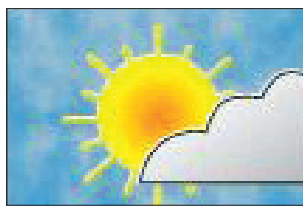


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HC hits the road with Go Center

*Trailer to get debut
Tuesday at Chamber*

By CINDY SMITH
 Special to the Herald
 Howard College will showcase the Mobile Go Center, its latest outreach tool, with an official debut and ribbon cutting ceremony to be held at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce parking lot at 2 p.m. Tuesday.
 The Mobile Go Center is a 42-foot trailer designed to take technology and needed resources to rural communities and school districts and assist students and families interested in exploring higher



Flores

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WISHING HIM WELL



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Steve Osborn, right, talks with well-wishers during a reception in his honor at Elbow Elementary Thursday. Osborn, who has been principal at Elbow the past six years, is leaving to become director of finance for Brownfield Independent School District.

Crossroads public schools meet fed standards

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 All area public schools met federal education standards this past year, officials announced Thursday.
 The schools were among the 80 percent of Texas public school districts which met federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards during the 2008-2009 school year.
 The testing information for the federal evaluations is based on results from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS-Modified (TAKS-M) and TAKS-Alternate (TAKS-Alt) assessments. Three tests – TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS-M and TAKS-Alternate — are tests available to students with disabilities who need some type of accommodation that is not available on the standard TAKS.
 Texas is one of the first states to use a modified test in its AYP calculations, according to information released by the Texas Education Agency.
 Along with acceptable test performance, districts and high schools must also meet a 70 percent graduation rate or show improvement over the previous year. Elementary and middle schools must have an attendance rate of 90 percent or higher to meet AYP requirements.
 All area school districts and campuses in Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton, Garden City, Sands and Grady

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Howard County in need of two mediators

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 A recent contract between Howard County and Texas Dispute Resolution Systems for mediation of juvenile truancy cases could mean some serious training for at least two county residents, as the Lubbock-based company begins its search for a pair of candidates to participate in the new effort.
 Jessica Kelly, spokeswoman for Texas Dispute Resolution Systems, said training for individuals participating in the new venture, which was recently approved by Howard County commissioners, is expected to begin Aug. 17.
 “Lubbock and Howard County recently entered into a contract which will create a focus on mediating juvenile truancy cases in Howard County,” said Kelly. “Lubbock County has reserved two free spots for the upcoming Basic Mediation Training in Lubbock in order to provide training to two selected applicants from Howard County.”
 “The chosen participants will learn the skills necessary to become a mediator, and will get the chance to enhance their professional skills by participating in the Texas Dispute Resolution System 40-hour Basic Mediation Training.”
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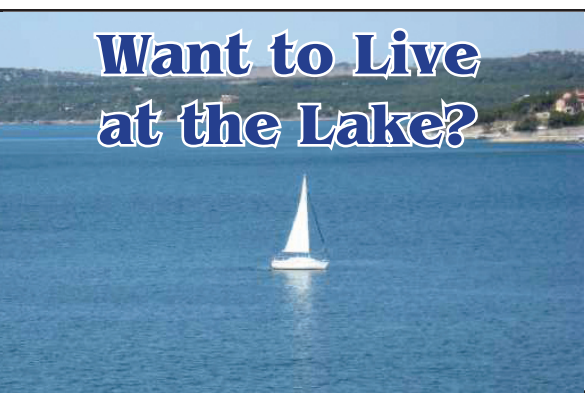
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Ackerly man killed in two-vehicle wreck

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 An Ackerly man was killed Thursday morning in a traffic accident near the intersection of FM 828 and FM 26 in Dawson County.
 Bruce Wayne Nichols, 57, was pronounced dead at approximately 7:57 a.m. by Dawson County Justice of the Peace Denise Dyess, according to Texas Department of Public Safety reports.
 According to Sandra Pacheco, communications operator with the regional DPS office in Midland, Nichols, a truck driver by profession, was traveling north on FM 26 on his 1982 Yamaha motorcycle at the time of the accident.
 “Mr. Nichols was traveling north on FM 26 when he entered the intersection. The second vehicle, a 2005 Ford pickup, was driven by Kevin Williams of Wolfforth. At approximately 7:37 a.m. Williams disregarded the stop sign and entered the intersection, striking Nichols with the passenger side of the truck.”
 According to the DPS report, the posted speed limit on both farm roads is 70 mph. Weather factors are not believed to have played a role in the accident, according to DPS officials.
 Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Rangers avoid sweep, hold off A's, 6-4

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tommy Hunter already has shown some remarkable poise on the mound, an uncanny ability to make pitches when the uncanny ability to get out of a jam. Now, the 23-year-old right-hander is beginning to show the kind of big-picture understanding that Texas

will need if it's going to make a run for the playoffs. Hunter pitched seven solid innings, allowing three hits and a pair of walks, and the Rangers defeated the Oakland Athletics 6-4 on Thursday to remain 4½ games back in the AL West and avoid their first four-game

sweep since April 2008. "It's what I'm supposed to do," Hunter said. "We used the bullpen a lot lately, and we needed to be fresh going into Anaheim. The big thing was getting a win going into a big series. I threw a lot of offspeed pitches. The changeup is becoming a pitch

I can rely on and which makes all the other pitches better." Michael Young hit his 18th homer of the season, Hank Blalock added his 21st and David Murphy and Andrew Jones each drove in a run for the

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Steers on showcase Saturday



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Several Big Spring Steers offensive linemen go through drills coordinated by Coach Reg McConnell (right) at two-a-days practice Tuesday. The Steers practiced in full pads for the first time today and will have an inter-squad scrimmage at 10 a.m. Saturday at Blankenship Field. The public is encouraged to attend and get a first look at the 2009 version of the Steers.

Cowboys hope slimmer Spears means more big plays from DL

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — At his peak, Marcus Spears weighed 335 pounds and squeezed into XXXXXL shirts. He never turned down his uncle's fried catfish or any other fried foods. He also liked bedtime snacks.

Why not? Bigger was better, he figured, for his line of work as a defensive end in the Dallas Cowboys' 3-4 scheme.

"I felt I had to be not to get rolled, braided and killed out there on the football field," Spears said.

Coach Wade Phillips thought otherwise. This offseason, he told Spears to show up at training

camp weighing 309 pounds. He came in at 307 and everyone is seeing a, uh, big difference.

Spears discovered he was so nimble that he actually needed a few days to get used to it.

"I had to catch up with my speed," he said. "I was falling a lot."

Now that he's regained his balance, Spears is getting the feedback he wants. Phillips named Spears among the standouts at several practices so far, and teammates have noticed, too, especially right tackle Marc Colombo, who has been lining up against Spears for several years.

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AP photo/Eric Gay

Dallas Cowboys defensive end Marcus Spears, left, takes on tight end Martellus Bennett (80) during the team's NFL training camp in San Antonio Thursday.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Junior High football players pick up equipment next week

All incoming seventh and eighth graders interested in playing football at Big Spring Junior High during the 2009 season need to pick up their equipment either Monday or Tuesday at the junior high.

Pick-up times for each day is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All incoming seventh graders must have a physical on file in order to play.

For more information, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads Youth Football signups slated for this month

The Crossroads Youth Football Association will begin signups for football players and cheerleaders Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each signup day. The other days to register will be Aug. 15 and Aug. 22.

Late registration for football only will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 29.

For more information, call Jeff Vidal at 816-6871.

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association starts registration Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association begins registration for the 2009 season from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration will continue throughout the following week — Monday through Friday, Aug. 14 — from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day. The final day to sign up is Saturday, Aug. 15, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost for registration is \$65 for the first child and \$5 less for each additional child. The cost includes the full uniform.

Boys and girls who are between the ages 4-11 are eligible to play.

For more information, call Isaac Miramontes at 935-9056.

BSHS football season tickets going on sale at ATC offices

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring High School football season are now on sale for previous season ticket holders through Friday.

The general public can then begin purchasing season tickets Monday through Aug. 12.

Cost is \$30 for a total of six home games. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the dates allotted.

For more information, call Kay Cook at 264-3661.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly report

In Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's Playday, the team of Joann Hillger, Shirley

Long and Gus Leonardi took first-place honores, showing even par. In second with a 3-over was the team of Dee Jenkins, Patsy Sharpnack and Betty Murphy.

In Thursday's couples play, Ray and Sue Russell teamed with Howard and Trish Gabbard to shoot 4-under to top the leaderboard. Second place went to the team of Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Forrest and Gayle West with a 2-under.

Ray Russell shot closest to the pin on Hole 6.

BSCC schedules Over 80 Scramble to benefit Big Spring Shrine Club

The Big Spring Country Club will have an Over 80 Scramble, meaning the combined ages of each two-person team must be 80 or older, Aug. 15-16, to benefit the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Entry fees are \$60 per player, plus golf cart rental. Private carts are welcomed, however.

Entry fees include barbecue on the course both days.

Practice rounds are available Friday.

Play will begin with a shotgun start on both days, and the field will be flighted by first-round scores. The number of flights will depend on the number of entries.

For more information, or to enter a team, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Obituaries

Bruce Wayne Nichols

Bruce Wayne Nichols, 57, of Ackerly, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, in Dawson County as a result of a motorcycle accident. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Derrick Looney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Forsan, officiating and the Rev. Rush Coffman, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Lamesa, assisting. Interment will follow at Ackerly Cemetery in Ackerly.

