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# Enrollment up on area campuses

*Big Spring ISD witnesses jump of 150-plus students*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

As far as problems go, it's a good one for the local school district to have.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees learned during Thursday's special meeting enrollment has spiked significantly from the same time last year.

Superintendent Steven Saldivar told the school board first-week enrollment figures for the 2012-2013 school year showed 4,028 students enrolled locally, a jump of 153 from last year at this time.

The enrollment increase is most notable at the elementary level, particularly in kindergarten and fourth grade. The number of kindergarten students increased by 51 from the start of school last year, while fifth grade numbers jumped from 322 to 358 in the same time span.

While elementary enroll-

ment surged, secondary totals remained fairly stable — Saldivar noted an increase of only three students at those campuses.

BSISD was not the only Howard County school district to see a spike in enrollment — Coahoma ISD's first week student numbers increased from 819 last year to 852 as of Thursday. Forsan ISD's numbers, meanwhile, remained stable, jumping by only three students from this time last year.

With workers streaming into West Texas because of the oil boom, school district officials expected an enrollment increase, but not one of this magnitude.

"We had a feeling it would increase," Saldivar said. "Now, did we think we'd be over 4,000 students? No."

The increase is a good

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## FIRST FLIP

Teacher and former Forsan High School coach Steve Seaton, left, watches the spinning coin during the first varsity coin flip in Texas for the 2012 season. Forsan edged Coahoma 30-27 in the contest, which was played in Midland. Games tonight include Big Spring at Fort Stockton, Denver City at Stanton and Ropes at Grady — all at 7:30 p.m. Sands plays Lorenzo Saturday at ASCO Football Madness and Grande Communications Stadium in Midland at 6 p.m.

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

# No Joker, Batman on hold

*Scheduling conflict postpones showing*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Film Society screening of the 1989 classic "Batman" slated for Sept. 22 has been postponed, according to group officials,

and will likely be rescheduled for October.

According to Film Society Chairman Brandon Johnson, the date conflicted with several other local events, forcing the group to push the



screening back.

"We realized that weekend is also homecoming weekend for Big Spring High School," Johnson said. "There are

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A worker inspects the mezzanine level of the Settles Hotel on Thursday afternoon. Officials are hopeful that renovation of the Big Spring landmark will be finished by late October.

# DPS to be out in force

Special to the Herald

It's never a good idea to drink and drive, but law enforcement officials say it will be particularly foolish this weekend.

As it has in past years, the Texas Department of Public Safety will increase DWI patrols during the Labor Day holiday weekend, officials said. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

During the Labor Day enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made more than 2,000 DWI arrests and

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# Obituaries

## Patricia Ann Shubert Singleton



Patricia Singleton of Midland, formerly of O'Donnell died Aug. 28, 2012, at the age of 67. She was born in O'Donnell on July 13, 1945, to Edward and Bulah Mae (Taylor) Summers.

Patricia married Bobby Gene Shubert on June 10, 1967, in Gatesville, Texas. She then married Everett Singleton in 2005 in Coahoma. Patricia was a homemaker and member of the O'Donnell Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Teresa Diane Fair of Lubbock and Kimberly Ann Meeks of Canyon; son, Charles Edward Shubert of Midland; brother, Eddie Summers of Gatesville; three sisters, Inez Lee of Gatesville, Wynell Tyler of Amarillo and Vada Mae Flemming of Paint Rock; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; one son, Billy Gene Shubert; two brothers, Jody and Donald Wayne Summers; and two sisters, Larene Engle and Louise Altum.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31, 2012, at Combest Family Funeral Homes O'Donnell. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at O'Donnell Cemetery.

Memorial may be sent to your favorite charity. Please celebrate the life of Patricia by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

## Ruben P. Torres



Ruben P. Torres, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with MSGR Bernard Gully officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 15, 1933, in Taft, Texas, to Santos and Refugio Torres. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He moved to Big Spring in 1955. He married Josie Hinojosa on May 16, 1956, in Taft, Texas. He was a surgical technician at the Veterans Administration Medical Center of 32 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Josie Torres of Big Spring; one daughter: Linda Torres of Big Spring; one son: Larry Torres and his wife Cindy of Big Spring; two sisters: Mary Pena of Lubbock and Sylvia Mendez and her husband Wally of Big Spring; one brother: Ricardo Torres of San Francisco, Calif.; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son: Ruben P. Torres, Jr. in 1988; and one sister Delia Cevallos.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Alvenia Mae 'Moma Beta' Messimer

Alvenia Mae "Moma Beta" Messimer, 99, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 3, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Jimmy Braswell, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born Oct. 21, 1912, in San Saba County, Texas. She married Luther J. Jones in 1929 and he preceded her in death in 1941. She then married Willie Lee Messimer June 29, 1968, in Grants, N. M. and he preceded her in death Oct. 14, 1989.

Alvenia came to Big Spring in the early 1940s and moved to Grants, N.M. in the mid 1960s. She returned to Big Spring in 1979. She had worked at McCrory's and as a hairdresser for a number of years.

Survivors include two daughters, Melba Engdahl and husband, Wally of Cotopaxi, Colo. and Mary Jones of Big Spring; one sister, Ruby Daniels of Houston; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 26 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Jack Jones Sr.; two daughters, Nannalee White and DeLores Ingram; a grandson, Jack Jones Jr.; seven brothers and sisters; and two great-grandsons.

The family suggests memorials be made to God's Learning Channel, P. O. Box 61000, Midland, Texas 79711-1000.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

# Police blotter

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

- ROBERTO LAFUENTE, 28, of Del Rio, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOSE NICANOR GARFIAS III, 36, of 1204 S. Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on warrants from other agency (x2).
- LAURA LEUNA YANEZ, 33, of 1213 Mobile St., was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication and criminal mischief under \$50.
- CARLEO BARRON, 33, of San Antonio, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN GERARD ESCOVEDO, 33, of 2902 E I H 20 110, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault aggravated with deadly weapon.
- REBECCA LYNN GARZA, 34, 1319 Sycamore St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.
- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL VASQUEZ, 30, of 2616 Ent, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility, bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only (three counts), no drivers license when unlicensed and expired registration.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup>.

# Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of FM 700 and W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Scurry and 22nd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Basswood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Moore Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

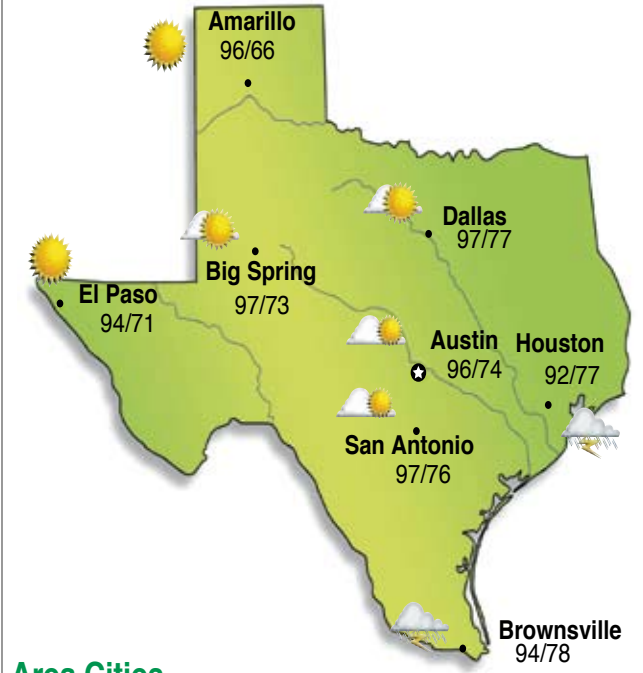
# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 9/2	Mon 9/3	Tue 9/4	Wed 9/5	Thu 9/6
<b>97/73</b>	<b>98/74</b>	<b>99/73</b>	<b>100/74</b>	<b>98/72</b>
Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:10 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:08 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:07 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:06 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:04 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	98	75	mst sunny	Kingsville	98	77	t-storm
Amarillo	96	66	sunny	Livingston	93	73	t-storm
Austin	96	74	pt sunny	Longview	94	75	t-storm
Beaumont	89	76	t-storm	Lubbock	94	68	sunny
Brownsville	94	78	t-storm	Lufkin	94	76	t-storm
Brownwood	99	74	mst sunny	Midland	96	74	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	95	80	t-storm	Raymondville	97	76	t-storm
Corsicana	95	75	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	76	t-storm
Dallas	97	77	mst sunny	San Antonio	97	76	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	80	mst sunny	San Marcos	96	74	pt sunny
El Paso	94	71	sunny	Sulphur Springs	97	76	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	95	70	mst sunny	Sweetwater	97	73	mst sunny
Gainesville	98	75	sunny	Tyler	96	76	pt sunny
Greenville	95	74	mst sunny	Weatherford	98	74	mst sunny
Houston	92	77	t-storm	Wichita Falls	102	74	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	86	65	sunny
Boston	75	57	mst sunny	New York	86	69	sunny
Chicago	81	69	t-storm	Phoenix	99	83	t-storm
Dallas	97	77	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	54	pt sunny
Denver	91	63	sunny	Seattle	72	53	sunny
Houston	92	77	t-storm	St. Louis	80	72	rain
Los Angeles	87	69	sunny	Washington, DC	93	74	pt sunny
Miami	88	76	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sun 9/2	Mon 9/3	Tue 9/4	Wed 9/5	Thu 9/6
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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# Take Note

• 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 starting Sept. 5 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.

