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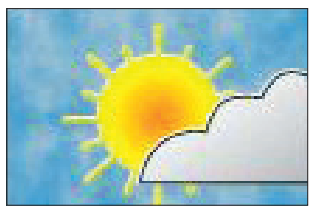


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Fleeing suspect caught

Man eyed pushing 300-pound safe down street

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested early this morning and charged with several counts of burglary following a bizarre chase involving a stolen safe.

Ernest Garcia Jr., 37, of 2001 Runnels, was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle,

burglary of a habitation (two counts), burglary of a building (two counts) and possession of a controlled substance — more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, officers were dispatched to the area of 12th Street and Johnson at approx-

imately 1 a.m. in reference to a suspect pushing a safe down the road with a vehicle.

“On arrival officers found a 1996 brown Mercury had been pushing a large safe weighing approximately 300 pounds down the road,” said Everett. “Officers activated their lights and the vehicle fled. He was pursued by BSPD officers and deputies with the

Howard County Sheriff’s Office, with the pursuit lasting a little more than 20 minutes through the east part of the city.

“The chase ended when the suspect lost control of the car and struck another vehicle in the 1300 block of College. He also managed to strike a police vehicle, causing minor damage.”

Everett said Garcia was taken into custody moments later, after which officers followed his trail of “safe-pushing” back to a business in the 900 block of Johnson.

“The safe was recovered with the contents intact,” said Everett. “It had been taken from a business in

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KIDS VS. PARENTS

Kickball tournament will encourage youth to get out and exercise

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Children looking to strike fear in the hearts of parents across the Crossroads area will get their chance Saturday afternoon, as the Big Spring Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club prepares to host a kids vs. parents kickball game Saturday afternoon.

debrand, program director of the local Boys and Girls Club, the kickball game is part of a nationwide effort to get kids from in front of televisions and outside for exercise.

“Nickelodeon, one of the nation’s most popular children’s channels, is going off the air from noon until 3 p.m. Satur-

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Harvest Saturday arrives

The Big Spring State Park will hold its annual Harvest Saturday celebration Saturday, with hayrides set to make the trip around the mountain at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., according to park officials.

Admission to the event is free — with the normal \$2 admission to the park being waived — although donations for the facility are welcome. Activities will be centered around the park headquarters, located near the top of Scenic Mountain.

For more information on Harvest Saturday or the Big Spring State Park, contact Park Director Ron Alton at 263-4931.

Girl Scouts to host Fun Day

Fabulous Fall Fun Day is set from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Big Spring State Park for girls in grades 2 to 5 to learn about Girl Scouts.

There will be opportunities to learn about environmental awareness, healthy living and more. Hay rides will be available as the park is hosting its annual Harvest Saturday event during the same time.

Parents are asked to call Kristen Brown at (432) 570-9188, ext. 513 or e-mail Kbrown@gdsdw.org to register.



Lloyd Claxton displays some of his hand-carved items at the 2008 Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club Sale. This year’s sale will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday in Dora Roberts Community Center.

Carvers show whittling down, sale set Saturday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Lovers of handicrafts or those simply looking for bargains might want to visit the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club sale Saturday morning.

The sale, which will begin at 8 a.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center, will feature handcrafted items made by club members.

“More than likely, you’ll see some things you’ve never seen before,” said club member James Fryar. “I like to tell people this is a chance to buy a really unique Christmas gift.”

Today and Saturday are the

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—James Fryar, club member

category winners will then vie for Best in Show honors, Fryar said.

Categories include realistic and caricature carvings of humans and wildlife, religious items, miniatures (carvings that must be able to fit inside a 2-inch tube), relief work and Christmas decorations.

the club’s annual events draws woodcarving enthusiasts from across the area and state, Fryar said.

“Last year, one guy was on his way to New Mexico when he saw a sign advertising our event,” Fryar said. “He

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Obituaries

Kathleen Liggett

MIDLAND — Kathleen McCarthy Wilkerson Liggett, 57, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, of complications from Churg Strauss Syndrome.

Kathleen was born Feb. 8, 1952 in Odessa, the daughter of William Cossey and Jean Douglas Wilkerson. She grew up in Borger, graduated from Borger High School and attended North Texas State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in sociology and a masters in library science. She worked as a public librarian in Amarillo, Leominster, Mass. and Muskogee, Okla.

She later attended Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan. and received a second bachelor's degree, this time in education. She taught early childhood and elementary grades in the Winfield area, in Garden City, Kan., and for 14 years in Big Spring. She was employed briefly as a school librarian at Midland Freshman before taking disability retirement in 2007.

Her passions included her family, her church, her dogs and swimming. She was active in Delta Kappa Gamma, Master Gardeners, The West Texas Reading Library and the cultural life of Midland. Her greatest involvement was in Saint Nicholas' Episcopal Church, where she served in a variety of capacities over the last two years.

In May 1977, Kathleen married the Rev. James Liggett, who is currently the Rector of Saint Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Midland. Their son, William James, is a recent graduate of the University of the South and is currently employed by GT Environmental Finance in Austin.

In the play, "A Man for All Seasons," someone ask Thomas More "And if I am a great teacher, who will know?" More replied, "You. Your students. God. Not a bad public, that." Much the same can be said for being a wonderful mother and a loving wife. Kathleen will be deeply missed by the many people whose life she has touched.

Kathleen is survived by her husband, her son, and her sister, Susan Wilkerson of Arlington, Va.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Endowment Fund of Saint Nicholas' Episcopal Church.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at Saint Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 2000 W. Loop 250 N. in Midland.

