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Jury: GM not to blame in crash

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Texas jury on Thursday found that a General Motors Co. ignition switch was not to blame for a 2011 accident that killed one driver and injured another, handing the carmaker its third courtroom win this year in a series of trials designed to help attorneys settle dozens of similar claims.

The jury deliberated less than two hours in reaching its verdict in a trial that began Aug. 9.

Zachary Stevens and his parents had sued GM, claiming a faulty ignition switch in Stevens' Saturn Sky jostled off, causing him to lose control of his car and hit another vehicle, killing its driver. Stevens' attorneys say he suffered a traumatic brain injury and a skull fracture in the accident.

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Let the season begin



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
KOSA-TV anchorman Jay Hendricks conducts the coin toss prior to the start of the Howard County Bowl showdown between Coahoma and Forsan that marked the start of the high school football season at Memorial Stadium Thursday. For more on the game, see Page 9.



Student Joshua Ruiz, 12, visits with Maranatha Baptist Academy teacher Sandra White.

'Model' campus

Maranatha Baptist Academy earns sterling curriculum status

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Maranatha Baptist Academy has been designated "Model" status once again by Accelerated Christian Education (ACE), the company that provides the private education school with its academic curriculum.

"We've been open for 35 years and for the last 20 we've gotten Model status," said Dr. Lillian Bohannon, school principal who oversees the daily operations of the school as well as teaches.

According to Bohannon, a representative from ACE visits the school yearly, speaks with the students and determines the school is upholding the curriculum's guidelines.

"This means we are doing everything they want us to do,"

Bohannon said. "We are following their guidelines and use only their curriculum, which of course we would anyway."

Maranatha is a year-round school that provides individual instruction and Bible-based, Christian curriculum, Bohannon said. It also has a music education program.

The school has five teachers and averages about 35 students.

"This school focuses on Christian character training and outstanding academic accomplishments by its students, and also demonstrates a continuing commitment to state-of-the-art, com-



Bohannon
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KBSB puts out call for volunteers for Saturday's 'Love Our Lake'

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) officials are hoping to see at least 200 volunteers show up Saturday

morning at Comanche Trail Lake for its annual "Love our Lake" event.

"Come one, come all. Bring the kids," said KBSB President Lisa Brooks. "We encourage children to get involved because they need to understand litter involves the whole community. To have a clean city, everyone needs to pick up litter."

Volunteers will be out lake-



side and in the surrounding area pulling trash and debris from the water around 9 a.m. and will continue until noon. Kayaks and boats are much welcomed and needed

to pull trash from shorelines and parts of the lake area not reachable by foot, Brooks said.

"We will be signing up people at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 9 a.m.," she said. "We provide all the supplies, and we have plenty of litter grabbers, so people will not have to bend over and pick up. We just ask you give the grabbers back to us but if

someone wants to keep them, we charge \$10 for them."

Love our Lake is held a few weeks before the Comanche Warrior Triathlon, an event that draws athletes from around Texas and further to participate in the multi-stage endurance competition.

The main focus of Love our Lake is to clear the lake and

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHRISTOPHER MEDINA**, 28, of 1904 S. Nolan St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **JAMES DAVID RUSSELL**, 29, of 15049 N. 74th St. in Peoria, Ariz., on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JEREMY JONATHAN DAVIS**, 24, of 118 Collins Rd. was arrested on charges of defective

stop lamps and failure to appear.

- **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 40, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #12 was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
- **JOEL DEREK ROJO**, 34, of 501 N. Fifth St. in Coahoma was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg Street, the 2000 block of South Gregg

Street, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, and the 200 block of South Main Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of South Gregg Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2500 block of South Gregg Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

Sheriff and Fire/EMS

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.
- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 62, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.
 - **CHRISTOPHER ADAM MEDINA**, 28, was booked by BSPD on warrants for aggravated assault or attempted murder, failure to appear/driving while

intoxicated, and gone off bond/driving while intoxicated.

- **JAMES DAVID RUSSELL**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JEREMY JONATHAN DAVIS**, 24, was booked by BSPD on charges of defective stop lamps and violation of promise to appear.
- **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 40, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
- **JOEL DEREK ROJO**, 34, was booked by HCSO on warrants for attempt to commit indecency with a child, and indecency with a child/sexual conduct.
- **RICHARD MANUEL PINEDA JR.**, 24, was booked by

BSPD on a warrant for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- **RYAN ANTHONY GONZALES**, 26, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to maintain financial responsibility; and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive/intentionally giving false information.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of North Midway Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

The Howard County Fair is now accepting entries for the Howard County Fair queen contest to be held in the entertainment tent Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Anyone enrolled in an area high school or college is eligible to enter. Go to the Howard County Fair website (www.hcfair.org) to print entry forms. Deadline for entries is 4 p.m., Sept. 21. There is a \$35 entry fee that may be paid by a sponsor or the contestant. Prizes include Howard College scholarships and items donated by local and area businesses. For additional information, contact: Cindy Jones (432-517-9115) or Sandy Stewart (432-935-1604).

The Big Spring ISD is now accepting free/reduced lunch applications on line. To apply, go to the Big Spring Independent School District website www.bsisd.esc.18.net and click on the quick link "Meal App Now." Fill out the forms and then submit. You will be notified by mail or e-mail of the status of your lunch application. If you do not have access to a computer, please bring all of your income information, TANF or SNAP EDG number and come to the Food Service Department located at 708 Eleventh Place.

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

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.

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.

Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us






Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

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

Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited 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 Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 8/27	Sun 8/28	Mon 8/29	Tue 8/30	Wed 8/31
 89/71	 89/69	 87/69	 87/69	 90/69
Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. A stray shower or t-storm is possible. High 89F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Scattered t-storms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Showers and t-storms late. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	A few clouds. Highs in the 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	91	71	Sunny	Kingsville	93	73	P Cloudy
Amarillo	83	62	Cloudy	Livingston	85	72	Cloudy
Austin	90	73	Cloudy	Longview	85	71	Cloudy
Beaumont	87	74	Iso T-Storms	Lubbock	84	64	Cloudy
Brownsville	95	75	P Cloudy	Lufkin	85	71	Cloudy
Brownwood	91	70	P Cloudy	Midland	87	70	Cloudy
Corpus Christi	92	76	M Cloudy	Raymondville	97	73	Sunny
Corsicana	86	73	Cloudy	Rosenberg	85	72	Cloudy
Dallas	89	75	M Cloudy	San Antonio	92	74	Cloudy
Del Rio	94	74	P Cloudy	San Marcos	90	72	Cloudy
El Paso	88	68	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	72	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	85	68	Sct T-Storms	Sweetwater	90	71	Cloudy
Gainesville	86	71	Cloudy	Tyler	85	72	Cloudy
Greenville	88	72	M Cloudy	Weatherford	90	72	P Cloudy
Houston	85	75	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	93	72	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	72	Sunny	Miami	88	81	P Cloudy
Boston	85	69	Cloudy	Minneapolis	75	61	Sunny
Chicago	77	69	P Cloudy	New York	94	73	P Cloudy
Dallas	89	75	M Cloudy	Phoenix	97	80	P Cloudy
Denver	77	54	M Cloudy	San Francisco	64	57	Cloudy
Houston	85	75	Cloudy	Seattle	93	62	M Sunny
Los Angeles	76	61	Cloudy	Saint Louis	87	73	Cloudy

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 10	Aug 18	Aug 25	Sep 1

UV Index

Sat 8/27	Sun 8/28	Mon 8/29	Tue 8/30	Wed 8/31
10	10	9	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Support Groups

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

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

Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Texas news in brief

Confederate inscription removed from University of Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An inscription honoring the Confederacy has been removed from public display at the University of Texas in Austin.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the stone panels were removed last month from the South Mall.

President Gregory Fenves last summer said the inscription would stay. Fenves told the American-Statesman this week that he decided this spring that the inscription must go.

The inscription is dedicated to “the men and women of the Confederacy who fought with valor and suffered with fortitude that states rights be maintained” and who were “not dismayed by defeat nor discouraged by misrule.”

Fenves says the inscription is inappropriate for UT’s goal of diversity and inclusion. He says the panels are in storage and will be considered for possible exhibit at UT’s Briscoe Center for American History.

More than 50 sick in Austin after alleged synthetic drug use

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Investigators say emergency responders in downtown Austin have treated more than 50 people who got sick after allegedly using synthetic marijuana.

Austin police on Thursday detained three people, pending formal charges, as part of the investigation into the overdoses of so-called K2. Lt. Kurt Thomas says he expects drug possession or distribution counts to be filed.

Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services on Wednesday began responding to reports of mainly homeless people suffering adverse reactions to K2.

The agency, through late Thursday, reported 45 incidents involving 52 patients being treated, including some transported to hospitals.

Some victims were found unconscious or having seizures.

Secret Service agent who protected LBJ dies in Texas

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas (AP) — Jim Hardin, a Secret Service agent who protected President Lyndon B. Johnson and his family during and after their White House years, has died in Texas. He was 80.

The LBJ Presidential Library in Austin announced Hardin’s death in a statement Thursday. His son, Brad Hardin, tells The Associated Press his father died Tuesday of an apparent heart attack at his Fredericksburg home.

Hardin was a teacher and football coach in Haltom City, Texas, when he joined the Secret Service in 1965. The library says he protected Johnson’s daughter, Lynda, in 1966 when she attended the University of Texas. Hardin later joined her father’s protective detail.

Hardin also protected President Richard Nixon before being assigned to the Johnson family in Texas. He retired in 1995.

Hardin’s funeral is scheduled for Saturday in Fredericksburg.