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- Aug. 31 **Scenic Mountain Moonlight Rave Run**  
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For more info contact the **CVB** at **432-263-8235**
- Sept. 15 **19th Annual Don McKinney Memorial Float Fly**  
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- Sept. 15 **Walk to End Alzheimer's 2012**  
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# News in brief

## Romney plunges into campaign's high season appealing to voters to 'turn the page' on Obama

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Lifted by a show of Republican unity that once seemed so distant, Mitt Romney plunged into the presidential campaign's final 67 days focused more than ever on jobs and the economy, and depicting President Barack Obama as a well-meaning but inept man who must be replaced.

"America has been patient," he told the nation. "Americans have supported this president in good faith. But today, the time has come to turn the page."

Obama, who will hold his own convention next week, served notice that he will use his powers of incumbency to make Romney's mission hard. Obama planned to visit a Texas military base exactly two years after declaring the end of the U.S. combat mission in Iraq, the war that haunts the last Republican president. This, as Democrats prepare to gather in Charlotte, N.C., for Obama's convention.

Romney capped a high-energy night closing the Republican National Convention with a spirited and unusually personal speech infused with his family life, touching on his Mormon faith and recounting his youth. The cheers were loud and frequent, surely music to the ears of a candidate who struggled throughout the bruising primary season and beyond to bury doubts among many in his party that he was the authentic conservative in the field.

"Now is the time to restore the promise of Amer-

ica," Romney declared to a nation struggling with unemployment and the slowest economic recovery in decades.

## Days of misery ahead for residents without power, clean water

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Isaac crawled into the nation's midsection early Friday, leaving a soggy mess in Louisiana. Neighborhoods were underwater, and many homes that stayed dry didn't have lights, air conditioning or clean water.

It will be a few days before the soupy brown water recedes and people who live in flooded neighborhoods can return home. The city, spared any major damage, lifted its curfew and returned to its usual liveliness, although it was dampened by heavy humidity.

"I have a battery-operated fan. This is the only thing keeping me going," said Rhyn Pate, a food services worker who sat under the eaves of a porch with other renters, making the best of the circumstances. "And a fly swatter to keep the bugs off me — and the most important thing, insect repellent."

## Investors look to Bernanke speech for clues to Fed's next moves to strengthen U.S. economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Few expect Chairman Ben Bernanke to signal at a Federal Reserve conference Friday in Jackson Hole, Wyo., that the Fed is about to take major new action to boost the economy.

No one is sure, though. Three years after the end of the Great Recession,

the U.S. economy is still struggling to break out of a slog that's kept unemployment at a painfully high 8.3 percent.

After its last policy meeting, the Fed repeated a pledge to try to boost growth if hiring remains weak. And minutes of that meeting showed that some Fed officials felt the economy would need more support "fairly soon" unless it improved significantly.

Still, many analysts think slightly brighter economic news since then has diminished the need for the Fed to act soon.

## Palestinian government chips away at male divorce monopoly

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — For decades, Palestinian women seeking to divorce their husbands risked years of miserable, expensive litigation or lengthy domestic battles as they begged their spouses for permission to leave.

Now Palestinian religious authorities announced sweeping reforms of divorce laws that will make it easier for a woman to end her marriage. The changes make a huge step forward in a society where many still believe that a woman should have no right to separate from her husband.

"In Islamic law, the relation between spouses should be based on tenderness, love and understanding," said Sheik Yousef al-Dais, head of the Islamic courts in the Palestinian Authority, as he announced the changes Thursday. "If there's hatred between them, should we force them to stay together?"

Marriage rules throughout the Middle East are based on Islamic law but have been heavily influenced by stricter tribal traditions.

## CLASSES

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news/bad news scenario for BSISD — good news because increased student enrollment and attendance means more money for the district; bad news because the increase pushes BSISD beyond state-mandated student-teacher ratios at the elementary levels.

Texas requires public schools to maintain a student-teacher ratio of, at most, 22 to 1 in grades kindergarten through 4. That ratio has been far exceeded at the kindergarten level, is being strained at fourth grade and is almost 30 to 1 at fifth grade.

Thanks to its four new elementary campuses, the district has the classroom space to handle the overflow, but finding more teachers may be

a problem.

"We are not alone — other school districts are getting crowded," Saldivar said. "It seems like everybody is looking to hire more teachers right now."

The school district will probably seek a waiver of the student-teacher ratio mandate, at least for this school year, while it devises a plan to deal with the enrollment increase, Saldivar said.

"We understand we have a lot more kids in our classes — and that's a good thing," he said. "In the next few days, we'll get together with principals and teachers and come up with a plan that will be good for both the district and the students."

In other business, trustees approved:

- The district's budget and tax rate for fiscal year 2012-2013.

• Employment of the following personnel: BSISD Lead Nurse Meredith Aleman; high school choir teacher Judith Ayer; high school English teacher Robin Diers; eighth grade math teacher Jacqueline Sampay; and Washington Elementary fourth grade teacher Brandi Sheldon.

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## DWI

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approximately 550 of those were the direct result of the increased patrols, officials said.

Last year during this same time period, DPS enforcement resulted in more than 25,000 speeding citations, 4,368 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 4,057 no insurance tickets. In addition, troopers made 1,409 fugitive arrests,

958 felony arrests and 882 drug arrests during routine patrol operations.

The enhanced patrols that target impaired drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

"As the result of this grant, our troopers will be able to increase patrols on our roadways, which will make the roads safer for all travelers," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Drinking and driving

is always a concern during holidays, and getting intoxicated drivers off our roads saves lives."

Seven people died in alcohol-related crashes on Texas highways during the Labor Day holiday period in 2011, the fewest number of fatalities since 2003. Officials credit increase law enforcement presence as at least part of the reason for the decrease.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Labor Day

holiday:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Eliminate distractions, and don't text while driving.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.
- Slow down, especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and emergency medical service vehicles stopped on the

side of the road with emergency lights activated.

- Don't drive fatigued.
  - Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
  - Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
- More alcohol-related crashes occur between 2 a.m. and 2:59 a.m. than in any other hour of the day, and more crashes happen on Saturday than on any other day of

the week, officials said.

## FILM

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going to be so many reunions and other activities going on, we just felt like it would be better to hold off until October, when things aren't quite so hectic.

"Right now, we're considering several different dates in October, so we haven't quite nailed it down, yet. However, as soon as we have a solid schedule, we'll get the word out. I know there are a lot of folks out there who are really looking forward to this film."

The screening is part of the film society's annual effort to offer "big screen" events for Crossroads residents free of charge, and much like any great recipe, there

are several key ingredients which need to be gathered before the opening credits roll.

"One of the things that is so important to what we do each year is the people who volunteer their time and effort," Johnson said. "Enough can not be said about those men and women. So, here I am, shining the bat signal up into the sky and asking for volunteers to help us make this screening one of our best ones yet."

"The other thing that keeps these screenings rolling each year is the sponsors. Local businesses and residents who help us cover the financial side of these shows so we can keep bringing them to the citizens, as always, free of charge. Without sponsors, we wouldn't be able to screen these

films."

Johnson said area residents don't have to be movie-nuts to volunteer during the screening or be a part of the local film society.

"There are a lot of different reasons folks volunteer their time with the film society," Johnson said. "For a lot of us it comes down to our love of cinema and our desire to share that with area residents who might not otherwise have the chance to attend a film screening. I mean, honestly, how many times do you get the chance to kick back in a lawn chair with some popcorn and watch a movie outside on a huge, inflatable screen?"

"For many of the younger people who come to the screenings, these are memories they

are going to carry with them throughout their lives. These are stories they will tell their own children someday. I think it's a wonderful thing just to be able to be a part of that."

For more information on volunteering or being a sponsor, contact Johnson at 432-213-0758 or by e-mail at cruiser1977@gmail.com. More information is also available at www.bigspringfilm.org

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

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*This week we salute:*

- Alon USA for donating \$200,000 to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club during the dedication of the new facility. Also, for all who helped ensure the project would come to fruition, including several local contractors and other businesses.

- DAV Chapter No. 47's new building which is providing a more spacious meeting area and helping to serve the needs of local veterans.

- Volunteers and Keep Big Spring Beautiful members who helped during the Love Our Lake clean up at Comanche Trail Lake on Saturday.

- All students in Forsan, Coahoma, and Big Spring, for making it through the first week of school.

- Coahoma High School students Reagan Overton, Dillon Quinn and Whitney Dodson for medaling at the Family Career and Community Leaders of America national competition in Orlando, Fla. earlier this summer.

- Mary Karol Matchett for being named the new provost for SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

**May we trust in You, Lord, when 'plan A' doesn't work out.**

**Amen**

# Anti-immigrant platform

The pundits tell us not to pay too much attention to the Republican convention platform, because this document usually reflects the party's most extreme ideas — just fodder for the far-right activists — and because the GOP nominee for president is not really expected to follow it.

But what if those extreme ideas came from the horse's mouth? What if there is an issue where all the new Draconian ideas actually came from Mitt Romney?