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

He was born Feb. 27, 1952, in Big Spring and married Terri Kimzey June 24, 1972.

Bruce was a lifetime resident of the Knott and Ackerly communities and had farmed in Ackerly for 34 years until he went to work for Lamesa Butane Company two years ago. He was a member of Second Baptist Church of Lamesa.

Survivors include his wife, Terri Nichols of Ackerly; two sons, Patrick Nichols of Weatherford and Kyler Nichols of Ackerly; a daughter, Lori Osburn and husband, Howard of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Morrow Nichols of Weatherford and Jeffrey Osburn of Big Spring; his mother, June Nichols of Knott; two brothers, Keith Nichols and wife, Gwen of Lamesa and Martin Nichols and wife, Leslie of Knott; and one sister, Ann Nichols of Midland.

Mr. Nichols was preceded in death by his father, Robert Nichols of Knott and a sister, Janette Brown of Ackerly.

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

Paid obituary

Lou Strickland

Lou Strickland, 70, of Converse, died Monday, Aug. 3, 2009, after a short battle with cancer. Lou was born Nov. 19, 1938, in Stanton to Aubrey and Wilma Woolsey.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Kenny; children, Tracy King and husband Alexander, Tresa and Kevin; seven grandchildren; a sister, Lucille Bradshaw and husband Earl; and a host of other family members and friends.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at Schertz Funeral Home, 2217 FM 3009 in Schertz, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, at Randolph Air Force Base Chapel No. 1, with former Chaplain Col. Arthur R. Homer, U.S.A.F. retired, officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

You are invited to sign the electronic guestbook at www.schertzfuneralhome.com.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-10-19-34. Bonus Ball: 25.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-14-22-24.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-3-6-6. Sum It Up: 17.

Adriana Martinez



Adriana Martinez, 34, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, at Hospice House in Odessa. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Burr Lea Settles officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 9, 1975, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Maria and Jose Chavez. She moved to Big Spring in 1990 from California. She married Abel Martinez July 1, 1993, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by her husband, Abel Martinez of Big Spring; two sons, Matthew Martinez and Aaron Martinez, both of Big Spring; a daughter, Crystal Martinez of Big Spring; parents, Maria and Jose Chavez of Big Spring; two sisters, Susan Barrios and her husband, Oscar of Big Spring, and Victoria Rios and her husband, Robert of Denver, Colo.; a brother, Joe Chavez and his wife, Melissa of Big Spring; 11 nieces and nephews; and paternal grandparents, Miguel and Nicolasa Chavez of Juarez, Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Agustin and Victoria Gonzales Blanco.

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

Ricardo 'Ricky' Medina



Ricardo "Ricky" Medina, 30, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at Primera Iglesia Bautista with Mario Hernandez officiating.

He was born May 8, 1979, in Littlefield and married Nicole Pardo July 2, 2007 in Big Spring.

He graduated from Ackerly High School and attended Howard College and graduated with a certificate in computer science. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan and a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista.

Survivors include his wife, Nicole "Nikki" Medina of Big Spring; a daughter, Alexia Trevino of Big Spring; his parents, Francisco and Ramona Medina of Big Spring; seven brothers, Gregorio Medina, Jesse Medina and Marcelino Medina, all of Big Spring, Joe Medina of Madera, Calif., Frank Medina of Flint, Mich., Alex Camacho of Valle Hermosa, Mexico and Adrian Faz of Eagle Pass; four sisters, Ana Garcia, Diana Medina, Blanca Fajal and Selene Hernandez all of Big Spring; and a host of other family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and a niece, Miracle Medina.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

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

- JOSHUA MIER, 26, of 624 Ridgelea, was arrested Thursday on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and assault Class C – family violence.

- GUADALUPE PAREDEZ, 58, of 500 S. Bell, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- LEONARD GUZMAN, 22, of 1504 Vines, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- WELDON DANIELS, 45, of 1708 W. Third St., was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.

- WILLIAM THOMASON, 46, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – enhanced.

- JUANITA ARANJO, 44, of 2910 Cherokee, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

- UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON ON ALCOHOL PREMISES was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900 block of 12th Street.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION – ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 900 block of 12th Street.

- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

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National Champion Florida opens fall practice

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida quarterback Tim Tebow has a Heisman Trophy, four championship rings and more accolades than most college football players could ever imagine.

He wants more.

Tebow and the defending national champions opened fall practice Thursday with hopes of winning a third title in four years, and they want this one to be special.

The Gators are embracing sky-high expectations that come with returning nearly every starter and are openly talking about wanting to become the first team in school history to go undefeated.

“It’s something that we want,” Tebow said, sporting a full beard for the first practice. “That’s not our goal. We’re not writing that anywhere. We’re not posting that. But obviously when we step on the field, we’re going to want to win. That would be special, being the first time in Florida history for that. Obviously that is a goal and it’s something that I hope comes true.”

Talk of an undefeated season by the

Gators is something coach Urban Meyer would like to stop.

“The goal’s always been to go to Atlanta. That’s it. We’ve got to move on,” he said after the team’s late practice on Thursday. “I look forward to the day when (the players are) off limits (to the media), and that might be sooner than you think. We’ve just got to take care of our business and practice hard. That’s what counts. Not what people say.”

But the Gators can’t help but realize they’re an overwhelming favorite to repeat, maybe even more so than the 2005 Southern California team that featured Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush. The Trojans stormed through the regular season, extending their winning streak to 34 games, then lost in the title game to Vince Young and Texas.

Although Florida doesn’t want to look too far ahead, especially with LSU, Georgia and Florida State on the schedule, players are bracing for each opponent’s best shot every week.

“We know the target’s on our back and we’re ready,” linebacker Brandon Spikes said. “Everybody’s been look-

ing forward to this day. ... It’s just like Christmas.”

The Gators opened practice at 5:45 a.m., with about 200 fans eagerly awaiting their arrival. The early start was no surprise after Meyer promised to make summer workouts and two-a-day practices the toughest in his five years.

His rationale? For the most part, Florida has the same team that beat Oklahoma 24-14 in the Bowl Championship Series title game in Miami, and Meyer wants his players to avoid complacency.

Tebow and Spikes vowed not to let that happen. The team captains led offseason workouts and never shied away from talk of going unbeaten.

“It’s a big goal,” Spikes said. “It’s something I think about every day. Our whole summer we’ve been stressing this. My job is to make sure the guys don’t get satisfied. We’ve got to keep striving and push that rock back to the top of the hill.”

The Gators won their second national title in 2006, when Tebow and Spikes were freshmen, then bounced back from a rebuilding year to earn a

second ring this past January. Both of them considered turning pro, but they decided to come back and try to make history.

And they don’t want to leave anything to chance. Last season, Florida had to rebound from an early season loss to Mississippi and win 10 in a row to reach the title game.

“It’s pressure, but it’s nothing that we can’t live up to,” cornerback Joe Haden said.

Defensively, Florida returns 21 of 22 players on the two-deep depth chart. Defensive tackle Torrey Davis transferred in March.

“That’s one of the reasons I decided to come back my senior year,” Spikes said. “I just wanted to rewrite history. We’ve got a good chance. We’ve got Tebow and (many) starters coming back and a lot of young guys. It’s going to be great.”

Notes: LB Dustin Doe (suspended) and S Ahmad Black (unknown reason) were not at the first practice. RB Emmanuel Moody and WR Carl Moore sat out drills while rehabbing injuries.

COWBOYS

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“Colombo told me the other day that he really has to push out now when I’m rushing off the edge,” Spears said, smiling. “It makes you feel good. It makes you want to stay where you’re at.”

Spears got in shape by following the basics: Working out and watching what he eats.

He hired a chef and a nutritionist, and learned to follow simple rules like drinking lots of water, dropping the late-night binges and, toughest of all, avoiding his uncle’s kitchen.

“I grew up on it. I love it,” Spears said. “When I got to Baton Rouge, I told him to stay away from me.”

Spears is in the fifth and final year of his rookie contract, so he’s headed toward free agency. He would love to remain with the Cowboys, but they’re taking a wait-and-see approach before offering an extension.

Dallas drafted Spears in the first round in 2005, the second of two first-rounders. The other was DeMarcus Ware, who has blossomed into one of the NFL’s most-feared players. Spears has been solid, at best.

Two knee operations have slowed him a bit, with all that extra weight possibly to blame. But he’s never missed a game and he’s coming off a season that included a career-high 65 tackles, one sack and a lot of near-misses — 16 quarterback pressures after a total of 11 in his previous three seasons.

Phillips is counting on less bulk leading to more disruptive plays. It’s

already led to a change in how Spears is being coached. He’s being used in ways that weren’t effective for someone bigger and slower.

“Certain techniques, he’ll get up the field a little bit quicker than before,” Phillips said.

Spears was drafted by Bill Parcells when the Cowboys were switching to the 3-4. Parcells never told Spears to eat up, but he never discouraged it, either. Spears also tends to pick up weight as a season goes along.

That might not happen this season. The chef and nutritionist are staying on his payroll, and the team’s strength and conditioning coach has set up a new plan for Spears’ in-season training. If it all goes as hoped, maybe he can persuade the Cowboys to come up with a new contract.

