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## Wreck kills world champion quarter horse quarter-mile to about a half-mile bebefore emergency personnel could get

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A traffic accident near the 171 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 Friday night claimed the life of a world champion quarter horse, according to local law enforcement officials. Deputy Sheriff Matt Coates said

the accident happened when a trailer transporting a pair of competitive quarter horses came lose from the vehicle towing it. "The cause of the accident appears

to be a faulty trailer," said Coates. "The hitch came loose from the trailer, which travelled approximately a

fore it flipped. The trailer rolled oneand-a-half times." Coates said several local emergency

response agencies responded to the

"The Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety, Big Spring Police Department and Big Spring Fire Department all responded to the wreck," said Coates. "The fire department had

Coates said the horse that didn't sur-

to use the jaws of life to extract the

one horse that lived from the wreck-

it out of the wreckage. "The second horse, the one that

survived, was removed and taken to an animal clinic in Lamesa," said Coates. "The last I heard, it was in good condition." The horses, who are owned by Ron-

nie and Vicky Kent of Florida, were both world champion quarter horses, according to information provided to the HCSO.

"The horse that died was actually the 2008 World Champion," said Coates. "According to the owners, well on the way to becoming the 2009 champion."

Coates said no injuries — other than to the horses — was reported as a result of the accident, and damage was limited to the trailer the horses were being transported in.

"I can't stress enough how important the assistance from all the different agencies was in extracting these two horse," said Coates. "It really was a group effort."

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# BSISD's laptops program on target

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

As the Big Spring High School laptop computer program enters its third year, school officials believe it is finally starting to realize its potential as an educational tool.

The program, first instituted during the 2007-2008 school year, places a laptop in the hands of every high school student. Computers are expected to be handed out to the students later this month.

Officials admit that a wide range of problems - ranging from design flaws in the computers to questions on how to best use the machines to outright student abuse — have forced local educators to reevaluate the program since its inception.

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**HERALD photo/Steve Reagan** 

One unlucky entrant works on fixing his bicycle during the early stages of the Comanche Warrior Triathlon, held at **Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning.** 

# Heflin: Project to bring CHART pediatric healthcare to rural West Texas children Project CHART was created to provide

Special to the Herald LUBBOCK — State Rep. Joe Heflin

has announced that many children in rural West Texas soon will have access to pediatric healthcare through the Children's Healthcare Access for Rural Texas (CHART) Project. Funded by the Texas Health and Hu-

man Services Commission, Project CHART will establish 30 sites over the next 26 months to expand and study access to pediatric primary and specialty care for Medicaid enrolled children in most rural West Texas communities. "The communities of House District

85 continue to face a severe shortage of general pediatricians and pediatric specialists," said Heflin.

"In many cases, gaining access to pediatric care involves lengthy travel to locations where health care specialists are available. Sometimes that travel can be very expensive both in money and in

lost work and school time," he added.

pediatric specialty consultation to children throughout the 108 most western counties of Texas. Patients are presented to a pediatric

specialist located at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUH-SC) by a physician or nurse in a remote location via a television linked to a security encrypted network. Dr. John C. Baldwin, TTUHSC's presi-

dent, explained, "This project will help us demonstrate the technological advantages of telemedicine and allows us to connect children with the best pediatric care available even though their physician may be hundreds of miles away." Dr. Billy Philips, vice president and

director of the TTUHSC F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, said the project also will provide

an outstanding platform to conduct com-

plementary, population-based research

to enhance the quality of life in our re-

"Through our experiences, we can help educate about the role of telemedicine and on how this works in reducing access issues, improves efficiency and adds to the quality of healthcare delivery," Philips said. David Lefforge, chief operating offi-

cer of F. Marie Hall Institute and an architect of Project CHART, said 30 West Texas communities will be selected to receive telemedicine equipment at no charge to the communities, along with training and support for its use. The first live pediatric specialty con-

sultation under Project CHART took place on Aug. 31 from Stratford, more than an hour's drive north from Amarillo. Debbie Voyles, director of TTUH-SC's Telemedicine Program said, "The university's motto is 'From here it's possible.' This remarkable technological fete puts a whole new meaning on that

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# **Obituaries**

#### Ramona Medina

Ramona Medina, 54, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, in a Lubbock hospital. No services are planned at this time.

She was born Oct. 19, 1954, in Santa Clara, Mexico, and married Franscio Medina Oct. 15, 1979, in

She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Francisco Medina of Big Spring; seven sons, Gregorio Medina, Jesse Medina and Marcelino Medina, all of Big Spring, Joe Medina of Madera, Calif., Frank Medina of Flint, Mich., Alex Camacho of Valle Hermosa, Mexico, and Adrian Faz of Eagle Pass; four daughters. Ana Garcia, Diana Medina, Blanca Faz and Selene Hernandez, all of Big Spring; and numerous

"Ricky" Medina, Aug. 4, 2009, and a granddaughter, Miracle Medina.

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

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today: • MELITON RENE VIERA, 19, of 1604 Main, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

- DAVID MIRAMONTES, 54, of 1502 Mesa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOHN ALLEN SILEN, 18, of 3224 Cornell, was arrest-
- ed Saturday on four local warrants. • TRACY PATTERSON, 46, of 1315 Princeton, was arrested Saturday on charges of theft and criminal tres-
- ELEUTERIO PADRON, 60, of 407 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ABEL GUZMAN, 27, of 1504 Vines, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- PHILLI ALCANTAR, 21, of 500 N. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest or detention and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- JOSE GOMEZ, 26, of 504 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended/ invalid – enhanced. • SCHEMICKIA CROSBY, 27, of 309 W. Fifth St., was
- arrested Sunday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct – language and possession of a dangerous drug. • MARCUS HATTENBACH, 37, of 1806 E. 15th St., was
- arrested Sunday on a charge of theft. • STEVEN RODRIGUEZ, 37, of 507 N. Main St., was
- arrested Sunday on a charge of theft. • DARLENE SHELDON, 51, of 1107 S. Goliad, was
- arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported: in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- in the 200 block of FM 700.
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700. in the 300 block of Owens.
- in the 1800 block of 15th Street.
- in the 900 block of Willia.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- reported in the 300 block of Owens. RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH
- TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 200 block of Third Street.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 300 block of Owens. • POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was report-
- ed in the 300 block of Owens. • EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in
- the 200 block of Third Street. • CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
- in the 2500 block of Cindy.
- in the 2700 block of Cindy (two incidents). in the 2600 block of Cindy.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1600 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900
- block of Highway 87.

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

- Note Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.
- PHILLIP RENE ALCANTAR, 21, was transferred to
- the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, resisting arrest, search or transportation and evading arrest or detention.
- FELICIA CANALES, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

# Sheriff

- STEFANIE CARRASCO, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge
- of assault causing bodily injury. • SCHEMICKIA MARIE CROSBY, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a dangerous drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and disor-
- derly conduct language. • TODD ESTES, 35, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to yield at an
- intersection and no driver's license. • ADAM GARCIA, 38, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid
- and failure to appear (two counts). • JOSE ALFRADO GOMEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or sus-

ily violence.

- CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license inval-
- ABEL GUZMAN, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of Class C assault - fam-
- STEVE ALAN HANNABASS, 51, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- RHONDA HARDY, 44, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH, 37, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge • MICHAEL ANTHONY JUAREZ, 24, was arrested
- Friday by the HCSO on a parole revocation for tampering with/fabricating physical evidence. • DAVID MIRAMONTES, 54, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container, second offense. · GABRIEL PAUL PARADEZ, 22, was transferred to the
- She was preceded in death by a son, Ricardo county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public • TRACY LEE PATTERSON, 47, was transferred to the
  - criminal trespass. • BRANDY RAMIREZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of

county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft and

- alcohol by a minor. JULIAN RAMIREZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear and an expired motor vehicle registration.
- MICHAEL SHANE RAMIREZ, 35, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.
- · CASEY G. RICHTER, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- PATRICK RIOS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
- STEVEN ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- DARLENE CAROLYN SHELDON, 51, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and a contempt charge for bail jumping failure to appear. · JOHN ALLEN SILEN, 18, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license and contempt charges for minor in possession of alcohol (two counts) and failure to appear (two • LUOIS ANTONIO SILVA, 21, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft (two counts). · JOHN RUBEN SOLIZ, 34, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone. ANTONIO GONZALES TAMAYO, 53, was arrested
- (arresting agency not provided) Friday on a charge of public intoxication. • ELEUTERIO PADRON TORRES, 60, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of
- public intoxication. • MELITON RENEE VIERRA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- ANNA MAE WHITE, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on contempt charges for open container and violation of a promise to appear.
- CLAYTON WILLIAM WIGINGTON, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and driving while intoxicated.
- JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a probation revocation for • UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 181 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was trans-
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Crow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Park. One
- person was transported to SMMC.  $\bullet$  MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W.  $17^{th}$
- Street. Service refused.  $\bullet$  MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W.  $17^{th}$

Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 171 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Highway
- 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersec-
- tion of Sixth Street and Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway
- 87. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of E. 17th
- Street. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Old Colorado City Highway. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.



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# Police: Found body is likely missing Yale grad student

#### PATRICK SANDERS

Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Police are hunting for the killer who stuffed a body believed to be that of a Yale University graduate student behind a wall in the high-security laboratory building where she

Police found the body of 24-year-old Annie Le around 5 p.m. Sunday, on what was to have been her wedding day. A friend said Monday the doctoral student nev-

er showed signs of worry about her own personal safety at work, although she did express concerns about crime in New Haven in an article she wrote "If she was concerned about (it) she would have

said something to someone and they would have known," Jennifer Simpson told CBS' "The Early Show." "And Jon (her fiance) would have known, her family would have known, friends would have

Simpson called Le, a pharmacology student from Placerville, Calif., friendly and affable to everyone. "She was a people person," Simpson said. "She loved people. She loved life. We just can't imagine

anybody wanting to harm Annie." Another friend, Laurel Griffeath, echoed those

thoughts on NBC's "Today" show. "I can't even imagine someone mad at Annie,

much less wanting to hurt her," Griffeath said. Police are analyzing what they're calling "a large

amount" of physical evidence. They will not discuss suspects, other than to say Le's fiance is not a suspect and has assisted in the

investigation. It was unknown Monday morning when an autopsy would be performed. The building where the body was found is part of

the university medical school complex about a mile from Yale's main campus and is accessible to Yale personnel with identification cards.

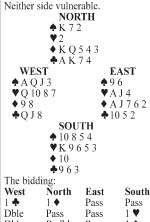
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## Famous Hand



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Dble 1 🏚 Redble Dble Pass Dble Pass Pass Pass Opening lead queen of spades. The value of a hand is often

affected by bids the other players make, and a good part of what is called bidding skill depends on how well one is able to re-evaluate a hand as the picture keeps changing. Consider this dramatic example

from a 1972 national team-of-four championship. The road to oblivion for North-South began when Mike Becker, brother of this writer, opened the bidding as dealer with one club. and North innocently overcalled with one diamond. East, Andy Bernstein passed, since a double would have been for takeout in the partnership's Despite his anemic values, West

decided to compete further when he doubled for takeout after South's pass of a diamond. East was happy to let the double stand, but South was not and ran to one heart. Sensing that the opponents were

in deep trouble, West this time doubled for penalties and, after North had made an SOS redouble, also doubled one spade which became West's bidding was indeed remarkable. He had opened with

absolutely minimum values and then proceeded to double every time it was his turn, just as though he had opened the bidding with a super Moreover, he made the highly

effective opening lead of the queen of spades. Declarer ducked in quite naturally assuming that West had the Q-J and East the whereupon West played the ace and another spade.

South eventually went down three for a loss of 500 points, though he could have saved a trick in the play. West was exceptionally wellrewarded for recognizing that even a minimum opening bid can sometimes change its complexion and become a powerhouse.

Tomorrow: The magic number is 13. ©2009 King Features Syndicate Inc



dent at the intersection of Goliad Street and FM 700 Saturday afternoon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

# Obama expects passage of 'good health care bill'

STEVEN R. HURST Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President

Barack Obama began a week that will dwell heavily on overhauling the health care system, declaring himself confident Congress will pass "a good health care bill" even though some Republican opponents were trying to kill the measure for political gain.

At the same time, the president and some members of both parties were shifting from hard positions about a government insurance option toward some agreement on reducing medical care costs and restricting insurance company practices.

Consensus appeared to be growing on the need to prevent the insurance industry from denying coverage to those with existing medical conditions or canceling policies when a person becomes seriously ill.

"I believe that we will have enough votes to pass not just any health care bill, but a good health care bill that helps the American people, reduces costs, actually

over the long-term controls our deficit. I'm confident that we've got that," Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes." Still, he said: "There are those

in the Republican party who think the best thing to do is just to kill reform. That that will be good politics." A Washington Post-ABC News

poll published Monday found the public in a virtual deadlock on the Democrats' health plan, with 46 percent favoring the proposed changes and 48 percent against them. Americans are also closed divided on whether they should be required to have health coverage, with 51 percent in favor and 47 percent opposed. The survey was conducted

Thursday through Saturday, after the president's address to Congress, and had a sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage

Obama has retaken the offensive on his key domestic policy issue, most notably with his speech last Wednesday to both houses of

Congress. And he sought to turn down the heat over a governmentrun health insurance plan.

Obama's spokesman, Robert

Gibbs, drove home that point again Sunday. The president "prefers the public option," Gibbs said. "Howev-

er, he said what's most important is choice and competition." Sen. Olympia Snowe, the Maine

Republican who may vote with Democrats, believes choice and competition can be ensured without the public option. "It's not on the table. And it

won't be," she said Sunday. "We'll be using the co-op as an option at this point, as the means for injecting competition in the process."

Snowe sits on a six-member panel of the Senate Finance Committee that is writing a version of the health care overhaul bill.

Instead of the government running a program that provides low-cost health insurance, Snowe and fellow negotiators are considering a not-for-profit cooperative system.

# **BSISD**

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Director Corey Wood admits officials were "very naive" concerning potential problems when the program was introduced, but added the steep learning curve experienced during the past two years is showing results. "The problems we

had last year was nothing like what we went through the first year," Wood said. "In comparison to that first year, the second year was 100 percent better. But we're still not where we want to be with the program." Among the most prev-

alent problems officials have dealt with during the program's run includes: • Design flaws — Hun-

dreds of the laptops have

had to shipped back to

correct problems with the plastic casing. More than 600 were returned at the end of the program's first year, while about 400 were sent back this summer. "This is just some-

Computers to

Apple

thing that we will have to address every year," Wood said. "Apple is not going to change their computers' design." Any problems with

the computer casing are fixed for free by Apple, Wood noted. Student abuse -

BSISD has spent around \$25,000 to repair computers that were damaged as the result of student abuse, Wood said. "We had about 200

computers damaged as a result of student abuse last year," Wood said. "Plus, we had our share of accidental damage last year, also ... we anticipated the repair costs would be in that area." Security concerns —

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Wood admitted that officials underestimated potential misuse of the computers when the program debuted.

"It's been a learning process for us," Wood conceded. "We were very naïve as to what the kids would try to do with the computers. It's been a matter of educating ourselves on how to guard against those problems ... and that's helped us a whole lot."