Surely, there are issues where Romney has not gone as far to the right as the GOP platform, like on abortion and rape.

But on immigration, the GOP platform has gone further to the right than ever before. It's almost as if it was specifically drafted to alienate Latinos!

And point by point, it all came from Romney when he was pandering to Republican extremists during the primaries.

Remember when Romney used the GOP debates to show he could be the most Draconian of them all?

Well, the far-right extremists took it all down — and put it in the GOP platform.

Remember the debate where Romney went after Gov. Rick Perry for allowing undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates in Texas? Well, the GOP platform now calls for denying federal financing to universities that allow undocumented immigrants students to pay in-state tuition.

Remember when Romney rejected any form of a legalization plan for the 11 million undocumented immigrants already living here or when he vowed to veto the DREAM Act or when he had the bright idea about self-deportation?

Well, the GOP plank opposes "any forms of amnesty" for undocumented immigrants and

calls for "humane procedures to encourage illegal aliens to return home voluntarily." Of course, by "humane procedures" they mean making sure these immigrants can't get a job so that starvation will force them to go home.

"The answer is self-deportation, which is people decide that they can do better by going home because they can't find work here," Romney said in one of the debates, "because they don't have legal documentation to allow them to work here."

So denying someone the opportunity to earn a living is a "humane procedure"? Really?

Remember when Romney vowed to withdraw Justice Department lawsuits against states trying to enforce federal immigration laws? Or when he implied that Arizona's anti-immigrant and racial profiling laws should be a model for the rest of the nation? Or when he changed his mind and claimed he was only talking about requiring employers nationwide to e-verify workers' legal status?

Well, the Republican Party platform calls for all of the above.

This is the most repulsive, intolerant, anti-immigrant GOP platform in recent history, and Romney inspired it!

This is the most two-faced convention we'll ever see.

While thrashing immigrants in their platform, Republicans are introducing several Latino speakers — as if seeing a few Hispanic faces was going to make us forget their mean-spirited agenda.

But it's all cheap cosmetics — especially when the infamous immigrant-bashing Sheriff Joe Arpaio also was invited to speak at a convention event.

Any pretext for a Latino-friendly GOP convention was lost in Tampa, Fla., last week, when delegates allowed conservative ideologue Kris Kobach to insert his entire immigrant-bashing agenda into the GOP platform. Kobach, the Kansas secretary of state who is credited for authoring some of the most

anti-immigrant state laws in the country, is a strong Romney ally and informal advisor. And since he was promoting the same hardline measures Romney had defended during the debates, Kobach got all he wanted from the platform committee. The "architect" of the state anti-immigrant laws became the architect of the national party platform on immigration.

Romney's poll numbers among Latino voters are dramatically low — hovering between 23 and 28 percent — but with people such as Kobach advising him, frankly, those numbers should be much lower.

Let's face it: On other issues, Romney may be able to remain a bit more moderate than the platform adopted by his own party. But on immigration, if Romney becomes president, how does he betray his hard-right friends? How does he not implement his own anti-immigrant party platform?

If Romney gets a well-deserved, record-breaking rejection from Latino voters and still wins the presidency, doesn't he have to respond to his anti-immigrant constituency? When President Romney starts worrying about re-election, does he risk alienating the conservative base to which he has been so subservient in this election cycle?

No way, Jose!

If Romney becomes president, get ready to rewind the Latino civil rights clock. After all, Romney's pandering rhetoric on immigration — his scapegoating of immigrants to score points with xenophobes — is now the official position of the Republican Party.

But if President Barack Obama wins re-election, mark my words: Romney will be remembered as the candidate who wrote the book on how to lose an election by alienating Latino voters.

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# The platform of the party

A constitutional prohibition on abortion, even in cases of rape and incest?

No federal funds for universities that allow undocumented students to pay the same tuition as other students who live in the state?

A commission to study a return to the gold standard and audit the Fed?

A "double layer" fence at the border?

Welcome to the Republican Party of 2012. This is the platform so far agreed to by the platform committee and set to be adopted by the convention delegates next week in Tampa, Fla.

It's not surprising that some Republicans are trying to disown the platform before the ink is dry. Even the platform committee chairman is downplaying its significance. "This is a bottom-up political process, where the grassroots people in both parties get to have their say about what they collectively believe in as a party," Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell said. "I think it's a marvelous exercise in democracy for both major political parties."

"A marvelous exercise in democracy"? Get serious. Mitt Romney's top aides were in the room for the two-day marathon session — his top policy and political people. The room was full of men and women who are, at least as delegates, committed to Romney. This platform wasn't adopted without their participation. And if it was, it's a major sign of a weak nominee in

trouble.

If Romney can't run his own party's platform process, how can he run the country? If he can't stand up to the hotheads in his own party, how is he going to stand up to the real hotheads on the world stage?

The purpose of conventions these days is not to make decisions on anything. It is to put on a good show for the cameras. A convention is a television show and a fundraising event, with some parties thrown in to reward and invigorate the troops. Even vice presidential nominees are now selected in advance, removing the last vestige of drama, lest anything go wrong. They are scripted down to the minute.

During a break in the committee meeting, one former congressional aide, in a clear effort to dismiss the significance of the train wreck in front of them, reportedly told journalists, "I cannot remember, once in two decades, the committee chairman saying, 'Let's look at the platform.'"

I'm sure that's right.

Committee chairmen don't look at platforms. Candidates don't look at platforms once they are elected. But believe me, all those talking heads on television with nothing to talk about will talk about them and look at them. And rightly so. Platforms are significant political documents.

A platform that doesn't reflect the candidate's views is a sign of his weakness — and a weapon that the other side will use against him. The platform is the leading indicator of a convention that could end up hurting the candidate more than it helps him. It puts the spotlight on

the divisions within the party and the power of the ideological extremes, which is the very last thing you want to do at a convention.

That's what happened to Jimmy Carter in 1980. Now those were some good fights. And it's also what happened to George Bush in 1992, when the platform committee wanted to take out Abraham Lincoln's "better angels" because they thought it was anti-Christian. Things got so bad that Ronald Reagan had to use his convention speech to plead for tolerance from, and among, his fellow Republicans.

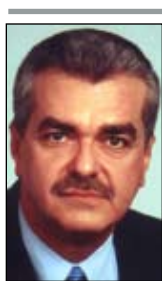
The fact that Republicans would pass a platform that Romney cannot run on — a platform that throws federalism to the wind (telling states who pays what to go to college), forces rape and incest victims into maternity wards, and reads like a complete pucker-up to libertarian Ron Paul rather than the Wall Street-savvy nominee — means one of two things.

Either Romney wasn't strong enough to stand up to the ideologues who could drag down his campaign, or he didn't dare try.

No one expects Romney to be able to control the stormy weather heading toward Tampa, although it might give him a chance to show some leadership in a crisis — something that didn't happen during the deliberations of his party's platform committee.

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## Church News

### First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, the Rev. Ken McIntosh's message will be "The Gravy of Life" from Matthew 20: 1-16.

Elders will be Carol Stephens and Shirley Burgess. Deacons will be Eulaine McIntosh, Mariah McIntosh, Shelane Roberts and Shirley Lee. Worship leader will be Shirley Beauchamp and communion prep will be Eulaine McIntosh and Shelane Roberts. Greeter will be Shirley Lee. Homebound communion will be Shirley Burgess

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. We need volunteers for those days to help.

Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. the choir will be at the church going over songs for next week services. Call Ruth Jackson for more information.

The Samaritan Counseling takes place at our church Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

All committee chair persons who are going to have a meeting in September, let the Church Secretary Nell know when they are going to be so she can put it in the church weekly Bulletin.

For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at [www.fcbs125@yahoo.com](http://www.fcbs125@yahoo.com) or email to [fcbs125@yahoo.com](mailto:fcbs125@yahoo.com)

### Christ in the Country Fellowship

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

Sunday coffee and donuts is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible study is at 10 a.m.

in 1 Corinthians 15:1.

Wednesday round pen study is at 6 p.m. and will study the book of the generations in Genesis 5:1.

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

Sunday after church service we will have our first Sunday fellowship luncheon. Come and enjoy the fellowship and food.

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.

### First Baptist Church

Our church will be focused in September on state missions through the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions and the week of prayer. We will partner with other Southern Baptist churches to spread the gospel throughout Texas. Our local goal is \$5,000 which combined with other congregations will facilitate the reaching of some 12 million people to Christ.

The Mission Center will again be opened Sept. 6 to meet physical and spiritual needs of people in our community.

Recent donations of clothing for this ministry created a need for volunteers to help sort and prepare these items. This project will be Friday from 10 a.m. until noon under the leadership of Tiana Hergert. To help, call Tiana at the church office, 267-8223.

As we prepare for Operation Christmas Child, ideas for boxes can be found at [www.operationchristmaschild.org](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org). This is a community wide ministry as we provide a Christmas present plus the plan of salvation for children around the world.

AWANA begins Sunday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. teaching Bible verses to children. Training sessions will be Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 5:45 p.m. in the dining room or Saturday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.

LLL for senior adults meets Tues-

## Rocks in the bucket

How many rocks will fit into one bucket? The answer seems to depend on one's strategy for filling the bucket.