Man extradited from Mexico in 1993 death of ex-Texas teacher

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators say a drifter charged with capital murder in the 1993 slaying of a retired Texas teacher has been extradited from Mexico.

Alfredo Ramirez-Rosas was being held without bond Thursday a day after being returned to Houston. Prosecutors waived seeking the death penalty so that Mexico, which does not have capital punishment, would allow extradition.

Authorities say 82-year-old Mildred Stallones of Tomball was attacked in her home by an intruder. She was beaten, strangled and sexually assaulted.

A warrant was issued for Ramirez-Rosas, described by police as a drifter and day laborer, after clothing found in his nearby home had the victim’s blood on it.

Investigators believe he fled to Mexico hours af-

ter the killing. Ramirez-Rosas was arrested in 2013. Online records don’t list an attorney to speak for him.

Texas murder suspect arrested at Tulsa bus station

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A suspect in a Texas murder has been arrested while passing through Tulsa on a passenger bus.

Authorities say 18-year-old Eric Cavazos was taken into custody Thursday at a downtown bus station by members of the Northern Oklahoma Violent Crimes Task Force.

Cavazos is wanted on a first-degree murder warrant in Bexar County, Texas. Officials say he is allegedly connected to a homicide in San Antonio as well as to multiple shootings.

Task force members identified Cavazos as he got off a bus at the downtown station. Authorities used a Taser during the arrest but eventually took him into custody.

Cavazos was booked into Tulsa Jail just after 6:30 p.m. Jail records show he is being held without bond.

Controversial Texas county chairman out, state GOP says

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Republican Party says a GOP chairman for the county that includes the state capital is out of a job after filing as a write-in candidate for president of the United States.

Robert Morrow embarrassed Texas Republicans when he was elected head of the GOP in heavily Democratic Travis County in March, despite his history of vulgarity and conspiracy theories.

Morrow has since decried both parties in frequent online posts. His other antics included standing outside a Trump rally in Austin on Tuesday with a sign claiming Trump was a rapist.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Mechler said in a statement Thursday that filing as a presidential candidate last week made Morrow ineligible for his post.

CAMPUS

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puter-enhanced education,” according to a press release from the school.

The school was started by Dan Sanford, then pastor of Sand Springs First Baptist Church. He quickly recruited Bohannon, who taught in the public school system for 17 years.

When the church closed, the school was

sponsored by Hillcrest Baptist Church for a number of years before branching out on its own by the early 1990s, Bohannon said.

“My vision was to run it until the rapture,” she said. “That’s what Maranatha means — the Lord cometh. I plan to run it until He closes it because we won’t need it after that.”

Each year, Maranatha students compete in a regional competition in activities from arts and music, to athletic

events, and academic meets, Bohannon said. If students qualify at the regional event, they can attend internationals where around 3,000 students from around the world meet for competition.

“They get to meet students from all over the world,” she said.

Maranatha provides education for the kindergarten through high school level.

Monthly tuition varies from \$210 to \$135. Multiple students in the

same family receive a discount.

To apply, the parent must provide all academic records, immunization records, and a birth certificate.

For more information, call 432-213-1046. The school is located at 903 Johnson St. in Big Spring.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

KBSB

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surrounding area of trash and debris for the annual triathlon but if enough volunteers — the goal is 200 — turn up, Brooks said the group will expand out to the rest of the park. Donuts and bottled water will be available for volunteers Saturday donated by HEB, Brooks added.

“HEB is a statewide sponsor of Keep Texas

Water Ways Clean — which this event is part of,” Brooks said. “They are very appreciative of our willingness to get out and clean up that they provide nourishment for fuel.”

For more information about the event, contact Brooks at 432-935-2646 or visit the KBSB Facebook site.

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JURY

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The switches can slip out of the on position, causing the cars to stall, knocking out power steering and turning off air bags. GM says it has fixed the problem.

Josh Davis, Stevens’ attorney, said that while his client never hid the fact that he was speeding before the accident, Stevens and his family still maintain the ignition switch was the main cause.

“It’s obviously very disappointing,” Davis said after the verdict. He had asked jurors to award the Stevens family more than \$14.5 million.

Attorneys for GM told jurors in Houston the accident was caused by Stevens’ reckless speeding on a rain-slick road.

“As a result, an innocent man was killed. The accident had noth-

ing to do with either General Motors or the ignition switch,” GM spokesman Jim Cain said in a statement after the verdict.

Stevens, who was 19 at the time, had been driving westbound on a road northeast of Houston near the town of New Caney when his car began to act erratically and he was unable to control it, according to his attorneys. Stevens’ car hit a guardrail and went into the eastbound lane, where it struck a vehicle driven by Mariano Landaverde, who died at the scene. Landaverde’s family had also been part of the lawsuit but settled out of court with GM.

In a videotaped deposition played for jurors earlier in the trial, GM Chief Executive Officer Mary Barra said the automaker failed to designate the flawed ignition switch as a safety concern, instead misdiagnosing the problem as

a customer satisfaction issue.

Stevens was charged with manslaughter, but a grand jury declined to indict and the charges were eventually dropped after GM began its recall related to the ignition switch.

In 2014, GM recalled 2.6 million older small cars worldwide to replace the faulty switches. Those included the Saturn Sky, as well as the Chevrolet Cobalt and others. GM also reviewed a backlog of safety problems and ordered a record 84 recalls that year covering more than 30 million vehicles, including 27 million in the U.S.

GM won two other ignition cases tried earlier this year.

In January, a trial in New York ended abruptly after the judge raised questions about the plaintiff’s truthfulness. In March, a New York jury found that an ignition switch was not to

blame in a 2014 accident on an icy New Orleans bridge.

These cases have been part of a series of bellwether trials that are testing the legal boundaries of hundreds of claims remaining against GM.

In September, GM announced it had settled 1,385 death and injury cases for \$275 million and a class-action shareholders’ lawsuit for \$300 million.

The company paid nearly \$600 million to settle 399 claims made to a fund it established. Those claims covered 124 deaths and 275 injuries. GM’s fund rejected

more than 90 percent of the 4,343 claims it received, according to figures the company released in December.

After Thursday’s verdict, several jurors said that while they were upset about GM’s failure to let consumers know about the ignition switch problems soon-

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er, they didn’t see any proof in this case that the switch was at fault.

“I held my nose and I did my job,” said Walter Kimble, 58, one of the jurors. “I wanted so desperately to make that young man a millionaire, but they didn’t give me anything I could work with.”

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank You for this day and the opportunity to renew our faith in You. Amen.

Is there enough time for Clinton to lose?

In baseball, a team entering the ninth inning with a two-run lead will bring in their closer to secure the victory. However, if the team has to rely upon a less-skilled reliever, there is always a chance they will blow the lead. A single bad pitch could wipe out the advantage they built over the first eight innings.

As we head into the late innings of election 2016, the Democrats have a modest lead. If they had a top-tier campaigner like Barack Obama or Bill Clinton, the race would be over. But, they have a less skilled campaigner at the top of the ticket, which gives the GOP an outside chance for a comeback.

To be clear, Hillary Clinton is the favorite to win in November. The Rasmussen Electoral College Projection shows that she is currently leading in states with 347 Electoral College votes. Trump has the advantage in states with only 191 votes. But the lead isn't quite as safe as those numbers imply. Six states and one Congressional District in Maine are just leaning in Clinton's direction. If Trump were to take all of those

leaners, he would win the Electoral College by the narrowest of margins, 270-268.

There is probably not enough time for the Trump campaign to win those states on its own. However, there is definitely enough time for Clinton to lose them.

While she has many skills, Hillary Clinton is not a great candidate on the campaign trail. Over the years, she has demonstrated a proven ability to be remarkably tone-deaf and say just the wrong thing at the wrong time. During this campaign season, there will certainly be moments when the candidates have to respond to breaking news. Horrible as it is to contemplate, there could be another shooting of police officers or foreign policy disaster. Would Clinton's response give Trump the opening he needs?

And, of course, it's possible that Clinton could say something damaging to her campaign when asked about her email practices and the pay-to-play allegations surrounding the Clinton Foundation. This problem is made worse by the fact that the candidate appears incapable of understanding why anybody would seriously question her integrity. But, you can be sure that the Trump campaign will raise plenty of such questions in campaign ads,

debates, and other forums.

The debates themselves offer a unique challenge to Clinton. The conventional wisdom among political insiders is that Clinton will demolish Trump on the debate stage. That could happen. But it's at least a reasonable possibility that Trump could rattle the frontrunner and cause her to stumble. Since expectations are so low for Trump, any such stumbles would be magnified.

It's also possible that the debates will put on display one of Clinton's least attractive qualities — her apparent sense of entitlement. The Politico, a publication for Washington insiders, reports that Clinton is already "resentful" over the fact that Trump is trailing her by just a few points. In her view, he is so unworthy that it shouldn't even be close. Will she resent being forced to appear on stage with him? If that attitude comes through, the frontrunner's unfavorable ratings could inch even higher.

The race is Clinton's to lose, but she's a weak enough candidate that losing is a possibility.

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SCOTT RASMUSSEN



The bare truth about burkinis

A beach in France is likely to feature some sights that would shock many Americans, such as bare-breasted women and paunchy middle-aged men in tiny Speedos. Lately, it may also feature a sight that would shock many French people: females who cover up.

These beach-goers wear a swimsuit called a burkini, favored by some Muslims because it conceals everything but the hands, feet and face. But though Muslims in France are expected to tolerate lavish displays of flesh by others, many non-Muslims feel no reciprocal obligation to let the demure practice modesty.