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

Paid obituary

Vernon Wolf

VINCENT — On Sept. 22, 2009, Vernon Wolf of Vincent passed from this life at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born Dec. 2, 1929, in Iraan to Vernon Henry Wolf and Roxie Harding Wolf. The family moved to the Vincent area in 1942, where Henry Clay Wolf, Vernon's grandfather, raised cattle.

Vernon graduated from Coahoma High School in 1947. He then graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree. He farmed and ranched in West Texas his entire life. He was also a Borden County commissioner for 28 years.

He married Dolores Watts in Abilene in 1958. They were blessed with three children — a son, Troyce Wolf and two daughters, Rhesa Lang and Roxie Shorter. He was dearly loved by seven grandchildren — Blake, Gage and Sadie Shorter, Mackenzie and Erin Wolf and Alex and Maddie Lang.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents and his only sibling, Jack Wolf, also of Vincent. Vernon was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Special music will be provided by Wayne Mitchell and Cheryl McCall.

Pallbearers will be Armando Sosa, Jack Himes, Binie White, Larry Smith, Maxwell Barr and Mark Morgan.

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

Paid obituary

Norvin Hamlin

Norvin Hamlin, 65, of Big Spring, died Thursday, September 24, 2009 in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 47, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.
- ERNEST GARCIA JR., 37, of 2001 Runnels, was arrested Friday on four Howard County warrants and charges of evading arrest and burglary.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 3600 block of Calvin.
 - in the 1700 block of Wasson.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- INJURY TO A CHILD - RECKLESS BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1100 block of Seventh Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.
- ERNEST GARCIA, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, burglary of a habitation (two counts), burglary of a building (two counts) and possession of a controlled substance — more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams.
- JAVIER CERVANTEZ ORTIZ, 31, was arrested Thursday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- BOE PAYNE, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated — second offense (two counts).
- MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- RICARDO URANGA, 50, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense and a contempt charge for disregarding a stop sign.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Meadow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Grace. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Bobby. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Goliad.

Take Note

• The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will be meeting Saturday at 10 a.m. at the 14th & Main Church of Christ fellowship room, 1401 Main St. in Big Spring. A catered barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Betty Pitts at (432) 267-1449.

• Fabulous Fall Fun Day is set from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Big Spring State Park for girls in grades 2 to 5 to learn about Girl Scouts. There will be opportunities to learn about environmental awareness, healthy living and more. Hay rides will be available as the park is hosting its annual Harvest Saturday event during the same time. Parents are asked to call Kristen Brown at (432) 570-9188, ext. 513 or e-mail Kbrown@gdsdw.org to register.






• Marcy House will be hosting the first Dementia Support Group meeting Sept. 29. Kim York, RN, will be presenting a presentation on the different types of dementia and its progression.

Brenda Hamm, a licensed social-worker, will be on hand to help with and support that may be needed by the patient or the family. Refreshments will be served. Marcy House is located at 2301 Wasson Rd. in Big Spring. For more information, call 268-9041.

• Howard County and Forsan 4-H Club members will clean the pocket park off Main Street in Big Spring Oct. 10 beginning at 10 a.m.

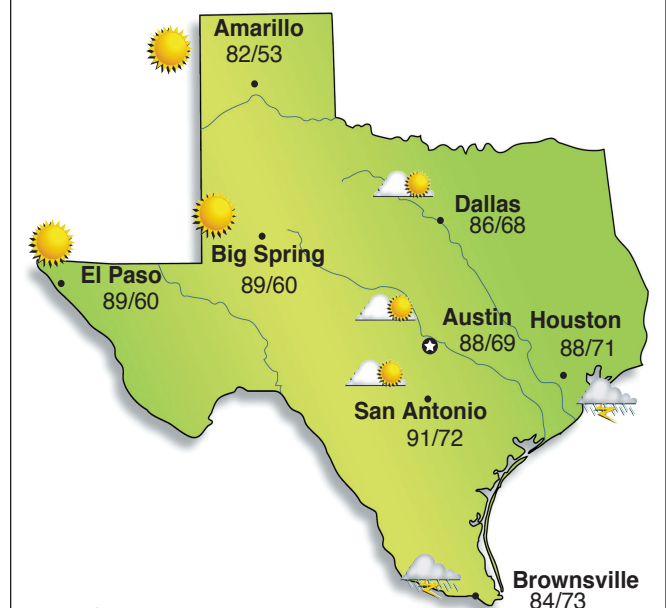
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 9/26	Sun 9/27	Mon 9/28	Tue 9/29	Wed 9/30
 89/60 Mainly sunny. High 89F. Winds light and variable.	 93/61 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	 83/59 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	 87/64 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	 91/67 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 7:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 7:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 7:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 7:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 7:32 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	64	sunny	Kingsville	90	74	t-storm
Amarillo	82	53	sunny	Livingston	89	65	pt sunny
Austin	88	69	pt sunny	Longview	86	64	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	68	t-storm	Lubbock	88	57	sunny
Brownsville	84	73	t-storm	Lufkin	88	67	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	64	sunny	Midland	90	63	sunny
Corpus Christi	89	76	t-storm	Raymondville	87	73	t-storm
Corsicana	86	65	pt sunny	Rosenberg	88	70	t-storm
Dallas	86	68	pt sunny	San Antonio	91	72	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	71	pt sunny	San Marcos	89	69	pt sunny
El Paso	89	60	sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	65	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	90	63	sunny	Sweetwater	87	62	sunny
Gainesville	86	64	pt sunny	Tyler	85	63	pt sunny
Houston	88	71	t-storm	Weatherford	86	64	pt sunny
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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-4-18-26-31.