“I’m not putting any added pressure on myself,” Spears said. “I just have

to go out and play and perform. I think when you get to thinking about money and contract situations, things like that, it takes away from what you really have to do. Hopefully my play already has and will take care of that.”

With catfish on hold, his new favorite meal is grilled shrimp salad, although he’s been warned to cut down on the toppings. And while Spears is fashion conscious, he hasn’t rewarded himself with a new wardrobe. He had some clothes “stowed away, just in case I lost some weight” and he insists they are still in style.

“My wife said, ‘I know you think you got a little sexy, but you don’t need to go out and buy 10 new suits for this season,’” he said. “I’ll just keep the ones I have and, if I need to, I’ll get them tailored down.”

Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	Dble	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	?		

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠AKJ5 ♥Q63 ♦AJ4 ♣952
- ♠Q84 ♥KQ72 ♦AQJ93 ♣6
- ♠AQ93 ♥Q5 ♦AJ84 ♣AJ9
- ♠AK1064 ♥KJ92 ♦KJ9 ♣9
- ♠AK5 ♥AQ94 ♦KQJ82 ♣2

- 1. Pass.** A takeout double shows the values for an opening bid, but the range of strength may extend from roughly 13 points to more than 20. Also, distributional features may range from poor, as in this hand, to very good, as in some of the succeeding hands.
- The doubler has an obligation to identify the nature of his hand after partner responds to the double. With minimum values — 13 to 15 points — he passes if partner has made a non-jump response. With this hand, therefore, South should not bid again. If he were to continue bidding, he would be implying values in excess of a minimum double.
- 2. Two hearts.** The player who responds to the double (in this case, North) may have a very weak hand, since he is merely obeying partner’s command that he bid. The doubler therefore has to tread gingerly when deciding what to do next.
- Here, South can afford to bid two hearts, not on the basis of his high cards, which are close to minimum, but on the basis of his distribution, which is reasonably good. The four trumps and the singleton club, as well as the strong diamond suit, are trick-taking features that pull the hand out of the minimum class and justify a further bid. The single raise is mildly invitational and shows 16-18 points (including distribution).
- 3. One notrump.** This rebid indicates the high-card values and distribution for an opening notrump bid, plus at least one stopper in the opening bidder’s suit.
- 4. Three hearts.** Here you have only 15 high-card points, but the chances of making game with this hand are far better than those in the preceding 18-point hand.
- The way to gauge such hands is not by point count but by the probable number of winning tricks. Thus, if partner has as little as five hearts to the queen and the queen of diamonds, there is an excellent prospect of making four hearts. The three-heart bid (highly invitational) asks partner to carry on to game with values of this sort.
- 5. Four hearts.** Here, the chance of making 10 tricks is so good that you bid the game yourself without running the risk of partner’s passing a lesser bid. If partner has nothing but five hearts to the jack, there is a reasonable chance of making 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: The sure way is the best way.

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Rangers, who are chasing Los Angeles for the division lead.

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But it was Hunter (4-2) who came through when it mattered, shutting down the Athletics after Nomar Garciaparra gave Oakland a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Hunter allowed three runs — two earned — while striking out four.

“He had all his pitches working, moved the ball around the zone and kept them off balance,” Texas manager Ron Washington said. “We put some runs on the board, and Tommy kept the momentum in our dugout. That’s exactly what you what to see.”

Garciaparra, Rajai Davis and Scott Hairston each hit RBI doubles for the Athletics, who managed a run off C.J. Wilson in the ninth before he finished for his 14th save.

Meanwhile, A’s starter Trevor Cahill, who entered the matchup 1-5 with an 8.31 ERA over his last seven starts, fell to 6-11. Despite striking out a career-high six, he allowed five runs on eight hits and two walks in six innings.

“I did do a lot better as far as mechanics go, but I guess it didn’t show in the loss,” Cahill said. “The fact that I was able to go a bit deeper and throw more strikes is a plus, but other than that, it’s hard to think of any positives when you lose.”

The 21-year-old rookie has allowed at least one homer in each of his last nine starts and 25 this season, second-most in the AL and the most allowed by a rookie in Oakland history.

“He threw the ball better today,” A’s manager Bob Geren said. “He threw a lot more strikes, but when you’re around the plate a lot, home runs can happen. We just didn’t give him enough run support.”

The Rangers’ two homers extended their major league-leading total to 163.

“We scored a couple of runs and left it up to Tommy,” Young said. “He locked it up. He kept his composure, stayed with it and kept competing.”

Cahill was pulled with no out in the seventh, and Russ Springer allowed an RBI single to Jones. Santiago Casilla and Jeff Gray, who was recalled Thursday from Triple-A Sacramento, combined for two innings of shutout ball.

While the A’s hit the road for three-game sets against Kansas City and Baltimore, Texas will travel to Los Angeles, where they will be joined by Julio Borbon. The outfielder, who was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City following Thursday’s game, was hitting .307 with two home runs and 34 RBIs in the minors.

“This series didn’t end up the way we wanted it but we made an adjustment, played much better and moved on,” Young said. “We’re playing a good club and it should be a fun series. You want to play these kind of games in August and September. It will be a good test and a good challenge.”

NOTES: The A’s optioned RHP Chad Reineke to Triple-A Sacramento. ... Saltalamacchia left the game following the first inning with soreness in his right shoulder. “Call it fatigue,” Washington said after the game. “We’ll assess it on Friday.” ... INF Esteban German saw his first major league action since Sept. 28, 2008, with Kansas City. He went 0 for 4 but scored two runs. ... The A’s doubled three times and have a major league-best 55 doubles since the All-Star break. ... Ellis snapped his season-high 10-game hitting streak. ... Rookie Tommy Everidge has reached base safely in all 10 games since being selected from Sacramento on July 28.

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Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- JUANITA MARTINA ARANJO, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- WELDON BRYANT DANIELS, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction/suspension.

- BETTY LOU DEKEYSER-AIELLO, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of service.

- JAMES DRIVER, 49, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- LEONARD GUZMAN, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- DAVID O'BRIEN, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping — failure to appear.

- ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct — vulgar language.

- ERNEST TAGGART, 36, was ar-

rested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- WILLIAM KEVIN THOMASON, 46, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 5600 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Hickory. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

HC

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education.

Fully equipped with laptop work stations complete with internet access, career exploration software, and knowledgeable staff to

assist, the MGC is “one-stop shopping” for students and families who are applying for college, financial aid or just browsing their options for continuing their education.

“The Mobile Go Center is a great tool for us to use as we continue building a college go-

ing culture throughout our service area,” said Javier Flores, vice president of student services. “We know some of our communities and schools might not have the resources needed to access all of the services and the Mobile Go Center allows us to take the services to them di-

rectly.”

Funding for the MGC came from The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Pioneer Foundation, both of which awarded grants to Howard College.

“We are very grateful to have received these grant funds which are

enabling us to reach even more people throughout the vast rural West Texas area,” said Flores.

The public is encouraged to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony, enjoy free Bluebell ice cream and check out the MGC for themselves. Activities will include

a ceremony recognizing grantors and HC staff will be on hand to provide tours and assist anyone who needs help accessing higher education services.

ISDS

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met or exceeded federal AYP guidelines this year.

The federal report comes on the heels of TEA's annual accountability report, which rated Texas public school districts and campuses using slightly different guidelines.

“Obviously, we're very

pleased we met those standards,” said Randy Brown, superintendent of Coahoma Independent School District. “It can be a little frustrating at times, because we have state and federal accountability systems and sometimes the two don't quite match up ... but we do make every effort to meet those guidelines and we're pleased we met AYP.”

Randy Johnson, For-

san ISD superintendent,

also was pleased with the news.

“We're excited any time anyone takes a close look at our data and says we're doing a good job,” Johnson said. “For us, it's confirmation that we're heading in the right direction.”

For Big Spring ISD, which had three campuses miss AYP standards last year, the news was especially welcome.

“That's just good news

for us,” said Dr. Michael Stevens, special assistant to the superintendent. “It shows the teachers and staff are doing a good job. I've got to tell you, we're very pleased to hear this news.”

Schools or districts that receive a Missed AYP designation and receive Title I funds, which are federal funds targeted to help serve low-income students, face sanctions in this

federal evaluation system.

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MEDIATE

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mediation Training Program. Communication skills, problem solving, confidentiality and ethics are covered in the training, and mediators may be used to solve any type of conflict. Additional issues arising in the mediation setting are also covered, such as psychological, financial and legal matters.”

The program is expected to target truancy problems in Howard County schools. According to County Judge Mark Barr, the program could save taxpayers plenty of money in the end, even if it just saves one child from dropping out of school and turning to a life of crime.

“It's a very large problem, with truancy,” said Barr. “And the JPs don't have anything they can possibly do to make the situation better. I know the schools are all for it. I think it's a very worthwhile opportunity. It's something we can do to put some bite into truancy. I see a lot of

juvenile cases, and Tim (Yeats) sees a lot of juvenile cases, and I see this (program) as a benefit.

“The mediators actually put the families into contact with those who can help them, similar to 2-1-1, where there are all of these agencies. A lot of these parents don't know where to turn. We've talked about this and talked about this. If you have a kid and he's in trouble in junior high, you've already lost him. However, if you can start in the second or third grade and get the problem solved, then we have a chance. If we can save one kid, we can save \$25,000, which is what it costs to send them to the Texas Youth Commission.”