Despite the program's "growing pains," educators believe laptops can be a valuable tool in the educational process.

"I don't think they will ever replace good teaching," said Ann McClarty, executive director of personnel and instruction for the district. "But they will allow kids to acquire necessary technological skills and will be a great research tool. Computers can enhance the educational experience in the classroom as well as

preparing students for what happens outside of

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

#### MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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# OTHER VIEWS

# Closer eye must be kept on oil price speculators

he role of speculators in the world's oil markets has been widely blamed for bringing consumers \$4 gasoline last summer and rightly so. A recently completed study by two Baker Institute scholars further confirms that this blame is not misplaced and recommends specific ways to do something to limit the specula-

Research by Baker's Amy Myers Jaffe and Kenneth Medlock shows that speculation increased following the easing of regulations in the oil futures markets in 2006. The study calls for a closer regulatory eye on those who enter those markets solely to bet on and profit by rapid changes in price. These bets cost American drivers billions at the gas pump and do billions more in harm to the broader American and global economies.

Control over price whipsaws in these vital markets is a necessity. Jaffe and Medlock's work shows that speculators now hold up to 50 percent of positions in oil futures markets, up from about 20 percent before 2002. This influence is anything but benign. It is disruptive to the markets and should be more closely monitored and controlled.

At the same time, the traditional role of market hedgers must be preserved. Unlike speculators, the hedgers include those such as airlines and refiners who actually use petroleum products in their businesses. Their hedging positions help them to survive the notorious spikes and troughs in petroleum prices. That is necessary work.

One of the specific tools recommended by Jaffe and Medlock is more active use by the federal government of its Strategic Petroleum Reserve to manage the effects of shortages and the resulting price spikes. According to Jaffe, government reluctance to put reserves into the marketplace quickly and without prior notice has given speculators an effective green light to ride prices up without fear of being surprised and undercut.

Jaffe rightly faults government signals to the markets that strategic reserves will only be used in situations of shortage caused by wars and national emergencies. That practice has virtually eliminated the element of surprise intervention that might have saved American consumers a lot of grief in the pocketbook. It needs changing.

> THE CHRONICLE Houston

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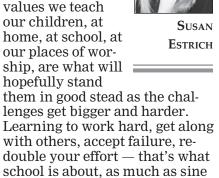
by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, give us creative and innovative ways to change our lives.

Respect and responsibility

he gifted woman who headed my children's elementary school, Reveta Bowers, always said that teaching kids values was as important as teaching them skills. Maybe more, I have come

to believe, as my children got older. Facts are easily forgotten; what isn't is the determination you show in learning them, the responsibility you take in trying. The values we teach our children, at home, at school, at our places of worship, are what will hopefully stand



It should come as no surprise to anyone that these are the things the president talked about in his address to the nation's school children Tuesday. There was no partisanship in

and cosine; learning to accept

responsibility and show respect

is critical to every other lesson.

the speech, nor was there any reason to expect there would be. There was no call to pass a government option for health care or support gay marriage or grow up and register Democrat.

Even some of the president's harshest critics admitted, after the fact, that the speech was entirely appropriate and inspira-

So why did they make such a fuss beforehand?

Why have we been "treated" to days of conservatives clamoring that the president had no business addressing the nation's schoolchildren on the first day of

How is it that conservatives have allowed their own antipathy for the president to subvert the values we should be teaching our children?

Take respect for the presi-

I would have thought that was a very conservative value.

As a matter of fact, I can't tell you how many times I heard conservatives attacking liberals for not showing respect for President George W. Bush and

So why not this president? Last week, Jim Greer, the chairman of the Florida Republican Party, attacked the president's planned speech, accusing the president of trying to "indoctrinate America's children to his socialist agenda." Today, after he read the speech, he admitted that it was a "good speech" and speculated that maybe the president changed it because of him.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now what is the lesson you've taught America's children?

Show no respect for the president. Assume the worst.

Do no wait for facts. Attack first, verify later.

Go for the jugular. Not educate but "indoctrinate." Not Democratic but "socialist."

When you turn out to be wrong, don't admit it. Don't apologize. Instead, take credit. Even if

suggest that your smears had anything to do with the speech, say it's because of you that it was a good speech. Got that: First you attack,

you have absolutely no facts to

smear and lie; then you take credit for the fact that what never was going to happen didn't happen.

Conservative? Not in my book.

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# Missile defense boondoggles

aced with proposed budgetary terminations, in a move that would make Bluto and his Animal House fraternity brothers proud, missile defense program boosters just threw a big 'ol party.

OK, so they weren't wearing togas, but military brass, scientists and academics descended by the hundreds on Huntsville, Ala., for the annual Space and Missile Defense Conference.



RYAN **A**LEXANDER

As the home of the Army Space and Missile Command, Missile and Space Intelligence Center and scores of related government agencies and military contractors, Huntsville is the perfect venue for what amounts to a pep · Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a rally (trade show) for our country's most expensive weapons

The event was well-timed to remind congressional appropriators that decisions about missile defense funding await them after the August recess when they take up the fiscal year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill. Specifically, they must decide

whether to defy the White House and reinstate funding for programs shrunk by the Pentagon and Ground-Based Missile De-

including the Airborne Laser fense — or terminated outright, such as the Multiple-Kill Vehicle and Kinetic Energy Interceptor

Amen (KEI). House Defense Appropria-

tions Subcommittee Chairman John Murtha has already spared KEI the knife, giving the program based in his home district \$80 million in the House version of the bill.

In another example of fortuitous timing, the Missile Defense Agency reported Wednesday a successful test of the Airborne Laser, a Boeing creation that would shoot ballistic missiles out of the sky with a laser mounted on the nose of a 747 aircraft.

MDA had conducted a similar test the previous week, and will attempt to actually shoot down a missile by the end of the year.

But even if the system passes that test, the fact is the laser is still too weak to allow the large planes to shoot down missiles from a safe distance. The planes would have to practically hover above their targets in order to destroy them — hardly an invulnerable position.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said as much when he testified before the House Armed Services Committee in May. "There's nobody in uniform I know who thinks this is a workable concept," he said. The Defense Department has

in fact budgeted plenty of money for continued development of directed-energy lasers and weappractice.

ons — just not ones mounted on aircraft that invite enemy target Yet in Huntsville this week, the ABL seemed the belle of the ball: TV cameras lingered over models of laser-packin' 747s that,

according to the DOD budget,

will never be built.

programs like the Airborne Laser have failed on that score, and other investments — including many other missile defense programs — are more deserving of our limited dollars. The party has to end sometime and we have to make tough budgetary choices. The easiest choice should be to spend our precious cash on de-

Meanwhile, Huntsville's Rep.

Parker Griffith (D-Ala.) hit the

dance floor to defend the waste-

policy decision and then place a

budget? Or did we make a budget

afternoon during a presentation titled "The Politics of Missile

ful weapons. "Did we make a

decision and then develop a

policy?" he asked Thursday

Defense and the Adversarial

"It should not have been a

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We surely agree that strategy

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But military leaders, scientists

concerns about jobs, votes and

and the preponderance of evidence agree that missile defense

and security should guide de-

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Taxpayers for Common Sense – a non-partisan federal budget watchdog.

#### **Annie's Mailbox** ®

Dear Annie: My son and daughterin-law are both in their 30s. They have college degrees and good jobs. However, every time they come to visit, I discover things are missing. I'm not imagining it. This happened even when they were dating.

A few years ago, my son told me he'd found some items that he knew belonged to us and didn't think I had given them to his wife. I said I would like them back, but nothing was ever returned. So far, my daughter-in-law hasn't taken anything expensive (that I know of), and I haven't made a big deal about it.