Some French municipalities have banned these suits from public beaches, claiming to uphold hygiene, secularism and even "public morals." Some French think the burkini signifies sexist oppression. The mayor of Cannes labeled it a "symbol of Islamic extremism." "France does not lock away a woman's body," exclaimed right-wing leader Marine Le Pen. "This is the soul of France that is in question." That's right; a Frenchwoman wearing nothing but a thong is really baring her soul.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls claims the burkini symbolizes Islam's "enslavement of women."

Cabinet member Laurence Rossignol says its function is to "hide women's bodies in order to better control them."

Their argument goes as follows: France must dictate what

Muslim women wear to teach them that no one may dictate what they wear.

In the name of promoting the freedom of Muslim women, government should deprive them of the right to make their own apparel choices.

It's the logical extension of France's law against full-face coverings, particularly the kind worn by some Muslim women. Supporters of that law, enacted in 2010, said it was needed to keep criminals from concealing their identity. That excuse doesn't work for the burkini, which confirms it was just that: an excuse.

There is nothing inherently oppressive about this swimwear. Presumably, some women don it only because men insist. But there are doubtless other French women who buy skimpy suits in submission to male coercion and social pressures.

Other women are capable of deciding they prefer more coverage. A maker of modest swimwear called Sea Secret was founded by two Orthodox Jewish women — who report that they sell not only to Jews and Muslims but even to Christians.

When snorkeling, my highly independent wife has found she needs a long-sleeved top and long shorts to keep her fair skin from being torched by the tropical sun. British celebrity chef Nigella Lawson, whose voluptuous upper torso is hardly a state secret, has worn a burkini at the beach to preserve her pale complexion.

These women can think for themselves. Why assume Muslims can't?

French-Tunisian historian Leyla Dakhli told The Associated Press there are as many reasons behind such decisions "as there are women in the world." Reading women's minds

through their attire is an unreliable science.

If some Muslim men employ violence or threats to control their wives and daughters, the target of government policy should be detecting and ending that sort of abuse. Forbidding burkinis is like trying to combat rape by telling women they can't have sex.

A ban on modest clothing will not emancipate tyrannized females but add to their oppression. A woman whose husband allows her to swim only in a burkini probably won't respond to a ban by letting her venture forth in a two-piece. He will probably respond by not letting her swim at all. Instead of freeing the affected Muslim women, a ban will trap them in their homes.

Marwan Muhammad, executive director of the Center Against Islamophobia in France, told The New York Times that burkinis are a marker of liberation, not repression. "In conservative Muslim countries," the Times paraphrased, "women would never go to a beach with men, much less go swimming, since even in the burkini, the wet cloth sticks to a woman's body, outlining her curves."

Muhammad said that "Muslim women who didn't used to enjoy that day at the beach or at the pool are now taking part. They are socializing." Yes — maybe even with people who wear more revealing garments, which could be educational for everyone involved.

The key to a free society is the principle of "live and let live" — accepting your neighbor's right to live by beliefs you may not share, as long as your neighbor extends you the same latitude. Any mayor or other leader who finds the burkini objectionable has a perfectly good option: Don't wear one.

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1 John 4:18

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God's spies in Canaan

The distance from the northeastern border of Egypt to the southern border of Canaan could have been traversed by this very large body of people in about a week. However, they kept sinning.

Altogether, it took the Hebrews about two years to go from Egypt to Canaan.

God was giving them time to repent and understand that He was providing for them. He wanted them to love only Him and trust Him. Also it took quite some time for them to build the Tabernacle.

Are you familiar with the shape of Israel? In ancient times the Brook of Egypt was loosely the line between Egypt and Canaan.

The Lord has finally led them to the southern border of Canaan.

The best-remembered residents of Canaan at that time were Canaanites,

Perizzites, Hittites, Hivites, Jebusites, Gergashites, and Philistines. Many years earlier, God told Abraham that the sin of these peoples was not yet full. But when their sin was full, the land would vomit them out.

Now it was time for the Israelites to enter and possess the land, but the Land was still occupied. The Israelites were to conquer the Land, and God said He would help them.

This southern end of Israel is mountainous and mostly desert. This is what the Israelites call the Negev, meaning dry.

Sages tell us that God ordered Moses to go up and conquer the land, but the people were afraid. Falling back to their former character, they murmured and wanted to send scouts to spy out the Land first.

In Numbers 13, God gave Moses permission to select a man from each tribe to serve as scouts to spy out this Land that He had promised to Abraham. Each of them was a strong leader in their tribe. The names of only two of these men are remembered today.

Moses said, "Ascend here in the south and climb the mountain. See the Land – how is it? Are the

people that dwell in the Land strong or weak? Are they few or numerous? Is the land lean or fertile? Are there trees? Are the cities open or fortified? Sample the produce of the land and bring some fruit back for the people to see." This was the season of the first ripe grapes.

Look at your map. The 12 men each went to different regions. Some went very far north to the border of Lebanon. Some investigated the seaports along the Mediterranean coast. Some explored the fertile coastal plain.

Joshua investigated the northern hill country toward Syria. This is now called Sumeria.

Caleb went to Hebron. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob dwelt in this mountainous area. It is where the Cave of Machpelah is... the burial place of the Patriarchs. This is now known as Judea.

The world calls these two areas of Israel the West Bank, and they say Israel illegally occupies these areas that are within their national borders.

The spies brought back samples of the excellent fruit that grew there for the people to see. This should have influenced them.

All of the spies told the people that it was a good land. However, ten of them concentrated on the fortified cities and the large stature of the men. They stirred up fear in the Hebrews.

Even though God had said that He would fight for the Israelites, they were afraid of the Canaanites. Does this say to you that they loved and believed in God?

Joshua and Caleb tried to rally the people, tried to encourage them to trust in the Lord. But they refused.

This convinced God that they had been so steeped in Egyptian culture that they would not turn and love Him. So He ordered them back to the desert. They realized that they had chosen wrong and immediately attacked the Canaanites. But God was not with them now. The Canaanites whipped them badly!

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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First Methodist to hold Ramsey's FPU course

Special to the Herald

A preview party for the next Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University course at First United Methodist Church will be held this Wednesday, Aug. 31.

"Basically, people can come ask questions about the course and sign up," said Dan Kiley, who is coordinating the class.

The popular financial program created by Dave Ramsey is geared to help people not only to get out of debt but also to create savings and smartly handle their finances.

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The preview party will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Garrett Hall of First United Methodist Church, 400 S. Scurry St.

There is no charge for the course itself, Kiley said, but students must purchase the course kit at a cost of \$109 from www.daveramsey.com.

"I know that sounds like an awful lot, but people have been able to save \$2,700 and pay off \$5,000 in debt within the nine week course," Kiley said.

The course starts Sept. 14 and meets weekly from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It consists of DVD video instruction and small group discussion, Kiley said.

For more information, call First United Methodist Church at 267-6394 or email Kiley at dankiley@live.com.

Submit Church News briefs to life@bigspringherald.com by noon Wednesday for the following Friday's Religion pages.

Church News

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, you are invited this Sunday.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Wednesday night Bible study has ended for the summer. A new Bible study will start soon; watch the Herald for details.

This Sunday is Rally Day, Aug. 28 at Comanche Trail Park. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. with a Pot Luck and fun and games to follow.

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 every morning for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts" sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church is located at 2805 Lynn Dr. in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. Call 432-264-7818, or e-mail aliveinchristx@gmail.com for more

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Mid-week worship service will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. Ladies will meet in the main sanctuary with First Lady Bella Willard, and the men will

join Pastor Willard in the Academic Resource Center.

The church's "Receiving the Vision" course will take place at 9 a.m. on the following Sundays: Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 9 a.m. The course will connect participants to CCC and explains the purpose, values, and vision of the church.

Those present will learn about church leadership and procedure, be given the opportunity to become a member of CCC, and explore many ways to get involved in ministry. This course will be held in the A.R.C. To register contact Valerie at the church office.

Join the "50 and Over" group for a potluck and fellowship. For more information please call the church office.

Save the date Oct. 22 and 23 for CCC's 9th annual church anniversary weekend. The celebration will include a banquet and special Sunday service.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact the church office at 432-264-0015. You can also visit [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or www.cccbigspring.org if you would

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This Saturday beginning at 3 p.m., Crestview will be hosting a barbecue for all who would like to come.

Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday night at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Tom Lassiter will continue a study in the book of Revelation. On Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m., the congregation is studying 1 Corinthians.

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First Baptist Church

The congregation of FBC invites you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m., and join the fun at 5 p.m. for the "End of Summer Bash."

In the morning service, Pastor Mark Lindsey will conclude the sermon series "Summer in the Psalms", and Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead the worship choir in special choral music titled "Thou, O Lord."

If you have mobility issues, use the circle drive on the west side and someone will be happy to assist you inside and park your vehicle.

Also, if you are unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday school classes meet throughout the building; children gather in the Good News Garage on the first floor; while youth, college students, and adults meet in second floor classrooms.

These groups are a great way to build friendships while studying the Bible. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy fellowship and coffee.

From 5 to 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center, the "End of Summer Bash" party will take place.

Everyone's invited to take part. There will be a tasty supper provided by the church, and loads of games and activities for all ages, including board games, basketball, rubber band golf, and more.

All area women are invited to a special "Ladies Time-Out" event Sept. 10



Reflections: Telling the truth

Now that we are into the Presidential election, several news sources are “fact checking” the candidates. They use different indicators. *The Washington Post* awards “Pinocchios” to rate the truthfulness of candidates’ statements: one, two, three, and four Pinnochios, with one being mostly true and four being “whoppers.”



