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# Bling! United Way prepares for kick off

**Herald Staff Report**

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for the 70<sup>th</sup> annual Boots & Bling campaign kick off which will be taking place at 6 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Big Spring Country Club.

"We finished last year's campaign strong and we are ready to jump into the 2015 campaign just as strong," said Larry Rodgers, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County president. "Big Spring and Howard County have always offered us great

support during the campaign and we have no doubt this year will be the same."

Tickets are once again \$25 per person. Due to the venue, there will be limited seating. The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, live music from AC and

the Heaters and a silent auction. An addition this year will be a live auction with special guest auctioneer Jay Hendricks, news anchor from CBS 7.

"We are excited to kick off the 2015 campaign. Big Spring and Howard County

have always been great supporters of the United Way," Rodgers said. "We are excited to announce our goal for this year and get started on meeting that goal. Our United Way

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Police and emergency medical service personnel responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident at FM 700 and Interstate 20 Thursday afternoon. No injury information was available at press time.

## Area educators take wait and see stance on court decision

**By LYNDEL MOODY**

Herald Staff Writer

Here we go again.

State District Judge John Dietz ruled Thursday that Texas' school finance system is unconstitutional — failing to provide adequate funding or to distribute it fairly between rich and poor areas.

His latest, 400-page written opinion reaffirmed his verbal decision from last year, when he found that the state's "Robin Hood" funding formula fails to meet the Texas Constitution's requirements for an efficient system providing a "general diffusion of knowledge."

Area school district officials say the ruling not unexpected

as the state as been wrestling with the issue for decades.

"I'm not sure why this is new news," said George Bancroft, Big Spring Independent School District public relations coordinator. "My understanding is this was ruled unconstitutional some time ago. They are just saying the same thing they said before. Whatever needs to be fixed has needed to be fixed for years and for whatever reason is not being addressed. I don't understand that."

Forsan ISD is one of the official litigants in the lawsuit.

"This ruling is a step in a long process," said Forsan

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## BSISD board approves 5 percent raise

*Teacher shortage, influx of students creating challenge*

**By LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Employees with the Big Spring Independent School district will have a little extra cash in their paycheck this year.

The board of trustees voted

Thursday night to approve a budget that includes a 3 percent raise for all employees plus 2 percent more for teachers and non-contractual, at-will staff.

"We are behind our teachers and our administrators,"

said board vice-president Tony Kennedy. "The teachers have been paid a little bit less than what we could have afforded in past, but now we've actually seen some increase in values. We need to take care of our teachers. We have

great teachers in this district. We also have to be competitive in work place. When you are competitive, you retain good people and that's what we want to do, be competitive

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## Various entities to close, celebrating Labor Day

**Herald Staff Report**

Break out the grill. Monday is Labor Day.

City and county offices will be closed in honor of the holiday, including the landfill. Also there will be no sanitation pick up on that day. Emergency services for both the city and county will continue as normal. The Big Spring City Emergency Utilities Department will continue

services Monday and can be contacted at 264-2392.

Area students will enjoy a three-day weekend. Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts will suspend classes for Monday and administrative offices will also be closed. Private schools Nazarene Christian Academy and Maranatha will also close that day. In fact, Maranatha

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## Firefighters extinguish brush fire in short order

**By STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Quick response from local firefighters limited the damage caused by a wildfire in the vicinity of Scenic Mountain Medical Center Thursday afternoon.

Authorities say a vulture alighting on a transformer bank caused sparks which eventually started the fire, which was on the north side of Martin Luther King Boulevard across from SMMC.

Three engines from Big Spring Fire Department quickly

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# Obituaries

## Daury Cockrell Booth



Daury Dea Garrison Cockrell Booth, 78, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Bro. Don Smith and Steve Barker, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born July 28, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas and married Gerald "Spot" Cockrell June 4, 1954, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 12, 2006. She then married Rondy H. Booth March 8, 2010, in El Reno, Okla.

Daury was a beautiful person both inside and out. She had never met a stranger and loved everyone she had ever known. Not only did she love people, she also adored her furry friends. Doxies were her favorite, but anything with fur was always welcome. She loved to play golf and was a member of the Big Spring Ladies Golf Association for many years. Her greatest joy was being with her family and friends. She was the greatest "Grammy" to 12 grandchildren and 18 beautiful great-grandchildren.

She is now at peace with her Lord and Savior and with those who were waiting for her in heaven. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched with

her grace and love.

Survivors include her husband, Rondy H. Booth of Big Spring; a sister, Nelda Maynard and husband, Roy of El Reno, Okla.; two brothers, her twin, Donald "Buddy" Garrison of Hot Springs, S.D. and John Garrison and wife, Betty of Weatherford; one son, Donnie H. Cockrell of Alvord; one daughter, Debra Denise Cockrell-Ellis; a son-in-law, Steve Hector; three step-children, Rhonda Dunaway and husband, James "Red", Jeri Barker and husband, Steve, and Sandy Smith and husband, Don all of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Kambrah K. Wiseman and husband, Greg of League City, Jamie Moore and wife, Ashley of Cleburne and Magen McVeigh and husband, Matt of Saginaw; nine step-grandchildren, Stetson Hector, Shasta Hector, Leann Sumner, Christopher Pitts, John Barker, Kevin Barker, Jessica Barker, JD Smith and Jake Smith; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Nikki Lynn Ellis Jan. 1, 2002; her daughter, Jana Lyn Carter-Hector July 17, 2014; her son-in-law, Terry "Fuzzy" Carter May 17, 2000; her daughter-in-law, Monika Cockrell Sept. 26, 2010; an infant granddaughter, Christie Carter in 1978; and her sister-in-law, Barbara Garrison.

The family suggests memorials to the SPCA, at www.sPCA.org, or to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Maria R. Gutierrez



Maria R. Gutierrez, 92, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday Aug. 27, 2014, in Lubbock. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Maria Gutierrez was born on July 19, 1922 in Marfa, Texas to Maria Lazars Brito and Luis Rosales. She married Jose Gutierrez in 1940 in Big Spring. She was a housewife and mother. She was also a Guadelupanas and a Crusillista.

Her survivors include three sons, Manuel Gutierrez and wife Lydia of Shallowater, John Gutierrez and wife Christy of Wolfforth and Joe Gutierrez and his wife Gina of Littlefield; six daughters, Loraine Santos and her husband Jose of Lubbock, Elena Gutierrez of Tennessee, Eva Gutierrez of Lubbock and Elidia Cavazos, Susana Gutierrez and Victoria Gutierrez, all of Lubbock; three sisters, Solida Rodriguez of Sand Springs, Juanita Rodriguez of Stanton and Posquala Garcia, also of Stanton; 27 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren and 42 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1952; her mother in 1953; her husband Jose Gutierrez on Feb. 8, 2008; three brothers, Alfoaso Heredia in 1964, Juna Heredia in 1976 and Melesio Brito in 1977; one sister, Cresenia Rios; and one son, Paul Gutierrez in 2013.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

# Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- DENNY RAY WANNER, 38, 617 Caylor, was arrested on a charge of theft under \$1,500.
- PHILLIP WAYNE BEBEE, 42, 1513 E. 17<sup>th</sup>,

was arrested on a charge of expired registration.

- JOSE ANTONIO MORAN JR., 20, 2200 S. Runnels, was arrested on two charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, no driver's license.
- BRITTANY LEE CHRISTIAN, 22, 2808 Sherman, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass and theft under \$500.
- JEFFREY COLIN RAINES, 35, 802 S. Birdwell, was arrested on three charges of shoplifting.
- STERLING DONALD MCINTOSH, 31, 1110 E. 16<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on

charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and open container in a motor vehicle.

- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg, the 1200 block of Runnels and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1300 block of Mobile.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3100 block of E. Highway 350.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (83 prisoners were reported in the county jail):

- KELLIE MOANA

WARF, 43, was jailed on a warrant charging parent contributing to non-attendance.

- DEEANN OWENS COX, 52, was jailed on a violation of parole warrant.
- BRITTANY CHRISTIAN, 21, was jailed on charges of criminal trespass and shoplifting.
- JEFFREY COLIN RAINES, 35, was jailed on three charges of organized retail theft.
- STERLING MCINTOSH, 31, was jailed on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction and open container in a motor vehicle.



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- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 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 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m.

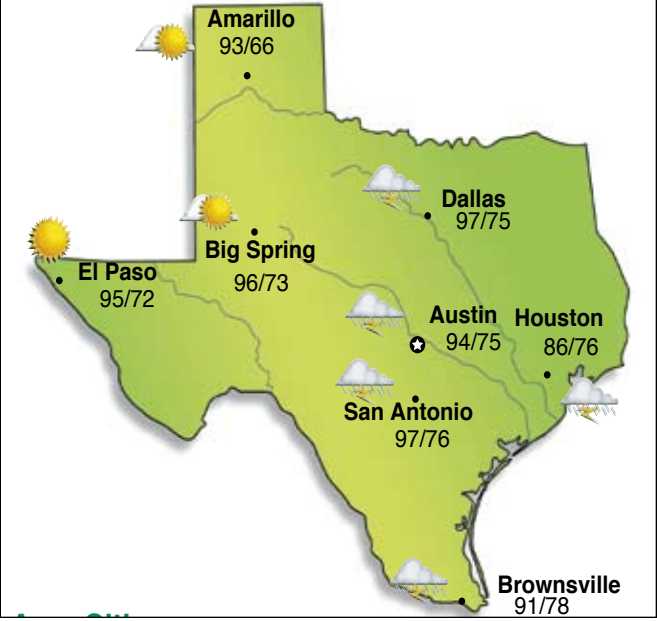
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## Local 5-Day Forecast

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ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson. "We assume this will be appealed and end up back in the hands of the Texas Supreme Court, so we will wait to see what they have to say. From our perspective, we want to keep a lid on the Robin Hood System. One of the ways they could "solve" this finance system is they could help those schools that are really poor financially by taking more from us in West Texas, and we just don't see that as a good move as all.

"As the judge ruled, he basically said in several of his points there is not enough money in the current system to do the job that we have been given," Johnson continued. "That is true of us just like it is of other school districts. We can't justify giving away local money to help someone else. We agree that everybody needs help, but we don't think it should come from West Texas Chapter 41 schools here. Last year we sent away more than \$3 million in Robin Hood. This year it will go down some because we have increased enrollment but it will be well over \$2 million dollars. We look at that and think, 'Good grief, what could we do with facilities or do with special programs for kids if we could keep that money?' We are trying to keep further harm being done through the Robin Hood System."

