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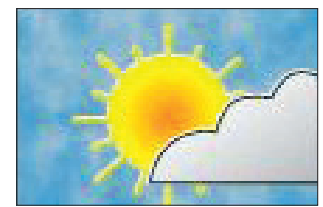
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Children participating in the Salvation Army's summer youth program participate in a game of dodge ball at the SA's headquarters on West Fifth this morning.

'Lost Ark' to air at city park

Film society to screen popular movie at dark-thirty Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Take two!
With a little cooperation from Mother Nature, the Big Spring Film Society will take a second stab at screening "Raiders of the Lost Ark" Saturday at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

The screening was originally slated for a date last month, however, rainy weather caused film society officials to postpone showing of the film, part of a Steven Spielberg retrospective the group began more than a year ago.

Brandon Johnson, film society chairman and spokesman, has his fingers crossed and is hoping for good weather for the screening.

"The weather just didn't want to cooperate with any of the locally planned events around the July 4 holiday," Johnson said with a laugh. "The annual Pops in the Park celebration was rained out, and then we were looking at the same situation with the 'Raiders' screening. We looked at simply pushing the screening back to following Saturday, but that wouldn't have given us enough time to get everything out to the media. So we decided to reschedule the screening for this Saturday. Hopefully, we'll have clear skies."

Johnson said the event will begin at dusk with the screening of a locally produced Indiana Jones oriented short film, part of a contest the film society held in June.

"I've talked to the local filmmaker that was working on the short film, and he's very excited about having it screened," Johnson said. "We were a little disappointed we didn't get more entries this year, but I think this is just one of those things you have to let grow."

The film society began its Spielberg

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Masters of math

BSHS calculus students out-perform national average

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School advanced calculus students have developed quite an exemplary routine the past several years.

As they have for the past several years, students in the Advanced Placement Calculus class at BSHS did extremely well in this year's national AP test, performing well

above state and national averages.

Graded on a scale from 1 to 5 — with a score of 3 considered passing — seven of nine BSHS students taking the test earned a perfect score of 5, while all earned passing scores.

Alexandria Ortega, Christina Chang, Jake Hernandez, Kelly Sage, Andrew Fillinghim, Pat McIntosh, Jonathan Womack,

Jonathan Ray and Matt Ritchey all met or exceeded test standards, according to information released by Dr. Mo Seghier, AP Calculus instructor at BSHS.

The 100 percent passage rate exhibited by BSHS students dwarfs both the state average of 48 percent and national average of 60 percent. Also the percentage of

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Texas mom pleads guilty

JEFF CARLTON

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — A mother whose three children were found starving after being shut away in a Dallas hotel bathroom for as long as nine months changed her plea to guilty Friday, bringing her trial to a sudden end.

Abneris Santiago's plea on the third day of her trial comes one day after she apologized to her 12-year-old daughter in a tearful courtroom reunion, saying she wasn't strong enough to stop the abuse.

Sentencing is expected to happen later Friday. She faces up to life in prison on one charge of injury to a child.

Police last summer rescued the then 11-year-old girl and her two younger half brothers from a bathroom in an extended-stay hotel along one of Dallas' busiest freeways.

The emaciated children, whose skeletal structures were visible beneath their flaky, stretched skin, were near death from chronic starvation. Authorities say the girl was repeatedly sexually assaulted by her mother's boyfriend.

Alfred Santiago was convicted Tuesday of injury to a child and continuous sexual abuse. He was sentenced to two 99-year prison terms, to be served concurrently.

The former couple share

a last name but never were married.

The children were rescued last summer only after Abneris Santiago's brother made the 1,200-mile drive from his home in Ohio, thinking he was going to rescue his sister from an abusive relationship. What he found at the hotel where the family lived was horrifying, Abner Santiago testified earlier in the week.

His niece and nephews were so emaciated and sick that one immediately threw up the food their uncle gave him. They appeared to be nothing but skin and bones, the uncle said, with his niece having to hold up her pants to keep them from falling. Their

clothes were ragged and their hair was falling out.

A doctor testified in the earlier trial that one of the boys suffered brain atrophy from chronic starvation and that both brothers were terrified to use the bathroom once they were taken to a hospital. The oldest boy has been hospitalized three times since his rescue because he is suicidal.

The youngest boy, who was 5½ when rescued, weighed less than 30 pounds, or about the weight of a healthy 2-year-old.

A 2-year-old child, the biological daughter of Abneris and Alfred, was found in the hotel room healthy and unharmed.

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Astros trade Oswalt to Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There's a new Roy in town — and he's an ace, too.

Three-time All-Star Roy Oswalt gave his OK to a trade from Houston to Philadelphia on Thursday, becoming the latest star pitcher to join the hard-charging Phillies.

After getting Roy Halladay in the offseason, the two-time defending NL champions got Oswalt and a sizable amount of cash from the Astros for pitcher J.A. Happ and two speedy prospects, outfielder Anthony Gose and

"We're trying to do what we can to get back to the World Series and win it."

Ruben Amaro,
Phillies general manager

shortstop Jonathan Villar. Houston then traded Gose to Toronto.

Oswalt joins a rotation that includes Halladay, acquired from Toronto in the offseason, and Cole Hamels, the 2008 World Series MVP. Oswalt is scheduled to make his debut for the Phillies on Friday night, starting at Washington. "We're trying to do what we can to get back to the World Series and

win it," Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said. "To have Roy Oswalt, Roy Halladay and additionally Cole Hamels, Joe Blanton and Kyle Kendrick, we stack ourselves up as one of the best rotations in baseball."

This was the second straight year the Phillies made a major trade for a pitcher the days leading up to the July 31 deadline. Last season,

they got Cliff Lee and he boosted them to another NL pennant — Lee was then sent to Seattle in a separate deal on the same day the Phillies acquired Halladay.

"I'm excited," Halladay said. "It says a lot that this team is dedicated to winning."

The Phillies took a seven-game winning streak into Thursday night's game against Arizona. Philadelphia began the

day 3½ games behind Atlanta in the NL East.

St. Louis also had been bargaining for Oswalt. He had a no-trade clause in his contract and could decide whether to accept any deal.

"He's pretty excited about coming here," Amaro said. "The fact that Roy came to Philadelphia with really no great demand, that says something about the guy."

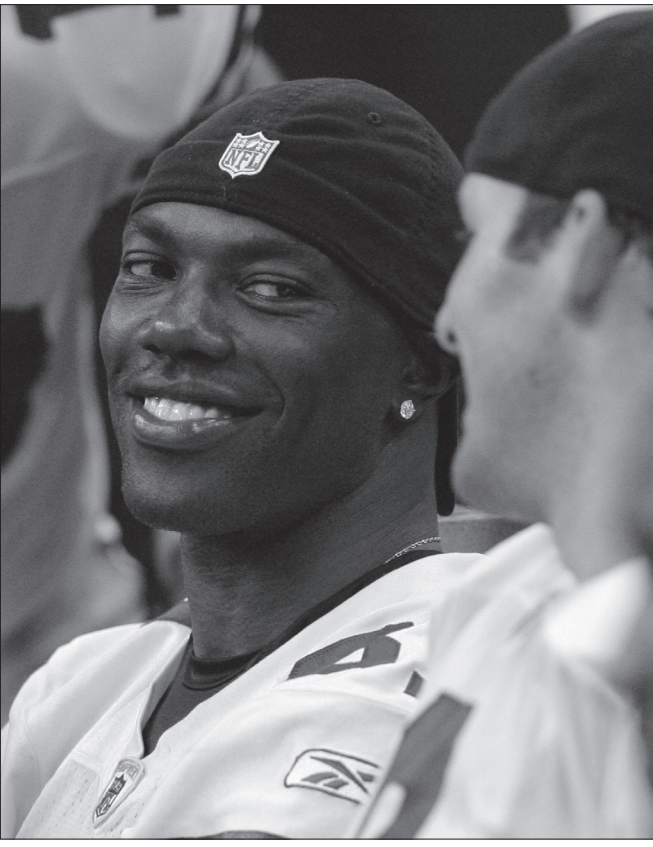
Oswalt, who spent his entire career with Houston, requested a trade in May.

"We salute what Roy did for the organization

and the contributions that he made here over the course of his career in an Astros uniform and his profile here is significant," Astros general manager Ed Wade said. "At the end of the day, we have to do what's best for the Houston Astros. You can't make a deal like this as a favor to a player. In this case I think we served everybody's purposes with what we did."

Phillies closer Brad Lidge, who played with Oswalt in Houston, spoke to his former

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AP File Photo

Terrell Owens, a former Dallas Cowboy, practiced with the Cincinnati Bengals for the first time Thursday.

T.O. practices with Bengals

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) — Terrell Owens arrived fashionably late, received a white jersey with his favorite number, and got a smattering of applause for doing even the simplest thing.

Every catch was an event. A few thousand fans showed up for Owens' first practice with the Cincinnati Bengals, who signed him to a one-year deal on Thursday evening, then got a glimpse of the 36-year-old receiver has left.

"He hasn't slowed down," said quarterback Carson Palmer, who worked out with Owens in California this month. "He's a guy

that's kind of ageless and he's still got a lot left in the tank."

Owens enjoyed the reception — fans cheering every catch and screaming his name to lure him over for autographs when the two-hour workout ended.

"I think this team is special," Owens said. "I really feel that there is something around the corner for this team. With me being here, (it) has really created a buzz. I think the guys feel the energy."

The energy came a bit late.

Owens missed an overnight flight that would have brought him to town earlier in the day, allowing for a proper

introduction. Instead, he caught a later flight, rolled in less than an hour before an evening practice and quickly suited up.

He and buddy Chad Ochocinco were the last two to jog onto the field, drawing loud applause. Owens occasionally waved to the fans in appreciation, but played it low-key throughout the practice.

So began the TO-and-Ocho era.

"It's a circus," Palmer said. "Him and Chad, them being them. It's funny. I was laughing."