BILL TINSLEY

Politifact, a web site that won a Pulitzer Award for fact checking, rates candidates’ statements as “true,” “mostly true,” “half true,” “mostly false,” and “pants on fire!” Donald Trump and Hillary

Clinton have both earned “pants on fire!” awards from Politifact.

Most of us don’t need the *Washington Post* or Politifact to tell us that our politicians are less than truthful. Perhaps our confidence in politicians’ truthfulness began to erode 42 years ago when Richard Nixon looked into the camera and told us that he was no crook.

Some politicians are more truthful than others, but they all make misleading, half-truth and, sometimes, completely false statements.

This problem with truthfulness is not confined to our politicians. Our politicians may reflect a problem that permeates our generation.

People lie to one another. Husbands lie to their wives and wives to their husbands. Employers lie to their

employees and vice-versa. Novels, sit-coms, and movies often portray the humor, drama, pain, and tragedy created by the lies people tell. “Why tell the truth when a lie will do?”

When truth no longer prevails and we no longer trust one another, the social fabric is shredded.

Relationships are destroyed. Telling the lie destroys families, businesses, careers, and nations. Honesty is the root of economic, emotional, psychological, and spiritual health.

It is addressed in the Ten Commandments: “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Exodus 20:16). Proverbs says, “A false witness will not go unpunished and he who tells lies will not escape. ... What is desirable in a man is his

kindness. It is better to be a poor man than a liar” (Proverbs 19:5, 22).

Every individual and every generation must resist the temptation to lie. King David cried out, “I said in my alarm, all men are liars!” (Psalm 116:11). Isaiah confessed, “I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips” (Isaiah 6:5).

The Bible teaches that there is a better way. “O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend” (Psalm 15:1-3).

Jesus said, “You are of your father the devil, and you want

to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him.

Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44). “If you continue in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free” (John 8:31-32).

There can be little wonder that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, men known for their honesty, remain the heroes of American history.

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



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at the church. There will be a luncheon with door prizes, and a guest speaker. Caitlin Skidmore, “Greater Than Rubies” blogger, will share her journey with God. She was led to take a year-long break from shopping, and discovered she had 365 different outfits in her closet! Attendees will discover how to save time and money, and simplify your closet. Tickets are \$15 and are available at

the church office. FBC’s Mother’s Day Out program has begun its fall term, and is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 3.

Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings. Wednesday activities begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by prayer time and adult Bible study, Saturate Youth

group, Real LYF for children, and adult worship choir practice. You’re invited to find your special place each Wednesday evening. Mexican Stack-Up is on the menu this week.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church hosts a fellowship hour each Sunday beginning at 9:15 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Sunday school then begins at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor, and worship begins at 10:50 a.m. All are welcome.

This Sunday guest minister Dan Miracle will be preaching a sermon taken from Luke 14:1, 7-14. Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault are preparing the choir to enhance the worship service.

Serving at liturgist will be the Rev. Joel Miller, and serving at the Lord’s Table will be Erma Dunne and Shirley Lee.

Linda Miracle will welcome congregation members and visitors to the service.

Call the church office at 432-517-4821 for more information. The church is located at 911 Goliad St. Big Spring.

First Church of the Nazarene

Coming up on Sept. 18, the opening of First Church of the Nazarene’s Cedar Road Campus, located inside New Hope Christian School, will take place. NazFamily also is hosting “Back to Church Sunday” that day. A pot luck lunch will be held at both campuses following service.

Small group information can be found by visiting the website at nazfamily.org. 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, while Children’s Church takes place in the Fellowship Hall at the same time.

Wednesday night’s weekly prayer starts 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 a.m. for a live broadcast of the service.

Contact the church office at (432) 267-7015 for more information.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster.

First United Methodist Church

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2 nuns found slain in Mississippi home, their vehicle gone

By JEFF AMY

Associated Press

DURANT, Miss. (AP) — Two nuns who worked as nurses and helped the poor in rural Mississippi were found slain in their home, and there were signs of a break-in and their vehicle was missing, officials said Thursday.

It was too early to say how the nuns died, but it doesn't appear that they were shot, Durant Assistant Police Chief James Lee said.

The nuns were identified as Sister Margaret Held and Sister Paula Merrill, Holmes County Coroner Dexter Howard said. Their bodies were taken to a state crime lab for autopsies.

The women, both nurse practitioners, were found Thursday morning when they didn't report to work at a nearby hospital.

"They were two of the sweetest, most gentle women you can imagine. Their vocation was helping the poor," said the Rev. Greg Plata, who oversees a small Catholic church the sisters attended in the Mississippi Delta.

Maureen Smith, a spokeswoman for the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, said there were signs of a break-in at the home and the nuns' vehicle is missing. She said the sisters worked at the Lexington Medical Clinic, about 10 miles away from their home in Durant, one of the poorest areas in the state.

Authorities didn't release a motive and it wasn't clear if the nuns' religious work had anything to do with the slayings.

"I have an awful feeling in the pit of my stomach," said Lee, the assistant police chief, who is Catholic.

Merrill moved to Mississippi from Massachusetts in 1981 and believed her calling was to stay in the Deep South, according to a 2010 article in *The Journey*, a publication of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

When asked about her ministry, Merrill was humble.

"We simply do what we can wherever God places us," she said.

According to the article, Merrill and Held rotated one week at a time at the Lexington Medical Clinic and the Durant Primary Care Clinic.

At the clinic, Merrill saw children and adults, and helped in other ways.

"We do more social work than medicine sometimes," she said. "Sometimes patients are looking for a counselor."

The sisters were among 35 members of St. Thomas Catholic Church, and they typically gathered on Thursday nights for Bible study and a meal, Plata said. Held was a great baker, and both women would usually bring something to eat.

Merrill usually gave the pastor his annual flu shot.

"Margaret was a bit older. She was more outgoing, more gregarious. Paula was a bit more shy, yet in the clinic I was always impressed by her professional demeanor," Plata said.

He said they were part of a small Catholic community in the state that helps the poor. The diocese said there are about 108,000 Catholics in Mississippi.

Held was a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee. Merrill was affiliated with the Sisters of Charity in Nazareth, Kentucky.

"Both were really down to earth. There was no phony spirituality. They were the real McCoy. They had a deep love of scripture," he said.

Bishop Joseph Kopacz said in a statement that the sisters "absolutely loved the people in their community."

"We mourn with the people of Lexington and Durant and we pray for the Sisters of Charity, the School Sisters of St. Francis and the families left behind," he said.

Associated Press writer Emily Wagster Pettus in Jackson contributed to this report.

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Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. Traditions service features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge service at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band, and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio and many others. The Bridge service is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday during both services, Pastor Ivins will share a message entitled "Wealth Management." The message is taken from II Corinthians 8:1-9.

On Wednesday, Pastor Ivins will wrap up his study in the Gospel of Mark at the Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall. A meal will be served beginning at 11:50 a.m. for a small fee. All are welcome.

The music ministry is in full swing on Wednesdays. The Bridge Worship Band gathers for rehearsal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Celebration Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the music suite on the second floor.

On Wednesday, the church will hold a preview party for "Financial Peace University" (FPU). The party will take place in Garrett Hall at 6 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Those in attendance will receive more information regarding FPU. The official fall launch of FPU will be September 14.

The Church's Fall Rally Day will be Sept. 11. The church will also honor first responders in Howard County during a combined worship service at 11 a.m. First Responders and their families will be guests of honor during a meal to follow the service at noon.

With school back in full swing, First Methodist is launching the fall semester of "Real Life on Wednesdays" Sept. 14. A meal will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Groups for all ages kick off at 6 p.m.

On Sept. 25, Dr. Charles Webb will be the guest organist during the 9 a.m. worship service. He will also present an organ concert that evening at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dr. Webb served as organist at First United Methodist Church during the 1960s. He was also instrumental in the design and installation of the church's 1966 Reuter Pipe Organ. As long-time dean of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., Webb grew the school of music to become one of the world's largest music schools during his tenure.

