

Obituaries

Velma Campbell



Velma Campbell, 82, of Big Spring was surrounded by her family as she passed to her heavenly home Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 24, 1930, to Jewell and Orville Gressett in Sterling County, Texas. She grew up in Broom and has been in Big Spring most of her life. Velma married Charles W. Campbell Sr. on Oct. 1, 1955, in Big Spring, Texas. She worked at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, retiring in 1988. She was an avid bowler, loved taking care of her yard, playing cards and going gambling with her friends and family. She was a member of First Baptist Church for more than 30 years.

Velma is survived by two sons, Charlie Campbell and wife Diana and David Campbell and wife Peggy, all of Big Spring; one brother, Phillip Gressett and wife Faye of Brownwood; a brother-in-law, Gene Campbell and wife Mary Jane of Abilene; two grandsons, Aaron and Austin Josey of McGregor; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Campbell Sr. on June 7, 1993; and one granddaughter, Le Ann Pesek on July 27, 2011.

Pallbearers will be Shane Gressett, Mike Leuschner, G.T. Miller, Gary Gressett, Ricky Adams and Gene Froman.

The family suggests memorials to High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 West County Road, Midland, Texas 79707.

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

Paid obituary

Gary A. Harris



Gary A. Harris, 69, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sep. 13, 2012, at the Hospice House. He will lie in state Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, and Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born April 17, 1943, in San Angelo, Texas, to Marietta and J.B. Harris. He grew up in Water Valley and attended school there. He came to Howard County from Water Valley 12 years ago. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1960 until 1972. He had worked in the oil field but was a plumber by trade.

He is survived by two daughters, Lacy Jo Crotts and husband Jeremy of Frisco and Mary Fuller and husband of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; one brother, Jim Harris and wife Ginger of Ohio; a sister, Nancy Mabry and husband Jim of New Mexico; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ken Harris and Carl Harris; and a sister, Frances Webber.

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Police blotter

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

- RILEY ERIK WOOD, 20, of 605 Highland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- ANTHONY WAYNE MORRISON, 55, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 216, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 48, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- AMY LEIGH SHIFFLETT, 30, of 209 N. Main St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for issuance of a bad check, theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500 (two counts), bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only) and failure to use a safety belt – child less than 17 years of age.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- DANIEL JESUS LEMON, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- GEORGE ROBERT GONZALES, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- RILEY ERIK WOOD, 20, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- ANTHONY WAYNE MORRISON, 55, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- AMY LEIGH SHIFFLETT, 30, was arrested

Thursday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check, theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500, violation of a promise to appear, no safety seat for child passenger and theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500 (two counts).

- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 48, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- WALTER LYN TEMPLETON, 43, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

- To honor the ideas of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary's the Virgin Episcopal Church parishioners are sponsoring a dog and cat food drive for the Howard County Humane Society through Oct. 5. Donations can be taken to the Humane Society located at West I H-20 off the service road, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or dropped off by the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, rector of St. Mary's, will hold a community-wide Blessing of the Animal service at the Humane Society shelter. The community is encouraged to bring their pets or stuffed animals, tour the shelter and consider bringing home a furry friend during this pet adoption drive event. Please make sure all living animals are secure either by a leash or carrier. Sunday Oct. 7, the church will hold a second community-wide Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. in the Parish's Bennett Garden, 1001 S. Goliad. Food donations for the Humane Society will be taken at this time.

St. Francis, an Italian Catholic frier, was known for his works of charity and dedication to poverty and is also the patron saint of animals.

- Big Spring Symphony Guild will be hosting its Fall Celebration/Meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Sept. 22. The meeting will take place in the fellowship hall, located at 810 Gregg Street.

- The Big Spring High School class of 1952 will be having its 60th reunion Sept. 21 and 22. Class members will have a float in the parade and meet at Spanish Inn afterward on Friday. Saturday from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. will be a come and go gathering at Dora Roberts Community Center in the Lake Room. A lunch and evening meal will be catered. There will be entertainment during the evening meal as well. For more information, contact Jay Hester at 263-1755 or Lane Bond at 263-4033.

- American Legion Post 506 will be having a fish fry Saturday. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and serving will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each and carry out is available. American Legion Post 506 is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. For more information or to place an order, call 263-2084.

- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

- Northside Community Center will be offering after school program from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

- The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

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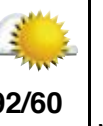
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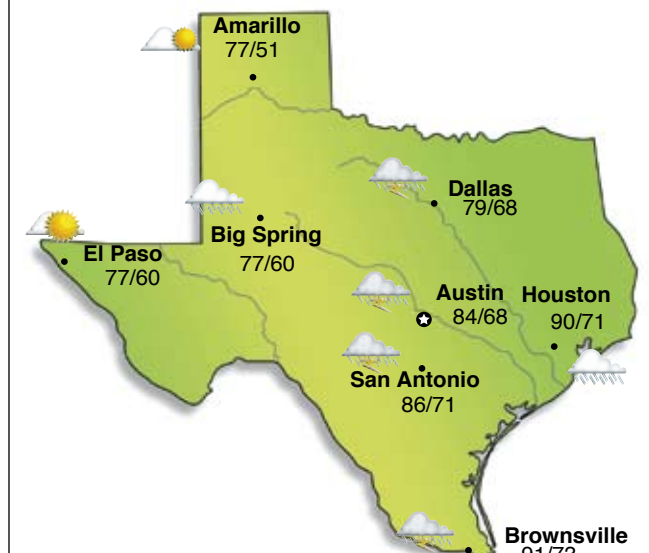
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 9/16	Mon 9/17	Tue 9/18	Wed 9/19	Thu 9/20
				
77/60 Afternoon showers. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	89/63 Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	92/60 A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	83/61 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	92/67 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 7:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 7:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 7:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:46 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	61	rain	Kingsville	92	72	t-storm
Amarillo	77	51	pt sunny	Livingston	90	68	rain
Austin	84	68	t-storm	Longview	80	68	t-storm
Beaumont	90	70	mst sunny	Lubbock	75	54	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	73	t-storm	Lufkin	90	71	rain
Brownwood	80	63	t-storm	Midland	77	60	rain
Corpus Christi	91	74	t-storm	Raymondville	91	71	t-storm
Corsicana	80	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	90	70	t-storm
Dallas	79	68	t-storm	San Antonio	86	71	t-storm
Del Rio	83	69	t-storm	San Marcos	85	68	t-storm
El Paso	77	60	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	68	t-storm
Fort Stockton	77	59	t-storm	Sweetwater	76	60	rain
Gainesville	78	64	t-storm	Tyler	80	69	t-storm
Greenville	77	65	t-storm	Weatherford	78	63	t-storm
Houston	90	71	rain	Wichita Falls	77	60	rain

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 15
19th Annual Don McKinney Memorial Float Fly
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or email
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Sept. 15
Walk to End Alzheimer's 2012
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Alma Gonzales at 432-263-5999
or email
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Sept. 24
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State news in brief

U. of Texas orders evacuation, cites ‘threats’

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas has issued an alert on its website ordering an evacuation “due to threats on campus.”

The alert posted shortly before 10 a.m. Friday says people on campus should immediately evacuate all buildings and “get as far away as possible.”

No other details were available at presstime.

3 bodies found after Killeen apartments burn

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Firefighters have discovered three bodies in the burned rubble of a Central Texas apartment complex.

The Killeen Fire Department did not immediately identify the bodies located Friday morning. Fire Chief J.D. Gardner says all three bodies were in the same unit.

Gardner says a woman at the scene reported that her mother and another woman were unable to escape the flames that destroyed the 24-unit Casa Tejas Apartments.

Killeen police say two people were hurt and have been taken to a hospital. Their conditions weren’t immediately released.

KWTX-TV reports authorities believe the blaze started in a lower unit of the two-story complex. No cause has been determined. The fire was brought under control by about 3 a.m. Friday.

Houston police kill man who allegedly stabbed 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police have shot and killed a man who allegedly stabbed three other guests at a party to celebrate an upcoming wedding.

Police spokesman Kese Smith said Friday that two officers opened fire when the man refused to put down a knife and then charged toward them. The suspect was dead at the scene Thursday night.

Smith says the stabbings happened at a residence where people were gathering in preparation for a wedding. Police are trying to determine what led to an argument and then the stabbings.

All three victims were taken to a hospital. Smith says one victim has critical injuries, another is in serious condition and the third person has minor

wounds. Their names weren’t immediately released.

Manor bus driver accused of on-board student abuse

MANOR, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas school bus driver has been charged with molesting an elementary student who was seen standing in the moving vehicle.

The Manor Independent School District says 62-year-old Gilbert Joseph Briseno has been fired for questionable conduct.

Travis County Jail records show Briseno was being held Friday on \$200,000 bond. No attorney was listed for Briseno, who was booked Thursday on a charge of continuous sexual abuse of a child.

Manor police Sgt. Ryan Phipps says bus security video shows more than one alleged incident of the girl being abused.

San Antonio police fatally shoot gunman at hotel

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police have fatally shot a gunman who allegedly threatened a woman in a hotel room and then fired at officers.

Police say the incident happened early Friday at a Days Inn. The woman and two officers who returned fire were not hurt.

Police responded to a call about a woman needing help. Officers managed to get the hotel room door partly open and see the woman apparently in distress.

Police say the suspect opened fire as the officers forced their way into the room. Both officers shot the suspect, who died at the scene. His name wasn’t immediately released.

Both officers have been put on administrative duty during a review of the shooting.

Blind repeat sexual offender gets life sentence

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A legally blind San Antonio man with a history of sexual offenses faces a mandatory life sentence after convictions on 12 counts in the repeated rapes of two girls.

Anthony Maldonado had previously served a sev-

en-year prison sentence for a 1988 molestation conviction. A Bexar (BAYR) County jury on Thursday returned its guilty verdicts against the 51-year-old Maldonado. The girls he was accused of preying upon, now ages 17 and 19, said he raped them repeatedly from 2005 to 2007.

Maldonado’s attorneys argued that Maldonado’s disability made it highly unlikely that he could have committed the crimes. Nevertheless, the San Antonio Express-News reports jurors returned the guilty verdicts after four hours of deliberations.

Houston man at least 52nd Texas West Nile death

HOUSTON (AP) — A fourth Houston resident has died of West Nile virus, bringing the Texas West Nile death toll to at least 52.

Houston Health and Human Services says the death of a man between the ages of 75 and 84 from northwestern Houston was reported Monday.

Federal health officials say this is the nation’s worst year for the mosquito-borne virus since it was discovered in New York 13 years.

Several Texas counties have been spraying pesticide to help reduce the mosquito population.

RACES

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lucky duck if it is chosen and is the first to enter the designated trap. If by chance the duck makes it to the designated area first, the adopted owner will receive 1,500 gallons of gasoline.

Tickets are being sold by members of United Way board, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members, Big Spring Symphony Guild members and Isaiah 58. All

funds raised during the event will be divided and split between the four groups.

“This is a great way to have some fun while supporting not one but four good causes,” McIntosh said.

Tickets will be sold until the day of the race.

For more information, contact McIntosh at 432-517-4821.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

BSISD

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The crosswalks will be installed near the main entrances of the new elementary campuses, which will force the closure of the main drive while work is ongoing.