Palmer knows that Owens has a reputation for turning on his quarterback. Owens got a chance to join the

Bengals in part because Palmer lobbied to sign him after watching their workouts in California.

"I think Carson being that quarterback that can get the ball up and down the field at any given point on the field — that makes my mouth water," Owens said. "I've longed to have a quarterback like Carson."

Now he's got him. Got his favorite number, too.

Owens wore his customary No. 81 at practice, part of a deal he made with the previous owner. Receiver Antonio Bryant got the number when the Bengals

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Young, Teagarden's rare home run send Rangers past A's 7-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — Even after a little juggling within the core of their lineup, the Texas Rangers were hardly surprised to see those guys string together hits and drive in runs.

The surprises came from the rest of the lineup.

David Murphy hit a

431-foot home run, Taylor Teagarden hit his first homer of the season and Mitch Moreland had two hits in his major league debut, helping the Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 7-3 on Thursday night.

"It's great to see everybody contribute," Murphy said.

The win capped a 5-2 homestand against division rivals. The Rangers stretched their lead in the AL West by 3½ games during that stretch and head back on the road 8½ games ahead of the A's.

Starter C.J. Wilson (10-5) wasn't feeling well and didn't look very

sharp, laboring through 5 2-3 innings. He gave up an early run, but went back out for the second inning leading 2-1 behind the new-look lineup.

With usual No. 3 hitter Ian Kinsler going on the disabled list, Josh Hamilton moved up to his spot from No. 5 and

Nelson Cruz moved up a notch from No. 6. The first time through the order, Michael Young singled and Hamilton moved him to third with a double. Vladimir Guerrero drove in Young with a ground-out, then Cruz drove in Hamilton with a single.

Young finished 4 for

4, scoring his first three times up. Hamilton went 3 for 4, scoring once.

Oakland was within 4-3 when the rest of the Texas lineup came through in the sixth.

Murphy homered, then Joaquin Arias — who replaced Kinsler at

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Sports in brief

Youth Basketball Tournament

The 2010 San Antonio Youth Basketball Championships will take place Aug. 6 through 8. This tournament is for boys and girls through 12th grade. Visit www.otcybc.com, e-mail risingstars07@yahoo.com or call (979) 417-3721 for more information.

Co-ed Softball Tournament

There will be a co-ed softball tournament Aug. 7 in Ozona. The entry fee is \$125 per team and the deadline to enter is Aug. 2. There will be prizes for first, second and third place winners. For more information call Chris at 325-763-6630 or e-mail him at cardenas_chris@yahoo.com.

Big Spring Football Season Tickets

Get season tickets at the ATC. Previous season ticket holders can purchase tickets from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting July 26 and ending Aug. 9. General public ticket sales are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting Aug. 10 and ending Aug. 18. The cost is \$25 dollars per ticket book, which includes five home games. The last day to

purchase will be Aug. 18. Any questions should be directed toward Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Athletic Physical Exams Notice

Athletic physical exams are required by the University Interscholastic League for all athletes entering the seventh, ninth and 11th grades. This also includes any new person to athletics who has never completed a physical exam. Forms can be picked up at the Athletic Training Center. Once completed, the physical form must be turned in to coach Campbell in the training room or to Kay Cook, the athletic secretary. Prior to Aug. 2, equipment will not be checked out until physical is complete and on file in the training room. For more information, call 264-3662.

Over 80 Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club invites everyone to participate in its over 80 scramble Aug. 14 and 15. It benefits the Big Spring Shirne Club. Combined ages of the 2-person team must be 80 or higher. Entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. There is a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Entry includes barbecue on the course

both days. For more information call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

City Golf Championship

Any Howard County resident and anyone who is currently an annual member at the Big Spring Country Club or at the Comanche Trail Golf Course can play.

The event takes place July 31 and Aug. 1. and the entry fee is \$40. The entry fee does not include the cart. Call the Comanche Trail Pro Shop at 264-2366 for complete details.

Big Spring Quarterback Club Meeting at ATC

This meeting takes place Monday at 5:30 p.m. All parents of football players in grades seven through 12 are encouraged to attend.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 for more information.

Coahoma Girls Softball Association

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at the community center and everyone is welcome to attend.



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Obituaries

Flora Brant



Flora Brant, 82, of Sand Springs, died Thursday, July 29, 2010, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 31, 2010, at Trinity Memorial Park with Monsignor Bernard Gully officiating. Procession will lead from the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral home.

Flora was born July 19, 1928, in Ruidoso, N.M., and married Orville Brant in 1953 in New Mexico. He preceded her in death Oct. 31, 1975.

They moved to Sand Springs in 1953. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Steve Brant and wife Carla of Big Spring, and Billy Brant and wife Joyce of Watauga; one daughter, Lydia Reece and Jeff Brannen of Big Spring; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Nell, Lydia, Viola and Chava, all of New Mexico.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Joe Brant, and one daughter, Sandra Thompson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705.

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

Chester Dwight Urban



Chester Dwight Urban, 90, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died at his residence July 20, 2010. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. A visitation will be held from 6 - 7 p.m. Sunday, followed by a Vigil at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 20, 1920, in Pukwana, S.D., to Dan and Elizabeth. He graduated from high school in 1938 and worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps prior to enlisting in the military in May 1941. He married Hallie O'Connell in Clayton N.M., Jan. 7, 1943. During his 30 year career in the US Air Force, he fought in World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart, five Battle Stars, a Distinguished Unit Citation Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was stationed at Webb Air Force Base from 1964 to 1969, and retired in Big Spring in 1972. He has resided in Houston for the last four years.

He is survived by his children, Toni of Canyon Lake, Kathy of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mike and his wife Barbara of Houston and Jan of Houston; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hallie and his son-in-law, John Fralick.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in his memory to MD Anderson Cancer Center P.O. Box 4486 Houston 77210-4486 www.mdanderson.org/gifts. Your donations will be used to fund children's cancer research.

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

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The Salvation Army will take applications for its school supply program from Aug. 2-6 at 811 W. Fifth. Application times are from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 267-8239.

Robert Leslie Amende

Robert Leslie Amende, 65, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. today at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

He was born Aug. 10, 1944, in Callia County, Ohio, to Mary Emilena and Oscar Fred Amende. He was a veteran of the United States Army and was a U.S. Marshall for Civil Service. He had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 20 years.

He is survived by one daughter, Christina Myrick and her husband Chris of Big Spring; one sister, Carol Zigan of Newark, Ohio; and two brothers, James Earl Amende of Newark, Ohio, and Stanley Amende of Zanesville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Thursday:

- RICHARD H. MARTINEZ JR., 25, 805 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention.

- LLOYD TYLER HOLSENBECK, 17, 803 Baylor, was arrested on warrants charging expired license plate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- KAYLA DENISE HORTON, 47, 902 E. 12th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated/third or more offense.

- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 27, 902 E. 12th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- VICTORIA NICOLE ESCOVEDO, 28, 409 S. Owens, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to maintain financial responsibility and cut in after passing.

- REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK, 26, 1700 S. Runnels, was arrested on a warrant charging theft (two counts) and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- DOROTHY SUBLET THOMAS, 52, 3623 Connally, was arrested on a warrant charging driving while license invalid (two counts) and expired license plate.

- SHAWN CARR, 29, 2504 Gunter, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

- HOLLEY DENISE JENNINGS, 25, 1405 Tucson, was arrested on a warrant charging theft.

- VALENTIN CALDERON QUINTANA, 33, 1201 FM 461, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- CATARINA FRANCO, 19, 1407

Scurry, was arrested on a warrant charging no driver's license.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80 and the 1500 block of Wood.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the Big Spring Airpark and the 2000 block of S. Gregg.

- HARASSMENT was reported in the 4200 block of W. Highway 80.

- THEFT was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter (two reports) and the 300 block of Golf Course Road.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Thursday (75 prisoners were reported in the county jail):

- VICTORIA NICOLE ESCOVEDO, 28, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and unsafe passing.

- JESSE ACOSTA TARIN, 49, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of no driver's license (two counts), violating promise to appear (two counts) and failure to appear.

- JORDAN WESTON HAMILTON, 21, was arrested on a charge of forgery.

- PETE G. GONZALES, 57, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.

- MICHELE JEAN PRICE, 37, was arrested on a warrant charging theft.

- DOROTHY SUBLET THOMAS, 52, was transferred from BSPD after be-

ing arrested on charges of displaying expired registration and two counts of driving while license invalid.

- REBECCA LYNN COMSOTCK, 26, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on warrants charging theft and failure to appear.

- SHAN CARR II, 29, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and a parole violation warrant.

- HOLLY DENISE JENNINGS, 25, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a warrant charging theft.

- JOE LOPEZ CHAVEZ III, 40, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

- JOHN WESLEY YATER, 51, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

What's Happening
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teammate for about 20 minutes on Wednesday night. "He wanted to know about Philadelphia and the city," Lidge said. "I told him it's been great. Since I've been here, it's

been one of the more unbelievable things I've ever seen. I don't think he needed a lot of selling on the idea. He wanted to play for a winner. "It was probably going to happen anyway. Philly sells itself right now. It doesn't take a genius to figure out what we're doing and what we've done. This is

where you want to be if you want to get a ring." The 32-year-old Oswalt was 6-12 despite a 3.24 ERA for Houston. The Astros were shut out in five of his 20 starts. The righty helped the Astros get to the 2005 World Series, but they are far out of playoff contention this year. Oswalt is 4-0 in the post-

season. Oswalt is 143-82 with a 3.24 ERA in 10 seasons with the Astros. He is due about \$5.33 million the rest of this season from his \$15 million salary and is owed \$16 million in 2011. Oswalt's contract has a \$16 million mutual option for 2012 with a \$2 million buyout. Amaro said the

team sweetened the buyout, but wouldn't consider it a "significant" amount. The Astros seemed set to send about \$11 million to the Phillies as part of the deal. Amaro declined to specify the amount. "That was an important part of this," Ama-

ro said. "We wanted to keep some level of flexibility so we can continue to field a championship-caliber team. Yes, the money did make a difference." Happ has made one start after missing three months with an elbow injury. The 27-year-old lefty went 12-4.

