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House watch program

BSPD offers to keep an eye on your property while you're away

Special to the Herald

If you're looking for someone to keep an eye on your house while you're out of town, why not ask a police officer?

For the past several years the Big Spring Police Department has offered the House Watch Program to the citizens of Big Spring. The program is for homeowners or residents who are going on vacation or plan to be away from their home for an extended period of time (not to exceed 30 days.)

The BSPD House Watch Program is free of charge. While you are away, officers and members of the "Volunteers in Police Service" will monitor your property for inappropriate activity or emergencies.

"Enlisting the police department and VIPs to keep an eye out for suspicious activity while you are away from home does not guarantee against loss, theft, damage or mischief, but it can be a useful deterrent to anyone who may be considering accessing your home for criminal purposes," a BSPD news release stated.

To enroll in the program, visit the BSPD Records Division at 3613 W. Hwy.

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Coahoma homecoming



Courtesy photo

Coahoma High School alumni will be returning to the community today for the homecoming festivities. The 2015 CHS homecoming queen nominees are Heather Goodger, Taylee Miller, McClayne Holgorsen, Tara Robinson, and Julia Castilaw. During the past week, the community held a bonfire and community pep rally Wednesday and the festivities will cap off tonight when the Coahoma Bulldogs take on the the Reagan County Owls at 7:30 p.m. in Bulldog Stadium.

BSISD enrollment plunges by 155

Officials blame student loss on downturn in oil & gas industry

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

In what will most likely be the quickest meeting of the year for the Big Spring ISD board, trustee Tony Kennedy pounded the gavel at the five minute mark to end their September meeting Thursday after

trustees took care of some in house items.

Board members made sure their fourth meeting in the past two months was expedient approving the minutes of the past three meetings and financial matters quickly before heading into Superintendent Chris Wigington's district report.

The meeting was short, but Wigington's report was anything but sweet, as trustees learned that district enrollment figures have decreased from recent years.

Enrollment figures are trending down, Wigington said, mostly at

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Swim, bike and run

Comanche Warrior Triathlon Saturday

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Let the race begin.

Athletes will be descending on Comanche Trail Park Saturday for the 8th annual Comanche Trail Warrior Triathlon.

"All entrances to Comanche Trail Park will close on Saturday from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. for the Comanche Warrior Triathlon," said Haley Lewis, Big Spring Visitors Bureau tourism director. "Runners will be throughout the park and closure of the park is necessary for the safety of these athletes."

On-line registration ends today and forms can be found at www.visitbig-spring.com/comanchewarriortriathlon, but race officials will be accepting last minute competitors the day of the race. The cost to register on-



File photo

The annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon will be held Saturday morning in Comanche Trail Park.

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Obituaries

Mary Lou Rangel



Mary Lou Rangel, 76, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, in El Paso. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mary Lou was born Jan. 20, 1937, in Big Spring. She grew up in El Paso and came to Big Spring in 1967. Mary Lou and Willie Rangel were married on December 28, 1967, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Willie Rangel of Big Spring; three daughters, Diana Alarcon of Big Spring, Debbie Fierro and her husband, Moses, of San Antonio, and Sandra Lou Martinez and her husband, Oswaldo, of Big Spring; one son, Ernest R. Alarcon of Kyle; mother, Herlinda Knight of El Paso; two sisters, Virginia Duran and her husband, Tommy, of El Paso and Mary Frances Hinojosa and her husband, Andy, of El Paso; two brothers, Salvador Knight and his wife, Regina, of El Paso and Jacob Knight Jr. and his wife, Pat, of Oklahoma; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jacob Knight.

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

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- DELAND WAYNE SAVELL, 57, of 1405 Dixie Ave. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- CALEB EDWIN PADDIE, 22, of 2604 Fairchild Dr. was arrested on charges of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750, shoplifting.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Ave.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg St.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Gregg and 3rd Streets.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.
- MICHAEL RAY ARISTA, 19, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for cruelty to non-livestock animals.
- JAMES LEE MILLER, 20, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for no driver's license, fail to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear.
- CALEB PADDIE, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- DELAND W. SAVELL, 57, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

Take Note

The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty.

The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano.

To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howardcollege.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.

Judy Rouse, director of the Life Center in Midland, will be the guest speaker at next meeting of the Howard County Republican Club, set for noon Monday in the Cactus Room in the Howard College Student Union Building. Dutch lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m. This will not be a political meeting, but an informative one about Big Spring's new Life Center at 100 E. 18th St. For more information, call 432-528-4869.

Marcy Elementary "Families Helping Families" Community Yard Sale, Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Set up time begins at 6 a.m. and all items must be removed by 4 p.m. The "Families Helping Families" event will be held in the teacher parking lot on the north side of the campus. Individuals or organizations may

rent one or two parking spaces. Parking spaces will be rented for \$10, and all proceeds from sold items are kept by the vendors. Contact Lisa Valencia or Bianca Carrell at Marcy Elementary to reserve a space at 432-264-4144.

Blood drive at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sept. 14. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bloodmobile will be in the parking lot at the front entrance to the hospital. Donors with appointments will be seen first. To make an appointment, call 877-UBS-HERO or 877-827-4376 or on line at www.bloodhero.com.

The Big Spring High School Student Council invites the community of Big Spring to join show Steer Spirit during homecoming which is Friday, Sept. 25. Local business owners are encouraged to decorate their business fronts/windows. The theme of homecoming and the parade is Disney, "Once upon a time, in our quaint little town, the legendary Big Spring Steers welcomed the Graham Cinderellas to battle on sacred ground. Dreams will come true when BSHS Steers prevail in a fight to end all fights." Parade entries submissions are due by Tuesday, Sept. 22. Please call the high school front office to enter at 264-3641. For more information, contact Haley Lefever at hlefever@bsisd.esc18.net.

Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, con-

tact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K is volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact

Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident.