They now have a child, and I certainly don't want my grandson being taught that it's OK to steal. How do I confront her without causing a rift in the family? Or should I confront her at all? — Arizona Mother-in-Law

Dear Arizona: Kleptomania is an impulse-control issue and may be associated with obsessive-compulsive disorder. Counseling and medication may be effective, but your daughter-in-law must be willing to admit she needs help. Talk to your son and explain to him how important it is that his wife work on this before it affects their child. He isn't doing her any favors by ignoring the problem.

Dear Annie: My wife's great-niece is getting married shortly. She is having a bridal shower the same week as



Marcy Sugar

the wedding.

The bride and groom have been living together for a while and are already set up as far as household items. What is the proper protocol for gifts in this situation? Is my wife required to give a gift for both events, or is one present proper? And if one, at which occasion should it be given? — In a Quandary

Dear Quandary: Regardless of when the events take place, the custom of giving both a shower gift and a wedding gift is the same. Since the two are so close together, if your wife wishes to give one larger gift to cover both occasions, she may do so. If she attends the shower, however, she should bring an inexpensive token gift. The wedding present should be sent to their home.

Dear Annie: I was profoundly disturbed by your answer to "Nightmare in Maine," whose 17-year-old friend was raped at the hands of her brother's best friend after she got drunk at a party. She didn't want to report it. Although you suggested that she urge the victim to contact a rape/abuse hotline, you also said not to push her too hard to call the police, as it will only add stress to what is obviously a difficult situation. Wrong!

You would feel differently if your own daughter were the rapist's next victim, as happened in my community. You might wonder whether that could have been prevented had the original victim come forward to report this heinous crime and identify the rapist.

The law and common decency demand that crimes such as rape be reported to protect the community as a whole. Rape victims will suffer whether they report the crime or not, but in the long run, they may suffer much more guilt if they do not, especially if the rapist strikes again.

My daughter and I strongly believe a rape victim has responsibilities to other potential targets. Women who have been raped must stop seeing themselves as victims and start seeing themselves as survivors whose mission is to heal themselves and protect other women with their testimony. — M.

Dear M.: We contacted RAINN (rainn.org) and were told that although many victims say reporting helped their recovery and allowed them to regain a feeling of control, it is a very personal decision. RAINN encourages reporting, but if rape survivors decide not to, for whatever reason, they shouldn't feel bad about their choice. The National Sexual Assault Hotline (1-800-656-HOPE) (1-800-656-4673) can help victims through the reporting process and, in some areas, will send an advocate to help the victim at the hospital or police station.

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# Church marks 10 years since rampage killed 7

ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH — A Texas church where a gunman left seven people dead and seven wounded marked the tragedy's 10-year anniversary on Sunday with a chilling recollection of the 12-minute rampage and videotaped messages from the victims' families.

Rev. Al Meredith, the pastor at Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, said the healing process continues, even a decade later.

"God has been faithful and he's brought us through," Meredith told the morning congregation. "What makes us triumph is the grace he gives over us."

Youth pastor Jay Fannin described the 12 minutes of Sept. 15, 1999, walking the gunman's path across the back of the sanctuary. But he said he didn't believe Larry Gene Ashbrook intended to kill any of the roughly 200 teenagers gathered for the Christian rock concert.

Fannin said Ashbrook was using profanity and making derogatory comments about Christianity when he began shooting. Yet he kept asking where the adult prayer meeting was being held.

Most of the teens, many

from other churches, dove under pews and tried to crawl outside

Ashbrook walked halfway down several aisles shooting but stopped and returned toward the back — possibly because he caught a glimpse of the white stained-glass cross at the top of the front wall, Fannin said.

"Was that what stopped him?" Fannin asked. "We like to think so."

He said Fannin then lit a pipe bomb and rolled it down an aisle, but because it exploded upward — not outward — it didn't injure anyone. Several pieces of shrapnel still remain in the sanctuary ceiling, as does one bullet hole in a church door.

Ashbrook sat down in a pew and killed himself. He was mentally ill and had no connection to the church, Fannin said.

Those who died were Kristi Beckel, Joseph Ennis and Cassie Griffin, all 14; Justin Ray, 17; Kim Jones and Shawn Brown, both 23-year-old seminary students; and children's choir director Sydney Browning 36

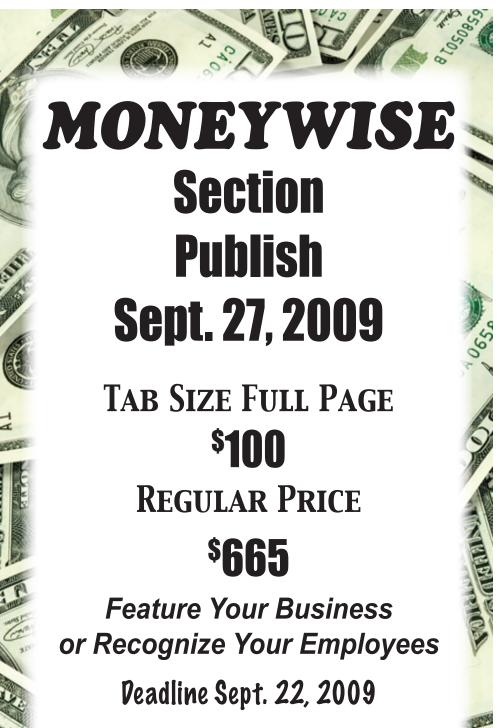
During the evening service, video messages from victims' relatives and shooting survivors were shown on screens in the sanctuary. They talked about how faith helped them through their grief.

"A lot of things we'll never

understand this side of heaven, and we don't need to, but we can trust him," said a tearful Kathy Jo Rogers, who was married to Shawn Brown when he was killed.

Justin Laird, who turned 16 on the day of the shootings and was paralyzed by a bullet, he said he now tries "not to sweat the small stuff" like sitting in traffic because "you know it could always be worse."

The church has since erected a simple black granite memorial etched with the seven victims' names, pictures and a favorite Bible verse, saying or sentiment from their family



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# Georgetown girl has a very personal stake in fundraiser

**MIGUEL LISCANO** 

Austin American-Statesman

GEORGETOWN — For 6-yearold Ishani Sathianathan, who has cancer, a recent Saturday afternoon was a chance to raise money to help children like herself and also, well, a chance to goof around like a normal kid.

She spent much of the day wandering in and out of stores at Wolf Ranch Town Center with a friend and her 8-year-old sister, Monisha, as the grown-ups sold lemonade from a homemade wooden stand. Money from the stand was going to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises money for childhood cancer research.

Ishani also helped her mother, Dash Walloppillai, cut ribbon for gold balloons set up near the stand, played with a cell phone camera and climbed up and down a nearby plantscape.

Later, Walloppillai asked Ishani if she had fun climbing.

"Yeah, then I hurt myself," Ishani responded, sticking out her leg to show off a scraped knee.

She tucked her head into her father's shoulder when asked why they were raising money.

Monisha was a bit more outgoing. "So we can find a cure for childhood cancer," she said.

Ishani's family and friends raised about \$950 for cancer research.

Ishani was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a cancer that affects soft tissue, about three years ago, Walloppillai said. The cancer was in remission for 18 months before it recurred in January, her mother said.

"It's been a shock since we discovered that she has what she has," Ishani's father, Kumar Sathianathan, said. "It's been an eye-opener, how difficult it is to take care of her."

In March, Walloppillai read about Alex's foundation on the Internet and gave a children's book written about the organization's 4-year-old founder, Alexandra "Alex" Scott, to Ishani's teacher at Carver Elementary. The book was later read to the entire school. Walloppillai said.

"Everybody got so excited that they decided that the school should set up a lemonade stand for Ishani," her mother said.