Lorenzen Wright shot to death

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Former NBA big man Lorenzen Wright, whose body was found in the woods outside Memphis, was shot to death and the case is being investigated as a homicide, police said Thursday. Police wouldn't answer questions about motive or suspects. But records indicate that Wright, 34, revered in his hometown as a generous and likable sports hero, was probably carrying a large amount of cash when he disappeared on July 18. A court affidavit obtained by The Associated Press also said Wright had sold two vehicles to a man affiliated with a Memphis drug ring that's suspected in six deaths. His family filed a missing person report with police on July 22, four

days after he was last seen, but investigators repeatedly said they didn't suspect foul play. Wright's mother said in the report that she was worried because his silence was out of character and "he probably has a large amount of cash on him." The report said that the day he disappeared, he had been dropped off at a restaurant by a woman and later taken to his ex-wife's house in Collierville, a Memphis suburb. The ex-wife, Sherra Wright, told officers that Wright left her home in the middle of the night with someone. Family members said Wright's body was found near an apartment complex in southeast Memphis on Wednesday, but police awaited dental records to confirm his identity. Police on

Thursday said a 911 call was placed from Wright's cell phone early on July 19 and investigators determined it came from the area his body was found. Court documents show that Wright acknowledged to the FBI that in 2008 he sold two luxury vehicles, a Mercedes sedan and a Cadillac SUV, to Bobby Cole. The affidavits about the business deal don't show if Wright knew that Cole had been indicted in 2007 on drug distribution charges or if they knew each other. Cole told the FBI he was connected to the organization run by Craig Petties, an accused drug kingpin charged with racketeering and conspiracy in six murders. In 2008, Cole offered to turn over to Drug Enforcement Admin-

istration agents three vehicles he bought with drug money, including a 2007 Cadillac Escalade SUV and a 2008 Mercedes Benz S63 that had been registered to Wright. Wright told agents he had sold two vehicles to Cole and he no longer owned them, although registration records listed the Cadillac in Wright's name and the Mercedes in one of Wright's business investments, Allwright Automotive LLC. In federal court filings, Lorenzen Wright claimed ownership of the cars and said he didn't know the property was used in a crime. A federal judge entered a default judgment in favor of the government in March 2010 and the vehicles were forfeited and the case closed.

RANGERS

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second base — beat out a grounder to shortstop for a single, then scored on Teagarden's homer. Teagarden started the season in the majors but was sent down because of his poor hitting. He came up Saturday after Matt Treanor was hurt and was 1 for 29 the entire season when he put the ball into the seats in right-center field. "It was a fastball and I got some wood on it," Teagarden said. "The situation there, to tack on a few more runs felt great." Moreland singled in his first at-bat and went 2 for 4, with a drive to the warning track in center among his outs. His girlfriend and parents were in the stands to watch.

"They all had big smiles on their face," he said. "Of course, I know I did, too." Moreland's family also got to see him get the pie-in-the-face treatment after the game. "It's the best-tasting shaving cream I've ever had," he said. Moreland was called up Thursday to take the roster spot opened by Kinsler's groin injury. Texas then traded two pitching prospects to Florida for Jorge Cantu, who is likely to be their right-handed hitting first baseman. Moreland is going to keep the left-handed part of the platoon. Manager Ron Washington said after the game that Chris Davis (.188 in 31 games) was being sent down to make room for Cantu. Oakland was on a 9-2 roll before dropping two of three this series. Starter Vin Mazzaro (6-3) had won four straight, but had one

of his worst starts of the year, giving up seven runs and 12 hits over 5 1-3 innings. He struck out three and walked one. "My slider wasn't biting as much as it has in the past," Mazzaro said. "I left a few up and they had some pretty good swings." Kevin Kouzmanoff doubled twice for Oakland, and Matt Carson and Rajai Davis each had two hits. Davis was caught in a rundown to end the game. Wilson giving up three runs and seven hits. He struck out five, walked two and hit a batter, but still won his third straight start. "We have so many All-Stars we can put out there, so as a pitcher all you try to do is hold the other team down until our offense breaks out," he said. "We know we're going to put a big, ugly number up there."

OWENS

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chose him over Owens in the offseason, giving him a four-year deal. Bryant agreed to give up his number. "I'm a realist," Bryant said. "I said, 'Hey, man, I'm not going to make no big spectacle about it.

You've got a bigger legacy and a number than I do. I've been on several teams like you, but I've changed my number several times. You've had the same number. "I don't need your money," Bryant said. "All I want you to do is take care of one of my little league programs in Miami. Send them a small donation and we'll

go from there." First, Owens had to arrive. It wasn't as easy as planned. The Bengals expected him to show up early in the day, take his physical and sign his one-year contract while the rest of the team held its first workout. They scheduled an introductory news conference after the morning practice.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
1♣	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	?		

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

- ♠K862 ♥K86 ♦K862 ♣K8
- ♠K862 ♥Q862 ♦AQ62 ♣8
- ♠K1062 ♥K862 ♦AQ62 ♣8
- ♠AQ862 ♥K86 ♦AKJ6 ♣Q
- ♠J985 ♥A85 ♦KQ10 ♣AJ4
- ♠AJ94 ♥Q6 ♦AKQ5 ♣A54

(This bidding quiz and the answers below appeared some years ago in "Rate Your Own Game," then a monthly feature of The Bridge World Magazine. The problems were preceded by the statement that a single-jump response to a takeout double shows nine to 11 points and is not forcing.)

- 1. Pass.** Positionally promoted values notwithstanding, this is a minimum double with minimum heart support. Doubler should have no thought of reaching game.
- 2. Three hearts.** In spite of the low point count, this is a sound raise because of the playing strength for hearts. The absence of a cuebid by North in clubs, which suggests that he has some clubs to ruff, is a favorable sign.
- 3. Four hearts.** Game cannot be guaranteed, but with prime values behind the opener, good trumps and good ruffing potential, you would be putting too much pressure on partner with a mere invitational bid of three hearts. Your values are such that if a little luck is needed (such as a couple of finesses), you will have more than the usual chance because of East's opening bid.
- 4. Two spades.** Game must be reached, but you can't tell whether it should be bid in notrump, spades, hearts or diamonds. Further investigation is needed, and since two spades is forcing and properly descriptive, you need look no further for the best way to proceed.
- 5. Two notrump.** This does not deny the heart support suggested by your takeout double; it merely offers notrump as an alternative contract. If partner is bidding mainly on distribution, he can retreat to a suit contract.
- 6. Three clubs.** Three notrump, with only one club stopper, would be unnecessarily precipitate. Instead, you force partner to give you more information — without yourself sending a misdescription — by using a strength-showing cuebid. This does not affirm or deny interest in hearts; you plan to clarify your intentions on the next round (as by bidding three notrump, which, following the cuebid, is more tentative than a direct jump).

Tomorrow: To cogitate is not a sin.
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BSHS

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local students earning perfect scores on the test (78 percent), towers over state and national averages (15 percent and 20 percent, respectively).

The most direct benefit of the high scores is that all nine students will receive automatic college credit for

Courtesy photo

These Big Spring High School students posted passing grades in the national Advanced Placement Calculus test: Front row, left to right: Alexandria Ortega, Jessica Chang, Kelly Sage, Jake Hernandez and Andrew Fillinghim; second row, left to right: Pat McIntosh, Jonathan Womack, Jonathan Ray and Matt Ritchey.

first-year calculus, allowing them to concentrate on more advanced courses.

“That’s significant,” BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said. “But probably more important than that, the rigors of this AP class better prepares those students for any type of high-level major involving math disciplines.”

BSHS currently offers AP courses in calculus, chemistry and history and plans to offer AP biology within the next two years, Ritchey said. In addition, the school plans to offer an AP calculus course similar to that offered to second-year college students.

“In two years, we’ll have four students in line to take that course,” Ritchey said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234.

State briefs

Texas set to release school accountability ratings

AUSTIN (AP) — School ratings to be announced Friday by the Texas Education Agency were formulated using a measure that allows students to get credit for improvement even if they didn’t pass.

Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott, warning that student progress is being overshadowed by criticism of the Texas Projection Measure, has said he may suspend the practice in 2011 ratings. He has asked administrators for feedback.

The measure, which was approved last year by the U.S. Department of Education, boosts school ratings by factoring in a projection of students’ future performances on the state’s standardized test.

Critics have argued that the projection measure artificially inflates ratings by allowing schools to count as passing some students who fail the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills if projection measures show they could pass in a future year.

Advocates of the projection measure say it rewards schools with a large percentage of disadvantaged students who are making consistent improvements, even if they fall short of minimum standards.

School districts and campuses are rated based on student performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills and a standardized test for special education students, along with dropout and completion rates. Schools receive ratings of exemplary, recognized, acceptable or unacceptable.

Last year, about 62 percent of the exemplary school districts were elevated as a result of the projection model. In individual student groups, the projection measure most applied to Hispanic and economically disadvantaged children on all portions of the test.

At the time, Scott defended the measure, arguing that the formula is fair and that analysis shows a correlation of 90 percent or above between state predictions and actual student achievement.

Scott said in a letter to school administrators earlier this month that this year’s

ratings will clearly show where the projection measure was used to elevate a district or campus’s rating.

83-year-old woman recovering from dog attack

TYLER (AP) — An 83-year-old east Texas woman is recovering after being attacked by a pit bull mix authorities say may have been used in illegal dog fighting.

Glynda Hulsey and her two dogs were attacked as she walked to her mailbox in Smith County last week. She made it back to her house, with the dog following, and her husband shot the dog.