An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

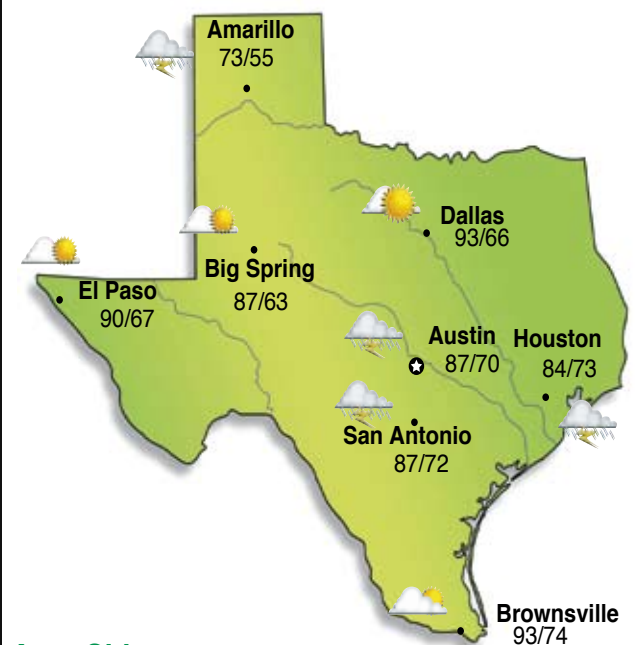
Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 9/12	Sun 9/13	Mon 9/14	Tue 9/15	Wed 9/16
87/63 Intervals of clouds and sunshine.	81/62 A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	88/64 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	90/64 Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	90/66 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:53 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:52 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	90	64	pt sunny
Amarillo	73	55	t-storm
Austin	87	70	t-storm
Beaumont	81	69	t-storm
Brownsville	93	74	cloudy
Brownwood	91	64	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	87	75	t-storm
Corsicana	92	67	pt sunny
Dallas	93	66	mst sunny
Del Rio	92	72	t-storm
El Paso	90	67	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	92	66	pt sunny
Gainesville	85	61	t-storm
Greenville	91	62	mst sunny
Houston	84	73	t-storm
Kingsville	89	72	t-storm
Livingston	84	70	t-storm
Longview	92	64	mst sunny
Lubbock	82	59	t-storm
Lufkin	88	68	t-storm
Midland	91	66	pt sunny
Raymondville	92	74	t-storm
Rosenberg	83	72	t-storm
San Antonio	87	72	t-storm
San Marcos	88	70	t-storm
Sulphur Springs	91	63	mst sunny
Sweetwater	91	62	pt sunny
Tyler	92	67	mst sunny
Weatherford	89	63	mst sunny
Wichita Falls	87	59	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	65	mst sunny
Boston	69	59	rain
Chicago	64	50	rain
Dallas	93	66	mst sunny
Denver	75	51	mst sunny
Houston	84	73	t-storm
Los Angeles	93	72	mst sunny
Miami	90	78	t-storm
Minneapolis	63	45	pt sunny
New York	82	68	rain
Phoenix	100	76	sunny
San Francisco	78	59	sunny
Seattle	82	57	sunny
St. Louis	73	55	t-storm
Washington, DC	87	67	pt sunny

to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call 432-263-3312.

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.



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Comanche Warrior Triathlon:
Dora Roberts Community Center
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Sept. 18-19:
16th of September Festival:
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News in brief

House continues effort to derail Iran nuclear deal even though Senate handed Obama a victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is continuing to flex its muscles on the Iran nuclear deal even though the Senate has already sealed its fate in Congress.

Senate Democrats voted on Thursday to uphold the accord with Iran, overcoming heavy GOP opposition to hand President Barack Obama a victory on his top foreign policy priority.

A disapproval resolution for the agreement fell two votes short of the 60 needed to move forward as most Democratic and independent senators banded together against it.

House Republicans will continue on Friday to further eleventh-hour strategies to derail the agreement and Senate Republicans are promising a re-vote. But the Senate action all but guaranteed that any legislation disapproving of the deal will never reach Obama's desk. The Friday debate comes on Sept. 11, anniversary of the 2001 terror attacks.

Undeterred, Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Texas, said on the House floor that House Republicans are going to "use the judicial branch of the government" to prevent implementation of the deal, which gives Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for imposing restraints on its nuclear program.

Thousands trek to Vienna from border with Hungary after trains suspended

VIENNA (AP) — Thousands of people hoping for asylum in western Europe are trekking to Vienna from Austria's main border crossing point with

Hungary, after rail traffic was suspended due to overcrowding.

The Austrian Federal Railways Press department says it no longer has the capacity to deal with the thousands of people at the Nickelsdorf crossing wanting to board trains daily to the Austrian capital. Once in Vienna, most have traveled on to Germany and other Western EU nations.

Rail service between Vienna and the Hungarian capital, Budapest, was already suspended Thursday. With no trains running, thousands of people set out Friday on the expressway linking the Nickelsdorf border crossing with Vienna, 60 kilometers (40 miles) away.

Scant sympathy for refugees in European countries that once saw thousands escape communism

RIGA, Latvia (AP) — When Latvia last month decided to accept 250 of the tens of thousands of refugees seeking shelter in Europe, hundreds of protesters including elderly people and families with children rallied outside Parliament with placards warning that the foreigners would bring doom upon the Baltic country. A smattering of slogans spoke darkly of a threat to "white nations."

A similar demonstration featuring anti-Muslim slogans was held in neighboring Estonia against plans to receive about 150 refugees from the Middle East and Africa this year.

While eastern Europe's new EU member states are being asked to absorb the fewest, they are putting up the fiercest resistance to plans to spread the refugees more evenly across the 28-nation bloc. Even mainstream political leaders in these countries have described refugees and migrants as welfare opportunists, terrorists and carriers of

disease.

The Baltic countries, as well as Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic, have all rejected mandatory refugee quotas, often with the argument that they don't want their relatively homogenous societies to become multicultural.

EU officials and human rights groups say they've been disappointed by the animosity toward asylum-seekers in countries from which hundreds of thousands of people fled communist dictatorships just decades ago.

At ground zero, Sept. 11 anniversary is now both private and public occasion

NEW YORK (AP) — After years as a private commemoration, the anniversary of Sept. 11 at ground zero now also has become an occasion for public reflection on the site of the terror attacks.

An estimated 20,000 people flocked to the memorial plaza on the evening of Sept. 11 last year, the first year the public was able to visit on the anniversary.

The plaza will open three hours earlier after Friday's 14th anniversary ceremony, where victims' families will gather for what has become a tradition of tolling bells, observing poignant moments of silence and reading the names of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror strike.

