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Get involved, Neugebauer tells students



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U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer made a stop at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home and enjoyed lunch with the residents Thursday afternoon. The congressman sat and visited with John Riggs, James Pedigo and Ben Smith. Later in the afternoon, he participated in a question and answer session at Howard College.

Congressman covers a wide range of topics

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

If young people are concerned about the future, they need to become active in helping to shape that future.

That was the message U.S. Rep. Randy

Neugebauer hammered home to a group of students during a question-and-answer session at Howard College Thursday afternoon. During the hour-long session, Neugebauer

fielded questions ranging from the economy and jobs to legalization of marijuana.

The Republican from Lubbock told the students many of the problems facing the United States today won't be solved quickly or without some pain and that it was

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County fair promises to be youth-friendly

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Not only can area residents count on the return of the Howard County Fair this year - Sept. 29-Oct. 1 - butparents will appreciate that it will be more kid-friendly than ever.

"We took a year off, but we are coming back refreshed this year," said John Nichols,

member.

old favorites and a few new shows. The Queen Contest will return as will the Kountry Kids Contest. Entries for both can be placed at Klassic Kleaners, Flo-lite and Posey Cotton. There will be no entry free for either contest and numerous prizes will be awarded for both. Deadline

Howard County Fair board for the Queen Contest is Sept. 27 and the Kountry Kid en-The fair returns with a few trants have until 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30.

> "The only requirement for the Queen Contest is participants must reside in Howard County," Nichols said. "One major draw is the top place will receive a scholarship."

Participants in the Queen

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Memory Walk on the horizon

Make plans to participate, event organizers encourage

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association say the race to prepare for the Sept. 17 Memory Walk is on, with collecting donations at the top of the current to-do list.

Michelle Coutermarsh, volunteer coordinator for Compass Hospice and chairperson

said she and other Alzheimer's Association volunteers are scouring the community looking for donations — both monetary and otherwise for this year's fundraiser.

"We're in the process of collecting door prizes and other items for the Memory Walk, as well as drumming up donations," Coutertmarsh said. "We're working really hard

Seliger coming

State Sen. Kel Seliger will visit with Crossroads area residents during a town hall meeting set for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Everyone is invited.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Arlys Scott, one of the featured artists at the Big Spring Art Association show, admires the art work on display at the Heritage Museum. Scott was one of the many featured artists on hand Thursday for a reception and opening of the show. The artwork will be on display at the museum through Sept. 15.

of this year's Memory Walk, See WALK, Page 3A PERINGLABOR DAYSS WE'RE BACK! WE ARE OPENING OUR DOORS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5!

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Obituaries

Lori White Beck



Lori White Beck, 34, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Kenneth Garcia officiating.

She was born Sept. 29, 1976, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker, a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of the Church of

She is survived by her husband, Tim Beck of Big Spring; two daughters, Bailey White and Dusta White, both of Big Spring; one son, Colton White of Big Spring; mother, Pam Hass and husband Larry of Big Spring; father, Paul Newton of Austin; maternal grandmother, Barbara Eisler of Big Spring; paternal grandparents, R.A. and Martha Newton of Austin; one brother, Robert Newton of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Mark Nairn; and maternal grandfather.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral

Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Take Note

- The BSHS Student Council will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Big Spring High School Library. Any community member interested in giving blood may come by the high school main office or call 264-3641 to schedule a time. Appointments are not necessary but recom-
- American Cancer Society will have their board meetings starting at noon, Sept. 13 on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.
- A meeting with U.S. Postal Service representatives will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Forsan Baptist Church. This will be an opportunity for Forsan residents to express their concerns about the possible closure of the post office in that com-
- Are you a 1971 BSHS graduate? Come to our 40th reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact bshs71@yahoo.com or Susan Green McLellan at 432-267-5759.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are need for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

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Police blotter

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

- SARAH RENE OCONNOR, 29, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 5, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury. • DANA RACHELLE LOCKHART, 27, of 1012 W.
- Third St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of evading arrest or detention. • MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 21, of 1601
- Stadium, was arrested Thursday on warrants for disregarding a stop sign, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility (two CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- In the 200 block of N.W. 12th Street. In the 600 block of N.E. Eighth Street.
- In the 2100 block of Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of Rosemont.
- THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of FM
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this

- SARAH RENE O'CONNOR, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR, 35, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a municipal warrant for assault by threats and charges of terroristic threat (four counts), driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and harass-
- MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts), violation of a promise to appear and running a stop sign.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of
- Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 9000 block of County Road 10. One person was transported to cussion meeting, 615

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- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church,

p.m. For more informa-

Alcoholics Anonymous open dis-Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7



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Support Groups

706 E. 12th St. at 6:30



Raymond Hogg at 432-263-0693 Sept. 10

Comanche Warrior Triathlon USAT Sanctioned Comanche Trail Park 500m open water swim,

Registration begins at 8am

For more info contact

18.6 mi bike ride, and 5k run **Craig Felty**, Race Director For more info contact 432-263-8235 or email dwegman@mybigspring.com Sept. 12
Healthy Women and Howard

College present: "Success is a Journey" featuring guest speaker Dominique Dawes Dorothy Garrett Coliseum 7 pm or more info contact Kim Howell at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721



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By Steve Becker **Bidding Quiz**

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

What would you now bid with 1. ♠ K.I5.♥ 7.♦ OŘ3.♣ AKO642. ♠ A9 ♥ 175 ♠ 6 ♣ AKO1954

3. ♠ AK8 ♥ K83 ♦ 2 ♣ AQJ875 ♠Λ7 ♥ Q62 ♦ K8 ♣ Λ℟J982 . **♦** 6 ♥ Q954 **♦** AK **♣** AQJ1043 1. Three spades. The only other

bids to consider are three notrump and four clubs, but neither would A three-notrump bid would miss

the mark on several counts. To begin with, it would be dangerous to play at this contract, since the opponents might be able to collect five (or more) diamond tricks at the outset Also, three notrump would conceal your support for spades. Partner should have five spades in this sequence, so you are obliged to show three-card support at this point. A four-club rebid would be wrong for

2. Four clubs. You cannot raise partner to four hearts, since he might have only a four-card heart suit. The four-club bid shows a hand with minimum high-card values for the previ-

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Contest should be at the

fair barn by 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29 and

the contest will begin at

Kountry Kids partici-

need to be in the enter-

tainment tent prior to

the Saturday morning

10:30 start. Awards will

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to make sure this vear's

event is a success, both

in the amount of aware-

ness it raises in the com-

Alzheimer's disease and

the amount of money

Coutermarsh said the

local group is hoping

to raise approximate-

ly \$15,000 during this

"All proceeds from the

walk go to the Alzheim-

er's Association," she

said. "We're hoping to

have at least 200 walkers taking part in the event

In the meantime, how-

ever, Coutermarsh said

there is still plenty of

time for the community

year's Memory Walk.

we raise to battle it.

about

WALK

munity

Sept. 17."