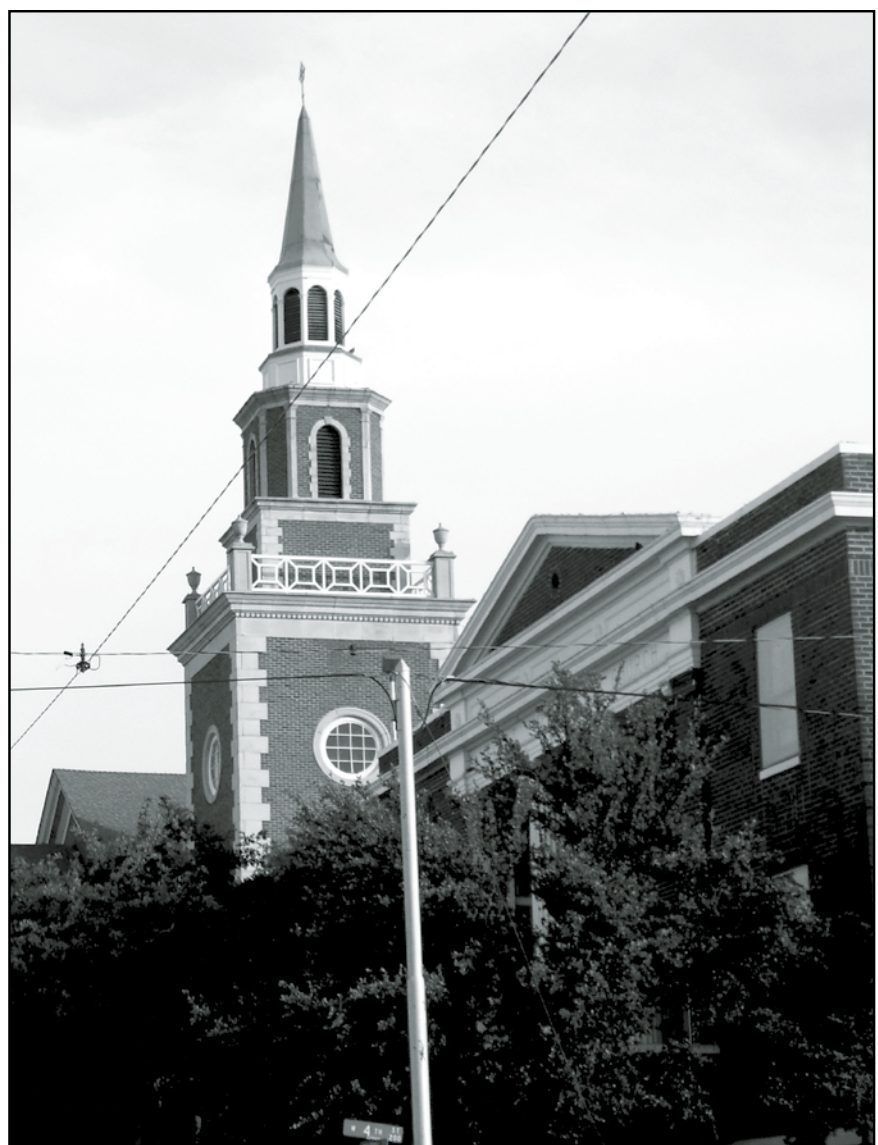
Webb has written numerous hymns and hymn arrangements for the United Methodist hymnal. Now retired, he continues to make his home in Bloomington.

Also just around the corner is the biannual "Lord's Acre." Slated for Oct. 1, the Lord's Acre is a day-long event in Garrett Hall, and includes a bake sale, a live auction, a silent auction, and a delicious steak dinner at noon. A "Kids Korner" will also be available for children. All proceeds will fund various missions supported by First United Methodist Church.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fum-cbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning the message, based on 1 Timothy 3:1-13, is called



"Qualified."

The Sunday evening study is called "Does This Mean Me?" It will deal with discerning which passages in the Bible are descriptive stories, which are instructions for believers in the modern day, and which are examples for the lives of everyday Christians.

Children's activities on Wednesday afternoons will begin this week with a "Back to School Bash." This event will take place from 4 to 7 this Wednesday afternoon. Please note that the following week to begin the fall, GA, RA, and Heroes in Training classes will begin at 4 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. A light snack will be served directly after school for elementary kids, and transportation will run when those classes are over at 5. Youth group (junior high and high school) will begin at its usual time with a meal at 5:30 and class at 6 p.m. There is also a Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6 throughout the year.

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. Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main St. in Forsan.

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Bufs take Bowl, 42-19

Forsan beats Coahoma for second straight year in season-opening game

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes are taking home the hardware from the Howard County Bowl for the second consecutive year after defeating Coahoma 42-19 Thursday.

The Buffs got the scoring started in the first quarter when senior defensive back Blaze Yeater recovered a muffed punt in the end zone. On their next offensive possession, Forsan head coach Jason Phillips and Buffalo fans got a scare as starting quarterback Bryce Hergert injured his ankle and came up limping. Backup Ehrin Hillger came in and finished the first half, getting Forsan into field goal position on his first drive, and tossing a touchdown pass to teammate Garrett Evans on his second.

"Ehrin Hillger is like 1B. We have no problem putting him in there," Phillips said. "He knows the offense. He's been a quarterback in our system for three years, and him and Hergert have been quarterbacks together, they're both juniors. We have no problem with him, and we like the depth we have at the quarterback position."

Phillips said Hergert was eager to get back in the game, and at halftime with the Buffaloes ahead 14-7, the decision was made to let him go back in. "He wouldn't leave me alone. He



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Forsan linebacker Lane Schafer forces a fumble from Coahoma's Braden Pearson in Forsan's Howard County Bowl victory.

was driving me crazy, and he said, 'Coach, I'm fine,' and put on a little exhibition showing off for me at half-time. He was running and cutting, and he looked good," Phillips said. "I said 'You can go out on offense, you're probably not going to run the ball much, but do not even ask to go in on defense. You're done on defense for the night.'"

Hergert led a four-play scoring drive to start the second half, capped off by

a Tearell McVae rushing touchdown. From there, it was all Forsan as they built the lead up to 42-13 before Coahoma's Gage Clark-Burdell caught the last touchdown of the game, making the final score 42-19.

McVae finished with 136 yards on 13 carries while showing frequent signs of cramping throughout the game. Yeater, to go along with his fumble recovery touchdown, also returned a kick for a touchdown and caught a

touchdown pass from Hergert. Evans finished with 55 yards receiving on four catches, and had two interceptions on the defensive side of the ball.

"What I was most pleased with is he was physical tonight. He made several good tackles and a couple physical blocks, and when you look at him, he doesn't look like a physical player. But he played like a physical player tonight," Phillips said of Evans.

Ashton Voight finished with 38 yards on nine carries as Forsan's fullback, a position Phillips was happy to be able to add back to his offense.

"He's got a very low center of gravity, and he's a strong kid. He didn't get to play all last year, he broke his femur in our second scrimmage and was out the whole year, so he's been itching to get back on the field. He's worked extremely hard rehabbing and through the offseason to get where he's at," Phillips said.

Overall Phillips said he was pleased with the game, and though no Buffaloes were seriously hurt, he added he'll need certain members of the second string to step up.

"We didn't play very well in the first half, and we came out and played a lot more consistent in the second half. We knew depth was our issue, and there were a couple times we were a little bit nervous trying to get people

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Senior Night

Big Spring's game tonight at Memorial Stadium is also Senior Night.

At 6:30 p.m. parents will join their football seniors on the field. Parents of athletic managers, athletic trainers, cheerleaders, and band will follow.

Kick off is at 7:30 p.m.

Romo gives Cowboys scare as Seattle rolls past Dallas

SEATTLE (AP) — Three plays were all it took for Dallas to get yet another injury scare surrounding Tony Romo.

The quarterback lasted just 90 seconds into the Cowboys' 27-17 preseason loss to the Seattle Seahawks on Thursday night before leaving with what appeared at first to be a potentially significant injury, but ended up being minor.

Romo was tackled from behind by Seattle's Cliff Avril on the third

play from scrimmage as Romo scrambled from the pocket.

He immediately grabbed at his back, crumpled on the field from the Dallas sideline and images of Romo's injury problems from last year immediately flashed to mind.

Turned out it was all just a scare. Romo walked off the field without assistance, threw passes on the sideline and lobbied for a return to the game. Dal-

las coach Jason Garrett opted to play it safe and Romo donned a baseball hat as a spectator the rest of the night.

"That was a perfect timed situation. I was going into the slide and he obviously caught me from behind," Romo said.

"In a weird way I feel good about the fact that was probably as tough of a hit I took on the back as I've had in the last five years. In that

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AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo lies on the turf after he went down on a play against the Seattle Seahawks during the first half of a preseason NFL football game, Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016, in Seattle.

Hamels throws 8 shutout innings, Gomez homers for Texas in 9-0 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Cole Hamels was masterful on the mound for the AL-best Texas Rangers, and Carlos Gomez provided a big blast in his debut with a fresh start.

Hamels allowed only two singles over eight innings for his 14th victory and Gomez hit a three-run homer in his first at-bat as the Rang-

ers beat the Cleveland Indians 9-0 on Thursday night in the opener of a four-game series matching division leaders.

"You can always tell the passion he has in the game. ... It's nice to be able to have him on this side because he's a tremendous asset," Hamels said of Gomez. "It's going to be dramatic in our lineup."

Hamels (14-4) struck out eight without a walk and retired 19 straight batters after Francisco Lindor's solid two-out single to left in the first. The only other baserunner for the Indians against the lefty was Carlos Santana after a leadoff hit in the eighth, though he was stranded at second after advancing on a passed ball.

"He's got the whole thing. He's got a fast-ball, he can cut it, a great changeup," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "He had everything working tonight, and you give him a lead, he knows what to do with it."

Gomez hit a drive deep into the seats in left field for a 3-0 lead in the second. Adrian Bel-

tre added his own three-run homer in the fifth to make it 8-0 and chase Josh Tomlin (11-8).

"The first home run of my career that I feel that I want to cry," Gomez said.

Gomez made his Rangers debut five days after signing a minor league deal with the team and playing three games at Triple-A Round Rock.

The 30-year-old two-time All-Star outfielder hit .210 with five homers in 85 games this season with the Houston Astros before being designated for assignment and then last week given his unconditional release.