"When we did open it up, it was just like life coming in," National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum President Joe Daniels said this week. While the memorial will still be reserved for victims' relatives and other invitees during the morning ceremony, afterward, "the general public that wants to come and pay their respects on this most sacred ground should be let in as soon as possible."

WATCH

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80 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or go online at www.bigspringpd.net and click on the "House Watch Form" tab, complete the form and then push the submit button. (Note: you may have to open the form using "Adobe Acrobat" in order to fill out

the form and submit.)

"If you have any trouble using the online form you can easily print the form, fill it out, scan and email it to records@bigspringpd.net," the news release stated.

BSPD recommends you complete your House Watch form and have it submitted to records@bigspringpd.net or brought to 3613 W. Hwy. 80 Big Spring

Texas, "attention BSPD Records Division," one week prior to your departure date.

Whether or not you avail yourself of this free service, there are steps you can take prior to departing to safeguard your property:

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- leave shades/blinds in normal positions
- put automatic timers

on lights; set the timers so they will turn on and off at random times in different rooms

• leave a key with a trusted neighbor in case of emergency

• lock all windows and doors

• have someone park a car in your driveway occasionally

• arrange to have the lawn mowed/snow

plowed
• shut and lock your garage door

BSISD

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the elementary level. The district is down 155 students from this time last year, Wigington said, most likely a result of the economic downturn in the area's oil and gas industry.

"The high school level is same as last year," Wigington said. "It's mostly the elementary kids."

Average Daily Atten-

dance (ADA) is a calculated piece of date the state uses in the formula for public school financing. Since the district is dealing with a \$1.4 million budget deficit this year, mostly from a \$75 million drop in taxable values, any large loss of students would be a cause of more financial headaches for district officials when it comes to balancing the books.

Wigington did add that enrollment usually stabilizes after Labor Day.

In other business, Wig-

ington reported:

• BSISD is short one teacher at this time, Wigington said. This was a piece of positive news to principals and administrators who have dealt with a large turnover of employees over the past several years.

• Employee and student handbooks can be found at the BSISD website.

Lyndel Moody can be contacted at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

TRIATHLON

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line is \$60 per individual and \$100 per team. Race day registration is \$70 per individual and \$130 per team.

The event begins at 8 a.m. with the 500 meter swim. This is the only time swimming is allowed in the lake. Following the swim, competitors will bike 30K course out and around the park and end with a 5K run on closed trails and roads around park.

A pre-meeting race will be held at 7:30 a.m. at the Dora Robert Community Center.

Registration will also be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Dora Roberts Community Center. At that time, participants will be allowed to have a practice swim in the Comanche Trail Lake, Lewis said. They can also pick up packets on race day between the hours of 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Saturday.

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Opinion

Hysteria about the Iran deal

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When the Iran deal was completed, Republicans took on a creative exercise.

The assignment: Come up with the most outrageously hyperbolic condemnation you can think of. And they aced it.

With this agreement, said Mike Huckabee, President Barack Obama “will take the Israelis and march them to the door of the oven.” Under it, said Ted Cruz, “The Obama administration will become the world’s leading state sponsor and financier of radical Islamic terrorism.”

Huckabee’s comment was so over-the-top that Jeb Bush said it was “just wrong.” Cruz’s charge provoked an objection from Bobby Jindal, who is not normally a model of restraint.

But Dick Cheney outdoes them all in his new book, “Exceptional: Why the World Needs a Powerful America.” The deal, he declares, will most likely lead to “the first use of a nuclear weapon since Hiroshima and Nagasaki.”

The critics don’t realize that the more extreme their characterizations the less credible they are. It’s not hard to make the case that the deal is flawed and inadequate. But it’s hard to pretend it is, as Cheney claims, “madness.”

Two of the most interesting moments of the campaign came at the Family Leadership Summit in Ames, Iowa, in July, which several GOP presidential candidates attended. Interviewing Marco Rubio and later Cruz, Republican consultant Frank Luntz asked: “If it’s that bad, why would this president do this?”

Rubio had a simple answer: “Because he wants a legacy. He is dying to build out exhibits for his presidential library.” Cruz echoed him: “The answer is simple. They see this purely as a domestic political legacy and



STEVE CHAPMAN

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agenda.”

Really? According to them, the accord is a catastrophic blunder that will empower Iran, stimulate terrorism and invite a genocidal attack on Tel Aviv. How would a presidential library turn that into a glittering triumph? How could signing articles of surrender elevate your place in history?

Cheney, hitting a familiar conservative theme, insists the Iran agreement is “tragically reminiscent” of the 1938 Munich agreement, under which British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain allowed Nazi Germany to annex a portion of Czechoslovakia.

The concession only emboldened Adolf Hitler.

But Obama, being familiar with Munich, may have noticed that 1) it didn’t work and 2) Chamberlain has been notorious ever since as a foolish appeaser. If this deal has half the gruesome consequences the Republicans predict, he will spend his retirement years in disgrace, his name synonymous with monumental gullibility.

The claim that he is seeking a legacy rests on the assumption that the deal will work well enough, and long enough, to resemble a great achievement. If it’s going to lead straight to disaster, Obama had nothing to gain by signing it.

Assuming the president set out to engage in futile appeasement,

he had an odd way of going about it. The Munich agreement was drafted and signed in a matter of days. The Iran negotiations took two years. The Munich agreement was 522 words long. This one fills 159 pages.

Had the administration been willing to settle for simply giving Iran everything it wanted, the talks would have concluded quickly and the text would be very brief.

Cheney explains this deal as part of Obama’s plan to disarm and weaken America. “He has dedicated his presidency to restraining us, limiting our power and diminishing us,” he writes.

This would come as a surprise to Moammar Gadhafi, Osama bin Laden and Anwar al-Awlaki, the U.S. citizen and al-Qaida leader who was killed in a targeted strike the president approved.

It would be news to the more than 2,000 people killed by drones under Obama. It might evoke doubt among the Islamic State fighters in Syria and Iraq, who have been the target of thousands of U.S. air attacks over the past year. It would puzzle Robert Gates, a Republican who ran the Pentagon under Obama as well as George W. Bush.

If the deal were a craven surrender, you would expect some of Obama’s national security aides to resign in protest. You wouldn’t expect it to win the endorsement of people like Colin Powell, who was secretary of state under George W. Bush and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under George H.W. Bush.