The late Stephen R. Covey was an American educator, author, businessman, and motivational speaker. He will be remembered for his popular book called "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

Recently, I watched a video clip of Covey helping a participant in one of his seminars discover the most effective way to place rocks in a bucket. As the audience watched, the volunteer tried to fit a number of big rocks into a clear-plastic bucket that had already been partially filled with gravel.

In the demonstration, each of the large rocks had been previously labeled with terms such as planning and preparation, relationships and family, urgent and important, and major projects. There were also rocks for employment, sharpening the saw, vacation, and big opportunities.

In her efforts to force all the sizeable rocks into the bucket, the good-natured volunteer dug around in the gravel trying to make holes for all the rocks she deemed essential. However, her task remained impossible until Covey offered her a new paradigm.



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With an empty bucket in hand, the clever woman placed the largest rocks in the bottom and the bucket and filled in the spaces with smaller rocks. Finally she dumped all of the gravel on top and gently shook the bucket until the small pebbles sifted into the crevices.

Another version of the story tells that a lecturer filled a jar with rocks and asked his students if the jar was full. Then he added gravel and again asked if the jar was full. Next he added sand to the jar and asked if it was full. Finally, he poured water on the sand and asked the same question.

When it comes to packing the most into our buckets, all of us possess a boulder labeled relationship with God. Too often, however, we leave that rock out of our buckets. We fill our containers with less important stones and wait until the last minute of each day to try fitting God's rock into our already full buckets.

In His instructions to His followers, Jesus said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33 NASB).

When we put the big rocks in the bucket first, our relationship with God remains a priority. When He sees His rock in the bottom of our buckets surrounded by other important rocks, He fills in the spaces with pebbles of blessing.

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day. Come at noon to the dining room and bring a vegetable, salad or dessert and hear Pastor Mark bring the program.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 10:50 a.m. No evening service next Sunday, but regular worship services begin again Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as we begin a new series entitled "Accountability: Taking Responsibility Seriously!" with the main scripture taken from Romans 14:12. Sunday morning services are recorded if you'd like a free copy of any service ask our broadcasting department.

Sunday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. we will welcome Pastor Cliff DeArmond, from Latter Rain Worship Center in Odessa to come talk about "Keeping the Fire Burning." Starting Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. we will be offering "Overcomers (R&R) Recovery & Restoration" classes. For more information on these classes, contact us at the number listed below. New member classes will begin Sept. 9. The next class will begin in November. CCC offers ministries in the following areas: Tiny Tots (19 mos.- Kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th - 12th grade); Covenant U — college ministry (18-24); men's and women's ministries; marriage enrichment.

Our children's sanctuary which 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. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or more information, con-

tact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) or check Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is Lannon Martin. We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. 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](mailto:aliveinchrist@crcom.net).

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

Vacation Bible School was a great success.

The readings for this week reference "Thick-Headed Disciples."

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.

A website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, [www.jcplayzone.com](http://www.jcplayzone.com), promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

Big Spring Classical Academy will begin Sept. 4 with classes for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Our Homeschool Cooperative will be offering classes for high school homeschool students in several subjects including algebra, history, English/literature and art. These ministries will provide educational alternatives to Big Spring and the surrounding area. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information.

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## Reflections

## Are all religions alike? Not in the slightest

I had just settled into my aisle seat on the first leg of our flight home from Nuremberg, Germany last week when a young woman indicated she had the window seat. When I stood to allow her access, her younger brother joined her sitting in the center. They immediately initiated a delightful conversation. I found Alex, 22, and Jake, 20, to be remarkably friendly and intelligent young adults. They had been touring Europe with their family and were returning home to Detroit where their father practiced medicine.

Halfway to Amsterdam, I asked both of them if church and faith was important to their family. They told me they were Jewish, had attended religion classes, but did not enjoy

it much, and, while they liked the sound of the Hebrew language, did not understand what was being said. I told them that I have a deep appreciation for the Jewish people without whom we would have little knowledge of the nature and character of God. I went on to explain that I am a Christian and that I have become convinced that everything that is best and beautiful in Judaism is fulfilled in Jesus.



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They then talked about some of their Christian friends they have known who go to church every week and Jake concluded by saying, basically, all religions are the same. They all basically teach kindness and goodness. It doesn't really matter what you believe.

I did not try to correct Jake or enter into an argument about his

point, but the comment continued to bother me. I have heard this statement many times before, usually from people who have little religious knowledge or experience. It is a way of sidestepping any serious discussion about religion. But the fact of the matter is that religions of the world are not the same. In fact, they are vastly different.

Most who assume that all religions are basically the same, also assume that all religions teach the Ten Commandments. But the first commandment clearly states, "You shall have no other gods before me." The second states, "You shall not make for yourself any idol." Right up front, the Commandments let us know that religions are not all alike and that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is unique.

No other faith claims what the

Christian faith boldly asserts, that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob visited us in the person of His Son, Jesus who lived a perfect, sinless life, and, after willingly laying down His life as a sacrifice for sins was raised from the dead. Jesus' claims are astounding, "He that has seen me has seen the Father." "I and the Father are one." "He that lives and believes in me shall never die."

The Scripture plainly teaches that God "rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." (Colossian 1:13-15).

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

## CHURCH

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## Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Saturday, Sept. 22 will be a Holy Ghost House Party at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. at 6 p.m. National recording artist Unique Sons of Faith from Tulsa, Okla., will be featured. Big Spring High School Meister singers, directed by Anna Castaneda, will also perform with Mt. Bethel Youth choir. For more information, call Patrick at 325-864-2811.

## Forsan Baptist Church

Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. we are conducting an in-depth study of the Book of Revelation. This will be a verse-by-verse study of the

ceeded our goal in a big way. Thank you to all who donated and supported this event.

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entire book. We will be handing out maps and timelines as the study progresses through the coming months. We are also able now to provide CD copies of the study as well as our Sunday morning services to any whom may be interested.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday 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 refreshments for these activities. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The chancel choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

Claudia Patterson is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgist for Sunday is Tom Koger. Communion servers are Danny Kennemur, Susan Holstedt and Rip and Claudia Patterson. Ushers for September are Susan and David Wilson.

The lectionary is Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. The choir will offer the anthem "Thee We Adore" by Frederick Candlyn and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arranged by Mark Hays for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website at [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org).

## North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

Meets Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading the service and Jacque Mauch leading the music. There will be no evening services during the summer months.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. The adult class will begin a new unit entitled "What is Faith?" Guy Teague will lead the discussion on "Faith Calls for Perseverance" taken from Hebrews 10:19-31.

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

Remember to give thanks for our recent rains and the lifting of the fire ban, but we must still be aware of the need to keep down the weeds and grass as we now have a mosquito problem. Continue to check on the elderly and if they need help "pitch in" to help them. Don't forget to pray for all the ones affected by Hurricane Isaac.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 267-3241 or 267-2203, if no answer please leave a message so we can return your call as soon as possible.

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## Coahoma First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church of Coahoma is located at 401 N. Main. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. 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 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Donations for school supplies can be left in the box in the foyer.

Saturday, Sept. 4, UMW will meet at Mona Drake's house at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, there will be a special Sunday morning 9/11 commemoration service. Sunday, Sept. 16, there will be a Celebrate You service during morning worship followed by luncheon and at 2 p.m. Chrystal River will present a concert.

More information will be given as time approaches and public is invited to attend. October 22 will be Change Conference at 5:30 p.m.

The church office number is 432-394-4432 or you can call the mobile at 432-270-1602. Our email address is [coahomaumc@gmail.com](mailto:coahomaumc@gmail.com).

## First United Methodist

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will bring the message at both services of worship. His sermon title is "Enter the Romance" with scripture readings from the Song of Solomon, 5:10-16 and 6:4-9. Sunday school classes are held at 9:45 a.m. Epic youth continues to meet Sunday evenings following their big musical launch last weekend.

Wednesday, Children's Day Out program will meet for its second time in the fall schedule. The program for children four months through preschool meets Mondays and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. We are still in need of at least one additional teacher and some substitutes. Contact Becky or Brenna at 267-6394 for further information regarding applying or registering your child.

Wednesday noon Bible study and luncheon meets in Garrett Hall weekly. Pastor Bill is leading the study on the Gospel of Mark. Al's Barbeque will be catering this week's meal with serving beginning at 11:50 a.m.

Real Life Wednesday meets for a meal at 5:30 p.m. with children's choir, Epic youth, Disciple Bible study and Financial University study following the meal.

Beth Moore Bible Study will meet at that time with some changes to note. You do not have to order a workbook to be part of the study and the meeting time has been cut to one hour allowing time to view the lesson on DVD. Contact the church office or Pam Steel for additional information regarding this study which is entitled "Esther, It's Tough Being A Woman."

The newly re-organized children's choir J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) got off to a great start last Sunday night at their kick-off party. Lead by Miss Stacy Barr and Miss Christy Mikeska, the group will meet for fun and singing Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the third floor, for ages 4 to fifth grade.

September 9 is Super Sundaes Sunday for those who meet for Sunday school classes on the third floor. All children's classes plus Seekers, Young Families and MythBusters will be taking part in this effort to get back in the groove for fall.

Epworth class members are reminded of a change in their upcoming dinner and social. It will now be Tuesday, Sept. 11 in Garrett Hall. Linda Conway will be bringing a fun program following the meal.

