought conquered? If so, there is a way to gain victory over the struggles.



JERRIE STOCKS

The enemy's goal is to make us all feel guilty, defeated, and unforgivable. His strategy is to stop us from being successful in God's plan for our lives. But we don't have to give in to his temptations, fear, deception, or self-pity. We must know that behind the trap is the trapper, behind the lie is the liar, the deceiver, and his scheme is to wreak havoc in our lives. How does he continue to do so, when seemingly we recognize him for what he is? How is it that

we fail to shun his evil entreaties? Why do we catch ourselves saying "Yes" to his bidding, when we really mean "No"?

We all recognize a snake when we see one, but the Bible urges us to not be ignorant of the enemy's devices. It was the serpent who beguiled Eve to eat of the fruit that God had commanded Adam not to eat. Due to the serpent's deception, Eve was sucked in by its allure. I feel certain that after the deed was done her regret was overwhelming as she groped for the answer as to why she allowed herself to be seduced. She probably wondered why she had said "Yes" to the deceiver, when what she meant was "No".

We must understand that when God says "No" He means "No". None of His rules have relaxed to accommodate what we might view as present-day dilemmas. Nothing is so different today that it requires God changing His statutes. God remains constant. He never deviates from His Word. "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Temptation is a crafty genius at catching us when we are not looking. It knows to strike in that soft, pliable place within each of us called "Self". That is the place that wants attention with no thought of the consequences. As we grow older, the consequences of temptation become more painful. Temptation is the servant of death and it leads us down a dead-end road. Its pitfalls are many; its path is long and narrow.

Temptation's first strategy is to make us rationalize that the requests of our flesh are reasonable because we are entitled to them. After all, we feel we deserve to have what we want. But this is the reasoning that opens the door to entrapment.

To master temptation, we should first understand that temptation is always a test. It is the enemy trying our allegiance to God and to ourselves. The world doesn't always offer us explanations, yet we are often willing to take the words of mere men over God's words, whose intentions toward us are always pure and for our own safety and benefit.

So who is the real culprit when we fall into the trap of temptation? As we look at the stages of life, we see three principal players battling for our attention, the world, Satan, and our flesh. The world pulls at us from the right while the devil pulls at us from the left. Each pushes and fights for its place of power, but of the three, the flesh fights the hardest for center stage. As a result, we must rely heavily upon God's grace to strengthen our resolve to resist temptation. If we disregard His grace by rationalizing that it is just "our nature" to behave a certain way, we are, in essence, screaming "Yes" when what we really desire to say is "No!"

God bless.

Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I met each other at a military school. A month later, we moved in together. My 12-year-old daughter and I moved 900 miles to be with him. Six weeks later, he asked me to marry him.

Soon after, we both began getting cold feet. For no reason, I became enraged with jealousy and started to smother him. The truth is, we both have behaved foolishly. Three times, he questioned our commitment. Now we have officially called off the engagement and are considering selling the ring to pay off our debts. We have a lot of financial difficulties right now.

Can this be fixed? If I love him, why don't I trust him? Why am I so jealous? We both have had bad relationships in the past, but we are smart enough to understand the need to put those behind us. So why can't we move on? Is there any way to get back the feelings we had for each other in school? I am so confused. — *Love at First Sight*

Dear Love: That initial powerful attraction at first sight is not love. It is infatuation. It can become love over time, but the passion and excitement of being with someone new does not last forever. There must be more underneath for a relationship to succeed. Both you and your boyfriend seem to realize that you rushed things, and now you are afraid it won't last, so you are sabotaging your chances. You don't want to wreck a good thing, but neither do you want to stay in a bad relationship. Because there is a child involved, we recommend premarital counseling to determine what you have and whether it is worth saving.

Dear Annie: A neighbor recently asked me to join her health club. We have been good friends for about six months. She goes to the club daily, but I'm not much for exercising in public. However, she offered me her free guest pass, so I decided to go and check it out.

"Lori" picked me up after work, and we both needed to change into our sweats. The locker room had no individual stalls except in the bathroom, so that's where I went to change. When I came out to put my things in the locker, Lori was stripped naked and stood there talking to me in the buff. I was mortified.

I do not feel it was necessary to be stark naked while having a conversation, yet Lori acted as if there was nothing strange about it. I am not used to seeing other adult women naked. She has since asked if I will go back to the gym, but I do not want to find myself in such an uncomfortable situation again. I enjoyed the workout, but I don't want to lie to her about my reasons for staying away. What should I tell her? — *Modest Mary*

Dear Mary: We hate to break it to you, but that is normal behavior for a gym locker room. You can thank Lori and tell her

you prefer to exercise at home, but since you enjoyed the workout, we think you should give it another try. Change into your sweats before leaving work, or find a way to go directly from home. When you arrive at the gym, you can simply toss your stuff in a locker and head for the equipment. And if you become a member, you can go on your own.

Dear Annie: My husband and I planned our funerals years ago. He built my casket for me. Our daughter made the interior. He used to tell people he made the casket as a Christmas gift, but I didn't use it, so he wasn't going to give me any more Christmas presents.

We raised eight children, and he died two months before our 55th wedding anniversary. He had to use my casket since his hadn't been completed. — *Death Is Natural*

Dear Annie: My three grown sisters and I have a widowed mother with a severe hoarding problem.

Due to numerous roof leaks and animal infestations, her dry-wall and ceilings are collapsing. When her neighborhood association took legal action against her, we managed to get a new roof installed. It was the first time in years that we'd had a glimpse of the inside of her house. The trash, clutter and other "junk" (unworn clothing with tags still on, rotting food containers, bags of groceries never put away, refuse thrown in piles, etc.) reach heights of six feet. A small "cow path" exists to navigate from room to room.