"He's hungry, he wants to prove to the baseball world that he's

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A brief statement of nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real property - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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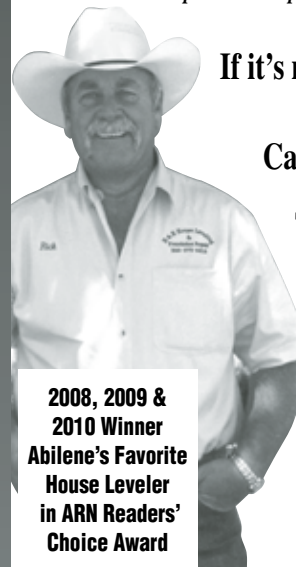


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Disappointments accompany this square of Mars and Neptune. Be quick to listen, slow to speak. That's the magic combination that will lead to better relationships. Our fear that the other person won't give us the chance to be heard may indeed be well-founded, but don't discount the power of listening. Generous listening can heal hearts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Most changes don't happen overnight, and the larger ones can take especially long to unfold. When the change takes hold, it will seem like it happened all at once, but it will have been years in the making.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are committing daily acts of self-sabotage. How-

ever minor the destructive habit may be, the numbers will work against you over time. This is a bigger deal than it seems. Make your life better: Cut it out now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A bitter person looks at the bad situation and says, "It always happens like this." A wise person decides to stop getting into the situations that tend to happen "like this."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Chaos is inherently dangerous. The accompanying thrill is addictive. Break your addiction to low-grade, daily chaos by accepting the part of yourself that's hiding behind this diversion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When people are brave enough to share their weird, uncensored thoughts with you, it's a major compliment. They trust you not to judge. They value your insight. They consider your love a safe haven, which it is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be reminded how you and the others in your group are united in a common purpose. The energetic bond

that holds the group together may be invisible, but it's real, it's tangible, and it's growing stronger all of the time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Let the others know your process. Tell them how you got to this point. Let them know what you gained and what it cost you. Your journey will educate, inform and help others. You'll also be better appreciated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you can be as constant as the tide, it's important that you exercise your right to be unpredictable, as that's exciting for all. Bonus: This will keep your loved ones from taking you for granted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As it is in the fairytales, your wishes are magic seeds. Unlike the fairytales, they are not limited to three. So don't worry so much about wishing the right wish. Just plant them -- preferably close by, so can watch them grow!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No matter what you choose, there are some people your choice will displease.

Don't waste time defending your choices. As long as you do right by your own code, good will come of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've been so focused on taking care of others that you've neglected your main responsibility in life -- which is, of course, taking care of yourself. Do what makes your heart and body feel whole and happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Struggling for your next dollar is not your favorite way to spend the hours. On the other hand, you love to spend time and energy on a cause that helps others, and if you happen to make money in the process, life is good.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 26). In the past you've felt you were doing what was necessary for survival, but this year is all about thriving. You'll live in lifted emotion and higher thought. Because of the love and support of your inner circle, a stimulating group of colleagues and a tranquil domestic environment, you can take chances and fly.

Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 18, 22, 29 and 50.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You may not get to tell the whole story, but the slice you give will have someone coming back for more. **TAURUS:** If you can drop what you think you know about someone and start fresh, there's a rewarding surprise in it for you. **GEMINI:** Just leave the exes out of the conversation. It's your safest and classiest bet. **CANCER:** The financial aspects of dating will clue you in to what a person is really like. The microcosm will accurately represent the larger picture. **LEO:** Flirting is just part of the way you display your friendly personality, and you need to be with someone confident enough to give you a little leeway in this department. **VIRGO:** Right now you are highly susceptible to glamour and vulnerable to enchantment. **LIBRA:** Keep it simple. A fancy date will be more pressure than it's worth. **SCORPIO:** There will be a test in which others are judging your commitment

level. **SAGITTARIUS:** Innocent-sounding pleasantries will have much deeper significance under the surface. **CAPRICORN:** Because you don't have an agenda other than to have fun, you'll accomplish much in the way of bonding. **AQUARIUS:** You feel alluring, and others find you irresistible -- correlating ideas. **PI SCES:** There's someone you think about when you drink that certain drink. Reach out.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Cancer and Virgo will spark in all the ways that matter this weekend. They both love cozy environments; they both feel driven to nurture and protect, and both would rather create a fantastic one-of-a-kind experience for the object of their affection than participate in the latest cool trend. A crowd would only diffuse their affection now. The hot spots aren't as hot as entertaining at home.

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Annie's Mailbox

Leap of Faith

Dear Annie: Last year, I got out of a 10-year relationship. I thought she was the love of my life -- until she cheated on me with one of my friends. I was devastated, and only recently have I started to be remotely interested in dating again. Lately, I've been on a few dates with this girl -- let's call her "Lauren" -- and she is amazing. She's so beautiful and

talented and kind. Just being around her makes me feel like a better person. I want to take things to the next level, but there's something holding me back.

I'm not sure I can bring myself to trust someone with my emotions ever again. What's the point of making ourselves so vulnerable when it so often just ends in heartache? This girl has set off no red flags, yet I keep waiting for the other shoe

to drop.

How do people ever move on after such dramatic break-ups? -- In My Shell

Dear Shell: Risk is what makes trust possible. It's the gap that lets us take a leap of faith. If there weren't the possibility of falling, the feeling of landing safely on the other side would mean very little.

That's not to say we should jump into relationships recklessly or walk through life blindfolded. It's only natural -- healthy, even -- for you to feel cautious after what your ex-girlfriend did. But this new woman has given every indication that she is worthy of your trust. Go for it.

Dear Annie: I am 20 years old and have

been best friends with this girl since we were 5. She's practically my sister.

She's engaged to a guy she began dating back in high school. Although he is very nice and genuinely cares for her, he does not seem at all mature enough to be married. After a single semester at a local community college, he left to pursue his dream of becoming a musician. He lives with his grandmother and works at Target. He gets extremely upset if anyone so much as suggests returning to school.

A little under two years ago, they broke up for about two months because he had objections whenever she hung out with any males not

related to her. Despite his insisting he trusted her, it was clear he didn't. One night after they had gotten back together, my friend called me sobbing, heartbroken, because he had been jealous and said hurtful things again.

I'm worried that my friend is being naive. She has said she would marry him tomorrow if she could, although she plans on waiting till she is out of school. She has asked me to be a bridesmaid. I can tell that she's trying to make me like the guy better.

I know it is not my place to tell my friend what she should do with her life. I do believe that they love each other, and I want her to be happy, which he seems to make her. But I still fear that she's making a mistake. Is there any way for me to express my concerns without destroying this cherished relationship? -- Looking Out

Dear Looking

Out: It's heartbreaking to see friends treated poorly by significant others. All we ever want to do is to jump in, pull them out of the situation and make sure they never go back. If only it were that easy. You're wise to understand it's not.

As you know, your friend really wants you to like this guy, so the more she senses your disapproval the less she'll open up to you about the reality of the relationship. The best thing you can do is to continue being there for her, ready to listen whenever she's ready to talk, willing to give honest input if and when she asks for it. She's lucky to have you.

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By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:
West North East South
1 ♦ Dble Pass 1 ♠
Pass 2 ♣ Pass ?
What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ Q8643 ♥ K7 ♦ 954 ♣ Q62
2. ♠ 10932 ♥ 842 ♦ AQ6 ♣ Q75
3. ♠ A7542 ♥ 953 ♦ 4 ♣ Q1064
4. ♠ A9542 ♥ Q642 ♦ 87 ♣ J6

1. **Three clubs.** Partner's double followed by his two-club bid identifies a hand that was too good for a direct overcall in clubs initially. Such a strength-showing sequence should be accorded due respect by responder. Here you have seven points in high cards and might have had none. The raise to three clubs does not show a big hand -- it merely tells partner that in view of his bidding you have a much better hand than you might have had for your forced response of one spade. If partner bids three spades next -- indicating three-card support for your suit -- you should happily carry on to four.

2. **Two notrump.** Here again you have substantial values that have not yet been identified for partner, and the best way of showing them is by making an encouraging move toward game. But this time, with two dia-

mond stoppers and a notrump type of hand, the obvious bid is two notrump. The weakness in hearts and spades is largely discounted, since partner is very likely to have some strength in both of these suits.

3. **Four clubs.** The prospects for game are even better with this hand than with either of the preceding hands. True, you have less in high cards, but your more attractive distribution and excellent trump support easily justify the jump-raise. A single raise in clubs would vastly understate the game prospects; in fact, a raise to five clubs comes closer to hitting the mark than three clubs.

Partner cannot possibly read your jump to four clubs as showing a powerful hand, since your previous response of one spade indicated limited values. Had your hand been a queen better, you would have responded to the double initially with two spades.
4. **Two hearts.** Game is by no means impossible, despite the ragged nature of your hand. Partner could easily have four hearts on this auction, and if he does not, your heart bid will give him a chance to show three-card support for spades. If partner raises two hearts to three, which would guarantee four-card support, you should bid four without reservation.

Tomorrow: Silence is golden.
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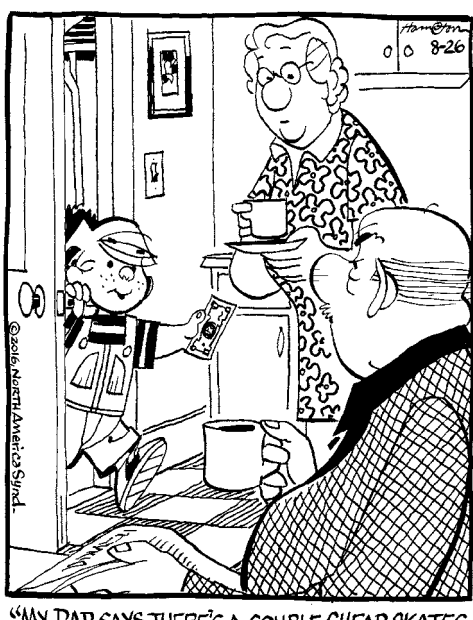
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Now my tummy is really happy it's so hungry."

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TWO GOLD PIECES IS A LOT TO PAY FOR A BEER!