Lord's Acre is fast approaching. There will be a bake sale, silent auction, children's corner, lunch and

talents and treasures live auction. All proceeds will go to our mission programs both within and outside the church.

For information about schedules and special events, go to our website at [www.fumcbs.org](http://www.fumcbs.org). Our telephone number is 432-267-6394 and we are located at Fourth and Scurry Streets.

## College Baptist Church

This past week, before School started again, people from College Baptist church and some volunteers from other churches went out on "Operation Blessing." This was to go out and pray for the schools,

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## ► Religious briefs

### Church evacuated after driver hits parish hall

SAN ANTONIO — A San Antonio north side church was briefly evacuated Wednesday morning after a woman parking her car for Mass crashed into the parish hall, triggering a gas leak.

Marianne Willis said she was pulling up to a spot in front of the building for Mass at St. Matthew Catholic Church about 11 a.m. when her brakes suddenly stopped working.

Her car continued over a curb and into the building, striking a gas line.

"I was praying like there's no tomorrow," Willis said, adding she's relieved nobody was injured. "It's truly a miracle."

A strong natural gas smell filled the area, prompting emergency personnel to evacuate about 30 people inside the church on Wurzbach Road southwest of Vance Jackson Road.

Students and staff at nearby St. Matthew Catholic School remained inside and never were in danger, Principal Alvin Caro said.

"We had a very nice breeze going that way," Caro said, pointing away from the school.

He added that the students were eating lunch as usual an hour after the crash.

Alberto "Tito" Espinosa, who was having lunch with a group of people inside the parish hall, said he "got a little scared" when he heard the crash.

Espinosa said he initially thought it had been caused by a construction crew renovating the bathrooms, but he realized something was wrong when he heard a hissing noise and smelled the gas.

"Poor lady," Espinosa said. "Thank the Lord nobody got hurt."

### California resolution denouncing anti-Semitism on campuses targets anti-Israel protests

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — A resolution urging California colleges and universities to squelch nascent anti-Semitism also encouraged educators to crack down on demonstrations against Israel, angering advocates for Muslim students.

With no debate, lawmakers on Tuesday approved a resolution that encourages university leaders to combat a wide array of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel actions.

"California schools need to recognize that anti-Semitism is still a very real issue on college campuses around the state — it did not disappear with the end of World War II," said Assemblywoman Linda Halderman, the resolution's author.

Most of the incidents of anti-Semitism the resolution cited are related to the Israel-Palestine debate. These

include instances of protesters comparing Israeli police to Nazis and urging support for Hamas.

The resolution, which is purely symbolic and does not carry policy implications, also condemns the suggestion that Israel is a "racist" state and that Jews "wield excessive power over American foreign policy."

The Council on American Islamic Relations said the resolution went too far and constituted an attack on students' right to free expression.

### Amish man testifies in U.S. trial that father's beard, hair cut in attack, scalp left bleeding

CLEVELAND (AP) — An Amish preacher testified Wednesday that he watched three men cut his father's hair and beard during an attack last fall that left his father shaking and relatives screaming.

Andy Hershberger was the first witness in the federal trial of a breakaway Amish group from the U.S. state of Ohio accused of hate crimes in hair-cutting attacks on fellow Amish. Prosecutors say Hershberger's father was among those attacked because he and the leader of the breakaway group had religious differences.

Andy Hershberger testified that his father, an Amish bishop, pleaded for the men not to shear him. But he said within minutes, the hair from his father's beard had been cut and scattered across the floor. He said clumps of hair were missing from his father's head and his scalp was bleeding.

Prosecutors say his father, Raymond Hershberger, was targeted because he was among several bishops who had religious disagreements with Mullet.

Attorneys for the defendants argue that the Amish are bound by different rules guided by their religion and that the government shouldn't get involved in what amounted to a family or church dispute.

### Businesses reopen after 2 days of riots in Mombasa, questions remain

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — Businesses reopened Wednesday in most parts of Mombasa after youths rioted for two days, angered over the killing of a hardline Muslim cleric.

The rioting on Monday and Tuesday had brought this vibrant city, Kenya's second-biggest, to a near standstill, left four people dead and several churches and businesses damaged.

Police reinforcements helped contain attempts by youths from the populous Majengo area to continue with the protests for a third day.

The disturbances broke out as a response to the killing of Muslim cleric Aboud Rogo Mohammed, who had been sanctioned by the U.S. and U.N.

## Working together

Stephen Covey once wrote, "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."

Yet most people choose to not live by the principles that produce success which is why many fail in life. Let me illustrate this for you. So many people today are gripped with a sense of fear. They fear for the future. They feel vulnerable in the workplace. They are afraid of losing their jobs and their ability to provide for their families. This vulnerability often produces a resignation to riskless living and to co-dependency with others at work and at home. Our culture's common response to this problem is to become more and more independent. "I'm going to focus on 'me and mine.' I'll do my job, do it well, and get on to my real joys off the job. The problem is, we live in an interdependent reality (We are in need of each other's help) and our most important accomplishments require interdependency skills well beyond our own abilities.

This thought of needing each other's talents to reach our potential is also found throughout God's word. In Romans 12:4 and 5 Paul would say,

"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually member's one of another." Within Christ body, the church, there are many members and each person in the body has a different function. What would happen if the foot decided to no longer fulfill its function? The body would not be functioning properly. Or if the eye said I no longer want to see? Obviously it would hurt the rest of the body and the body would not be fulfilling its proper function. God organized the church this way in order for us to accomplish the greatest good. When everybody is willing to effectively use their abilities and function as one, the greatest good will be accomplished.

Sports are a great example of this reality. When a team which is less talented plays for each other and functions as one they will always beat a team with superior talent but is unwilling to play for each other. So if you desire to overcome some of the challenges you face in this life remember that one way to accomplish this is by depending on those who are around you and working along with them.

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KENNETH GARCIA

for his alleged support for al-Shabab, an al-Qiada-linked militant group in Somalia. He was shot to death by unidentified gunmen Monday morning as he drove in his car with his family.

### Police say Jewish religion not factor in attack on U.S. college student

DETROIT (AP) — A university student's Jewish religion was not a fac-

tor in an assault at an off-campus party, police said Wednesday, a day after the 19-year-old man claimed he was hit in the jaw as a victim of "religious hatred."

There is no dispute that Zach Tennen was seriously injured early Sunday.

But witnesses interviewed by detectives have not confirmed Tennen's account that he was attacked after revealing he's Jewish, East Lansing police Capt. Jeff Murphy said.

## CHURCH

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schools, teachers and students for the coming school year. Small groups went to each school in the Big Spring District as well as Coahoma, Forsan, Maranatha, Howard College and SWCID. Each group carried a basket of snacks and bottled water to the teachers lounges and prayed for the teachers and students that would be attending that particular school.

We prayed for God's blessings on all these schools for the coming school year. Jen Hollingsworth came up with this idea and went to the superintendents of all schools to ask for permission to do this. The original plan had been to go to the new schools in the BSISD, but as word got out, more people brought in snacks and bottled water and volunteered to go out and ask their schools be included.

Maranatha Baptist Christian Academy had school going on at the time we visited there and since it is a designated Christian school, we were asked to pray with the teachers and with each student there. That was a real blessing.

My son attends Forsan Jr./Sr. High school and I feel much better about the coming school year now as I really believe in the power of prayer. Thank you to all the superintendents for letting us do this and we hope that it can become an annual thing.

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# Forsan edges Coahoma 30-27

*Bufs deliver against rival in first game played in state of Texas*



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Forsan's Brendan Roman carries the ball during Thursday's opener at ASCO Football Madness in Midland. The Buffaloes defeated the Coahoma Bulldogs 30-27 in what was the first game played of the season in the state of Texas. Roman rushed for 106 yards and scored three touchdowns.

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Howard County rivals Forsan and Coahoma met Thursday at the ASCO Football Madness opener at Grande Communications Stadium, in what was the first football game played in the state for the 2012 season.

The Buffaloes and Bulldogs battled through early afternoon heat, cramps and dehydration issues, and a scoreboard that failed during the first quarter, leaving both teams coaches to manage the time without an official time clock.

When the smoke cleared, Forsan was the victor, narrowly defeating Coahoma — who won last year's meeting by a point — 30-27.

Coahoma won the coin toss and on the first possession marched down the field and scored in what was a textbook drive capped with a Tanner Ruiz touchdown followed by a sneaky two-point conversion, giving the Bulldogs an early 8-0 lead.

Undaunted, Forsan QB Marcus Cervantes hit Trevor Williams for a 23-yard touchdown. Williams would add a field goal in the second quarter to extend the Buffs' lead to 10-8.

Two lost fumbles in the second quarter would be detrimental to Coahoma, as Forsan capitalized, turning the error into seven more points for a score of 17-8.

Ruiz — who rushed for two scores and passed for two — broke for an 81-yard touchdown run to cut Forsan's lead to two points. The Buffs would cling to a 17-15 lead headed into halftime.

The third quarter is when both squads started to struggle.

The early afternoon heat (kickoff was at 4 p.m.), began to take its toll on the players. Cramping and dehydration set in, creating situations where substitutions and switching spots were necessary. Combined with the lack of a time clock, it made for some interesting football.

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## Texas overloaded with RBs in 2012

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Now that's he won the job as the starter, Texas quarterback David Ash said he would be just as happy handing the ball off to a running back all season instead of throwing it — as long as it means winning.