She told the Tyler Morning Telegraph on Thursday that she had more than 50 stitches and is still using a wheelchair. Her dogs have recovered.

Smith County Sheriff’s Lt. Gary Middleton says they’re investigating. He says dog fighting occurs in the county, but the locations move around.

He says, “We have to find the location while the fights are going on to catch them.”

He says animal control officers are catching pit bull mixes each day.

New try set to free Texan cleared after 27 years

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities will make a second attempt to release a Houston man imprisoned 27 years for a rape he didn’t commit.

Michael Anthony Green is scheduled to appear in court Friday to be granted bond. That’s after the Harris County District Attorney’s Office announced new DNA tests it commissioned showed he didn’t commit a 1983 rape of a woman.

The bond hearing had been set for Thursday, but it was delayed a day after Green become too emotional and angry while waiting in a holding cell. His attorney, as well as prosecutors and the judge in the case, decided to let Green remain jailed one more day so he could compose himself.

Green was convicted in 1983 of aggravated sexual assault and sentenced to 75

years in prison.

Texas Democratic fundraiser convicted

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A south Texas jury has found Democratic fundraiser Marucio Celis guilty in Corpus Christi of falsely identifying himself as a peace officer, a misdemeanor.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports the Nueces County jury deliberated for more than three hours before finding Celis guilty of the lesser charge. The 38-year-old Corpus Christi man had been charged with third-degree felony impersonating a public servant. The lesser charge carries a punishment of up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.

Prosecutors said Celis used a reserve deputy badge after suspension of his law enforcement commission. The case stems from a 2007 incident in which a bystander called police after a nude woman climbed into her truck after leaving Celis’ home.

No sentencing date has been set. The Caller-Times reports Visiting Judge Richard Terrell will decide the sentence.

Video reveals anonymous Coppell donor

COPELL (AP) — Video surveillance released Thursday revealed the identity of the man who dropped off \$10,000 in cash to cover a dead suburban Dallas mayor’s unauthorized charges on her city credit card.

David Murph, the husband of the editor of a local newspaper, was the once-anonymous man who dropped off an envelope containing the money at City Hall on Wednesday. A note accompanied the cash, directing that it “reimburse the city for any and all credit card charges of Jayne Peters, with any remainder to go to the city.”

Murph’s wife, Jean Murph, the editor of a Coppell newspaper that publishes weekly, said in an e-mail that her husband delivered the donation for her.

“The reason the donation was anonymous was for it to be representative of the

many people in Coppell who cared about Jayne Peters and her family,” the e-mail said.

Neither Jean nor David Murph could be reached for additional comment.

The security video released by the city showed Murph walking into the main entrance of Coppell’s city hall with an envelope that he quickly handed off to the front desk.

City spokeswoman Sharon Logan said Coppell officials didn’t know who made the donation until an information technology employee who had been going through the footage alerted them that the act was caught on tape. Logan said the city contacted David Murph to let him know it would release the video.

“At least we know who to thank,” Logan said.

Peters and her 19-year-old daughter were found dead in their home earlier this month.

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Chester D. Urban, 90, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Jimmy Hinsley, 84, died Tuesday. Graveside services were at 10:00 A.M. today at Coahoma Cemetery. Robert Leslie Amende, 65, died Tuesday. Graveside services were held at 2:00 P.M. today at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

‘ARK’

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retrospective more than a year ago, having held a screening of the Hollywood classic “Jaws” near the waters of Comanche Trail Lake and “E.T.: The Extraterrestrial” near the top of Big Spring’s Scenic Mountain.

Following the “Raiders” screening, the film society will wrap up its season in late-August

with yet another Spielberg classic sure to have area residents on the edges of their seats.

“The ‘Jurassic Park’ screening that will wrap up our Spielberg Retrospective — at least to an extent, as a lot of the movies Spielberg either wrote or produced are scheduled for screenings over the next few years. It’s set for Aug. 28, and we’ll be back atop beautiful Scenic Mountain,” Johnson said.

For more information

on volunteering or the Big Spring Film Society, contact Johnson at (432) 213-0758 or by e-mail at cruiser1977@gmail.com. More information is also available at <http://www.bigspringfilm.org>

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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:

- All those who took part in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours event held last week at the Hampton Inn and Suites.

- Members of the Friends of the State Park, who have received support from Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife Executive Director Carter Smith for a proposed nature center at the Big Spring State Park. While Carter said state funding is not available for the project at this time, he said the state would support the effort in other ways. Friends chairman says the local group has received about \$70,000 in financial pledges for the nature center's construction.

- Big Spring High School advanced calculus students Alexandria Ortega, Christina Chang, Jake Hernandez, Kelly Sage, Andrew Fillinghim, Pat McIntosh, Jonathan Womack, Jonathan Ray and Matt Richey, all of whom met or exceeded test standards during this year's AP test. In fact, seven of the nine students, had perfect scores.

- Glenn D. Phillippe, who was honored by the Hangar 25 Air Museum as its Veteran of the Month for July during a reception held Tuesday. Phillippe was a master sergeant and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a gunner. He received the Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, a Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we plan strategies in private, Lord, with You.

Amen

Transparency in Washington?

The Senate Democrats' "DISCLOSE" Act — "DISCLOSE" stands for "Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections" — represents perhaps the baldest, if failed, power grab attempted this year. But you wouldn't guess it reading news stories on the bill.

As The New York Times reported, "The Senate on Tuesday refused to take up a bill that would require more disclosure of the role of corporations, unions and other special interests in bankrolling political advertisements, after Democrats failed to persuade even one Republican to support it."

The Washington Post began, "Senate Republicans on Tuesday blocked legislation requiring fuller disclosure of the money behind political advertising, derailing a major White House initiative and virtually ensuring an onslaught of attack ads during this year's midterm election season."

So ... it's the Republicans' fault if there are attack ads in November?

The leads to these stories have

one thing right.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., failed to garner a single Republican supporter and hence failed to reach the 60-vote mark needed to bring it to a floor vote. Thus, it died with 57 votes in favor and 41 against.

But don't let the first paragraphs fool you. The bill isn't simply a spending disclosure reform; the DISCLOSE Act also would bar "electioneering communications" by corporations that have government contracts worth more than \$10 million, received TARP funds or are controlled by foreign entities.

So it's not simply about disclosure; it's also about suppressing free speech.

You also would not know that while proponents frame the bill as a response to the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 Citizens United ruling, which lifted restrictions on independent political advertising by labor and corporations, the House version of the bill imposed restrictions on the above corporations — with no parallel restrictions on labor.

On the disclosure front, Schumer made a nod toward fairness.

Unlike the House bill, Schumer's measure would require that union heads, like CEOs, disclose contributions to political ads or

mailers.

Hence his claim that the bill promotes transparency. Quoth Schumer, "All we're saying is that if you attack us, put your name on the ad."

Facing the same spotlight that Schumer would shine on corporations, the AFL-CIO now "reluctantly" opposes the bill.

Other special interests fared better. Both the House and Senate bills exempted powerful special-interest groups, including the National Rifle Association and Sierra Club, from their disclosure rules.

Perhaps the most naked provision in the bills was language that would have made the DISCLOSE Act federal law within 30 days of President Obama's promised signature. Clearly, the Dems were trying to skew the rules before the November elections.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, hit it when she said, "We have not had hearings, no vetting, no attempt, I think, to bring people together to work on an issue that responds to the Supreme Court's decision."

The Democrats tried to sneak this so-called reform onto the books like a midnight pay raise.

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Her first demonstration

It's hard to imagine anyone graduating from high school today, much less college, without being computer literate. One way or another, kids learn how to get online, how to navigate the Internet, how to live in a wired world.

Civic literacy is another matter.

How many of you know how to move a stop sign, I ask students in my undergraduate classes and at colleges I visit. What I mostly get in response are blank stares and the occasional story of a drunken escape that involved a street sign, which, of course, is not what I meant at all.

What I mean is: How many of you know how to organize and petition and make democracy work? How many of you know how to wield the power that comes from activism, energy and know-how in the workplace or the community?

Student council and college government aren't really about whether you can get better food on campus or longer time periods between classes. They're about learning how to make change happen. But student government doesn't command the attention it once did when universities and even high schools were hotbeds of political activity. Kids today have too

much homework.

But there needs to be a place to learn the skills of citizenry.

Last year, my young friend Bella Peyser took a course in "Grassroots Activism" from one of the legendary teachers at her school. In excited tones, she told me about how she ended up interning at the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) and decided to spend her summer there. She then got involved in the effort to organize hotel workers in Long Beach and "did" her first demonstration last Thursday at the Long Beach Hyatt. "Did you know," she said to me, "that these women clean as many as 30 hotel rooms a day? And they are your age!" Her mom and I were roommates in college, which was a very long time ago.

UNITE HERE is attempting to organize hotel workers at Hyatts nationwide. Last Thursday's demonstration at the Long Beach Hyatt was one of many around the country, a "day of action" intended to focus attention on the fight for better wages and working conditions. Hyatt, through a spokesperson, denounced the action as "union posturing," claiming its real purpose was simply to increase union membership and the dues paid to the union.

When I mentioned that to Bella, she told me how hard the women work, how much better pay and conditions are at the union hotels, and how the workers need to bargain collectively

to establish standards and to protect themselves from arbitrary layoffs.

I'm not in a position to judge that fight. But I do know this: Bella is learning lessons that will last a lifetime, however her political philosophy may evolve. She has learned how to work for change, how to raise her voice in concert with others, how to do politics.

The big scandal in Los Angeles these days involves the city of Bell, a community of about 40,000 hardworking people who, unbeknownst to them, were paying their city manager a salary of almost \$800,000, their part-time city council members nearly \$100,000 each and their police chief more than the president of the United States. They got away with it because the citizens didn't know what was going on. Nobody was doing any politics except the people who were getting away with armed robbery.