Kelly said applications to participate in the program are due by Monday at noon.

“Applicants interested in the training must turn in a registration application via e-mail or fax to the Office of Dispute Resolution,” said Kelly. “Each application will be screened by course coordinators and two candidates will be selected for training.

“The screening process may result in an interview. Applicants selected for the program will be informed Wednesday, Aug. 12. Forms may be found online at www.co.lubbock.tx.us/drc/training.htm.”

Kelly said the training will take place Aug. 17-21 in Lubbock.

Registration includes CLE (continuing legal education) credits, light refreshments, certificate and program materials. This offer does not include travel accommodations or lunch. The training will be held at the Science Education Center, located on the south side of the Science Spectrum, 2579 S. Loop 289, in Lubbock from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. Friday, Aug. 21, participants will attend mediations at the Office of Dispute Resolution.

“Trained mediators are qualified to mediate cases that are in the ‘interest’ of someone, as

well as other disputes, and they are generally paid a small stipend for doing so,” she added. “The course is approved by the State Bar of Texas for 40 participatory continuing legal education hours, including three hours of ethics.”

D. Gene Valentini, director of the Texas Dispute Resolution System, will instruct the course. Valentini has been a mediator since 1981, an active trainer for the past 18 years, and is also an adjunct professor at the Texas Tech University School of Law.

“This is a one-time offer, and only two spots are offered free for participants out of Howard County,” said Kelly. “For more information or to register, call (866) 329-3522 or email drc@co.lubbock.tx.us.”

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, who have decided to undertake several projects to enhance and renovate Comanche Trail Park.
- All those who took part in last weekend’s Coahoma All-School/All-Classes Reunion that highlighted CHS sports throughout the years and recognized former athletes and coaches Bernie Hagins, Norman Roberts and Jody Sory.
- The Crossroads area’s public school districts, all of which received Academically Acceptable or better ratings when the Texas Education Agency reported its rankings.
- More kudos are due the area’s public school districts, because Thursday it was announced that all of them had met federal education standards, meaning they were in the 80 percent of Texas districts that met the federal government’s Adequate Yearly Progress standards.
- Shirley Bodin, who was named Volunteer of the Month for August by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

HOW TO CONTACT US

- The Herald is always interested in our readers’ opinions.
- In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we invest time, Lord, everyday with You in prayer.  
Amen

Give us a clue on what you want

It’s no secret there has been a huge decline in the newspaper industry during the past several years. Since March 2007, at least a dozen newspapers — some of them longstanding pillars of the industry — have closed their doors, including the Rocky Mountain Press, one of the nation’s oldest newspapers.

And the decline has been felt at just about every level of the industry, from the large corporations that own many of the news agencies to the men and women that deliver the copies day after day.



THOMAS JENKINS

The *Big Spring Herald* is no exception.

With heat coming from the top to cut costs and man-hours, and more heat coming from the readers and advertisers to improve and expand coverage, I sat down with a few close friends to brainstorm a way our community newspaper could survive these dark times.

The ideas ranged from the rather silly — giving birth to my alter-ego, Wilbur T. Hogg, a contributing columnist for the *Herald* hoping to boost readership — to the painfully obvious, such as investing in a better presence on the Internet and using many of the free social networking agencies, such as Facebook and Twitter.

Sadly, each of these ideas is merely a drop in the bucket when you look at what the industry is up against. In a day and time when most of us can get our news with a few clicks of our Blackberry or smart phone, the idea of printing a daily newspaper that gets physically thrown on customers’ doorsteps seems archaic and, I’m sorry to say, obtuse.

It hit me at that point that my compadres and myself weren’t just looking for a way to boost readership in the *Herald*, we were looking for a solution to a

problem that goes well beyond the coverage area in and around Howard County. We were trying to solve a nationwide crisis caused by a number of things, ranging from corporate mismanagement to the battle between print media and electronic media.

With that realization came a certain level of hopelessness. Certainly, there are men and women much smarter than myself poring over years and years of data, looking for the same answer we hoped to come up with. And if they hadn’t yet come up with an answer, how in the world did we expect to?

However, I recently realized the reason we’re not getting the right answer is because we’re not asking the right questions. The question isn’t, “How do I save the newspaper industry?” The real question, when you get down to it is, “What do people today want from a daily newspaper?”

And that question can’t be answered by me, my boss or his boss. It can’t be answered by a bunch of chimps gathered around a corporate conference table, and it certainly can’t be answered by those people pouring over data.

The only people that can answer that question are the people most newspapers have failed to ask: You. That’s right, you, the readers. The hard working people who plunk down your change for a copy of the *Herald*, whether its to check the sports scores, look for work in the classified ads or just to work the most recent crossword puzzle.

With that in mind, here I am, asking our readers one simple question. What can we do to make your newspaper better? After all, it is your newspaper, because none of us here would have a job if it weren’t for our readers and advertisers.

I’m asking everyone who reads the newspaper to send us your thoughts, comments and ideas about what you feel we can do to make this newspaper the best it can be. You can put them into a

letter to the editor — as long as you’re willing to have it published with your name, and yes, we know your real name isn’t Batman — or just an e-mail to our editors or publisher.

Heck, e-mail them to me at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or citydesk@suddenlinkmail.com and I’ll see to it they find their way to the correct people.

If you’re not electronically inclined, you’re still more than welcome to put pen to paper and snail-mail us your ideas and comments at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720. We also welcome your phone calls — preferably after our daily 10:30 a.m. deadline.

Now, bear in mind we’re not looking to just start a gripe session. Complaints with no suggestion how to fix or avoid them in the future won’t help us serve you any better, and given enough time, are just plain frustrating. Anyone can stand around and point out what’s wrong with the world. It’s those that offer a solution that are truly moving us along.

And while our readers are certainly our first concern, those that don’t read the *Herald* are also a big part of this effort. Now, I certainly see the irony here. Why, Thomas, if they don’t read the *Herald*, how are they ever going to see this column? That’s where we need the help of our readers.

Clip out this column and post it on the bulletin board at work (with permission, of course). Make copies and give them to your friends. Post them on MySpace.com and Facebook to all your friends in our coverage area. Show it to your friends and family, and ask them to get involved.

With any luck, we can open the channels of communication and get some dialog going. We can improve our newspaper if we’re only willing to put the slightest amount of time and effort into it.

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Precious memories, senior trips

Back in the day, students in their final year at most smaller high schools in Texas looked forward to their “senior trips” as capstones of their educational pilgrimage.

They typically raised the funds, with the final figure dictating the type and length of trip, destination and mode of travel. Some have flown to foreign destinations, living it up in four-star hotels.

Our senior trip was made to the Texas Gulf Coast in a “yellow dog” school bus, with our superintendent at the steering wheel. At Corpus Christi, we ran into another bunch of seniors whose fund-raising must have greatly outpaced ours. They bragged about traveling in a “chartered bus.”

“Chartered bus” didn’t compute with us; in fact, we joked about how sad it was that they didn’t have a “yellow dog” for their trip. The laughing stopped, though, when we saw their conveyance. It wasn’t painted yellow, and it wasn’t a school bus. It was a regular highway bus!

As we muddle through the current recession, we hear about conservation, cut-backs, doing more with less, etc. Yes, the lowered bar applies to school programs, too — including proms. Some of the incoming seniors are in a snit that their end-of-school prom may not be in a fancy hotel three counties away, and leasing limousines may be out of the question. In fact, it could be at the armory or gymnasium, and they may have



DR. DON NEWBURY

to ride in their own cars!

This may be the time for hand-me-down prom dresses, scaled down corsages, two-fork dinners and pre-recorded music.

It’s hard for me to share their pain. We had no prom; it was what was called a junior-senior banquet instead. There was no dancing; we played board games instead. With no card-playing or dancing on the premises, the likelihood of our receiving diplomas a few days later was enhanced. A wrong step (dancing or cards) could result in serious consequences.

Our parents did the catering, I guess you’d say. They brought covered dishes. Nobody could even spell “corsage,” and the only spiffing-up were the new strings in our tennis shoes.

This is to say that the seniors at Star High School (one of the state’s tiniest districts on Highway 84 between Brownwood and Waco) showed mature judgment when they started fund-raising for their senior trip last fall. Given that the recession was yet up ahead, or so we thought, in retrospect, they were visionaries.

The seniors — all seven of them — sold concessions at home football and basketball games. They had a couple of bake sales on top of that, and the final tally was \$6,000.

Early on, they realized that a record sum meant they could go far and stay in fancy digs. However, they decided on making memories they could touch, appreciate and use long after senior trips are but distant memories. They decided on laptop computers for each senior, and they had money left. Each graduate also pocketed \$150.

They utilize many approaches to “make do” at the rural school

that had an average enrollment of 62 last year. Personnel there wear many hats, and one of the teachers wore a helmet!

Well, that’s not quite true, but Ladonna Feist, an elementary school teacher, did wear a whistle around her neck every afternoon for football practice, and her charges — members of the football team—wore helmets. She was on the sideline for the games, too, because she was an assistant football coach!

The team, by the way, had a 11-1 record, losing only its final game in the quarterfinals of the playoffs in six-man competition. And the Tigers’ only loss was on a controversial play. Little wonder that concession sales were so good!

For Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks, her work there guarantees long work days.

Gearing up for her third year at Star, she was a principal before promotion to superintendent a year ago.

Oh, I didn’t mention that she has a commute. She lives 98 miles away in Cleburne. She and her son, Matthew, who will be a 7th grader this fall, leave early and get home late every school day. Their commute covers about 1,000 miles weekly.

“He and I are in the car about 20 hours each week, but we have some good mother/son talks, and I’m able to mentally organize — and analyze — my day,” Marchbanks explained. This arrangement wouldn’t compute for most people, but for her, it is a “matter of the heart.”

It’s hard to argue that.

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## ► Church News

### First United Methodist

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Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 9:45 a.m. Watch for the Newcomers Class beginning in the fall.

Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., youth hall will be open for those of you who have items to be placed in the giant garage sale. Sponsored by the Pathmaker’s Class to benefit our teams for Relay For Life 2010, the sale is scheduled to be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15.

That Saturday is also the date for ROUNDUP 2009 in Lubbock. Attend and you might discover new ideas, be re-energized, quench the thirst for knowledge, enjoy fellowship and have a fresh encounter with God. The bus leaves at 7 a.m. Get all the details from Nell in the church office.

Committee meetings to be added to your church calendar include Mission in Outreach at 6 p.m. Aug. 12, as well as Family and Parish Life at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17.

If you have been waiting for another chance at enrolling in Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University the time is fast approaching. We will be starting the class Aug. 26, to run 13 weeks from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the Pathmakers class. We will host a free trial class Aug. 12 in that same classroom for those interested in trying out the class before purchasing a kit. Charge for the kit is \$93. The class is open to anyone in the community and requires a minimum of 10 in order for the class to be held. Anyone interested can sign up online at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com). For more information, contact Stacy Sheppard or the church office.

Sunday, Aug. 23, has been designated the date for “Back in the Saddle.” This is the time when we get back in our school, church and Sunday school schedule after our summer vacation. Following the late service on that date, we’ll have an old fashioned barbecue and potluck dinner in Garrett Hall. Bring your favorite veggies, salad and/or dessert. Shine your boots and get ready for fun and fellowship in the loving atmosphere of First Methodist Church, where families grow in Christ.

### Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is pastored by Monroe Teeeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and the Old Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 394-4655.

### Chapel of Faith

The Rev. Joel Miller will fill the pulpit at Chapel of Faith for this Sunday morning’s worship service. His topic

will be “Separation From God” taken from Romans 8:28-39.

You are invited to attend worship service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Chapel of Faith is a small church with a congregation that loves the Lord. Services are informal and follow a somewhat traditional order. The church is located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets. Come early and have coffee and fellowship.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite to visit with us. We are growing and would like for you to come grow with us as we learn of God’s love.

### First Presbyterian, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

We were pleased to have as visitors last Sunday some of those who had come to the Coahoma school reunion.

The Women’s Bible Study group will have a preliminary, organizational meeting to hand out books and plan for the coming study year Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the church social hall. A light meal will be provided and all women of the church are urged to attend.

The lectionary for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time is II Samuel 18:5-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35-51.

### First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday this week at 5:17 p.m. There was no choir practice or youth group this week. Monday at 5 p.m., the Worship Committee will meet in the parlor. The Service Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, in the parlor. The choir will resume practice at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, before the morning worship service.

Christine Boling will provide refreshments for “Take Ten” Sunday. Liturgist is Janie Conley. Ushers are Katie and Jerry Grimes, Ethel Guthrie and Mark Morgan. We appreciate Joyce Bronaugh for playing the organ for worship while Organist/Choir Director Mike Mitchell has been on vacation.

Sunday, following worship, we will have a called congregational meeting to elect an Officer Nominating Committee and to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee. If the way be clear, this meeting will act to call the Rev. Mr. Craig Holstedt to be our pastor, effective Oct. 15, and to care for any other items coming from this call.

The lectionary for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time is II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh will preach and moderate the congregational meeting following the worship service. The two following Sundays, Aug. 16 and 23, Dan Miracle, recent graduate of Austin

# Storing up treasures

After 42 years of marriage, I have reached one valid conclusion. The union of a sentimental junk saver and a pack-rat always produces a full closet. Actually, such a union is likely to create a houseful of overstuffed closets and a couple of outside storage buildings.

For years now, the mental health profession has been trying to sort out the complexities of those overworked, overcommitted individuals who can’t say “no.” Maybe it is time someone tried to figure out what is wrong with those of us who can’t say “throw.” It might be nostalgia that makes us hang on to Grandma’s rolling pin or a piece of heirloom jewelry, but why would anyone refuse to throw away a stack of old magazines or a sack of old Christmas cards?

I’ve been told that the tendency to collect clutter has something to do with personality types, the values we were taught by our parents and the need to feel secure. However, I fear the real problem may be a lack of good sense.

While I’m not afraid of dying and



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leaving my boxes of valuable junk behind for someone else to throw away, I am concerned about forgetting why I was saving it in the first place. Just the other day, I pared down a box of collectables and was amazed at how many precious items I didn’t recognize anymore. There were birthday cards from people I didn’t remember, graduation announcements from kids I didn’t know and yellowed newspaper clippings about strangers. While I felt a little guilty for throwing away something worth saving, I consoled myself with the knowledge that by the next day, I wouldn’t remember what I had tossed.

Jesus had some advice for those of us who hoard our treasures: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-20 NIV).

Whether the treasures we have stored up on earth are made of gold and silver or paper and rags, they have no eternal value.

Maybe we should do ourselves and our children a favor by downsizing our treasure boxes now and then.

Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will preach while Bronaugh is on vacation.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what’s happening at the church by visiting our Web site: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org)

### College Baptist

Members of College Baptist Church will be celebrating their pastor’s 20 years of service Aug. 9. They are planning a potluck meal to honor Bro. Ken and Elesha immediately following the morning worship.

A number of church members traveled to Richardson Saturday, Aug. 1, to attend the wedding for Youth Minister Bobby Floyd and his bride, Lindsey Johnson. Our best wishes to them!

Our youth are looking forward to an exciting time at Rock the Desert this weekend.

Volunteers are needed for the bus ministry. Contact Sammy Lewis if you are able to serve.

### St. Paul Lutheran

You are invited to worship with us each Sunday at 9 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, located at 810 Scurry St. Sunday school for all ages follows at 10:15 a.m. Our service is led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

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If you should have concerns or prayer requests, remember you may call the church office or e-mail your request to [stpaulc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpaulc@sbcglobal.net)

### North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

It is hard to believe that August is already here. North Birdwell Lane UMC has been busy this summer. Not only do we have the Angel Food Ministry, but we have bought fans and school supplies for the Salvation Army. Our Bible study has continued with the study of Mark and our Sunday school lessons have been showing us just how much we refuse to “Let Go and Let God!”

Nancy and Dewayne Wagner will be leading our Sunday school class this week. Our lesson is taken from Numbers 14:1-25. The title is “People Rebel” and the purpose of the lesson is to explore how dissatisfaction and complaint lead to rebellion and disobedience. This lesson tells us we probably need to wear our steel-toed boots again this week!

If you are searching for a church home. North Birdwell Lane UMC invites you to check us out. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Billy Bates preaching. Evening service is at 5 p.m.

This past Sunday, North Birdwell Lane UMC celebrated with a sandwich luncheon followed by an

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# I’m not ignoring you; I’m reading a book

So the DTV transition is done and the age of analog television is gone. The government is saying that the transition was successful but I guess that would be a point of view.

For many people, the thought of going without television is too terrible to imagine. For me, while I would miss for a time certain shows that I have gotten into the habit of watching, it wouldn’t be so bad. It would give me time to pursue my real time-consuming habit — reading.

For many of you who see me out in public or can remember seeing me out and about, it is no surprise to see me with a book in my pocket

or somewhere very close to my person. I am a reader and I am proud of it.

Books to me are far superior to any show or movie that they can make. In fact, if I happen to see a movie that I really like, I usually go and get the book.

Yes, a picture may be worth a thousand words, but most of the time a picture or movie only gives you a taste of what the story is all about. I want the whole story — in fact I have spent a lot of money in my lifetime getting and reading the whole story.

For example, if you are a Star Wars fan and you had read the books of the original trilogy you would not have been in suspense on who the “phantom menace” was in the new trilogy that came out earlier in the decade. You would have known that Senator Palpatine was the emperor. How he rose to power would have been the story you would have followed.

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I was in the newsroom of the Great Bend Tribune when reports starting coming over the wire that a plane had hit the World Trade Center.

Most people in the initial minutes thought that it was a terrible accident. Not me, I figured right away that a terrorist attack had struck. What made me jump to that conclusion?

In the late 1990s, one of my favorite authors, Tom Clancy, used that exact same scenario to wipe out a joint session of Congress, thus elevating the fictional hero Jack Ryan to the presidency. In the book, a terrorist rammed a 747 onto the steps of the Capitol Building and into the House Chamber. Using an airplane as a terrorist weapon was not original, it happened first in fiction.

In fact, a lot of what we take for granted today as great innovations were first

born in the imagination of book writers.

Captain Nemo was tooling around in a submarine in the depths of the world’s oceans long before the technology was available to actually do so. Buck Roger’s visited the moon in comic books long before Neal Armstrong did. How many of us think of Star Trek whenever we flip our phone open and talk to someone far away?