He will certainly have plenty of options of who to give it to.

The No. 15 Longhorns open the season at home Saturday night against Wyoming, boasting their deepest backfield since Ricky Williams pretty much did it all by himself in 1998 on his way to winning the Heisman Trophy

Malcolm Brown and

Joe Bergeron are both big, bruising runners who combined for 1,205 yards and 10 touchdowns last seasons despite some struggles with injuries.

Freshman Johnathan Gray brings a blend of speed and power that that saw him score a national high school record 205 career touchdowns.

While Brown or Bergeron will start against the Cowboys, all three expect to get plenty of action all season.

"There's not really a set starter. It's more of a rotation," Brown said. "You can put any of us in."

## Texans top Vikings in preseason finale

HOUSTON (AP) — Trindon Holliday did it again.

The former LSU track star had his third kick return for a touchdown of the preseason and Justin Forsett rushed for 114 yards and two more scores in the Houston Texans' 28-24 win over the Minnesota Vikings in the preseason finale Thursday.

Holliday brought back a punt 76 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter, bolstering his case to make the Texans solely as a special teams threat. Forsett broke a 52-yard run on Houston's second play from scrimmage and set a Texans rushing record for a preseason game on only 13 rushes.

"The plan was just to come out and just make plays and show the team that I can be a special guy," Holliday said.

The 5-foot-5 Holliday also returned a kickoff 87 yards in the preseason opener at Carolina and a punt 90 yards for a score against San Francisco before fumbling twice against New Orleans last week. Teams trim their rosters to 53 players on Friday, and Holliday still wasn't sure if he convinced coach Gary Kubiak to keep him.

"You're asking me to say that now? Nobody has made it," Kubiak said. "We're not finished yet. He's made a heck of a case for himself."

A fan was taken to a Houston hospital after falling from an escalator at Reliant Stadium.

A statement issued by officials of Reliant Park, where the stadium is situated, said nothing about the fan's condition. Houston police spokesman Kесе Smith

said the incident happened at the north end of the stadium.

Jordan Todman rushed for 114 yards, including a 76-yard touchdown for Minnesota. Jarius Wright caught six passes for 122 yards, including a touchdown for the Vikings. Devin Aromashodu also caught a TD pass for the Vikings.

Minnesota punted after its first possession of the second half. Holliday made a quick move, broke a tackle and easily outran Minnesota's pack of defenders, slowing down in his final strides. Kubiak said he needed to see something spectacular in training camp from Holliday and he has gotten it.

"It hasn't been a secret, you know," Holliday said. "It's just

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## Sports Calendar

### TODAY

- Football**
- Big Spring at Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m.
  - Denver City at Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
  - Ropes at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

- Volleyball**
- Big Spring at Seminole Tournament (Varsity only, through Saturday), TBA.

### SATURDAY

- Football**
- Sands vs. Lorenzo at Midland, ASCO Football Madness, Grande Communications Stadium, 6 p.m.
  - Garden City vs. Water Valley at McCamey, 8 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

## NFL asks judge to toss concussion suits

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The NFL moved Thursday to try to shut down lawsuits filed by thousands of former players who say they suffered or fear suffering permanent brain injuries from football-related concussions, calling the issue a "labor dispute" that should be resolved not by courts but by terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

The players accuse the NFL of negligence and say league officials concealed known medical links between concussions and brain injuries, leading many of them to suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's disease, or be at an increased risk of reckless

or suicidal behavior. In a motion to dismiss the suits filed late Thursday, the NFL argues that the collective bargaining agreement covers safety and health rules — while delegating to each team decisions about a player's condition and when they should return to play. And the league said the suits lack any specific proof of concealment.

"To the extent that plaintiffs have a claim addressing injuries incurred during their NFL careers, that claim may only proceed pursuant to the grievance procedures set forth in the CBAs," the motion said.

About 140 NFL con-

cussion lawsuits have been consolidated in federal court in Philadelphia before U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody. Unless Brody agrees to dismiss them early on, or an umbrella settlement is reached, she will likely decide what evidence can be used at trial, whether a class can be certified for medical monitoring and other pretrial issues. The cases might then return to their home district for trial.

According to an Associated Press analysis, 3,377 players have sued the NFL, charging that not enough was done to inform them of the dangers of concussions in the past, or to take care of them today. That

tally includes at least 26 Hall of Famers. There are 5,249 total plaintiffs, including spouses, other relatives and player representatives.

The lead plaintiff in an early concussion lawsuit filed last year, former Atlanta Falcons safety Ray Easterling, committed suicide in April at age 62. An autopsy found he had the degenerative brain disease CTE, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy. His widow remains a plaintiff.

Other players have told The Associated Press that they were put back into games after devastating hits, and were fed

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## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** We are three daughters who need help. Our parents' home seems unhappy and full of bitterness. Mom and Dad have been married for 59 years, but Mom doesn't seem to enjoy life. Dad is not perfect, but we really don't know their past personal stories and relationship. They seem to have led separate lives: Mom at home with six kids to raise, and Dad working long hours at his business.

Since Dad's retirement, they have settled into a routine of doctor appointments and staying home. Dad no longer wants to do anything, because Mom is constantly telling him that he doesn't do things correctly. He embarrasses her. Dad has no interest in going places due to his health issues, and Mom doesn't want him driving much or staying home alone.

The constant nagging has created an unhealthy environment. It is difficult to visit because we don't like to see and hear them like this.

We have sat down with them to discuss the situation and offered suggestions, but there has been neither change nor resolution. Counseling is not an option, as Mom seems overly concerned with what others know about her or will think of her. Dad doesn't seem to be concerned about anything.

We don't want to become the kind of kids who stop seeing their parents. Any suggestions? — *The Girls*

**Dear Girls:** When couples retire, they can fall into the trap of doing nothing and getting on each other's nerves. Mom resents Dad invading



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ing her domestic domain, and Dad is depressed because his identity was tied up in his job. And if they have health issues, it can exacerbate the problem because getting out of the house can be problematic or exhausting. It's a shame your parents won't address their problems, particularly if they are depressed.

We recommend you find ways to get them out of the house, together or separately.

Take them out for dinner. Invite Mom to a play. Encourage Dad to attend a ballgame with you. Look into senior programs in their area, and perhaps offer to go with them until they become interested enough to go on their own and, hopefully, make friends. Please don't give up on them. They need you.

**Dear Annie:** I'm 13 and live with my mom. She always overreacts when my room is not absolutely spotless, which leaves me wondering whether she has OCD. She doesn't seem to care that the rest of the house is a mess. She seems to magnify the messiness of my room only.

When I confront her about this, she gets mad

and sends me to my room. I think she wants me to be holed up in there so I'll see how messy it is. But I don't. Does she have OCD? How would I know? Help me. — *My Room Is Clean*

**Dear Room:** If your mom is only concerned with the mess in your room, it's probably not OCD. It's more likely that your room is a little messy.

Mom sounds stressed. If you find yourself arguing with her a lot, please consider that the two of you may be pushing each other's buttons more than you intend.

Try talking to her when you are both calm. Explain that you don't want to fight. Ask how to make things better. If it doesn't help, please discuss it with your school counselor.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "Single Too Long," the 45-year-old gentleman who is having problems meeting women who have never been married and don't have children.

I would like to mention No Kidding (nokidding.net), an international "social club" for adults, single or married, who never have parented and don't wish to. Not everyone wants kids, and many of us are surrounded by others constantly trying to change our minds. No Kidding is not a dating site. It's just a place for people without kids to meet like-minded others. — *California*

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## Dear Margo by Margo Howard

## A Teacher's Tears

**Dear Margo:** I've taught for 20 years and can retire in 12 years. I don't know if I can go the distance. I don't know whether to quit and try to find a less stressful job, or keep hoping.

Instead of doing what is best for students, we are doing what is best for administrators: focusing on the tests.

I used to have one classroom, and everyone did the same assignments, but I tweaked them for ability levels.

Now I am planning for four different groups of students, and it takes a lot longer because I have to use all of the products purchased that promise glorious state test results.

It is near impossible to read the practice test to my ELL students, have a meaningful assignment for my gifted students who will finish the test 20 minutes early, make sure the students with the modified test are able to follow all of the notes and circle the right bubbles, and keep my ED student calm because frustration is his trigger. Oh, and then there are the other students, and they all deserve a teacher, too.

There are endless training days (for which I have to prepare notes for a substitute) and extra duties, but there isn't any money for lunch monitors.

I go home in tears sometimes because I am overwhelmed. My husband has a decent job, and he says if I can hang in for four years it will really help with our two kids' college funds and our retirement fund. Sometimes I wonder if I can make it four more days, much less four years. — *Beleaguered*

**Dear Be:** You really are between a rock and a hard place. Of course, you are not alone, as many public schools are a mess. One does worry about the caliber of education our kids are getting. According to Marian Wilde, 16 other industrialized countries scored above the United States in science, and 23 scored above us in math.

As for your mental state, only you know your limit. You actually sound like you care, so on that basis it would be beneficial for your students if you stayed.