We have tried interventions and counseling, but Mom refuses to acknowledge the problem. We have offered to help her clean or find another place to stay. She says it is her business and we are to leave her alone. We do not have a clear picture of Mom's personal finances, but we know the mortgage and monthly utilities are being paid. The furnace, air conditioner and water heater, however, are no longer in working order. When we get together for family outings, her clothes smell of mold and mildew. She cannot shower in her home, as every bathroom is completely unusable except for one toilet. We fear she may one day fall and be unable to call for help.

Mom has two part-time jobs and

spends a great deal of time traveling. She doesn't suffer from dementia and so is not considered a danger to herself. We all live close by. Should we continue to offer assistance? Should we seek legal guardianship or just honor her wishes to stay out of her business? — *Frustrated Siblings*

Dear Siblings: Your mother's hoarding has reached epic levels, and "honoring her wishes" could cause her great harm. This is a form of mental illness, and Mom needs professional help. Please contact the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation (ocfoundation.org/hoarding) at P.O. Box 961029, Boston, MA 02196 for information and a referral to a therapist who specializes in these disorders.

Dear Annie: During the really warm months, we open our windows in the evening to cool our home. The problem is, our neighbors like to sit out on their porch and smoke. Every few weeks, they invite a horde of chain-smoking friends over. Their porch is 15 feet from the only windows that open on that side of our home. Their smoking is very bothersome, and the next day, I find butts flicked onto my property.

We have a neighborly friendship, and our kids play together. I know they have tried, unsuccessfully, to stop smoking. I have thought of telling them I am allergic to cigarette smoke and asking that they please smoke on the other side of their porch, but I simply can't find the right words to broach the subject. Any advice? — *Choking in S.W. Washington*

Dear Choking: You don't have to claim allergies, but you can certainly tell them quite honestly that you have a sensitivity to cigarette smoke and ask that they please puff away on the side that doesn't face your home. You also can invest in a fan, an air purifier and other inexpensive remedies and see if those help.

Dear Annie: "No Open Casket" said she thinks people don't look "wonderful" in their caskets. They look dead.

The last time I saw my father in the hospital, he was dying of cancer and looked absolutely horrible. At his wake, I had to force myself to view him in the casket, but when I saw him, he looked so peaceful. All his pain was gone. If I had not gone to the viewing, my memories would be of him in his suffering. So my vote is for an open casket. — *Better Memories*

Dear Better: This is such a personal decision that everyone should let their family members know their preference. Thanks for sharing yours.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

CHURCH NEWS

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Thursday in the church social hall.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-16; and Luke 14:1, 7-14.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study did not meet this week but will resume Wednesday. Choir practice is at 6 p.m.

Nancy Hale will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning and 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 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; and Luke 14:1, 7-14. The choir will present the anthem "O Lord of Heav'n," by Orlando de Lasso, and "When Peace Like a River," by Bliss-Grotheuis, as the offertory anthem. Gregg Hagelstein, a commissioned lay pastor from First Presbyterian, Odessa, will preach Sunday while the Rev. Craig Holstedt is on vacation. Holstedt will be back in the pulpit Sept. 5. The Noisy Offering will be received this Sunday during worship.

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.

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. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams are the youth leaders and Linda Halls does the children's sermon during morning worship.

The adult class will be discussing "Upheld by God," taken from Acts 28 and Philippians 4:15-23. The discussion will be led by Dewayne Wagner.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Romans.

The United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 4:30 p.m. and are studying the unnamed women in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The title of the study is "Do What You Have the Power to Do" and is led by Madeline Boadle.

Our congregation welcomed our new district superintendent, the Rev. Derrell Patterson, and his wife, Sandy, to our Sunday school and worship service last Sunday.

This Sunday we will have a fellowship luncheon immediately following the worship service with and administrative board meeting following the luncheon. Everyone is invited to attend both events.

Angel Food delivery is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. You can also place a September order at this time. There are some price changes put forth by Angel Food of Georgia. One price change is the Signature Box (main box) will now be \$31. Please check next week's Big Spring Herald for more price changes. Angel Food is a food service open to anyone wishing to lower their food bills. There is no qualifying and it is not a fund raiser for the church.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane and welcomes all who wish to show God's love for all people by serving others through his love as well as service. For more information, call 267-2203 or 263-2536. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

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Steers, Panthers evenly matched

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey knows how Fort Stockton is feeling about tonight's game, if the Panthers saw any film on the Steers from last year.

What Fort Stockton doesn't know is that this year's Steers are very different from the ones in 2009. But Ritchey hopes they can be just as explosive.

"I know they're a little bit nervous about playing against us, because they've got some film on us from last year," Ritchey said. "Last year, we had a really, really good team. We feel like we have a good team this year, it's just a different team."

The Steers open the 2010 season on the road at 7:30 p.m. today in Fort Stockton. Ritchey said it'll be a game between two teams with talent on both sides of the ball, but both coaches still are learning about each other's squads.

Ritchey said Fort Stockton has been in the Steers' district before, but that was in 1999. He said the coaches got the chance to scout the Panthers and with that, they feel like they're familiar enough with them to come out on top.

As far as how the Steers are heading into this game, coaches be-



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Big Spring Steers' linebacker Dayvion Young hopes his team can come back home with a win when they face Fort Stockton at 7:30 p.m. today in Fort Stockton.

lieve Big Spring has had some of its best practices as of late and hope that translates into the game.