Now area school districts will remain in a wait and see mode. "There are not too

many school district's in our situation when it comes to school finance," said Dr. Amy Jacobs, CISD superintendent. "We are a Chapter 41 (rich) district, but we are below the threshold to pay back to the system. You don't know what is going to happen now. Basically, it's let the fireworks begin.



Jacobs

"We have been told by everyone before, if something is done by school finance it would have to be ruled unconstitutional," she continued. "This is one of those situations you cannot predict the outcome. That is a little bit unnerving. At the same time I am glad they are going to have to take a look at how the state funds school districts. There is a huge discrepancy between the amount of dollars spent per student in schools that have to pay. Even in our area if you look at the amount of money we see anywhere between 2,000 and 6,000 more per students that are being spent in some of the schools in our area than we are able to spend per student because of the way the system is set up. This is about to get interesting, and we hope that the state can come up with something that will be fair and equitable and allow folks to do what they need to do."

This time, Dietz blocked Texas from using portions of its current school finance system, but also put that order on hold until next July. That gives the Leg-

islature, which reconvenes in January, an opportunity to "cure the constitutional deficiencies," the ruling says.

The case, though, still has a long way to go — and likely won't be concluded until well after lawmakers have completed the 2015 session.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office, which had argued that the system was flawed but nonetheless constitutional, says it will appeal — and that means the matter is headed to the Texas Supreme Court, a process that will likely take months.

If the high court eventually upholds the Dietz decision, it will be up to state lawmakers to design an entirely new funding method. But until then, the system will remain unchanged.

The case grew out of lawmakers cutting \$5.4 billion from public education in 2011, prompting more than 600 school districts responsible for educating three-quarters of Texas' 5 million-plus public school students to sue.

They claimed they no longer had sufficient resources to educate students. The lawsuit cited Texas' school enrollment growth of nearly 80,000 students per year due to a booming population and the Legislature's increased demands for standardized testing and lofty curriculum requirements to graduate high school.

The districts also said "Robin Hood" mandates that schools in wealthy areas share portions of their income tax revenue with schools in poorer areas was unfair to both.

Dietz's verbal ruling came after months of testimony, but he held off compiling a written ruling that would start the appeals process. Then in the summer of 2013, lawmakers restored more than \$3.4 billion to classrooms and slashed the number of standardized tests required for high school graduation from 15 to five.

Dietz then reopened the case in January, but new evidence on the added funding and overhauled graduation standards wasn't enough to change his mind.

School advocates cheered, but acknowledged that little will change for now.

"Filing appeals and waiting another year or longer may be convenient for some politicians, but making students wait in a state system that provides roughly \$600 less per student than it did six years ago is shameful," said Noel Candelaria, president of the Texas State Teachers' Association.

When they come back to Austin next year, lawmakers may again vote to increase public school funding. But that wouldn't answer underlying questions about the way funding is distributed — and any changes to the overall formula aren't likely until the Texas Supreme Court has had its say.

Abbott is running for governor and didn't argue the case personally. Yet, despite his office appealing, the gubernatorial candidate struck a more conciliatory tone.

"Our obligation is to improve education for our children rather than just doubling down

on an outdated education system constructed decades ago," Abbott said. His Democratic opponent, state Sen. Wendy Davis, noted that "Abbott has been in court for years, defending overcrowded classrooms, teacher layoffs and public-school closings."

Meanwhile, added classroom funding is no sure thing when the Legislature reconvenes.

State Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican who heads the Texas Senate Education Committee and is favored to

win the lieutenant governorship in November, noted that "we have spent vast amounts of money toward education and we're still struggling to see significant improvement."

Bill Hammond, head of the powerful lobbying group the Texas Association of Business, said, "Simply throwing more money at our education system doesn't make it better."

Associated Press reporter Will Weissert contributed to this article.

BSISD

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and help our good teachers."

That extra 2 percent approved last night equals to an additional \$450,000 to the adopted budget which is projected to have a surplus of around \$200,000 by the end of the fiscal year, said Debbie Green, BSISD chief financial officer.

"Every employee received a 3 percent raise," said Chris Wigington, BSISD superintendent. "The board felt like our teachers and our non-contractual, at-will employees needed a little extra. We've got great people in the district right now, and we want to retain those folks."

With increasing enrollment, a severe housing shortage and competition from high paying oilfield jobs, trustees are hoping the additional raise will help the district stay competitive as West Texas school systems hunt for employees. Wigington said enrollment is up a little more than 200 students in the district from the last day of school in May.

"Our classrooms are loaded, and we are going to continue looking for teachers," he said. "I think we have maybe a couple of positions to fill. I just wish I knew where the teachers are."

Following the adoption of the budget, trustees also approved the 2015 tax rate of \$1.3605 per \$100 valuation, which is lower than the expiring tax rate of \$1.4495 per \$100 valuation. This new rate is projected to

bring in more tax revenue than last year.

In other financial matters, Green informed trustees that the 2013-2014 budget is expected to end the fiscal year with \$11 million in fund balance plus \$3.5 million in committed monies to future construction projects yet unknown. That places the district "savings account" with about four months of reserve funds.

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students got an early jump on the holiday weekend since Maranatha did not hold classes today.

Howard College and the SouthWest Institute Collegiate for the Deaf will also enjoy a day off Monday.

In addition to the courthouse and annex, other county facilities will be closed, including the public library and senior center.

County, city, schools and other entities will resume operations Tuesday.

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Maria R. Gutierrez, died Wednesday. Vigil service is 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass is 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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kickoff event will be the first of many events to start our campaign."

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is still in the process of accepting donations for the silent auction. Donations can be dropped off at the United Way office or by contacting any United Way board member.

"The board has been hard at work getting the plans for the event together and we are all looking forward to seeing the members of the community come

out and enjoy a good time while supporting an amazing cause," First Vice President and Campaign Chair Chad Averette said. "It is going to be a fun-filled night with great music, good food and fellowship."

In addition to the board members announcing the goal for the upcoming campaign and other fundraising ideas coming up, representatives from each of the 17 supported agencies will be on hand. The 2014 agencies are The Salvation Army, The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Isaiah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, YMCA, Northside Community Center, Emergency Services Chaplain Corp., Spring

of Siloam, Girls Scouts of the Desert Southwest, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross West Texas Chapter, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging Mobile Meals, Howard County Humane Society, Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring, Westside Community Day Care Center and Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

To purchase Boots and Bling tickets or to make a donation, stop by the United Way office at 215 W. Third or contact any of the 23 board members. For more information, call the United Way office at 432-267-5201.

FIRE

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controlled the blaze, with an assist from county volunteers.

"The city did a super job controlling the fire," said Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. "All we did was mop up."

No injuries or property damage were reported in the fire, which consumed less than two acres.

"We were really fortunate," BSFD Fire Marshal Carl Condray said.

"There was no wind to speak of and very little shelter for the fire."

Although the blaze was fairly non-consequential, it served as a reminder that fire season is very much still with us and people planning cookouts over the Labor Day weekend should exercise great caution.

"Even though we got some good rains Thursday, the grass out there will still burn at this point," Sullivan said. "People need to be very fire-wise when they're cooking out this week-

end ... Just protect your area — make sure there's no high brush or grass around the fire and that it's fully extinguished when you're

done. Just be safe."

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# Opinion

## The lesson for liberals

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There's a painful lesson to be learned for liberals, especially liberal Jews, from the hopefully concluded war in Gaza.

Most of my liberal friends desperately want to believe that the fact that Israel is subject to more criticism than almost any country in the world (including some very scary ones), that respected universities consider calls for boycotts, that student government slates (at UCLA) run and win on pledges not to accept travel from the Anti-Defamation League, that all of this and more has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that it is a Jewish state, much less with anti-Semitism. No, it's not about holding Jews to a different standard; it's Israel.

Newsflash: Not so in this war. Israel is not the “occupier” of Gaza. Israel did not build tunnels into Gaza.

Show me another country that would be castigated, as Israel has been, even in the American media, for protecting its citizens against terrorists who had secretly figured out how to infiltrate their towns and villages, who were sending



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rockets aimed at major population centers without even a pretense of targeting the military.

You know what the world would say if another country were the one taking on terrorists who have vowed to destroy us, as well. We would say thanks. We would say well done. We would be very glad that they were willing to send their soldiers into harm's way, that they were adept enough to target militants. Would the international media be castigating the country that first warned of impending attacks and then hit houses where the dead were pulled out carrying rifles to the cheers of the crowd? They would not.

How is it that Israel became the villain in a war it did not start, that was necessitated by self-defense, that cost needless lives because Hamas does not value the lives of its own people either?

One of my friends sent me an email from an Israeli doctor whose team had saved the life of a Palestinian woman who had been burned by her own family (likely for straying beyond the proper limits for women).

She returned to Gaza and was encouraged to return to Israel for outpatient follow-up. She was stopped at the border, suicide bombs strapped to her body, on her way to her follow-up appointment in Israel. She planned to kill herself and those who had saved

her life. Her family told her they would forgive her if she did.

This is why Israelis were overwhelmingly in support of this war. It is because it was a war of self-defense, part of the struggle for survival that we would like to believe is limited to the countries in the Middle East, but is built on hatred and hypocrisy that cannot so easily be cabined.

It is good that there is a cease-fire, good that families on both sides can sleep a little better and breathe a little easier, good that fewer lives may be lost in the short run. But we liberals cannot kid ourselves.

My mother saw anti-Semitism behind every corner and always urged me not to offend. I was determined to push back against those limits — when I was growing up, limits on who could live where and go to school where and even go fishing off of which dock — just like I was determined to push back on the limits imposed on women. No one's victim. Not me. We Jewish Americans have done very, very well and have much to be grateful for.

But blindness is more dangerous than paranoia.

It wasn't — it isn't — just about Israel.

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## Compassion on the mission trail

When we think of the Spanish conquistadors, most of us see images of the ruthless explorers who committed genocide while seeking gold in Latin America. Those images often are grossly distorted by the anti-Spanish propaganda known as the Black Legend, but they are even more distorted when they are applied to the Spanish missionaries who came to North America.

