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## Former council women file suit

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

A lawsuit has been filed against two city council members and a pair of local businesses in connection with an ongoing investigation into possible illegal campaign contributions.

Former City Councilwoman Joann Staulcup confirmed today that

she and ex councilwoman Stephanie Horton were filing suit against current councilmen Marcus Fernandez and Glenn Carrigan, charging them with accepting illegal campaign contributions. Also named as defendants are local corporations Quad A Inc. and Hydro Dynamics, the firms that allegedly

made the contributions. Midland attorney C.H. "Hal" Brockett is representing Staulcup and Horton in the legal action.

Staulcup said the lawsuit was to be formally filed with the 118th Judicial District Court sometime today.

According to Sec. 253.131 of the Election

Code, candidates challenged during the election by a person who accepts an illegal campaign contribution are liable for civil damages to the tune of "twice the value of the unlawful contribution," as well as "reasonable attorneys fees incurred in the suit."

The civil suit could

cost Fernandez \$2,400 — payable to Stephanie Horton, who was unseated in the election — and a total of \$2,800 from Carrigan, who would have to pay the amount to Staulcup and challengers Shannon Thomson and Oscar Velasco, for a total of \$8,400.

Information on the allegedly illegal campaign

transactions was uncovered by the *Big Spring Herald* in early May and turned over to the Howard County Sheriff's Office, which requested the Texas Rangers conduct an investigation.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

## Big Spring relief route gets \$63.7M

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring truck reliever route is another step closer to reality as the Texas Transportation Commission on Thursday approved \$63.7 million for the long-anticipated project.

The funds were a portion of the \$230 million approved for projects on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, which will run from Mexico north to Canada. A major portion of the route utilizes U.S. Highway 87. Locally, the corridor would bypass Big Spring to the west near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The bypass has created controversy

because some local businesses owners believe it will take business away from Big Spring. Others note the corridor will route heavy truck traffic away from the central portion of the city.

The relief route around Big Spring and other Ports-to-Plains projects were among \$1.4 billion of projects funded statewide by Proposition 12 bonds. Construction on most projects would begin next summer.

"We are excited to see this many projects move forward and we appreciate the Texas Transportation Commis-

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Morgan Slaughter, center, was crowned as this year's queen during the Howard County Fair queen contest Thursday. Alexandria Park, left, was second runner-up and Shelby Montgomery was first runner-up. There were a total of five contestants.

## Fair dedicated to Driver's memory

By **NANCY KOGER**  
 Special to the Herald

The 2011 Howard County Fair opened Thursday afternoon with the ribbon cutting by Jordan Driver, granddaughter of Skipper Driver, to whom this year's fair is dedicated.

Jordan was accompanied by her parents, Dane and Jennifer Driver, and her grandmother, Wanda Driver.

On behalf of the board of directors Fair President Janeice Barnes, presented to Wanda Driver a plaque which read: To Skipper Driver since 1973-2011 In grateful appreciation for your many years of outstanding dedication, extraordinary devotion, selfless acts of time and tireless guidance to the Howard County Fair. We humbly thank you.

Driver had served on the fair board since 1973, was president for two separate terms, and was the longest-

### Fair schedule

Today — Fair and carnival open at 5 p.m. Crystal River at 6 p.m., followed by Heather Vassar at 8 p.m. in the entertainment tent. A cooking demonstration will be held at 6 p.m.

Saturday — Kountry Kids contest at 10:30 a.m., tractor pull at 1 p.m., a kid's tractor pull at 1:30 p.m., food demonstration at 2 p.m. and a pet contest at 3 p.m. in the show barn. Amber Digby will take the stage at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

serving treasurer of the board. He passed away earlier this year.

The board agreed that an appropriate manner to honor Driver's memory would be to donate \$1 from every ticket to the fair to the Howard Glasscock Relay For Life. They also set up a booth in the fair barn to receive further donations to Relay in his memory.

Admission to the fair is \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids age 5-12 and children 4 and under are free.

Today's highlights include Crystal River at 6 p.m. and Heather Vassar at 8 p.m. in the entertainment tent.

Doors open at 9 a.m. Saturday for a variety of events and activities. Amber Digby will take the stage at 7 and 9.

## Empty Bowls event 'crafting' begins soon

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer

Hunger is a problem, but all too often it's a problem not considered to be in local communities.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County aims to break that way of thinking through the Empty Bowl project set for Nov. 17 at First Christian Church from 11:30

a.m. until 1 p.m.

"This is a national campaign which was started 20 years ago in Michigan," the Rev. Ken McIntosh, a former board member, said.

The idea was presented to the United Way by McIntosh in 2006 and has continued to grow. The main goal of

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## Obituaries

### Carl Bradley

Carl Bradley, 85, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. David Robertson and the Rev. Bill Ivins officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 25, 1926, in Hughes Springs, Texas, and married Joyce Howard on June 20, 1959.

Carl had lived in Mineral Wells before moving to Big Spring more than 50 years ago. He was a proud graduate of University of Texas and a veteran of the United States Navy. He had worked for Caldwell Electric, which later became his own company, Bradley Supply. He was a member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and was named Man of the Year for 2008. Carl was a charter member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, had been named Rotarian of the Year in the past and had the Rotarian of the Year Award renamed the Carl Bradley Service Award in his honor. He had received numerous awards for his work with the Boy Scouts of America and was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Shriners and Masons. He was very active in his community and generous with his time.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Bradley of Big Spring; two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Parrish and Delores Currie, both of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Letha Bradley; two sisters, Mildred Wren and Dorothy Smith; and one brother, William Bradley.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Calvin C. Gaston

Calvin C. Gaston, 70, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 7, 1941, in Blackwell, Texas. Calvin was a pumper for Whiting Oil and Gas.

Survivors include his wife, Becky Gaston of Big Spring; three daughters, Deedra Bouldin and husband Louis Pritchett of Big Spring, Kimberley Coghurn and husband James and Amanda Patterson and husband Brian, all of Big Spring; his mother, Viola Gaston; six sisters, Jynette Suggs of Big Spring, Kathy Thompson of Hobbs, N.M., Karen Duncan and Diane Sebastian, both of Idalou, Lynese Gentry of Leakey and Ramona McNutt of Lubbock; three brothers, Andy Gaston of Alvarado, David Gaston of Sterling City and Kenneth Gaston of Westbrook; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bernetta Gaston; his father, Clifford Gaston; two brothers, Kelton Gaston and Van Gaston; and one sister, Beaetta Gaston.

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

### Clayton W. Bettle

Clayton W. Bettle, 91, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 in a Temple hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### LeAnn Campbell Pesek

LeAnn Campbell Pesek, 35, of Cedar Park, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2011. The family will receive friends Sunday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

## Police blotter

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

- RICHARD ALCANTAR MARTINEZ, 51, was arrested Thursday on warrants for dog or cat running at large, failure to appear and disregard red light.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Veterans. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. Service was refused.