Democracy doesn't work on its own. Change doesn't happen just because it should. The skills of civic literacy, the knowledge of how to organize, are as important as knowing how to operate in a computerized world. They have to be taught, and they have to be learned. Bella's first demonstration will not be her last. If she needs to, she now knows how to move a stop sign — or get one put up.

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Recovery loses speed; consumers turn cautious

JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The recovery lost momentum in the spring as growth slowed to a 2.4 percent pace, its most sluggish showing in nearly a year and too weak to drive down unemployment.

Consumers spent less, companies slowed their restocking of shelves and the nation's trade deficit dragged more on the economy in the April-to-June quarter. In a separate report, the Commerce Department said the recession was deeper than previously estimated.

Together, the reports raise doubts about whether employers will hire enough and consumers will spend enough to invigorate the economy. As unemployment remains near double digits, Congress could feel pressure to pass

more stimulus measures to speed the recovery. So far, Republicans and some Democrats have blocked additional spending because of their concerns about the size of the deficit.

Investors reacted to the report with disappointment. Stock futures fell in the hour before the markets opened.

The Commerce Department's report released Friday also showed that the economy grew at a 3.7 percent pace in the first three months of this year. That was much better than the 2.7 percent pace estimated just a month ago.

Still, the recovery has been losing power for two straight quarters. That raises concerns about whether it will fizzle out. Or worse, tip back into a "double-dip" recession.

The economy began to grow in the third quarter of last

year after having suffered the worst recession since the Great Depression. And in the following quarter the economy's growth surged at a 5 percent pace, the high water mark of the rebound.

Much of the expansion was driven by the government's massive \$862 billion stimulus package of tax cuts and increased spending. Also, companies helped energize growth with a burst of spending to replenish inventories that were cut down during the recession.

Now, as those forces are fading, concerns are growing as to whether the private sector can boost spending and investment enough to keep the recovery afloat.

Consumer spending, usually the lifeblood of economic activity, slowed in the second quarter. Such spending rose at an anemic 1.6 percent pace.

That was down from a 1.9 percent pace in the first quarter and was the weakest showing since the end of last year.

Instead, Americans saved more. They saved 6.2 percent of their disposable income in the second quarter, the highest share in a year.

The 2.4 percent growth rate logged in the April-to-June quarter was slightly less than the 2.5 percent pace economists were forecasting. It was the weakest since a 1.6 percent pace in the third quarter of last year, when a record streak of four straight losing quarters came to an end.

"The economy is growing but not enough to make most Americans happy. At this weak pace, it will take more time than many hoped for people to really feel the benefits of this upturn," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

In the revisions issued Friday, the government estimated that the economy shrank 2.6 percent last year — the steepest drop since 1946. That's worse than the 2.4 percent decline originally estimated. The economy's plunge underscores why the unemployment rate surged to 10.1 percent in October, a 26-year high.

With the economy growing at a subpar speed, the current 9.5 percent unemployment rate is not expected to fall.

It takes about 3 percent growth in gross domestic product just to create enough jobs to keep pace with the population increase.

Growth would have to equal 5 percent for a full year to drive the unemployment rate down by 1 percentage point. Neither the Obama administration nor the Federal Reserve expect that to happen.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY:

Bob Dudley to outline BP's plans to help Gulf region recover from massive oil spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Incoming BP CEO Bob Dudley was set to outline his company's long-term efforts to help the Gulf of Mexico recover from the oil spill Friday morning, and will be getting help from a Clinton administration-era emergency management official.

The oil giant said Dudley would be in Biloxi, Miss., to announce that former Federal Emergency Management Agency head James Lee Witt will support its recovery efforts. Local officials, especially in Louisiana, have been clamoring for more long-term commitments in the face of reports that the oil spill is dissipating, at least on the water's surface.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's oil-spill response chief, had what he called a frank and open discussion Thursday with Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and coastal parish officials concerned that the Coast Guard and BP PLC will pull back from the spill response once the oil is stopped permanently.

"One of the things we absolutely wanted to get today was their commitment that they're in it for the long-term," Jindal said. "Look, all those (federal) people in the room, with no disrespect ... they're going to be rotated out to different jobs. Everybody here is still going to be here dealing with this oil whether it's a year from now or years from now."

Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser said it's clear the clean-up effort is being scaled back even though oil is still showing up on the coast.

Three more U.S. troops die, bringing July toll to at least 63 dead for U.S. in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Three U.S. service members were killed in blasts in Afghanistan, bringing the toll for July to at least 63 and making it the deadliest month for American forces in the nearly 9-year-war.

A NATO statement Friday said the three died in two separate blasts in southern Afghanistan the day before. The statement gave no nationalities, but U.S. officials say all three were Americans. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity pending notification of kin.

U.S. and NATO commanders had warned that casualties would rise as the international military force ramps up the war against the Taliban, especially in their southern strongholds in Helmand and Kandahar provinces. President Barack Obama ordered 30,000 reinforcements to Afghanistan last December in a bid to turn back a resurgent Taliban.

The tally of 63 American service member deaths in July is based on military reports compiled by The Associated Press. June had been the deadliest month for both the U.S. and the overall NATO-led force. A total of 104 international service members died last month, including 60 Americans.

The American deaths this month include Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin McNeley from Kingman, Arizona, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarod Newlove, 25, from the Seattle area. They went missing last Friday in Logar prov-

ince south of Kabul, and the Taliban announced they were holding one of the sailors.

Wildfire explodes in rural Los Angeles County hills; hundreds forced to evacuate homes

PALMDALE, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters plan an aggressive air attack at first light Friday against a fast-moving wildfire that exploded in northern Los Angeles County, chewing through more than 7 square miles of dry brush, forcing hundreds of evacuations and burning at least three structures.

There is zero containment, authorities said.

Three water-dropping helicopters and hundreds of firefighters worked through the night to get ahead of the blaze which broke out around 3 p.m. Thursday on the northern side of State Route 14. By early evening the winds picked up and pushed the flames north and east toward Palmdale, in the suburbs of Los Angeles County's inland desert, authorities said.

Orange flames exploded through dry grasses, jumped roads and sped across the rural foothills that connect Los Angeles to the high desert.

About 2,000 homes in the community of Leona Valley and parts of Palmdale areas were under evacuation Friday, according to Los Angeles County Fire.

Two outbuildings and a hay house were destroyed by the flames.

Obama traveling to Michigan to sell good news story of government's auto bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is going to the heart of the U.S. auto industry to push an important election-year claim: his administration's unpopular auto industry bailout has turned into an economic good-news story.

With Americans facing a still-limping economy and potentially pivotal congressional elections in three months, the White House sees progress in the auto industry as a concrete area of improvement — and one with direct ties to the president's own actions.

To highlight that progress, which presidential aides believe has received too little attention, Obama will stop at three auto plants over the next several days, visiting General Motors and Chrysler factories in Michigan on Friday and a Ford facility in Chicago next Wednesday. Hoping to ratchet up public notice further, the White House also had the administration's top auto officials brief reporters Thursday.

Following the government-led bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler, the companies have shown signs of improvement.

Obama said the government is on track to recover all the taxpayer money his administration poured into GM, Chrysler, auto lenders and suppliers to avert a near-certain industry-wide meltdown.

However, the White House said that proclamation referred only to the \$60 billion spent by the Obama administration, not the additional \$25 billion funneled to the industry in 2008 under the Bush administration. The most recent government estimate found that taxpayers will lose \$24.3 billion on the auto bailout.

Republicans get wish: Charles Rangel's ethics case headed into fall campaign season

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans wanted an election-season ethics case against Democratic powerhouse Rep. Charles Rangel of New York. And now, it looks like they have one.

A House ethics panel of four Democrats and four Republicans, who will determine Rangel's guilt or innocence on 13 ethics charges, held its organizational meeting Thursday. The message going forward, from the top Republican on the panel, was: Let the trial begin.

Rangel was "given the opportunity to negotiate a settlement during the investigation phase," Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas said. "We are now in the trial phase."

McCaul's strong comment was echoed by Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Ala., who was on a separate ethics panel that conducted the two-year investigation of Rangel and brought the charges.

"Mr. Rangel was given multiple opportunities to settle this matter. Instead, he chose to move forward to the public trial phase," he said.

Republicans have already been making Rangel a campaign issue, and a fall trial would give them expanded opportunities.

A trial can't start until September, because Congress takes off in Au-

gust.

Fears of FBI agents snooping on e-mail and Web use plunge administration into dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — Invasion of privacy in the Internet age. Expanding the reach of law enforcement to snoop on e-mail traffic or on Web surfing. Those are among the criticisms being aimed at the FBI as it tries to update a key surveillance law.

With its proposed amendment, is the Obama administration merely clarifying a statute or expanding it? Only time and a suddenly on guard Congress will tell.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HOWARD § TO: The unknown heirs of Nell Brown, Deceased as of July 19th, 2009, being the persons who would be entitled to take her estate had she died instate on that date, a resident of the State of Texas, and the successors in the interest to any of such heirs, if any.

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being the 19 day of July, 2010, in the District Court of Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District, at the courthouse of the 118th Judicial District Court located at 312 Scurry Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The case is No. 47302, styled *Roberta Krehbiel, Plaintiff vs. Sharon Davidson, Mary Lynne Leslie and all successors to the Unknown Heirs of Nell Brown, Deceased, Defendants,* and the Petition was filed on the 12th day of July, 2010. The attorney for the Plaintiff is John T. Ferguson and the address of such attorney is P.O. Drawer 1750, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1750. The nature of the suit is as follows:

The suit is an action for a declaratory judgment determining the parties entitled to take the share of the residuary estate of Nell Brown, deceased, under subparagraph A of Paragraph IV of her will, which parties are named in the will as "the persons who would be my heirs at law under the laws of the State of Texas had I died at such time, instate, a resident of Texas, and owning all of the property which is the subject of this gift", and declaring that all of the life tenants who took such property for life are dead, that the last of such life tenants to die was Clarine Brown, that Clarine Brown died July 9, 2009 and declaring that Roberta Krehbiel, Sharon Davidson and Mary Lynne Leslie were the only heirs at law of Nell Brown, deceased when she died on July 9, 2009 and are the parties entitled to take such interest, and declaring other matters as more fully requested in the Petition.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that date being the 19th day of July, 2010, a default judgment may be taken against you.