All those facts don’t mean the Iran deal is a good one. They do make it clear, though, that it’s a good-faith effort that has to be taken seriously. You can pretend otherwise, but it takes a wild imagination.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Parents, not gadgets, should teach kids

It had to be a joke, a parody, I thought while reading of a new electronic gadget claiming to entice children to eat vegetables by rewarding them with video games. I’ve been taken in by less. But there was the Yumit being touted with a straight face on the website of the reputable Wired magazine.

The not-yet-launched Yumit can’t help but harm efforts to preserve (or restore) the family dinner hour. Experts in child development are promoting family meals as a way to socialize the young and teach them healthy eating habits. A ban on personal electronics at the table (parents first) removes a barrier to the back-and-forth essential to the mission.

The Yumit works like this: A plate rests on a scale that measures each bite. As the vegetable load lightens, a strip of light-emitting diodes around the plate changes from white to green. The scale transmits the data via Bluetooth to an app, and the vegetable eater wins, say, 15 minutes of playing a video game.

The promo material for Yumit does not envision a family at all. It shows a girl all alone. She holds up a spoon containing a grape and grins like she just won the jackpot.

(Slot machines come to mind. The cherry and melon symbols date to their earliest days, when cash prizes were against the law but fruit was considered a healthy and sinless reward — though the prizes were actually fruit-flavored chewing gum.)



FROMA HARROP

There must be a happy medium between cultivating good nutrition through a Vegas-type reward system and making it a nasty chore. That would be a civilized dining routine in which healthful food is also delicious food and children see grown-ups eating their peas with pleasure.

Anyhow, the app tells parents how long the child chewed his food and the time between bites. So parents don’t even have to sit at the same table to monitor the youngster’s eating habits. Come to think of it, they don’t even have to be on the same continent.

But here is the “coolest thing about the Yumit,” according to Wired: “Translating actual, physical energy into a virtual points system is a smart way to teach kids about why food (and healthy food, at that) is important.”

What could possibly go wrong that the next generation of psychiatrists won’t be able to fix?

Too much interactive screen time is already impairing young children’s social and emotional development, according to a report out of the Boston University School of Medicine.

“If these devices become the predominant method to calm

and distract young children,” the researchers write, “will they be able to develop their own internal mechanisms of self-regulation?”

When it comes out, this device will add new lures to our growing pile of online addictions. And what could be more distracting at dinnertime than a ring of lights turning color around children’s plates? The faster they gulp down their carrots the sooner they get to the video game. Throwing them on the floor would produce the same result, one supposes.

The Boston University report concluded that young kids learn best through direct human-to-human interaction.

That need not mean a return to the old-fashioned vegetable punishments — for example, “no dessert until you eat your spinach.” They were tried on me with the result that I couldn’t look at asparagus for the next 20 years. (Fully recovered, I now can’t get enough of it.)

There must be a happy medium between cultivating good nutrition through a Vegas-type reward system and making it a nasty chore. That would be a civilized dining routine in which healthful food is also delicious food and children see grown-ups eating their peas with pleasure.

If the little ones aren’t ready for steamed kale, no need to make a fuss. But let’s not plug them in to monitoring devices, either.

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Psalm 91: 14-16

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(Joel 2:23)

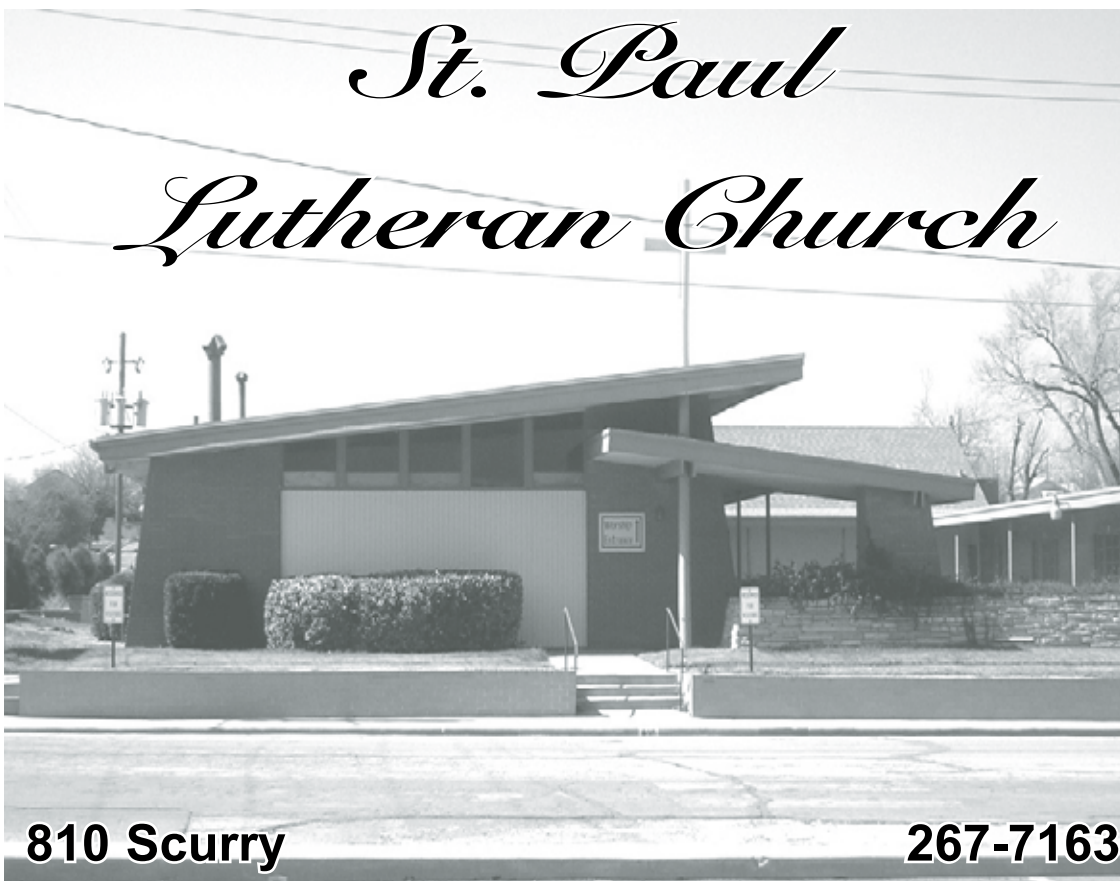
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Did you ever wonder: Moses' commission

Moses was very hesitant to accept his commission from God. He first protested that he was unqualified. He asked why he should take such a responsibility for an ungrateful people.