Specifically the passing attack is making strides. DaVonte Anderson, who already can make plays with his speed at quarterback, said all the reps with

the wideouts are paying off and he hopes to keep improving.

"We've been practicing and working individually," he said. "Lots and lots of reps. Receivers and myself, we're all getting better. Just ready to go out and show everybody what we're made of."

Ritchey agreed, but said everyone on offense has to be on the same page in order to move the ball through the air.

"Some days it's good, some days it's not so good," he said. "We just have to be more consistent every day. Put the ball on the receivers and they have to catch

it there and run good routes. Get that separation that we need them to get to make it easier on our quarterback."

Ritchey said he plans on throwing a lot of different looks at the Panthers. He said he plans on opening up the playbook, at least more than what the Steers showed

during their scrimmages.

While Fort Stockton probably has a lot of film on Big Spring from last year, Ritchey said he expects the Panthers to be prepared for any new

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Area football schedule

Friday

Big Spring vs. Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m., Fort Stockton

Forsan vs. McCamey, 7:30 p.m., Forsan

Stanton vs. Grape Creek, 7:30 p.m., San Angelo

Sands vs. Lorenzo, 7:30 p.m., Lorenzo

Saturday

Grady vs. Sanderson, 10 a.m., McCamey

Garden City vs. Calvert, 10 a.m., Hico

Bulldogs fall to Greenwood, 21-12

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner knew time was running out for his Bulldogs, despite going into halftime tied with the Greenwood Rangers at 0-0.

He knew the Rangers would find their way into the endzone soon, but the question was if his offense could keep up or strike first.

"We knew they were a big strike team," Gardner said after the 21-12 loss to Greenwood on Thursday at Grande Communication Stadium. "We knew we were living on borrowed time and we couldn't keep the offense moving and keep the ball out of their hands."

The Bulldogs did find

out first hand that the Rangers wouldn't be down for long on offense.

Cole Barton revived Greenwood and pushed the Rangers to victory with a second-half performance that included two rushing touchdowns and a 9-yard touchdown catch.

The score shellshocked the Bulldogs. It took five plays for Greenwood to score during the first drive of the second half. Later in the third quarter with 2:33 left, Barton split through the Coahoma defense for an 8-yard score. Then as time expired in the third, a pass from Kam Williams made its way to Barton's hands and he did the rest.

"We got our heads down, I felt like, after that second one," Gardner



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Tanner Ruiz prepares to run a play during the Coahoma Bulldogs' 21-12 loss to Greenwood on Thursday

ner said. "That's probably partially responsible for that third. We had a talk after that one. The guys came back in the fourth quarter, we

played considerably better."

Quarterback Tanner Ruiz knew how much those touchdowns killed Coahoma's momentum,

but he also knew his team had to find a way to stay competitive.

"Makes things tough,"

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Sports in brief

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 816-1685.

Ragball tournament

There will be a Ragball tournament Saturday and Sunday 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. Saturday and games start at 10 a.m. that day. For more information, call Rodney Jones at 213-3750 or James Statham at 213-7669.

CYFA Football sign-ups

Remaining sign-ups for this league will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The last day to sign up is Sunday.

Flag football league

The West Texas NFL Flag Football League is having sign-ups from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

The location Saturday is at the Coahoma Community Center. Ages are from 9 to 11 and this is a co-ed 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 Saturday at the Comanche 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 also is accepting donations. Call Sandy Shifflett at 816-1606 for more information.

Three-person scramble

The Gaines County Golf Course is hosting this event Sept. 11 and 12. Entry fee is \$80 per person plus the cart. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 432-758-3808 to enter.

Forsan Open House

The Buffs open the 2010 football season against McCamey at 7:30 p.m. today at the new football stadium in Forsan.

New turf has been installed at the stadium and fans and supporters are invited to visit the field after Friday's game.

The softball team also will be honored during the game.

Lady Steers Booster Club

The club is meeting at 4:45 p.m. Spet. 2 in the Athletic Training Center.

Buffs hope speed beats McCamey



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Foster Burchett prepares to pitch the ball during practice. The Forsan Buffs take on McCamey at 7:30 p.m. today in Forsan.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffs are planning on making everyone forget about the tough season they had last year. So head coach Jason Phillips said a huge step toward making that happen would be a win.

“We talked about that,” said Phillips, whose team faces McCamey at 7:30 p.m. today in Forsan. “We said that this is Step 1 towards the playoffs. We want to go out and take a big step towards making the playoffs. It’s always good to win the first one because it gives you something to build on the rest of the year. Then you don’t feel like you’re scrambling or trying to dig out of a hole.”

The Buffs hope to make strides this season after

winning two games last season and going 0-5 in district play.

But Phillips said there seems to be a new energy around the program these days. He said the Buffs have looked solid this summer and most players have made the necessary improvements.

Phillips said the Buffs have steadily improved since the Miles scrimmage and he is excited to see them in action tonight.

Phillips said the Buffs are already sticking with the plan of erasing that 2009 season by just getting better.

McCamey will be a challenge, however.

Phillips said McCamey had a new coach last season and a new offense was installed.

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he said. “We have to get our heads right, stay in it.”

It wasn’t until late in the game when the Bulldogs found what they had been looking for on offense the whole game.

Down 21-0 heading into the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs didn’t pack it in either. Ruiz — stepping in for quarterback Pete Acosta for a series — connected with Marco Molina for a 12-yard score to cut into the Rangers’ lead.

And then, the Bulldogs suddenly found a spark in the form of a 82-yard interception returned for a touchdown by Sheigh Cravens.

Not being able to convert after the scores kept the Bulldogs at 12 and the next time Greenwood got possession, it was too late.