## Take Note

• First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011. In recognition of this milestone occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbigspring.org/>

• The Class of 1957 will meet Oct. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Drive-In, 2010 Scurry, for lunch. If you have any questions, call Troy McClendon at 267-6025 or Edward Slate at 270-1995.

• Are you a 1971 BSHS graduate? Come to our 40th reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact [bshs71@yahoo.com](mailto:bshs71@yahoo.com) or Susan Green McLellan at 432-267-5759.

• Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.

• American Cancer Society will meet at noon on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice.

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## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- RICHARD ALCANTAR MARTINEZ, 51, was arrested Thursday by BSPD on warrants for animal at large, failure to appear and ran red light.
- REBECCA RIVAS, 32, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on charge of bail jumping and failure to appear, parent contribution to non-attendance and possession of controlled substance more than or equal to one gram and less than four grams.
- JENNIFER KAY KILMAN, 37, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- CALEB BROWNING LYLE, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• CASEY BRACKET, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• DAVID KILLCREASE, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and non-reportable.

• WILLIAM TROY HOGAN, 45, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on charges of criminal mischief, impair/interrupt public service and possess dangerous animal without permit (two counts).

• MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 39, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution.

• JUAN MANUEL NIETO, 37, was arrested by HCSO Friday on a charge of assault causes bodily injury to family member.

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**What's Happening**

Sept. 17-Nov. 2  
Caboose Water Color Society Art Show "We Love Our Pets" Heritage Museum  
For more info contact 432-267-8255

Sept. 29-Oct. 1  
2011 Howard County Fair  
Howard County Fair Barn  
For more info contact 432-714-4757

Sept. 30  
Howard College Rededication  
Howard College Campus 1pm-2pm  
Celebrating 65 years of Education  
For more info contact 432-264-5028

Oct. 2  
One Day-Fun Day  
Sunday the 19th  
Ever Discover Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament  
Birdwell Park Registration begins at 8 am  
For more info contact Gregg Brooks at 432-528-5076 or [greg.brooks5877@yahoo.com](mailto:greg.brooks5877@yahoo.com)

Oct. 2  
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St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
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# Support Groups

**MONDAY**

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support

group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6

p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

**TUESDAY**

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# RELIEF

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vision seeing the importance of Ports-to-Plains to West Texas," said Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves. "We worked very closely with the local TxDOT districts to identify these projects, and are thrilled to take a significant step forward to improve the corridor."

Texas voters approved Proposition 12 bonds — which are backed by the state's general revenue and not by fuel tax revenues — by a 63 percent margin in November 2007. In July 2009, the Texas Legislature authorized TxDOT to go to contract on approximately \$2 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improve-

ments. On Nov. 19, 2009, the Texas Transportation Commission directed TxDOT to issue approximately \$2 billion in Proposition 12 bonds. Earlier this year the 82nd Legislature authorized TxDOT to issue another \$1.4 billion in Proposition 12 bonds. Most of that funding will be distributed to the 25 TxDOT districts on a formula basis for safety and rehabilitation projects. Thursday, the commission approved projects for the \$1.4 billion in safety and rehabilitation projects.

Among the major projects approved are funding in Big Spring and upgrades to Loop 335 in Amarillo that serves as a relief route as well. There are also several segments of the corridor that will be upgraded to "Super 2" highway. Su-

per 2 highway has alternating passing lanes at regular intervals to provide safe passing opportunities.

"With transportation funding already stretched thin, this injection of funding which voters approved through Prop 12 is probably about the only way we could tackle big projects like the Big Spring relief route," said Reeves.

"We remain committed to see the entire corridor upgraded to four-lane divided highway, but the Super 2 segments are a major upgrade as we move to full completion of the corridor. It is much safer and more convenient, and will be a major improvement for the corridor," said Reeves.

The projects on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor approved by the Texas

Transportation Commission are:

Amarillo District Projects

US 87 from Moore County Line to US 385, upgrade to Super 2, \$15 million

US 87 from Dumas to Hartley County Line, upgrade to Super 2, \$11 million

Loop 335 from IH27 to IH 40, upgrade to 4-lane divided, \$40.46 million

Lubbock District Projects

US 87 overpass at Woodrow Road, \$10 million

IH 27 Plainview frontage road conversion, \$17 million

SH 349 Martin County Line to Lamesa, upgrade to Super 2, 8 million

Abilene District Projects

US 87 Reliever Route at Big Spring, \$63.7 million

Odessa District Projects

SH 349, 2 lane to 4 lane, reliever route to SH 176, \$16.5 million

SH 349 2 lane to 4 lane, SH 176 to Dawson County Line, \$9.4 million

San Angelo District Projects

US 277 and US 67 overpass, \$4 million

US 277 from US 87 to Christoval, upgrade to Super 2, \$2.5 million

US 277 from Christoval to Schleicher County Line, upgrade to Super 2, \$5.3 million

US 277 from Schleicher County Line to Eldorado, upgrade to Super 2, \$4.2 million

US 277 from Eldorado to Sutton County Line, upgrade to Super 2, \$2.5

million

US 277 from Sutton County Line to Sonora, upgrade to Super 2, \$2.8 million

Laredo District Projects

US 277, Maverick County, upgrade to Super 2, \$3.3 million

US 277, Dimmitt County, upgrade to Super 2, \$3.5 million

US 83, Dimmitt County, upgrade to Super 2, \$8.9 million

US 83, Webb County, upgrade to Super 2, \$3.5 million

# BOWLS

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Empty Bowls is to raise money to help eliminate hunger through the use of local artistic talents. On average, there are about 100 to 150 who support the event each year.

"Considering the United Way helps numerous agencies who help fight hunger it just made sense to present this idea to them," McIntosh said. "This has proven to be a great way to raise money to help fight hunger in Big Spring.

Statistics show there

are an estimated 9.5 million children a year who die of hunger. McIntosh said that would be the equivalent of 50 747 airplanes crashing on a daily basis.

"Statistics show the number of people in poverty is increasing. The numbers are so large we tend to take the clinical approach and say 'Oh wow, that's a big number,' and we go on our way," McIntosh said.

Locally, the numbers for Isaiah 58 — a local food pantry supported by First Christian Church — has seen the numbers increase this month.

This year, bowls mak-

ing classes are scheduled for Oct. 4, 6, and 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with Stacy Slaten in the Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College. Another class will take place with Judith Tereletsky of the Big Spring Art Department on Oct. 3, 5 and 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for high school and college students and other community members to join efforts to fight hunger," McIntosh said.