However, crews will only work on one campus at a time and will do a majority of the crosswalk work on the weekends, Pierce noted.

“The maximum,

worst-case scenario is that this work will take about a week (per campus),” he said.

To deal with traffic disruptions, the school district adopted the following student drop-off plan for the four campuses while the crosswalks are being installed:

- Goliad Elementary — Students will be dropped off at the south end of the campus and parents will exit through the old Goliad parking lot.

- Marcy Elementary

- Parents can drop off their students in the teacher parking lot in front of the campus or at the west entrance adjacent to Connally Street.

- Washington Elementary — Students will be dropped off at the northwest entrance to the school and parents will exit via the teacher parking lot.

- Moss Elementary — Traffic will not have to be diverted at this campus, so few if any disruptions are antici-

pated, Pierce said.

Plans for the new crosswalks are awaiting final approval, so no start date has been set for the work.

Pierce said this last-minute problem should not take away how smoothly the overall construction project has gone.

“We’ve had some little issues along the way, but usually all I had to do was make a phone call and — poof! — it was taken care of, usu-

ally on that same day,” he said. “For a project of this size, we’ve had way fewer issues than I anticipated.”

The school district will announce the dates for construction work once plans are finalized. For more information, contact the respective campuses.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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One reason cited for the decrease at San Angelo is a recent law regarding bacterial meningitis vaccines. The vaccine is now required for any incoming student attending a college campus, with minor exceptions and exclusions. If the vaccine isn’t received more than 10 days before classes start, the student is unable to register.

Despite many efforts to educate the public, the law caught some off guard and the students were unable to register for classes, particularly, dual-credit public school students.

At the same time, available classes at prime times are limited because of a lack of space on the San Angelo campus. Efforts are underway to address that need.

All campuses are still seeing a strong dual-

credit enrollment (high school students enrolling in college courses), with more and more students and their families taking advantage of the low cost option to get a jump start on college coursework and workforce training, officials said.

“Dual credit is a win-win situation for the students and the community,” Sparks said. “It addresses a need for workforce readiness in the communities we serve, and also provides a quality start for high school students pursuing further higher education.”

While the economy is still significantly focused on the energy boom in Texas, college administrators have been working double-time with regional agencies to meet the growing demand for more skilled

workers and new career technical education programs.

“We have been further developing our Career Technical Education programs to serve all different levels of students,” Sparks said. “Our traditional and non-traditional students are both finding value in the CTE programs as they are learning skill sets that make them immediately employable.”

The enrollment numbers also continue to support HC’s designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution, which allows the college to qualify for certain federal grants such as the Title V grant recently awarded to the institution.

“We recently received two significant grants through the Title V system and participated in another grant with An-

gelo State University,” Sparks said. “Our HSI designation continues to be an important part of who we are as a college and allows us to compete for additional resources during these stringent budget years.”

As the state of Texas continues to experience serious budget shortfalls, community colleges will face increased pressure to refocus efforts on student outcomes and completions in addition to enrollment and contact

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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 area football teams — Coahoma, Big Spring and Forsan — for winning their games Sept. 7.

- Eric Herm — local farmer and author — for his recent book signing for his second book "Surviving Ourselves."

- Mike Tarpley, DAV members and all those who helped put on the recent Sept. 11 ceremony at the Big Spring Mall in honor of all those who have given the greatest sacrifice.

- All who are serving on American Cancer Society board and Relay For Life committees and team leaders who are starting their new campaign year.

- Papa Chon's for being the first supporting restaurant of United Way Dine Out Days for 2012. Also, all who went and showed support to the restaurant during this week.

- Howard Hawks for taking the time to host a meet and greet with the community and allow area residents a chance to get to know all Howard College athletes.

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

Thank You, Lord, for loving us and being with us under all circumstances.

Amen

Here we are 11 years later

I will never forget the phone ringing on that sunny September morning and my friend Annie telling me to turn on the television because the world was going to hell. My children, then 8 and 11, woke up a few minutes later to see me staring at the images of the planes hitting the towers.

We were in Santa Monica, 3,000 miles away, and two of the planes were headed here. I did that Boston to Los Angeles commute for years and was planning to head east in two days for a book tour. There it was. We were all connected somehow. A friend of a friend. Another friend's son-in-law. The airline crews with whom I traveled for years. Didn't you know so-and-so? There but for the grace of God.

In the days that followed, there were all kinds of television stories and newspaper articles about how to talk to your children about what happened on 9/11. None of them really mattered. The children saw it, too. They got it.

I was their age when President Kennedy was shot. I got it. The images stick. The world is not a safe place. I used to worry that my children, growing up half a century after the Holocaust, would never understand the vulnerability and courage of the relatives we never met, the hate directed at the Jews who weren't lucky enough to get out when our family did. That worry was replaced by one even worse. They would know too well.

Soon after, when we went to



SUSAN
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the synagogue for the high holidays, there were guards. Schools stepped up security; airports where I used to make it from drop-off to gate in a matter of minutes sprouted long, snaking lines. I took deep breaths when I boarded planes. I made excuses not to travel.

And then time — the tonic of amnesia — passed. We started flying again. People started complaining — foolishly, I think — about being searched at the airport, as if they couldn't remember why the hardworking men and women trying to protect us were patting us down.

The fights began about what the memorial should look like, who would pay for it and what to do about the mosque being planned in the neighborhood.

We read, and tried to ignore, the stories about angry young men from England and Virginia who were volunteering for holy war against us. Feeling powerless, afraid of the world we are leaving our children, the mind turns to the mundane.

We cheered the killing of Osama bin Laden as if that would put an end to fear. It hasn't. We learned new words. IEDs. Soldiers coming home disfigured physically and mentally. My friends in Israel said, "Now you understand." I don't want to understand.

And once a year, we take a deep breath, a moment of silence, a look back at something that still makes most of us quake when we see.

Has it really been 11 years? It seems like yesterday.

Are we better prepared, safer, than we were 11 years ago? I really don't know. The candidates will probably fight about that, come tomorrow. As if changing

parties and putting a new man on top is the answer to a world in which people and children sacrifice their lives for beliefs that most of their own brothers and sisters reject.

Fear and freedom don't go well together. In times of terror, civil liberties always suffer. And the ones who pay the price are the ones who look most like those we fear, even if they are no different from the rest of us. If 99 percent of all Muslims reject terror, or whatever high number is right, is it fair to treat them differently because 100 percent of those who killed on 9/11 came from that other 1 percent? I raise the question every year with my students. We look warily at the one or two Muslims in the class. What is there to say?

How much are we willing to sacrifice to keep our children safe? Ask me, and I'll say whatever it takes. As if I know what that is.

Two days ago, a teenage suicide bomber in Afghanistan got too close; he looked like all the other kids who hang around, just kids, selling small things, collecting candy, being kids.

We will not be safe, Golda Meir once said, until our enemies love their children more than they hate ours.

I try to write columns with answers. But I have no answers. Only this: Hug your children. Live carefully. Do not take risks. Do not let fear turn into hate.

And most importantly, do not forget.

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The brown face conventions

We Latinos should be happy, shouldn't we? In both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, brown faces were on display like never before.

But is that all we need? Do Latinos vote for surnames or substance?

If brown faces and Hispanic surnames are all we need, then the conventions were a draw. There were enough Latinos on both teams to make it seem as if we were playing on a leveled field.

But if you were a Latino looking for substance to come out of those brown faces, if you expected Latino convention speakers to have the courage to deal with your issues, then you saw the Democrats pounce on the Republicans. No contest!

With the possible exception of Miami Cubans who saw their homeland and primary issue addressed by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio at the GOP convention, for most Latinos, it was the Democrats who spoke to their issues.

But let's face it — for Democrats who could speak freely about issues like immigration reform, the job was much easier.

The tough job belonged to the Latino Republicans. They had to be hypocritical enough to talk about their own immigrant experience while totally ignoring the most anti-immigrant Republican Party platform in recent history. They had to stand there, before a huge national audience, and purposely avoid speaking about one of the most important issues affecting their Latino communities — their own constituents! That's tough.

The Democrats had it easy. They didn't have to sell Latinos any new ideas. They didn't have to make any new promises. In fact, on immigration, some of them promised less than they did four years ago. That's because all they had to do was

remind Latinos that the GOP has been driven by Draconian xenophobes who lack compassion, even for young, undocumented "dreamers." All they had to do was remind us how Mitt Romney has pandered to extremists and reinforced their hatred of immigrants.

"This election will determine whether high school valedictorians, football team captains, and student council presidents will be treated with respect — or treated like suspects," Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., told convention delegates. "Whether they reach their dreams, or whether Mitt Romney turns their dreams into nightmares."

Yet while most Democrats reiterated their support for the DREAM Act to legalize young immigrants, and while comprehensive immigration reform is part of their party platform, some Democrats avoided repeating their unkept promise to pass such reform through Congress.

Compared to what Romney is promising, apparently they felt they didn't have to go out on a limb to make a promise they may not be able to keep — again.

Only Gutierrez was as crystal clear as the Democratic platform.

"It's not just Dreamers," Gutierrez said. "Democrats value all immigrants. Republicans blame undocumented immigrants for our problems. Democrats will fight for comprehensive immigration reform."

Of course, that was much more assertion than the rhetorical smoke and mirrors uttered by Hispanic GOP convention speakers, such Gov. Susana Martinez of New Mexico, who tried to fool Latinos of the old-fashioned, Republican way — with a brown face and a few words in Spanish.

"El sueño Americano es tener éxito," she said. "It's success. Success is the American Dream."

When Ted Cruz, a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate in Texas, spoke about his father coming penniless from Cuba, he noted that his father "no tenia nada, pero tenia corazon (he had nothing, but he had heart)."

And with these hollow words, Martinez, who got elected with-

out a majority of the Latino vote in her own state, and Cruz, who is trying to do the same thing in Texas, suddenly were pitched by some misinformed TV pundits as the new, rising national spokesmen for the Latino community.

What? Really? Two Tea Party favorites? Don't you mean spokesmen for the anti-Latino community?

Unfortunately, some people still can't tell the difference between those politicians who have earned the right to speak for the Hispanic community and those who happen to be Hispanic.

Back in May, Martinez criticized Romney's infamous suggestion that, once he became president, he would force undocumented immigrants to "self-deport." But at the convention, she had NADA to say about that. Cruz said Democrats falsely accuse Republicans of "telling Hispanics that they are not welcomed here." But he had NADA to say about a GOP platform that wants the country to emulate Arizona's anti-immigrant, racial profiling laws. None of the Latino Republicans said anything about the many social programs that benefit Latinos and would be crushed by Romney.

Even when they spoke a few words in Spanish at the GOP convention, Latino Republicans were being terribly hypocritical. After all, their party platform aims to ban government services in Spanish by making English the nation's official language.

They may be upcoming Republican leaders, but brown faces and Hispanic surnames don't automatically make Latino leaders, not when they go before the whole country to support politicians, platforms and ideologies that go against the interests of their own community.

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Sometimes it takes a little more than a gander

The concept of taking a gander isn't new to me. My mother often used the phrase when she wanted me to look at something. "Take a gander at this," she would say.