Clive Cussler discovered the location of the Titanic and raised it a few years before the famous wreck was eventually discovered.

Clancy, in an early book that was eventually made into a movie, The Hunt for Red October, chronicled a fictional story of a Soviet missile submarine captain who plots and defects with his sub.

While I don’t think that storyline came to pass, Mr. Clancy was invited to the White House and Pentagon

where he was asked where he got the tactics that he deployed in his book. It came about that instead of a leak of classified information it was found out that the man just made them up.

Reading for fun, enjoyment and entertainment sounds boring to a lot of people. To me, the books I read inform me of the world around me and take me to lands and places far away. How am I familiar with the street layout of Philadelphia when I have never been there? Detective Matt Payne lives and works there in the imagination of W.E.B. Griffin.

Reading is a great escape from reality. Don’t think I am being rude when you see me reading, passing the time. It’s not that I am ignoring you; it’s just that I am far away.

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As the moon glides from Aquarius to Pisces, our intentions become deeper and more meaningful. Those who sought to make a friend may decide that what they really need is a spiritual partner. Those who were looking for work may decide that what they really need is a fulfilling purpose that just happens to be somewhat lucrative, too.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You are still punishing yourself for some minor error. Get it off of your conscience. Admit the error in a journal or quietly to yourself and then forgive yourself and give yourself a hug.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll enjoy dramatic people and be quite entertained by colorful and fantastic stories. However, those who are always trying to one-up

your experiences will get tiring after a while. Vary your company.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It would be wonderful to have a deliciously philosophical conversation with one as high-minded as you. However, most will prefer to stick to the social basics of weather and breezy news. Seek a fellow Gemini.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be tough on yourself, but not others. And actually, the others would learn and grow from your suggestions. Find a way to gently state your criticism and give it freely.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Unless you make efforts to throw others off track, it will be rather obvious whom you favor. You'll give plenty of leeway to those you love most, not requiring them to stick to your personal rules and standards.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you have in mind will seem extravagant to some, but they don't understand your process. You start with huge and unreasonable ideas and unlearn from them what is actually possible. This keeps you from living too small.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Shop, but don't buy just yet. The time you put into research will save you a considerable amount money. On your quest to becoming an informed consumer, you could very well reach the status of "expert."

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be searching for the best deal. Try not to be emotional about a purchase, even if it's a large one. Wait until you are feeling detached from the outcome before you negotiate.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be winning people over and you don't require much time to do it. You sense in the first minute whether the other person

will buy. You could close a deal over coffee or in an elevator.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You do need some nurturing and you'll be wise to keep your distance from environments that are too harsh. Once you feel safe and cared for, you'll return to your usual level of emotional strength.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If everyone is doing it, you don't want to. What is the point of living like a commoner when you are obviously so unique? Your unusual activities will bring you much joy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A friend may attempt at dropping his or her emotional baggage at your door to see if you'll pick it up. Follow the rule of the airport: Only handle the bags that are actually yours.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 7).** You've never been a passive person, but this year, you're even more forceful and courageous. Hard work, especially physical, brings about your brilliance. You'll become a showman of sorts this month and will put on a magnificent production. Your confidence attracts romance. Someone invests in you in June. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 13, 4 and 18.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Aquarius and Leo are a partying pair. Aquarius is flighty and fun around the cat. Leo is mesmerized by Aquarius' lithe, spirited way of dealing. Leo is more serious and dramatic, which Aquarius finds entertaining. Leo always seems to know the interesting places to go. These two can bring out the impractical side of each other, so they should take care not to break the bank when they go out together.

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| 5:PM  | News               | News               | Locura         | Lopez         | News             | Noticias              | News             | Raymond                           | In Touch-Dr                    | BBC                 | Cash Cab           | Jumanji, Kirsten Dunst            | Amazing Video                       | Bones                                | 106 & Park                     | Suite Life     | Race                           | SportsCenter                       |
| :30   | ABC                | ABC                | Noticiero      | Lopez         | CBS              | Noticiero             | NBC              | Friends                           | Friends                        | BBC                 | Cash Cab           |                                   |                                     |                                      |                                | Wizards-Place  | NASCAR                         |                                    |
| 6:PM  | News               | Jeopardy!          | Gancho         | Two Men       | News             | 12 Cora-zones         | News             | Seinfeld                          | Sid Roth                       | News-Lehrer         | Sharkbite!         |                                   | UFC Un-leashed                      | CSI: NY                              | Access                         | Wizards        | ATP Tennis: Legg Mason Classic | Soccer: Real Madrid at Toronto FC. |
| :30   | Entertain          | Fortune            |                | Two Men       | Entertain        | Millionaire           |                  | Seinfeld                          | House                          |                     | Surviving          |                                   |                                     |                                      |                                | Wizards        |                                |                                    |
| 7:PM  | Surviving          | Surviving          | Nombre Amor    | You Smarter?  | Ghost Whis-perer | Más Sabe el Diabolo   |                  | Fam. Guy                          | Update                         | Wash Wk NOW         | Sharkbite Summer   | Movie: Cad-dyshack, Bill Murray   | UFC Un-leashed                      | CSI: NY                              | Movie: Waist Deep, Larenz Tate | Suite Life     |                                | Baseball Tonight                   |
| :30   | Goode              | Goode              |                |               |                  |                       |                  | Fam. Guy                          | Morris                         |                     |                    |                                   |                                     |                                      |                                | Phineas        | Boxing: Friday Night Fights.   |                                    |
| 8:PM  | Jim                | Jim                | Mañana es      | Mental        | Flashpoint       | Pobres                | Dateline NBC     | Movie: Runaway Bride, Joan Cusack | Light of the Southwest         | Bill Moyers Journal | Blood in the Water | Movie: Starsky & Hutch            | Movie: Phone Booth, Forest Whitaker | Movie: Shooter, Danny Glover         |                                | Phineas        |                                | Baseball Tonight                   |
| :30   | Goode              | Goode              |                |               |                  |                       |                  |                                   |                                | Inside              | Blood in the Water |                                   |                                     |                                      |                                | Sonny          |                                |                                    |
| 9:PM  | 20/20              | 20/20              | Rosa           | TMZ           | NUMB3RS          | Victorinos            |                  |                                   |                                |                     |                    |                                   |                                     |                                      |                                | Tiny-Toya      |                                | Baseball Tonight                   |
| :30   |                    |                    |                | Raymond       |                  |                       |                  | Church                            | Charlie Rose                   |                     |                    |                                   |                                     |                                      |                                | W. Williams    |                                |                                    |
| 10:PM | News               | News               | Impacto        | Raymond       | News             | Noticias              | News             | Cortes                            |                                |                     |                    |                                   | MAN                                 |                                      |                                | Suite Life     | WTA Tennis: Los Angeles        | SportsCenter                       |
| :30   | Nightline          | Nightline          | Noticiero      | King-Hill     | Late Show        | Titulares             | Tonight Show     | Sex & Sanchez                     | BBC                            |                     |                    |                                   | MAN                                 | Movie: Die Hard 2, Wil-liam Atherton |                                | So Raven       | Champion-ships                 |                                    |
| 11:PM | Insider            | Jimmy Kim-mel Live | Desmadru-gados | Law Order: CI | Late Late Show   | Decisiones de Famosos | Late Night- Jim  | Sex & Sanchez                     | BBC                            |                     |                    | Movie: Constan-tine, Shia LaBeouf | MAN                                 |                                      |                                | Cory           |                                | NFL Live                           |
| :30   | Jimmy Kim-mel Live | Extra              |                | RENO 911      |                  |                       |                  |                                   | McGee (Off Air)                | Smiley              | Blood in the Water |                                   | Ways Die                            |                                      |                                | Replace Kim    | WTA Tennis: Los Angeles        |                                    |
| 12:AM | News               | Paid               | Madre          | Faith         | Insider          | Pagado                | News             |                                   |                                |                     |                    |                                   | Ways Die                            |                                      |                                |                |                                | SportsCenter                       |
| :30   | Paid               | Paid               | Mujer...       | Friends       | Entertain        | Pagado                | Poker After Dark |                                   | Best of Light of the Southwest |                     | Ocean of Fear      | Movie: Ring of Death, Charlotte   | Movie: Ring of Death, Charlotte     | Movie: Twisted, Andy Garcia          |                                | Emperor Dragon |                                |                                    |
| 1:AM  | Paid               | Paid               | Guereja        | Paid          | Paid             | Pagado                |                  |                                   |                                |                     |                    |                                   |                                     |                                      |                                |                |                                |                                    |

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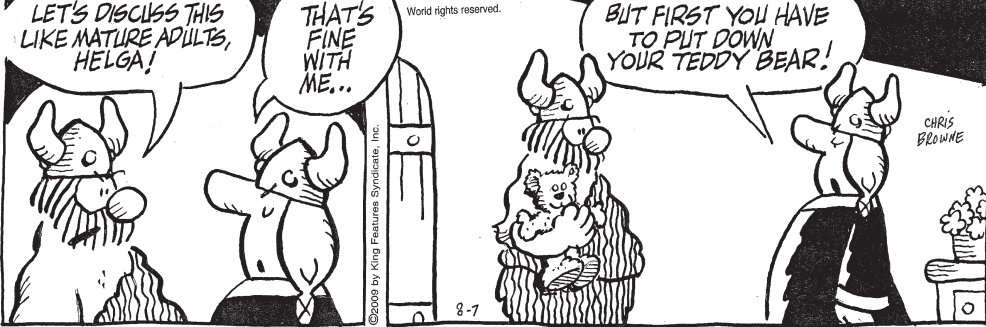
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 7, 1782, Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

On this date: In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

In 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoy's of Kentucky erupted into full-scale violence as one member of the Hatfield clan was mortally wounded by three McCoy brothers, who ended up being slain in turn.