Through the help of Slaten and Tereletsky, there will be 150 bowls made to match the 150 tickets that will be sold

for the event. Tickets are going to be available at the United Way office or from any board member for \$15.

"Bowls are limited and it is a first come first serve event," McIntosh said.

This year, those attending will have the opportunity to try one of six different soups provided by local community members as well as Walter Brumley's chili. At the end of the event, attendees will get to take their selected bowl home with them as a reminder of the empty bowls that exist in the world. All proceeds will benefit the United Way

and its agencies.

Once again H-E-B will be providing sponsorship for the event. To find out more information or to reserve a spot in one of the bowl making classes, contact United Way executive director Sandy Stewart at 267-5201

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Claudine Karnes, 85, died Sunday. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

LeAnn Campbell Pesek, 35, died Monday. The family will receive friends Sunday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## Howard County Awarded Federal Funds Through FEMA

**HOWARD COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.** Howard County has been chosen to receive \$9,670.00 supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds **must:** 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Howard County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Emergency Services Chaplain Corps participating. These agencies were responsible for providing over 8,000 meals 8,000 pounds of food and over 300 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact **Sandy Stewart at the United Way of Big Spring at (432) 267-5201** or come by **215 W. 3rd Street** for an application. The deadline for the submission of applications is October 7, 2011.

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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 church.

## North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

We are located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with morning worship at 10:30 a.m. Evening services are 5 p.m. with worship followed by a short Bible study time. We are studying Act 13-17.

Jacque Mauch leads the Bible study. Guy Teague will lead Adult Sunday school lesson, "An Ordered Life." Nancy Wagner is the children's coordinator and Sunday school teacher. Our congregation is led by Certified Lay Minister Billy C. Bates.

A Christmas production entitled "Bethlehem" will begin Nov. 11. Four productions a year are presented each weekend, Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. For more information go online to Ragtown.com or call 877-Ragtown for ticket information and schedules.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

We wish to sincerely thank Robert Highley for his willingness to minister to us over the last few weeks. We welcome Derrick Looney as our new pastor Sunday.

A weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church. Women's ministry will meet the third Friday of each month at 6 p.m. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Oct. 21. Contact the church of-

rice for location.

Second annual "Harvest Event" is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m.

Sunday School classes are available, including a new college and career class. Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Cafe" is open from 10:15 a.m.—10:45 a.m. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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.

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

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 10:50 a.m. October 2, the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message "What America Needs is More Spoons" from Philippians 3:4-14.

October 2 is Sadie Hawkins Sunday. The men of the church will meet in the kitchen at 8 a.m. to prepare breakfast for the ladies. The breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Sunday school will not meet this week due to the breakfast.

The Beth Moore Bible study is Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Mary Beth Johnson is the leader. Contact Mary Beth or church office for materials.

Isaiah 58 board will meet at 5 p.m. Oct. 5. The choir and youth group will meet Wednesday. The CWF will have a business meeting at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon and program at noon Thursday, Oct. 6.

Client hours for Isaiah 58 are Monday 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. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and help clients.

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

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and Holy Eucharist is at 10:30 a.m.

The Blessing of the Animals will take place in Bennett Garden at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

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

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/.

Sunday services are at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching. His sermon topic is "No Greater Love," based on Matthew 21:33-46.

Richard Knocke will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-19, Philippians 3:4-14, and Matthew 21:33-46.

The flowers are given to in honor of Analysis Rodriguez's birthday Oct. 6 by the Byrd family.

The LWML and Board of Trustees will be having a garage sale today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

The adult Sunday school will continue their Bible study while the youth continue to study Heart-Shapers lessons. Sunday evening class is at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Thrivent and Grace Lutheran Church of Midland will be hosting a workshop conducted by Brad Wiewel from Wiewel Law Firm and Patrick Combs, CFP®. This free workshop will be located in the fellowship hall. Grace Lutheran Church is located at 3000 West Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas 79701. For more information, call or go online — their phone number is 432-697-3221. Their website is info@gracelutheranmidland.org.

Wednesdays, Mid-Week School is at 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Family Activities; 6-6:30 p.m. for the meal; and 6:30-7:15 for the Bible Studies. The adults are studying the Odyssey of St. Paul.

The LWML Fall Rally is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church.

October 16 is our Stewardship Sunday.

Scheduled meetings for October include: The VA serving for October has been cancelled due to the Columbus Day holiday Oct. 10. The Board of Education will meet Oct.11 at 7 p.m. at the church. The LWML will meet Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the church.

## First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday led by Commissioned

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## LIQUIDATION SALE OF GOOD MUSIC COMPANY & LITTLE DUTCHMAN STORES

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# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding Quiz

You are South with the hand:

♠ A K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♥ J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♦ A K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♣ A K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

What would you bid now with this hand?

1. Three clubs. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 3♣.

2. Two notrump. The same old, same old, bid 2NT.

3. One notrump. The same old, same old, bid 1NT.

4. Pass. The bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid pass.

5. Four clubs. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 4♣.

6. Four hearts. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 4♥.

7. Four spades. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 4♠.

8. Four diamonds. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 4♦.

9. Five clubs. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 5♣.

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12. Five diamonds. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 5♦.

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20. Seven diamonds. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 7♦.

21. Eight clubs. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 8♣.

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29. Ten clubs. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 10♣.

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32. Ten diamonds. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 10♦.

33. Eleven clubs. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 11♣.

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37. Twelve clubs. Partner has not shown a preference for a suit and the bidding is not yet high enough to force partner to bid. Bid 12♣.

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Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom continues to lead a lectionary Bible study Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring.

The lectionary is Exodus 20:1-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

**First Church of the Nazarene**

First Church of the Nazarene is hosting a Garage Giveaway Saturday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be no charge for items.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We also have all church prayer time Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday morning children's classes are at 9 a.m. with children's church following. Adults are welcome for fellowship with coffee and snacks prior to the 10 a.m. service. Children also have Wednesday evening classes at 6:30 p.m.

Kayhla Martin keeps the youth energized with IMPACT on Wednesday and Sunday evening activities at 6:30 p.m. and has an upcoming 30-hour famine planned Nov. 12 and 13.

Angel Food Ministry is no longer being offered.

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](http://www.nazfamily.org). We are on Facebook and Twitter.

**First United Methodist**

Saturday morning, a group from Big Spring will be attending the Women's Fall Extravaganza and Brunch at First United Methodist Church in Midland. The vans will leave from the west parking lot of the church. Child care is available, contact, Becky at the church office for more information.

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will be teaching his class on John Wesley and Methodism in Garrett Hall during the Sunday school hour.

During both services of worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m., Pastor Bill will be bringing the message, "Grace Comes First" with scripture readings from John 6:22-35.