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Iran reveals existence of a second uranium enrichment plant

VIENNA (AP) — Iran has told the U.N. nuclear agency that it is running a new, previously undeclared, facility to enrich uranium, officials told The Associated Press Friday.

Iran is under three sets of U.N. Security Council sanctions for refusing to freeze enrichment. The officials said that Iran revealed the existence of a second enrichment plant in a letter sent Monday to International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei.

It had previously said it was operating only one plant, which is being monitored by the IAEA.

The Islamic Republic insists that it has the right to the activity to generate fuel for what it says will be a nationwide chain of nuclear reactors.

But because enrichment can make both nuclear fuel and weapons-grade uranium, the international community fears Tehran will use the technology to generate the fissile material used on the tip of nuclear warheads.

Justice Ginsburg hospitalized after iron deficiency treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was hospitalized Thursday after becoming ill in her office at the court following treatment for an iron deficiency.

The 76-year-old justice, who underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer in February, was taken to Washington Hospital Center at 7:45 p.m. EDT as a precaution, a statement from the court said.

The court said Ginsburg would remain the hospital overnight, again as a precaution.

Earlier in the day, Ginsburg had received an iron sucrose infusion to treat an iron deficiency anemia that had been discovered in July.

About an hour later, she "developed lightheadedness and fatigue," the statement said. She was found to have a slightly low blood pressure, which the court said can occur after the type of treatment she received.

2 men accused in unrelated plots to detonate bombs outside Ill. courthouse, Texas office tower

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who idolized American born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh and a Jordanian national who frequented extremist Web sites are charged in unrelated cases after attempt-



Bystanders call for help following this one-vehicle accident on 11th Place, near Howard College, at approximately 3:30 p.m. Thursday. According to witnesses, no one was seriously injured in the crash, but the vehicle, a newer-model Ford Mustang, sustained serious damage to its front-end.

HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

ing to detonate what they thought were bombs outside an Illinois courthouse and a Texas skyscraper, federal officials said.

Federal officials said Thursday that the cases are not connected to each other or the major terrorism investigation under way in Colorado and New York.

Michael C. Finton, 29, who also went by the name Talib Islam, was arrested Wednesday in Springfield, Ill., after federal officials said he attempted to set off explosives in a van outside a federal courthouse in the Illinois capital.

Hosam Maher Husein Smadi, 19, was arrested Thursday in Dallas after federal officials said he placed what he believed to be a car bomb in a parking garage beneath the 60-story Fountain Place office tower.

In both cases, decoy devices were provided to the men by FBI agents posing as al-Qaida operatives. Both men are charged with trying to detonate a weapon of mass destruction and face up to life in prison if convicted. Finton also is charged with one

count of attempting to murder federal officers or employees.

Drinking water at thousands of schools contains unsafe lead, other toxins

CUTLER, Calif. (AP) — Over the last decade, the drinking water at thousands of schools across the country has been found to contain unsafe levels of lead, pesticides and dozens of other toxins.

An Associated Press investigation found that contaminants have surfaced at public and private schools in all 50 states — in small towns and inner cities alike.

But the problem has gone largely unmonitored by the federal government, even as the number of water safety violations has multiplied.

"It's an outrage," said Marc Edwards, an engineer at Virginia Tech who has been honored for his work on water quality. "If a landlord doesn't tell a tenant about lead paint in

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the 900 block of Johnson. A plate glass window had been broken and the suspect had used a two-wheeled hand cart to get the safe out, and then used the vehicle to push it down the street. It's certainly not something you see everyday."

Garcia's alleged criminal behavior didn't end with his arrest, according to Everett.

"Garcia was taken into custody, then transported to the Howard County Detention Center and booked," said Everett. "He then attacked a detention officer at

the facility and had to be Tased to bring him back under restraint. The detention officer suffered facial injuries and will be seen by a doctor today."

Everett said some of the burglary charges and the possession of a controlled substance charge against Garcia were from outstanding warrants.

"He's being charged with burglary for the break-in at Big Spring Music, located in the 900 block of Johnson, as well as the evading arrest with a vehicle charge from last night's incident," said Everett. "We're also expecting to file a charge of assault on a public servant on him for the attack of the detention officer."

Everett said Garcia was in the custody of

the county jail awaiting arraignment as of 10 a.m. today. As for the suspect's manner of moving the safe following the alleged burglary, he said it might very well be a first for Big Spring.

"I've never heard of anyone pushing a safe down the road with a car, not in all my years of law enforcement. It's certainly one of the strangest things I've ever heard of. Some of the things these criminals do is just down-right interesting," he said with a laugh.

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TOURNEY

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day. They are going totally dark," said Hildebrand. "To celebrate and be part of this effort, we'll be holding a parents vs. kids kick-ball game. Sign ups will start at 9 a.m. and the game will begin at 10 a.m.

"This is something kids and parents don't want to miss. It's going to be a good time for ev-

eryone, and it shows our kids the importance of getting up and exercising. You can't just tell them exercise is important, you have to actually get up and show them. That's the only way they are going to learn."

Hildebrand said the game will be held near the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth St.

"After the game we'll enjoy a hotdog lunch," she added. "It's going to be a lot of fun for every-

one. We're hoping parents and their kids will come out and share it with us."

According to officials with the children's television network, Nickelodeon, Nicktoons Network, NOGGIN, The N, Nick.com, Noggin.com, Nicktoonsnetwork.com and The-N.com will all participate in the three-hour blackout with a goal of inspiring kids to get up and be active.