pants — age 0 to 6

ous jump, and at the same time confirms the length and power of your 3. Four spades. It is important to

let partner know about your excellent spade support and also that your jump to three clubs was based on maximum high-eard values. Note that this hand has 17 high-card points, while the two previous ones had only 15. The hope is that partner will continue toward a slam once he knows his anemic spades are facing powerful three-card support. **4. Three notrump.** This is a some

what risky bid with only one diamond stopper and no guarantee that you can run your club suit, but the only other possible bids - three spades and four hearts — are even more dangerous. 5. Four hearts. Here there is a rea-

sonably good chance for a slam, but you can do no more at this point than raise to game. Allowance must be made for the possibility that partner might not have much of a hand, and that he might have stretched a bit in responding to three clubs (which was not a forcing bid). If partner has three of the four

missing key cards — the A-K of hearts, ace of spades and king of clubs — he will presumably appreciate their value for slam purposes. But the impetus for a slam must be pro Tomorrow: Free for the asking.

be presented to the top

boy and girl of each age

group as well as an over-

2011 will mark the first

year for the Kids Trac-

tor Pull, for ages 4 to 12

years old. Again, there

is no entry fee and rib-

bons and trophies will be

awarded. Registration

will take place 30-min-

utes before the start of

the pull, which is sched-

uled for 1:30 p.m. Satur-

day. A track will be set

to show its support for

"We're holding a ga-

rage sale Sept. 10 at the

Compass Hospice of-

fice — located at 1003 E.

FM 700 — to help raise

money for the Memory

said. "If someone has an

item they believe can be

sold during the garage

sale, that gets us that

much closer to our goal.

nets for \$5 each so peo-

ple can show their sup-

port for the Alzheimer's

Association. Donations

are so important for this

event to be successful.

Even if it's just \$1 or 50

cents, every little bit

Coutermarsh said vol-

unteers are also needed to help with prepara-

tions for the fundraiser.

"We also have car mag-

Coutermarsh

the annual cause.

Walk,"

counts."

all winner.

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imperative that young people become more involved in helping to find solutions.

You have a huge stake in what's going on in the country right now," he said. "If you're not voting, vou're not at the table — and if you're not at the table, you won't like the outcome." And the issues lying

on "the table" will require some tough decisions, Neugebauer said.

Among those issues discussed were: • The \$14 trillion fed-

eral deficit — This, the congressman said, is the No. 1 issue facing America today. "For every \$1 the gov-

ernment spends, we borrow 42 cents," he said. "We just can't keep doing that." The debt, and the gov-

ernment's failure to significantly reduce it, will have many far-reaching effects. Neugebaur said.

The most recent impact was the reduction of the government's credit rating, but the most far-

up at the cattle barn. To

find out more informa-

tion on the tractor pull,

visit kidspedaltractor-

The Ranch Rodeo re-

turns as well, with a

limited number of slots

available. Teams are

comprised of four peo-

ple and contests will

include team mugging,

team branding, doctor-

ing and stray gathering.

Ranch rodeos will take

place at 7 p.m. Friday

A little more than two

weeks away, the Mem-

ory Walk will begin at

8:30 a.m. at the Haynes

Pavillion in Comanche

Trail Park — located

next to Kids Zone —

with the walk slated to

Alzheimer 's disease

is a progressive brain

ally destroys a person's

memory and ability to

learn, reason, make

judgments, communi-

cate and carry out daily

activities. As Alzheimer

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gradu-

begin at 9 a.m.

disorder

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consequence could be felt in people's pocketbooks for generations to come.

"I want to articulate that this is a big problem that will require tough solutions. This issue is probably more important to the people in this classroom than anybody else," he said.

• Jobs — Neugebauer said the government must help foster the proper climate to create jobs, and the government can best do that by getting out of people's "If we don't provide

jobs and opportunities in this country, it's a disservice for young men and women who are going through the rigors of college," he said. "But the government has proved it's not a good jobs program. The No. 1 way to generate jobs is to get government out of the way ... to enact policies that encourage companies to hire people."

In West Texas specifically, Neugebauer pointed to energy sector as a potential source of future jobs.

"We have to get away

and Saturday night. For more information or to register, contact Larry Nachlinger at 325-863-2221 or Cindy at 254-485-6703.

will be able to pick the days, times and areas to work.

Admission to the fair

For those wanting to volunteer, there will be a kick-off meeting Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the fair building. During the meeting, volunteers

zheimer's Association, the number of people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementias is expected to skyrocket in the coming years. Current estimates indicate more than 340,000 Texans already suffer from the disease, with numbers expected to go as high as 470,000 by 2025.

Nationwide, a staggering 5.3 million people already suffer from Alzheimer's disease, which is the seventh leading cause of death in with an estimated 10.9 million unpaid caregiv-

ers in America alone. For more information, from the mentality that oil is somehow evil," he said. "We import 70 percent of our oil ... and the more we do that, the only jobs we're creating are in foreign countries."

• Cuts in federal education spending — If the government is to get serious about trimming the deficit, everybody is going to have to share the pain of budget cuts, Neugebauer said.

"We have to prioritize spending," he said. "There are ways to cut the deficit and still provide services in a costeffective manner ... but we won't be able to do everything we'd like to do. Will education have to share some of that pain? Probably."

• Health care insurance — Neugebauer agreed something must be done to help reverse the trend of more Americans being uninsured, but he opposes federal plans such as the "Obamacare" program recently approved by Congress.

 The government's intrusion into people's lives — In his response to several questions,

will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 5 through 12. Anyone 4 and younger will be admitted free. Once again the fair and carnival provided by Crabtree Amusement — will take place that Howard County Fairgrounds. The carnival will start at 4 p.m. each day.

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Neugebauer dovetailed his responses into warnings about a "Big Brother" environment being fostered in Washington. "This country was

founded on the idea that we were tired of a king telling us what to do. We wanted to be the ones making those decisions," he said. "I personally believe it's not good to start turning over areas of our lives to the federal government, whether it's in health care or in other areas."

· Legalizing marijuana — Neugebauer flatly opposes the idea.

"There are a lot of studies that show using marijuana leads to other drug use," he said. "My position is that I have not seen anything that convinces me legalizing marijuana is a good thing."

Neugebauer's visit to Big Spring included a tour of the VA Medical Center and lunch at the Texas State Veterans Home.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Richard M. Haro, 51,

died Monday. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private services and burial will be held at a later date.

Thomas Fay, 71, died Monday. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Lori White Beck, 34, Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ruth Jamison, 61, died Tuesday. Memorial services will be held at a later date.



's progresses, individu-Attention als may also experience the United States. More changes in personality than \$172 billion is beand behavior, such as ing spent each year on anxiety, suspiciousness treating and caring for Alzheimer's patients, or agitation, as well as **B&R Septic Service** delusions or hallucina-

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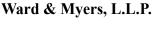
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We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- All those who contributed to the Firefighters Benefit — Auction and Dance that took place Saturday night at the Dorothy Garrett Colisuem. All who purchased auction items, donated auction items and helped set up and prepare for the event are much appreciated.
- Keep Big Spring Beautiful and all those who volunteered during the Love Our Lake cleanup this past Saturday, in order to prepare the area for the upcoming triathlon.
- Terry Kessler and employees at Hester's Mechanical Contractors Inc. for undertaking the restoration and repairs of Lady Liberty.
- Safe Kids and SMMC for bringing the car seat check program to Big Spring residents and to all those who volunteered their time to help out during
- All the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who showed up for the folding of the garrison flag at the VA Medical Center Saturday morning.
- All area firefighters who continue to fight fires and protect our community despite the high temperatures and never ending hours.
- All area football teams as they start the new sea-

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

There is heavenly opportunity everywhere, Lord, may we look for Your blessings in everything.