And the four years your husband suggests is not 12. Perhaps you should explore whether there's a job available that's tied to what you've been doing, such as administration or an educational consulting firm — or whether there's a job available of any kind, because your second income is required. I'm not sure I've even come close to solving your problem, but I hope I've given you some ideas. — *Margo, sympathetically*

## Whatever Works

**Dear Margo:** Maybe it's just where I live, but it seems like everybody and his dog is now glucose intolerant, on a gluten-free diet or allergic to peanuts. When I was younger, I didn't know anyone who had those restrictions. I don't want to believe that my friends are faddists, but I really don't know what to think. Why is this happening? — *Glenda*

**Dear Glen:** Lust, avarice, sloth, Happy and Doc? Truly, I have wondered myself why these food situations are so prevalent today; they weren't 10 or 15 years ago. It could very well be the food supply or some element in the environment. There's a fight right now about Monsanto, whose genetically modified feed is harmful, according to some scientists — not to mention that we have cows and chickens taking antibiotics and growth hormones.

While I take these people at their word that they feel better and healthier eliminating certain things from their diets, I will say that some months ago, because of feeling bloated, I declared myself to be lactose intolerant (because that was a friend's symptom) and stayed away from dairy. Then I forgot about my self-diagnosis and tried Greek yogurt, which I now eat every day. Just give your friends the benefit of the doubt. — *Margo, individually*

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Functional surroundings could be sending the wrong message about you. You suddenly care about being seen as powerful. The power position includes something luxurious in your surroundings.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your emphasis on self-discipline borders on the superstitious, mostly because you realize the stellar impact supportive habits have on your destiny.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll take an unexpected journey. Where you wind up looks almost nothing like the image you started out with in your mind, and yet there are some striking similarities.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You won't be in the mood to leave anything to chance. Even your accidents are planned out. These strategic actions are adding up to a pretty exciting future.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Inflexible goals impede new possibilities, and you don't want to limit your options that way. Stay open to where life leads. When you go to bed tonight, you'll feel good about the way you grew through the day.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Time is an equalizer: Everyone gets the same amount in a day. You plot your hours carefully now, realizing there are barely enough for all you want to accomplish.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 31). You're motivated not only to make a living, but also to make a difference. This drive to do good in the world guides key decisions through the end of the year. January brings aesthetic changes to your domestic environment. Those you teach will celebrate you in March. You'll have extra money in December and May. Pisces and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 41, 9 and 49.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: The game isn't easy. Persistence will be required. TAURUS: Relationships get interesting. Just when

you think you've done and heard it all before, there will be a surprising new twist. GEMINI: Have fun embellishing your story a bit — not with lies but with excellent storytelling that keeps attention flowing your way. CANCER: You may feel that something is expected of you that's not what you want to deliver. LEO: Your smile is a gift to others. It's more than enough. VIRGO: If you momentarily forget who you are, it's OK. It's all part of the process of self-discovery. LIBRA: You're not interested in shallow, shiny things. You want something deeper, and you'll find what you seek. SCORPIO: The well-meaning advice someone gives you about how to win the object of your affection is all wrong. Do more research. SAGITTARIUS: You know when to walk away and make someone feel the impulse to follow you. CAPRICORN: The best thing that happens will occur out of an act of chivalry. AQUARIUS: You don't need someone to tell you that you're fabulous, but it's nice when they do. PISCES: Don't underestimate the power of your dreamy eye contact.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The full Pisces moon tugs at the heart strings of the Virgo sun, and Pisces and Virgo natives may actualize that cosmic tension. Virgo brings Pisces down to earth with practical ways to increase the fun and connection. Without Virgo's plans, the relationship can't launch. Pisces contributes by awakening new possibilities in Virgo and bringing a touch of magic and mystery to the relationship.

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The full Pisces moon brings a touch of magic to the sky. This is an ethereal lunar aspect filled with faith. It asks, "What do you believe in that you can't see?" This moon also wants to bring people together, amping up the empathetic vibes and helping us understand how we are more alike than we are different.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As the artist of your destiny, you won't be using the usual brushes and paints. You'll have to be more conceptual, making a lovely pattern by arranging disparate pieces.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you have to work really hard at being happy, the effort pretty much guarantees an unsuccessful result.

Instead, accept where you are and explore it. Honesty brings contentment.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Avoid hopping on board for coaching, information products, business systems, new and improved methods, transformational treatments and the like. Today, chances are, you just don't need it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your success occurs for a very simple reason: You do what you say you're going to do. You are a powerful person because your word is gold, especially your word to yourself.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When you are as open-minded as you are right now, something that could be called a failure could also be called a success, and both terms are equally accurate descriptions.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Luckily, knowing who you are and what you want to do with your life is "not" a prerequisite for operating successfully in the world. Because you're uncertain, you're also open-minded. More options will become available to you.



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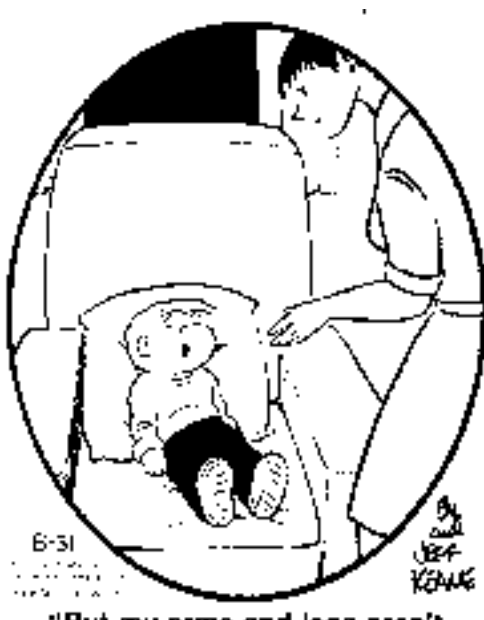
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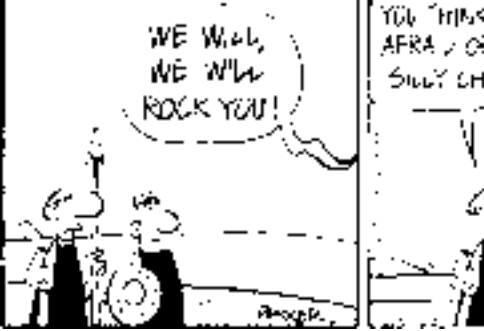
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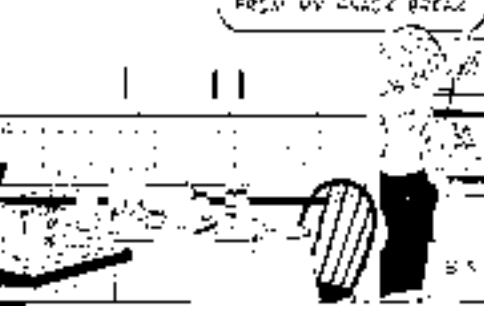
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## This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 31, the 244th day of 2012. There are 122 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Aug. 31, A.D. 12, Caligula, who was Roman Emperor from A.D. 37 to A.D. 41, was born.

**On this date:**  
In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, S.C., killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.  
In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act prohibiting the export of U.S. arms to belligerents.  
In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve," a spinoff from "Fibber McGee and Molly" starring Harold Peary, debuted on NBC.  
In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in nearly 70

deaths.

In 1962, the Caribbean nation of Trinidad and Tobago became independent of British colonial rule.

In 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals, in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk (guh-DANSK') that ended a 17-day-old strike.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, Calif. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

In 1987, the Michael Jackson album "Bad" was released by Epic Records.

In 1991, Uzbekistan (ooz-bek-ih-STAHN') and Kyrgyzstan (keer-gih-STAHN') declared their independence, raising to ten the number of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

In 1992, white separatist Randy Weaver surrendered to authorities in Naples, Idaho, ending an 11-day siege by federal agents that had claimed the lives of Weaver's wife, son and a deputy U.S. marshal.

In 1997, Prince Charles brought Princess Diana home for the last time, escorting the body of his former wife to a Britain that was shocked, grief-stricken and angered by her death in a Paris traffic accident hours earlier.

**Today's Birthdays:** Japanese monster movie actor Katsumi Tezuka is 100. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 77. Actor Warren Berlinger is 75.

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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| 13 Sound of disapproval             | 4 Hammer               | 18 Acting family       | 18 Acting family       |
| 14 Synagogue scroll                 | 5 Extended credit      | 22 Scratch up          | 22 Scratch up          |
| 15 A whole bunch                    | 6 Caterer's device     | 23 Muscles in the gym  | 23 Muscles in the gym  |
| 16 Start of an Elbert Hubbard quote | 7 Chinese island group | 24 Be inattentive      | 24 Be inattentive      |
| 19 Hold fast                        | 8 Khan                 | 25 Ounce fraction      | 25 Ounce fraction      |
| 20 Successful show's situation      | 9 Jungle Book tiger    | 26 Holy book           | 26 Holy book           |
| 21 Work crew                        | 10 Swag                | 27 "Later"             | 27 "Later"             |
| 23 Part 2 of quote                  |                        | 32 Cop's quarry        | 32 Cop's quarry        |
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| 38 Part 3 of quote                  |                        | 41 Prefix for lateral  | 41 Prefix for lateral  |
| 42 Kitchen gadget                   |                        |                        |                        |
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| 61 "Great" beast                    |                        |                        |                        |
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## SUITS

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painkillers by team doctors before games to mask their pain.