Wednesday's Noon Bible study and lunch is in Garrett Hall, with the pastor continuing, "Revelation for Dummies." This weeks meal will be catered by Al's Barbeque at 11:50 a.m.

A new ministry opportunity will be launched Wednesday evening, "Real Life" each week our church family will have an opportunity to gather in Garrett Hall for a meal that will be served between 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., there

will be age-level ministry opportunities including children's choir, EPIC for youth and an adult bible study.

Meal costs for Real Life will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Families will be charged a maximum of \$20. Meal reservations can be made Sunday morning, online at [www.fumchbs.org](http://www.fumchbs.org) or by phoning the church office at 267-6394

Remember Isaiah 58 with donations of food and clothing. Our campaign to help this effort will continue through Oct. 16. The donation box is in the sanctuary foyer.

Plans are underway for a Trunk or Treat event Oct. 30. Bring bags of candy.

First United Methodist is located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry, in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

**First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring**

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Tom Koger, meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. Choir is at 6 p.m. The children's choir meets at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Call the church office at 263-4211 for information about the choir.

Liturgists last Sunday were Donavan Salinas, Kelli Schaedel and Charlie Boling. Chris Grisham and Jake Patterson received the noisy offering.

Donna Amonett is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgist for October is Jerry Grimes. Ushers are Susan and Gordon McDaniel, Nancy and Jim Bill Little. Communion servers are Helen and Lynn Glass, Lucy and Paschal Odom and John Yater.

Congratulations to Jamie and Baylor Walker, Shawn, Lyndee and Mason on being named the Samaritan Counseling Center's Big Spring Family of the Year. They will be recognized at a dinner at Green Tree Country Club on October 20.

The lectionary is Exodus 20:1-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46. The choir will offer "The Heavens Are Telling" by Ludwig von Beethoven and "Alleluia, Praise!" by Luigi Cherubini for the offertory. The Rev. Robert Zap will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website: <http://www.fpcbs.org>.

**Burying the hatchet**

I love clichés, idioms and colloquialisms. These overused phrases, which my high-school English teacher hated, are the Tabasco sauce of language, the goal points of communication. Sometimes a colorful analogy is worth more than a picture or a thousand words.

A few days ago, my husband and I were browsing in our favorite Christian bookstore when I noticed a book with a colloquial title on the bargain rack. I picked up the little book called "Burying the Hatchet," assuming that it was a psychological study on forgiveness or resolving conflict. To my disappointment, it was a novel.

I left the little book in the dollar bin at the bookstore, but I carried the title around in my head for the rest of the week. A little internet research confirmed that the phrase "burying the hatchet" stems from the Native American practice of burying a tomahawk as a symbol of making peace. I toyed with the idea of burying the hatchet until I thought of several valid points I thought any sermon writer should appreciate.

First, when we bury the hatchet, we surrender our weapons, leaving ourselves defenseless. Whether the hatchet we have buried is literal or figurative, we are no longer in a position to avenge ourselves.

Second, the only way to truly bury the hatchet is to hide the shovel, too. When we are serious enough about letting go of a grudge or offense to bury it, we must also forfeit the desire to go back and dig it up again later.

Third, when we bury a hatchet, we endorse the idea our hatchet will deteriorate in the ground. Whether the hatchet blade has been hewn from stone or molded from steel, it will eventually get dull or rust away and a wooden handle will rot. The conflict we may have carefully nurtured, will completely degenerate once it is buried.

Fourth, once we have buried a hatchet, we risk not being able to find it again. When grass has grown over a hatchet of offense, we may never be able to locate the place it was buried. This gives us the freedom to stop dwelling on the offense and look toward the future.

In the scripture, we are reminded that vengeance belongs to God: "Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:19 NASB).

Burying the hatchet may have been a Native American tradition, but the concept seems to have originated with God.

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1:30PM

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# Reflections

## What exactly are we missing?

In a similar day to our own, Habakkuk posed the following questions to God, "Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails." It seemed to Habakkuk that God had abandoned the world to its own destructive devices.



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God's answer to him was quick and clear: "Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." (Habakkuk 1:5).

Like Habakkuk, maybe we are missing something.

When we listen to the news regarding the economy, international politics and religious trends in America, we could easily conclude the world is spiraling out of control. Last week the economists, including the Federal government, took one look at the future and ran for the exits. So did investors. Congress is again paralyzed. After 10 years, we are still engaged in wars in

Iraq and Afghanistan, desperately trying to find some way to end them. Revolutions are sweeping the Middle East in Egypt, Yemen, Algeria, Syria, Tunisia and Libya. Christendom seems to be on the skids. Church buildings that once housed vibrant congregations stand empty. Some have been turned into offices, lofts or restaurants. Many of the great cathedrals of Europe now operate as museums.

The Bible teaches God is active in human history. The Old Testament carefully charts God's hand at work among the Egyptians, Assyrians, Persians, Greeks and Romans. The New Testament concludes scripture by introducing Jesus in the "fullness of time." It would be illogical to conclude God turned his back on human events and walked away 2,000 years ago.

While Christianity has waned in the West, it has exploded in South America, Africa and Asia. Only 35 percent of the world's Christians live in the United States and Europe. In some regions of South America, the number of Christians has grown at more than twice the rate of the population. Latin American nations are now sending thousands of missionaries to Arab countries. South Korea has become the second largest mission-

sending nation in the world. In China, more than 4,500 new believers come to Christ every day. By 2033 China could have the largest Christian population on Earth. The number of Christians in Africa has skyrocketed from 10 million in 1900 to 360 million in 2000. African Christians are now sending missionaries to Europe where Christianity has been in decline.

Christianity is actually growing faster than at any time in history. It simply is not happening in America or Europe. And, Christianity outside the West does not look like the Christendom structures of the Reformation. They are not building cathedrals. They are becoming passionate followers of Christ. When people become passionate followers of Jesus they become more honest, generous and industrious, the very elements that create an economic, political and spiritual future.

If we look at the nations and watch, we will stand in utter amazement at what God is doing in our day.

*Bill Tinsley's column reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Order his books at <http://www.tinsleycenter.com>. Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*

## Fall festival set for St. Lawrence Church

Fall is coming and so are the festivals. St. Lawrence Church — St. Thomas Mission and Diocese of San Angelo are gearing up for their 55th annual fall festival, set for Oct. 2.

The festival will take place in the parish hall and on the parish grounds. Mass will begin the day of festivities and will be at 9 a.m. in the church.

A barbecue brisket will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The meal will also include homemade German sausage and all of the trimmings and homemade desserts, tea, coffee and water. Tickets will be \$9 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Plates to go will be available from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. After 3 p.m. there will be sausage sandwiches and other food concessions available.

On top of the cooked meals, there will be uncooked, homemade and authentic German sausage for sale at \$4.50 per pound and can be purchased starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Sausage Haus.