Amen

The death penalty; Take two

hen he was district attorney of Los Angeles more than a decade ago, Gil Garcetti was for the death penalty. While he himself never tried a death penalty case, his office

prosecuted more than any other county in California. That was a point of pride — at least back then. Had he not been pro-death penalty, there is very good reason to believe he never would have been elected. This week, Gar-



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cetti joined a new coalition that is trying to end the death penalty in California, arguing that it serves no purpose and unnecessarily taxes the system, imposing costs that would better be spent solving crimes and supporting efforts to keep kids from going into crime in the first place.

Have the times changed, or has Garcetti?

My guess is some of both. Garcetti's starting point is that the death penalty doesn't work, that it does not deter crime. There are certainly studies that confirm this. There are also studies that don't. My own research confirms that both sides can point to studies. Anti-death penalty advocates argue that it didn't deter the 600-plus murderers who are being held in isolation in expensive death row cells. Pro-death penalty advocates argue that you just can't know how many bad guys did not pull the trigger.

The morality of the death penalty is, of course, a personal decision. If you believe it is wrong for the state (or the federal government) to take a life under any circumstances, then the deterrence debate doesn't matter.

That is not what I believe. I can think of plenty of really bad guys — think 9/11 plotters, or the guy who shot a pregnant woman at an ATM, aiming at her stomach to ensure it would be a double murder — who have no right to live My view

has always been that the death penalty puts much needed pressures on the system to not make mistakes and to ensure proper procedures are followed — in short, to get it right. Ideally, that pressure would improve the administration of justice for those accused of less heinous crimes, as well.

At least three things have changed in the past 10 years.

First, the advent of DNA evidence has eliminated one of the most common sources of mistakes in the system. We don't get the wrong guy anymore, or at least we shouldn't. Mistakes that were made decades ago we read those headlines all the time, even though they are very much an exception and not the rule — shouldn't be made again. There's an argument in favor of the death penalty.

Second, the notion that death penalty cases would bring out the best in the system — the best lawyers arguing in carefully selected cases with judges carefully and deliberately ensuring that justice is served — has also proved to be overly optimistic.

My old boss Justice John Paul Stevens was pro-death penalty when he first joined the U.S. Supreme Court. I will always remember the night my co-clerk and I drove to Stevens' apartment with a stay application from the first person executed against his will in more than a decade. Stevens considered the application carefully. He consulted with like-minded Justice Potter Stewart. They concluded there were no errors below. By the time he retired, Stevens had become one of the Court's most consistent death penalty opponents, not because his moral beliefs had changed, but because he became convinced that these cases were not being handled with the care warranted when death was the penalty.

Third, the political climate has changed. In the '80s and '90s, support for the death penalty was the litmus test for being "tough on crime," and being "tough on crime" was a prerequisite to winning, even in California. When Kathleen Brown (Gov. Jerry Brown's sister) ran

for governor of California in 1994, her opposition to the death penalty was one of her opponent's strongest attack points. By the time her brother won (most recently), it was hardly an issue. Nor was it a major issue in the 2008 presidential election, which resulted in the first antideath penalty president in at least 30 years.

So it is no longer political suicide to support Garcetti's initiative.

The most troubling aspect of Garcetti's argument — or, depending on your view, the most persuasive — is his claim that the money being spent to house these prisoners (who, by definition, have very little to lose by prison savagery) and provide them with more lawyers and more hearings than anyone else could better be spent solving murders and rapes. According to Garcetti's figures, nearly half of all murders and more than half of all rapes are never solved. For obvious reasons, these are most likely to be those committed by strangers, because those are (even with murder and certainly with rape) the hardest to solve.

Obviously, if there's an almost even chance that you won't ever be caught, the power of any deterrent, even if there is some in the abstract, all but evaporates.

And this brings me to my bottom line.

I don't know about the death penalty, but I do know this: Swift and certain punishment, even if it is only life imprisonment, is a far more effective deterrent than an even shot at getting away with it. If I had my way, that's what we'd be discussing right now, separate and apart from the overheated rhetoric that tends to accompany debates about the death penalty.

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A convicted terrorist and their near death experience

hen the Scots released convicted Pan Am Flight 103 bomber Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi on Aug. 20,

2009 — ostensibly because prostate cancer left him less than three months to live Megrahi presented a stooped, frail figure as he boarded his getaway plane. Hours later, when he landed to a hero's welcome in Tripoli, Libya, however, Megrahi appeared triumphant and radiant.



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Two years later, Megrahi is still alive — although perhaps not for long. CNN's Nic Robertson talked his way into Megrahi's supersize mansion, where he videotaped the freed terrorist "apparently in a coma." Maybe. Maybe not.

Some British and American politicians want to question - return to prison even — the only man convicted in the 1988 bombing that killed 270 people, but Megrahi has an uncanny skill at escaping justice.

Exhibit A: In 2001, three Scottish judges found Megrahi guilty of the bombing and then sentenced him to a mere 27 Exhibit B: In 2009, Scottish

Justice Secretary Kenny Ma-

cAskill released Megrahi on

"compassionate" grounds. It was an outrage. Scotland had allowed many other convicts to die behind bars. Yet MacAskill chose to send Megrahi home to Libya — effectively reducing the sentence to eight years, or less than two weeks per victim.

MacAskill insisted that he freed Megrahi because compassion means "remaining true to our values as a people, no matter the severity of the provocation or the atrocity perpetrated." Yet a U.S. Senate report, released by Democratic Sens. Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, found that Scottish officials had ignored their own prostate cancer experts, who did not agree to a three-month prognosis, and that there was talk of releasing Megrahi a year before his cancer diagnosis.

Moammar Gadhafi'sson Seif al-Islam, who flew Megrahi to Tripoli, told Time magazine, "I worked hard to get him out of jail."

Not coincidentally, Libya threatened to kill a \$900 million oil exploration deal with the energy company BP. The Senate report called Libya's tactics "commercial warfare."

Exhibit C: "Commercial warfare" led to Megrahi's release. Hence, an act of terrorism paid off for the former Libyan intelligence agent. CNN has aired footage of his sprawling, wellappointed villa.

Exhibit D: Libyans loved the

guy. Gadhafi, as he was attempting to cling to power, made a public appearance last month with Megrahi at his side.

Exhibit E: On Sunday, Libyan Transitional National Council Justice Minister Mohammed al-Alagi told reporters, "We will not give any Libyan citizen to the West. It was Gadhafi who handed over Libyan citizens."

By Monday, Alagi said that maybe the issue could wait till after the election — a sop to the NATO nations that bankrolled the rebels' success.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters, "Presumably, a new, free, democratic Libya would have a different attitude (from Gadhafi's) towards a convicted terrorist." Then again, presumably the United Kingdom and United States would have stuck to a harder attitude — and not let a man who killed 270 innocent people live his last years in Libyan luxury.

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Church News

St. Paul **Lutheran Church**

Worship is Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. Sunday school, led by Pastor Don Rosentreter, is in the parish hall after worship.