Nowhere is this more evident than on the San Antonio Mission Trail, where you can see things the Spanish did to improve the lives of Native Americans.

You see housing quarters, schools, water wells, irrigation systems, flour mills, granaries, blacksmith workshops and beautiful churches. You see fortified communities that were built by natives under Spanish supervision almost three centuries ago and subsequently rebuilt and preserved as historic monuments. You see how Native Americans learned not only the Spanish language and traditions but also the skills needed to defend themselves; raise cattle, sheep, goats and pigs; grow crops; work with iron; produce textiles; make bricks; and build with masonry.

Unless you live in Florida, the Southwest or California and you are used to seeing it with your own eyes, you might fail to recognize that the Spanish came here to teach new ways, build communities and preach Christianity.

When my Great Hispanic American History Tour recently followed the San Antonio Mission Trail, I took a journey back in time to communities that were established between 1718 and 1731. And my Hispanic batteries were recharged!

“The missions of San Antonio were far more than just churches, they were communities. Each was a fortified village, with its own church, farm, and ranch,” according to the sign that greets you at the missions. “Here, Franciscan friars gathered native peoples, converted them to Catholicism, taught them to live as Spaniards, and helped maintain Spanish control over the Texas frontier.”

As you walk around these missions and see how they sustained thriving communities of Spaniards and Native Americans back in the 1700s, you also see how deeply Hispanic roots are planted in this area.

“The Franciscans established six missions along the San Antonio River in the early 1700s,” the mission signs say. “Five of them flourished and, with the Villa de San Fernando, became the foundation of the city of San Antonio.”

Of the five missions that survived, one of them — San Antonio de Valero — became known as the Alamo and now serves as the shrine for those who died there while fighting for Texas' independence from Mexico in 1836. But the other four, rebuilt from ruins and pristinely maintained as park grounds and museums by National Park Services, are also gems to behold — a photographer's paradise. And their four churches, administered by the Archdiocese of San Antonio, still are active and serving some of the descendants of Native Americans converted to Catholicism almost three centuries ago.

San Antonio de Valero, established in 1718 and moved to its present location in 1722, was the first one, followed by San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo, established in 1720, and three others — Mission San Francisco de la Espada, Mission Nuestra Señora de la Purisima Concepcion de Acuña and Mission San Juan Capistrano — were all established in 1731.

Each of them has an open courtyard, once bustling hubs of Native American commerce. All of them housed Native American families in the rooms along the interior of the compound walls. Although they were connected by the Mission Trail, each mission was a self-sustained community housing several hundred natives during their thriving decades.

Those who follow the trail nowadays, on the same routes established by Spanish explorers in the 18th century, soon come to realize that, as the signs tell you, “today the missions are elegant reminders of the contributions of Indian and Hispanic peoples to the history of the United States.”

They are also elegant reminders of the many ways in which the Spanish taught the natives how to live much better lives and of how the natives joined the missions willingly.

“Within the (mission) walls Indians lived, worshipped, and attended classes.

They learned to blacksmith, to weave on European looms, to cut stone, and to make shoes and cotton clothes,” according to the exhibit at the Mission San Jose museum. “Outside the walls, the mission Indians tended fields, orchards, and livestock.”

Not quite the image painted by the Black Legend, right? In fact, the goal of the missionaries was to teach the natives to live and worship as Spaniards and, ultimately, to exist independently.

“Franciscan friars served the Church as ministers, teachers, and protectors of the Indians,” one of the mission exhibits explains. “They served the king as explorers, diplomats, cartographers, builders and scribes. As frontier missionaries they spread the word of God and the language and culture of Spain.”

Even when the missions were closed — because Spain could no longer maintain them and the territory became part of independent Mexico in 1821 — “the priests distributed the mission's farmlands, animals and community tools among the natives that still remained.”

But when the missions were active — some for up to a century — natives flocked to take refuge in them, often fleeing from more violent natives.

“In this part of Texas, the mission Indians were hunter-gatherers, and they were nomads,” explained Bonnie Simons a terrific volunteer tour guide at Mission San Jose. “They spoke the Coahuiltecan language. But they were peaceful Indians, and the Apaches and the Comanches that were also in this area were fierce warriors and quite intimidating.”

She said the Coahuiltecan nomads' “lives were either feast or famine. One day might be an abundant day, and the next day might be a day of starvation. Yet within this (mission) system, they would never starve, and within this system, they were so much safer from the Apaches and Comanches. And that's why our missions here in San Antonio are built like fortresses.”

In fact, the Comanches and Apaches rejected acculturation and lived nomadic lives until well into the late 1800s, but the Coahuiltecan became Spanish citizens in the 1700s and changed from nomadic hunter-gatherers to sedentary farmers and skilled workers.

Simons said many natives also went to the missions believing that they would be better protected from the European diseases that were affecting them.

“You have to ask yourself, ‘Why would hunter-gatherer nomads want to enter a mission frontier system?’” Simons said. “It certainly wasn't that they were all dying to become Christians or that they particularly wanted to learn a vocation. And they were not hand-cuffed and tied down and roped to come in; they came in voluntarily. They came because it was a better way of life for them.”

“So not all the Spanish were bad?” I asked. “Because I'm sure you know there is this thing called the Black Legend, which portrays the Spanish very negatively.”

But she interrupted before I could explain further. “Well, they did not do here what they did in South America. They did not,” she added adamantly. “They did not do that here.”

More Americans should take her tour and listen to her carefully.

Before we leave San Antonio, however, next week the tour must stop again at some of the city's most treasured historic site.

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### DAILY PRAYER

Let peace dwell in our hearts, dear Lord.

Amen

► Church News

Did you ever wonder?

Abraham

What all do you know about Abraham? Little of Abraham's early life is related in the Bible.

Let's investigate what is written about him by the sages of his time.

His original name was Abram.

His father, Terah, was probably a general in Nimrod's army and he also operated a business making and selling idols. Once when Abram was a young man and his father was away in the service of Nimrod, Terah left Abram to mind the shop and make sales if people came in.

In his mind, Abram was questioning the idea of "a man making a figure and calling it a god, then expecting that god to protect, provide and heal." So Abram took a stick and smashed one of the idol statues and nothing happened to him — he was not punished!

He smashed another statue and nothing happened; but he knew that his father would be very angry when he returned. So Abram smashed all the statues except the largest one, and he put the stick in the hands of that large statue. He wanted to give the impression that the big idol killed all the smaller ones. When Terah returned Abram told his father, "If this statue is god, let him strike me dead!"

Terah was very angry and reported the incident to king Nimrod. Nimrod ordered Abram to be thrown into a fiery furnace, and his brother, Haran, was ordered to choose if Abram or Nimrod was right. Haran chose to side with whomever was victorious, thinking this way he would be saved from the angry king.

When Abram miraculously emerged from the fire, Haran sided with him in triumph, but angry king Nimrod now threw Haran into the furnace and he perished. Abram had begun to understand and to seek the One True God. Haran was simply trying to pick the winning side of this conflict.

Is it a wonder, then, that Abram believed God when God said to him, "Go for yourself from your land, from your relatives, and from your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation; I will bless you, and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and him who curses you I will curse; and all the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you." (Gen 12:1-3)

At that time, it took a lot of courage for a man to leave the security of his family or tribe and risk living among strangers. But when God saved him from the fiery furnace, Abram knew the power and the strength of God. Abram believed God and obeyed.

Abram took his wife, their servants, all their possessions and flocks and left his father and brother in Ur of the Chaldees.

He went to the faraway land of Canaan.

Abram took with him his nephew, Lot, who was also Sarai's brother, and Lot's possessions and flocks. Abram was not familiar with the land of Canaan; he did not actually know where God would tell him to stop and settle. He would stop when God told him to stop. Yet when Abram was 75 years old, he trusted God to lead him on a long, strenuous journey into a land which would not welcome him. He believed that God would fulfill the promises He had given Abram.

He has promised to care for and provide for us, also. Have you put your trust in Him?

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Spring Creek Fellowship

Join us tonight for "Date Night/Family Night at Beans World Courtyard" from 6-9 p.m. Bring your own chairs. The Bratchers will provide live music. Food and drinks available for purchase.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes include Junior K through Junior High is coming this year. Applications are now being taken for the 2014-2015 school year. Visit our website at [bigspringclassical.org](http://bigspringclassical.org) for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

Connection Groups will continue throughout the next few months with the addition of one group learning about marriage called "What Did You Expect?" which begins Sept. 7. This class would be a blessing for those who are newly married, those married a long time, those planning to get married soon or anyone who plans to get married sometime in the future.

The Big Spring Christian Academy is opening a preschool in September. It will start out as a two-day a week preschool and eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months through 4 years old. For more information, go to [www.bscapreschool.org](http://www.bscapreschool.org).

Youth will be meeting for Bible study on Sunday, at 5 p.m. at the church. All youth who will begin 6th grade this fall through those who just graduated this spring are invited. For more information, contact Clint Bratcher.

Our Boy Scout Troop is collecting school supplies as well as underwear and socks for elementary school students. School supplies will be given to those students who may not be able to afford to buy them and the underwear and socks will be taken to school nurses to have on hand if needed.

Listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM..

Sunday Happenings:  
9:15-10:15 a.m.- Sunday School/Connection Groups  
10:15-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.  
10:45-noon- worship service.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

First Christian Church

Sunday, our pastor will finish his August sermon series on faith in the 21st Century. His sermon, 21st Century Knowledge, is based on Matthew 16: 21-28. Liturgist for Sunday is Cynthia Scott.

Last Sunday we welcomed our new musicians, Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thiebault. Tara is our new choir director and Larry our new pianist/organist. Both Tara and Larry work for the Big Spring Independent School District at the Junior High School. We need a few more female voices for our choir, and invite any in the community to join us as we start our new choir season. Choir rehearsal happens on Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the church.

Women in the community interested in belonging to a Christian Women's Fellowship are invited to attend the next meeting and luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 4. Call the church office, 432-517-4821, to make a reservation.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Where did the summer go? Why is 2014 flying by? If you are asking yourself these questions, and you have been meaning to visit or get back into church ... it's not too late.

FBC invites you to worship with us Sunday morning at 10:50. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled "Response\_Ability" drawn from 1 Peter 1:13-2:3. Interact with the sermon as it occurs through You Version on your smart phone, iPad or Kindle fire.