There will be various booths, including the dunking booth, spinning wheel, plinko, grab bag, Coke ring toss, petting zoo, duck pond, kountry kitchen, bounce houses and religious booth. All booths will open at 11 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. Harlin Rhoades will also be on hand with his balloon creations. Tickets for the booths will be 50 cents each. T-shirts from the event are also available.

As with any festival, there are give-aways to be given ... including a trip to Las Vegas or \$500 cash. A local, handmade king-sized quilt, handmade quilted throw and a large TV set and a Blu-Ray Disc player will also be given away.

Bingo will begin at noon and conclude at 4 p.m. A silent auction will take place from 11 a.m. until 2:30 on the patio and a live auction will take place at 2 p.m. in the parish hall. A reprint of the 50th anniversary cookbook will be available for \$20 as will table centerpieces and décor.

For more information regarding the festival, contact Martha Schwartz, publicity chairman, at 432-397-2268.

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# Fair president says her role is 'rewarding'



By **NANCY KOGER**

Special to the Herald  
Howard County Fair has had a number of presidents, both male and female, but until this year there's never been a "Motorized Mogul" in charge.

A year after deciding not to hold a county fair, a determined fair board wanted to renew the tradition and felt it needed someone with experience to head the group.

Janeice Barnes, who had worked at the fair since she was 14 — and whose grandmother was chair of the flower division and had been

on the board since 1993 — seemed a good choice. Then, when ill health made it difficult for Barnes to get around the barn and fairgrounds, Howard Armstrong offered to bring his wife's scooter to help the new president become more mobile.

Barnes was hesitant to take the job at first.

"I'm a good little Indian, but not a good chief," Barnes said, "So I really didn't feel like I could be the president." However, with her many years serving as chair of the Women's Division, board member, and secretary of the board, other members encouraged her to take on the two-year office.

"They all ganged up on me. Skipper (Driver) told me I had to take a turn," she said.

She finally agreed if fellow members Driver and Bob Nichols, as well as her sister board member Nancy Howard, would stay to help. She said the men on the board have never allowed anyone at the fair to get ugly, even if someone was upset.

"People on the board stick up for each other; we have had a lot of good people working together over the years."

With such reassurance, the retired Knott postmistress decided she could tackle the position. She had not an-

icipated having to deal with heart and respiratory problems.

"To be honest, I've been sick and I've not done much this year," Barnes confessed, "But everyone else has just done what needed to be done." She has high hopes for the fair this year.

As for plans for next year's fair, she would like to emphasize more educational presentations and activities for children. She would also encourage more people to enter their produce, canning and baked goods. The motorized chairperson hopes some younger men and women will get involved with the fair and take advantage of all the wisdom the long-term board members can provide.

"It's very rewarding," she said.

With help from her fellow board members and everyone involved with the fair, Barnes is prepared to see a great 2011 Howard County Fair. She appreciates the experiences past fairs have given her.

"I've met some fine people and had the privilege of working with good folks; that may sound corny, but I can't express it any other way," she said, as she rode away to the next challenge.

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# Steers homecoming game tonight!



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Big Spring Principal Mike Ritchey announces the Steers' varsity football team at Thursday's virtual bonfire activities. The Steers will face Greenwood tonight in Big Spring's homecoming game at Memorial Stadium.

## 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.

### BSLL meeting

Big Spring Little league will have an end of season meeting on Oct. 8. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Life Church. There will be an election of officers for the 2012 season.

### Forsan Booster Spook-tacular 4-man scramble

The Forsan Buffaloes Booster Club presents a Spook-tacular buffs and goblins 4-man scramble golf tournament at Big Spring Country Club Oct. 15.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. and will feature prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, winning team and best costume.

To reserve your spot in the tournament, call the country club at 267-5354.

For further information, call Wendy Roman at 213-1071 or Angie Williams at 270-0606.

# Rangers to face Rays in AL series

ARLINGTON (AP) — Joe Maddon and the Tampa Bay Rays have been in playoff mode for about three weeks.

Now comes the real postseason after finally taking over and winning the AL wild card in their last at-bat of their last game of the regular season.

"That is so unthinkable to do what we did," said Maddon, whose team had to come back from a nine-game deficit in the final month and then trailed by seven runs in the final game. "We've been doing this to his mental level since Sept. 9 (at Boston)."

A tired Tampa Bay team plays the opener Friday in a division series rematch against the defending AL champion Texas Rangers.

Texas won its last six games and 14 of 16 to set a franchise record with 96 victories, just enough to earn the same home-field advantage that meant absolutely nothing

when the two teams played last October.

The visitor won all five games when the Rangers and Rays met in the last year's playoffs. That had never happened in the majors.

"You're talking about two teams that don't really care where they play," Rangers designated hitter Michael Young said.

While the only question for the Rangers over the last few days was whether they'd hold off Detroit for the American League's second-best mark, Tampa Bay finally clinched its playoff spot when Evan Longoria homered leading off the 12th inning late, late Wednesday night against the AL East champion Yankees.

That came only minutes after Boston had given up two ninth-inning runs in a loss at Baltimore.

"We've just got to ride this high

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# NBA players, owners running out of time

NEW YORK (AP) — They don't have a deal yet, and they are just about out of time.

After some two years of on-and-off negotiations, that's about all NBA players and owners agree on. The gaps in their financial proposals have been so great that they sometimes decide it's best to just talk about something else.

Now they have to figure it out quickly. Without at least getting very close to the framework of a new collective bargaining agreement this weekend, hopes of the 2011-12 season starting on time would be all but lost.

"We realize that the calendar, the clock, the watch, whatever you want to say, is running out in terms of starting our regular season on time. So we're going to try to get some things

done this weekend and see what we can do," said the Lakers' Derek Fisher, president of the players' association.

The owners' labor relations committee and the union's executive committee — perhaps joined by some All-Stars — will meet Friday and have committed to keep talking throughout the weekend.

Both sides have cautioned that bringing back the large groups after a series of discussions among smaller parties doesn't mean they are close, but rather that more voices are required to consider the crucial decisions.

There are 11 owners and nine players on the committees, including All-Star Chris Paul, who may try to bring along friends such as Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James that are

scheduled to join him Saturday in a charity game in his hometown of Winston-Salem, N.C.

It's doubtful the presence of the superstars makes much impact — Anthony acknowledged this week that "we really don't know how powerful we are at this moment" — but opening up the room beyond the top negotiators has backfired before.

Talks broke down last time the large groups were together on Sept. 13, but Commissioner David Stern said he and union executive director Billy Hunter believe it's necessary to summon them again with the Nov. 1 opener at stake.

"If we're at a period of enormous opportunity and great risk, the larger the group that is assembled to focus on that, the better from my

perspective," Stern said. "And I think Billy and I are on the same page on this."