SIGNED and SEALED on the 19th day of July, 2010.

COLLEEN BARTON,
DISTRICT CLERK OF
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By: Brandie Martinez
Deputy

#6620 July 23 & 30 and August 6 & 13, 2010

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The astrological weather forecast is: partly mellow with a high chance of surprises. The Leo sun makes the scene exciting and dramatic. The moon shifts from pensive Pisces into a



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passionate Aries mode, bringing a surge of emotional energy. Mars and Uranus oppose one another, creating an opportunity for relationship breakthroughs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll hop onto a winning streak. There will be challenges, but nothing can break your hope. You've proved it in the past, and you're even stronger now than you were then. Recall what got you through, and do it again.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may know someone for a long time, but that doesn't mean you know this person well. It takes both time and quiet attention to learn the ways of another person's heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If the plan rings of risk and smacks of danger, it will sound appealing to you. The drama, the danger -- anything seems like a better alternative than boring sameness. This time you'll get what you're asking for.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may endeavor to understand a loved one, but you will not completely know what this person is thinking and feeling. Your best bet is to put out your feelers. The heart comprehends what the intellect cannot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have no trouble relating to your team, even though its members come from vastly different age groups and cultures. You have a knack for communicating in a way that can be universally understood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's something delicious about keeping your opinions, humor and deeds very private.

You are building a mystery inside yourself. Let your secret be safe with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You recognize

when an old pattern no longer suits you. You will find something better to involve yourself in. You shift your focus to the things that bring you pleasure, and suddenly there's nothing to overcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For you, a transformation will require very little effort. Because you are ready for change, you encounter no resistance to it. You slip gracefully from one stage to the next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Cover the major goals first -- like treating loved ones well. Do this and you'll have no regrets. You realize what is important, and that is what you put your time into. The rest falls into place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone seems to expect you to be very thoughtful, anticipating his or her needs at every turn. Is it reasonable? Probably not. As much as you'd like to be this person's end-all-be-all, you can't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Narrow your choices, and then narrow them again. You won't have the luxury of waffling back and forth. You must make a decision because the answer can wait no longer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Getting closer to someone doesn't always look like you think it will. Instead of holding hands and strolling along the beach, you may be joking around in a way that only those who are intimately connected can.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (July 30). You are comfortable lavishing others with attention. Do the same as you care for yourself, and the next 12 months will be your best yet. Send yourself a postcard from the exciting location you visit in August. Relationships become more passionate in September. Your home transforms into a slice of heaven in November. Cancer and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 41, 6, 8 and 14.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You challenge loved ones, and they might not like it in the moment. Later, they will thank you for

bringing out qualities in them they didn't know they had. **TAURUS:** If you feel guilty, you'll spend too much money. Mistakes are normal. Say you're sorry, but don't overcompensate.

GEMINI: Your self-esteem is changeable from hour to hour. Be patient with yourself. **CANCER:** You will hit the jackpot in love. **LEO:** You encourage loved ones to be themselves, even if that means not spending as much time with you.

VIRGO: Casual relationships are terrific for your overall mood. When it comes to emotional involvement, sometimes less is more.

LIBRA: Because you are so generous, some people will assume that you have oodles of time and money to spend on them. **SCORPIO:** You'll figure out a loved one's secret. **SAGITTARIUS:** Avoid anyone who reeks of high maintenance.

CAPRICORN: You deserve to be the person of the hour. Go where you get to be the star. **AQUARIUS:** You are self-supporting and successful -- a real catch. **PISCES:** A loved one reminds you that you belong somewhere in this big crazy world.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Virgo are zodiac neighbors, and both are having a creative streak these days. The sun gives Leo extra charisma and magnetism, while Mercury and Venus give Virgo an abundance of charm and influence. Virgo will have a natural knack for sweet talk, and Leo will feel deserving of adulation. Virgo will get his or her way, and Leo will feel 100 percent satisfied making it happen.

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Church News

Baptist Temple

Sunday, our sermon will be "Throwing a Hook in the Water" from Matthew 4:18-20. Jesus calls us to be fishers of men. All of us have a responsibility in it and none of us are exempt from that calling. In lieu of our evening service, we will be meeting in our fellowship hall to have Connection/Outreach Night. We will be making contact with people throughout our community.

Our SPEED weight-loss support group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and our 12-Step recovery group also meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

You are always welcome here. Sundays, we have classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have groups for all ages starting at 7 p.m.

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the web at btcbigspring.org.

First United Methodist

It is strangely quiet this week around Youth Hall at First Methodist in the aftermath of a very successful Vacation Bible School. The play area has been returned to its natural state; the market place and palace and even the jail where Joseph was imprisoned are all just a memory. And what memories those children will have!

There are far too many people to thank, but we will once again pay tribute to Becky Woodall, VBS director, and send accolades to Jim Clements and Mark Barr, who portrayed Joseph so ably and to the delight of the children.

Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will preach at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services. Her topic is taken from Luke 11 and titled "Church: the Praying Place." Sunday School classes for all ages are held at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Family Fun Night begins at 5:30 p.m.

Mid-week services are held in Garrett Hall each Wednesday at noon and include a Bible study as well as a delicious lunch prepared by a team of our own cooks. Join us; it's a great mid-week pick-me-up.

Now's the time to sign up for the new bible study which will begin Sunday, Aug. 22. It's called "90 Days Thru the Bible" and will be taught each Sunday night into late November. Joyce Choate is the contact person; call her at 393-5722 for more information. Register by contacting the church office.

Also Aug. 22, we will have "Back in the Saddle," a roundup just before the start of school. There will be a lunch in Garrett Hall following the 10:50 service of worship. Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts.

Mark your calendar for "The Big Event," an area wide meeting of Methodists scheduled for Aug. 28 in Lamesa. There will be food, games, a cook-off and silent auction during the day and a youth concert that night at Forrest Park in Lamesa.

And right here at home we're having Lord's Acre on Saturday, Oct. 2. It's a wonderful way to serve the Lord in creative and fun-filled ways. Want you join us. We're First Methodist in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study did not meet Wednesday because of the Vacation Bible School. It will resume next week.

Karen Schaedel will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning. Mike Robinson has been liturgist for the past several Sundays; Christine Boling will be liturgist for August. Ushers for the month are Mark Morgan, Katie and Jerry Grimes and Ethel Guthrie. Communion servers are Jim Bill and Nancy Little, Mike Robinson and James F. Little.

Tonight we will conclude our joint Vacation Bible School with a picnic at Comanche Trail Park. The theme of "What We Can Do about Hunger!" will be explored and collections of money, canned goods and paper products will be made. Nursery care will be provided for those younger than preschool age. We are asked to bring dried beans and toiletry articles to add to the supplies.

We appreciated Dr. David Scott, head of the Department of Art and Music at Angelo State University, serving as guest preacher last Sunday.

The lectionary for the Eighteenth

When hope dies – replant

At a caregivers' conference that I recently attended, a speaker stepped to the podium holding a small ceramic pot containing a shriveled up plant. She explained that a friend had gone on vacation and left the pitiful little plant in her care. The card taped to the pot read, "This is Hope. Please keep Hope alive."



BONNIE WHEAT

Holding the little flower pot up so that everyone could see, the speaker pointed out that all the leaves had fallen off the

ailing plant. But near the bottom of the otherwise bare stem, some new growth was starting to occur. It appeared that with a lot of tender loving care combined with the right amount of moisture, nutrients, and sunshine the little plant might have a chance of survival.

Although she had been holding Hope in her hand as she spoke, at the end of the speaker's segment of the program, she eagerly passed the sickly plant on to another caregiver, a survivor, with the instructions not to let Hope die. However, I sensed in the transfer of Hope that the giver was happier to be giving Hope away than the receiver was to be receiving Hope.

The exchange gave a twist to the idea of being more blessed to give than to receive.

While the thought of keeping Hope alive was touching, I found myself feeling sorry for the new caregiver who had been charged with the burden of keeping a half-dead plant alive. I also wondered what I would have done if the charge had been given to me.

Immediately I formed a plan. If Hope had died on my watch, I would have replanted. I might not have been able to prevent the death of the plant in question, but I could have replaced it with a healthier one.

Even if one little green plant named Hope had

died, the hope that the plant symbolized didn't have to die. Hope can always be revived.

In the Psalms, King David, a man with many reasons to despair at times, discovered a way to keep hope alive. He said, "For I hope in you, O Lord: You will answer, O Lord my God"

(Psalm 38:15 NASB). Hope rooted in anything other than faith in God will eventually die, but hope in God is everlasting. When we find ourselves living without hope, it is time to replant.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

Sunday in Ordinary Time is Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; and Luke 12:32-40. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will present the sermon. Communion will be celebrated during the worship service.

If you cannot attend worship, 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 website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting is Aug. 12. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2006 Walks: Women's Walk 41, Joanne Sayles; Men's Walk 42, Robert Moore; and Women's Walk 43, Janice Bond. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our website www.signal-emmaus.org

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

The weekly Lectionary Bible Study did not meet this week.

Our church has been involved in the multi-generational Vacation Bible School combining the talents and personnel of First Presbyterian, Big Spring; First Christian; and St. Mary's Episcopal churches. Tonight we will have a closing picnic at Comanche Trail Park. The theme is "What We Can Do About Hunger!" and we will be collecting canned goods and paper products as well as collecting an offering for the local food pantry.

If you have not filled in an information sheet, please do so and turn it in to Helen Shive so that we may develop a church directory. Also each person is asked to make a list of what you would like our church to do and be prepared to make your list become reality.