Wednesday noon Bible study studies "Held in High Esteem." Bring a brown bag lunch.

We continue to collect supplies for the Candelaria Medical Mission and a complete list is available at the

Spring Creek Fellowship

We all enjoyed Robert Highley as guest speaker and Joe Wennick blessed us with his solo. Thank you to Matt Warren for the inspiring worship music.

A weekly men's breakfast and fellowship begins Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at the church. A new women's ministry will kickoff Friday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. and will meet the third Friday of each month. This meeting will be used to plan, organize and get acquainted. There will be a baked potato and salad bar and, of course, dessert. Contact the church office for location.

Our Second Annual "Harvest Event," scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m., will be a safe alternative to Halloween for the whole family. We will have train rides, game booths and a "Trunk or Treat." There will also be a cake walk which will cost 25 cents per play or a donation of a canned good to benefit our food

Sunday school classes have begun, including a new college and career class. Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. to noon.

We welcome Carrla Koonce and Bob Abendshan to the praise team. Contact Donna Wennick for volunteer opportunities. Fellowship is Wednesday evening

with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's

activities, youth worship and adult prayer meeting start at 6:15 p.m. The praise team meets at 7 p.m.

Youth "Connection Groups" meet Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students. Adult "Connections Groups" will continue to meet. Contact the church office for more in-

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www. springcreekfellowship.org

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Holy Eucharist is at 10: 30 a.m. Church office will be closed Monday

in honor of Labor Day. The Daily Grind with God — Coffee

Hour meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in

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

First

Baptist Church

Area high school students are invited to the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church for a Fifth Quarter Fellowship. Fellowship is 9:30 p.m. until midnight. Bring \$2 for pizza.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship is at 10:50 a.m. There will be no evening service Sunday, but evening services will be at 6 p.m. on a regular basis beginning Sunday, Sept. 11.

Wednesday's evening schedule is: Meal at 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m. children's free time in gym, 5:45 p.m. is music time for children. Adult/Youth Bible study is at 6 p.m., 6:15 p.m. is mission activities for children and adult choir

Morning worship services can be accessed through our church website at www.fbcbigspring.org.

Awana begins Sept. 11. Children from kindergarten to sixth grade are able to attend.

Upward Basketball is coming soon.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene is hosting an "Old Fashioned Sunday."

We are delighted to welcome our new Worship Pastor Amanda Kleeb.

Orders for Angel Food placed can be placed Sept. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to noon with food available for pick up Sept. 24. If you have questions, contact Scott Jimenez at angelfood@ nazfamily.org or go to www.angelfoodministries.com.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

Church prayer time is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and come and go prayer time is Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service. We are on Facebook and Twitter.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages is 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 10:50

FCC will be celebrating a "Blast from the Past" Sept. 4 with a special worship service and luncheon. The guest preacher for Sunday is the Rev. Clyde Nichols, the oldest living former pastor of First Christian Church. His ministry was from 1952-1959, during which time the church membership grew to 700 members.

Breakfast with the Guys will be held Sept. 8 at Crispy's Cafe at 8 a.m. Dinner for Eight potluck suppers will be in September. Contact the church office if you are interested in partici-

Choir meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Isaiah 58 is in need of volunteers to help unload the truck Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels.

For questions, call the church office at 432-517-4821, email fcbs125@yahoo. com or view the website at www.fccbigspring.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. at the church library. Choir practice has resumed its 6 p.m. time.

Ethel Guthrie is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgists for last Sunday were Charlie Boling, Donavan Salinas and Shawn Walker.

Rally Day, Aug. 28 began the new cycle of workshop rotation Sunday school classes for the elementary students with a study entitled Creation from Genesis 1:1-2:4. The youth will go to MO Ranch this

watch and discuss the Ray Vander Laan series "In the Steps of the Rabbi," led by Don and Christine Boling. The Covenant Class begins a unit "Tradition and Wisdom"

weekend. The next Sunday they will

from selected passages in Proverbs, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Esther.

The lectionary is Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20. The choir will offer "The Gift of Love" by Hal Hopson and "Communion Prayer" by Alan Pote for the offertory. The Rev. Robert Zap, retired minister from Andrews, will deliver the sermon. Communion will be celebrated during the worship service.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM, at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church

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A sure cure for when you have the tizzies

ccording to Webster, a recognized authority in etymolo-**L**gy, the word "tizzy" is

a noun of unknown origin characterized by a highly excited and distracted state of

I must admit that I have experienced a few tizzies in my lifetime. Usually when I go into a tizzy it is because my car keys are hiding somewhere and I can't find my

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glasses to help me look for my keys. Of course this only happens on a bad-hair day when I'm already running late and I have splattered toothpaste on my blouse.

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Sometimes, however, I go into a silent, verbal tizzy that never leaves my head. On these occasions, I take up an offense for some injustice and prepare a

lengthy, undelivered oracle guaranteed to stop poverty, cure cancer, and bring political harmony to the world. While these tizzy speeches don't accomplish much, I seem to thrive on composing them.

Although Webster doesn't know the origin of the word with tizzies is that they usually "tizzy," I'm convinced that it is a biblical concept that can be traced back at least to the patriot Job who is sometimes mistakenly known as the pillar of patience. Actually, Job's words portray him as anything but a patient man. In a tizzy addressed to God, Job declared, "I am torn apart by worry and pain; I have had day after day of suffering. I go about in gloom, without any sunshine; I stand up in public and plead for help" (Job 30: 27-28

The rest of Job's tizzy speech is recorded in the book of Job. In his own defense, Job points out his righteous acts and charges God with unfairness. He even accuses God of seizing him by the collar and throwing him in the mud (30:18-19).

When at last God spoke to Job out of a storm, Job's empty words were exposed and God's power prevailed. Job repented in dust and ashes (42:6).

As Job learned, the problem aren't productive and they keep us from hearing God's voice when he wants to comfort us. When we go into a self-induced tizzy, we deceive ourselves into believing that we are in control when in reality we are only creating confusion.

The perfect remedy for tizzies was recorded by the Psalmist: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a). Standing still long enough to feel God's presence is a sure cure for tiz-

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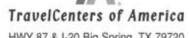
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First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will be bringing the message at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.His sermon title is "How Then Shall We Live," based on Romans 13:8-14 and Matthew 18:15-20.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. The Seekers Class is now back in full swing.

If you are interested in joining a class of adult men and women, talk to Betsy or Faron Bell at 432-264-0945. They will be starting a new study, "John: Encountering Christ in a Live Changing Way," Sunday, Sept. 11. The Seekers meet on the third floor of the educational building.

Tuesday evening, Pastor Bill will be previewing the movie, "John Wesley, Life and Times" as an introduction to a nine-week study on Wesleyan and Methodism, "A Heart Transformed Can Change the World." This meeting will be in Garrett Hall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Subsequent meetings will be during the Sunday school hour.

Wednesdays at First Methodist we have lunch and a Bible study at noon. This week the meal will be catered by Al's Barbeque with serving beginning at 11:50 a.m. Pastor Bill will continue his study, "Revelation for Dummies."

Wednesdays, our youth group, EPIC, meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Partee Building. October 5, First Methodist will launch a new program, "Real Life Wednesday," which will be in the evening. It will include a meal and separate activities for all ages.