Although I had never given it much thought, I assumed that taking a gander had been laid to rest with my mother's generation. So I was surprised recently when I saw the phrase posted on Facebook by a woman young enough to be my daughter. She was inviting her friends to take a gander at a political video she had posted. Somehow the words "gander" and "video" didn't connect in my mind. The generational gap was a bit of a stretch for me.

According to several online sources, the phrase "take a gander"



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became popular in the early 1900s. It seems to have originated from the observation of long-necked male geese. The ganders strutted around the barnyard looking this way and that while their female counterparts set on their nests to hatch the eggs.

In a rural society where the barnyard provided more than milk and eggs, "taking a gander" soon became a colloquialism. The rubbernecked ganders that wondered aimlessly around the farm were creating metaphors to be recorded in books that were yet to be written.

As language evolved, taking a

gander became synonymous with taking a quick glance or craning with an outstretched neck, hoping to see something. Howbeit, the poor old gander found himself defined in the dictionary as a simpleton.

When it comes to enriching our lives, taking a gander is seldom enough. Learning, in any situation, requires looking deeper, collecting information, and processing what we see. A glimpse that satisfies a gander is never sufficient for an inquiring mind.

In our spiritual lives, many of us gander around picking up tidbits of Scripture that we find appealing and ignoring those we deem less desirable. We look on the surface for words that tantalize us and ignore the underlying principles that could

change our lives. Unknowingly, perhaps, we create our own cut-and-paste Bibles that mock God's Word.

However, the apostle Paul had a different understanding of the value of Scripture. From a cold dark prison, he wrote, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16 NIV).

Acquiring all that God's Word has to offer requires serious study and an investment in time. It takes more than a gander.

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Church News

North Birdwell Lane

United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church has Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads the service and Jacque Mauch leads the music.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. The adult class will continue its study on "What is Faith?" with Mauch leading discussion on "Faith is endurance" taken from Hebrews 12:1-11.

Administrative council will meet Sunday to continue preparation for the charge conference, set for Sept. 30 following the fifth Sunday fellowship luncheon.

Be vigilante in the cutting of weeds and mowing of grass as the mosquitoes continue to be a health issue. Don't forget kids are back in school and some school zones have added length. There is no cell phone use in the zones. Do not text while driving; this is a safety issue for us all.

Our food pantry is still available to those in need. For the use of pantry, call 432-267-2203.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 432-267-3241 or 432-267-2203. Leave message if no answer.

First Baptist Church

Through September, we are focusing on state missions through the Mary Hill Davis offering. Our church goal is \$5,000 to be combined with other Southern Baptist Churches donations to reach out to the 12 million of our fellow Texans who are without the hope of Christ.

The mission center has an empty pantry. This week, we will collect corn and green beans as we minister to the physical along with the spiritual needs of our community. Also, help is needed to sort through the garments in the clothing area.

Marc Couch has returned to DPS and our music ministry has grown through his stepping up at a crucial time in the life of our church. Our thanks to Marc for sharing his gifts. Joe Whitten has offered to be the interim and we welcome our former director as he leads in worship through music. The choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesday as we prepare for Sunday's service and be blessed by sharing your talents.

We are called to missions and Operation Christmas Child is an exciting avenue to reach children and families with the love of Christ. Last year we packed more than 300 boxes and pray this year we will exceed that amount. Empty shoeboxes may be donated in west foyer. The boxes will be distributed Oct. 21 and collected Nov. 11. Start gathering your items and be ready to share in this important ministry.

Youth are involved in True Love Waits and lunch will be held Sunday. The commitment ring ceremony will be Sunday, Sept. 30. Fall semester for youth Bible study begins Sept. 23 at 6 p.m.

AWANA began last Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and children are encouraged to bring at least one friend for Sunday.

An all ladies potluck brunch is planned for Saturday, Oct. 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center with ladies of Sunday school classes serving as hostesses.

Wednesday, Oct. 3 begins the study for Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey.

The nine-week series is taught by Greg and Luci Gabehart. Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. with Sun-

day school at 9:30 a.m.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is Lannon Martin.

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. The church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with breakfast treats following and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Mid-week classes begin this week with meal and fellowship at 5:45 p.m. abd class from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Bo Vizcaino will present the readings. The readings reference "All Things are Possible with Jesus."

Pastor Carroll Kohl is on KBYG every morning for a devotion sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 a.m. and 6:50 a.m.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Sunday school classes/Connection groups will meet Sunday. Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Our September movie will be "Lost and Found Family" at 6 p.m. Saturday. Nursery is available for children age 4 and younger. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available for the movie. Donations are accepted and go toward youth camp and events.

Visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org for information about any of our events.

"Wings" dance academy will meet Tuesday evenings for girls ages 4-12. Boys Scouts meet at 6 Wednesday nights. Contact the office for more information.

"Celebrate Recovery" meets at SCF on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. "Celebrate Recovery" is a program designed to help anyone struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and bad habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. For more information, call the church office or visit our website.

Big Spring Classical Academy is now in session with classes for Pre-K and kindergarten. Visit our website at bigspringclassical.org for more information. Homeschool cooperative is offering classes for high school homeschool students in several subjects including algebra, history, English/literature art and baking 101.

The Sunday morning sermon series for September is "The God Questions." Some of the questions to be asked and hopefully answered include "What Happens When You Die?," "If God is Good, Why Does He Allow Suffering?," "Whose Word Ya Gonna Take For It?," and "How in the World Do You Do It?"

Wednesday's meal is at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study and youth and children's activities are at 6 p.m.

The Wednesday night sermon series is "When Jesus Speaks," presented by Associate Pastor Lloyd Wells.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

"Between the Lines" women's ministry meets Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. Call the church office for more details.

For further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at

the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

Christ in the Country Fellowship

Christ in the Country Fellowship is located at 5100 E. FM 846 in the Luther community.

Sunday, there will be music from the Crystal River Band.

Sunday starts with coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible study is at 10 a.m. We are beginning our study of 2 Corinthians 1:1.

Wednesday, round pen study is at 6 p.m. and will study the book of Genesis 12:1.

Leslie Jones of Covenant Ranch Fellowship will lead us in worship service Sunday at 11 a.m.

New youth study group is Sunday at 10 a.m.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact Christ in the Country Fellowship at 432-270-0594 or

432-816-6238.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church on Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Michael Willard continues on the series entitled "Accountability: Taking Responsibility Seriously." Last week, we discussed "The Walk," taken from Acts 9:1-9. Three days are significant in the Bible for testing, trials, or preparations. This week, the title will be "The Opportunity" and will be taken from 1 Peter 4:8. Sunday morning services are recorded if you'd like a free copy of any service, see our broadcasting department.

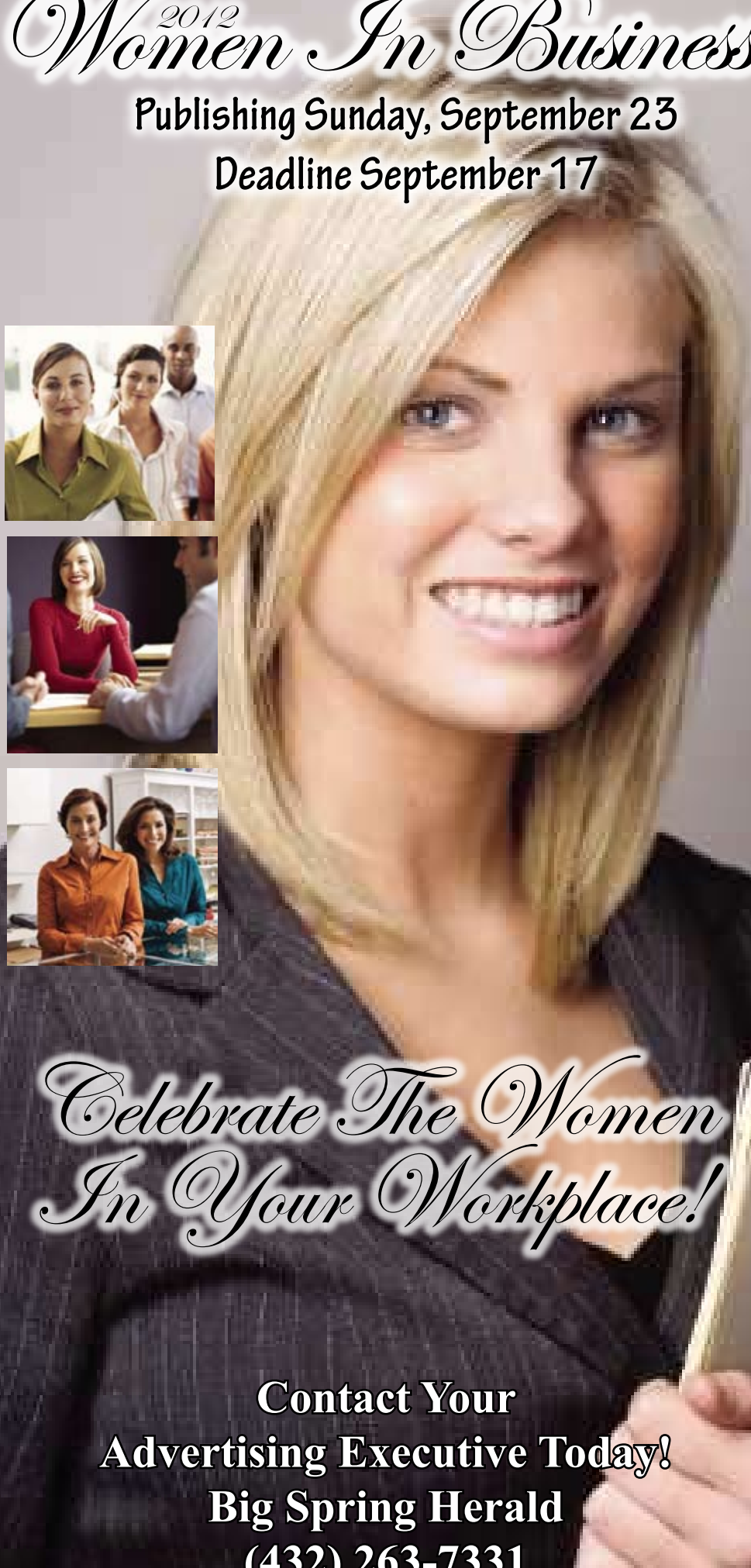
Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. we continue our Overcomers R&R class. For more information on this class, contact us at the number listed below.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: Tiny Tots (19 mos.- Kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th

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Question: Are you really listening or not?

I am not a great listener. I lose focus. One word can trigger any number of divergent thoughts causing my mind to race off in pursuit like a dog chasing cats. At other times I leap ahead, thinking about what I want to say rather than listening to what is being said. I have to discipline myself to re-focus on what is being said, sometimes scrambling to piece together the gaps that I missed during my mental lapses. My wife knows this. She can see it in my eyes. Sometimes she will stop talking and the silence will awaken me from my temporary daydream. "You're not listening," she says. Of course she is right. But occasionally I am lucky enough to be able to repeat the last sentence that she spoke, retrieving it from some kind of digital recording in my head, even though it's meaning was not being registered in my brain. My wife, on the other hand, is a great listener. That is one of the reasons I married her. She



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listens intently, not just to me, but also to anyone speaking to her. I once watched a total stranger stop her on the street in New York and spill out their life story. I have witnessed the same thing on subways, in train stations and shopping centers in the U.S. and Europe. You can see it in her eyes. She focuses. She doesn't glance around the room wondering if there is someone else she should speak to. She doesn't look beyond you. Her eyes don't glaze over in a fixed stare that pretends to listen while she thinks about something else.