"Over the last six years, Nickelodeon's

signature Worldwide Day of Play has encouraged millions of kids around the world to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle," said Marva Smalls, executive vice president of public affairs for Nickelodeon Kids and Family Group. "This year, we are utilizing the power of all our collective media platforms and partnerships to encourage kids and families to take action on this important issue."

also feature a silent auction for a handcrafted walking cane and a giveaway of two Christmas nativity scenes, Fryar noted.

There is no cost for ad-

mission.

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

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ended up spending the night so he could go to the show."

The event has grown in popularity over the years, he added.

"We've never really counted how many attended," Fryar said,

"but last year we had more people attend than we ever had."

Club members hail from cities around the Permian Basin, including Big Spring, Coahoma, Midland, Odessa, Andrews and Greenwood and meet the third Monday of each month in Midland.

Saturday's sale will

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Gertrude Smith Nettles, 77, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The Family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Merlin Purser, 82, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Wanda Jo Smith, 66, of Big Spring died Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Homecoming Queens and Kings across the Crossroads area. They include: Queens Katie Dunn, Coahoma High School; Paula Mills, Big Spring High School; Amber Halfmann, Garden City High School; and Beatrice Martinez, Stanton High School.
- Kings Daniel Segundo, Bug Spring High School; and Lane Halfmann (Mr. Bearkat), Garden City High School;
- Coming Home Queens Kim Phinney and Debbye Valverde, Big Spring High School; and Rosie McCuin, Stanton High School.
- And Garden City High School Band Sweetheart Kelsey Hicks and Beau Jesse Montez.

- Members of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association on the Don McKinney Float and Fly, along with those who honored the late McKinney. This event is unique and one we always look forward to.

- The Big Spring Symphony and guest conductor John Giordano for getting our symphony off to a great start.

- Organizers and participants of the Memory Walk, which raises funds and awareness in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. Great job, everyone.

- Big Spring Steers quarterback Tyler Tannehill, who was named the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week in the 4A classification.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our future is brighter with Your love, Lord. Amen

Obama at odds with majority

While I couldn't bring myself to watch President Barack Obama's 1,000th-1,004th health care propaganda spiels on the Sunday shows, I did read some transcripts and watch a few video highlights. What is it about this guy's personality that compels him to keep beating his head against the wall?

Why does he keep doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result?

The more Obama stumps for socialized medicine the less popular it becomes. Yet Obama keeps going back to the well, apparently believing that if he just explains it one more time — or maybe 10 more times — to the ignorant masses, his wards will finally come around to his way of thinking.

On the one hand, it seems that Obama truly believes that the majority of people are as sick as he is of America and reject many of its founding principles. After all, during his formative years and beyond, he was always surrounded by those — family and mentors — who had bones to pick with America and its "exploitive" capitalistic economy. To say that most of his role models were outright Marxists is hardly inflammatory hyperbole.

When it was time for him to make his own associational choices, he opted to continue the pattern in which he'd been raised, from the church he chose to the angry, activist, anti-establishment street agitation he embraced in Chicago.

So he very well might believe that his attitude favoring fundamental change for America is the norm and that the only ones who want to preserve the nation's "outmoded" founding principles are selfish, moneyed

elites and those they control. Indeed, on the campaign trail, he was explicit about his intention to pursue fundamental change. Those paying close attention and not blinded by the Utopian slogans of hope and change were fearful Obama was quite serious about his plan to push America's reset button.

On the other hand, Obama had to be aware that many Americans, even if he mistakenly thought they were the minority, did not share his jaundiced view of America. Otherwise, why did he have to organize the Chicago streets? Why did he have to train ACORN in its corrupt practices — corrupt practices I'm sure Obama justifies under an ends-and-means rationale? And how could Ronald Reagan or the Bushes ever have been elected if everyone thinks like Obama?

Obama obviously hedged his bets and campaigned as an optimistic reformer, sending clear signals to the far left that he was one of them and, like any good radical, seduced significant numbers of others with center-right language, from praising the free market to pledging his undying loyalty to America's national defenses.

Unfortunately for Obama, he allowed his extraordinarily high opinion of himself, exacerbated by sycophantic handlers and a fawning press, to delude himself into believing he could unload his destructive socialist agenda on America at hyper-speed without losing the people's faith and trust — a major miscalculation.

Paradoxically, then, we are unintended beneficiaries of this man's unparalleled arrogance, without which he might have been shrewder about dismantling America's institutions brick by brick.

People have caught on to Obama now. They're informed and engaged. They see the abject absurdity of his claiming on "Face the Nation" that the federal budget can't sustain our

inflationary health care costs at the same time he is deliberately expanding our federal deficits and national debt into the multitrillion-dollar stratosphere. They see through his indignant denials to ABC's George Stephanopoulos, who deserves kudos, that his proposed penalty on those refusing to buy health insurance is a tax.

They see his narcissism in rejecting any political dissent from his ambitious agenda as unreasonable, rude, uncivil and bickering while dubbing himself the exemplar of civility and calling the rest of us liars. They see his hypocrisy and megalomania in threatening to "call out" anyone who misrepresents his plan, which means anyone who has the temerity to challenge him on his myriad deceptions. Niccolo Machiavelli would be proud.

But it's not just the force of his charisma that Obama miscalculated. He also misunderstood just how out of phase he is with the majority of Americans on his negative assessment of this glorious nation. The more his dangerous agenda unfolds, from Mirandizing battlefield jihadists to scrapping our missile defense systems to unilaterally disarming our nukes when rogue nations are nuking up to emasculating the CIA to taxing the fire out of middle- and upper-income earners, the more Americans will oppose his blueprint.