In 1927, the Peace Bridge between the United States and Canada was dedicated during ceremonies attended by Prince Edward of Wales, Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King and U.S. Vice

President Charles Dawes.

In 1942, U.S. and allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

In 1947, the balsa wood raft Kon-Tiki, which had carried a six-man crew 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean, crashed into a reef in a Polynesian archipelago; all six crew members reached land safely.

In 1959, the United States launched the Explorer 6 satellite, which sent back images of the Earth.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1974, French stuntman Philippe Petit repeatedly walked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center.

In 1989, a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 others disappeared over Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six days later; there were no survivors.)

In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and

Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Today's Birthdays: Writer-producer Stan Freberg is 83. R&B singer Herb Reed (The Platters) is 81. Magician, author and lecturer James Randi is 81. Former baseball pitcher Don Larsen is 80. Bluesman Magic Slim is 72. Actress Verna Bloom is 70. Humorist Garrison Keillor is 67. Singer B.J. Thomas is 67. Singer Lana Cantrell is 66. Actor John Glover is 65. Actor David Rasche is 65. R&B singer Harold Hudson is 60. Former diplomat, talk show host and activist Alan Keyes is 59. Country singer Rodney Crowell is 59. Actress Caroline Aaron is 57. Comedian Alexei Sayle is 57.

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- Code contents
- Tinseltown trademark
- Got carried away
- Novelist Waugh
- Spinning tool
- Intends
- Gilda Radner character
- Fiery offense
- Author's hangout?
- Leaves alone
- Key letter
- Olympics participant
- Surname in Indiana politics
- Seuss' real name
- Summer-camp hijinks
- Army uniform?
- In re
- Young haddock
- Sheet of stamps
- Where court reporters live?
- The 10th president
- Large citrus fruit
- Mull over, with "on"
- Anniv. nos.
- Little circle
- Yahoo! alternative
- Police baton?
- Real jerk
- Bureaucracy, so to speak
- Went like mad

- Small cutting
- Slips
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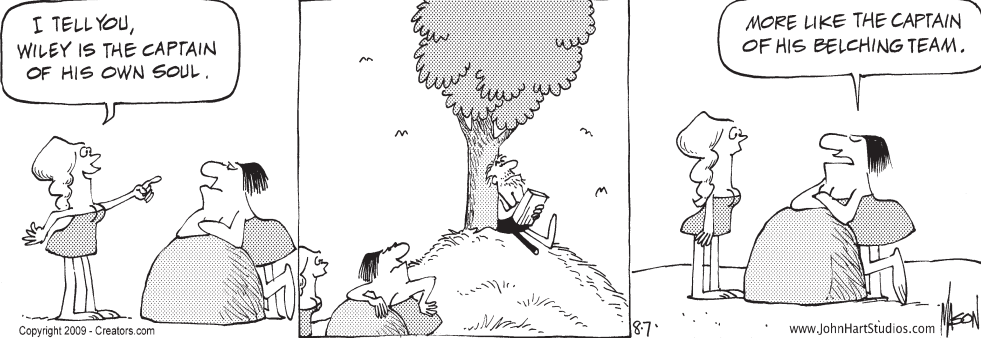
- Swimming stroke
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- Let in
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- Los Angeles avenue
- Sigher's word
- Dragnet star
- Overdo it with tickets
- Really slow mover

- Frolic
- Part of TGIF
- E'en if
- "Path of enlightenment" discipline
- Falls
- Burns film
- Unsurprising
- River of France
- Don't leave alone
- Exercise spot
- "Cabbage" starter
- Kids' game
- Sounding like Popeye
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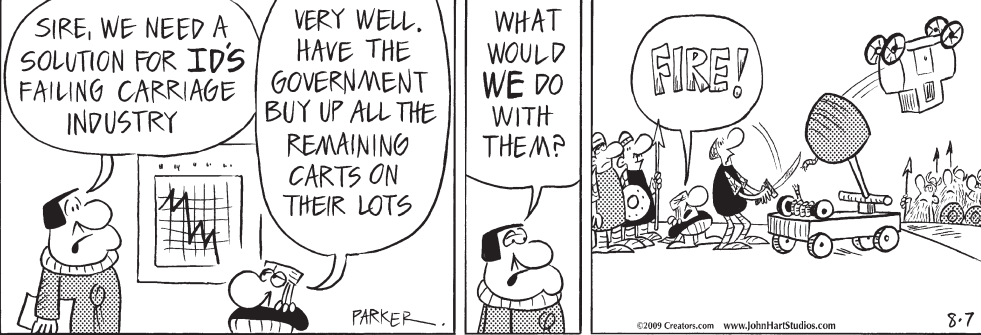
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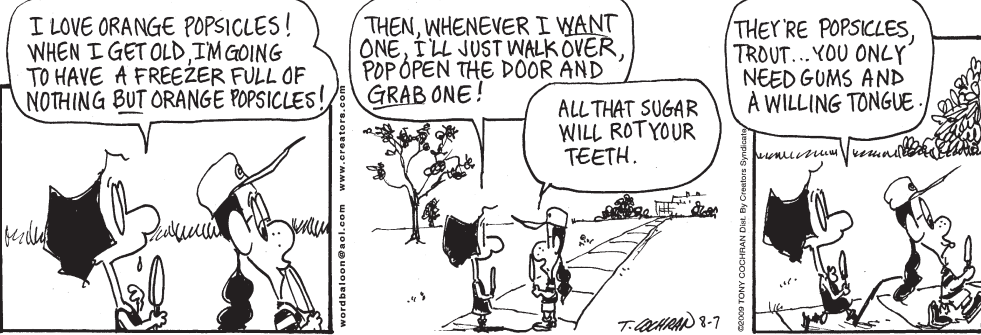
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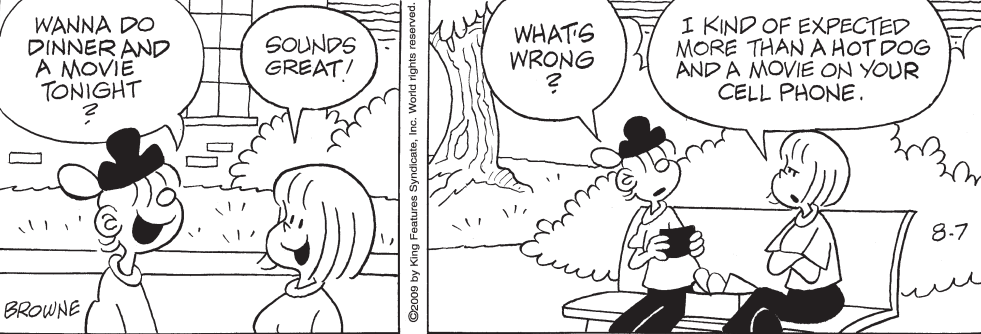
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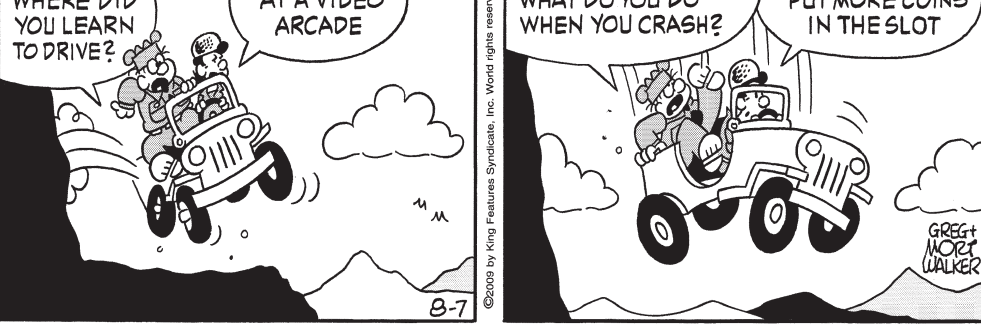
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# No deposit, no return

We all make bank deposits to our checking or savings account on a regular basis. Most of us know, even without opening our checkbook, approximately the balance we have. But have you ever thought about your heavenly bank account? What kind of deposits are you making into it? How often do you make deposits, and do you maintain an accurate balance? We know that if we do not maintain an accurate balance, we can run into problems with our check writing. However, the same is true with our heavenly bank accounts. As believers in Christ, we make daily deposits into our heavenly accounts, whether we realize it or not.