Even with the three scores, the defense was as solid as it could be for the Bulldogs.

Greenwood had four fumbles and the Bulldogs took advantage of the Rangers’ mistakes, recovering each one.

Before things started clicking for the Rangers, Coahoma was finding ways to halt Greenwood’s spread offense.

“Our defense played a pretty good

game,” Gardner said. “We put them in some bad situations. Offensively, we’ve got to clean things up. We’ve got too many missed blocks, too many blown assignments, got too many guys messing up the snap counts and we just have to play a lot cleaner if we want any chance to move the ball.”

Acosta said the end result is not what the team wanted, but the Bulldogs have to stay motivated in order to improve.

“Definitely disappointing,” he said. “We came out, first quarter doing good. Second quarter, doing good. Third quarter, we just got winded or something.”

GREENWOOD 21, COAHOMA 12

Coahoma	0	0	0	12	--12
Greenwood	0	0	21	0	--21

Third Quarter
Greenwood — 9-yard run from Cole Barton, 10:23

Greenwood — 8-yard run from Cole Barton, 2:33

Greenwood — 9-yard pass from Kam Williams to Barton, 0:00

Fourth Quarter
Coahoma — Tanner Ruiz passes to Marco Molina for 12 yards (missed kick), 4:02

Coahoma — Sheigh Cravens has an 82-yard interception return (2-point conversion failed), 2:17

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First Downs 8 20

Rushes-yDS 38-57 27-80

Comp.-Att.-Int. 7-13-2 23-43-1

Passing yds 131 271

Fumbles-lost 4-3 4-4

Punts-Avg. 5 - 3 4 . 2
3-42.3

Penalties-yds 2-10
0-55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Coahoma: Justin Coker 8-23, Pete Acosta 10-22, Dakota Griffith 9-20., Tanner Ruiz 5(-1), Sheigh Cravens 1-3, Brayden Iden 1 (-1), Team 1 (-17). Greenwood: Cole Barton 11-32, Kam Williams 5-28, Kaden Hatley 6-16, Hunter Rose 4-0, Jerry Garcia 1-4.

PASSING — Coahoma: Acosta 5-11-2 —104, Ruiz 2-2-0-27. Green-

wood: Hatley 18-31-0 —197, Williams 5-12-1—74.

RECEIVING — Coahoma: Coker 3-59, Ruiz 1-24, Hunter Williams 1-21, Josh Gonzalez 1-15, Marco Molina 1-12. Greenwood: Kater King 7-95, Kam Williams 4-51, Jacob Armitage 4-33, Barton 4-43, Garcia 3-48, Trevor Nolan 1 (-1).

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wrinkles he’s added to the offense. It just comes down to executing.

Ritchey said Fort Stockton’s defense is quick and has no qualms about hitting. He hopes to slow them down with the misdirection on offense.

Ritchey said this game is between two evenly-matched teams, and even though the Steers are on the road, there is

no favorite.

Steers’ linebacker and receiver Dayvion Young said anytime the Steers have to go on the road, they have to know the opposing team is going to bring their best.

“Everywhere we go out of town, we’re always going to be the underdog,” he said. “Just because we’re in their hometown. But if we come out and hit them hard, we’ll be OK.”

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GCHS begins title defense in 2010

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Stanton at Grape Creek

The Buffs open up Year 2 under John Peterson at Grape Creek. Peterson is quick to point out the Eagles are under the direction of a new head coach — a position he was in a year ago.

But that doesn't mean his players should underestimate Grape Creek, not that they would have a reason to. The Eagles have beaten the Buffs the last two years and Peterson said his seniors want this game badly.

"We have a saying around here: We respect all, but fear none," he said. "because everybody's putting their pants on and going to practice just like we are."

"So we respect them for that. But we're going to get after them. We're going to line up, give them everything we've got and we'll walk off the field proudly."

Peterson said Grape Creek is the type of team his Buffs want to face. Even though the Eagles might still be getting used to a new set of plays, they should be physical and won't be afraid to run the ball, so Peterson expects a game that will be decided in the trenches.

While winning the first game will be definitely be a positive, Peterson is hoping his team executes what it has been practicing this summer and

hopes the Buffs will continuously improve this season.

Sands at Lorenzo

The first thing that stands out about the Hornets to head coach Wayne Henderson is their numbers. He said they only have about or nine or 10 players on the entire team, but they do have talent.

Henderson said his team's goal will be to simply slow the Hornets' key players down enough to where Sands can take over the game.

Off the field, the Mustangs know the high expectations are present.

Sands won 11 games last season and made a deep run in the playoffs. The Mustangs don't have Johnny Rogers or Daniel Armendariz, two standout athletes who spurred the playoff run. But Henderson previously said players like Landon Parker should fill the void.

With high expectations for the 2010 season, Henderson said his players are eager to get back on the field.

"I heard one of them say 'Man, Coach, I'm glad we finally get to play a football game,'" he said. "Three weeks of two-a-days is too long, but I understand why we do it."

"They're just really excited. The atmosphere around the school is exciting. People think we're going to be pretty good."

Grady vs. Sanderson

Head coach Brad Cox is expecting Sanderson to mix it up on offense quite a bit, utilizing the ground attack and switching to the spread.

He said he wants his team to bring effort and execute the game plan in the first game of the season.

While he has an idea of what the Eagles might do, Cox said one of the most difficult things about the first opponent during the season is scouting them, especially if it's a new one.

He said not having much recent film on the Eagles poses its problems, but it still comes down to what his players do on the field.

"When it's early, you never know what a team's going to do or be good at," Cox said. "I think really if we play to our ability and do our job, we ought to be in good shape."