They aren't, though, on major salary and system issues.

Owners are seeking a more restrictive salary cap system, while the players favor the current one that allows teams to exceed it through use of certain exceptions. Players fear a harder cap system would eliminate fully guaranteed contracts for all but the top players.

And that may be the easier one.

Owners want a significant reduction in the players' guarantee of basketball-related income, which was 57 percent in the previous deal.

Players proposed lowering it to 54.3 percent before the lockout began July 1, though Hunter

indicated this summer they were prepared to go lower if owners would agree to leave the cap system completely untouched.

Union officials have said the league's proposals would have them in the mid-40s.

Each percentage point equates to at least \$30 million. Players totaled \$2.1 billion in salaries and benefits players earned this season.

"We just haven't been able to get to a space, at least the formal proposals that have been on the table, get us to place where we can agree on a deal at this point," Fisher said. "And so economically, we've tried to kind of leave that one floating and deal with some system issues and see what we can carve out there, but we're working at it."

Hunter has said play-

ers have instructed union leadership that they would rather sit out than accept a bad deal. But Stern has warned that owners will only get worse once games are missed, which he seemed to be alluding to Wednesday when he said without progress in the upcoming talks "then it won't be a question of just starting the season on time, it will be a lot at risk because of the absence of progress."

The NBA later denied an ESPN.com report that he planned to threaten players with cancellation of the entire season without progress by the end of the weekend.

With the two huge items still to tackle and numerous smaller ones remaining untouched, it won't come easily — and there's a chance it doesn't come at all.

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Round Rock Westwood 31, Pflugerville 24

### Class 4A

Dallas Hillcrest 28, Dallas Jefferson 0  
Frisco Centennial 51, Carrollton Creekview 7  
McKinney North 33, Richardson Pearce 28  
SA Brackenridge 44, SA Kennedy 20

### Class 3A

Decatur 52, Burkburnett 27  
Hidalgo 21, La Joya Juarez-Lincoln 0  
Seminole 37, Dalhart 14

### Class 1A

Booker 47, Borger 6  
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### Other

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New Caney Porter vs. Humble, ppd. to Oct. 1.  
North Crowley vs. FW Paschal, ppd.

# Kobe Bryant agrees to play in Italy during NBA lockout

ROME (AP) — Italian club Virtus Bologna said it has reached a verbal agreement with Kobe Bryant for the Los Angeles Lakers star to play in Italy during the NBA lockout.

"We have reached an economic deal," Virtus president Claudio Sabatini told a local radio station. "There's still some things to arrange but at this point I'm very optimistic. I would say it's 95 percent done."

A person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Friday that the sides have settled on a \$3 million contract for the opening 40 days of the Italian league season. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has still not been signed.

Bryant, who spent much of his childhood in Italy, was in the country for sponsor appearances over the past two days but was flying back to the U.S. for labor talks with the NBA on Friday.

Bryant is expected to get a work visa and return to Italy next week.

"Kobe should be in Bologna by Wednesday or Thursday with his visa in hand for medical visits and then we can deposit the contract with the league," Sabatini said. "I want to make clear that right now there are still no signatures. We've got to write the contract, which will then be read over and over again."

Virtus had been due to open

the season Oct. 9 against Roma, but schedules now need to be reworked after Venezia was added to the league as a 17th team.

The deal, which would allow Bryant to return to the Lakers immediately if the lockout ends, should last about 10 games.

Sabatini wants to create a special schedule that assigns Bryant's games to Italy's biggest arenas.

"This is an important investment and a unique chance for the city of Bologna and all of Italian basketball," Sabatini said. "I'm hoping everyone wants to collaborate."

The 33-year-old Bryant has three years and \$83.5 million left on his contract with the Lakers.

Between the ages of six and 13, Bryant lived in Italy when his father Joe Bryant played with Rieti, Reggio Calabria, Pistoia and Reggiana from 1984-91. The elder Bryant also once owned a small part of Olimpia Milano. He now coaches the Los Angeles Sparks in the WNBA.

The younger Bryant still speaks Italian fairly well, and discussed his memories of his time in the country during an interview with the Gazzetta dello Sport two days ago.

"Italy is my home. It's where my dream of playing in the NBA started. This is where I learned the fundamentals, learned to shoot, to pass and to (move) without the ball," Bryant told the Italian

newspaper. "All things that when I came back to America the players my age didn't know how to do because they were only thinking about jumping and dunking."

Bryant added that playing in Italy "would be a dream for me."

Bryant has been bothered in recent seasons by an arthritic joint in his right knee, which has required several minor operations. He sat out a majority of the Lakers' practices last season and saw his scoring, shooting percentage and minutes decrease in his 15th NBA season.

Former USC guard Daniel Hackett, a dual citizen who plays for Pesaro in Italy, said he would give Bryant a hostile reception if he faced the former NBA MVP.

"The only way to stop a player that good is with a hard foul and he knows that," Hackett said. "I've got five fouls to commit and they're going to be the hardest five fouls I've ever committed."

Hackett also criticized speculation that Bologna will ask opposing clubs hosting Bryant's away games to chip in a portion of ticket sales to help pay Bryant's salary.

"I really hope Kobe doesn't lower himself to this level for economic and commercial motives," Hackett said, according to the Gazzetta. "To me, it would be a big disappointment to see him here under these circumstances and too big to dirty his hands in this league."

## RANGERS

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that we're on," Longoria said. "I don't think there's any better push or kind of momentum

that you can have than what we're coming off of."

Left-hander C.J. Wilson (16-7) has pitched more than a week that he would be starting the playoff opener for Tex-

as. He took over as the Rangers' No. 1 starter after Cliff Lee, who beat the Rays twice in the division series at Tampa last year, returned to Philadelphia in free agency last winter.

Because the Rays had to basically treat every game over the past month like an elimination game, they didn't have the luxury of lining up their rotation for the playoffs. They turn to 22-year-old rookie left-hander Matt Moore.

"Going down the stretch, C.J. has been our lead horse from

the beginning. And he hasn't disappointed," manager Ron Washington said. "I don't think C.J. changed his way of doing things. He never lacked confidence. ... He's our guy that we are depending on to get us on the right footing to get started."

Wilson had a five-hitter for his first career shutout Sept. 6 against the Rays. He pitched 6 1-3 scoreless innings in Game 2 last postseason at Tampa.

Moore has pitched only 9 1-3 innings in three major league appearances, none against Texas. He struck out 11 in five scoreless innings at Yankee Stadium in his first major league start last week.

"I don't think we have qualms about doing anything," Maddon said about the possibility of starting the rookie be-

fore the announcement was made later.