To commemorate Patriots Day and remembrance of 9/11, our Missions and Outreach team is organizing an appreciation meal on behalf of our congregation to all First Responders of Howard County. All those who are making desserts for the event are asked to deliver them to the Garrett Hall kitchen Wednesday, Sept. 7.

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The lectionary is Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew

Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church, located on Goliad and 11th Place, will be having an ice cream social at 6 p.m. Sundav. Dean Thomas is preaching from 1

Peter in the morning of the service and from the book of Luke Sunday night.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. there is a prayer and study in the book of Ephesians. Meeting will be in the new sanctuary. It was damaged during the freeze in January and had to be redone.

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Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Steve Misch will be preaching Sunday; his sermon topic is "Passion for the Lord" based on Like 19:10.

George von Hassell will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 32:1-7, Romans 13:1-10 and Matthew 18:1-20.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be MaKayla Overton. Our elders for this week are Richard Knocke and Phillip Reid. The flowers this week are given in honor of Billy

and Gerry Marino's 39th anniversary, Sept. 8.

Last Sunday, we celebrated Pastor Carroll Kohl's 50th anniversary of his installation in July of 1961.

Sunday, the adult Sunday school continues "The Bible According to Andy Griffin." The youth will continue the audio series "Adventures in Odyssey." Sunday, the youth will continue to study Lessons 9-10: "Stepping Stones." The LWML will meet Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Sunday, Sept. 11, we will have a pot

luck after Sunday school. Rally Day will follow. Next Sunday youth turn in quarters for the malaria project.

"Wall Builders," scheduled for Sept. 24, has been cancelled.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings include: Monday, Sept. 12, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Sept. 13, at the church. The Elders meet Sept. 15, at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet Sept. 27, at the

<u>REFLECTIONS</u>

Authenticity

stepped up to the counter and handed the cashier my twentydollar bill. She glanced at me, lifted the bill up to the light, squinted and examined it, then laid it on the counter. She whipped out what looked like a felt tip marker and marked it. After a long second, she placed it in the cash register and gave me my change. It seemed simple enough. But it made me wonder.

What made her think my twenty might be fake? Did I look dishonest? I reminded myself that it was standard procedure. She had been taught to check every twenty because you never know who might pass a counterfeit. You can't recognize honesty or dishonesty by a person's looks.

Wouldn't it be nice if it was just as easy to discern fake people as it is to recognize a fake twenty? What if we could hold people up to a light, squint and examine them for watermarks, or just swipe them with a pen and watch for discoloration?

Unfortunately, it isn't that simple. Sometimes the people we trust the most disappoint us. That was the case with Richard Nixon. After winning the presidency by a landslide vote, the Watergate investigations revealed a man far different than the public image. One of our great difficulties today is the widespread doubt that no politician can be trusted. They seem more intent on vilifying their opponents and promoting their own agenda than engaging in sincere dialogue.

We all know that no one is perfect. We are all human. We are all sinners and we all make mistakes. We

are not looking for perfection. But we are desperate for authenticity. We are desperate for authenticity in parents, teachers,

employers, employees, preachers and politicians. Jesus ranked au-

thenticity among the highest of virtues. His harshest words were leveled at those who pretended to be what they were not. Speaking to people of his day, Jesus said, "You're like mani-

cured grave plots, grass clipped and

the flowers bright, but six feet down it's all rotting bones and worm-eaten flesh. People look at you and think you're saints, but beneath the skin you're total frauds." (Mt. 23:27-28, The Message). He warned his disciples, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." (Luke 12:1 NASV).

What really gets scary and complicated is to examine ourselves. Am I authentic? Is there any hypocrisy in me? Are we being open, honest and authentic with one another? Someday, of course, there will be a test. God will hold each of us up to the light. He will not be concerned about the flaws and imperfections. He will examine us for authenticity. Are we people of authentic faith living authentic lives?

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Cowboys fall flat in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins' offense came off the field following a long touchdown drive, and waiting to offer congratulatory handshakes were Reggie Bush, Chad Henne and Brandon Marshall.

While starters watched, the Dolphins won a battle of backups Thursday night by beating the Dallas Cowboys 17-3 in the final exhibition game for both teams.

Reluctant to risk injuries so close to the start of the regular season, the Cowboys designated 31 of their 80 players as inactive, while the Dolphins had 21 inactive players. Three starters were active for each team.

Larry Johnson scored on a 22yard touchdown run for Miami, and backup quarterback Matt Moore threw for another score.

Dolphins coach Tony Sparano

decided to rest many of his players after holding two physical practices this week. Instead, he used the game to assess players battling for roster spots.

"To see some of the guys you have questions about and want to see play a bunch was helpful,"

One of those players was Johnson, a two-time Pro Bowl selection who signed with the Dolphins last week after sitting out most of last season. He rushed for 39 yards on 10 carries and scored the game's first points.

"It was good to get him into the mix," Sparano said. "The guy knows how to score touchdowns."

Actually, Johnson hasn't scored a regular-season TD since 2008 with Kansas City. Repeated missteps and two suspensions

in his final 12 months with the Chiefs derailed his career.

"It's not necessarily that my talent has gone down," Johnson said. "It's more my off-the-field issues and problems have always overshadowed my ability. I shot myself in the foot. For me it's being able to play catch-up and doing it the right way."

Moore, another Miami newcomer, went 9 for 11 for 142 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown pass to third-string tight end Je-

"I liked what Matt did," Sparano said. "We were simple and basic, but Matt did a good job."

Dallas third-string quarterback Stephen McGee went 21 for 25 for 233 yards but couldn't get his team into the end zone. The

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Rangers 7-2 win over Rays could prove to be costly ARLINGTON (AP) - C.J. was knocked around for six

Wilson was pitching the game of his life. Then the Texas Rangers left-hander reached out for a grounder and wound up with an injured finger, a move he said he'll always regret.

Wilson was perfect for five innings before exiting in the seventh with what turned out to be a minor injury to his left index finger, and Ian Kinsler homered twice to help the AL West-leading Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-2 on Thursday night.

Wilson (14-6) gave up two runs and two hits in sixplus innings with eight strikeouts and one walk. He got back on track after he runs and 10 hits in five innings of his previous start, an 8-4 loss to the Los Angeles Angels.

He struck out six while retiring the first 15 Rays he faced before Casey Kotchman led off the sixth with an infield single.

Wilson reached out with his left hand in an attempt to field the sharp grounder. The ball bent back Wilson's left index finger, and the grounder changed directions. Kinsler fielded the ball on the grass behind second base, but his throw to first was wide.