The Wildcats hope Joe Cook begins another solid season at running back Saturday and Shane Teague is taking over at quarterback for Dylan Cox, who graduated last season. Wide receiver Jacob Rodriguez hopes to pick up where he left off last season, too.

Garden City vs. Calvert

The way head coach Vance Jones talks about Calvert, he uses the same words that describe his team — fast, explosive and able to score a lot of points.

It's the first game of the season

and the defending state champion Bearkats open up their title defense against the No. 1 team in Six Man Division II.

Jones said these two teams are evenly matched and both can put points on the board. He said his team's offense may be a little ahead of his defense and Calvert's defense may be better than its offense, so Saturday's game should be interesting.

Then there's the underlying fact that the Bearkats get the chance to play in another high-profile game so early in the season.

"We're looking forward to the challenge. Any time you play somebody that you hadn't played, somebody that's high-ranked, that's good. That helps you get ready for the district and for the playoffs hopefully."

Jones said winning this game would be huge for his team, but he pointed out how that one blemish on the Bearkats' record last season came in the first game.

Running back Josh Colunga will look to have another great season behind the Bearkats' solid blocking. Blayne Batla hopes to uphold Garden City's reputation on offense at quarterback as well.

Trojans' quarterback Jamarcus Ashley looks to pick up where he left off last season, throwing for 1,297 yards.

Rodriguez goes 7 strong, Astros sweep Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There's something about the Phillies that brings out the best in the Houston Astros.

Wandy Rodriguez pitched seven sharp innings, Carlos Lee homered and the Astros beat the Phillies 5-1 Thursday to complete their first four-game sweep in Philadelphia in 11 years.

"Houston has been a team that for

years has given us problems," Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins said. "Doesn't matter if they're good or bad, they give us problems."

The Astros have owned the Phillies in recent years.

They are the only NL team with a winning record (30-16) against Philadelphia since 2004.

The two-time NL champion Phillies fell three games behind idle Atlanta

in the NL East and trail San Francisco by a half-game in the wild-card standings.

Rodriguez (10-12) allowed one run and five hits, striking out six. The left-hander is 7-2 with a 1.79 ERA since June 24.

"It's hard to find a better pitcher over the last couple of months," Astros manager Brad Mills said.

The spoiler Astros got major contri-

butions from three former Phillies — pitchers Brett Myers and J.A. Happ and All-Star outfielder Michael Bourn — to become the first team to sweep a four-game series in the seven-year history of Citizens Bank Park. They last did it in Philadelphia at Veterans Stadium in September 1999. The Astros also swept a four-game series from the Phillies in Houston last September.

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Cowboys thrilled with new starters Free, Ball

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — When the Dallas Cowboys opened training camp, coaches were pretty much settled on all 22 starters. Still, the decision-makers were keeping close watch on left tackle Doug Free and safety Alan Ball, the two newest members of the first team.

Free started seven games last season at right tackle, but this is different. Now he's protecting Tony Romo's blind side.

Ball started three games at safety last season, but also spent time at cornerback. Now he's their last line of defense.

With training camp ending Thursday, the Cowboys are glad they scrutinized the pair. It's

the promotions.

"Both of them have exceeded expectations," team owner Jerry Jones said. "I'd put them right there at the top of the four, five highlights of our preseason work."

Coach Wade Phillips said they haven't just grown into their new roles, they've blossomed.

"Everybody on our coaching staff, after watching them play and practice, would say, 'Hey, these guys are the best two guys and they should be playing,'" he said.

Free and Ball arrived in the 2007 draft and have inched their way up the depth chart. For instance, as rookies, Free was inactive for 15 games and Ball spent 14 weeks on the practice squad.

They handled their fill-in roles so well last season that the Cowboys opted to go with the young, up-and-comers instead of aging,

expensive players, Flozell Adams and Ken Hamlin.

Free has been so solid that he's hardly mentioned any more. The big talk regarding the line is at left guard and right tackle, where injuries have sidelined the starters.

Anonymity is every offensive lineman's goal. His name is usually only called when he draws a penalty or gives up a sack. A job well done tends to become a highlight for the quarterback, receivers and running backs.

"I think Doug's had a great preseason," Romo said. "He continues to get better and better."

Free hasn't started at left tackle since his senior year at Northern Illinois.

A fourth-round pick in 2007, he played in only one regular-season game his first two years, then took over at right tackle when Marc Colombo broke a leg.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

If you had to boil the Aries moon down to one word of description, it would be "youth." And though our culture is obsessed with youth and dwells mostly on its associations with high energy, excitement and beauty, if one isn't careful under the Aries moon, one might be reminded that a "youth" is also associated with arrogance and folly.