Sunday school classes for all age groups begin at 9:30, and greeters at each door are happy to assist you in finding your class.

To allow extra time with family and friends during the Labor Day holiday, there will be no Sunday evening service and church offices will be closed

Monday.

Tuesday, our Triple LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) Club meets at noon in the dining room. Everyone's invited to enjoy some great fellowship and food; bring a friend and enter through the east kitchen doors.

Our Mission Center will be open Thursday, Sept. 4 from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers are always needed, and you do not have to be a church member to help. Donations to the Food Pantry are welcome, and any monetary gifts are used to purchase food items that have not been given. The Clothes Closet is in need of children's clothing and men's jeans. There is an abundance of women's clothing available, therefore donations of women's items are not being accepted currently. The Mission Center is located on Lancaster behind HEB. Call First Baptist Church at 267-8223 for additional information.

Monday, Sept. 8 at 9:30, our Ladies' Bible Study Group begins its fall session; the study will be Beth Moore's "Children of the Day" which focuses on 1 & 2 Thessalonians. The study will also be offered Wednesday evenings at 5:30. All area women are invited to attend.

Our Mother's Day Out Program is happy to announce the opening of an additional Pre-K room. To inquire about available openings for your child, contact Tracy Boeker from 9-3 on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 267-8223, ext. 23.

FBC Youth Department is beginning new activities and Bible studies as the school year gets underway. Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini invites all area teens to be a part of this fun and growing group. Go to [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org) or call Jonathan at 267-8223 for details.

AWANAS will start their fall term Sunday, Sept. 7 at 5:30. Children grades 1 through 6, are invited to attend this program which emphasizes Scripture memory.

Wednesday evening activities begin with a meal in the Family Life Center from 5-6. Activities follow that include adult choir practice, Bible study and prayer time and children's and youth groups. Details are found on our website at [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org). Join us for chicken and rice casserole Sept. 3.

If you have questions about God, and wonder if He really cares about you, call 267-8223 or stop by the church and someone will be glad to listen, pray with you and talk with you about Jesus Christ, who is living proof of God's great love for you. FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Sunday is the start of some great new happenings at Blessed Hands Deaf Church; we will begin offering two worship services, a morning service at 10:50 and an afternoon service at 2. The sermon series this fall will be on Stewardship: Managing Your Resources for God.

Also, beginning Wednesday, we will have a Bible study at 6 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who attended our South-West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Staff Appreciation Day last Sunday. We are grateful for your support and prayers for these special people.

For additional information about BHDC, contact Pastor Jim Waltherhouse at [jwaltherhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwaltherhouse@gmail.com). Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700.

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, located at 1009 Hearn St., is beginning a new "inquirer's class" on Monday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of the office building.

If you or someone you know has questions about the Catholic Church, know that you are welcome to attend this class. If you are Catholic and have been away from the church, you too are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call the Holy Trinity office at 432-714-4930.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will continue our series, "Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John." Our message is titled, "Proven Methods," and comes from John 5:1-17.

Repairs on our fellowship hall have begun and are scheduled to be complete by Sept. 10. All youth activities will carry on with the 5:30 meal and individual groups.

Wednesday evenings we are studying the Book of Genesis. Sunday evenings we have begun an inquiry study based upon open questions about the Bible. Next week we will be examining the issue, "God and Pandemic Illness." Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scripture and can be emailed, called in, asked in person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

This Sunday, we will have regular morning worship, but evening services will be a community fellowship as we join Grace Fellowship Church of God at 6 p.m. for worship. The church is just south of Fourth Street and east of Birdwell on Tulane. We will not have evening services in Forsan that day.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Classic worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and our blended worship is at 10:50 a.m. Both meet in the sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided for Sunday school and the 10:50 a.m. worship service. The blended service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will share a message entitled "How Then Shall We Live?" The message comes from

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(Joel 2:23)

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# A message to our Permian Basin

In our Permian Basin we are in, I believe, the greatest economic boom ever and yet in a booming economy there are many hurting people. Economic success will never satisfy our deepest longing, for we are made in the image of God and as Saint Augustine stated, "Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him."



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Permian Basin, God has a much better plan than only economic success for each of us; economic success is not really our problem! About now you may be wondering — what then is our problem?

It's a heart problem as God tells us Jeremiah 17:9-10, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind..."

God has blessed many with great wealth and as said in Proverbs 10:22 "The blessing of the Lord makes one rich. And He adds no sorrow with it."

3 John 2, Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Matt 6:33, But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to

you.

As God's says, "What would it profit a man if he gained the whole world and lost his own soul," or "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Your soul is very precious to God. That is the reason God sent His only begotten son, Jesus the Christ into the world: to pay our sin penalty that was due us, which was death. Jesus died in our place, rose from the dead three days later and is alive!

Someone has said, "Sin will take you further than you want to go and keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to pay!"

Acts 3:19, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." God loves you and wants to set you free.

Rom 10:8-13, "But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever

calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

God knew you before the foundation of the universe and has great plans for you! Do know there is a devil and he also has plans for your life and that plan is to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus said I have come that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly. God has given us a choice. Who will you serve?

Choose Jesus Christ as the Master of your life. The life with Jesus is not problem free but He will go with us through every challenge we encounter in life and He uses the problems to help us become more like Jesus.

Jesus Christ loves you and has tremendous plans for you!

We all live in a hurting and lost world and many are groping in the darkness along the journey of this life, but I have good news for each and all.

God loves you so very much and He is aware of every heartache and disappointment you have experienced in your life.

Are you aware God knew you before the creation of the universe and that He specifically designed you to live and fulfill a destiny that no other of the billions of people that have existed from the beginning of the human race can fill?

Ps 139:13-18 "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my

mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed and in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You.

God has wonderful plans for each of our lives and desires to take every challenge we have every encountered in our lives and turn it all to good to those who love Him (Jesus Christ) and are called according to His purpose.

Acts 4:9, Nor is there salvation in any other, (only Jesus Christ) for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

John 14:6, Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me (Jesus Christ).

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## CHURCH NEWS

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II Peter 3:10-18 and will examine how we should live our lives in view of the Second Coming of Christ.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets in Garrett Hall. A meal is served for a small fee beginning at 11:50 a.m. The study concludes at 12:50 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Pastor Ivins is currently leading a Bible study based on some of the hymns and songs of the faith. Next Wednesday's study will focus on the Charles Wesley hymn, "And Can It Be."

The Celebration Choir is back in full swing with rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7 until 8:30. New members are always welcome. The choir is under the direction of Gershom Garcia.

The First Family is already gearing up for the fall. Our Fall Launch is scheduled for Sept. 7. Both services will be in the air-conditioned comfort of our sanctuary. A barbecue lunch will follow at noon.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, Bishop Earl Bledsoe will be our guest preacher. Bledsoe is the bishop of the Northwest Texas Region of the United Methodist Church. During his visit, he'll also launch our fall confirmation classes. The day's activities will also include a luncheon at noon in Garrett Hall.

The fall is in full swing with a whole compliment of other activities for children, youth, adults and senior adults. For more information about any activity at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at fumbcs.com or phone 267-6394.

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call 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Our youth are studying different Bible stories, activities and crafts. Rally Day will take place on Sunday, Sept. 7 in the Comanche Trail Park at the Old Settlers Pavilion, beginning at 10 a.m.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew will preach on Romans 12:9-21.

Our Wednesday night Bible study will begin again Sept. 17.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning

Meditation Thoughts."

### East Side Baptist Church

East Side Baptist Church, 1108 E. Sixth, is looking forward to seeing everyone Sunday for its

services.

Sunday Bible school for all ages begins 9:45 a.m. Worship services are at 10:45 a.m. Children's Church and a nursery are provided. Afternoon services are held at 1:45 p.m.

Bible study and Kids Klub are held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

This Sunday we have a special speaker. Leland Kaimimoku will be sharing God's Word with us.

Watch for the many events we have planned for this far, to include ladies' fellowships and a men's retreat.

Holiday outreaches Oct. 31 alternative, "The Wills Family Singers" and more.

Come when you can; you will be welcome.

### Non-denominational Sabbath Fellowship

Meeting at 809 Scurry, Saturday morning, 10 until 11.

Remember our new invitation. Seems like everyone at times is tired of feeling broke. Seems also, there is just too much month left at the end of the money. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 4, trainers from

the Woodforest bank will conduct weekly money management classes. There will be a different class each Thursday for 10 weeks. There is no charge, and the public is invited.

There will also be two classes in Spanish. We will use the same meeting room we use at 809 Scurry for our weekly Sabbath Bible study class.

However, we do want also to make our regular invitation to come on Saturday morning at 10 and enjoy our studies from the Bible. There is no sermon and no collection plate. However, we do start a bit early with singing along with the keyboard.

Is what you believe important? Does God care what you think? If you read your Bible you will find out that He is very much concerned about what you believe.

Remember, what man says is unimportant; what God says is vital.

Bob and Marla Rainwater, moderators. 432-264-9937

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Kroger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel Choir rehearsal follows at 6.

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, the youth group will have a swimming party at the home of Mike and Monika Robinson, 1300 Douglas.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Danny Kennemur is lay lector for the month.

The lectionary for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "Rejoice in the Lord" by John Ferguson as the offertory anthem. The Noisy Offering, used to feed those in need, will be collected during the service.

Our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, listen on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin, call the church office at 263-4211.

You may also see what's happening at the church and listen to sermons by the Rev. Holstedt at our website: www.fpcbs.org

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## Nation, world

### Russia's president Putin calls on separatists to release soldiers

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's President Vladimir Putin on Friday called on pro-Russian separatists to release Ukrainian soldiers who have been surrounded by the rebels in eastern Ukraine.

Putin's statement came several hours after Ukraine accused Russia of entering its territory with tanks, artillery and troops, and Western powers accused Moscow of lying about its role and dangerously escalating the conflict.

NATO said at least 1,000 Russian troops are in Ukraine and later released what it said were satellite photos of Russian self-propelled artillery units moving last week.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov dismissed the accusations of an invasion in a televised news conference on Friday, saying that Moscow "has not been presented with any facts" proving that it had happened.