But Obama has been groomed for and anticipated this moment for decades and will not abandon his ambitions — no matter how much resistance he encounters from the American people — because in the end, he believes, like all radicals, that he knows better than the people what is in their best interests.

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When life hands us lemons

Folks who have experienced both eras feel that while "Depression" and "recession" rhyme with each other and share many of the same letters, the former lays justifiable claim to describing a tougher time for the masses. And only one is capitalized.

For the better part of two decades, tens of millions of Americans scrounged, stretched, saved and shared, calling on resourcefulness and prayer to make it to the next day.

Indeed, life handed lemons to the masses. The nation was awash in lemonade, often served at room temperature, and with but a touch of sugar. "Stir what you've got." That's what many children heard when they sought more sugar.

The well-worn slogan of "more and more on less and less" fit much of life back then. Folks joked that the Depression ended the day a rabbit hopped down the trail with no one chasing it. Others say it ended when Vacation Bible School leaders started reading directions on the Kool-Aid packages—the part about "one package makes a quart." During the Depression, one package also made a gallon.

Today, there are numerous parallels in the economic world, including ordinary families as well as the giant corporations of our land.

There are recessionary "nips here" and "tucks there" in virtually all manufacturing and service industries.

We are an accepting lot, pretty much adapting to whatever

changes come next. In air travel, perhaps we do what we are told. We understand the need for reduced meal service, disappearance of pillows and other amenities. We've tightened our belts, going along with fewer flights, crowded planes and ever-changing rules.

Then, one day, our "ox gets gored," and we pound our chests until we wheeze.

For some of us, albeit few, sparkle is added to the day by a cup of piping-hot tea — with lemon!

Now, in the spirit of economizing, Southwest Airlines has announced the elimination of lemons on all flights. Those who are ambivalent about lemons may applaud politely at the news that this decision will save SWA \$100,000 per year.

What we are not being told is how much it may additionally save the airlines whose flight attendants have experienced some nasty nicks as they cut the lemon slices ever smaller.

Do the math, Americans! The company has 544 planes with 3,300 flights per day. If SWA will save \$100,000, and if the wholesale cost of one lemon is 15 cents, the airline has been buying about 700,000 lemons annually. This means that on average, the total fleet needs 2,000 per day, or about four lemons per plane. Since the average plane makes 6.2 flights daily, this calls for 2/3 of a lemon per flight. So, the new policy will reduce flight costs by a dime each.

Am I the only passenger asking for hot tea with lemon? And what if the pilot needs one for a sore throat? (As a small protest, I may carry on a 3.4 oz. container of lemon juice, offering it as a courtesy to the other two people who prefer lemon.)

Oh, I know, they'll offer lime.

And maybe I can get used to it, particularly if I start using them at home.

Next thing we know, though, they'll threaten to eliminate limes as well. Again, the media will trumpet the news, pointing out that the elimination of limes will save the airlines millions of dollars annually. (I know; I know. Limes have "horned in" to decorate the glasses of stouter drinks chosen by some passengers.)

Then, as advertising budgets shrink, creative PR personnel will figure out additional ways to keep SWA "in the news and off the front page."

Soon after the proposed elimination of limes is announced — before it is actually implemented — the SWA gurus will have a change of heart. They'll not mention the cacophony of complaints from lime-loving patrons. Instead, they'll brag about their on-going battle against scurvy. Mark my words. The whole scenario may already be calendared. Bags are on, lemons are off, limes are off, almost, and then back on.

"The music goes round and around, whoa-ho-ho-ho-ho-ho, and it comes out here." (Ah, the song brings back memories of Tommy Dorsey, Louie Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and the "Tin Pan Alley" of the 1930s. The lyrics are credited to a world-renowned musician who played with London's finest orchestras. This Englishman, Basil Tschaikoff, made musical headlines for more than 60 years. He loved hot tea — with lemon.)

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► Church News

First United Methodist

All aboard for the Ragtime Theatre at Post Saturday. The church van leaves at 12:30 p.m. from church parking lot. The group will see "The Baptist" and will enjoy the music of a southern gospel concert prior to the performance.

Sunday, our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Weise, will deliver the second part of a two-part series "God Spells Relationships With a C." Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

It's time to get serious about the Living Christmas Tree. Rehearsals will begin soon and now is the time to sign up to be a part of the "tree choir." If you like to sing and if you love Christmas music, this is your chance. It's a wonderful opportunity for good Christian fellowship that brings a wonderful and lasting gift to our community. If you'd like to sign up or just have some questions call Eddie at 264-5145 or call the church office. Singers from schools, other churches and the community are welcomed with open arms.

Sunday, Oct. 4 we begin our Family Fun Nights. There will be a snack supper and activities for different ages. For those adults interested in a study, Pastor Weise will offer "The DNA of Lasting Relationships." This book series is designed to make marriages better, improve parenting skills, and apply biblical principles to all relationships. It all begins at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall.

A new mid-week study is scheduled to begin Wednesday evening, Oct. 7. Our pastor will be teaching from the book "One Month to Live," four weeks to a no-regrets life. Contact the church office to register for this short-term course, which will end Nov. 4.

One of the most exciting activities on the calendar for the fall is "A Walk Thru the Bible" scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 25.

It will unlock 4,000 years of Godly wisdom in five memorable hours. Lunch and childcare will be provided. This is just one of the many ways First Methodist strives to bring the word of God into today's world. We invite you to any and all the activities here at Fourth and Scurry, in the heart of downtown Big Spring, where families grow in Christ.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6 p.m. The Session met Monday evening in the library. Presbyterian Women met Thursday at 2 p.m. in the church library, with Helen Glass leading the first lesson of the study of Joshua.