HOLIDAY
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). No need to feel funny about talking yourself up, especially when you're face to face with potential clients and customers. Self-promotion is an important part of building and maintaining a career.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You still get giddy when a certain someone is in the room. Trying too hard will be a danger. Better to say very little or even leave the room. Being mysterious is better than seeming too eager.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You won't have to work too awfully hard to stay in a good mood. You'll be liberated from negativity through exercise, inspiration and the friendly diversion of upbeat people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone is insecure about something. Knowing this, choose to go easy on yourself. There's no need to be overly defensive — that would only show the others where your weaknesses lie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The one who always knows better is limited to his or her own certainty. The truly wise realize how impossible it is to know everything. You'll be better informed as you stay open to the possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Questions arise that cannot be definitively answered. And yet, you'll try your best. Your practical interpretation of the sacred mysteries of life will provide much food for thought.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fretting isn't going to make a difference, except to signal that it's time to take action. Use your energy carefully and you'll have enough left over to fully enjoy a truly special evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are self-assured, and it will be easy for you to offer insight to others — so easy, in fact, that you'll be tempted to say too much. Hold back. Read your audience. Only give when the other person is truly receptive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will once again be working on a project that is out of your comfort zone. When you don't know whom to turn to, turn to yourself. Over the years, you have proved to be quite reliable. Get quiet and figure it out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your time is coming. You are fast approaching a cycle of exciting creativity and success. Get ready. Take the measures necessary to look and feel your absolute best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your fortunes will depend on how well you exercise self-control. You will understand what you need to do to get ahold of your financial picture. Success depends on following through.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may start out in a certain direction because you see the potential for personal gain. However, in pursuit of this goal, the reason for your action will shift to something more pure.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 27). You'll get in touch with what drives you -- something much deeper than ambition. Through the next seven weeks, you'll get more involved in an activity you really love. Clever maneuvering favorably affects your finances in October. New relationships form in February. A windfall comes in November. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 25, 31, 20 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Worriers see relationship problems that don't exist. You will do the opposite — see relationship solutions that don't exist and, in believing in them, make them come to life. **TAURUS:** Someone will commit to you, and you will show your deep appreciation. **GEMINI:** You are different from the rest and will stand out in a good way in the social scene. **CANCER:** You give out good vibes and don't expect a thing in return — so attractive. **LEO:** Someone special finds you irresistible because you know who you are. **VIRGO:** Your intelli-

gence is highly attractive, especially when you don't share all you know. There's a secret in your eyes. **LIBRA:** Someone has burned you before, and you won't let it happen again. **SCORPIO:** Without realizing it, you will cultivate a distinctive atmosphere around yourself. **SAGITTARIUS:** While exploring other cultures or traditions, you'll find love or deepen the love you have. **CAPRICORN:** This time, you'll accomplish your goal faster when you do it alone. **AQUARIUS:** You instinctively know what feels right, so don't stress over the options. Just choose. **PISCES:** You are capable of amazing feats, especially when it comes to helping your loved ones.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Virgo and Aries are beings from different planets who don't have much in common, but who genuinely love teaching and learning from one another. Virgo is nurturing, focused on the details and in love with the process of making things as perfect as they can be. Aries is all broad strokes, excitement and raw energy. This weekend they will complement each other's strengths and make a strong team.

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Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

Look for a Guy Who Golfs or Reads Books

Dear Margo: This may be typical, but it's driving me crazy. My boyfriend and I have been together for 10 years. During the past two or three, he started playing a computer game called World of Warcraft.

He "met" a girl on this game, and they started gaming together, as well as chatting and e-mailing each other. I suspect they also traded cell phone numbers. Apparently, she started playing with someone else, and when my boyfriend got jealous, she ceased all communication with him.

I knew about her all along, but when he told me about this "jealousy" issue, I told him it was me or the game. He quit playing.

Last year he told me he was interested in playing again, and I gave him the go-ahead under the conditions that we would play together on a different server.

That didn't work out so well (I'm so not a gamer chick), so eventually the two of them started talking again and are now playing together again.

I finally coerced my boyfriend into admitting that this girl is "here to stay" in our life together, but I still can't get the idea to sink into my head.

I know my boyfriend loves me, and we've discussed getting married,

but I just can't seem to shake whatever issue it is I have with this girl.

This isn't the first time I've had to rebuild my trust in him, so I'm wondering if I'm standing on the last straw that's about to break. — *Gamer's Girlfriend*

Dear Game: Women of a certain age (that would be me) are not "gamer chicks," so bear in mind that you and I are from different generations.

Looking at your situation, however, from my experience (not with games, with men), I would say that any guy who is seriously mixed up with playing a game online (forget the partner-player who is a thorn in your side) would be a no-go.

Also, because you say this isn't the first time he has cast a shadow on his trustworthiness, I would agree with you that the last straw is about to break, and we will skip the reference to the camel's back. — *Margo, recommendingly*

It Is Called "Co-Parenting" for a Reason

Dear Margo: I've been married to my husband for 10 years. We have two kids, ages 5 and 2, and another on the way. We both work full-time jobs and only have weekends off.

It seems that lately hubby's always off playing golf or working out for hours at a time on

the weekends. I get so irritated because I'm stuck at home looking after the kids while he's elsewhere having fun.

I rarely have any free time on the weekends because he's off "doing his thing." By the time he gets home, we both do "family time" with the kids.

I just want to know whether I'm being unreasonable to expect him not to have his "alone time" on the weekends. Do you think I should just let him do this because he's a good provider and father otherwise? — *Wanting To Be Fair*

Dear Want: It is hard for me to know exactly how much your husband is absenting himself on the weekends. If you feel as though he's entertaining himself away from the house all of Saturday and Sunday during daylight hours and his picture should be on a milk carton, then by all means tell him you'd like some time to yourself, as well, and suggest that some adjustment is called for.

If it's only part of a day, tell him the same thing: You would like some time to yourself. Then work out a flexible schedule. I do not think anyone should constantly be with little kids without a break if they can possibly help it. — *Margo, fairly*

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	?	?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ KJ85 ♥ AJ763 ♦ 10 ♣ 943
- ♠ K742 ♥ KQ64 ♦ J3 ♣ AJ9
- ♠ A82 ♥ AK962 ♦ K86 ♣ 73
- ♠ A ♣ QJ975 ♦ Q74 ♠ J862

- 1. Pass.** Once partner rebids two diamonds, it becomes clear that there is no game in this hand, so the only question remaining is where to play the partscore.
- 2. Three notrump.** An opening bid facing an opening bid is a game, and all signs here point to the game being in notrump. With 14 high-card points, notrump distribution and all suits stopped, no other bid should be considered.
- 3. Two notrump.** This is a special bid designed to find the best place to play for game, which could be in hearts, diamonds or notrump. If partner next bids hearts or diamonds, you will bid game in that suit. If partner bids two notrump, indicating at least one club stopper, you plan to raise to three.
- 4. Three spades.** This bid invites but does not force partner to continue. Game is unlikely if he passes.