Rangers manager Ron Washington and a team trainer ran onto the field to check on Wilson, but he stayed in the game after throwing a few practice

"I will second-guess that Casey Kotchman at-bat for the rest of my life," Wilson

Wilson got Justin Ruggiano to ground into a double play, then Kelly Shoppach ended Wilson's shutout bid with a homer into the left-

When Wilson hit Sean Rodriguez with a pitch leading off the seventh and followed by walking Evan Longoria, it was obvious that the lefty

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Big Spring vs. Sweetwater tennis results from Sept. 1 in Big Spring

Boys Singles:

Kie Jones defeats Hernandez 7-5, 6-2 Alex Byrd defeats Solano 6-0, 6-1 Matt Garza defeats Hernandez 6-0, 6-0 Seth Yarbar defeats Shipp 6-1, 3-6, 10-8 Tyler Avent defeats Redondo 6-0, 6-3 Connor Furgueron defeats Vause 6-2, 6-1 Jacob Rangel defeats Reeves 6-2, 6-2

Boy Doubles:

Byrd/Jones 8-3 Garza/Yarbar 8-2 Avant/Furqueron 8-2

Girls Singles:

Reba Smith defeats Heidi Taylor 6-3, 0-6, 10-6

Girls Doubles:

Andrea Cansino/Reba Smith defeat Gomez/Sage 8-6 NikitaWagenman/Molly Walker defeat Bird/Holmes 8-6

Mixed Doubles:

Scott/Hughes defeats Vause/Medellin 8-3

Trailing Angels defeat Mariners 4-3 Thursday

of whack" in the first inning against the Los Angeles Angels.

Just enough to put the Seattle Mariners in a hole they couldn't climb out of Thursday night. Torii Hunter hit a

three-run homer off Furbush in the first and Howie Kendrick connected in the third to help a wild Ervin Santana overcome seven walks in Los Angeles' 4-3 win.

"The results show I was all over the place," Furbush said. "After the first inning, I settled down all right. I just have to get that first inning out of the way next

Furbush, who came over from Detroit in a July 30 trade, went six

SEATTLE (AP) — innings, his second-lon- Furbush's other costly as he had been since took advantage of it and and four hits, walked three and struck out

> "I loved that he recovered. He battled, got us through six innings, looked better as the game went along," Mariners manager Eric Wedge said.

In his previous two starts, both losses, Furbush (3-7) had given up nine runs in a combined eight innings. "I was making ad-

justments the whole game," he said. "That's the name of the game of pitching right there.

"I got a little out of whack in the first inning but tried to do the best I could the rest of the game."

Besides the home run by Hunter in the first,

15th. It turned out to be the difference in the game.

Kendrick has six home runs in his last 11 games, and his 15 this season are five more than his previous career high.

"I'm just getting mistakes to hit," Kendrick said. "I'm not trying to change anything. The ball is carrying a little farther this year, I guess. I can't tell you I'm going up there trying to swing a little harder. I haven't really changed my approach."

The Angels remained 3½ games behind AL West leader Texas. The Rangers beat Tampa

Santana (10-9) also had an uneven outing. He was not nearly as sharp

streak.

He entered 6-1 with a 2.06 ERA and three complete games in his previous nine starts, and 4-0 with a 1.68 ERA in his last four road starts.

His seven walks were a season high, with two scoring. It was one walk short of his career high. Santana went 6 2-3 innings, his shortest outing since lasting 6 1-3 innings July 16, while allowing four hits and three runs. He struck

"Obviously, Ervin was not in sync tonight," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He battled. He got some double-play balls. He had a 4-0 lead, then walks the bottom of the order in the third and those guys

Charlie Furbush admit-gest stint in eight starts. mistake was Kendrick's mid-July, when he be-that helped them get bit off, but he (Santana) ted he was "a little out He gave up four runs homer in the third, his gan a five-game winning back in the game. But still had his stuff," Ackas the game went on, his breaking ball was better, he had better command. He held up."

> Jordan Walden worked the ninth for his 27th save in 36 opportunities. In six appearances against Seattle this season, he has four saves and two wins.

Santana had a control blip in the third and the Mariners struck.

He walked Brendan Ryan and Trayvon Robinson. Ichiro Suzuki followed with a double, scoring Ryan.

With one out, Dustin Ackley drilled a single up the middle, scoring Robinson and Suzuki to cut it to 4-3.

But the Angels held on to earn a four-game

lev said. "He had the working two-seamer good and the slider and everything to keep us off balance. He will maybe make a mistake here and there, but you've got to take advantage of

Seattle's two victories in the series were both highlighted by eighthinning hits from Mike Carp, a two-run homer Monday to win 5-3 and a two-run double Wednes-

day to win 2-1. In the eighth inning Thursday, Carp walked

on four pitches. "We're thinking, don't pitch to Carp. Don't pitch to him and don't throw him a fastball," Hunter said. "We didn't. He's been impressive, man."

Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Lady Steers volleyball

The Big Spring Lady Steers will be in their home gym this evening as they take on Midland Christian. The varsity game starts at 5 p.m.

Ponder, Vikings shut out Texans 28-0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Christian Ponder says opponents and observers have always underestimated his speed and athleticism, going all the way back his high school days in Texas.

Maybe now that he is playing on the game's biggest stage, everyone will start getting the mes-

Ponder made more plays with his legs than his arm to direct two touchdown drives and make a push for the backup quarterback job as the Minnesota Vikings beat the Houston Texans 28-0 Thursday night.

Ponder completed 10 of 17 passes for 83 yards and one touchdown in the preseason finale for both

teams. He rushed eight times for

61 yards and didn't turn the ball

over while playing just over two quarters. "I think they see I'm white and

they think I'm slow," Ponder joked. "I think that's definitely one of my positives is my feet and buying extra time and getting out of the pocket if something breaks down. It just happened to work really well tonight."

Head coach Leslie Frazier said he had to hold his breath a few times when Ponder took off running, especially when he was sliding head first into the defense.

Ponder is competing with Joe Webb to be the primary backup

to Donovan McNabb. Webb went 5 for 6 for 43 yards. Frazier declined to name a winner after the game, saying they

will evaluate the competition in

the next few days.

"Just seeing him tonight be able to spit out the plays in the huddle, the command that he showed, the poise that he showed compared to Aug. 1 when we had our first practice, he's come so far," Frazier said. "It really makes us believe he'll just continue to get better and better like we all expected." Matt Leinart was 13 for 16 for

145 yards for the Texans, looking efficient as he prepares to back up Matt Schaub this season. Newly signed receiver Bryant Johnson had three catches for 64 yards.

Adrian Awasom had two sacks and a forced fumble and Caleb King rushed for 62 yards and two

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was having problems with the finger. Pitching coach Mike Maddux went to the mound and Wilson was soon headed for the dugout to a standing ovation.

X-rays showed the finger wasn't broken, and Washington said Wilson would make his next start.

"When I stopped the ball, that pretty much ended my effectiveness," Wilson said. "I reached for the ball and it bent my index finger back. The finger went numb. It's like trying to drive with only one eye, so you don't have depth perception."

Rays manager Joe Maddon said until the injury, Wilson "had nohit stuff. We had bad swings and his stuff was jumping."

Koji Uehara struck out Ben Zobrist and B.J. Upton in the seventh before Matt Joyce greeted left-hander Darren Oliver with a pinch-hit RBI single to pull the Rays within 5-2. Oliver retired Kotchman on a groundout to end the inning.

Michael Young added a solo homer for the Rangers, who wrapped up a 5-5 homestand.

Rays starter Jeff Niemann (9-6) had won eight of his previous nine decisions, but the 6-foot-9 right-hander gave up three runs in the second.

Niemann allowed five runs and six hits over five innings. Meanwhile, his teammates couldn't get much going against Wilson. The Rangers had All-Star third

baseman Adrian Beltre back in the lineup. Beltre was activated from the disabled list before the game, and batted fifth.