For the second day, Russian markets reacted nervously to the escalation of the conflict in Ukraine with the Russian ruble diving to the all-time low of 37.10 rubles against the U.S. dollar in early morning trading.

### UN: The number of refugees from Syria tops 3 million, up by 1 million

GENEVA (AP) — The civil war in Syria has forced a record 3 million people out of the country as more than a million people fled in the past year, the U.N. refugee agency said Friday.

The tragic milestone means that about one of every eight Syrians has fled across the border, and 6.5 million others have been displaced within Syria since the conflict began in March 2011, the Geneva-based agency said. More than half of all those uprooted are children, it said.

"The Syria crisis has become the biggest humanitarian emergency of our era, yet the world is failing to meet the needs of refugees and the countries hosting them," said U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres.

Syria had a prewar population of 23 million. The recent surge in fighting appears to be worsening the already desperate situation for Syrian refugees, the agency said, as the extremist Islamic State group expands its control of broad areas straddling the Syria-Iraq border and terrorizes rivals and civilians in both countries.

### With Ebola in mind, U.S. campuses plan to screen students arriving from West Africa

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — College students from West Africa may be subject to extra health checks when they arrive to study in the United States as administrators try to insulate their campuses from the worst Ebola outbreak in history.

With the virus continuing to kill in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, the expected arrival of thousands of students from those countries has U.S. authorities on alert but cautioning against alarm.

"I can see why there would be concern; there's no vaccine for it," said Fatima Nor, an 18-year-old freshman at the University at Buffalo, where about 25 students from Nigeria are enrolled for fall. But she said knowing that the virus is transmitted strictly through direct contact with bodily fluids of sick people, and not by sitting next to someone in class, should be enough to calm nerves.

"As long as everyone keeps their personal space, it should be OK," said Nor, of Buffalo.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion have issued no specific recommendations for colleges, some state health departments, including in South Carolina and North Dakota, have spelled out for administrators what symptoms to look for and how to react.

### In first for 9/11 anniversary, memorial plaza at ground zero will be open to public that night

NEW YORK (AP) — The Sept. 11 memorial plaza will be open on the night of the attacks' anniversary this year, marking the first time the general public will be able to visit ground zero on the commemoration date.

The plaza will be closed to the public during the remembrance ceremony and much of the rest of the day, but it will open from 6 p.m. to midnight for those who want to pay respects and view one of the most evocative observances — the twin beams called the Tribute in Light — from an especially "meaningful vantage point," memorial President Joe Daniels said in an email Thursday to victims' families.

### Obama puts brakes on notion that military can solve Mideast crises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with deepening crises in the Middle East and Ukraine, President Barack Obama is putting the brakes on the notion that American military power can solve either conflict.

While that stance is in keeping with Obama's long-standing aversion to military entanglements, it comes at a time when the effectiveness of his preferred options is being challenged and there are indications that some in the administration are ready to take more robust actions.

In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, Obama has relied largely on coordinated U.S. and European Union sanctions to try to shift Russian President Vladimir Putin's calculus. While the White House can claim credit for inflicting some pain on Russia's economy, Putin appears to be only getting more aggressive, with Ukrainian officials accusing Russia of sending two military columns across the border Thursday.

During a news conference at the White House, Obama warned that Russia likely will face more Western penalties because of its continued provocations. But he offered no indication that he was considering anything outside the realm of sanctions and explicitly ruled out the prospect of U.S. military intervention.

"We are not taking military action to solve the Ukrainian problem," Obama said.

### Malaysia Airlines to shed 6,000 staff as part of overhaul plan

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia Airlines will cut 6,000 workers as part of a \$1.9 billion overhaul announced Friday to revive its damaged brand after being hit by double passenger jet disasters.

The staff reduction represents about 30 percent of its current workforce of 20,000. A search for a new CEO is underway but there is no move to change the airline's name, which some branding experts had said was necessary for a successful makeover.

Khazanah Nasional, the state investment company that owns 69 percent of the airline, said the overhaul includes the establishment of a new company that will take over the existing Malaysia Airlines business and its reduced staff.

The revamp and new investment in the carrier will cost about 6 billion Malaysian ringgit (\$1.9 billion). Analysts say the substantial staff cuts suggest the airline will reduce flights.

The twin disasters and ongoing financial woes "created a perfect storm for the restructuring to take place," said Khazanah Managing Director Azman Mokhtar. "We need to have a fresh start."

## State

### Sheriff: Texas minister charged in assault

BASTROP, Texas (AP) — Texas authorities have charged a Bastrop youth minister who they say had sex with a 16-year-old girl.

The Bastrop County Sheriff's Office says 25-year-old Isahiah Arellano was arrested and charged with three counts of sexual assault this week. Authorities say Arellano was a youth minister with the Faith Impact Fellowship in Bastrop County. They say a family member caught him having sex with the teen at a friend's house in April.

Arellano tells authorities he only had sex with the teen once. She tells them it happened three times.

Authorities are working with the church pastor. No other cases have been reported.

The teen's relatives said they stopped attending the church. The pastor says Arellano was fired.

### Wanted Texas sex offender arrested in Mexico

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A 49-year-old man wanted in Hill County for failing to register as a sex offender, burglary and a parole violation has been arrested in Mexico after eluding capture for almost 10 years.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said in a news release Thursday that Dallas Wayne Waddell had been on the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender list since it was implemented in July 2010.

Waddell was arrested Aug. 21 in the city of Guadalupe Victoria, Durango, Mexico. He was sent back to Texas the next day.

A \$3,000 reward will be paid to the person who tipped off authorities to Waddell's location.

A DPS spokesman says Waddell was being transferred Thursday from the Harris County jail in Houston to the Hill County jail in Hillsboro.

### Texas man gets 20 years in synthetic drug deaths

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A Texas man accused of selling synthetic drugs to customers in every state and distributing the chemicals that resulted in the overdose deaths of two teens in the Grand Forks, North Dakota, area was sentenced Thursday to more than 20 years in prison.

Charles Carlton, 29, of Katy, Texas, is the 15th and final defendant sentenced in the case that began after 18-year-old Christian Bjerk, of Grand Forks, and 17-year-old Elijah Stai, of Park Rapids, Minnesota, died within a week of each other in June 2012 after ingesting the hallucinogens.

Investigators said that Carlton, a self-described connoisseur of hallucinogens, sold the chemicals to Andrew Spofford of Grand Forks, who cooked up the drugs that killed the two teens and sent three other young people to the hospital. Spofford was sentenced earlier to more than 17 years in prison.

"It all rests on that initial decision to sell drugs for money," U.S. District Judge Ralph Erickson said before sentencing Carlton to 20 years and 6 months in prison. "It's as bad as it gets."

Carlton pleaded guilty in March to three counts: conspiracy to distribute controlled substances resulting in serious bodily injury and death, introduction and delivery of a misbranded drug and money laundering. He faced a maximum penalty of life in prison without parole.

Carlton's lawyer, Alexander Reichert, said during Thursday's hearing that the government wrongly fixated on his client as the "worst actor they had ever seen" when there were others in the conspiracy who were just as culpable and received lesser sentences. Reichert said Carlton agreed to be interviewed for a documentary on synthetic drugs as a public service.

"He is desperate to make amends for what he has done," Reichert said.

It wasn't immediately clear what prison term Reichert had been seeking, and he left without taking questions after the hearing.

Carlton owned 51 percent of Motion Resources LLC, a former Houston company that allegedly imported controlled substances from Asia and Europe and made hundreds of thousands of dollars by reselling them over the Internet to domestic buyers.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

You are South in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

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 South West North East  
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
 2♦ Pass 3♣ Pass  
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1. **Two notrump.** A jump to two notrump, indicating 18 or 19 high-card points, notrump distribution and at least one stopper in each of the opponents' suits, is the best way to describe your values.

However, the best final contract is still uncertain. Partner might go along with notrump, or he might have a hand that he thinks is better for suit play. You will follow wherever he leads, since your values are flexible enough to fit any hand pattern he might have.

2. **Six spades.** Taking into account your extra values, partner's jump to three spades (invitational) and your excellent support for his suit, there should be no doubt about making 12 tricks.

If you start by assuming that partner has at least six spades to the K-Q and either the queen of hearts, king of diamonds or ace of clubs, you should have a very good play for slam. You could stop off along the way to ask for aces via Blackwood, but since you are not going to bid less than six, and never going to bid seven, you might as well bid six straightaway.

3. **Four spades.** Simplest is best. The probability of making 10 tricks at spades is overwhelming, and you should make sure of getting there without running the risk of being dropped at a less-than-game contract. There is a difference of opinion among players as to whether a jump to three spades in this situation — opposite partner's overcall — is forcing or merely invitational. Regardless of which school you come from, you should go directly to four spades in the present case rather than risk a partnership misunderstanding.

Tomorrow: A step-by-step process.  
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# Are you ready for some football?

## Forsan, Coahoma to kick off season tonight

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

Football season in the Crossroads region will get off to an official start tonight with a gem at Memorial Stadium.

Forsan vs. Coahoma. The two programs will square off for the Howard County bragging rights. The two long-time rivals will kick off the regular season at 7:30 p.m.

"We're looking forward to getting the season started," said Forsan

head coach Jason Phillips. "The fact that we get to play Coahoma in Howard County makes it even better."

Prior to tonight, the two teams had played their annual "Battle for Howard County" match-up at Grande Communications Stadium as part of a scholarship program. Local businesses worked with the two schools to bring the game to Big Spring as a way to generate addi-

See BOWL on Page 16



Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey will lead the Steers into their 2014 season opener on Saturday evening. The Steers will play Kerrville Tivy at Bobcat Stadium in San Angelo.

## Steers gearing up for Saturday's opener

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers will officially begin their quest for a return trip to the state playoffs on Saturday evening when they open the season with a non-district showdown with the Kerrville Tivy Antlers.

Big Spring is scheduled to kick off the season at 6 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium in San Angelo.

In Tivy, the Steers should get a good test

early. A Class 5A program, the Antlers are expected to make a run at the state playoffs this season.

Offensively, the Antlers should pose a good test for a reloading Steer defense. Tivy head coach David Jones brings back year's starters from last 7-5 and advanced to the area round.

Foremost among the Antlers' returning weapons will be quarterback

See STEERS on Page 16

## Denver cruises past 'Boys

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Brock Osweiler won't play a meaningful snap for the Denver Broncos until Peyton Manning gets hurt or retires.