If by any chance partner raises spades, which is quite unlikely since he cannot have four cards in that suit, you can always retreat to diamonds.

If partner bids again, he may show belated heart support by bidding three hearts, in which case you will carry on to four hearts. If he bids three notrump, you will accept that choice.

If partner bids four diamonds, you will be faced with a tossup decision as to whether to bid five diamonds or pass. If partner has ♠ 962 ♥ K3 ♦ AK10863 ♣ A4, five diamonds is an excellent spot, while if he has ♠ KQ3 ♥ 6 ♦ AKJ8652 ♣ 73, five diamonds has no play.

Tomorrow: A key choice of plays.
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ANSWERS

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4	6	8	1	9	3	2	7	5
9	3	5	7	4	2	8	6	1
5	8	4	6	7	1	3	2	9
3	9	6	2	8	4	5	1	7
1	7	2	5	3	9	4	8	6

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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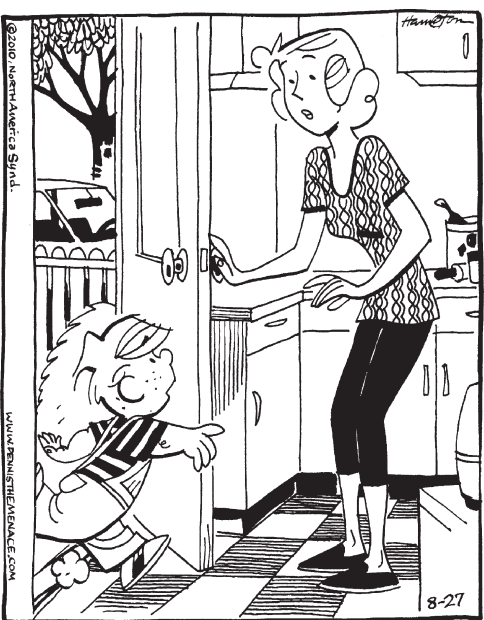
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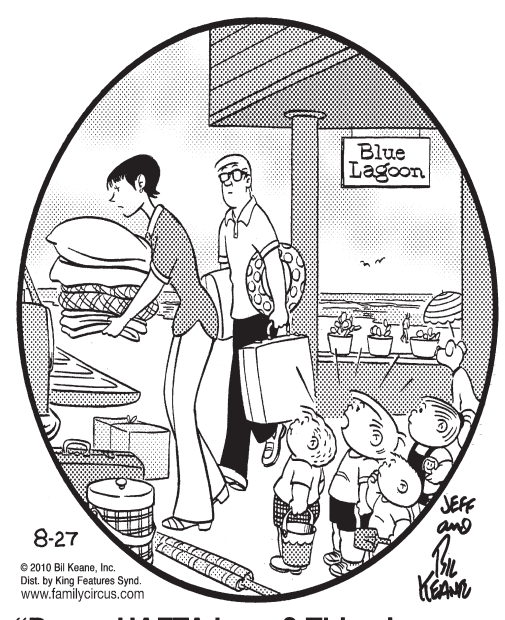
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11:PM	High School Football: Amarillo High vs. Midland High.	Corazón Salvaje	Law & Order: SVU	Late	A Corazón Abierto	Late Night	(:35) Movie: The Scorpion King	Charles	BBC	Bernie	Man, Woman,		Entourage		Phineas and Ferb			
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"Too many people in this neighborhood don't understand little boys!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Do we HAFTA leave? This place was just gettin' to feel like home."