Derek Holland (16-5), who is 10-1 with a 2.77 ERA over his last 15 starts, goes for Texas against James Shields (16-12) in Game 2 on Saturday night. Shields lost twice to Lee last postseason, but has allowed only one earned run in 17 innings against Texas this season.

Tampa Bay didn't have an organized workout after getting to Texas late Thursday.

The Rangers got to fly home from Los Angeles rather than all the way across the country to Yankee Stadium after a 3-1 win over the Angels on Wednesday night when Mike Napoli homered twice for the second game in a row against his former team.

Napoli and All-Star third baseman Adrian Beltre were the primary

additions to the Rangers this season. Along with leadoff hitter Ian Kinsler (who also stole 30 bases), the Rangers had three 30-homer players for the first time since Ivan Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez in 1999.

Tampa Bay purged many of its highest-paid players last winter, including Carlos Pena and Carl Crawford, now with the Red Sox. The Rays also let go of pitchers like starter Matt Garza, closer Rafael Soriano and relievers Grant Balfour and Joaquin Benoit.

Yet, the Rays still came back from being nine games back in the wild-card standings Sept. 3. They caught up with the Red Sox this week, and finally passed them in a matter of minutes on the final night of the regular season.

"I actually feel like this was a better comeback," said Johnny Damon, one of the Tampa newcomers this season who was part of the 2004 Red Sox team that overcame a 3-0 deficit to the Yankees in the AL championship series and then won the World Series in a four-game sweep.

"I had to sit down by myself and at least try to soak some of it in, realize what had just happened," Longoria said of the postgame frenzy after his play-off-clinching homer. "But it's a weird feeling being back here, being back in Texas and having another chance at it, what we failed at last year."

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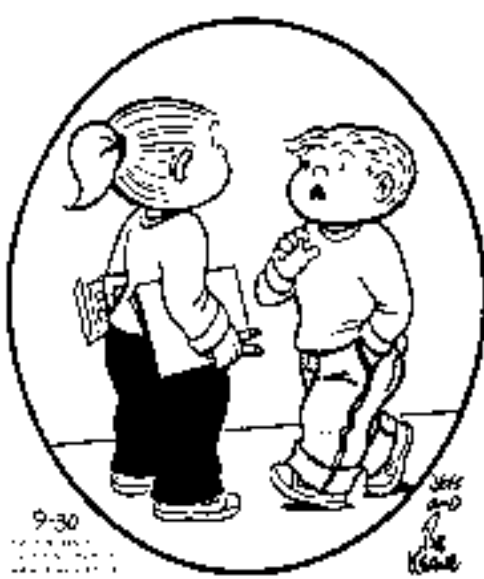
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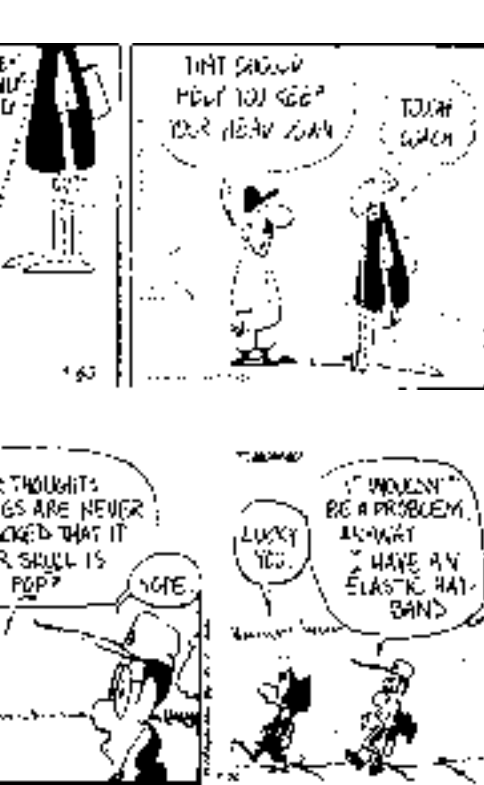
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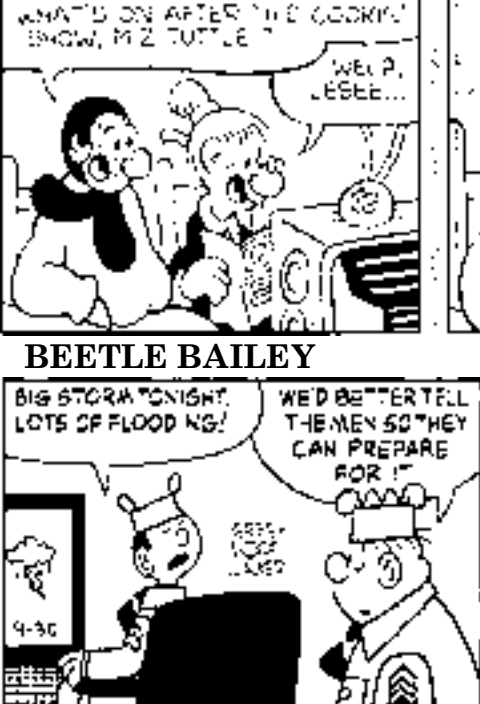
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Today is Friday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2011. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

On this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1809, a treaty was signed by Indiana Territory Gov. William Henry Harrison and representatives of four Indian tribes under which the Indians sold some 3 million acres of land to be used for U.S. settlements.

In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben

Frost.

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day.

In 1986, the U.S. released accused Soviet spy Gennadiy Zakharov, one day after the Soviets released American journalist Nicholas Daniloff.

In 1988, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev retired President Andrei A. Gromyko from the Politburo and fired other old-guard leaders in a Kremlin shake-up.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel (EL'-ee vee-ZEHL') is 83. Actress Angie Dickinson is 80. Singer Cissy Houston is 78. Singer Johnny Mathis is 76.

Actor Len Cariou is 72. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 68. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 66. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 65. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 61. Actress Victoria Tennant is 61. Actor John Finn (TV: "Cold Case") is 59. Rock musician John Lombardo is 59. Singer Deborah Allen is 58. Actor Calvin Levels is 57. Actor Barry Williams is 57. Singer Patrice Rushen is 57. Actress Fran Drescher is 54. Country singer Marty Stuart is 53. Actress Debrah Farentino is 52. Rock musician Bill Rieflin (R.E.M.) is 51. Former Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., is 51. Actress Crystal Bernard is 50. Actor Eric Stoltz is 50.