That stand raised about \$500, and the success pushed her to do it again, she said. "At that point, I was like, 'OK,

we as a family need to something about it. Because if we don't, no one else is going to," Walloppil-Ishani's family has raised more

than \$6,300 from seven lemonade stands since April and a garage "It makes me feel good that it's

going right to something that's going to help some child someday," Walloppillai said. Since January, Ishani's parents have tried to make her life as nor-

mal as possible. She learned how to ride a bike and went swimming this summer. And she'll go to school whenever possible this year, Walloppillai said.

"We realize that life is too short to be kept in a bubble," her moth-



AP photo/Austin American-Statesman/Andy Sharp Six-year-old cancer patient Ishani Sathianathan holds up a sign for Alex's Lemonade Stand at Wolf Ranch Town Center in Georgetown. Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation raises money and awareness of childhood cancer and funds research for treatments.

#### Texas News Briefs Pilot survives helicopter crash in Cedar Park

CEDAR PARK (AP) - A pilot survived the crash of his homebuilt helicopter into some trees in the Austin

The Texas Department of Public Safety did not immediately respond to a message Monday to release the name of the pilot. DPS previously said the man was not hurt.

The crash happened Sunday afternoon in Cedar Park. The helicopter came to rest nose down in a wooded area of a neighborhood.

The cause of the accident is sought.

#### Two men rescued from burning fishing vessel

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The Coast Guard has rescued two men from a burning fishing vessel in Corpus Christi Bay.

A rescue helicopter was in the air when it spotted billowing smoke coming from the vessel in the Intercoastal Waterway on Saturday afternoon. Two people were in a life raft next to

Both men were flown by the Coast Guard to Spohn Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi. The condition of one of the men, who suffered burns to 20 percent of his body, was not immediately available. The second man was

stable upon arrival at the hospital.

#### DART green line opens, will include State Fair

DALLAS (AP) — Riding the rails is another travel option to get to this month's State Fair of Texas in Dal-

Dallas Area Rapid Transit on Monday began operating phase one of its "green line."

DART spokesman Morgan Lyons, in an e-mail to The Associated Press, confirmed the green line opened and said: "We're moving folks." Green line trains will initially serve

the Deep Ellum entertainment and warehouse district, Baylor University Medical Center, Fair Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

DART says the entire green line is scheduled to open by the end of 2010.

DART's green line joins red line and blue line rail operations.

The State Fair of Texas runs Sept. 25 through Oct. 18.

#### State to announce start of coastal protection plan

GALVESTON(AP) — Texas is about to embark on the biggest coastal protection effort in state history.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is set on Monday in Galveston to announce details of a \$25 million plan to protect the Texas coast from future hurricanes.

Work on projects — from South Padre Island in South Texas to McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge on the upper Texas Coast — is expected to begin immediately and continue over the next two years.

Hurricane Ike damaged thousands of homes in Galveston, neighboring Bolivar Peninsula and other communities across southeast Texas. Its powerful storm surge hit the state just over a year ago.

Ike also submerged marshes in seawater, scoured away beaches and ruined thousands of acres of vegeta-

#### Two people killed after SUV hits them

FLORESVILLE (AP) — A couple is dead after they were hit by a man driving a SUV in a San Antonio sub-

KABB reports 61-year-old Cynthia Garcia and her husband, Simon Garcia, died early Sunday.

San Antonio television station

They had been walking home along Highway 181 in Floresville returning from shopping.

Cynthia Garcia's son, Derick Flores, said his mother used in a wheelchair and "didn't deserve to die" in such a

Investigators say the driver did stop but no charges have been filed.

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# HERALD

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2. Civic group, school or church

4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

#### **PARADE RULES**

- 1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE
- 2. Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
- 3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
- Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.

☐ Commercial

- 5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
- 6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2009 Christmas Parade Entry Form Name of organization: Name of contact person: deliver to: Parade Committee Big Spring Herald Telephone number: 710 Scurry You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map Big Spring, TX 79721 showing where to go to line up. Fax (432) 264-7205

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# Who Is LOOKING AT YOU?





Is a New Contest that will appear in the Big Spring Herald starting Tuesday, September 15, 2009

It will run 4 times on Tuesday, September 15th, Friday, September 18th, Tuesday, September 22nd, Friday, September 25th.

The Rules are simple: There will be six sets of eyes of well known people around town numbered 1-6. There will be six lines numbered 1-6, write the name of the person on the corresponding line. It must be on an original issue of the Big Spring Herald (no copies will be accepted).

Turn them in at The Big Spring Herald Office at 710 Scurry. The contest ends Friday, September 25th at 5 p.m. In case of a tie all winning entries will be put in a box and a winner will be drawn.

The winner will receive a dinner for 2 from Brenda's BBQ, Cowboy's Steakhouse and a Free 3 month subscription to The Big Spring Herald. SO HAVE FUN & REMEMBER WE'RE

LOOKING AT YOU!

# SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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# Sands has no trouble finding ways to score

**Herald Staff Report** 

TRENT — Imagine the various ways a team can score in football.

Passing, running, fumble or a blocked punt recovered in the end zone, kickoff return, punt return,

What do all the varieties listed have in common? The Sands Mustangs used all those facets of football to score points in a 63-12 win over Trent Thursday night.

The game was called at halftime via the 45-point mercy rule, meaning Sands was able to utilize all those different methods of scoring in just two quarters of play.

The Mustangs improved to 3-0 with the win and will attempt to improve to 4-0 when they face the Sterling City Eagles at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Things got off to a great start for the Mustangs when Albert Ybarra returned the game's opening kickoff 55 yards for a touchdown.

Sands didn't score again until the 5:31 mark in the opening quarter, courtesy of a 1-yard touchdown plunge by Johnny Rogers.

Sands had some good fortune when Daniel Armendariz fumbled the ball into the end zone after a 12-yard run. The Mustangs recovered it for a touchdown with 4:05 left in the first, placing the Mustangs ahead, 21-0.

After Rogers and Armendariz scored back-to-back rushing touchdowns

within the final 1:03 of the first stanza, Rogers delivered the second special teams touchdown of the game for Sands, returning a punt 60 yards.

The challenge of finding new ways to score continued for the Mustangs from there, when Gabe Guillen recovered a blocked punt for a touchdown with 5:44 left in the first half.

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# No Terrell, No problem

# Romo soars in Cowboys 34-21 win over Bucs

FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. - Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys figure they'll be fine without Terrell Owens.

Surrounded by a talented supporting cast that includes Roy Williams, Patrick Crayton, Miles Austin and Jason Witten — not to mention Marion Barber and Felix Jones — it's easy to understand why.

Romo launched the post-T.O. era Sunday with a career-best 353 yards passing, including three long touchdowns that keyed a 34-21 victory and ruined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' debut under coach Raheem

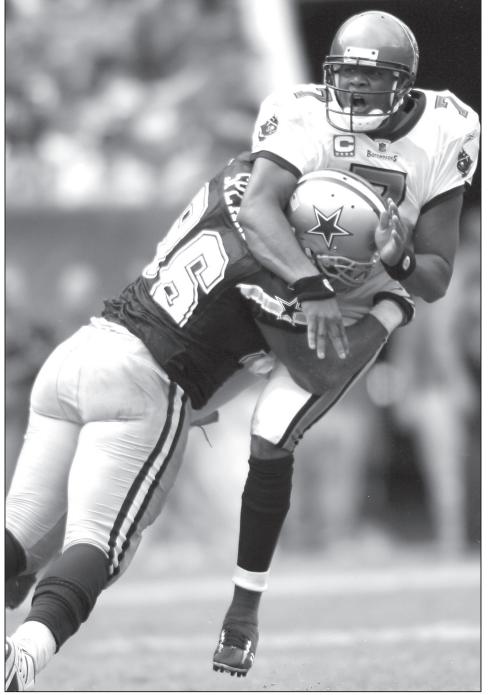
"Career-high passing yards? Without T.O.?," Williams asked, laughing before turning serious.