Listening is a powerful gift. It is transformational. When someone listens to us without judgment or accusation, we hear and see ourselves differently. Somehow, the act of having someone truly listen enables us to sort through our emotions and confusions to reach better conclusions. Feelings of isolation and loneliness dissolve and melt away when someone listens to us. The listener, by listening, has the ability to heal.

Most of us are far more intent on being heard than hearing. When we pretend to listen, we are, more often simply waiting for a gap, a chance in

the conversation to insert our already preconceived conclusions. We interrupt one another with conversations that often are running on different tracks.

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

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

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Chosen Generation (7th-12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24 yrs.); Men's & Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment. Our children's sanctuary will be dedicated in October.

Cornerstone Covenant Church meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Mothers lounge and childrens church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12 St. For office hours or more information, contact us at 264-0015; visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check Covenant Connect out on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

First United Methodist Church

Friday after the football games, kids are invited to an EPIC Fifth Quarter at First Methodist's Partee building. There will be free pizza, lots of dancing and fun until 12:30 a.m. Rides home will be provided if needed. For complete information, call Beau at 432-312-7923.

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will bring the message at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship. His sermon topic for the week is "The Exception to the Rule" with scripture readings from Kings 10:23 and 11:13. The chancel choir, under the direction of Eddie Vandewalker, will bring a special anthem at the service and Dan Kiley will perform a trumpet solo. In the second service, the instrumental ensemble will also accompany the congregational singing.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. Many of the classes launched brand new courses of study this past week. For more information about available classes and special events, go to our website at www.fumchs.org. Watch for new and expanded Sunday school classrooms in the near future.

Wednesday's noon Bible study and luncheon is held in Garrett Hall. Pastor Bill is currently leading a study on Mark. This week's meal will be catered by Al's Barbeque with serving at 11:50 a.m.

Real Life will begin serving their meal at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall followed by children's choir, Epic youth, Beth Moore Bible Study, Financial Peace University and Disciple Bible study.

Monday, folks can begin to bring their Lord's Acre items for both the silent auction and talents and treasures live auction. They will be stored and logged in at the Quester's classroom; if you need directions, check with the office.

Last Sunday, Diane Murray came to the congregation wearing an apron and with mixing bowl in hand advertising the bake sale. Those baked

goods, soups and casseroles needing to be kept frozen should be put in the freezer located in the sacristy.

United Methodist women from our local church as well as North Birdwell Lane UMC and Coahoma UMC are hard at working getting ready for the conference meeting at FUMC set for Friday, Sept. 21 and Saturday, Sept. 22.

First United Methodist Church is located in downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry St. Our telephone number is 267-6394.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, will meet Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m.

Other Wednesday evening activities include the children's choir at 4:45 p.m. and the youth group, which welcomes youth from all the community and especially from First Presbyterian, First Christian, and St. Mary's Episcopal, at 6:30 p.m. for supper, handbell choir, and a special youth-oriented financial planning course led by Susan Holstedt.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

The session will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the library.

The service committee has named Sept. 23 and 30 as days for our annual food drive. The food bags with the list of groceries will be in the Narthex and members are asked to return them by Oct. 16.

Our annual Saturday cookout/fellowship and Sunday church barbecue lunch Sept. 22-23. Contact Danny Kennemur to find a place to help with this event.

Presbyterian Women and Working Women's Bible study Tuesday, Sept. 25 at noon in the fellowship hall for lunch and the first lesson from this year's Horizons study "Dispatches from God's Household," based on 1 and 2 Peter, Jude, 1, 2, and 3 John. Helen Glass will lead the introductory lesson. We will also finalize plans for the food we will be providing at the church's Mission Fair, held Oct. 19-21.

Sally Grisham is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgist for September is Pam Morgan. Ushers for September are Susan and David Wilson and Claudie and Rip Patterson.

The lectionary is Proverbs 1: 20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38. The choir will offer the anthem "Sing for Joy" by Henry Purcell and "Most Glorious Lord of Life" by William Harris for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

This Sunday has been designated Mission Worker Offering day to support men and women serving as overseas missionaries.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday

Hope against hopelessness

Let's be reminded of that great quote by Stephen Covey. He said, "If you want to achieve your highest aspirations and overcome your greatest challenges, identify and apply the principle or natural law that governs the results you seek. How we apply a principle will vary greatly and will be determined by our unique strengths, talents, and creativity, but, ultimately, success in any endeavor is always derived from acting in harmony with the principles to which the success is tied."

It has been said the children of blame (what we studied last week) are cynicism and hopelessness. For many it is just easier to think to ourselves we are victims of the circumstances we find ourselves in and the circumstances have greater power than we do. Now we never tell ourselves outright that the circumstances have greater power than we do but our actions in those circumstances demonstrate that truth. Many people subconsciously think to themselves "I am a pawn, a puppet, a cog in the wheel and can do nothing about it. Just tell me what I need to do." When an individual thinks this way what happens next is discouragement and depression creep in. The natural survival response to this problem in our culture is just to lower our expectations to the point where we cannot



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ever be disappointed. So instead of challenging ourselves to rise above our circumstances we merely accept them and lower them in order to cope with our problems.

The key to overcoming hopelessness is hope. In the first part of Romans 15:13 we're told, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing." The key to overcoming our own hopelessness is God and realizing that when we believe in Him He will fill us with all joy and peace. Before Christ was sent to this earth were told that we were without hope but when one accepts Jesus they receive the hope of glory. The key to overcoming our own hopelessness is a relationship with Christ because all the problems we face in life Christ has already faced them and He will be our strength during those moments in our lives.

Last week I illustrated how we could overcome the problem of blame by referring to Joseph. I noted in my article that the queen of Egypt tried to have relations with him but that is actually in correct and I wanted to correct that statement. It was actually Potiphar's wife who came on to him.

Kenneth Garcia is the gospel preacher for the Birdwell Lane church of Christ. These articles are meant to cover practical topics that will enlighten and encourage each and every one of us in our daily lives. TheLordschild33@yahoo.com is Garcia's email address and if you can put in caps "questions for Kenny" when writing to him in the subject line that would be great. Contact him directly.

services, call the church office at 263-4211.

Visit our website at www.fpcbs.org.

Coahoma First United Methodist Church

We will be hosting a "Celebrate You" service during Sunday morning worship, followed by a pot luck luncheon. At 2 p.m., Crystal River will perform. We are located at 401 N. Main.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa leading the service.

Youth group meets 7 p.m. Wednesday for students sixth through 12th grade. Donations for school supplies can be left in the box in the foyer.

Sunday, Sept. 30, a Healthy Church Initiative group will meet at FUMC in Big Spring from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. Oct. 22 will be our charge conference.

Church office number is 432-394-4432 and the mobile number is 432-270-1602. Send email to coahomaumc@gmail.com

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples

of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday the Rev. Ken McIntosh's message will be "God and Conservative Thinking" from Matthew 25: 1-13.

Elders will be John Scott and Paul Smith. Deacons will be Jo Best, Diana Best, Karen Reagan and Bo Reagan. Worship leader will be Ken McIntosh and communion prep will be Diana Best and Karen Reagan. Greeter will be Jo Best. Homebound Communion will be Paul Smith

Isaiah 58 is open at 4:30 p.m. Mondays and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays. We are working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. until about 11 a.m. sorting and cleaning items from Walmart.

Monday evening, the TOPS group meets at the church in the fellowship hall at 5 p.m. for weigh-in and the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday the Men from First Christian Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian

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St. Mary's will offer Blessing of Animals

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Staff Writer

All creatures big and small are important.

St. Mary's the Virgin Episcopal Church parish-ioners are sponsoring a dog and cat food drive for the Howard County Humane Society through Oct. 5. In conjunction with the food drive, there will be two Blessing of the Animals services.

"We are all God's creatures and this is some-thing I have always been a part of even before I was ordained," the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris said.

The first blessing service — open to the commu-nity — will held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5 at the Humane Society shelter. The second service will be at 3 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Parish's Bennett Garden, 1001 S. Goliad.

"We understand that there are some who may not be able to bring their animals, but that is OK. They can bring pictures of their pets," Nor-ris said. "We will even accept stuffed animals. Animals are our companions and they will all be blessed."

For those wanting to drop off donations for the cat and food drive, drop off points include the Hu-mane Society is located at W. I H-20 past the Big Spring Airport on the west service road and the *Big Spring Herald* at 710 Scurry St. Donations can be taken to the Humane Society between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and to the *Herald* between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Not only will we be offering the blessing at the shelter, but we want to encourage others to at-tend, tour the shelter and consider bringing home a furry friend," Norris said.

Those bringing pets to the blessing ceremony are asked to secure them on a leash or in a car-rier.

For more information, call St. Mary's at 432-267-8201.

The Howard County Humane Society is a non-profit, non-kill shelter which houses 153 dogs and 39 cats.

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Pope appeals for peace while on his Lebanon visit

BEIRUT (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI appealed for peace Friday at a time of deep turmoil in the Middle East, calling the flow of weapons into Syria a "grave sin" as the country endures a bloody civil war.

The pope arrived in Lebanon for a three-day visit despite the recent unrest in region — including the war in neighboring Syria, a mob attack that killed several Americans in Libya, including the U.S. am-bassador, and a string of violent protests across the region stemming from an anti-Islam film.

"I have come to Lebanon as a pilgrim of peace," the pope said upon his arrival in Beirut. "As a friend of God and as a friend of men."

But just hours after his arrival, violence erupted in northern Lebanon over the anti-Islam film pro-duced in the United States called "Innocence of Muslims." The movie ridicules the Prophet Mu-hammad, portraying him as a fraud, a womanizer and a child molester.

According to Lebanese security officials, a crowd angry over the film set fire Friday to a KFC and an Arby's restaurant in the northeastern city of Tripoli, sparking clashes with police. Police then opened fire, killing one of the attackers, the officials said. At least 25 people were wounded in the melee, in-cluding 18 police who were hit with stones and glass. The officials spoke on condition of anonymi-ty because they were not allowed to brief the media.

Lebanese authorities enacted stringent secu-rity measures for the pope, suspending weap-ons permits except for politicians' bodyguards and confining the visit to central Lebanon and the northern Christian areas. Army and police patrols were stationed along the airport road. Speaking to reporters aboard his plane, the pope, who is 85, said he never considered canceling the trip for security reasons, adding that "no one ever advised (me) to renounce this trip and personally, I have never considered this."

The pope denounced religious fundamen-talism, calling it "a falsification of religion." He also praised the Arab Spring uprisings, which have ousted four long-time dictators.

"It is the desire for more democracy, for more freedom, for more cooperation and for a renewed Arab identity," the pope said.