Joyce robbed Beltre of a homer with a leaping catch over the right-field wall in the eighth.

In the second, Beltre singled in his first at-bat and came home on David Murphy's double.

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Beltre knows he must run the

hamstring injury, and he loped home on Murphy's drive into the gap in left-center.

"It looked like he never left," Washington said. "On the ball that Murphy hit, I was paying attention to (Beltre's) strides. He was under control. He wasn't trying to push it."

Yorvit Torrealba followed with a single that scored Murphy, and Endy Chavez's triple knocked in Torrealba to make it 3-0.

Beltre's return was especially welcome after team home run leader Nelson Cruz went on the 15day disabled list earlier this week with a strained left hamstring.

Beltre was batting .276 with 20 homers and 76 RBIs in 100 games when he strained his left hamstring running the bases against Toronto on July 22.

In the fifth, Kinsler's 22nd homer and Young's 11th stretched Texas advantage to 5-0.

Kinsler's second homer of the night in the seventh off Brandon Gomes and Torrealba's RBI single in the eighth extended the lead to

NOTES: Kinsler has 11 career multihomer games, four this sea-

In other moves by the Rangers, INF Andres Blanco was reinstated from the 15-day DL, and Texas added C Matt Treanor and LHP Mike Gonzalez to the roster after they were acquired in trades earlier this week. Texas also purchased the contracts of INF Esteban German and RHP Merkin Valdez from Triple-A Round Rock, and INF Omar Quintanilla was sent outright to Round Rock.

... The Rays added Ruggiano and Brandon Guyer as rosters were expanded to 40. Both were in the starting lineup, Guyer in RF and Ruggiano at DH. Ruggiano was activated from the 15-day DL, where he had been since Aug. 10 because of bursitis in his left knee. Guyer was recalled from Triple-A Durham for the third time this sea-

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touchdowns for the Vikings, who open the regular season at San Diego on Sept. 11.

Both teams rested almost their entire starting lineups with the regular season opener just 10 days away. That made for some ugly play throughout the game, with down-the-roster names trying to make one more good impression for final cuts are made Sat-

Texans tight end Garrett Graham had six catches for 71 yards and Chris Ogbonnaya rushed for 62 yards and had two other long runs called back because of holding penal-

Texans coach Gary Kubiak was hoping to have Steve Slaton (hamstring) play, but he was held out, and the Texans now have to hold their breath to see if star running back Arian Foster's hamstring will be ready by the time they open the season at home against Indianapolis.

"We were very lucky," Kubiak said. "Tonight we got out healthy." Cornerback Brandon

Burton intercepted a pass

and Marcus Sherels added a nifty punt return that may have sealed his roster spot for the Vikings.

Ponder was a little ragged, especially on his throws from in the pocket. But the rookie made plays when he had to, eluding the Texans' rush, blitzing linebacker Tim Dobbins in particular, time and again to pick up big chunks on the ground.

The rookie is clearly most comfortable operating on the edge on designed rollouts, or when the pocket breaks down and he tries to buy time by scrambling.

On the lone scoring drive he led, an on-the-run Ponder completed a 17-yard strike to Jaymar Johnson, then eluded Dobbins to rush for 15 yards before he hit Kyle Rudolph for a 5-yard TD, his first touchdown as a Viking.

In contrast there was Leinart, the six-year veteran who has never fulfilled the promise he had as a Heisman Trophy winner at USC.

Despite his uneven play throughout his pro career, he looked much more polished and at ease in the pocket, hitting big plays down the field to Graham and Johnson, who just

signed on Monday to try to bolster depth behind An-

dre Johnson, Kevin Walter and Jacoby Jones. "I was very impressed with Matt Leinart," Kubiak said. "I thought Matt

Leinart played very good and that was important." But the Texans' drives were all derailed by penalties and Neil Rackers' 42-yard field goal attempt hit off the left upright just

before halftime. Leinart played with Johnson in Arizona, so the two already have a rapport that showed on Thursday night.

"I've been able to pick up the offense probably a little faster than I thought when I first saw it," Johnson said. "I've played for a lot of different coordinators, so you can marry some things together and it helps you learn and process a lot."

Notes: Frazier said the Vikings are still waiting to hear from the NFL on whether they will have DT Kevin Williams eligible to play against the Chargers. Williams lost a long court battle over a suspension for taking a banned diuretic three years ago.

The Vikings have an open competition for the starting strong safet spot.

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Cowboys' only points came on a 20-yard field goal by David Buehler, who is battling to keep his job.

Running back DeMarco Murray, competing for a backup role behind Felix Jones, carried 10 times for 32 yards and caught four passes for 64 yards.

> "I feel great,' Murray said. just want to help the team however I can."

Murray, a thirdround draft pick, made his practice debut last week after being sidelined by a hamstring injury. He's listed as a third-stringer along with Phillip Tanner, who rushed for 28 yards in six carries, and both might make the team.

"We'll talk about that over the next couple of days," coach Jason Garrett said. "Both of

those guys did a good job tonight.'

The only Dolphins starters active were receiver Brian Hartline, linebacker Koa Misi and safety Chris Clemons. Cowboys active starters were fullback Chris Gronkowski, top draft pick Tyron Smith and rookie guard

ing this weekend, about half the players who saw action will likely be released. Dallas (2-2) plays its reg-

With roster cuts loom-

ular-season opener Sept. 11 against the New York Jets. "We're fired up and

ready to go," Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant said after taking the night off. Miami (3-1) opens Sept.

12 against New England. Like Bryant, Sparano is sounding confident. "There's a different buzz

on this team right now," the coach said. "There's a good vibe, which is why I think this team is going to win."

Moore, slated to back up Henne this season, started

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the game and led touchdown drives of 79 and 59 yards. His completions included a deep pass to speedy rookie Clyde Gates for a 42-yard gain that set

Dan Carpenter kicked a 50-yard field goal for Mi-

On the Cowboys' first play, Murray took a short pass from McGee and turned it into a 48-yard gain. McGee later led Dallas on a 17-play drive that took nearly 9 minutes and ended with Buehler's field

Notes: Undrafted rookie receiver Raymond Radway, who had a chance to make the Cowboys' roster, broke his left leg trying to catch a pass with 3 seconds left. ... Miami veteran Will Allen, battling for a roster spot, leaped to break up a pass in the end zone by McGee that was intercept-

ed by Tyrone Culver. The Dolphins committed only two penalties for 15 yards.

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The hearing will be held at 11:00 am on September 16 at the 118th District Court Building, 312 Scurry Street, Big Spring, TX. Signed: Jackie Olson

County Auditor #7079 September 2, 2011

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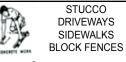
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Spend some time figuring out what you really want. When you're not sure, you can't help but send out a mixed signal. Who knows what you'll bring back? It's like casting a fishing line out with pizza for bait.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a so-called Chinese "curse"

sounds suspiciously like a blessing: "May you live in interesting times and attract the attention HOLIDAY of important peo-

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ple." Enter gingerly into potentially egoinflating situations.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know exactly why a scenario is not working out the way you want it to. One powerful person stands in the way - or rather, it is this person's beliefs that thwart your effort.