"No, it's good. It's good for him. It's good for this team," Owens' replacement added. "It was a team effort. Everybody contrib-Austin avoided two tacklers on the side-

line to score on a 42-yard reception just before halftime and Williams streaked through a mistake-prone secondary on a 66-yard TD play early in the third quarter.

Romo teamed with Patrick Crayton, who had four catches for 135 yards, on the

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Dallas Cowboys defensive end Marcus Spears (96) brings down Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Byron Leftwich, top, during the fourth quarter of an NFL game Sunday in Tampa, Fla. The Cowboys defeated Tampa Bay, 34-21.

# Favre wins 1st with Vikes

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ageless quarterback Brett Favre threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to rookie Percy Harvin in his debut with the Vikings, and Adrian Peterson scored three touchdowns in a 34-20 victory over the Cleveland Browns..

Making his 270th consecutive start after a will-he-or-won't-he flirtation that dominated NFL headlines this summer, the 39-vear-old Favre showed he can still fire the football with authority -- and hasn't lost his boyish love for the game.

Peterson scored on a pair of 1-yard plunges and capped his day with an electrifying 64-yarder. Peterson, held to 25 yards in the first half, finished with 180 on 25 carries.

Falcons 19, Dolphins 7

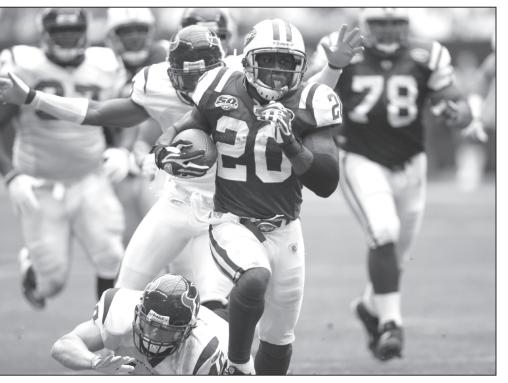
At Atlanta, Tony Gonzalez hauled in a touchdown pass and became the 21st player in NFL history with 11,000 yards receiving. Linebacker Mike Peterson forced a fumble with a vicious hit and picked off a pass for the Falcons.

The matchup between the two most surprising teams of 2008 wasn't much of a game. The Falcons' defense, highly suspect after letting go five starters and looking shaky during the preseason, came up with four turnovers and thoroughly shut down a team that won the AFC East after going 1-15 two years ago.

Saints 45, Lions 27

At New Orleans, Drew Brees

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AP photo/David J. Phillip

New York Jets running back Thomas Jones (20) breaks away from Houston Texans defender John Busing (40) for a 38-yard touchdown run during the fourth quarter of an NFL game Sunday in Houston. The Jets beat the Texans

# Sanchez leads Jets over Texans, 24-7

**KRISTIE RIEKEN** 

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — After getting a pregame pep talk from Broadway Joe himself, Mark Sanchez couldn't help but sparkle in his debut in the NFL.

Sanchez, the fifth overall pick in this year's draft, threw for 272 yards and a touchdown, Thomas Jones scored twice, and the Jets shut down Houston's high-powered offense in a 24-7 win Sunday.

Joe Namath took Sanchez aside just minutes before pregame warmups. The rookie asked him about his first start and Namath said he didn't remember it and that Sunday was about Sanchez, not him.

"What a pep talk," a beaming Sanchez said. "That was Joe Namath, just taking all the credit from himself and throwing it back to me and just saying, 'Good luck.' To hear that from a legend like that, it just kind of gives you the chills. It was something special to be a part of, an emotional start,

an emotional little pep talk.' Namath said Sanchez's performance didn't surprise him.

"No, I was hopeful and I'm satisfied more than I thought I'd be," Namath said. "His offensive line did a hell of a job, but he did a great job of finding time with his feet, just to move subtly ... I don't doubt even a little bit that he doesn't have poise at this stage."

It was easy to see Rex Ryan's stamp on this defense in his first game as Jets head coach after leading the

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# Hunter strong as Rangers split doubleheader with Mariners

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rangers rookie Tommy Hunter had fun during a long rain delay. Then he got down to business.

Hunter threw a six-hitter for his first complete game and the Rangers hit three homers to beat the Seattle Mariners 7-2 in the rain-delayed opener of a doubleheader Sunday.

The Rangers dropped the second game to Seattle,

Rain that pelted the area for the past four days caused the game to begin 4 hours, 31 minutes after the originally scheduled start time of 12:35 p.m. It

was a makeup of Friday night's rainout.

Hunter arrived at the ballpark at 8:45 a.m., and spent the downtime playing cards, pingpong and video games, including Ken Griffey Jr. Slugfest.

Griffey went 0 for 4 in the game.

Hunter (8-3) struck out three and walked one in his 15th big league start, polishing off his first professional complete game with 102 pitches.

"Something you want to do. Something you need to go out and get done," Hunter said. "Just being able to get the ball down helped me out today. Keeping the ball down, especially in this ballpark, is key."

Chris Davis, David Murphy and Nelson Cruz connected for the Rangers, who began the day three games behind Boston for the AL wild card. The Red Sox swept a doubleheader from slumping Tampa Bay at Fenway Park.

Ichiro Suzuki doubled in four at-bats, leaving him one hit shy of setting a major league record with his ninth straight 200-hit season. Suzuki and "Wee" Willie Keeler (1894-1901) are tied.

Texas, which has won eight of 11, was playing its third doubleheader this month due to rainouts.

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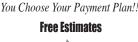
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should be. **ARIES** (March 21-19). April You can't always generate own your power. You need to be

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your environment, too. Get some sunshine. Find soulnurturing stimulus, or at the very least stay away soul-draining from influences.

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**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It is not difficult for you to give generously to those in need. What is more challenging is to away without another thought to the good you have done. This kind of giving is soul salvation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you were unaware of now becomes apparent. You'll be conscious of the vibration you are putting out into the world. Everywhere you look you'll see the qualities you emanate being reflected back to

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The completion of a project will allow you to move on in good conscience. But do not leave any situation before its natural conclusion. It will be better to be the last one at the party than the first to go home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may be chosen as a worthy opponent in game, but someone's consider carefully whether it's something you want to be a part of. If the opposition charges at you, step aside and let

it crash into something else.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You probably feel like keeping your insights brilliant yourself, and it's a wise your instinct. Share intelligence on a need-toknow basis. Fit your contributions to situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The universe is sending out some muddled messages. Don't read too much into the signs. If you have to stretch to figure out what something means, it's just because you're not meant to know yet. Wait until it's easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20best The Feb. 18). will invitations unspoken ones. Furthermore, you won't have to recruit anyone to your side today. The ones who want to be there will quite naturally wind up next to you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There will not be one right answer. Rather, there are many ways to the get to same destination. This should liberate you. You don't have to dwell on the decision-making process. Just decide.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 14). Your instinct is honed for adding love and excitement to your life. Boldly follow your whims over the next 10 weeks, and they will take you on dramatic adventures. Α new addition to your family comes in November. Take classes and/or find a mentor in October, and February brings career advancement. Pisces and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 10, 5, 39 and 18.

How To Work This Retrograde Mercury (Instead of Letting it Work You.) Part Four: Relationships are dance. There is always though movement, different rhythms. Sometimes things shift in a slow and relaxed way;

other times change comes fast. During this Mercury retrograde, the cosmic that drives music relationships is up-tempo, requiring speedy decisions.