God assured that He would be with Moses. And as a sign to Moses, God said, "When you take the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." (Mount Sinai) Moses countered that when he came to talk to the Hebrews, they would not accept his leadership. Moses said if he told them that the God of their forefathers sent him, they would ask, "What is His Name?" "Then what shall I say to them?"

My Name is "I Shall Be As I Shall Be," God said, "Tell them 'I Shall Be'

has sent me to you."

This is obviously a personal name. From my research, this is the only time this name for God is used in scripture. It also seems that, even though it is the first time we have heard about the name, the Hebrews were expected to recognize it. And He says, "This is My Name forever, and My remembrance from generation to generation."

This name is so Holy, the scholars advise us not to pronounce it as it is spelled in Hebrew. They advise that it be pronounced "Adonai" which in English is translated "Lord."

God assured Moses that the elders of Israel would believe him and accompany him to see the King of Egypt. They were instructed to say, "Hashem, the God of the Hebrews, happened upon us. And now, please let us go on a three-day journey in the Wilderness, and we shall bring offerings to Hashem, our God."

God tells Moses that He already knows Pharaoh will not allow them

to go unless God strikes Egypt with His wonders. After that Pharaoh will let them go. And they will not leave empty-handed. "You shall empty out Egypt."

After all this prophesy, Moses still did not think they would believe him. God gave him three signs to perform for the Hebrews.

God said, "Cast your staff on the ground." It became a snake, and Moses fled. Hashem said "Grasp its tail" It became a staff again.

He told Moses, "Put your hand inside your robe," When he brought it out again, Moses' hand was white with leprosy. "Placed it inside your robe again." It became normal, healthy skin.

If they did not believe the first two signs, Moses was to take some water from the River Nile, and when he poured it out on the ground, it would become blood.

This time, Moses pleaded that he was not a man of words. The scholars think Moses had a lisp or that he

stuttered. He called himself "heavy of mouth and heavy of speech."

Hashem answered, "It is I who makes a man, so go!" Hashem would be with him. It sounds as if God was going to make Moses able to speak well. But Moses requested that his brother, Aaron, be allowed to go with him and speak for him.

This conversation took place over a seven day period. Scholars surmise that each time Moses protested he gave up a blessing that had been in store for him. When he asked for Aaron to be his speaker, God gave the priesthood to Aaron instead of Moses.

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachel: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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Church News

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Sunday worship services meet at 10:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. The congregation of BHDC invites you to choose a time that works with your schedule and join us as we lift up the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will share from God's Word. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For additional information about BHDC, including the Wednesday evening schedule, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Presbyterian Church — Big Spring

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; 6 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal will occur on Wednesday.

Susan Dawes will resume music classes beginning this week. She hopes to have the same schedule as last year, but with changes in some of the bus schedules, there may have to be some alterations in the Wednesday schedule. The schedule last year was as follows: Wednesdays: Children's Choir and Young Women's Choir; Sundays: Young Men's Choir and Youth Handbells.

The Youth Group schedule for this Sunday evening is Young Men's Choir at 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., Handbell Choir at 6:30 p.m., and Youth group at 7:15 p.m.

You should have received the church newsletter "First Word" last week. If you would like to get the newsletter by email, please notify our Communications Director Caroline Morgan at caroline.paigemorgan@gmail.com. Presbyterian Women start this year with the Bible study "Come to the Waters" at 2 p.m. on Sept. 22. Helen Glass will lead the discussion on the Introduction and Lesson 1.

Katie Grimes is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for September are Louise Hitch, Buddy Cochrane, John Yater, and Sarah Salinas. Mark Morgan is Lector for the month. Communion servers are Susan Wilson, Ellen Austin, Kay Kennemur, Nancy Koger, and Jim Little.

The lectionary for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (or 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time) is Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the ser-

mon and officiate at Communion. The Chancel Choir will present "Lamb of God" by Twyla Paris as the offertory.

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

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Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday night Bible study will begin again on Wednesday. A meal will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and classes will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. each morning for these devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

First Baptist Church

Join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:50 a.m. as we lift our hearts, minds, and voices in praise of our Redeemer and Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Lindsey begins a new sermon series titled "Selfie" in which we will look at what the Bible says about 'self'. If



you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School classes meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and youth, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class; come early for coffee and fellowship.

At 5:30 p.m., AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) begins its Fall term. AWANA is a Bible based program for school age children, and includes games, songs, stories, and scripture memory. All area children are welcome; there is no fee to attend.

Also at 5:30 p.m., the acclaimed study "Financial Peace" by Dave Ramsey will begin. This is a nine week study and the cost is around \$100.00. Childcare will be available at the church. Call 267-8223 for location and more information.

Evening worship service begins at 6 p.m. Youth will

gather at 6 p.m. at the Raffini's home for food, fellowship, and a brief time of Bible study. If you need a ride, the bus will leave the church at 5:50 p.m. and returns to the church shortly after 7 p.m. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for additional information.

On Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Pastor Mark Lindsey will be leading the Bible study "Experiencing God." The group will meet in room 201 at the church. Plan to be part of this life impacting study.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by activities for all age groups and life stages. Go to fcbigspring.org for details. Wednesday for meatloaf.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W FM 700.

First Church of the Nazarene

On Sept. 20 we kick off Back to Church Sunday with a pot luck lunch following with a homemade ice cream cookoff. That Sunday will start a sermon series on being a move-

ment with "Being a kingdom minded people," loving and seeing people like God does.

You can also listen to any of our previous Sunday services by going to our webpage at nazfamily.org. Also, look for the service notes on the YouVersion Bible app under live events.

We also invite you to come check out all the remodeling that has taken place. If you would like to help with donations please visit our website.

Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes at 9 a.m. throughout the campus.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Children's Church at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall Sunday evening youth activities are Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday nights we have weekly prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10

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A relationship built on lies: part one

The Apostle John writes through inspiration in 1 John 1:5-6, This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth (ESV).