Presbyterian Women of Tres Rios Presbytery will have their Fall Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center, 802 Ford Street in San Angelo beginning with supper at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, and concluding with lunch Saturday, Nov. 7. Deadline for registration is Oct. 1. You may register using the bulletin insert from Sept. 13 or 20 or by contacting Monika Robinson, Crossroads Cluster coordinator.

Monika Robinson will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Mike Robinson is liturgist for the worship service.

The lectionary for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50. Dennis Haralson, Commissioned Lay Pastor from Seminole, is preacher for the day. The Noisy Offering, which goes to feed the hungry, will be collected. The choir will offer

First Presbyterian celebrates Mike Mitchell Day

If you look on the right calendar, you may find any day with a special designation. A new day has recently been added. First Presbyterian Church Big Spring named Sunday, Sept. 13 as Mike Mitchell Day in recognition of his 16-½ years as organist and choir director.

Bert Bronaugh, interim pastor, presented Mitchell with a plaque and proclamation during worship.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Mitchell's music service to the Big Spring church is that he is a full-time architect who lives in Lubbock. For all these years he has been driving to Big Spring Wednesday evenings for choir practice and back again for Sunday worship services. To count the miles he has driven through all kinds of weather staggers the imagination.

The Clovis, N.M., native started his education as a music major at Texas Tech University, then changed to a major in architecture with a minor in music.

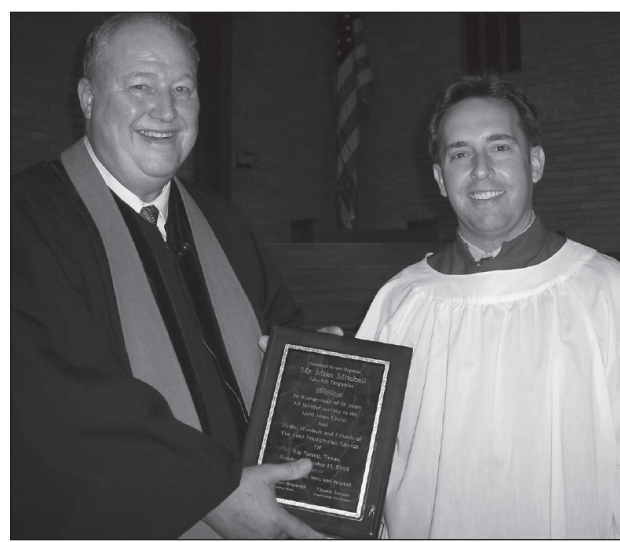
"High school and church music programs kept me involved with music and church when I was growing up," he remembers.

He played organ at several churches in Lubbock before taking a position as interim organist at First Presbyterian in Midland. There he met several

people from Big Spring's Presbyterian Church, as well as getting to work with church choirs.

The Big Spring church has a one-of-a-kind Petty-Madden organ, which presents an enticement for an organist, and also presented an opportunity for Mitchell to work with the choir. "I wanted to be both organist and choir director. My two absolutely favorite things to do are to work with choirs and lead the congregation in hymns and psalms," he said.

During his tenure, Mitchell has become a part of the community. He has played a number of organ concerts and has worked with the Symphony Guild in presenting a choir and organ finale to their annual Tour of Homes. His choir has collaborated with the choir from Lamesa First Presbyterian on several concerts. He arranged an entertainment evening with Fort Worth organist Robert McDonald playing accompaniment to a silent movie some years ago.



Courtesy photo
Interim Pastor Bert Bronaugh presents Mike Mitchell with a plaque and proclamation.

Working as an architect with H. Deane Pierce Associates for 27 years has given Mitchell the chance to travel, one of his other interests. When time permits, he enjoys riding his bike, eating at fine restaurants and cooking, and remodeling his house, where he has his own pipe organ.

The church expressed in its proclamation the hope that Mitchell will continue as the choir director and organist. Asked what he would do in the future, he replied, "Oh, I thought I might buy a new set of tires and keep coming down."

Submitted by Nancy Koger

"With Songs of Rejoicing" by Johann S. Bach, and the offertory anthem is Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

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

Baptist Temple

Sunday mornings in September, our theme will be "The Voice of Truth." We hear many different voices in our day-to-day life. The challenge is to discern which is from God and which is not. This Sunday we will look at 1 John 3:11-24 and discuss the question of "What does God say about others?" as opposed to what "they" or "the crowd" says about others.

Sunday evening, we will not have evening worship service. Instead, we will be asking several of our committees to have planning meetings that evening. This will start at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Our Financial Peace class meets from 7-9 p.m. Mondays. The course has already started but we

will be offering this course again in the spring for anyone interested.

Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interested in attending.

Also, our 12-Step Recovery program is meeting Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall. There is no cost to attend this either.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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

Birdwell Lane Baptist

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invites you to worship at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. for Sunday school, 10:55 a.m. for church and 5 p.m. for evening worship. There is children's church during the morning service for ages 4-12. There is a nursery for your little ones. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek

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The destroying force of pride

Faith, courage, and prayer birthed this great nation and have guided it through more than 200 years of wars, natural disasters, and national crises.

Prayer is a freedom guaranteed to us by our Constitution, and it is a God-given right to all humanity. The opportunity to pray is a privilege, an honor, and our sacred duty.

History has proven that forces will wage war against our freedom. Terrorism has shed blood on American soil. Violent crimes have invaded American homes, schools and businesses. Drugs and alcohol abuse rage against the innocence of our youth. Forces of darkness threaten our morality and faith, but prayer for our nation is our greatest defense.