The next Frolic will be Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. in the church social hall. Bring your friends and prepare your special "act" for an enjoyable evening and a light supper.

The lectionary for Sunday is Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hebrews 11:1-16; and Luke 12:32-40.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene will be having Vacation Bible School for ages 2 to 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 2-6.

We will be learning about Egypt and Joseph's journey from prison to palace. The afternoon will begin with praise and worship, then activities, which include visiting with Joseph

and his guards, arts and crafts, snacks and games. The evening will end in an uplifting time of praise and worship. For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015.

We also welcome you to our other services and weekly classes. Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. We also offer Kid's Church in the fellowship hall for ages 4 to 12. Come early for homemade breakfast burritos.

Wednesday small groups occur at 6:30 p.m. with various discussions that will be sure to peak your interests. Classes offered for NazKidz are for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, including separate boy's and girl's classes for the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders. Come and hear about Jesus with us on Wednesdays.

You can also visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org and view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets each Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Jacque Mauch will be leading the adult class discussion on "Sharing God's Grace," taken from Phillipians 1:18-29. The elementary class will be led by Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams. The youth group will be led by Linda Hall.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and the United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

David Evans, thanks for the work on the yard.

The congregation is very pleased that Glenn Phillippe is a very active member of our congregation and that we could be a part of his recognition as veteran of the month for July.

Angel Food delivery is set for 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Saturday. We thank all of the community volunteers who give of their time to make this food program a success.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane and welcomes all who would like to know the Lord and serve him through mission.

For more information on the church or Angel Food, call 267-2203 or 263-2536. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week and at 5 p.m. Sunday there's singing and Bible study of the book of Mark.

Pastor Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message is entitled "Sharpening Our Priorities," based on scripture from Luke 12:13-21.

Encouraging words: "God knows the secret plan of the things he will do for the world, using my hand" — Author unknown

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed.

Remember God loves each of us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

East Side Baptist

Come celebrate with us. July 31 is our anniversary and we would love to have you join us for a great evening of gospel music.

Our very special guest will be Heavens Harbor, a quartet from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. They will bless your heart with their music and message of our Lord.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m., so come early for a good seat. Our Heavens Harbor will be singing in our morning services Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to come and worship with us. Our purpose is to fill God's house. Nursery is provided for children 4-years-old and younger.

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Turn tough times into blessings

Life in the 21st century is tough!

That's quite an understatement, isn't it? The world is increasingly volatile despite unprecedented technological, scientific, and educational advances.

Our society appears to be growing more fragile with each passing year. The moral foundations we have depended upon for centuries are quickly decaying under our feet, and both inside and outside pressures overwhelm us.

We are wrestling against forces that seem out of control. The treadmill is going

faster and faster and there is no "stop" button. Many may feel like screaming "Stop the World and Let Me Off", a song that was very popular in the 70s. Countless people today are running from one crisis to another. Multitudes are like sheep without a shepherd who have lost their way and have given up on their hopes and dreams.

I spoke with a friend recently who said to me, "I have been to the top of the mountain, but I have also been in a valley so deep I felt I would suffocate before I found my way out. But through it all," she said, "I have come to understand very clearly that only God can do the extraordinary. It is not our ability or our education. It is not our status in life, or our successes. It is

all about Him."

There is a bedrock of truth upon which we can stand. It is a truth so strong no tide can move it. Our confidence must lie only in an unchanging God who provides a steady anchor of faith and assurance. God's promises are forever faithful and true. When we slow down long enough to focus our attention on Him, they can be appropriated for our good in unimaginable ways.

However, He never turns away because of our blunders. Even in our unstable ways, He still walks with us. He knows that on our own, we can do nothing, but through Him, we can succeed.

While watching a popular daytime TV show recently, a very disturbed gentleman

remarked that he had lost everything, including his job, due to the oil spill in the Gulf. He had also lost his wife earlier this year in an auto accident. So he said, "I can either become a homeless person living under a bridge somewhere, or I can get the heck out of here by ending this stinking life." The hostess of the show, visibly moved by his remarks said, "Get that out of your mind. I want to talk to you after the show." Yet as sad as it is, many people today feel the same way this gentleman felt. They don't understand that in their distress, there is a healing balm found only in Christ Jesus.

In our most difficult times, when there is one setback after another, there is still a God we can turn to, blessings

we can count, and others to whom we can be a blessing. Life can become good and peaceful, especially when we realize that without Him, we can do nothing, but through Him, we can have something the Bible calls "peace that surpasses all understanding," Philippians 4:7.

This peace settles down deep within our spirit. It is quiet, yet overwhelming in its love toward us. It is joyful, yet restful. It frees us of all anxiety, doubt and worry. It is the fulfillment of a relationship with God. Of all the highs we may experience in life, there is still nothing that compares to the enjoyment of a Christ-centered life. In difficult times, we can all turn our problems into blessings by being a blessing to others. God bless.



JERRIE STOCKS



Courtesy photo

Pictured is the faculty of Vision International University and School of Tyrannus International School of Discipleship at Templo Belen Assembly of God. From left are: Domingo Rios Jr., the Rev. Maria S. Rios, Dr. Iris Delgado, Dr. John Delgado, the Rev. Darilyn Bemis and Dr. Duane L. Bemis.



Courtesy photo

Here are the graduates and faculty of Vision International University and School of Tyrannus International School of Discipleship at Templo Belen Assembly of God. Front row, from left, are: Mary Lou Marquez, Maria Alcantar, Julia Bihl and Delia Gonzalez. Second row: Erica Rios, the Rev. Maria S. Rios, the Rev. Darilyn Bemis, Anne Granado and Andrea Chapoy. Back row: Chris Rios, Juan Presas, Manny Negron and Dr. Duane L. Bemis. Not pictured is Angelica Mendoza.

for other information, call Pastor King, at 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Alive in Christ Lutheran

We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School following at 10:15.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon text will be from Luke 12:13-21 with the title: Ownership versus Stewardship.

The flowers that grace our altar were given by Kathy Laning.

If you have a special occasion or just want to honor the Glory of God, remember to sign up on the Flower chart at the back of the church. The flowers are only \$50 for both

vases. Mark your offering "flowers" and drop it in the plate.

This week's acolyte will be Alex Byrd. Our elders re Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by George von Hassell. The readings are Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26, Psalm 100, Colossians 3:1-11 and Luke 12:13-21.

Our Bible Study titled "The Bible According to Andy Griffith" is a very interesting and inspirational class. Bring the whole family and join us for this summer class.

Remember, next Sunday, Aug. 8, the 7th Annual Lutheran Night at the Ballpark will begin at 5:15 with the picnic and the game starting at 6 p.m. The picnic will last from 5:15 to 7:15. The meal includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cookies, peanuts and soft drinks.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 19. We will have our dedication of our building and church property at that time.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact any member of the Board of Education.

August 9, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The LWML will not meet in August but will meet Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Our church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheran-online.com/aliveinchristbstx. We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

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Templo Belen Assemblies of God

We invite you to join us this Sunday, as we worship God and learn what God's word says. We are a church that believes in you. No matter where you have come from, what ethnic background you are from, or what language you speak, we have a place for you. Pastor Maria S. Rios and the church fellowship welcome you with open and loving arms.

Our Sunday School classes are: Children's Sunday School (ages pre-K to sixth grade), Youth Sunday School (seventh-12th grade), Adult English Sunday School and Adult Spanish Sunday School Class. All of our Sunday school classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

Our celebration service is a bilingual service and follows after our Sunday school classes at 11 a.m. We sing, pray and preach in both English and Spanish. Our evening celebration service begins at 5 and is also bilingual.

There are several opportunities for ministry. Our children have Children's Church during both morning and evening celebration services. The children also meet weekly for Royal Rangers or Girls Ministries. Both of these children's clubs meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church. Our youth have an evening for a time of praise and worship and a teaching from God's word. The youth meet Tuesday nights at 7 at the church. Our drama

ministry meets Monday nights from 6 to 8 at the church. Wednesdays, while the kids are in their clubs, there is a time for intercessory prayer at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We are also a church that believes in furthering your education. If you have a desire to pursue an education in a Bible college, we have two opportunities for you — Vision International University and School of Tyrannus International Discipleship Program.

Vision International University is an opportunity for you to better understand God's word, to learn the history of the church and to prepare yourself for what God has purposed for you.

School of Tyrannus is a two-year discipleship class. This course is designed to prepare the people of God for their intended purpose, as they deal with the past and step into the future. Both of these schools meet once a month on a Saturday. Dr. Duane Bemis is the dean of students and campus director. The 2010-2011 fall semester will begin in August.

Sunday is our missions service. This service is designed to inform the church of what's going on around the world with our missionaries and to teach us how to serve each other and be missionaries here in our own community. Our missions director, Manny Negron, will be speaking.

Our girls will be going to Girls Ministries Camp Aug. 12-14 in Brownwood. We have more than 30 attending.

We are located at 2205 Goliad. We also provide transportation if you are in need of a ride. If you have any ques-

tions, need a ride to our church services or need prayer, call 267-2111.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

We have been in the community 86 years meeting the spiritual needs of Big Spring and the surrounding communities. Here, lasting relationships are made and Jesus is exalted and magnified. God has allowed this church to grow and we praise God that many folks have found it a place to call home. On behalf of our church people, we invite you and your family to worship with us this Sunday.

Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. There is Sunday School at 10 a.m. for all ages from pre-K through adult. There is a nursery for your little ones.

Childrens church is during the morning worship for ages 4-12. Mid-week prayer meeting and Young Adult Bible Studies are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. If you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

We just finished our Vacation Bible School with the theme Hero Headquarters Academy. Two of our heroes, Officer Larry Bridges and registered nurse Candee Williams, spoke to the children during the VBS. There were 35 kids who attended and all had a great time. A special thanks goes to the parents for bringing them.