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How do we do this? It is done often-times without thought — by the way we treat others, by positive or negative words we speak about others, by treating others with respect and kindness, by going the extra mile, or by being of help to the less fortunate. These are all ways in which we add to our heavenly accounts in either a positive or a negative way. Good deeds, along with faith in God's Word, are deposits we make into our heavenly bank accounts. In 1 Timothy 6:17, God says, "He gives us richly all things to enjoy." Hebrews 11:6 tells us that it is impossible to please God without faith, and Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." So by this, we see that our faith is crucial. Proverbs 4:20-22 tells us how important it is to attend to God's word. It says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." The word "attend" in that passage

means "to pay close attention, to be alert and to listen." Because we get so busy and involved with life, many time we fail to listen to God's still, small voice. He may be nudging us to give to a needy person, to show kindness or hospitality to another, but be assured, our actions, whether good or negative, are our deposits. The more kindness and goodness we extend to others, the greater the balance we have in our accounts. Galatians 6 says, "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." One of the greatest gifts you can give yourself is to bless others. Recently, my husband and I were out of town and we stopped to have lunch in a local restaurant. When we had finished our meal, the waitperson came with our ticket. My husband got out his wallet to pay and realized he was a little short of cash. Some months ago we had agreed not to use credits cards except for emergencies, so reluctantly he got out his card to pay for the meal. When the waitperson came back to our table, she said, "Oh, you don't need to pay

for your meal, another customer saw you come in and wanted to pay your ticket." Now that was a real treat and blessing to us, since we did not want to break our promise about using a credit card other than for an emergency. But by the same token, we are both givers and we are always alert to the needs of others. So since we continue to make deposits to our heavenly bank account by blessing others, God chose to give us a blessing and return with a free meal. The best time to give and bless others is when you may be in lack yourself. The Bible talks about sowing out of your need or sowing in famine, and when you do, it always brings you a blessing. It does not always mean that you give money necessarily, as there are many ways to give and make deposits to your heavenly bank account other than currency. It is your heart that God sees, and He will always return to you. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Acts 20:35. God bless.

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Administrative Council meeting with 15 persons in attendance. We are saddened by the resignation of our SPRC Chair and our Trustee Chair, Nita and Don Taylor, who are moving to the Waco area in September when Nita retires for Big Spring State Hospital. We wish them God speed and know that the church they become a part of will truly be blessed. They are moving to be near their son Jody and daughter-in-law Vanessa, but mainly to be near their precious grandson, Zachary. This family will truly be missed!

### East Fourth Street Baptist

We want to say thanks to Roy Hester and his helper Larry Nix in working so hard this week in getting the new

AC unit installed where we can have "all" the worship center cool this Sunday. Remember, the Association Sr. Adult Ice Cream Social at First Baptist Church today at 6:30 p.m. Bring trimmings or sandwiches. Each church is to bring at least one freezer of ice cream. The Associational Picnic at Circle 6 Ranch is Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be activities for all age groups. Bring food, favorite table games and, of course, the family. Our fifth Sunday Singing is Aug.30. Anyone wishing to participate, see Denise Weaver. The deadline is Aug 24. There will not be any last-minute sign-ups. We hope everyone has had a fun-filled summer. We have been so busy, the time has passed quickly. We want to invite you to come visit with us this Sunday at East Fourth Street Baptist Church. Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Sunday school

starts at 9:45 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday we have Adult Prayer and Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Children's Backdoor Bible Study and music. For more information, call the church office at 267-2291.

### First Church of the Nazarene

Fun! What? At church? Sure! At the First Church of the Nazarene there are events and classes for all ages that not only feed you spiritually but also allow you to kick back, relax and bask in God's love. The FCN has more to offer the community than just the Nativity each year. Current events include: Old Fashion Sunday to be featured

in September. Come join the fun in your overalls, straw hats and enjoy homemade ice cream and a big lunch. More details will be available in August. This may be the last time to cool off before school starts, so come expecting to get wet! Super Saturday is this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snacks and lunch are provided. Watch for more exciting kid's news. Classes for all ages are also available on Sunday and Wednesday as follows: Adult opportunities begin with Sunday morning fellowship, including coffee and donuts at 9:30 and worship at 10 in the sanctuary. You are sure

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**Big Spring Chicano Golf Association Scholarship Dinner was held Monday, Aug. 3rd at Alberto's Restaurant. A special thanks to Sally Rodriguez and her staff for all the good service. Twelve Scholarships were awarded to 12 students that will be headed to college this fall and spring. It was also mentioned that the Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships in the last 19 years of this tournament.**

**Thanks to all the hard work from all members and sponsors. Without them we could not have sent all these students to college.**

## Thank You

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association



Back Row - William Carson, Alejandra Garcia, Seve Rodriguez, Jovi Paniaqua, Lucas Lopez.  
Front Row - Antoinetta Garcia, Dominique Green, Mike Mendoza, Alexis Ruiz, Tessa Williams.  
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to find a study to keep you indulged on Wednesday evening with classes beginning at 6:30, which offer your chose of either being led down the Holiness Highway, inspired through Psalms 23, or captivated in how to Heal the Church.

Discipleship Junction is our place for kids to have fun, discipleship training and activities. Ages 4 through 11 gather at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Sundays. Children 2 and 3 years old have their own class in the sanctuary building and infants and toddlers meet in the nursery.

Youth, seventh through 12th grade, enjoy Bible study and fun in Youth Explosion Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Cal.

Hispanic services are Sunday evenings at 5:30. Casa de Reastracion is led by Pastor Felix Torres.

If you have any questions, call at 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@nazfamily.org.

The First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. Be prepared to feel God's Presence and may you be blessed each and every day.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist

Have a great Sunday! Attend your church and if you don't have one, why not come visit with us? You're always welcome. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane, one block north from the 700 Loop. There is

children's church during the morning worship for ages 4-12 and a nursery is provided for your little one.

We are the friendliest, biggest little church in town with plain Bible preaching and quartet singing. Midweek service is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. For a ride to services, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

The jujnior and senior youth are going today at 4 p.m. to Joyland Amusement Park in Lubbock. They meet once a month for fellowship, a christian movie and banana splits.

For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran, LCMS

Our credo is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn St. in the Kentwood Subdivision. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Analysis Rodriguez. Our elders are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Darren Byrd. The readings for this week (the 10th Sunday after Pentecost) are 1st Kings 19:1-8, Psalm 134:1-8, Ephesians 4:17-5:2, and John 6:35-51.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact either a member of the Board of Education or the Board of Elders. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and held either at church or in a home. Plans for a Bible study during the noon hour

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are in the making; if interested in this particular study, contact Shirley Reid. You do not need to be a member of our congregation to attend any of our Bible studies.

A new Web site offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this safe internet site is something you might want to check out.

The next Voters' Assembly will be held this Sunday, after Sunday school, around 11:30. Plan on attending.

Next Sunday will be a special worship service. We will be honoring our college students and their families.

A Sunday school teachers' meeting will be held Aug. 16 to go over the new quarter's material and other items. It will be held after Sunday school and should not take long.

Rally Day is Sept. 13 at the church. Plan on a fun-filled day of hamburgers and hot dogs, bingo and various games and activities. Rally Day celebration will begin after Sunday school about 11 a.m.

We are updating our church directory. E-mail family photos to Angela Newton at angela.newton@wtcmhmr.org or bring one to church to be scanned and returned.

We need someone to volunteer to maintain our church Web site. If interested, contact Dana Byrd. Training will be provided.

The Board of Evangelism is asking for help with recording short messages for our radio spots. If you are interested, contact Kent Ivey. The Board of Evangelism is also beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of those wanting/ needing a visit should be given to Richard Knocke. If you would like to help this group with visitation, contact Richard.

The information class meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Christian doctrine, as well as Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments and other topics are discussed. Feel free to attend.

Upcoming meetings include: the Board of Education Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the church, and the Elders Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the church. Also, Aug. 11, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA.

## St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist Service is every Wednesday in the chapel. There will be a women's lunch and prayer group meeting after the noon service in the library. Bring your lunch and join us.

Join us Sunday to hear the Rev. Dr. Barry Thiering speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin American and the Caribbean. Father Thiering will share about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the gospel's mandate to love one another. Fr. Thiering was ordained in 1954 for the Diocese of Sydney, Australia and received in the Diocese of West Texas in 1991.

The vestry meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Go-liad.

## First Christian Church

Come celebrate the end of summer break with a splash! Friday, Aug. 14, we will be hosting a swim party at the Big Spring County Club for our youth, their friends and any young person who might want to join us this fall for youth activities and study on Wednesday evenings. The party is for youth ranging in age from fifth grade through high school seniors. It starts and 5 p.m. and lasts until 8 p.m. We will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. for those who need a ride to the pool. As always, parents are welcome, too.

We will be holding a church sale From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, to raise funds for a youth ski trip this winter during Christmas break. Youth who would like to help us with this event are encouraged to join us at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, to get ready for this sale.

Our Sunday mornings begin with a fellowship time over doughnuts, juice and coffee at 9:30 a.m. We offer three Sunday school classes as well as a staffed nursery. The youth Sunday school class has started a study of C.S. Lewis' "Screwtape Letters."

Worship starts promptly at 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary.

## Spring Tabernacle

Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me. His blessings maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. His love is the lifter of our heads, His truth sets us free. We are so overwhelmed with the presence of the Lord and the joy of the Lord is our strength.

We still have the food ministry and clothing ministry at 10 a.m. Thursdays and The Path "rehab" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday and Thursday we are ministering at the Howard County Jail and in between we are working on our Children's Christmas gift program which takes place in December. Church services are at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Bro. Terry Miller and his wife Ingrid are here from Manitoba, Canada. He will be ministering the Sunday morning service. Come and be blessed.

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