Scandals seem to rock the church on a regular basis. Government institutions are exposed for fraudulent practices and unethical behavior. Gangs rule the inner cities with little or no regard for the sanctity of life. Our society has lost its sense of honor.

Deception runs rampant in our government today. Men and women of high positions and authority have forgotten how to live and conduct their lives honorably and in absolute truth. It often appears that speaking falsely is expected. It has become a common practice.

An humble and upright person may appear to be meek, but there is no mistake about it — he is no one's doormat, nor is he weak. He lives by biblical teachings and principles and conducts his life accordingly. My father was an honorable man. He spoke absolute truth and lived uprightly before his family. The person who chooses to live a moral life will be esteemed by God. Honor requires responsibility and faithfulness.

When I was 10 years old, a customer where dad worked made a cash payment to the owner of the company. The customer was not given a receipt and the payment was not entered into the ledger. It concerned my dad that when the customer paid

his last payment, the ledger would still show one payment due. The owner knew dad had witnessed the transaction and had seen him pocket the cash.

Some months later, the customer filed a lawsuit and dad was called as a witness. The day before the trial my mother asked dad how he would testify. Although she knew he would tell the truth, she also wondered how he would support his family with no income. Dad knew that if he testified against his boss, he would be fired from his job. My dad's exact words to my mother were, "I will tell the absolute truth and nothing else" and that is exactly what he did. Three days after the trial, the owner paid his fine and promptly let dad go. The following week, another company hired him at a salary almost twice the amount he was receiving at that time.

Sadly, truth is rare today. Oftentimes, even small children hesitate to tell the truth, unless, however, they have been taught and trained by their parents to always speak the truth. Good role models are rare anymore.

Today, bitter rumors and confusion are the hallmark of American politics. Pride, above all else, is the root sin. In fact, it is the original sin whose fruit leads to murder, hatred, greed, and poverty. Pride says, I can do things my way, even if it is not absolutely true, but it is a dead-end street.

It is sad to see our politicians disagree in such an unmannerly way. Why is it necessary for them to be so rude and unkind to their opponent and to

embellish upon even the smallest remarks made by one or the other? Both parties grab a bit of gossip and run like hungry animals to the media, where it is often embellished again. They are setting examples before our children that only do harm.

So what is happening to our country today? It is reaping time. God's timetable is right on course; He is never late. Pride has exalted itself to unreasonable heights. Proverbs 8:13 says, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate."

Moses boldly led the nation of Israel out of slavery to the border of the Promised Land. During those 40 years, he brought his people a code of law and conduct that still serves as a guide hundreds of years later. Moses, who had great courage and extraordinary wisdom, was said to be the most humble man on earth. An appropriate description of humility is great courage, strength, and ability under God's control.

At no time in this country has there been a greater need to rediscover absolute truth and honor.

Chronicles 7:14 promises that if we will pray, God will hear from heaven, and will forgive our sins and heal our land. Now is the time to unite as a nation and not succumb to the force of fear. We must stand strong in faith, courage, and prayers.

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Knowing when to take the leash

Everyone loves a good dog story. Even those of us who have chosen not to have one of man's best friends to keep us company and chew up our shoes can usually find a smile for a fluffy puppy. We laugh when our friends talk about how smart their dogs are and shake



BONNIE WHEAT

our heads when they relate something stupid their favorite pet has done. A dumb-dog story is usually just as entertaining as a doggy-hero story. It all depends on the story-telling ability of the pet owner. However, most of the time one dog story evokes another canine tale and keeps a conversation competitive for a while. Recently, I had the privilege of hearing about one puppy's first visit to the ocean. Although Biscuit, not the famous pooch on the cover of a popular children's book, but another dog named

Biscuit, was somewhat restrained by his leash and the tight grip of his master's hand, he ran eagerly along the beach greeting the people who stopped to pet him and sniffing the foam as the waves washed ashore. Biscuit was having a great time playing at the edge of the surf until he ventured a little too far out and was overtaken by an incoming wave. If being drenched with salt water and seaweed weren't enough trouble, he felt the sand beneath his feet start moving out from under him.

With the realization that his master had let him get wet and the ground had been sucked out from under his feet, Biscuit grabbed his own leash in his teeth and started running away from the water. The spectators on the crowded beach laughed as the frightened puppy shook the water from his coat and tried to drag his owner through the sand. While a dog trainer might not have been impressed with Biscuit's antics, the apostle James would have had a pat on the head for the little dog. He admonished

his readers to "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7 NASB). When we find ourselves losing our footing because of the pull of the world, we need to turn our backs on the outgoing tide of sin and cling to God as our stronghold. Perhaps Christian discernment is knowing when to take our own leash and run and when to recognize the safe grip of the Master's hand.

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service is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The youth are planning a lock-in Friday, Oct. 2 beginning at 5 p.m. and lasting until 8 a.m. Saturday. Stephanie Williams is in charge and invites you to come and join us for fun food, fellowship, a scavenger hunt, music and games. The senior saints fellowship and game night is next Tuesday evening from 6-9 p.m. Come bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship. For further information, call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives." We are located at 2805 Lynn Street in the Kentwood Subdivision. Our church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following around 10:15.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching this Sunday. Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Mateo Rodriguez. Our elders are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell. The liturgy will be read by Bobby Roever. The readings for this week, the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, are Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 104:27-35, James 5:(1-12) 13-20, and Mark 9:38-50.

Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke. This is a small service to God that is very important to our service.