The turmoil stemming from the Arab Spring has deeply unsettled the Middle East's Christian population, which fears be-ing in the cross-fire of rival Muslim groups. Lebanon has the largest percentage of Christians in the Mideast — nearly 40 percent of Lebanon's 4 million people, with Maronite Catholics being the largest sect. Lebanon is the only Arab country with a Christian head of state.

Benedict, the third pope to visit Lebanon after Paul VI in 1964 and John Paul II in 1997, will be addressing concerns by the region's bishops over the plight of Christians in the Middle East. War, political instabil-

ity and economic hardships have driven thousands from their traditional communities, dating to early Christianity in the Holy Land, Iraq and elsewhere. Also Friday, the pope called for an end to weapons imports to Syria. Syria's rebels have said they desperately need weapons to fight Syrian President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime.

"The import of weapons must be stopped, be-cause without the weapons import the war could not continue," he said. "Instead of the weapons im-port, which is a grave sin, we should import ideas of peace and creativity and find solutions to accept each other with our differences."

The pontiff was welcomed by top leaders, includ-ing the Lebanese president, prime minister and parliament speaker, as well as Christian and Mus-lim religious leaders. Cannons fired a 21-shots sa-lute for the pope.

"Let me assure you that I pray especially for the many people who suffer in this region," he said upon arrival.

After a ceremony at the airport, Bendict's convoy drove through Beirut as army aircraft flew over-head for protection. The pope was on his way to the mountain town of Harisa, where he will stay at the Vatican embassy.

The papal visit comes amid fears that Syria's con-flict might spill over to Lebanon. Clashes in Leba-non between Syrian groups over the past months have claimed the lives of more than two dozen peo-ple and left scores wounded.

The Christian community in Lebanon is divided between supporters and oppo-nents of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Among Assad's supporters is former Lebanese prime minister and army commander Michel Aoun, a strong ally of the militant Hezbollah group. Hez-bollah's leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah welcomed the pontiff's visit, describing it as "extraordinary and historic."

"I cannot forget the sad and painful events which have affected your beautiful country along the years," Benedict XVI said, referring to Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war that left about 150,000 people dead.

"Looking at your country, I also come symboli-cally to all countries of the Middle East as a pilgrim of peace, as a friend of God and as a friend of all inhabitants of all the countries of the region, what-ever their origins and beliefs," he said.

Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi did not rule out that the pope would meet some sup-porters of Hezbollah, a Shiite militant group that has risen steadily over the decades from anti-Israel resistance group into Lebanon's most powerful mil-itary and political force.

The U.S. considers Hezbollah a terror-ist organization. Lombardi declined to say what the Vatican's position is on the group.

Lord's Acre set for Oct. 13

An eight-year tradition continues at FUMC

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Staff Writer

The Lord's Acre will continue for the eighth year Oct. 13 at First United Methodist Church.

The event began as a way of raising funds to sup-port the missions and outreach programs associ-ated with the church.

"This is a great way to bring the church together for family fun and Christian fellowship," Chairman Molly Smith said.

The all-day event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a bake sale, silent auction and Kid's Korner in the Partee building. A steak dinner will be served at noon. Tickets for the meal can be purchased for \$10 from Hayes Stripling or in the church office. A live auction will begin at 1 p.m.

"We are going to open the live auction up to those in the public who want to come out and attend," Smith said.

Children activities will also be taking place during the live auction in the Partee building. All money raised will continue to benefit missions and outreach.

To find out more information, contact Smith at 432-213-0643.

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meeting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, the Men from First Christian Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and First Presby-terian Church will meet at Crispy's Café at 8:30 a.m. for "Breakfast with the Guys."

Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., the stewardship meeting will be held in the church library.

Wednesday, the youth will be at First Presbyte-rian Church from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., the choir will be at the church going over songs for next week services. Call Ruth Jackson for more in-formation.

The Samaritan Counseling takes place Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. each week.

For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@yahoo.com.

College Baptist Church

The sermon this past week at College Baptist was a continuation of the "Power of Words" series."

The men and boys of College Baptist will meet to-night at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a meal and a short film, "In My Seat." This is a pilot's story of 9/11 happenings. Men and boys from sixth grade and up are invited.

Saturday. the RA {Royal Ambassador} boys and their leaders will be making a trip to a statewide missions rally and to attend a Texas Rangers game. They will leave the church at 10 a.m.

Sunday at 5 p.m., a Sunday school leadership planning meeting will take place in the fellowship hall at the church. All in Sunday school leadership positions are asked to attend along with anyone in-terested in seeing our Sunday school grow.

Our prayer and our goal for this coming week is, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, oh God."

Forsan Baptist Church

Message series for Sunday morning worship is titled, "Piercing the Darkness: A Study of Angels."

Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., we are conducting an in-depth study of the Book of Revela-tion.

We are able to provide CD copies of the study as well as our Sunday morning services to any who may be interested.

We will have a men's fellowship breakfast Satur-day, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m. at the Four Sands Café.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sun-day school is at 9:50 a.m. with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities have resumed and will continue throughout the school year. We will provide a meal and refresh-ments for these activities. Wednesday services are at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time.

Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
St. Mary's Holy Eucharist service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

St. Andrew's brother-hood meeting and break-fast is Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in parish hall.

Evening Prayer is at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

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▶ World Briefs

Egyptian president says Muslims must protect embassies; protesters, police clash anew in Cairo

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's president says it's up to Muslims as part of their Islamic duty to protect embassies and foreign diplomats who are guests in the country.

Mohammad Morsi made the appeal on state TV on Friday, ahead of expected protests across the Muslim world over an anti-Islam film ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad.

As he spoke, riot police fired tear gas and clashed with about 100 protesters a few blocks from the U.S. Embassy in Cairo.

Protests in the Egyptian capital have been ongoing since Tuesday, when an angry crowd scaled the embassy's walls and took down and tore the American flag.

The film "Innocence of Muslims" has prompted violent protests at U.S. Embassies in the Middle East, resulting in the death of the American ambassador and three staff in Libya.

Autumn surprises buffet presidential campaigns trying to stay on course to Election Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Septembers shock, Octobers surprise, early Novembers can knock a campaign sideways. In a presidential race's waning weeks, almost anything can happen — bedlam in the Middle East, financial panic at home, a scandal in the headlines. And as Election Day ticks closer, candidates get less and less time to absorb the blow.

Sometimes the kind of jolt known as an "October surprise" matters in the end. Other times it doesn't. But every campaign knows enough to worry about what might come.

"A fall general election is a very wild ride," said Steve Schmidt, who managed Sen. John McCain's campaign and served on George W. Bush's re-election team. "It's a volatile ride. You're always on guard."

Often the unforeseen sweeps in from overseas. This week's violent protests at U.S. diplomatic outposts and the armed attacks that killed the ambassador and three other Americans in Benghazi, Libya, grabbed a presidential race focused on the domestic economy and spun it around to foreign policy.

Republican nominee Mitt Romney seized on the unrest in Libya, Egypt and then Yemen to criticize President Barack Obama as a weak world leader willing to appease Islamic extremists.

Obama portrayed Romney as untested in foreign policy and rushing to politicize a tragedy before fully understanding the facts.

As crisis flares abroad, Romney finds presidential race focusing on a vulnerability

BOSTON (AP) — With protests at U.S. embassies and four Americans dead, Mitt Romney is suddenly facing a presidential election focused on a foreign policy crisis he gambled wouldn't happen.

It did — and at a bad time for the GOP hopeful. Momentum in the race is on President Barack Obama's side and Republicans are fretting over the state of their nominee's campaign.

To shift the trajectory, Romney's plan boils down to this: Spend big money on TV and work harder.

It's unclear how long this round of Middle East unrest will last, and Romney's aides concede the former businessman may struggle to gain a political advantage should anti-American violence continue deep into the fall.

Untested on the international stage and with limited foreign policy experience, Romney staked his entire rationale for his candidacy on the notion that he can fix the nation's dour economy given his decades of work in the private sector.

He doubled down on that strategy when he chose as his running mate House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, a 42-year-old Wisconsin congressman with little international affairs experience.

Fed goes big with bond-buying plan and is ready to do more as economy remains sluggish

WASHINGTON (AP) — No sooner did the Federal Reserve unveil a bold plan Thursday to juice the U.S. economy than it dangled the prospect of doing even more.

Investors celebrated by sending stock prices jumping.

Economists were less impressed. Many wondered how much the Fed's action would help.

Chairman Ben Bernanke himself urged everyone to keep expectations in check.

"I personally don't think that it's going to solve the problem," Bernanke said at a news conference. "But I do think it has enough force to help nudge the economy in the right direction."

Salads, apples and whole-wheat new school lunch staples this year; students give mixed grades

ROTTERDAM, N.Y. (AP) — One student complains because his cafeteria no longer serves chicken nuggets. Another gripes that her school lunch just isn't filling. A third student says he's happy to eat an extra apple with his lunch, even as he's noshing on his own sub.

Leaner, greener school lunches served under new federal standards are getting mixed grades from students piling more carrots, more apples and fewer fatty foods on their trays.

"Now they're kind of forcing all the students to get the vegetables and fruit with their lunch, and they took out chicken nuggets this year, which I'm not too happy about," said Chris Cimino, a senior at Mohonasen High School in upstate New York.

Lunch lines at schools across the country cut through the garden now, under new U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition standards. Mohonasen students selecting pizza sticks this week also had to choose something from the lunch line's cornucopia of apples, bananas, fresh spinach and grape tomatoes, under the standards. Calorie counts are capped, too.

Most students interviewed in this suburban district near Schenectady seemed to accept the new lunch rules, reactions in line with what federal officials say they're hearing elsewhere. Still, some active teens complain the meals are too skimpy. And while you can give a kid a whole-wheat pita, you can't make him like it.

Closing arguments, possible verdict expected for ex-cop accused of killing Ill. girl in 1957

SYCAMORE, Ill. (AP) — Closing arguments are expected Friday at the trial of a former police officer accused of killing an Illinois school girl in 1957 after kidnapping her as she played in a small-town street, marking one of the oldest cold-case murders to make it to court.

Maria Ridulph's abduction horrified Sycamore, her close-knit farming community west of Chicago, and unsettled parents nationwide. Even then-President Dwight Eisenhower asked to be kept apprised of a massive search for the 7-year-old girl.

Jack McCullough, who was about 17 at the time and lived a few blocks from Maria's home, is now on trial for her death. The 72-year-old former Washington state police officer has pleaded not guilty.

The case was reopened just a few years ago after McCullough's girlfriend in the 1950s contacted police with evidence calling his alibi into question. The Seattle man was arrested July 1, 2011, at a retirement home where he worked as a security guard.

The weeklong bench trial at a courthouse near where the second-grader went missing Dec. 3, 1957, has included testimony about dolls, piggyback rides — and a deathbed accusation from the defendant's mother that her son committed the crime.

Sides in Chicago teachers strike cite progress, hint at deal to have kids back in class Monday

CHICAGO (AP) — More than 350,000 students remain out of their classrooms as bargaining to end Chicago's teachers strike dragged into Friday ahead of an afternoon union gathering where a vote could stamp needed approval on any deal.

Rank-and-file teachers prepared to return to the streets for morning rallies to press the union's demands that laid-off instructors be given first shot at job openings and for implementation of a teacher evaluation system that is not too heavily weighted on student test results.