The third-quarter back is closer to ready for that role than he's ever been.

Osweiler led four scoring drives in an efficient final tuneup for a third year behind Manning, and the Broncos beat the Cowboys 27-3 Thursday night, sending Dallas to the fifth winless preseason in franchise history.

Drafted by John Elway to be groomed as Manning's replacement, Osweiler had his best preseason yet, engineering eight scoring drives in four games and completing 29 of 49 passes for 416 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

"Coach (John) Fox has a saying, 'If you're not getting better, you're getting replaced,' so that sat with me pretty hard since my rookie year," Osweiler said after directing three drives that ended in rushing touchdowns. "I was very happy with things, but this is a business where you consistently have to keep getting better, and that's what we're going to do."

With Manning and Dallas' Tony Romo watching in uniform from the sidelines, Osweiler played three quarters, completing nine of 13 for 190 yards without an interception. See DALLAS on Page 16

## Holy Trinity tourney set for Sept. 6-7

The Fifth Annual Holy Trinity Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 6-7 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring.

Payout will be \$2,000 a flight. A \$100 Closest to the Pin award will be held on all Par 3 holes.

For more info about the tournament contact Charlie Garcia at 432-213-2081, Tommy Billalba at 432-816-1091, or Ben Garcia at 432-213-1074.



Members of the 2014 Big Spring High School varsity volleyball team are (back row, left to right) Katie Wash, Erin Pollard, Emilie Smith, Courtney Berringer, Alyssa Armentrout, Stevi Ward, Leksey Yarbar, (front) Mackenzie Roberts, Kiowa Lesser, Bianca Correa, Julianna Rodriguez, Mia Oliva and August Alexander. Big Spring will tip off play in the Frenship tournament today.

## Lady Steers set to begin play in Frenship

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will swing back into action later this afternoon when they begin pool play in the Frenship Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The Lady Steers, who are 5-12 for the

season, will compete in Pool B with Lubbock Coronado, Amarillo Caprock and Azle.

Big Spring will begin play at 2 p.m. with a matchup against Coronado. The team will play Azle at 5 p.m. and Caprock at 7 p.m.

The top two teams in each of the eight pools will advance to the champion-

ship bracket on Saturday. The bottom two teams in each pool will compete in the consolation bracket.

Following their outing in Frenship, the Big Spring outikers will return home on Sept. 2 to face Midland Greenwood. The Greenwood game will mark the Lady Steers second home appearance of the year.

## Lightning forced Grady to halt season opener in 2nd quarter

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

LENORAH - The Grady Wildcats' 2014 season got off to a shockingly slow start on Thursday afternoon. In fact, it was such a slow start it won't be finished until later this week.

Officials with the Throckmorton and Grady

schools elected to suspend play in their non-district contest midway through the second quarter due to lightning.

The game was suspended with 3:51 remaining in the first half with Throckmorton clinging to a 38-22 advantage.

School officials had not determined when,

and if, the contest would be completed.

The game was one of several contests in the region that were halted due to unsafe playing conditions as a summer thunderstorm rolled through the area.

Beau Lucas starred for the GHS squad early. He scored a touchdown early in the matchup.

## JH spikers shine in scrimmages

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers' volleyball teams turned in a solid effort on Thursday in pre-season scrimmages with against Sweetwater and Snyder.

Logan Terrazas served well, and Leah Rivera had outstanding hustle in the The BSJHS eighth grade A.

Luxie Evans did well on defense, and Gabby Lopez stood out on offense in the eighth grade B team outing. Kynleigh Joy and Robyn Evans

stood out offensively, while Trinity Galloway and Callie Leicht were leaders on defense for the seventh grade A.

Diondra Villalobos, Sophia Dominguez, Brooklyn Durham, and Kristiana Guitierrez all did well for the seventh grade B team.



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## Firing back ...

Braylee Cantu returns a shot during Big Spring's matchup with Midland High on Thursday. Lightning strikes in the area forced the match to be halted.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Cosmic Truth or Dare

Neptune, the poet planet, fantasy master and king of dreams, teams with the Virgo sun to play a game of truth or dare with us. The sun calls, "Truth!" and Neptune inquires, "Who are you really?" So how will you answer? Whatever your reply, you can expect the cosmic lineup to put your premise to the test.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Being organized is a talent that comes naturally to some, and for the rest of us, it's a skill that can be learned. With a little forethought, you'll get prepared for every important occurrence and some unimportant ones, too.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If only you could choose how others respond to you. Mostly it's a game of trial and error. And instinct. And training. Some have turned the social game into a science and written about it, too. You might profit from looking into it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You now make career connections as easily as your sign mate Angelina Jolie lands mega-movie roles. No need to oversell yourself. Quiet confidence wins.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Every adventure involves the element of danger. No danger, no risk. No risk, no excitement. No excitement, no fun. You'll dangle

your toes off of the high dive today.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). What's said in jest is true, at least partly. As Feud said, "There are no jokes." Even so, taking the truth too seriously is a bad habit -- one you don't usually have. You'll lighten the mood for the rest.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your loved ones need the warmth of your attention - but not in short bursts, quick hugs or pecks on the cheek. They want to lavish in your love. Work fast so that you can love slow.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're just not in the mood to follow the rules, especially when you suspect that they are arbitrary or unjust. You'll push against the boundaries to see what they're really made of.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you see an open loop, close it -- it's a brain drain. You need all of your mental power to seize today's stellar opportunity. No distractions! Tie things up. Finish what you start.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Why wait until life gets stressful to connect to your power? Set aside time to center yourself. You'll create a kind of magnetic force field around yourself and attract just what you want.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The challenges get personal, but don't worry -- you're not a regular contender; you're a force. Tonight, try to tolerate your friend's partner with a smile (if

you can muster it).

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Put the word out. Hire a PR person or become your own. Hold nothing back. What you share will multiply your good fortune and the good fortune of others.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a torpedo aimed at the moon, and with this highly focused ambition, you could hit it, too. They'll name a crater after you. This is one for the history books.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 29). This is a year when you master your craft and make money at it, too. Know your work, show up on time, and bring your sense of humor. This is the professional way, and it will get you hired again and again. Next month brings a windfall. November is the most romantic month. Family grows in February. Aquarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 23, 24, 50 and 21.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** The way another says your name will reveal his or her feelings for you. **TAURUS:** Sometimes you have an itch before you mend. **GEMINI:** You like a pretty face, but it's the one who makes you laugh -- and better yet, laughs with you -- whom you'll find irresistible. **CANCER:** Those who direct their rage at others usually see it backfire. Empathy wins. **LEO:** Rack up the karma points and do so as quietly as you can. Anonymous good deeds earn more points than loud ones. **VIRGO:** Abandoned missions are

for the best. You can resume in better conditions. **LIBRA:** Until you're completely ready, you'll be uncomfortable with extra attention. **SCORPIO:** Get better at loving yourself, and then you won't feel resentful of the attention you give to another. **SAGITTARIUS:** You have a stellar sense of direction, physically, spiritually and romantically. **CAPRICORN:** There are those who will pry into your business because they just can't stand not knowing everything about you. **AQUARIUS:** You're better off in love when you take bigger chances and/or make bigger mistakes. **PISCES:** You'll run into differences, but don't be afraid to speak up when you don't agree. Your love will respect you.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Scorpio and Virgo are two signs in love with the truth. They are both practical in their own way, and even though they have healthy imaginations, they prefer to deal in reality. This weekend, the reality is that there's an undeniable mutual attraction between Scorpio and Virgo singles. They'll communicate directly, and the relationship will quickly escalate.

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Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on September 8, 2014 for their consideration.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. #8430 Aug. 21, 2014 & Aug. 29, 2014

Legals

The City of Forsan will hold a meeting at 7:00 P.M. on September 9, 2014 at the City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2015. The proposed tax rate is .39000 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Forsan by 5.8% increase. #8436 Aug. 29 & Aug. 31

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My second cousin "Susan" and I are in our 60s and have been friends since childhood. I was widowed six years ago. Susan never married.

Four years ago, Susan and I started traveling together. It's much cheaper to travel as part of a couple than solo, and we get along well. Now, however, there are a couple of problems. Susan has put on so much weight that she encroaches on my airplane seat and tour bus bench. Airplane seats are not that comfortable to begin with, and Susan takes up a good third of mine. This makes long flights very uncomfortable. I think Susan should pay for a first-class seat or two coach seats.

The other problem is that Susan has taken in several stray dogs and cats, and her clothes reek of cat urine. I no longer want to share a hotel closet when we travel, because my clothes begin to smell like hers.

Susan is already talking about another trip, and I don't know how to respond. I enjoy traveling, but I cannot deal with these things anymore. Any suggestions? -- Struggling Cousin

**Dear Cousin:** You have to tell Susan about the cat odor. She is undoubtedly so accustomed to it that she can no longer smell it. Say, "Susan, I'm sure you probably don't notice it, but your clothes are starting to smell like your cats. Perhaps it would help to change the type of litter you use or put your clothes in a

different closet."

The weight issue, however, is more sensitive. If you are willing to address it directly, gently let Susan know that her size makes travel uncomfortable for you. Consider buying your own first-class, business class or premium economy ticket, and Susan can follow suit or sit elsewhere. Or perhaps you each could share the cost of a third seat so you have extra room. You also could suggest sitting separately on tour buses so that you can meet new friends along the way.

**Dear Annie:** My dad is in his mid-90s. There is a woman in her early 60s who has worked for him and been a companion of his for about six months. Dad would like to ask this lady to move in with him. This isn't particularly romantic in nature. The only thing Dad knows about the woman is that she seems to be nice and likes him. She would continue to be his employee and, in addition, would care for

him in his own home.

Dad wants us all to get together and discuss this matter. We are concerned about his financial situation and his health. What should we do? -- Concerned

**Dear Concerned:** Is Dad mentally competent? Have you met this woman? There are lawyers who specialize in elder law and can draw up papers to protect Dad's assets, regardless of the circumstances. But if the woman is essentially a live-in paid companion and caregiver, it is simply a matter of checking on Dad regularly to see that he is properly cared for.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "At a Loss for Words," whose mother shows little interest in her daughter's children. She says her mom "is extremely self-centered." She wants her mother in her life, but the hurt is getting to be too much.