On Aug. 8, Gene Krieg will be preaching. He pastors Kings Highway Baptist Church in Fort Worth and also has a street ministry. He will be filling in while our pastor is on vacation.

We are in need of a nursery worker and an organ player. If interested or

► Religion in the news

Methodist Church Judicial Council to review 2005 ruling in October

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The highest court in the United Methodist Church will review its 2005 ruling that allowed a clergyman to bar a noncelibate gay man from joining a congregation.

The Judicial Council will take up the issue when it convenes Wednesday, Oct. 27, through Saturday, Oct. 30, in New Orleans, according to United Methodist News Service.

The ruling five years ago came in the case of the Rev. Ed Johnson, who was senior pastor at South Hill United Methodist Church in Virginia. He had refused to allow a gay man, who said he was not

celibate, to become a member of the congregation. Like many other Christian groups, Methodists are divided over how to interpret what the Bible says about same-sex relationships.

At the time, the Judicial Council effectively ruled for Johnson. The court said a pastor in charge of a local church has the authority to decide whether a layman is ready for membership.

Three other regional church districts — Northern Illinois, Minnesota and Arkansas Annual Conferences — are now asking the high court to reconsider.

The Judicial Council includes some newly elected members who were not on the court when the 2005 ruling was made.

Malaysia court fines 12 Muslims for parading cow head in protest against Hindu temple plan

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A Malaysian court fined 12 Muslims on Tuesday and sentenced one of them to a week in prison for illegally protesting the construction of a Hindu temple and parading a severed cow's head.

The protest last August stoked tensions among Malaysia's three main ethnic groups — the Malay Muslim majority and Chinese and Indian

Arizona sheriff not relenting after court ruling

PHOENIX (AP) — Lost in the hoopla over Arizona's immigration law is the fact that state and local authorities for years have been doing their own aggressive crackdowns in the busiest illegal gateway into the country.

Nowhere in the U.S. is local enforcement more present than in metropolitan Phoenix, where Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio routinely carries out sweeps, some in Hispanic neighborhoods, to arrest illegal immigrants. The tactics have made him the undisputed poster boy for local immigration enforcement and the anger that so many authorities feel about the issue.

"It's my job," said Arpaio, standing beside a sheriff's truck that has a number for an immigration hot line written on its side. "I have two state (immigration) laws that I am enforcing. It's not federal, it's state."

A ruling Wednesday by a federal judge put on hold parts of the new law that would have required officers to dig deeper into the fight against illegal immigration. Arizona says it was forced to act because the federal government isn't doing its job to fight immigration.

The issue led to demonstrations across the country Thursday, including one directed at

Arpaio in Phoenix in which protesters beat on the metal door of a jail and chanted, "Sheriff Joe, we are here. We will not live in fear."



AP photo
Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio

Meanwhile, Gov. Jan Brewer's lawyers went to court to overturn the judge's ruling so they can fight back against what the Republican calls an "invasion" of illegal immigrants.

Ever since the main flow of illegal immigrants into the country shifted to Arizona a decade ago, state politicians and local police have been feeling pressure to confront the state's border woes.

In addition to Arpaio's crackdowns, other efforts include a steady stream of busts by the state and local police of stash houses where smugglers hide illegal immigrants. The state attorney general has taken a money-wiring

company to civil court on allegations that smugglers used their service to move money to Mexico. And a county south of Phoenix has its sheriff's deputies patrol dangerous smuggling corridors.

The Arizona Legislature have enacted a series of tough-on-immigration measures in recent years that culminated with the law signed by Brewer in April, catapulting the Republican to the national political stage.

But the king of local immigration enforcement is still Arpaio.

Arpaio, a 78-year-old ex-federal drug agent who fashions himself as a modern-day John Wayne, launched his latest sweep Thursday afternoon, sending about 200 sheriff's deputies and trained volunteers out across metro Phoenix to look for traffic violators who may be here illegally.

Deputy Bob Dalton and volunteer Heath Kowacz spotted a driver with a cracked windshield in a poor Phoenix neighborhood near a busy freeway. Dalton triggered the red and blue police lights and pulled over 28-year-old Alfredo Salas, who was born in Mexico but has lived in Phoenix with a resident alien card since 1993.

Dalton gave him a warning after Salas produced his license and

registration and told him to get the windshield fixed.

Salas, a married father of two who installs granite, told The Associated

Press that he was treated well but he wondered whether he was pulled over because his truck is a Ford Lobo.

"It's a Mexican truck

so I don't know if they saw that and said, 'I wonder if he has papers or not.'" Salas said. "If that's the case, it kind of gets me upset."

2010 Property Tax Rates in Glasscock County

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for Glasscock County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$3,058,650	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$3,058,650	\$ -0-\$100	\$ -0-\$100
Last year's tax base	\$894,342,106		
Last year's total tax rate	\$.342000/\$100		
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,059,595	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,069,371,200	\$ -0-\$100	\$ -0-\$100
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.286111/\$100		
Total effective tax rate	\$.286111/\$100		

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$3,059,595	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,069,371,200	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= This year's effective rate	\$.286111/\$100	\$ -0- /\$100	\$ -0- /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.308999/\$100	\$ -0- /\$100	\$ -0- /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.308999/\$100	\$ -0- /\$100	\$ -0- /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund.	\$.308999/\$100		
This year's total rollback rate			

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Glasscock County adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.286111 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$6468.00.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O	\$2,850,000

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: Glasscock County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office/124 S. Myrl St., Garden City, TX
Name of person preparing is notice Nancy Hillger
Title: Glasscock County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date prepared: July 28, 2010

BRIEFS

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minorities, most of them Buddhists, Christians or Hindus who have complained that their religious rights are often sidelined in favor of Islam.

The 12 men were among scores of Muslims who marched with a bloodied cow's head from a mosque to the central Selangor state chief minister's office to denounce the state government's plan to build a Hindu temple in their largely Muslim neighborhood.

The cow is the most sacred animal in Hinduism.

All 12 pleaded guilty in a Selangor district court to a charge of illegal assembly and were fined US\$320 each, said defense lawyer Afifuddin Hafifi. They faced up to a year in prison and a fine for the charge.

Moldovan police investigate death of baby during baptism

CHISINAU, Moldova (AP) — Moldovan police say they are investigating the case of a six-week-old baby who died minutes after his baptism, apparently due to having inhaled water during the ceremony.

The baby's relatives say he died after gulping water during his baptism on Friday in a Moldovan village.

In the Orthodox Christian religion, babies are baptized by being briefly immersed three times in water. Priests hold the infant's mouths and noses.

Film shot by relatives shows the baby moving after being taken out of the font, but then suffering difficulty breathing as he is dressed.

Twenty minutes later, he started bleeding from his nose and mouth and died.

Church spokeswoman Epistimia Goncareenco said Tuesday the priest who performed the baptism is being investigated for manslaughter.

Laura Bush to speak at Heritage Christian University fundraiser

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Former first lady Laura Bush will speak at a Heritage Christian University annual fundraiser on Aug. 28.

University President Dennis Jones said the object is to raise money for scholarships at the small, Church of Christ-sponsored school that provides training for future Bible teachers, preachers and missionaries.

The \$100 ticket price includes admission to a concert with actor/singer John Schneider. Organizers are hoping the event will generate \$250,000.

Jones says the former first lady will talk about life in the White House and will take questions than peace-loving religion."

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Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 7/31	Sun 8/1	Mon 8/2	Tue 8/3	Wed 8/4
97/68	99/68	96/71	95/71	95/71
Mainly sunny. High 97F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM

Texas At A Glance

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	71	sunny	Kingsville	97	73	mst sunny
Amarillo	91	67	sunny	Livingston	101	71	mst sunny
Austin	97	70	mst sunny	Longview	101	76	mst sunny
Beaumont	98	74	mst sunny	Lubbock	94	70	sunny
Brownsville	95	76	sunny	Lufkin	103	73	sunny
Brownwood	102	71	mst sunny	Midland	99	73	sunny
Corpus Christi	94	75	mst sunny	Raymondville	97	74	sunny
Corsicana	102	74	mst sunny	Rosenberg	96	73	pt sunny
Dallas	102	77	sunny	San Antonio	98	74	mst sunny
Del Rio	99	73	sunny	San Marcos	97	71	mst sunny
El Paso	87	71	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	102	75	sunny
Fort Stockton	98	71	pt sunny	Sweetwater	102	70	sunny
Gainesville	103	74	mst sunny	Tyler	101	73	sunny
Greenville	103	74	sunny	Weatherford	103	73	mst sunny
Houston	96	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	103	73	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	96	74	t-storm	Minneapolis	87	69	mst sunny
Boston	79	58	sunny	New York	83	70	mst sunny
Chicago	84	67	t-storm	Phoenix	89	79	cloudy
Dallas	102	77	sunny	San Francisco	60	52	pt sunny
Denver	89	65	t-storm	Seattle	74	55	mst sunny
Houston	96	74	pt sunny	St. Louis	92	73	pt sunny
Los Angeles	72	60	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	70	pt sunny
Miami	91	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases

Full Jul 26, Last Aug 3, New Aug 10, First Aug 16

UV Index

Sat 7/31	Sun 8/1	Mon 8/2	Tue 8/3	Wed 8/4
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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Inmate sues man he's convicted of burglarizing

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A Florida inmate is suing the man he's convicted of burglarizing, claiming the man and two others roughed him up during a citizen's arrest.

Michael Dupree is serving a 12-year sentence for burglary and cocaine possession stemming from a 2007 break-in of a van in St. Petersburg. Dupree allegedly stole a bicycle locked inside and was apprehended after the owner, Anthony McKoy, saw him with the bike down the street.

Dupree says McKoy and two others pointed a gun at him, handcuffed him and placed a knee painfully in his back. He's seeking \$500,000 for disabilities and distress suffered during the takedown. Dupree filed the civil lawsuit on his own.

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