Contract talks pushed on for more than 15 hours Thursday with little word of progress until negotiators called it quits close to 1 a.m. Friday. Chicago School Board President David Vitale said the two sides had worked past the contentious evaluations issue, though he didn't elaborate, and had begun

crunching numbers on financial matters.

Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis said the two sides had many "productive" conversations but she declined to describe the talks in detail. She and Vitale said they hope students can be back in class Monday.

"It was a long day. There were some creative ideas passed around, but we still do not have an agreement," Lewis said.

Villagers talk of roar and darkness as Guatemalan volcano erupts, sparking evacuations

ESCUINTLA, Guatemala (AP) — Villagers and farmers living at the foot of a Guatemalan volcano say they were awoken by a massive roar when the long-simmering Volcan del Fuego exploded with a series of eruptions that darkened the skies and covered the surrounding sugar cane fields with ash.

"It thundered and then it got dark as the ash began falling," said Miriam Curumaco, a 28-year-old homemaker from the village of Morelia who was evacuated along with 16 family members to a makeshift shelter at a nearby elementary school. "It sounded like a pressure cooker that wouldn't stop."

As the Volcan del Fuego, or Volcano of Fire, spewed rivers of bright orange lava down its flanks on Thursday, authorities ordered more than 33,000 people in 17 nearby communities evacuated. Many of those near the volcano are indigenous Kakchikeles people who live in relatively poor and isolated communities.

Hundreds of cars, trucks and buses, blanketed with charcoal gray ash, drove away from the volcano, which sits about six miles (16 kilometers) southwest of the colonial city of Antigua, toward the Guatemala city. Thick clouds of ash reduced visibility to less than 10 feet in the area of sugar cane fields surrounding the volcano. The elderly, women and children were evacuated in old school buses and ambulances.

But many people refused to leave their homes, said Jose Martinez, who volunteered the bus he uses as a shuttle at the nearby Grupo Pantaleon sugar cane plantation to move people away from the volcano.

Prince William, wife 'saddened' over French magazine's claim of topless photos of Kate

PARIS (AP) — Photos apparently of Prince William's wife, Kate, sunbathing topless in the south of France were published in a French magazine on Friday, and an aide to the royal couple said they were "saddened" to learn about the images.

The royal family said it was considering legal action for a "grotesque and totally unjustifiable" invasion of privacy in the same country where William's mother died while fleeing paparazzi.

The photos in Closer, a magazine that's among a newly popular French genre of gossip tabloids, were blurry and shot from a distance. The publication claimed they were taken on a guesthouse terrace in France where the couple vacationed this month.

They represent the first significant press challenge for Kate and William, whose mother Princess Diana died in a Paris car crash while being chased by photographers. Royal officials, who demanded anonymity in line with palace policy, condemned the decision to publish the images.

"The incident is reminiscent of the worst excesses of the press and paparazzi during the life of Diana, Princess of Wales, and all the more upsetting to the Duke and Duchess for being so," said a St. James's Palace official.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ A 7 5
♥ A 8 6
♦ K Q 4 3 2
♣ A 8

EAST
♠ K 8 4
♥ J 7 5 2
♦ A 10
♣ 10 7 6 3

2. The following hand is a double-dummy problem (all four hands are exposed). You, South, are declarer at Six Diamonds, and West leads the ten of hearts. You win with the king and play the ace of trumps, on which East discards a spade. How would you continue?

NORTH
♠ K 10 4
♥ A K 7
♦ A J 4 3 2
♣ 8 3

WEST
♠ Q 6
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ K 10 8 7
♣ Q 7 4

EAST
♠ J 9 8 5 3 2
♥ J 5
♦ —
♣ J 9 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 7
♥ Q 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 6 5
♣ A K 10

1. You need five diamond tricks to make the contract, and there are

only two ways to try to meet this goal. The most obvious approach is to cash the A-K-Q and hope the suit divides 3-3. The alternative is to lead a low diamond from your hand and finesse dummy's ten.

If you cash the A-K-Q, you will be successful about 36 percent of the time, since that is the mathematical probability of a 3-3 division. But if you take the first-round finesse of the ten, you will succeed whenever North was dealt J-x (8 percent), J-x-x (18 percent) or J-x-x-x (16 percent) — a total of 42 percent. A first-round finesse of the ten is therefore better because that approach will make the contract more often.

2. Cash the A-Q of hearts, ruff a heart in dummy, cash the A-K of clubs, ruff a club in dummy and then cash the A-K of spades, producing this three-card ending:

North
♦ J 4

West
♦ K 10 8

East
Immaterial

South
♦ Q 9 6

Ruff dummy's ten of spades with the queen of diamonds, and — wonder of wonders — West's two seemingly sure trump tricks suddenly dwindle to one!

Tomorrow: Adjusting the odds.

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Grady's Taylor Polson is shown tackling Sands' quarterback for a touchdown during Thursday's thrilling, 44-41 victory over the heavily favored Mustangs.

Wildcats upset Mustangs

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Nothing beats a fall football rivalry and last night it started feel like autumn as the Grady Wildcats made the short trip from Lenorah to Ackerly to face six-man nemesis Sands. The Wildcats eeked out an exciting 44-41 victory after trailing for nearly three-and-a-half quarters of

play. The 2-0 Mustangs were heavily favored to the 0-2 Wildcats, but as the story with goes with most rivalries, predictions and statistics can be meaningless. Though Sands took an early lead — scoring 28 unanswered points and dominating with its size and power — there was no quit in

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Howard County Players of the week Big Spring Steers Coahoma Bulldogs Forsan Buffaloes



Running back Michael Oliva

With a dominating 49-0 win over Fort Stockton to kick off the season, followed by a gritty 17-12 win over defending TAPPS 4A champions Midland Christian, the Steers have a lot to be proud of already, as they have exceeded expectations after coming off a winless season in 2011.

Head Coach Phillip Ritchey named senior running back Michael Oliva as Player of the Week.

"He's not a speed back," Ritchey said of Oliva. "But, he makes a lot of yards for us. He runs hard everytime and gets us the yardage we need when he gets the ball."



Bulldogs' offensive line

The Coahoma Bulldogs lost a 30-27 heart-breaker to rival Forsan to open the season, but rebounded with a 27-8 win over Coleman.

Much of the success enjoyed by the Bulldogs in both games came from the solid showing by the Bulldogs' offensive line.

Head Coach Trey Gardner credits the o-line for allowing Tanner Ruiz, T.J. White and the other explosive offense position players to shine. "The offensive line has done a great job for us," Gardner said. "We got 393 yards on the ground. That means there is a lot of good blocking going on."



Quarterback Marcus Cerantes

Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips selected quarterback Marcus Cervantes as the Buffaloes' Player of the Week after another strong performance against the Plains Cowboys last Friday at which the Buffs went 2-0 after a 14-0 shutout.

"(Cervantes) came up with big plays for us when we needed them," Phillips said of the senior. "We were in some tough spots and he came through with some big third down conversions. He is definitely one of our leaders out there."

Sports Events

TODAY

Football

- Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View (San Angelo Stadium), 7:30 p.m.
- Colorado City at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m.
- Stanton at Forsan (Homecoming), 7:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball

- Seminole/Andrews/Water Valley/Sterling City at Big Spring (F, JV, V), 10 a.m.

Nathan, Rangers falter late against Cleveland

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Joe Nathan and the Texas Rangers were on the verge of extending their division lead Thursday night.

Instead, the Cleveland Indians handed the dependable closer a rare blown save.

Jason Kipnis hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning off Nathan and the Indians snapped a five-game losing streak, beating the Rangers 5-4.

Nathan (2-4) had converted a club-record 31 straight save chances before the Indians erased a 4-2 deficit in the ninth. The right-hander's only other blown save this season came April 11 against Seattle.

"You don't worry about the streak," Nathan said. "You just worry about getting the job done for your team."

For the first time for more than five months, Nathan didn't finish the job for the first-place Rangers.

Texas remained three games ahead of Oakland in the AL West after the Athletics lost to the Los Angeles Angels.

"I was disappointed we didn't close it down," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "It's been a long time since Joe Nathan hasn't gotten us the last three outs we needed."

Ezequiel Carrera homered leading off the ninth. Pinch-hitter Russ Canzler singled to bring up Kipnis.

The Cleveland second baseman landed a 1-0 pitch several rows deep into the seats in right.

After Kipnis' drive, Carlos Santana doubled to chase Nathan without him

recording an out.

"It's special any time you do it," Kipnis said. "You're in the big leagues. Everybody's a big name here."

Scott Maine (1-0) got the final two outs in the eighth in his third appearance with the Indians this season. Chris Perez pitched the ninth for his 36th save in 40 tries, helping Cleveland avoid a three-game sweep.

"We're trying to win every game we can," Texas' Adrian Beltre said. "But I'll take two of three anytime."

Texas slugger Josh Hamilton, who leads the majors with 41 home runs and 121 RBIs, missed the game with soreness in his left knee. Rookie Leonys Martin started in Hamilton's place.

Hamilton left Wednesday night in the eighth inning and received an injection after the game. Washington said he doesn't think it's a serious injury and Hamilton is expected to be back in the lineup Friday.

Beltre got two hits as the designated hitter, a day after leaving early with a left shoulder injury. Beltre was not in the original lineup before he convinced Washington that he was healthy enough to play.

"He strong armed me," Washington joked before the game.

The Rangers scored twice to take a 4-2 lead in the eighth with the help of two errors.

Elvis Andrus reached on shortstop Brent Lillibridge's second throwing

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Astros rally late snap Phillies streak

HOUSTON (AP) — With little left to play for in this dreadful season, the Houston Astros embraced the spoiler role on Thursday night.

Pinch-hitter Jed Lowrie delivered a two-run double in the eighth inning and the Astros stung Philadelphia, rallying for a 6-4 victory that ended the Phillies' seven-game winning streak.

The Phillies' surge had got them within three games of St. Louis for the second NL wild-card spot. But the deficit increased to four when the Cardinals won 2-1 at the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"There's a lot of satisfaction in that," Houston reliever Wesley Wright said of beating a team in postseason contention. "They come with a lot on the line and we have a chance to kind of derail that and finish the season on a positive note. So it's a good victory all the way around."

Philadelphia built an early 4-0 lead, but Lowrie's two-out hit put the Astros ahead 5-4.

Matt Dominguez hit a three-run homer for

Houston, which has the worst record in the majors.

Houston interim manager Tony DeFrancesco loves the way his team responded against the contending Phillies.

"When you're a team where we're at, just trying to play the season out, you've got to try to motivate them," he said. "We could factor into the end of the season here. Hopefully people will say they're starting to play good and they've got some life and some energy and they're going in the right direction. That's what we want."

Philadelphia's bullpen pitched four scoreless innings after an early exit by Tyler Cloyd, but the relievers couldn't close it out.

Phillippe Aumont (0-1) took over in the eighth with a 4-3 lead and walked Jason Castro with one out. Pinch-runner Jordan Schafer was caught stealing on a strong throw by catcher Erik Kratz from his knees, but Aumont walked Dominguez and plunked pinch-hitter Scott Moore on the foot.