I agree with most of your advice, but I think she should continue to invite the mother,

regardless of whether she attends or not.

Narcissistic people crave attention, even negative attention. Not inviting Mom allows her to think of herself as a victim of an ungrateful daughter.

An invitation hurts no one, especially if the grandchildren are taught that Grandma probably won't attend, and it prevents giving Grandma a way to show her disapproval, cause hurt and be the center of attention. -- N in N.C.

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

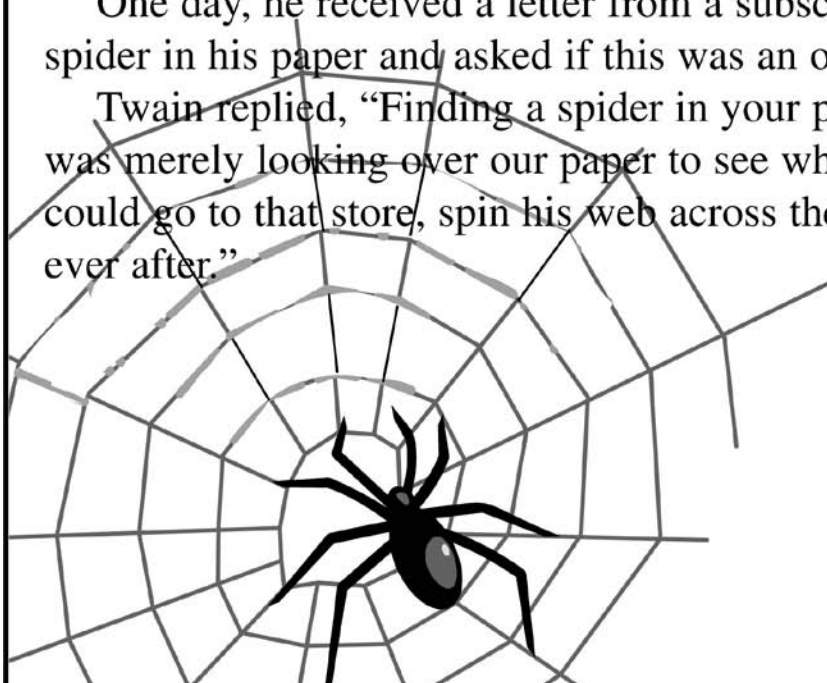
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The Spider

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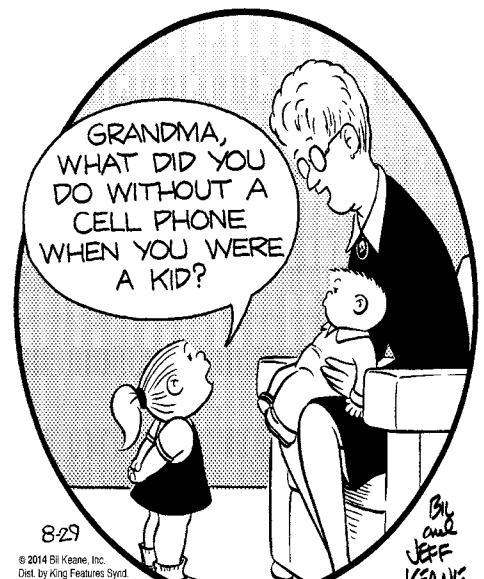
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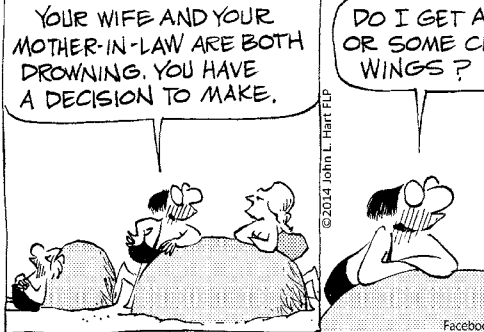
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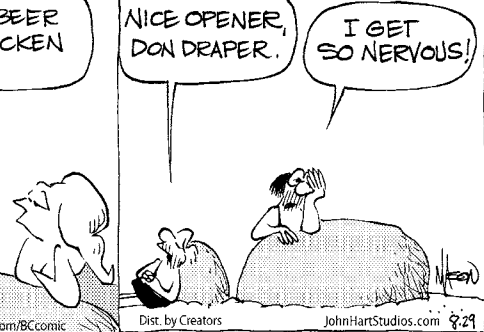
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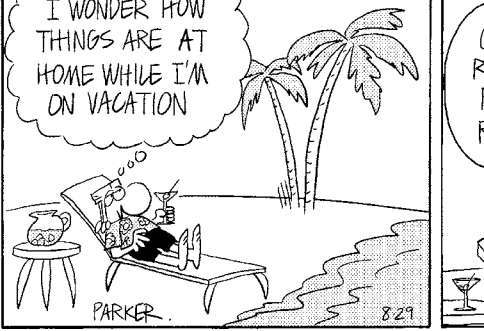
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Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

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- ACROSS**
- Safari attire
  - Billiards shot
  - Part of Excalibur
  - Big fair
  - Cannot take
  - White-centered treat
  - Caustic
  - Dynasty that conquered the world?
  - Casino conveniences
  - Drop
  - Cutting-edge
  - Break of a sort
  - Emphatic refusal
  - DC VIP
  - Sense of dissatisfaction
  - "The Little Mermaid" author
  - Nancy Drew stories' byline
  - Curtain hardware
  - Beholden
  - Catch a glimpse of
  - Sounds of comprehension
  - Certain calendar page
  - Eerie feeling
  - Each
  - Hit \_\_\_ nerve
  - Military-school commercials?
- DOWN**
- Nix
  - It's held for questioning
  - Place to wade after a thaw?
  - Move unsteadily
  - Captivating
  - Less clumsy
  - Evince
  - Sound unhappy
  - Blanked out
  - Back from work
  - The eyes have it
  - Imparted
  - Costume made from a bedsheet
  - Reinforced, in a way
  - Check carefully
  - Drum part
  - Tracy in the first Hairspray film
  - Ill-fated energy giant
  - Went on to say
  - What the seething see
  - Google tirade?
  - Faux pas
  - High-maintenance
  - Alaska has over 3,000,000 of them
  - Leprechaun-like
  - Backed
  - Too good for
  - Poetic time of day
  - Glances (through)
  - Sports venues
  - News sources
  - Gusto
  - Radar blip
  - Monopoly corner
  - Paradise Lost character
  - Become tiresome
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  - What have been banished from the four longest answers
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# Hill surpasses Manziel's mark in 52-38 win over SC

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Kenny Hill looked more than ready to replace Johnny Manziel on the field. He is still getting used to the attention that goes along with the job.

Hill broke Manziel's single-game passing record with 511 yards and No. 21 Texas A&M beat No. 9 South Carolina 52-28 on Thursday night, ending the Gamecocks' 18-game home win streak.

Hill looked poised and confi-

dent in his first start, leading the Aggies (1-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) to the most total and passing yards against South Carolina. The sophomore completed 44 of 60 passes with three touchdowns.

The hardest part of his night came after the celebration on the field.

"I just wanted to get the first press conference over with," said Hill, who hadn't spoken with reporters before. "I get

nervous up here."

That's a far cry from Manziel, a lightning-rod personality quick to speak his mind and gesture to crowds and opponents. Johnny Football rode his flashy style all the way to the Heisman Trophy in his freshman year, and one of the Aggies' biggest worries was if they could find the same rhythm with a different leader.

Hill made it clear they could.

"We aren't a one-trick pony," Aggies coach Kevin Sumlin said.

Hill helped Texas A&M to a 31-14 halftime lead and finished up with the most passing yards allowed in Steve Spurrier's 10 seasons with the Gamecocks (0-1, 0-1).

"I think we all had a chip on our shoulders," Texas A&M defensive lineman Julien Obioha said.

The Gamecocks played their

first game since the departure of star defensive end Jadeveon Clowney — and it showed. South Carolina gave up seven TDs on A&Ms first 11 possessions.

Tra Carson ran for three touchdowns and receiver Malcolm Kennedy had 14 catches for 137 yards. The Aggies piled up 680 yards of offense, the most South Carolina's given up since Arkansas went for 650 in 2007.

## Scoreboard

BASKETBALL			
WNBA			
Washington	75	57	.568 —
Atlanta	70	64	.522 10
Miami	65	67	.492 16
New York	62	72	.463 14
Philadelphia	61	72	.459 14½
CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-3)			
Eastern Conference			
Indiana vs. Chicago			
Saturday, Aug. 30: Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.			
Monday, Sept. 1: Indiana at Chicago, 4 p.m.			
x-Wednesday, Sept. 3: Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.			
Western Conference			
Phoenix vs. Minnesota			
Friday, Aug. 29: Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.			
Sunday, Aug. 31: Phoenix at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.			
x-Tuesday, Sept. 1: Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.			