The purpose statement for John's letter can be seen in verse 3, ...we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. That word fellowship refers to a partnership and having participation or communion with something or someone.



GREG SURLES

Because of the eye witness testimony of the Apostles and early disciples which they were able to record as the Holy Spirit carried them along (2 Peter 1:21 ESV), we are able to enter into a relationship with them in understanding more about who Jesus is and what He taught. Then through that partnership, we may enter into a relationship with God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

But John wants Christians to know that a relationship with God can only be accomplished when it is according to His terms. He emphasizes this when he writes that God is light. God is pure and holy and just. He is light and in Him there is no darkness.

So the character of God sets the terms through which we might have a relationship with Him. Many people claim to be in partnership with God, but if they are not doing things according to His word, then John writes that they are liars (verse 6).

Jesus would also make the distinction between merely saying something and actually doing it. In Luke 6:46, Jesus said, Why do you call me "Lord, Lord," and not do what I tell you? (ESV)

It is not enough to say that you follow Jesus nor is it enough to simply acknowledge that you think He is God's Son. In order for Him to be your Lord (that word means master!), you must do what He says to do. Matthew 7:21-23, Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name? And then will I declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness." (ESV)

This is a sobering statement by the Lord!

Every person desiring a relationship with God and with Jesus Christ must do what the Lord commands. He has given us His teachings. He is the Way, the only way, by which we are able to come to the Father (John 14:6). And His words are what will judge us on that great day (John 12:48).

I can claim to be in a relationship with God and I can say that Jesus is Lord of my life, but if I am not doing what His word tells me to do, then that relationship is only a lie. I must know God's word and I must do God's word and then I will have a wonderful relationship with the Father and be able to truly call Jesus my Lord.

Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lane church of Christ

Teacher equity plans approved for 16 states

WASHINGTON (AP) - To ensure all students, regardless of race, ethnicity or economic background, get equal access to the best teachers, Kentucky plans to enhance mentoring for new teachers. Massachusetts will seek to raise standards for teacher education programs, and Rhode Island and Nevada are looking at financial incentives to attract and retain teachers.

The four are among 16 states that won federal approval Thursday for plans to improve teacher equity that are required under the No Child Left Behind education law.

The plans focus on mentoring new and existing teachers, improving teacher preparation programs, eliminating teacher shortages and giving financial incentives to teachers who work in lower performing schools.

All 50 states submitted plans; the Obama administration is still reviewing the other plans. States could lose federal dollars if they don't have adequate plans to address gaps in the distribution of high-quality teachers across school districts.

In the first batch of approvals, the department endorsed teacher equity plans by Arkansas, Connecticut,

Delaware, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maine, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

"All parents understand that strong teaching is fundamental to strong opportunities for their children. We as a country should treat that opportunity as a right that every family has - regardless of race, ethnicity or national origin, zip code, wealth, or first language," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement.

The department

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BILL TINSLEY

I am not a great listener. I lose focus. One word can trigger any number of divergent thoughts causing my mind to race off in pursuit like a dog chasing cats. At other times I leap ahead, thinking about what I want to say rather than listening to what is being said. I have to discipline myself to re-

focus on what is being said, sometimes scrambling to piece together the gaps that I missed during my mental lapses.

My wife knows this. She can see it in my eyes. Sometimes she will stop talking and the silence will awaken me from my temporary daydream. "You're not listening," she says.

Of course she is right. But occasionally I am lucky enough to be able to repeat the last sentence that she spoke, retrieving it from some kind of digital recording in my head, even though its meaning was not being registered in my brain.

My wife, on the other hand, is a great listener. That is one of the reasons I married her.

She listens intently, not just to me, but also to anyone speaking to her. I once watched a total stranger stop her on the street in New York and spill out their life story. I have witnessed the same thing on subways, in train stations and shopping centers in the U.S. and Europe.

You can see it in her eyes. She

focuses. She doesn't glance around the room wondering if there is someone else she should speak to. She doesn't look beyond you. Her eyes don't glaze over in a fixed stare that pretends to listen while she thinks about something else.

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Most of us are far more intent on being heard than hearing. When we pretend to listen, we are, more often simply waiting for a gap, a chance in the conversation to insert our already preconceived conclusions. We interrupt one another with conversations that often are running on different tracks.

How many times have we injured someone, or simply failed to help someone, because we were too quick to speak? How different our world would be if parents listened to their children; if bosses listened to their employees; if businesses listened to their customers; if politicians listened to the people; if persons in power listened to each other? Maybe if we were better at listening to one another, we might be better at listening to God.

The Bible says, "Everyone must be quick to hear and slow to speak." (James 1:19). God says, "Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live." (Isaiah 55:2-3).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

CHURCH NEWS

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a.m. for a live broadcast of our service. We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday our message is titled, "Payday," and comes from Psalm 119:65-72.

This week we will continue our study series on Sunday evenings called, "Heaven: Now and Then." This study will focus on what Heaven may be like as we enter it now, and what it will be like when Jesus

returns. This Sunday evening our topic of discussion will be, "The Tribulation, Part V: The Sealed of Israel."

Our men's breakfast will be this Saturday at the Four Sands Café at 9 a.m. That evening is also our next movie night, when we will show "Homeward Bound" at 8:30 p.m. in the west parking lot.

Regular youth and children's activities are in full swing on Wednesdays with special afternoon classes at 4 p.m. Anyone who comes to the church at that time must participate in the classes. The first class offered will be American Sign Language. Youth and children's meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., and age-appropriate classes will

begin at 6 p.m. We will be offering CHAOS for youth, GA's for girls, RA's for boys, and Heroes in Training for kids age three through five.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., 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.

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

The church is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell

Lane. Sunday activities are: Bible study at 9 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. On Wednesday, the Ladies class meets at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study and devotional is at 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad Streets. Bible study is held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Parish Hall. Evening prayer begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel. For more information visit www.stmarysbst.org.