Jake Diekman, the

fifth Phillies reliever of the game, gave up Lowrie's hit that stopped a string of 21 consecutive scoreless innings by Philadelphia's bullpen.

Brandon Barnes then singled in Lowrie to make it 6-4.

Wright (1-2) got the last two outs of the eighth for the win. Wilton Lopez allowed a hit in a scoreless ninth for his fifth save.

Kratz snapped an 0-for-16 skid with an RBI double in the second, and the Phillies tacked on three more runs in the third. Juan Pierre and Chase Utley hit consecutive one-out singles and Ryan Howard had a sacrifice fly. John Mayberry Jr. and Kevin Frandsen added RBI singles.

Justin Maxwell and Castro hit consecutive singles in the fourth before Dominguez connected for his third three-run homer in the last seven games, snapping an 0-for-13 string.

Houston starter Lucas Harrell allowed seven hits and four runs in 5 2-3 innings. He is 0-1 with a 4.11 ERA in his last five starts.

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available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of CDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to the County Judge at 300 Main Street, Room 207, Big Spring, TX 79720 above. Persons with disabilities or others who may require auxiliary aids or services to participate in this hearing should contact the County Judge at 432-264-2203 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

As the moon joins the sun and Mercury in Virgo, she has something to say. You can only learn through trial and error if you're willing to go through the "trial" part. The risk and pain are part of it. Today is no trip to the spa, but the tasks before you are necessary to move you to the next place. Chances are, you'll be proud to take them on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have an uncommon talent. That's precisely why you can't expect the common man to recognize, utilize or praise it. But there is work you can do to make your gifts more accessible to everyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will act independently precisely to prove you can. Deep down inside, you may fear being controlled by external circumstances, and you will now prove to those around you that you are not easily dominated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It may simply be too difficult for you to work when you're not inspired to

do so. You'll find inspiration wherever you look for it. You will, however, have to consciously remind yourself to look.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You experience people with your heart. Your compassion connects you and makes you curious about others. A person doesn't have to be adventurous and exciting to be interesting to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Suddenly, you can't help but dwell on an abandoned ambition. You are still determined to win at least one game in a certain highly competitive arena. In this matter, the only way to fail is to stop trying.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When something works, don't celebrate it until you figure out why it works. Look for the pattern that can be repeated. Your future success depends on being able to repeat an effective sequence of actions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You sometimes feel an immediate and mutual kinship with people. Other times, it's more challenging to get comfortable. Finding common ground may take a bit more work now, but you'll eventually warm into a good rapport.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You enter an arena because you want to learn the lessons that are offered there, not because you already know the answers. Expect to mess up. It means you're fully in attendance of the lesson.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The only bum deal about the bum deal you got in the past is that it's hard to erase the memory — but

work on it. Put some elbow grease into the erasing process. Scrub vigorously, and you'll eventually be renewed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may come to a sticking point in a certain project. The problem must be worked out before you can go forward. Try a bit of ridiculousness just to see what happens. What's illogical is not automatically wrong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have this way of making it clear to others that you're in a hurry, on to the next adventure. Because of this, people will want to follow you and/or try to obtain another moment more of your time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Fun will not be provided; you'll have to bring your own. If a project is boring, give it an intriguing name. You have the uncanny ability to turn ordinary happenings into a party.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 14). You have the sense that you can create your reality this year, and you're correct. The next three weeks bring remarkable mental focus. New influences in October make you look at your own work and pastimes differently. You'll stretch and experiment in November. December and May bring financial bonuses. Aquarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 13, 33 and 19.

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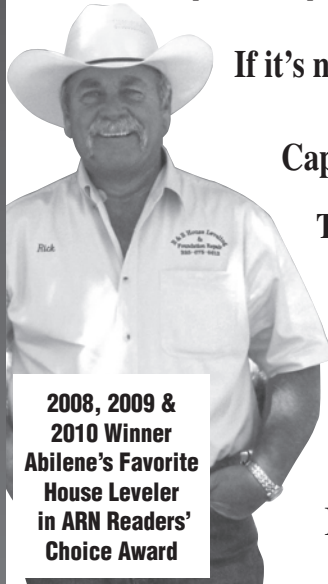
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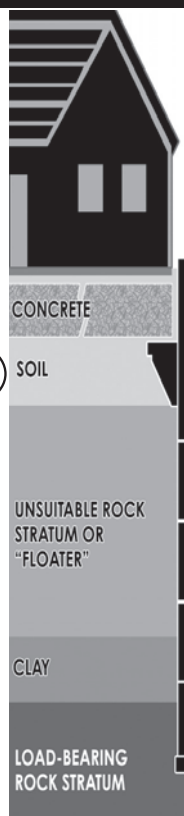
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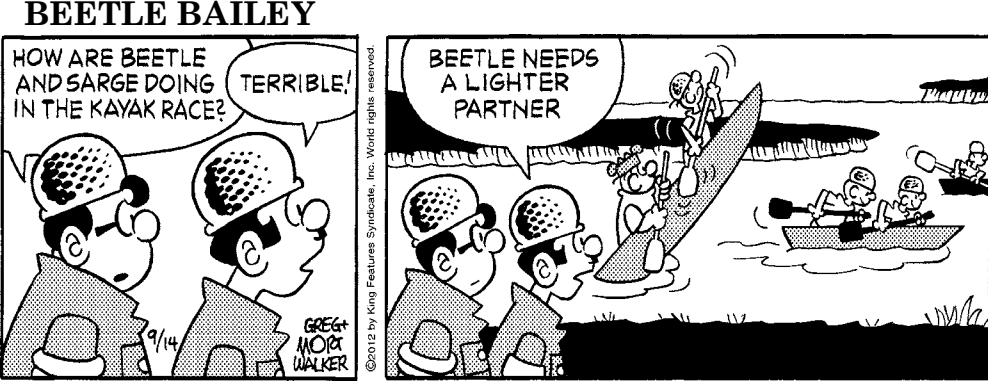
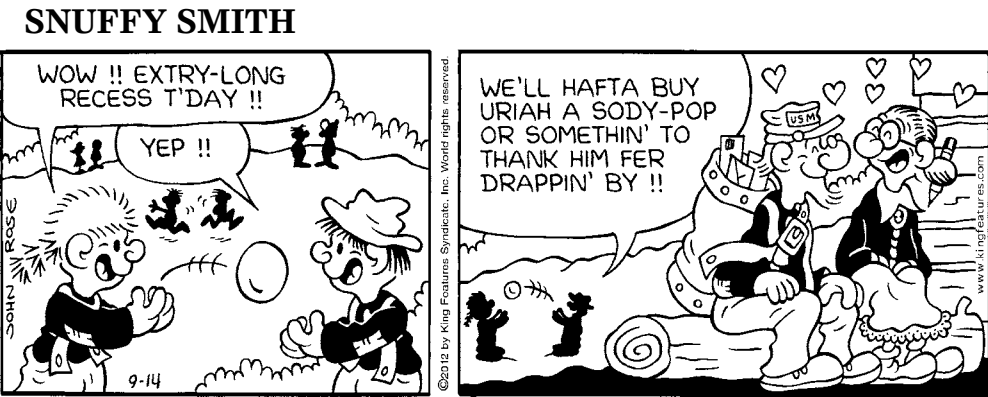
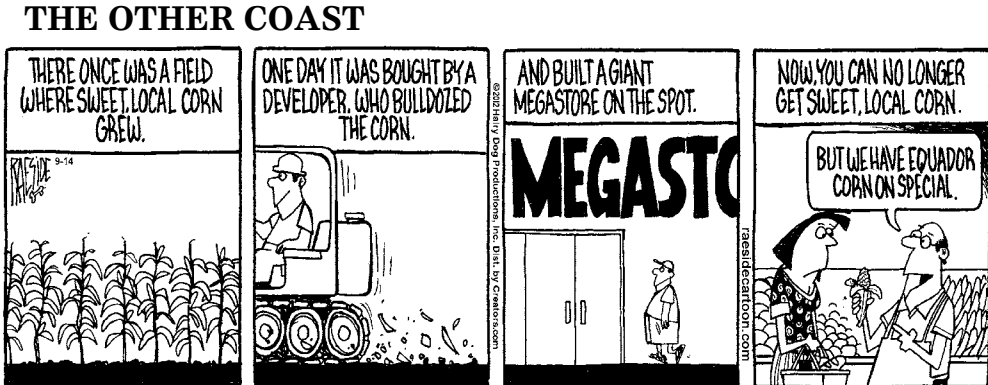
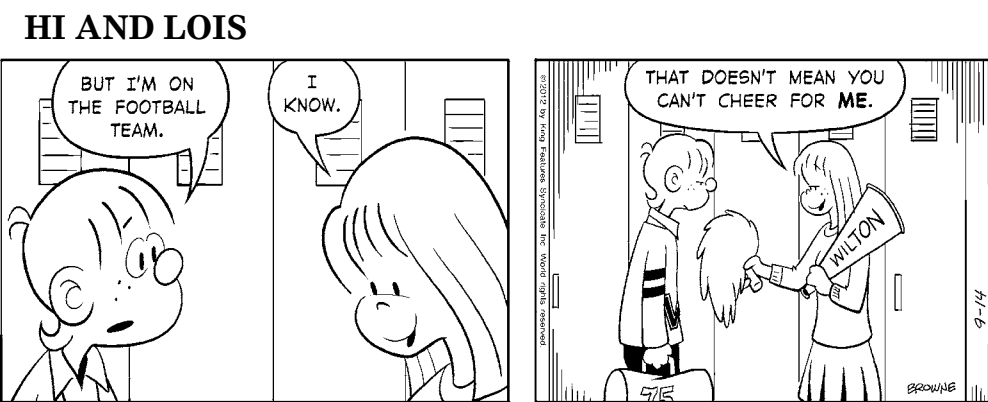
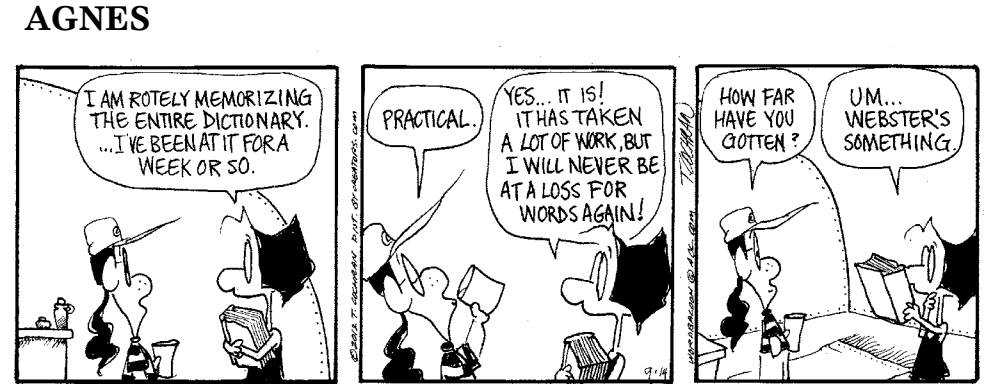
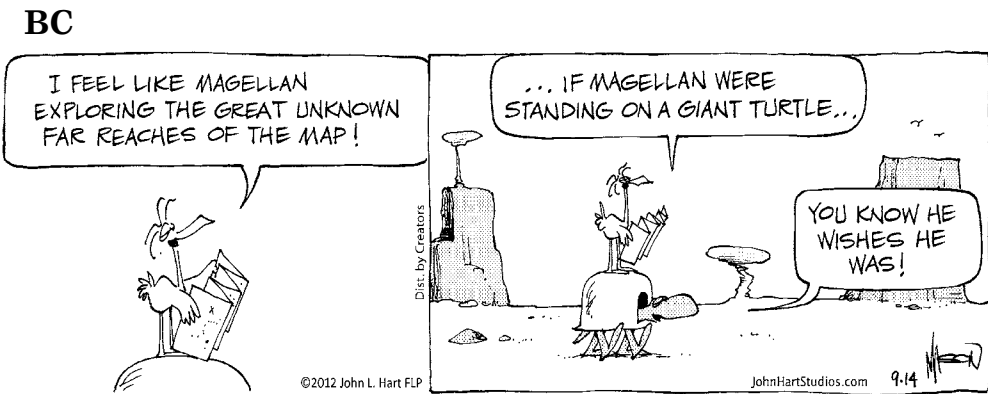
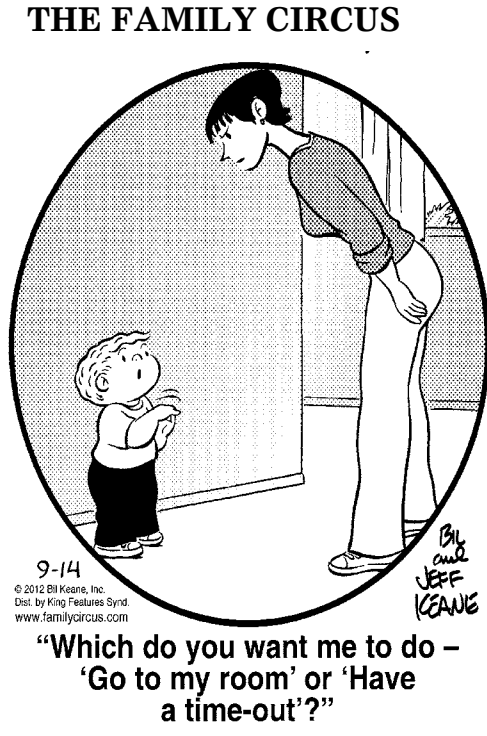
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 14, the 258th day of 2012. There are 108 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key was moved to write a poem after witnessing how an American flag flying over Maryland's Fort McHenry withstood a night of British bombardment during the War of 1812; the poem, "Defence of Fort McHenry," later became the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner."