LIBRA natives are most affected by Mercury's backward glide through their sign. Libra loves it when relationships get into a groove and stay there, but that isn't the now. Erratic case behavior. impulsive decisions and unexpected turns will upset the balance. Don't fight it, Libra! Stay flexible and without expectation. If you don't resist the process, you'll enjoy how things turn out.

SCORPIO: Mercury will return to a direct course on Sept. 29. Meanwhile, diagnose relationships to make sure that you are making time for the things that will maintain and build them. Just because you someone doesn't love things mean will magically work out between you. Don't think of love as an emotion; think of it as an action. Do something to show loved ones they important.

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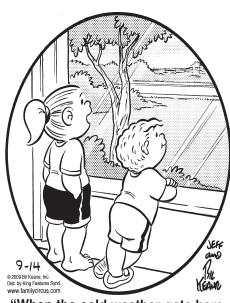
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# This Date In History

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Today's Highlight History:

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write a poem after witnessing how Fort McHenry in Maryland had endured a night of British bombardment during the War of 1812; that poem, originally called "Defence of Fort McHenry," later became the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner," the American national anthem.

On this date: In 1812, the Russians set fire to Moscow in the face of an invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte's troops.

In 1836, former Vice President Aaron Burr died in Staten Island, N.Y., at age 80.

In 1847, during the Mexican-American War, U.S. forces under Gen Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.

In 1901, President William

of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him. In 1927, modern dance pio-

McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y.,

neer Isadora Duncan died in Nice. France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car she was riding In 1948, a groundbreaking

ceremony took place in New York at the site of the United Nations' world headquarters. In 1964, Pope Paul VI opened

Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, also known as "Vatican II." (The session closed two months later.) In 1975, Pope Paul VI declared

the third session of the Second

Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton the first U.S.-born saint. In 1982, Princess Grace of

Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before; Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was killed by a bomb.

In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula as a Category 5 storm after forcing thousands of residents to flee.

Today's Birthdays: Actress

Zoe Caldwell is 76. Feminist author Kate Millett is 75. Actor Walter Koenig is 73. Charlotte Bobcats coach Larry Brown is Singer-actress Joey Heatherton is 65. Actor Sam Neill is 62. Singer Jon "Bowzer' Bauman (Sha Na Na) is 62. Rock musician Ed King is 60. Rock musician Steve Berlin (Los Lobos) is 54. Country singer-songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman is 53. Actress Mary Crosby is 50. Singer Morten Harket (a-ha) is 50. Country singer John Berry is 50. Actress Melissa Leo is 49. Actress Faith Ford is 45. Actor Jamie Kaler is 45. Actress Michelle Stafford is 44. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev is 44.

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# Answer to previous puzzle POPULAR SPRUCE EPISODE POISONS ANA DESPITE TOP S E A T T L E S E C U R E S T O S T A D A A P P A R E L

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scoreboard

39 Blossom-to-be

soundtrack

40 "It's freezing!"

data

42 Fixes the

again 43 Dishes dirt

11 Central Florida 37 Baseball-

#### **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Book of maps
- 6 "Fine by me!" 10 Soft toss
- 13 Tenant's
- contract
- **14** Aviator
- 16 "Green" prefix
- 17 All-inclusive vacation
- **19** Paving material 20 Lean against
- **21** Railroad-bridge
  - support
- 23 Simplify
- 25 In the lead
- 26 Kid's racing
- vehicle
- **30** Roof support **33** Face-to-face
- tests **34** Makes an
- attempt
- **35** Patient-care grp.
- 38 "Wish you here"
- **39** Piece of lumber **40** Boyfriend
- **41** Silent assent
- **42** Tending to drip 43 Give, as
- permission
- 44 Followed the
- advice of 46 Large crowds
- **47** Take to task
- **49** Salty bodies of water
- 51 Apartments without
- elevators **54** Was nostalgic
- for **58** In addition
- 59 Hillary's
- husband
- **62** Tip of a sock **63** Take potshots (at)

- 65 Sun. church
- 66 Cathedral
- **67** Paid out

- 2 Pull apart
- 3 Decorative
- usher
- 6 Unlocks
- 8 Oodles 9 "Watch \_
- stationery

- **64** Outdoor barbecue area
- talk section

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Swiss peak
- fabric
- 4 Shows curiosity
- **5** Ones who
- purchase
- step!"

- **7** Hobby-shop
- **10** Corporate

12 Far from interested

city

- 15 Picks up the
- tab
- 18 "Nanny" beast **22** That woman
- 24 Short shopping
- trips 26 Graduate's
- garment
- 27 Black-and-white 47 Attacks, as a fly cookie
- 28 One who charges
- purchases **29** Pub beverage
- **31** Well-ventilated **32** Gave breakfast to

34 Muscle

quality

**36** Horse's hair

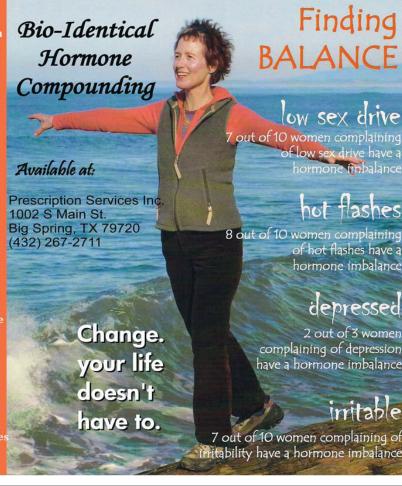
- **45** Moose relative **46** lcy-pellet precipitation
- 48 Birchbark boat 50 Talk-show host 52 \_\_ colada
- (cocktail) **53** Minor mistake
- **55** Break sharply **56** Suffix for major
- **57** "Whatcha \_\_\_? 60 Stereo records:

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- Abbr.
- 61 Forget-me-
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# **COWBOYS**

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longest completion of the quarterback's career — 80 yards — for a fourth-quarter TD that thwarted any realistic hopes for a Tampa Bay come-

that going in," coach Wade Phillips said. "But until you do it, the naysayers are going to say: 'Hey. You don't have this or that.' But I think we

Tampa Bay's Byron Leftwich completed 25 of 41 passes for 276 yards and no interceptions, but took a beating from a relentless pass rush once

Cadillac Williams and Derrick

"Obviously, we're disappointed," said Morris, who at 33 is the NFL's youngest head coach. "But there were a lot of good things on offense."

Cadillac Williams, back after having knee surgery twice in 15 months, finished with 97 yards on 13 carries. Ward ran for 62 yards on 12 attempts and was the catalyst on a long secondhalf drive that briefly put the Bucs

Both teams are hoping to rebound

The Cowboys lost three of four down the stretch to finish 9-7, and the Bucs lost four straight after a 9-3 start and fired coach Jon Gruden, replacing him with Morris.

getting rid of Owens and making Roy Williams the lead receiver, a role he's excited about after spending the first  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years of his career in Detroit and struggling in Owens' shadow after being obtained from the Lions at the

# **SANDS**

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Just 43 seconds later, A.J. Hernandez and Rogers combined to tackle a Trent ball carrier in his own end zone for a safety, giving Sands a 49-0 advantage with 5:01 to play.

Sands struck quickly as Armendariz scored for a third time a mere 13 seconds later via a 5-yard run. Trent was able to put two scores on

the board in the final four minutes of the game, but couldn't cut the deficit within 45 points to have the contest continue into the second half. Sands' final score came sandwiched

in between Trent's two touchdowns, when Junior Rogers scampered 55 yards to paydirt. Last season, the Mustangs met

defeat at the hands of Sterling City, 58-40, which was playing its first season as a six-man program. The Eagles (2-0) are coming off a 56-6 victory over O'Donnell last week.