BASEBALL			
American League			
East Division			
Baltimore	76	56	.576 —
New York	69	63	.523 7
Toronto	67	66	.504 9½
Tampa Bay	65	69	.485 12
Boston	58	75	.436 18½
Central Division			
Kansas City	74	59	.556 —
Detroit	72	60	.545 1½
Cleveland	68	64	.515 5½
Chicago	60	73	.451 14
Minnesota	59	74	.444 15
West Division			
Los Angeles	80	53	.602 —
Oakland	78	55	.586 2
Seattle	72	60	.545 7½
Houston	57	78	.422 24
Texas	52	81	.391 28

National League			
East Division			
Philadelphia	71	61	.538 1½
Pittsburgh	69	64	.519 4
Cincinnati	65	69	.485 8½
Chicago	59	74	.444 14
West Division			
Los Angeles	76	58	.567 —
San Francisco	71	62	.534 4½
San Diego	62	70	.470 13
Arizona	55	78	.414 20½
Colorado	53	80	.398 22½

Texas League			
North Division			
yz-Arkansas	38	28	.576 —
Springfield	31	34	.477 6½
x-Tulsa	30	35	.462 7½
NW Arkansas	28	38	.424 10
South Division			
x-Frisco	38	28	.576 —
z-Midland	37	29	.561 1
San Antonio	31	35	.470 7
Corpus Christi	30	36	.455 8

National League			
West Division			
St. Louis	71	62	.534 4½
San Francisco	71	62	.534 4½
San Diego	62	70	.470 13
Arizona	55	78	.414 20½
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Canadian Football League					
East Division					
Toronto	3	6	6	223	249
Hamilton	1	6	2	149	185
Montreal	1	7	2	125	217
Ottawa	1	7	2	126	231
West Division					
Edmonton	7	1	14	214	142
Calgary	1	6	2	223	121
Saskatchewan	6	2	12	193	151
Winnipeg	6	3	12	230	217
B.C.	5	4	10	212	182

National Football League					
Preseason					
American Conference					
East					
Miami	3	1	.750	69	63
New England	2	2	.500	91	81
N.Y. Jets	2	2	.500	69	99
Buffalo	1	4	.200	63	104
South					
Houston	2	2	.500	63	96
Tennessee	2	2	.500	71	83
Jacksonville	1	3	.250	61	67
Indianapolis	0	4	.000	60	98
North					
Baltimore	4	0	1.000	105	63
Cincinnati	2	2	.500	110	86
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250	56	77

National Football League					
Preseason					
National Conference					
East					
N.Y. Giants	5	0	1.000	115	92
Washington	3	1	.750	88	62
Philadelphia	2	2	.500	131	104
Dallas	0	4	.000	60	116
South					
New Orleans	3	1	.750	93	87
Atlanta	2	2	.500	64	80
Carolina	2	2	.500	63	66
Tampa Bay	1	3	.250	61	74
North					
Minnesota	4	0	1.000	89	49
Detroit	3	1	.750	75	51
Green Bay	3	1	.750	102	62
Chicago	2	2	.500	73	114

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Atlanta	24	Jacksonville	14		
Green Bay	34	Kansas City	14		
Detroit	23	Buffalo	0		
Cincinnati	35	Indianapolis	7		
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San Fran 40, Houston 13  
Baltimore 22, New Orleans 13  
Denver 27, Dallas 3  
Minnesota 19, Tennessee 3  
Cleveland 33, Chicago 13  
San Diego 12, Arizona 9  
Oakland 41, Seattle 31

**TRANSACTIONS**  
**American League**  
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Claimed INF Jayson Nix off waivers from Pittsburgh. Activated LHP Scott Downs from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Liam Hendriks. Recalled RHP Michael Mario from Omaha (PCL) and placed him on the 60-day DL.  
NEW YORK YANKEES — Acquired LHP Josh Outman from the Cleveland Indians for a player to be named or cash.

**National League**  
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Claimed OF Nolan Reimold off waivers from Toronto.  
CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled RHP Dylan Axelrod from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Daniel Corcino to Louisville.  
NEW YORK METS — Placed 2B Daniel Murphy and RHP Vic Black on the 15-day DL. Activated RHP Daisuke Matsuzaka from the 15-day DL. Promoted INF Dilson Herrera from Binghamton (EL). Renewed their player development contract with Las Vegas (PCL) for two years through the 2016 season.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
NFL — Suspended Dallas S Jamar Hamilton for the first four regular-season games for violating the league's policy on substance abuse. Fined Denver QB Peyton Manning \$8,268 for taunting Houston S D.J. Swearingin in a preseason game last week.  
DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived CB B.W. Webb. Signed RB Phillip Tanner.  
CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
CALGARY STAMPEDERS — Activated DB Quincy Butler from the suspended list. Released RB Tory Harrison.  
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DT Cedric McKinley to the practice roster.

**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
MLS — Suspended Portland D Norberto Papparatto one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for serious foul play which endangered the safety of an opponent in an Aug. 24 match against Seattle.



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# Keenum and Savage struggle as 49ers beat Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Given one last chance to make a push to be Houston's backup quarterback, neither Case Keenum nor rookie Tom Savage did much to help their cause.

Keenum and Savage both threw interceptions as the San Francisco 49ers beat the Houston Texans 40-13 in preseason action on Thursday night.

Keenum went 8 for 17 for 70 yards and Savage went 8 for 12 for 43 yards as they compete for the backup job behind Ryan Fitzpatrick.

"Even though tonight was not a great night, it is a body of work and there has been some decent play from those guys, so we are comfortable," coach Bill O'Brien said.

He didn't say who had the advantage to take the job, but Keenum has been listed second on the depth chart throughout camp.

"We will always do what is best for the team ... but as it relates to those two guys, they have shown flashes of good things and some not so good things, just like everybody else," O'Brien said.

San Francisco's Chris Borland, a third-round pick from Wisconsin, returned an interception 34 yards for a touchdown, third-string quarterback Josh Johnson threw three TD passes to the 49ers to the win.

Borland is one of the linebackers in the mix to replace injured NaVorro Bowman.

Bowman is expected to miss at least half the season as he recovers from a devastating left knee injury sustained in the NFC championship game loss to the rival Seahawks.

Michael Wilhoite is listed as the starter, but defensive coordinator Vic Fangio said younger players would get a "good, healthy dose of snaps" to move up the depth chart.

Colin Kaepernick did not play for the 49ers. Blaine Gabbert played the first half and went 4 for 11 for 60 yards before Johnson took over.

Keenum got the start and started 2 for 7. He got the Texans moving on his third series, completing three passes to DeVier Posey.

Keenum wasn't available to reporters after the game.

Rookie Chris Boswell finished the drive with a 41-yard field goal. Boswell is competing with Randy Bullock for Houston's kicking duties.

Gabbert started 1 for 4 and was sacked by outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus on the second-to-last play of the first quarter. Mercilus, a late first-round pick in 2012 now backing up Jadeveon Clowney, tackled LaMichael James behind the line on the next play.

Savage, a fourth-round draft pick, started the second quarter for Houston and completed his first six throws. His first miss was a third-down toss to Mike Thomas and Bullock

kicked a 52-yard field goal for a 6-0 lead.

Gabbert completed a 32-yard pass to Derek Carrier to finally get the 49ers moving and tossed a 14-yard TD pass to Asante Cleveland with 1:18 left in the half.

Keenum returned with 1:12 left in the half and the ball at the Houston 19. He threw behind Posey and Chris Cook intercepted and returned it to the Houston 13. Johnson threw a touchdown pass to Bruce Ellington on the next play.

Phil Dawson kicked a 28-yard field goal in the third quarter. Borland then picked off Savage's next throw, stepping in front of tight end Ryan Griffin and racing to the end zone.

## DALLAS

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"He's matured so much in our system," Fox said. "He's gotten those live games reps that are so critical in a quarterback's development. I think he showed pretty well again tonight."

Romo's backup, Bran-

don Weeden, came out before halftime of his second ragged game in four preseason outings. He was 6 of 12 for 75 yards with an interception that set up Denver's first touchdown.

The Cowboys (0-4) didn't make the playoffs in three of their other four winless preseasons and are trying to avoid

matching a club record with a fifth straight year of missing the postseason.

While Jerry Jones said he was concerned, he recalled his first season as owner in 1989 when he had fired coach Tom Landry. Dallas was unbeaten going into a preseason game against Denver and Broncos coach Dan Reeves.

"He was hot about coach Landry and those things that had been done here with the Cowboys," Jones said. "He left Elway all the way through the whole game and we played into overtime ... so we didn't go undefeated. And we won one football game the whole season. So much for the preseason."

Kapri Bibbs, a running back on the roster bubble, rushed for two second-half scores for the Broncos (3-1).

"I think this was a game that was very important for young guys like me to go out there and give it your all and leave it all out there on

the line," said Bibbs, who averaged 4.6 yards on seven carries. "Make the decisions for the coaches even harder and make the other NFL coaches take a look. It was real good."

The Broncos shared most of their running plays between running backs expected to make the team in C.J. Anderson and Juwan Thompson. The Cowboys sat their top four runners and handed the ball to guys who might not be around after final cuts Saturday.

Anderson got the heaviest load with 14 carries for 33 yards and a 1-yard touchdown set up by Osweiler's 34-yard pass to a leaping Andre Caldwell near the goal line.

One of the Dallas backs was Phillip Tanner, who wasn't re-signed by the Cowboys after spending his first three years with them. Tanner was cut by the Colts last week, so the Cowboys officially added him earlier Thursday just to get through the game.

## STEERS

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Cade Dyal. A 5-foot-11 junior, he passed for more than 1,400 yards and 17 touchdowns a year ago.

Dyal brings back three speedy receivers, including Parker Brown and Hutch White. Also coming back is Tres White, who could be the fastest receiver on the field.

The Antlers also bring back three returning starters on the offensive line.

Tivy, which competes in District 27-5A with San Antonio Alamo Heights, Boerne Champion and San Marcos, will be facing a BSHS defense that brings back just one starter from last fall.

Led by a host of juniors, the Steers have shown flashes of brilliance this preseason. Big Spring dominated Burkburnett in their preseason opener and, after a rough start, owned Estacado in the live quarter of their preseason matchup.

The Tivy defense

won't have any easy chore in facing a Steer offense that could be among the best in West Texas.

Led by quarterback Tobyn Tannehill and the powerful rushing combination of Preston Alexander and Hunter Hill, the Steers will face a Tivy defense that has just two holdovers from a year ago.

That could be bad news for the Antlers. Big Spring has almost its entire starting lineup back from a team that posted record-setting numbers a season ago.

Defensively, Tivy will be led by defensive lineman Bryar Kappers and linebacker John Lampson.

Saturday's meeting will be a historic meeting between the two squads. The Steers have never faced off with Ker-ville Tivy in their 105-year history.

Big Spring enters the matchup ranked No. 16 in the 2014 Dave Campbell's Texas Football preseason poll.

## BOWL

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ditional scholarships for the two school's football, band and cheerleading squad members.

Both Coahoma and Forsan will head into tonight's showdown with experienced squads. The Bulldogs return almost their entire offensive backfield, including Braxton Iden and running back Kyler Franks. The two, along with full-back Joe Melendez and a veteran offensive line, should give the Bulldogs a potent offensive attack.

The Bulldogs will also

have an extra motivational factor - revenge. Coahoma suffered a tough 17-14 setback to Forsan last season in the season opener for both squads.

Offense, as usual, shouldn't be a concern for the Buffaloes, who return seven starters from last season's team that rolled up more than 20 points per game en route to securing the team's third straight postseason berth.

Forsan will be led into the game by quarterback Jesse Cervantes and linebackers Garrett Kligora and Kaleb Stanley.



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