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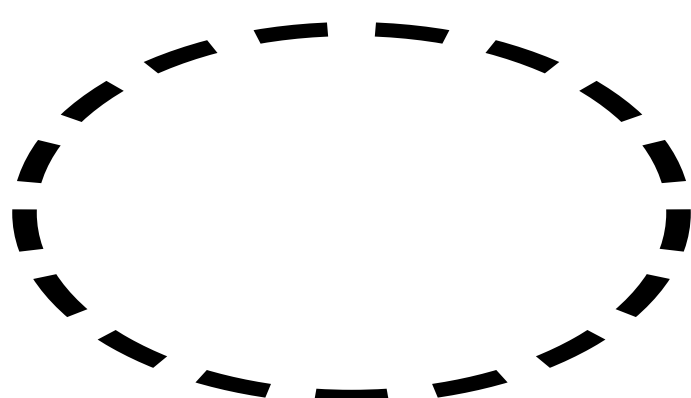
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So Much Virgo

There's a whole lot of Virgo going on -- the sun, the moon and

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Jupiter are all paying respects to the realm of the sky responsible for responsibility. Maybe that's why people are growing, nature is thriving and relationships are getting back down to the practical basics that allow people to live together fruitfully.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your neighborly attitude might lead you to learn more than you wanted to know.

However awkward you may feel about the information, you will be better for having been armed with this knowledge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Unreal expectations will produce, at best, disappointment -- at worst, cruelty. There is absolutely no reason for you to expect yourself to automatically know how to behave in every situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Take

charge of the situation by making a proposal. It doesn't matter whether this is rejected or accepted. The point is that you'll have changed the dynamic by asserting yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be asked to repeatedly perform a specific function. Sound nutrition and good hydration will help you to do more repetitions than you otherwise could have done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Creating a vision is important. Communicating it is more important. The clearer you get about your vision the easier it will be to convey it. Explain it to yourself, and you'll find where the holes are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is the new stuff really going to be better than the status quo? That's the question of the day, and you're going to want to see examples and hard data before you'll be willing to make any kind of a change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some around you are driven by the fear of losing autonomy and

Tomorrow's Horoscope

respect. It therefore will be more important than ever to give them their due. Your awareness of each gesture will improve the relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't expect it to be easy. Your idea could cause a multitude of reactions. Your response will be akin to taking a pulse. You'll find out what the current level of support is, and you'll go from there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the deepest parts of your insides, you want more recognition than you're getting. A title would give you the validation and respect from the outside world that you seek.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Think proactively. Take initiative. Waiting for problems and then solving them is not the way. What might you do to make it better before a problem arises?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Are the opportunities more complicated than you'd like? Your communication skills are on fire these days,

and so the answer is quite simple: State the conditions under which you could say yes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even if a person has been a part of your life for many years, you can always discover some fresh brilliance in that person. Today will prove the point.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 11). The signs the universe will give you are flashing, neon, sparkling and generally doing everything possible to capture your attention. As far as your destiny goes, this is a "can't miss" year. This month will bring the first in a series of small victories that add up to a November prize. December and May will be the most romantic. Scorpio and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 11, 29, 31 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You don't want to waste your best material on people who won't get it. However, it's always good to have a practice audience. **TAURUS:** People don't always talk about what they

are interested in. It's up to you to redirect the conversation by asking a few pointed, intuitive questions. **GEMINI:** The book you're reading may very well be your best calling card. **CANCER:** The reason for the amazing bonding this weekend will be the love you have for a special person or pet. **LEO:** Your ideas are simply better than the other person's. They should listen to you. **VIRGO:** Your talent for transforming resistance into acceptance will be highlighted. **LIBRA:** The very definition of glamour is that it's beyond what's necessary. Your over-the-top efforts will end in glamour. **SCORPIO:** Words become popular and go out of style. There will be a reward for speaking in the parlance of your time. **SAGITTARIUS:** The ideas gained in the past few years have radically changed your love life, and you're about to go for a new shift. **CAPRICORN:** There's strength in follow-through. Dismiss those who don't follow through as too weak for you.

AQUARIUS: Only you know what you can comfortably give and how healthy this arrangement really is. **PISCES:** You don't need a calendar cue to celebrate the day. **COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Can two Virgos make it in an imperfect world? True, Virgo is the sign of perfection. Sometimes nitpicking and micromanagement fall into the category. The fun part is that Virgos don't mind the attention to detail and are unlikely to take it to heart. Instead, Virgo puts all comments and notes into the category of "tend to when appropriate" and will become a better person for the effort.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a widow in my 80s. I recently was introduced to a widower who seemed friendly and had a good sense of humor. He asked me out for dinner and the conversation went well. But when he took me home, he kissed me and grabbed my breast. I was absolutely not expecting this from a supposedly "nice" guy, and especially not on a first date. What on earth would he expect on a second date?

At my age, I am not looking for a romantic or physical relationship. I should have slapped his face for being so forward, or at least let him know it was not appropriate.

This man has called several times since then, but I will not answer the phone because I don't know how to tell him that I don't want to accompany him anywhere ever again. I have many widowed lady friends, and we get together often for lunches, movies, etc., and I am perfectly happy with that. I don't need to feel uncomfortable in the presence of a man who can't keep his hands to himself. How can I get him to stop calling me? -- Lonely, Not Lusting

Please be honest with this lothario. Tell him you were highly offended by his vulgar display at the end of your date, and you are not interested in seeing him again. Add that you are not looking for a physical relationship and he would be better off with someone who is. We suggest you write these words down, practice saying them, and then read them to Mr. Inappropriate when he next calls so you don't stumble or become flustered. He deserves to know the truth, and you deserve to be left in peace.

Dear Annie: Would you clarify the difference between hoarding and being a filthy pig housekeeper?

Hoarding, to me, is filling your home with stuff that you cannot part with. It has nothing to do with keeping a house clean. After getting a few glimpses of hoarders on TV, I don't understand how this can be called "entertainment." Who would allow their home to be filmed for all the world to see? I believe these scenes are staged. This sick curiosity, spoon-fed by the networks, is but another example of society's downslide. Any comment? -- Disgusted

with Programming
Dear Disgusted: Hoarding is a form of mental illness, and we agree that it should not be displayed for public amusement. Nonetheless, as long as people watch these programs and advertisers pay to promote their products on them, they will continue. The upside is, such programs bring awareness to the public and, in most instances, these homes are professionally cleaned and the inhabitants receive therapy. It is not filmed without their agreement.

While some scenes may be staged, we can assure you that hoarders actually do

live like this. It's terribly sad.