Sands 63, Trent 12 Sands 33  $30 \times x - 63$ Trent **FIRST QUARTER** 

Sands - Albert Ybarra 55 kickoff return (kick

Sands - Johnny Rogers 1 run (Michael Gomez

pass from Ybarra), 5:31 Sands - Daniel Armendariz 12 fumble return

(Armendariz kick), 4:05 Sands - Rogers 5 run (kick failed), 1:03 Sands - Armendariz 6 run (kick failed), :00

SECOND QUARTER Sands - Rogers 60 punt return (Armendariz kick), 7:20 Sands - Gabe Guillen recovered blocked punt

(Preston Zant run), 5:44 Sands - A.J. Hernandez and Johnny Rogers sack Trent QB for safety, 5:01

Sands - Armendariz 5 run (Junior Rogers run), Trent - Bradley Hutcheson 8 pass from Riley

Majors (kick failed), 3:04 Sands - Junior Rogers 55 run (Reuben McMorris

run), 2:49 Trent - Hutcheson 46 run (kick blocked), 2:26

	Sands	Trent
First downs	9	2
Rushes-Yds.	18-200	12-64
Passing Yds.	86	52
CompAttInt.	8-5-0	4-8-0
Punts-Avg.	0-0	4-25
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	0-0
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#### Individual stats

Rushing: Sands - Johnny Rogers 7-102 Reuben McMorris 2-(-5), Daniel Armendariz 4-50, Preston Zant 2-(-2), Junior Rogers 1-55; Trent -Bradley Hutcheson 5-67, Riley Majors 7-(-3).

Passing: Sands - Johnny Rogers 4-7-0 56, Albert Ybarra 1-1-0 30; Trent - Riley Majors 4-8-0 Receiving: Sands - Michael Gomez 4-86; Trent

Damian Meza 1-27, Gene Townshend 1-15, Hutcheson 1-8, Sawyer Scruggs 1-2.

"They are playmakers, and we knew

Romo put the Cowboys in control.

Ward each scored on 1-yard runs for the Bucs, who rushed for 174 yards but eventually had to abandon the running game.

back in the game.

this year from December collapses that cost them playoffs berths last

Dallas' biggest offseason move was

trade deadline last season.

Romo completed his first two passes to the 6-foot-3, 215-pound Williams, but the duo remained relatively quiet until the receiver's big third-quarter catch put the Cowboys up 20-7.

Romo, who has thrown for eight TDs and no interceptions in two career games against Tampa Bay, finished 16 of 27 and improved to 8-1 in September starts. Williams had three receptions for 86 yards.

"You don't think about yards. You're not judged off of yards," said Romo, who has a franchise-best 17 300-yard games. "You're judged off of winning and losing at this position."

Leftwich wasn't sacked by a defense led by DeMarcus Ware, however he did take several hard shots in the fourth quarter. The seventh-year pro led an 11-play, 84-yard drive that Ward capped with his TD that trimmed Tampa Bay's deficit to 20-14 with 13:45 remaining.

Two plays later, Romo found Crayton wide open up the right side-

ended with a 1-yard run by Jones to

push their lead to 17-0 midway

through the third quarter. That score

was set up by a 9-yard run by

Washington, who took the snap out of

A 24-yard field goal by Jay Feely in

the first quarter gave New York a 3-0

the wildcat formation.

lead.

line, and the receiver easily outran Piscitelli and Jermaine Phillips to restore the Cowboys' 13-point lead. "We had our chances. The final

score is definitely not indicative of how good we played at times. Those big plays absolutely destroy you football team," Ronde Barber said. Barber's 6-yard TD run, set up by

Romo's 44-yard completion to Crayton, finished Dallas' scoring. The Bucs marched 74 yards in the

closing minutes to score on Leftwich's 2-yard pass to Kellen Winslow. By that time, most of the announced crowd of 63,806 had cleared the stadium, leaving big pockets of Dallas fans in their seats.

NOTES: Ware left briefly after being hit in the head on Tampa Bay's third offensive play. He returned the next series. ... Bucs PK Mike Nugent had a 38-yard field goal attempt blocked, then missed a 46-yarder. ... Cowboys S Gerald Sensabaugh left with sore ribs after a fourth-quarter collision with Bucs receiver Michael Clayton.

Linebacker David Harris led New

The Texans are 2-9 in the month

and have lost their last six in

September. The few thousand fans

who remained when the game ended

booed loudly as the last seconds ticked

York's defense, finishing with six

solo tackles and a sack.

## **TEXANS**

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Ravens' stingy unit for the past several years. Houston's offense got past midfield just once in the first three quarters. The Texans were outgained 462-183, Steve Slaton was held to 17 yards rushing and Andre Johnson had 35 yards receiving.

"It's just insane," Slaton said. "You work for six months leading up to this first game. You have all offseason to prepare for this game and then to come out and play like that is upsetting."

Matt Schaub struggled, too, completing 18 of 33 passes for 166 yards with no touchdowns and an interception. Coach Gary Kubiak said Schaub hadn't completely recovered from an ankle sprain he suffered almost two weeks ago, but took the blame for Houston's poor performance.

"The offensive football team gave us no chance and that starts with me," Kubiak said. "There's nobody that can feel anything good coming out of this football game."

Sanchez was poised and confident from the start, often evading the rush to complete key passes. He completed at least three throws as he was being knocked down.

"He's able to move and bide a little extra time and again, this is why we took the guy," Ryan said. "This is

why we traded up to get him."

His first NFL touchdown came in the second quarter when he found Chansi Stuckey wide open on a 30-yard reception to put the Jets up 10-0. After the score, television cameras flashed to a smiling Namath, who watched the game from a luxury suite at Reliant Stadium.

That score came after a fumble by Slaton at the end of an 18-yard catch and run. Donald Strickland knocked the ball out and it landed in Mike DeVito's hands.

"When we did move the ball, we have a big turnover," Johnson said. "It looked like we were going to score. We can't have those things happen. When they happen, you get beat.'

Sanchez's only big mistake came in the fourth quarter. John Busing intercepted his pass and immediately fumbled. Houston's Dominique Barber picked up the ball and ran down the right sideline 48 yards for a touchdown to make it 17-7 with about 12 minutes left in the game.

The Jets answered quickly when Jones rumbled 38 yards for a touchdown four plays later.

Sanchez distributed the ball well among several receivers. Jerricho Cotchery finished with six receptions for 90 yards, tight end Dustin Keller had four for 94, and Stuckey had four

Jones had 107 yards rushing and Leon Washington added 60 to keep

the running game going. The Jets used an 87-yard drive that Jewelry & Accessory

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# $\mathsf{NFL}$

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looked even better than last year, which was bad news for a Detroit Lions team trying to win for the first

time since 2007. Brees tied a Saints record with six touchdown passes and threw for 358 yards in a victory that extended the Lions' regular-season losing streak to

Brees connected with Marques Colston for 9 yards, Robert Meachem for 39, Shockey for 1 and 15, Devery Henderson for 58 and Heath Evans for

# Giants 23, Redskins 17

At East Rutherford, N.J., Eli Manning threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Mario Manningham, and defensive end Osi Umenyiora ran back a fumble 37 yards in his return from a knee injury.

Lawrence Tynes added three field goals, including a 45-yarder in the fourth quarter set up by an offside penalty by Redskins \$100 million tackle defensive Haynesworth..

Washington, which trailed all game, drew within 23-17 with 1:30 to play on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Jason Campbell to Chris Cooley.

49ers 20, Cardinals 16 At Glendale, Ariz., Shaun Hill and

the rest of San Francisco's offense had an awful second half, except for one magnificent possession.

Hill directed a 15-play, 80-yard drive for the winning touchdown on a 3-yard pass to Frank Gore, and the 49ers spoiled the season debut of defending NFC champion Arizona.