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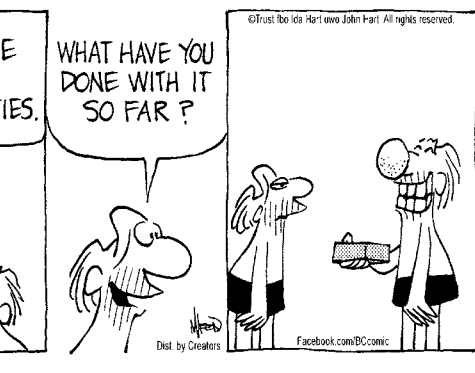
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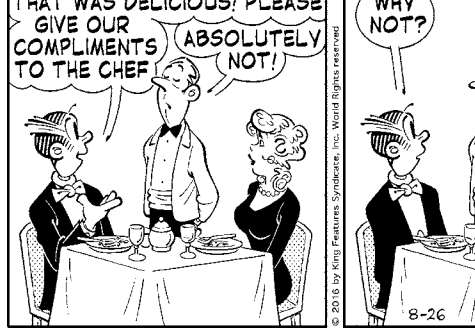
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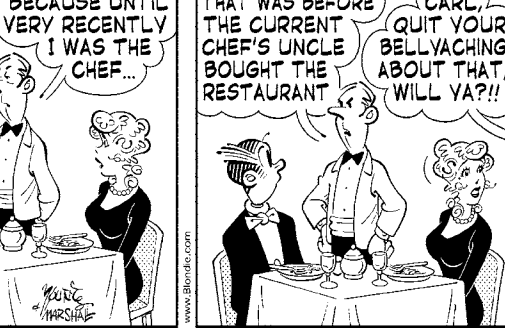
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WHY NOT? BECAUSE UNTIL VERY RECENTLY I WAS THE CHEF...

AGNES



CAN YOU PLEASE CONTACT MY DEPARTED MOTHER?

AGNES



YOUR SEANCE WILL BE MONITORED FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 26, the 239th day of 2016. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 26, 1968, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago; the four-day event was marked by a bloody police crackdown on anti-war protesters in the streets and a tumultuous nominating process that resulted in the choice of Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

On this date: In 1789, France's National Assembly adopted its Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS: a double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. (The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.)

In 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

In 1958, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In 1972, the summer Olympics games opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani (al-BEE'-noh loo-CHYAH'-nee) of Venice was elected pope following the death of Paul VI; the new pontiff took the name Pope John Paul I. (However, he died just over a month later.)

In 1986, in the so-called "preppie murder case," 18-year-old Jennifer Levin was found strangled in New York's Central Park; Robert Chambers later pleaded guilty to manslaughter and served 15 years in prison.

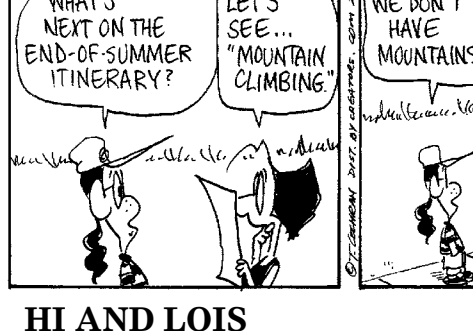
In 1996, Democrats opened their 42nd national convention in Chicago.

In 2009, authorities in California solved the 18-year disappearance of Jaycee Lee Dugard after she appeared at a parole office with her children and the Antioch couple who'd kidnapped her when she was 11.

Ten years ago: Iran's hard-line president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (mahk-MOOD' ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd), inaugurated a heavy-water production plant, a facility the West feared would be used to develop a nuclear bomb. Chad's President Idriss Deby ordered California-based Chevron Corp. and Malaysian company Petronas to leave the country, saying neither had paid taxes.

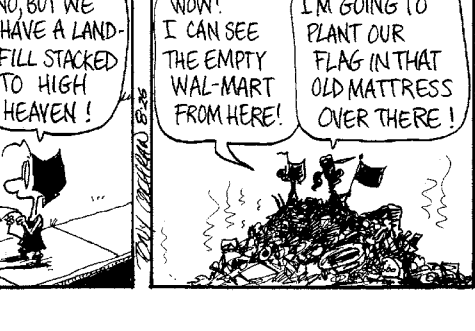
Five years ago: More than 2 million people along the Eastern Seaboard were ordered to move to safer ground as Hurricane Irene approached the coast. A Boko Haram sect member detonated a car loaded with explosives at the United Nations headquarters in Nigeria's capital Abuja, killing 25 people.

HI AND LOIS



I DEFINITELY BELIEVE IN EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN.

HI AND LOIS



...AND I CAN SEE WHY YOU BROUGHT THAT UP JUST NOW.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Gets the benefit from
 - 6 Loses zip
 - 10 Wear for *The Mikado*
 - 14 Visibly radiate
 - 15 Do some subbing
 - 16 "What was that?"
 - 17 Imply
 - 18 Sort-of opposite of 16 Across
 - 19 Stuart queen
 - 20 Ill-fated cruise ship of 2012
 - 23 It might be tidy
 - 24 Assigned to a mess, perhaps
 - 25 Book after James
 - 26 Frat letter
 - 27 Structure at Auntie Em's place
 - 28 Most favored
 - 29 Mrs. Tom Hanks
 - 31 Useful intelligence
 - 33 Slanty script, for short
 - 38 Source of much chocolate
 - 41 Structure at Auntie Em's place
 - 42 London's _____ Modern gallery
 - 43 Loathsome one
 - 44 Enzyme ending
 - 46 *Better Call Saul* aier
 - 48 Veggie in miso
 - 49 Pizzeria franchise
 - 53 Purina sister brand
 - 54 Microloan agcy.
 - 55 Where Flagstaff is the seat
 - 58 No-show of a sort
 - 59 Job-based move, for short
 - 60 River through Orléans
 - 62 Wet ground
 - 63 Struck (out)
 - 64 Interior appointments
 - 65 Confines
 - 66 Étienne's existence
 - 67 Bus. lobbies
 - 6 Office memory jogger
 - 7 Ancient storyteller
 - 8 Guys in *J. Edgar*
 - 9 Coins
 - 10 189-gate facility
 - 11 Cake-pan trademark
 - 12 Umbilical concavity
 - 13 Clip off
 - 21 Off-the-wall
 - 22 Visual
 - 23 Feature of some letters
 - 28 Feature of some letters
 - 30 Ballistic path
 - 32 SpaceX regulator
 - 34 Road rescue
 - 35 Conductor's concern
 - 36 "She Walks in Beauty" writer
 - 37 Navigator Islands, today
 - 39 Feel wistful
 - 40 Conductor's concern
 - 45 Elegant gathering
 - 47 Bit of hindsight slang
 - 49 Upstart
 - 50 Crockett colleague
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 - 56 First in line
 - 57 Brush-offs
 - 61 Where "stat" is often spoken

THE OTHER COAST



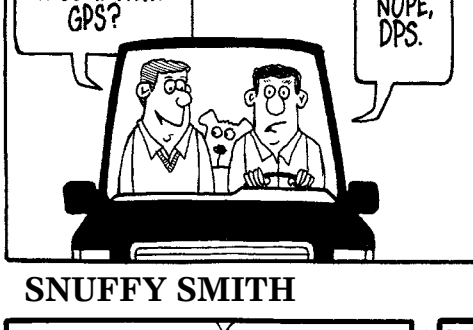
COOL CAR. DOES IT COME WITH GPS?

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NOPE, DPS.

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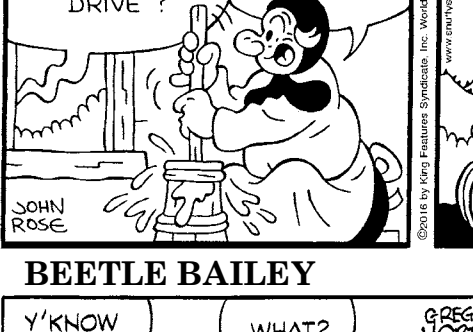
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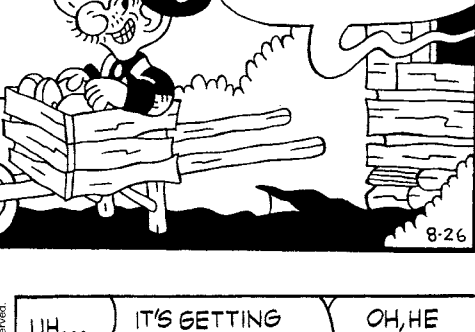
I'VE GOTTEN MY EXERCISE FER TH' WEEK !!

BEEETLE BAILEY



Y'KNOW WHAT?

BEEETLE BAILEY



UH... IT'S GETTING SO HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S WHAT

Answer to previous puzzle

OPUS	LIMA	SCADS
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TREADMILL	NOBAER	
VERSE	NOPROB	
	TNT TRIP	BAM
	BATHROOMSCALE	
STY	REV	IONIA
CREEPU	BASETEN	
RUBLE	ORC	ANT
OLYMPIC	PODIUM	
DYE	TORC	CNN
	PANINI	TESLA
VOWEL	ESCALATOR	
CLOAK	READ	SEAM
REELS	SAND	EMMY

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Coahoma's Adam Clark scores a touchdown in the second half of the Howard County Bowl

BOWL

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in spots, and that's going to be something we fight all year long," Phillips said. "We had some second-teamers step up and do a great job for us tonight, and we're going to have to have some JV kids step up for us, too."