Annie's Snippet for Patriot Day (Credit Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl at a speech in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.) "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

1. You are South, and the bidding has gone:
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♣
3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣
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♣AQJ105 ♥72 ♦AK983 ♠4

2. You are South, and the bidding has gone:
East South West North
3 ♣ 4 ♥ Pass 6 ♥
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What would you bid now with:
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Since you can't tell just how high to go, your best shot is to leave the decision to partner. He will know you're trying for slam when you bid five diamonds, because otherwise you would have passed four spades. He might have any of the following three hands, consistent with his previous bids, and will know exactly what to do over five diamonds:
1. ♠K963 ♥J4 ♦Q5 ♣AKQ8, 2. ♠K764 ♥9 ♦Q104 ♣AKJ93

3. ♠K872 ♥K5 ♦6 ♣AKJ1075
With the first hand, containing two immediate heart losers, he would sign off at five spades, which you of course would pass. But with the other two hands, which contain first- or second-round heart control, as well as other key values, he would bid six spades.
2. **Seven hearts.** This is one of those cases where you do or you don't, and the nod here goes to do. It's hard to imagine a hand partner might hold where you wouldn't have a good chance for seven, and you shouldn't try to talk yourself out of bidding the grand slam just because it's possible to concoct a hand partner might have that would make seven a risky bid.
In effect, you're faced with a mathematical proposition. To undertake a grand slam, the odds have to be 2-1 or better in your favor. You don't have to be 100 percent sure, as some players contend; all you need is the conviction that partner has a hand that is likely to yield all the tricks.
You start by assuming partner can't have two club losers; there's no way he could jump to six with such a holding. Nor could he bid six with an aceless hand, regardless of what he held in clubs. He is far more likely to leap to six with any of the following hands, and you would make seven with each of them:
1. ♠Q93 ♥K976 ♦AKQ72 ♣5
2. ♠Q72 ♥K1065 ♦AQJ843 ♣—
3. ♠QJ84 ♥K975 ♦AK93 ♣7

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Same old Brady, Gronk in NFL opener; with a new controversy

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Not much new in the NFL season opener. Tom Brady was unstoppable, and so was Rob Gronkowski.

Some unheralded players put on New England jerseys and looked like stars.

The opposing coach, Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin, raised suspicions about something untoward going on at Gillette Stadium.

A 28-21 victory for the Patriots wasn't nearly that close, and the sellout crowd of 66,829, braving a persistent rain Thursday night, got just about everything it wanted. The pregame ceremony celebrated New England's four Super Bowl crowns; Brady was behind center after his four-game suspension from the NFL in the deflated balls saga was vacated by a federal judge; and the home team unveiled some new weapons.

"I was pretty excited," said Brady, who has 161 wins as a starting quarterback, most in NFL history. "I think the regulars around here always can be pretty excited, especially running out there in pregame."

"You have one week and you put everything you can into it for that one three-hour performance."

Brady certainly put in everything the Patriots could hope for, which does not bode well for the rest of the NFL. Nor do some of the other things we saw against the undermanned and generally ineffective Steelers.

GRONK: Gronkowski was dynamic with five catches for 94 yards and touchdowns of 16, 6 and 1 yard. He broke a tackle after catching a short pass in the flat on the first score; beat two defenders into the back of the end zone for the 6-yarder; and recovered a fumble by running back Dion Lewis at the Steelers 1 before his final score.

The All-Pro tight end had not played in the preseason

"It was the first game of the year and I'm not going to say I was in top-notch shape," he said. "It's different when you go out there and play for real versus other opponents that are very good. I'm definitely a little rusty in some spots."

Sounds ominous. So does having another dangerous tight end, Scott Chandler, to complement him. Chandler had a 1-yard TD catch.

WHO'S THAT?: Not an unusual question around the Patriots, who've gotten contributions from obscure players throughout their successful run. Remember Malcolm Butler in the Super Bowl; the Seahawks surely do. Or running back Jonas Gray from his one-hit wonder last season?

Thursday night it was Dion Lewis,

a fourth-year running back out of Pitt signed away from the Eagles as a free agent, and rookie center David Andrews, who was not drafted. Andrews stepped in for regular snapper Bryan Stork, who is injured, and did a very solid job. Lewis followed Andrews and several other young blockers up front to gain 69

yards rushing and 51 receiving.

"We had eight rookies play and they all contributed," coach Bill Belichick said. "Hopefully they'll get better."

SAY WHAT?: Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin isn't saying the Patriots messed around with Steelers coaches' headsets in the first half. He's just saying it does seem to happen a lot when he plays in New England.

"We were listening to the Patriots radio broadcast for the majority of the first half on our headsets," Tomlin said.

Tomlin told reporters that Pittsburgh coaches "always" have trouble with their communication systems in New England.

"We were listening to the Patriots radio broadcast for the majority of the first half on our headsets," Tomlin said.

HARDY

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fore the league stiffened the penalty, leading his representatives to consider litigation even after Henderson reduced the suspension.

The Cowboys signed Hardy to a one-year, \$13.1 million contract that's heavily based on incentives, including some related to how many games he plays. He participated in the offseason program

and training camp and played in three of the four preseason games.

Foster healing: Texans running back Arian Foster is making progress in his return from groin surgery. The Houston Texans running back won't say when he expects to play again. Foster was injured in training camp and had surgery on Aug. 7. The Texans have been tightlipped about when he will return, but both Foster and coach Bill O'Brien say it will be sooner than they initially thought. The four-

time Pro Bowler says he'll play when he's close to 100 percent.

Alfred Blue is expected to start at running back on Sunday when Houston opens the season against Kansas City.

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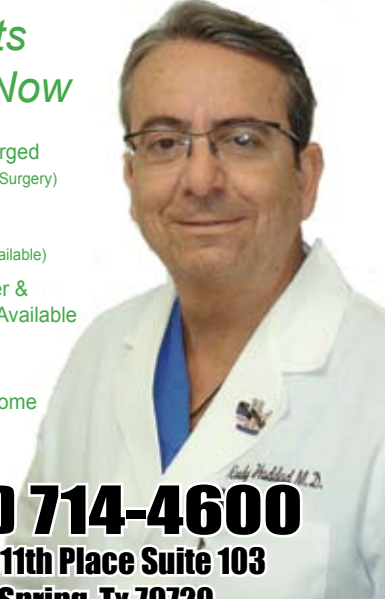
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