Tony Dorsett, the Heisman Trophy winner and former Dallas Cowboys star who played in the NFL from 1977-88, attributes his memory problems to the hits and concussions he suffered in his 12-year career, including one that knocked him out cold in a 1984 game against Philadelphia. He nevertheless returned to the field, he said.

"Did they know it was a concussion?" Dorsett, a plaintiff, asked rhetorically in an AP interview. "They thought I was half-dead."

Doctors now say the regions of his brain that control organization and memory are not getting enough oxygen, Dorsett said.

The league said that at least two federal courts have agreed that the collective bargaining agreement dictates a player's right to compensation for injuries, once in a suit involving the late Dave Duerson, who killed himself last year.

The Minnesota Supreme Court likewise refused to let the widow of Vikings lineman Korey Stringer pursue a wrongful death suit after he died of heatstroke following a 2001 practice, on grounds the claim was trumped by the collective bargaining agreement. Stringer's wife later settled with the NFL over a negligence claim.

The league, meanwhile, insists that player safety has long been a priority.

"Any allegation that the NFL intentionally sought to mislead players has no merit. It stands in contrast to the league's actions to better protect players and advance the science and medical understanding of the management and treatment of concussions," the league said in a statement earlier this year.

## Hamilton said Armstrong gave him PED

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tyler Hamilton says Lance Armstrong gave him an illegal blood booster before the 1999 Tour de France and that the teammates took blood transfusions together during the cycling race the following year.

Hamilton makes the allegations in his book, "The Secret Race. Inside the Hidden World of the Tour de France, Doping, Cover-ups and Winning at All Costs," set to be published Sept. 5. The Associated Press purchased a copy Thursday.

Hamilton and Armstrong rode together on the U.S. Postal Service team from 1998 to 2001.

Armstrong has long denied doping but last week chose not to fight drug charges by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. USADA has erased 14 years of Armstrong's competitive results, including his seven Tour de France titles.

The books covers much of what Hamilton said in a 2011 interview with "60 Minutes" and what he said he told federal criminal investigators looking into doping allegations on the Postal team. Officials closed that investigation in February without bringing any charges against Armstrong.

But Hamilton also provides sharper, personal details of what he says was an alleged doping program encouraged by Armstrong and other team leaders. He describes in detail how he and other cyclists doped and how they avoided getting caught.

"Lance worked the system ... Lance was the system," Hamilton wrote.

Armstrong's agent Bill Stapleton

declined comment when contacted by phone.

Hamilton discusses at length his own descent into performance-enhancing drug use and said the team started even before Armstrong joined in 1998. He and Armstrong soon became roommates and confidants who would discuss using the blood-booster EPO and other PEDs.

"Nobody sets out wanting to dope," Hamilton said.

While visiting Armstrong's home in Nice shortly before the 1999 Tour, Hamilton said he asked him if he had any EPO and Armstrong pointed to the refrigerator. Hamilton took it, thanked Armstrong and remarked to himself how cavalier Armstrong was about simply keeping it in the refrigerator.

Hamilton described a doping plan put in place by the team for the 1999 Tour de France, with Armstrong's knowledge, that included a motorcyclist riding behind racers with a thermos full of EPO. It was to be dispensed to riders in the team camper after race stages.

He said team leaders, doctors and managers encouraged and supervised doping and PEDs were handed out to cyclists in white lunch bags.

Hamilton said he and Armstrong sat near each other to take a blood transfusion after the 11th stage of the 2000 Tour de France, under the watchful eye of team director Johan Bruyneel. That would have been right before the Tour's punishing and famous Ventoux mountain stage.

Bruyneel is also facing doping charges by USADA and a lifetime

ban if found guilty of leading what the agency has referred to as a vast doping conspiracy on his teams. Bruyneel has taken his case to arbitration.

Hamilton also renewed his claims that Armstrong told him he tested positive for EPO at the 2001 Tour of Switzerland but was able to get the International Cycling Union to cover it up. The UCI, cycling's governing body, has denied Hamilton's claim.

Armstrong argues that hundreds of negative drug tests prove his claims of innocence. He has previously sought to discredit Hamilton as a drug cheat who was twice banned for doping and was recently stripped of his 2004 Olympic gold medal.

According to USADA, Hamilton is among its key witnesses ready to testify against Armstrong. In all, it said as many as 10 former teammates were ready to do so. The agency has withheld most of their names, saying it feared Armstrong would try to intimidate them.

Hamilton alleged that former Postal rider George Hincapie, a key Armstrong lieutenant during his seven Tour victories, also was given PEDs while he rode for the team, along with rider Kevin Livingston.

Hincapie was among several riders reported to be ready to testify against Armstrong.

There was no immediate response to an email seeking comment from Hincapie's management team. Nor was there a response to a telephone message left at Livingston's athletic training business.

## FINALE

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being smart about everything and just coming out and working hard.

"I think I can consistently do it."

In the second half, backup quarterbacks McLeod Bethel-Thompson and Case Keenum got their last chances to impress coaches.

Bethel-Thompson, an undrafted free agent out of Sacramento State in 2011, went 15 for 29 for 193 yards with a touchdown and an interception for the Vikings in his first action since the preseason opener. Keenum, an undrafted rookie who set NCAA passing records at the University of Houston, went 5 for 10 for 43 yards.

The Texans scored

on their opening possession in each of their four preseason games. Forsett broke through a big hole on the right side on Houston's second play, then scored from the 3 just three minutes into the game.

Vikings coach Leslie Frazier needed to sort out the depth at running back behind Adrian Peterson and Toby Gerhart.

Matt Asiata had six carries for 45 yards and Lex Hilliard carried seven times for 33 in the first half, and Todman started Minnesota's first series of the second half.

Peterson is recovering from major left knee surgery.

Vikings coach Leslie Frazier said of Peterson's likely availability for the opener against Jacksonville:

"I think he'll probably be a 'game-time' decision. We've got a lot of things we want to get done with him this week, and I doubt that we would know without getting him through an entire week, if we thought he was ready to play a game."

Houston's Mister Alexander stuffed Asiata on third-and-3 from the Houston 25 on Minnesota's first series, and rookie Blair Walsh missed a 43-yard field goal. Hilliard picked up a fourth-and-1 near mid-field later in the first quarter, then ran 22 yards to the Houston 32.

## RIVALRY

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Both teams came charging out the gate, but midway through the quarter they had combined for negative yardage.

Coahoma broke the slump early in the fourth quarter when Cage Miller caught a 17-yard pass from Ruiz to make it a 21-17 game.

Forsan again answered back after a 40-yard burn by RB Brendan Roman, who

Joe Webb started for Minnesota and went 4 for 7 with 22 yards rushing on two carries in two series. Walsh atoned with a 36-yard field goal to make it 7-3.

Houston starter John Beck found Lestar Jean for a 27-yard gain when the Texans regained possession. He threw behind Jean in the end zone from the Minnesota 5, and the Vikings stopped Forsett at the goal line on fourth down. Tackle Rashad Butler, who lost the starting job to Derek Newton, tore his right triceps during that series. Kubiak said Butler is out for the sea-

son.

Sage Rosenfels, a Texan from 2006-08, relieved Webb with about 10 minutes left in the half. The 34-year-old Rosenfels, trying to lock down the No. 3 quarterback spot ahead of Bethel-Thompson, overthrew a wide-open Aromashodu along the sideline.

On Houston's next play from scrimmage, Beck was hit as he completed a short pass to DeVier Posey, who broke two tackles and sprinted 80 yards for a touchdown, the breakthrough play coaches have been waiting to see from him. But Posey fumbled after a

hit in the fourth quarter.

Rosenfels faced heavy pressure in the second period, and was sacked twice. He took another hit as he found Aromashodu across the middle late in the half, and Aromashodu bounced off Troy Nolan and ran for a 58-yard touchdown.

Bethel-Thompson made a case for himself after Holliday's big return, floating a perfect pass to Wright for a 59-yard touchdown. He started 3 for 4, and the incompleteness bounced off Stephen Burton's fingertips.

catching a deep pass from Cervantes a few yards shy of the end zone. TE Kade Fannin came through with a first down reception and Roman, who was Forsan's workhorse all day, carried the ball nine yards for the final score of the day as the Buffaloes edged the Bulldogs 3-27.

Though both teams played well, Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner admitted his team made some costly faux pas.

"You can't make that many mistakes and expect to win," Gardner said. "(Forsan) just played a cleaner game than we did."

On the positive side, big plays were made by the 'Dogs.

"We did some things well," Gardner added. "We took the opening drive and marched down the field. We have some things to build on. We felt like offensively, we killed ourselves. We can't have as many penalties, we can't have

as many fumbles, but I take nothing away from Forsan. Coach Phillips does a great job over there and they made fewer mistakes than we made. They deserved to win that game."

As for Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips, he hopes his team can draw confidence from the hard-fought win.

"We have been trying to get the guys geared up for this game since day one," Phillips said. "They really turned it up a notch in the fourth quarter. I am proud of them. It was a big step ahead for us. It was like a playoff-type atmosphere. Hopefully we can use this win as momentum."

Next on the agenda for Coahoma will be a road trip to Coleman next Friday, as the Buffaloes travel to Plains.

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**Youth Football League Signups Open**

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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