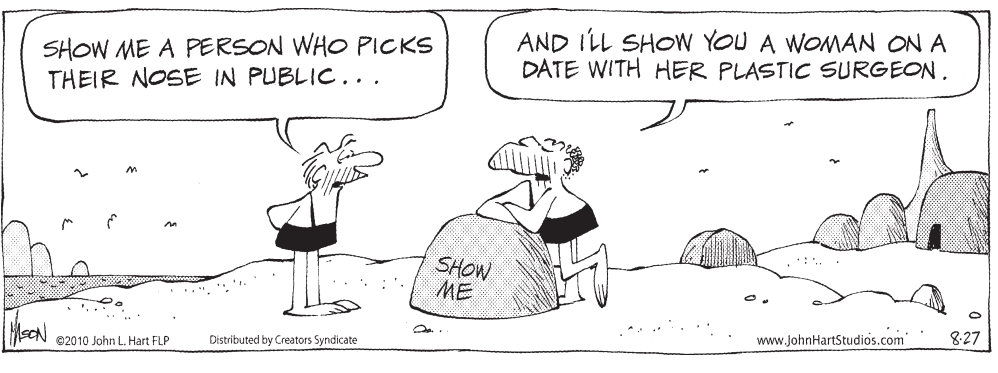
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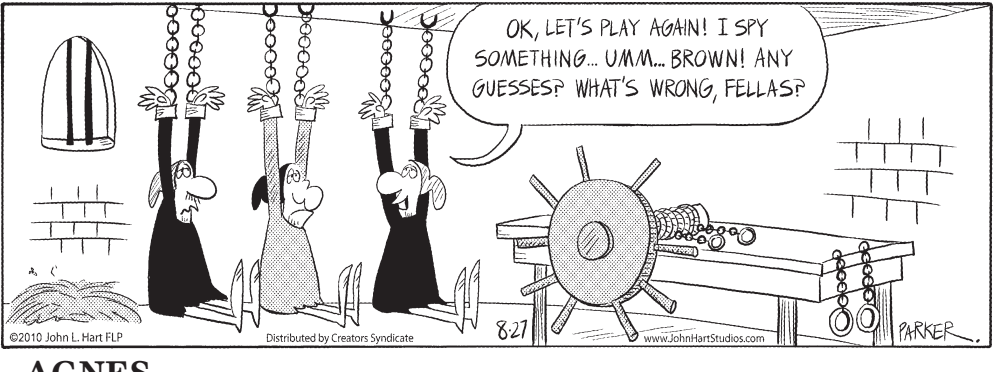
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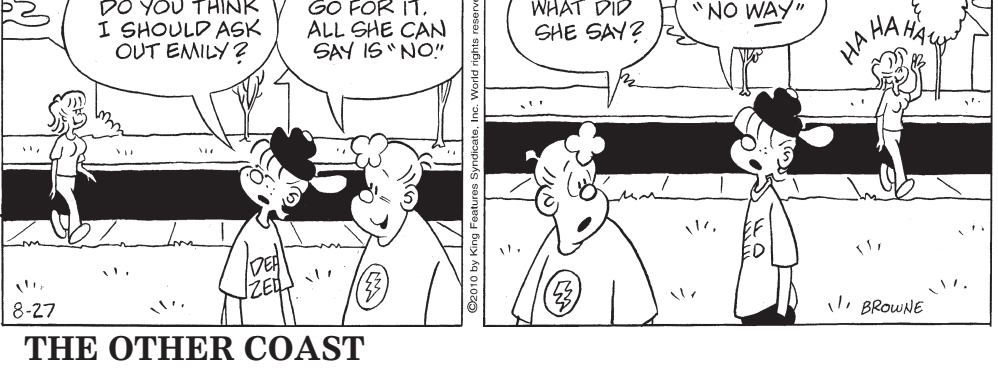
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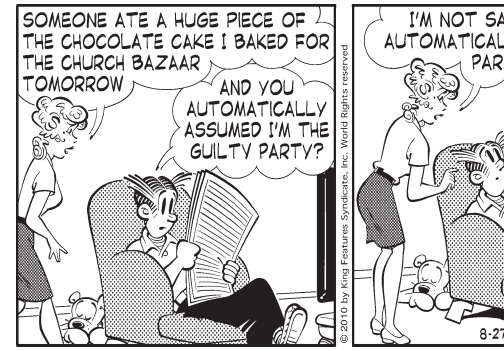
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2010. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date:

In 1858, the second debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place in Freeport, Ill.

In 1859, Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, at Titusville, Pa.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.

In 1908, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, out-

lawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962.

In 1975, Haile Selassie (HY'-lee seh'-AH'-see), the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83 almost a year after being overthrown.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people, including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

In 1989, the first U.S. commercial satellite rocket was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. — a Delta booster carrying a British communications satellite, the Marcompol 1.

In 2006, a Comair CRJ-100 crashed after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor.

Today's Birthdays: Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 83. Author Antonia Fraser is 78. Actor Tommy

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ARRANGING A TEST by Merle Baker Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 It Happened One Night director
 - 6 Lackluster
 - 10 All over again
 - 14 Not native
 - 15 Star Wars series teacher
 - 16 Campbell of *Scream*
 - 17 Do battle
 - 20 Straddling
 - 21 Some time
 - 22 C x XIV
 - 23 Piglet's creator
 - 25 Rail riders
 - 28 DC lobbying group
 - 29 Compress, informally
 - 33 "___ corny as Kansas..."
 - 34 Environment
 - 36 Cpl., e.g.
 - 37 One of the senses
 - 40 Frat letter
 - 41 In ___ to (deeply engrossed in)
 - 42 ___ consequence (insignificant)
 - 43 Comparatively vigorous
 - 45 Play signal
 - 46 *Gaslight* star
 - 47 Kind of paint
 - 49 Get to
 - 50 Gilbert & Sullivan title character
 - 53 In graceful folds
 - 57 Complain
 - 60 High wind
 - 61 Senior member
- DOWN**
- 1 Honduran home
 - 2 Brewpub fare
 - 3 Big East school, for short
 - 4 Lika a caboose
 - 5 Monkeyshines
 - 6 Unit of force
 - 7 Fancy cracker topping
 - 8 Toothpaste-tube abbr.
 - 9 Unoriginal
 - 10 Song of praise
 - 11 Venerable soft-drink brand
 - 12 Robbie Knievel's dad
 - 13 Used to be
 - 18 Sundry
 - 19 Comes clean
 - 23 *Man's Fate* novelist
 - 24 Christmas-tree decoration
 - 25 Snag
 - 26 D-Day beach
 - 27 Staple of Italian cuisine
 - 28 Get through
 - 30 Amalgamate
 - 31 Breakfast bread
 - 32 Venerate
 - 34 Dashboard stat
 - 35 Sushi fish
 - 38 Schwab.com alternative
 - 39 Wasn't excluded
 - 44 Flying high
 - 46 Shouts at the stage
 - 48 Apple-polisher
 - 49 Outrage
 - 50 E-mail: Abbr.
 - 51 Proofreader's mark
 - 52 Collard greens' kin
 - 53 Rackets
 - 54 Actress Swenson
 - 55 Tenn. neighbor
 - 56 Chap
 - 58 "Imagine that!"
 - 59 Not trained

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