Braden Pearson finished with 106 yards on 21 carries for the

Bulldogs, and Fletcher Mashburn and Adam Clark both matched Clark-Burdell with a touchdown reception from quarterback Mason Moore. Coahoma head coach Fred Dietz said he saw some things the Bulldogs can take away from the game, despite the loss.

"I'm pleased with our effort. I really thought our kids played hard all night. There were some lapses in there, and we

gave them some points to be honest. We had the fumble on the punt return, we had some miscues offensively that led to turnovers and quick scores for them, but I didn't think we played that bad," Dietz said. "If we clean it up and take the mistakes out of there that happened, I think we're going to have some things to grow from."

He added that the team took a big step forward



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Forsan's defense makes a tackle on Coahoma running back Braden Pearson during the Howard County Bowl Thursday.

from their first scrimmage against Ozona.

"I hate losing the game. It's never an ideal situation, but it's encouraging to see the kids play hard and play physical and get after it," he said. "I think we took a big step forward from last week in our scrimmage. We played the football game with a different mindset and attitude defensively. Our kids played without fear, they ran to the

football, we really tackled well. Forsan's a good football team. Those guys are going to score points on people all year long, and against a team like that you can't give them points."

Another bright spot for Dietz was the play of Moore, who started his first game at quarterback since his 8th grade year.

"Mason's a competitor, and he's going to find a way to compete,

and that's what he did for us tonight.

"He's a leader, he gets us lined up, gets us going. I thought he handled the situation well and he made some good throws," Dietz said.

Howard County football continues tonight when the Big Spring Steers take on Amarillo Caprock in their season opener. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

BOYS

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regard I feel very lucky that it could hold up and keep going."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones immediately felt the anxiety, but said there should be no issue with Romo being ready for Week 1. Romo said his back felt fine other than typical soreness.

"I just think everyone had a scare," Jones said. "And he was not hurt. He said he

wasn't hurt. He wanted to go back in.

He could have gone back in and played but I praise Jason. It was his decision."

Avril said he checked with some Dallas players to make sure Romo was OK.

"I thought he was going to try to throw it so I tried to swipe down and get his arm but I guess the force just, whatever, messed his back up. ... I'm never in the business of trying to hurt anybody," Avril said.

What Romo saw from the sideline was an impressive initial flash from rookie run-

ning back Ezekiel Elliott and a solid performance by backup QB Dak Prescott against one of the top defenses in the NFL.

Elliott rushed for 48 yards on seven carries, including a 13-yard run where he knocked Seattle safety Kam Chancellor backward.

Prescott was solid playing against most of Seattle's starting defense, finishing 17 of 23 for 116 yards, including a 17-yard TD pass that Jason Witten snatched away from K.J. Wright.

"I think I adjusted really well," Elliott said. "It makes

my job easier when I play behind that great offensive line. I can only think of one run where someone tackled me that wasn't on the second level."

Russell Wilson and Seattle's No. 1 offense played into the second half, scoring on four of its final five possessions including a pair of TD tosses by Wilson.

He found Paul Richardson on a perfectly placed 9-yard crossing route in the second quarter, then improvised, spun, scrambled and hit Tyler Lockett on a 9-yard strike midway through the third

quarter on his final play.

Wilson finished 16 of 21 for 192 yards, while Christine Michael averaged 8.3 yards per carry as Seattle got its running game going in the second half.

"Christine looked great tonight, I really thought he looked like a beautiful runner out there, hitting it and making really decisive cuts and stuff that got him in the secondary," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "There's no reason to think otherwise, he's going to be like that for us."

TEXAS

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still a very relevant player in this game, kind of a perfect storm for a guy that got a little discombobulated," manager Jeff Banister said. "But an instant impact. He can do this type of stuff."

Roughed Odor also homered for the Rangers (75-53), who matched their largest win.

The AL Central-leading Indians (72-54) were shut out for the fourth time this season, and that came after being held to exactly one run in each of their three games at Oakland earlier this week.

Tomlin lost his fifth consecutive start in August and has a 10.80

ERA in those games. This was the fourth time in that stretch the right-handed Texas native didn't make it out of the fifth, allowing eight runs and six hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Hamels improved to 21-5 in his 38 starts since the Rangers acquired him last season when he was coming off a no-hitter in his last start for the Philadelphia Phillies. It was the longest scoreless outing for

a Texas starter this season.

"You have to stick to your game plan, but at the same time you have to have some sort of surprise just so they can't sit on certain pitches," Hamels said. "That's kind of been the main focus this whole year, is really be able to execute all four or five pitches I throw, both sides of the zone, not really stray away or be afraid to try something new."

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News in brief

Strong aftershocks rattle devastated Italian earthquake zone

AMATRICE, Italy (AP) — Strong aftershocks rattled residents and rescue crews alike Friday as hopes began to dim that firefighters would find any more survivors from Italy's earthquake. The first funerals were scheduled for some of the 267 dead.

Some of hard-hit Amatrice's crumbled buildings suffered more cracks after the biggest aftershock of the morning struck at 6:28 a.m. The U.S. Geological Service said it had a magnitude of 4.7, while the Italian geophysics institute measured it at 4.8.

The aftershock was preceded by more than 50 overnight and was followed by another nine in the subsequent hour — some of the nearly 1,000 aftershocks that have rocked the seismic area of Italy's central Apennine Mountains in the two days since the original quake early Wednesday.

Rescue efforts continued through the night and into Friday, but more than a day and a half had passed since the last person was known to be extracted alive from the rubble. While Premier Matteo Renzi hailed the fact that 215 people had been rescued since the quake, civil protection officials reported only a steadily rising death toll.

Trump immigration waffle reflects voter confusion on issue

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Dean Green supports Donald Trump partly because of the GOP presidential nominee's tough, deport-them-all stance on illegal immigration. But the 57-year-old Republican paused as he complained about U.S. immigration policy and acknowledged that deporting all 11 million people in the U.S. illegally would separate families.

"I don't want to break up families," Green said. It has been 30 years since the country embarked on an immigration overhaul, and the ambivalence of voters like Green is one reason why. Polls often show that majorities favor letting people illegally in the U.S. stay and also back tougher laws to deport them.

"The electorate is conflicted and that's a fundamental problem," said Whit Ayres, a Republican pollster. "This is such an emotional issue that reason and facts have very little to do with how people stand."

Trump is now either caught up in, or trying to exploit, that contradiction as he considers "softening" his controversial immigration stance. He won the GOP primaries on the strength of an aggressive immigration policy, calling for the immediate deportation of the estimated 11 million people in the U.S. illegally and construction of a Mexican border wall. But as he trails in the polls and struggles to overcome record lows with minority voters, he has sounded a softer tone.

Car bomb attack in Turkey kills 11 police; 78 wounded

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Kurdish militants on Friday attacked a police checkpoint in southeast Turkey with an explosives-laden truck, killing at least 11 police officers and wounding 78 other people, officials and the state-run news agency said.

The attack struck the checkpoint 50 meters (yards) from a main police station near the town of Cizre, in the mainly-Kurdish Sirnak province that borders Syria, the Anadolu Agency reported.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which was the latest in a string of bombings targeting police or military vehicles and facilities. Authorities have blamed the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, for those attacks.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim confirmed the death toll, saying it was a suicide attack carried out with an explosives-laden truck. He vowed to "destroy the terrorists."

US, Russia renew push for elusive agreement on Syria

GENEVA (AP) — The United States and Russia on Friday renewed efforts to secure a military and humanitarian cooperation agreement for war-torn Syria as conditions on the ground continued to deteriorate after months of hesitation, missed deadlines and failed attempts to forge a nationwide truce.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov were meeting in Geneva as part of a new U.S. bid to enlist Russia as a partner in Syria as the fighting becomes more volatile and complicated with the introduction of Turkish ground forces. Neither Washington nor Moscow has signaled that an agreement is immi-

nent, although progress appears to have been made in one critical battleground: the besieged city of Aleppo, where the United Nations has been clamoring for a 48-hour cease-fire so humanitarian aid can be shipped into the city.

Asked to describe the main impediment to a nationwide ceasefire in Syria as he sat down with Kerry, Lavrov said: "I don't want to spoil the atmosphere for the negotiations." Kerry did not speak and it was not immediately clear if either man would address reporters after their talks, which are expected to last several hours and also include discussions about the crisis in Ukraine.

On Thursday, U.N. officials said Russia was on board for a plan to win a 48-hour pause in fighting in and around Aleppo so that aid can be delivered to its increasingly embattled population. However, the Russian Foreign Ministry simply reiterated its general support for a ceasefire to open an aid corridor, and was waiting for the U.N. to announce it is ready.

UN official: For Afghan women 'glass is half full'

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — As the United States prepared to invade Taliban-ruled Afghanistan 15 years ago, then-First Lady Laura Bush took over her husband's weekly radio address to tell the American people that part of the reason for going to war after the attacks of September 11, 2001, was to liberate Afghan women from the brutality that had been forced on them by the extremists' regime.

As the war against the Taliban grinds on, Afghan women are still largely treated as property and barely a week goes by without news emerging of a woman or girl being stoned to death, burned with gasoline, beaten or tortured by her in-laws, traded to repay a debt, jailed for running away from a violent husband, or sold into marriage as a child.

Abuse of women in Afghanistan remains entrenched and endemic, despite constitutional guarantees of equality, protection from violence and age-old practices such as trading young women to pay debts.

Earlier this month, news emerged from remote central Ghor province of Zarah, a pregnant 14-year-old who was allegedly tortured and set on fire by her in-laws as they took revenge on her father over a failed deal to marry one of their relatives.

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