This belief can change with the right persuasion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are many ways to go about your work, some of them much more expensive than others. Investigate your options. Liking a person is not a good enough reason to employ him or

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You strive to be your best in every situation, but the fact remains that some situations will bring out a less than optimum side of you. That's why it's important to get plenty of rest and give yourself every advantage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone has borrowed a part of you as though you were a book, and it is now time to call that part of you back. You need all of your energy now so you can do what you know you're meant to do.

(Oct. **SCORPIO** 24-Nov. 21). Businesses and people around you hype their assets and rattle on about what they can do. You have the sneaking suspicion that it can't all be true. You'll take a more modest approach, and people will respond to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You never know when someone is falling for you. All the signs are there, but you're too active and involved in your world to wonder what others think about you. That's part of what makes you so charismatic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your encouragement and interest will inspire someone to keep going. These qualities, as well as your patience and love, are the most significant gifts you can give to oth-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have an increasing power to heal with your thoughts. You also have the potential to hurt with them. So be mindful and use your new level of influence well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your environment will reflect your gentleness, softness and kindness to others. There is strength in this tone that is far greater than the loud aggression that sometimes goes on in the world.

T O D A Y BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2). Put yourself in physically different situations — you'll shine as a newcomer. This month, you'll take action and

gain recognition for your talent and ability. Children figure into your work. Teaching will bring excitement to world. Now, November and January are the best months for business. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 42, 31 and

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The sun in Virgo and the moon in Scorpio cast a glow of excitement around the Virgo/Scorpio couple. Suddenly, there is a wave of interest in what these two like and dislike, their habits, beliefs and plans for the future. On many issues, Virgo and Scorpio are very much in sync. The more they can agree on the better, as collectively they have greater power and influence than the sum of their parts.

Annie's Mailbox ® dye my hair a specific

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 21 years, and we have five wonderful children. "Tom"

is 50, and I am 39. In the past few years, Tom has developed an annoying habit. He openly ogles attractive women and young teen-

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age girls. I can understand one glance, but he stares. After we walk past, he'll look over his shoulder to get the rear

Later in the day, he will sometimes remark that I should wear this or that revealing outfit, tone my muscles more,

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color or lose weight. Mind you, I am a size

4. Tom says he finds skinny women with large breasts and tattoos a turn-on. I don't look like that. I have told Tom that

his newfound habit is hurtful and disrespectful to me. It makes me feel that I'm not pretty enough and gives the impression that these women could steal him away.

It embarrasses me so much that I don't want to go anywhere with him. We no longer take evening walks, and forget about restaurants.

When I tell this to Tom, he becomes angry and often yells at me. He insists he's doing nothing wrong and has no intention of stopping. He says I'm the one with the problem, and that I'm jealous and spoiled.

Is he right? Do I need to change? Is this the proverbial male midlife crisis? Why doesn't he care how much it upsets me? He could at least not do it when I'm with him, but he won't. — Unhappily Married to an Ogler

Dear Unhappy: Many

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men have these thoughts, but Tom seems to have lost the ability (or willingness) to censor his actions in public. Ask him to get a complete physical to make sure his "new habit" isn't being exacerbated by a medical condition.

If he is simply behaving like a toddler in a candy store, you must decide whether you can ignore his boorishness. Most women find this behavior pathetic and obnoxious, rather than seductive.

Dear Annie: Another family gathering is coming up, and my husband and I find ourselves becoming tense, usual.

My husband has two sisters who think it's great fun to catch mistakes people make and then ridicule them. They do it under the guise of good-natured teasing, but it comes across as mean-spirited.

His other siblings are kind and considerate, but the family sticks together and would never tell these two to knock it off. My husband is getting

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older and has become a little forgetful. He is a target of their ridicule, and he hates it. He pretends to be a good sport, but he has confided in me that this treatment bothers him a great deal.

Should I say something in order to make family gatherings less stressful? I hope these sisters will recognize themselves here and try to be kinder, although I know few people see themselves in the column. — The Outlaw

Dear Outlaw: Take one of these sisters aside privately and say, "I know you care about your brother, but he's sensitive to the fact that he's getting older. When you make fun of him, it hurts him terribly because you are his family and he loves you. I know you don't mean to cause him pain, so I hope you will keep this in mind." Rest assured, some day the shoe will be on the other foot.

Dear Annie: I had to respond to "Modest in Iowa." Being an OR nurse and someone who has recently had surgery, your response was

More and more men are going into nursing, and I assure you, they have only a professional interest in their female patients. The male nurses I work with and those who have cared for me are wonderfully compassionate and quite sensitive to privacy concerns. — An OR Nurse

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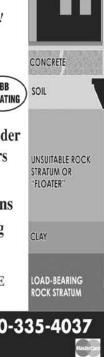
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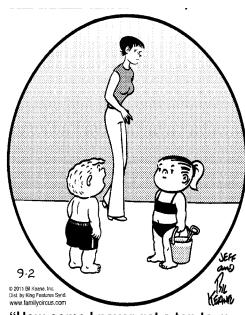


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THE DOCTOR GAVE ME THREE SHOTS. HOW COME I ONLY GOTONE LOLLIPOP?"



"How come I never get a top to my bathing suit like Dolly always gets?"

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2011. There are 120 days left in the year

Today's Highlight History:

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

On this date: In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out.

In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established. In 1864, during the Civil War,

Union Gen. William T.

Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta. In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry

a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair. In 1935, a Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400

Ho Chi Minh declared In 1945

Vietnam an independent republic. (Ho died on this date in In 1969, in what some regard

as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable. In 1986, a judge in Los Angeles

sentenced Cathy Evelyn Smith to three years in prison for involuntary manslaughter for her role in the 1982 drug overdose death of comedian John Belushi. (Smith served 18 months.) In 1991, President George H.W. Bush formally recognized

states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, which had broken away from the Soviet Union. In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia,

the independence of the Baltic

killing all 229 people aboard. Today's Birthdays: Danceractress Marge Champion is 92. Jazz musician Horace Silver is 83. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 80. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 74. Rhythm-andblues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 72. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 71. Rhythmand-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 68. Singer Joe Simon is 68. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 63. Actor Mark Harmon is 60. Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., is 60. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 59. Actress Linda Purl is 56. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 53. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 52. Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 51. Actor Keanu Reeves is 47. Former heavyweight boxing champion Lennox Lewis is 46. Actress Salma Hayek is 45. Actress Kristen Cloke is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle RATSAMISS TEENDESKSPROM

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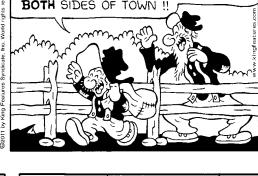




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Newsday Crossword

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- 5 Very low-priced
- 10 Confine, with "in"
- 15 On the lam
- 21 Quick kisses
- 25 Part 2 of quote
- alternative
- (last) 33 Depot: Abbr.
- Tank Engine fan
- 42 Ruthless raider
- 51 Great weight

- 55 Time Warner
- 61 Person's bearing
- 65 Golf course

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- 13 Not at all cool

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- 22 Provoke,
- journey

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- 52 One to be paid
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- 31 Electrolux
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- 63 Presidential Sea

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