On this date:

In 1712, Italian-born French astronomer Gian Domenico Cassini, discoverer of four of Saturn's moons, died in Paris.

In 1812, Napoleon Bonaparte's troops entered Moscow following the Battle of Borodino to find the Russian city largely abandoned and parts set ablaze.

In 1829, the Treaty of Adrianople was signed, ending war between Russia and the Ottoman Empire.

In 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner Judah off Pensacola, Fla.

In 1901, President William McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice (nees), France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car she was riding in.

In 1941, Vermont passed a resolution enabling its servicemen to receive wartime bonuses by declaring the U.S. to be in a state of armed conflict, giving rise to headlines that Vermont had "declared war on Germany."

In 1964, Pope Paul VI opened the third session of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, also known as "Vatican II." (The session closed two months later.)

In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before; Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel (bah-SHEER' jeh-MAY'-el), was killed by a bomb.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, appeared together on radio and television to appeal for a "national crusade" against drug abuse.

In 1991, the government of South Africa, the African National Congress and the Inkatha (in-KAH'-tah) Freedom Party signed a national peace pact.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Zoe Caldwell is 79. Feminist author Kate Millet is 78. Actor Walter Koenig is 76. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown is 72.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Ali receives Liberty Medal in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Retired boxing champ Muhammad Ali was known as “The Greatest” inside the ring. But some say the moniker has been even more fitting in the years since he hung up his gloves.

Ali came to Philadelphia on Thursday to receive the Liberty Medal for his longtime role as a heavyweight for humanitarian causes, civil rights and religious freedom. Among those celebrating his latest honor at the National Constitution Center were former NBA star Dikembe Mutombo and Joe Louis Barrow II, the son of boxer Joe Louis.

“Knowing you since I was a little boy has given me a ringside seat to history,” an emotional Barrow said. “But it’s your character outside the ring that speaks to the hope of the least and lost among us.”

The 70-year-old Ali, hobbled by a 30-year battle with Parkinson’s disease, did not speak. But he stood with assistance to receive the medal from his daughter Laila Ali.

Ali was born Cassius Clay but changed his name after converting to Islam in the 1960s. He refused to serve in the Vietnam War because of his religious beliefs and was stripped of his heavyweight crown in 1967. A U.S. Supreme Court ruling later cleared him of a draft evasion conviction, and he regained the boxing title in 1974 and again in 1978.

One of his most famous fights took place in Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where he battled George Foreman in the “Rumble in the Jungle” in 1974.

At the ceremony

Thursday, Mutombo recalled the impression Ali’s visit made on him as an 8-year-old growing up in that country.

“He changed my life,” said Mutombo, who also is a trustee of the Constitution Center. “I can never forget how inspired I was to see a black athlete receive such respect and admiration. He changed how the people of Zaire saw themselves, and in turn how the world saw them.”

Ali received the nation’s highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, in 2005. He also has established the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Research Center in Phoenix and a namesake educational and cultural institute in his hometown, Louisville, Ky.

“You know, my father loves people and people love my father, and I

learned that at a very young age, as people would always come up to him wherever we went,” Laila Ali said. “My father has always lived his life to make this world better for others.”

The National Constitution Center, which opened in 2003, is dedicated to increasing public understanding of the Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. It awards the Liberty Medal annually to a person who displays courage and conviction while striving to secure freedom for people around the world.

Previous Liberty Medal recipients include rock singer and human rights activist Bono, former South African President Nelson Mandela and former President Jimmy Carter. Six winners later received Nobel Peace Prizes.

AP source: Goodell to meet with Vilma on Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will meet Monday with Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma to discuss Vilma’s suspension that was temporarily lifted last week.

A person familiar with the plans tells The Associated Press that Vilma will be in New York to present his case in the Saints’ bounties scandal for which he was suspended for the 2012 season. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting has not been announced.

Vilma and three other players were suspended, but an appeals panel ruled last Friday that Goodell must clarify his earlier rulings to ensure no part of his decisions was based on salary cap violations. Goodell still could reinstate the suspensions to Vilma, New Orleans defensive end Will Smith, Browns linebacker Scott Fujita and free agent defensive end Anthony Hargrove for participating in a pay-for-injure program that violates the league’s detrimental conduct policy.

Smith, Fujita and Hargrove are expected to meet with Goodell on Tuesday.

Only Smith played on Sunday, when the Saints lost to Washington. Vilma was placed on the physically unable to perform list, while Fujita sat out Cleveland’s loss to Philadelphia with a leg injury. Hargrove was cut by Green Bay during the preseason.

Players and coaches implicated in the bounty pool have testified under oath in a related federal court case they never intended to injure opposing players.

ASTROS

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Pinch-hitter Pete Orr singled with two outs in

the sixth and Harrell issued consecutive walks to load the bases.

Harrell was lifted after the second walk, and jawed at plate umpire Bill Miller on his way

to the dugout and was ejected.

"It was horrible," Harrell said of his outing. "I couldn't throw anything for a strike ... it's frustrating. The competitiveness of wanting to win kind of got a hold of me today and I let my

emotions run a little bit."

He was replaced by Xavier Cedeno, who retired Uteley to end the threat.

Cloyd yielded five hits and three runs in three innings.

Cloyd retired his first

six batters before Jimmy Paredes singled to start the third.

Jose Altuve hit a two-out single and Cloyd hit Fernando Martinez to load the bases before getting Brett Wallace on a grounder.

It was the second

tough start for Cloyd, who had his contract selected from Triple-A Lehigh Valley on Aug. 29. He allowed eight hits and four runs in four innings against Colorado on Sunday, but received a no-decision.

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error of the game and scored when third baseman Jack Hannahan couldn't handle Nelson Cruz's grounder. Michael Young added an RBI single that gave the Rangers a two-run lead.

The Indians overcame three errors that led to three unearned runs.

"It was a great team win," Cleveland first baseman Matt LaPorta said. "We had a long way to go.

You can't have errors like we did."

LaPorta had three hits, including a two-run homer for the Indians, who are just 16-43 since the All-Star break.

The Indians finished a 10-game road trip with a 4-6 record.

Cleveland starter Zach McAllister allowed two runs and eight hits in six innings. The right-hander gave up seven runs over five innings in his previous start against the Rangers on Sept. 2.

Texas starter Derek Holland allowed seven hits and two runs.

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Grady, which first year Head Coach Chris Kuykendall said would try to utilize a combina-

tion of quickness and finesse blocking when faced with a size deficit.

"It's about execution," Kuykendall said prior to the start of the season. "If we can execute — as quick as we are— we should be able to compete for a playoff spot."

After losing its first two games to tough opponents — Ropes and Ira — Grady began

to look like a playoff contender when they finally managed to get on the board against the Mustangs after a pair of passes from E.J. Rodriguez to Taylor Polson — the first for 42 yards, the second for 16 — making it a 28-14 game with the momentum swinging in the Wildcats' direction heading into halftime.

Grady came out swing-

ing to start the second half.

Another Rodriguez pass, this time a 20 yarder to Lucas cut Sands' lead to eight when the point after was denied.

Answering back for the Mustangs was Barry Norris who ran for 42 yards followed by a conversion by Monty Timmins.

Rodriguez scored on the keeper after a 26-yard run and it appeared both teams were content to go back and forth until the clock ran out.

Sands held its narrow lead until midway through the fourth stanza.

With the scoreboard reading 41-38 Mustangs and just minutes to go, Rodriguez connected with a 23 yard pass to Michael Jiminez to give the Wildcats their first lead of the evening.

Grady would hold on to upset Sands in what turned out to be a thrilling show for the crowd which not only filled the bleachers, but surrounded the field in their vehicles, honking and flashing headlights when their preferred team reached the end zone.

The Mustangs will host the Highland Hornets next Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Wildcats will welcome Midland Trinity, also next Friday at 7:30 p.m. It will be Grady's homecoming game.

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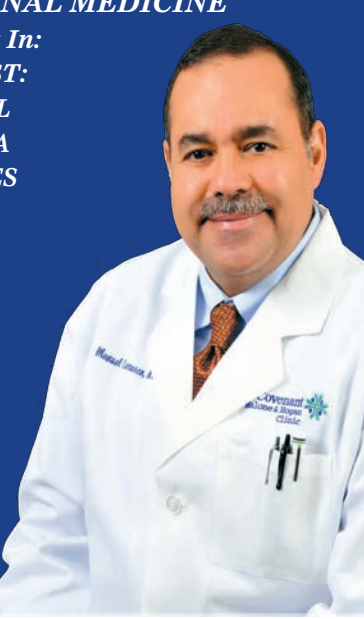


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