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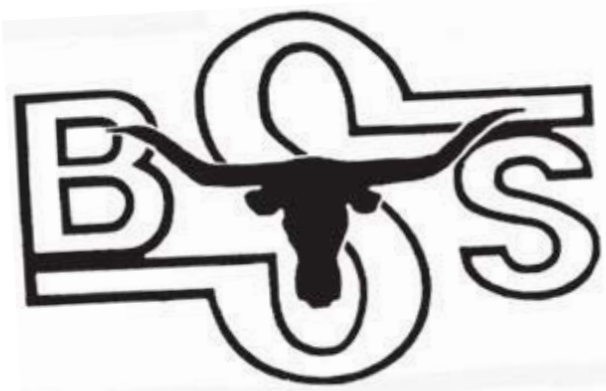
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Belonging to a group is a basic human need, and yet communal urges certainly happen to varying degrees depending on the individual. The Scorpio moon is a lone wolf who gladly favors private time and offers an escape hatch for those who need a break from all the togetherness and cooperation the Libran skies have overseen this week.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Winning begets winning. Regardless of your starting position, you can create an excellent end result if you stay focused on what's going right instead of on what's going wrong.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You don't have to push yourself to share with others, because your contributions flow

effortlessly from you. It brings you such great pleasure to give that you are becoming well known for your generosity.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Don't forget about that whim you had last week. It is still a good idea, and it is worth investigating further, if not following through to the exciting end.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You will do your part to protect, preserve, restore and manage your household. If everyone takes on as much responsibility as you do, your home life will be in tiptop shape.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll enjoy your time with loved ones. You've been rushing around so much that you may feel that you haven't really seen them. Today's slower pace will give you a chance to openly gaze in appreciation.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today your tidbits come in the form of information and entertainment and won't cost you much money to pick up and share. You are constantly combing the scene for something your loved ones would like.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love isn't going to sneak into your heart and surprise you, and you won't suddenly discover love. Love is a state that you will co-create with another person. An interesting development happens in a relationship.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This day will feel like a whole week because its intensity is so turned up. You'll pack twice as many people and activities into the space of 24 hours, so the day will be broken up into short bursts of your attention.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Life will likely improve later, and yet it would be a shame to waste the moment anticipating better days when you could be engaged in the perfectly lovely circumstance happening right now.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It will help you to understand your rights and powers. For instance, without the support of customers, a business will fail. As a paying customer, you have certain rights that you should know and defend.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). Each person projects his or her own story onto the situation at hand. Therefore, you can safely assume that however people are reacting to you, it is not personal.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You sometimes assume that what you know is common knowledge, but it really isn't. That is why it's important that you teach the people around you, especially if those people happen to be your children.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 30). You'll fix a less than ideal part of your life, and your birthday is like the shot that starts the race. Pace yourself, though — the journey will be long, satisfying and productive provided you stay on course. Sweet nothings in your ear in October develop into life-changing decisions and relationships. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 2, 14, 33 and 18.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Never let another person think he or she has control over you. Your freedom hinges on this. **TAURUS:** You dwell on

what's good about another person, and that person will do the same for you. **GEMINI:** Needing someone is a kind of repellent. Fulfill your own needs, and you'll be a magnet for love. **CANCER:** Read up. Your allure is closely tied to your intelligence. **LEO:** You'll be more attractive if you carve out time to do what makes you happy. **VIRGO:** Love is not a sentiment, and yet when you say "I love you," something magical happens. **LIBRA:** The gap between you and another person will close rapidly as you fill in the blanks with new understanding and knowledge. **SCORPIO:** Love intensifies as you explore music and the arts with someone. **SAGITTARIUS:** A misunderstanding will be quickly cleared up with direct communication. **CAPRICORN:** Every part of you is lovable. Don't forget that. **AQUARIUS:** It is only natural to feel that you can't compete with certain people for romantic attention. It's also hokey. Get into the game — you're a contender. **PISCES:** It's

lovely the way you make an effort to articulate specifically what you enjoy about another person.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Scorpio and Libra will be fascinated by the minutia of their unfolding relationship. Libra will tend toward an intellectual approach to getting acquainted, and Scorpio will depend on more physical and spiritual communication. So Libra may do more of the talking as Scorpio reveals his or her interest with well-directed silence. A thought-provoking movie will be the ideal entertainment for date night.

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## Dear Margo: Same song, second verse

**Dear Margo:** "Ron" and I have been married for three and a half years, together for four and a half. (I'm 30, and he's 31.)

When we first started dating, I honestly didn't care if he went to church with me, shared my beliefs or got along with my parents.

Now, four years down the road, I realize I do care if he goes to church with me, shares my beliefs and gets along with my parents.

He gives in and goes to church maybe once a month, complaining the whole time about the pastor and his "sheep."

He doesn't know if he would let his children be raised in the church, and he doesn't really get along with my parents. Divorce has come up several times — along

with massive fights and screaming matches.

He usually walks out, and I always beg him to come back because I love him.

Now I'm the one who wants to end our marriage — before we bring kids into the picture.

Ron is now begging me to work it out and telling me he wants the marriage to work, saying he'll go to church, change his beliefs and try to get along with my parents.

Do I try to salvage my marriage?

Do we split up and go our separate ways before we end up hating each other? We've tried counseling, but didn't get very far.

We were basically told, "You know what your problems are. Now fix them."

I do love my husband, but I don't know that I'm "in love" with him anymore. — *Wondering in the West*

**Dear Won:** As you may know, I don't think much of the complaint, "I love him, but I'm not in love with him."

To me, that's an issue of maturity and expectations. In the situation you describe, however, the two of you are thrashing out basic issues that many couples try to come to terms with before they are married.

Because of your history together, and your having laid down the gauntlet, I would give him (and the marriage) a trial period.

If he can live up to his pledges, then you will have a better idea of whether it's a go or a no go. — *Margo, experimentally*

## Disability, Families and Bias

**Dear Margo:** I am Mom to three beautiful girls with autism, ages 11, 15 and 16. Their 49-year-old aunt is getting married for the first time in the late fall.

She invited two nieces to be flower girls and two nephews to be ring bearers.

She did not invite my girls to even attend her wedding and, to clear up the "chatter" in the family, sent an email to her brother saying, "There will be no other children under the age of 18 at my wedding."

My mother-in-law thinks the exclusion of her granddaughters is perfectly acceptable behavior.

What do you think? And would you attend this wedding? — *Miffed Mom*

**Dear Miff:** I know of a man with Asperger's who married an autistic woman, so it seems to me that if people with autism can marry, they certainly may attend weddings.

Granted, this is anecdotal and not scientific data involving a large sample, but I detect in your situation a prejudice against persons

with disability — and the fact that it's family makes it all the more hurtful.

I would bring it up directly with the elderly bride (49; meow) and state your feelings. Use this incident as a teaching moment. You might also mention the sting of exclusion to your out-to-lunch m-i-l, who is clearly leading or being led by her daughter. (So much for doting grandmothers.)

But do attend the wedding. If you cannot get your sister-in-law to change her mind, you will at least have gone on record and made your point. — *Margo, instructively*

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