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

A Bible study at church from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays has begun; if you are interested in this study: Receiving God's Goodness, contact Shirley Reid. The next meeting will be Sept. 29. Meetings in October will move to Tuesdays. There is still time to join. A light meal will be available. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible studies.

A Thursday evening Bible study, hosted by Karen Ivey at her home at 1005 15th St., is being held Thursday evenings at 7. The topic is "Unleashed Influence."

Mid Week School is being held Wednesday evenings with a light meal to be served at 5 p.m. Both Mid Week School classes, 6 p.m., and confirmation classes, 5:30 p.m., are held. Thank you Shirley Reid for preparing the meal on the 23rd. Next Wednesday's meal will be provided by Ouida Watznauer.

If interested in attending/teaching a Mid Week School class, contact the church or a member of the Board of Education. If you would like to help prepare a light meal Wednesday evenings, contact Cindy Carlisle or Jaunell Roever. A free-will offering helps offset the cost of the meal.

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

The Board of Evangelism is also beginning visitation calls. Names, addresses and phone numbers of those wanting a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke. If you would like to help, contact Richard.

If you are interested in helping at our AIC booth at the Howard County Fair Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, contact Kathy Laning or sign up on the poster board.

Mark your calendars for the next voters' meeting Nov. 22 at 1:30 p.m.

We will hold Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct. 31. Activities are planned Thanksgiving and Christmas as well.

Our Thrivent representatives are Shirley Reid, Audrey Abel and Dolline Budke.

The information class is still meeting Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Feel free to join.

The LWML will also meet Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at the church and will serve refreshments at the Big Spring VA Oct. 12.

The Board of Education will meet Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the church.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commis-

sioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

At the congregational meeting following worship Sept. 20, Marilyn Read and Helen Shive were elected to the Nominating Committee, to be chaired by Nolan Beall, to bring forward nominations for the session Class of 2012.

The next Frolic, an evening of homegrown talent and entertainment, will be Saturday, Oct. 10.

Presbyterian Women of Tres Rios Presbytery will have their Fall Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center, 802 Ford Street in San Angelo, beginning with supper at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 and concluding with lunch Saturday, Nov. 7. The registration deadline is Oct. 1. For registration forms or more information, contact Monika Robinson, Crossroads Cluster coordinator.

The lectionary for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

East Fourth Street Baptist

This Sunday is a doubleheader. Come dressed in old fashion clothes; bring a box lunch and we will fellowship together following the morning service. Then at 6 p.m. during the evening service, we will view the movie, "Amazing Grace."

Remember our church wide visitation Saturday. Call the church office as to the schedule: 267-2291.

We are looking for christmas trees, in good condition, from 3 feet. to 7 or 8 feet tall, pre-lit or not. If you have one and are wanting to donate it, or don't mind the church using it this year, contact Jerry Oliphant at the church office, 267-2291.

We welcome you to come visit and share a time of worship with us. Our Sunday school (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m.

Wednesday's services are at 7 p.m. and include Adult Bible study and prayer meeting, youth Bible study and music, children's Backdoor Bible Study and music. At 7 a.m. Saturdays there is a men's Bible study.

For more information, call the church office.

East Side Baptist

If you are looking for a church home or maybe just a place to worship, we invite you to come and visit with us. We will do all we can to make you feel welcome. We are a family oriented church. We offer some great opportunities to worship and serve the Lord.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and family worship is 10:45 each Sunday with junior church during the preaching time. We have an afternoon service each week at 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday evenings we have Kids Klub and Teen Club at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. we have our mid week service.

We provide a nursery for all our services.

Come join us for a very special event Oct. 1, 2 and 4, a Missions Revival Meeting. Bro. Larry Neff, founder of the Lighthouse Children's Homes in Mississippi, Costa Rica, India and Mexico will be our evangelist. Bro Neff is a great gospel preacher and gospel magician. He and Mrs. Neff will use illusion to illustrate the good news of Jesus for you.

Also, we will be joined by two missionary families presenting the works God has called them to.

Then, Sunday, Oct. 4, along with Bro. Neff's great preaching, we will have Mrs. Rosie O'Tool singing in concert at 9:45 a.m. and singing in the morning service at 10:45. Mrs. Rosie is a little lady with a big voice she uses for the glory of the Lord. Come join us for as much of this Missions Revival Meeting as you can. We want to share the blessings.

We have several other events this year including Jesus' Birthday Party Dec. 12 and for southern gospel music fans, The Toney Brothers in concert Dec. 3.

Come visit us at East Side Baptist, 1108 E. Sixth. Call is at 267-1915.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Beauty. Society really focuses on what is considered beautiful. But what may appear as beautiful may not really be. Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, tackles this subject in his sermon Sunday. He continues his sermon series "Out of the Toy Box into the Pulpit ... Beauty is Only Skin Deep" (Barbies), based on 1 Samuel 15:1-17.

Spring Creek Fellowship's worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. and is a wonderful time of praising God in music, prayer and in the proclaiming of God's Word. Sunday School Connection begins at 9:30 a.m. with groups for every member of your family. Our Connection groups are great places to connect with people who love the Lord and are connected through their ages and what is going on in

their lives. There are folks who will welcome you with open arms. Come join us!

Wednesday nights are a great time to connect over a free potluck meal, Bible study for adults, AWANA's for children and a time of worship and Bible study for teens. If you like to sing in a choir, we have a great one. Our choir is directed by our worship pastor, Stan Hanes. Choir practice begins at 7 p.m. Come praise the Lord with us.

Spring Creek Fellowship is located in the College Park Shopping Center on the corner of Fourth and Birdwell. Check us out on the internet at springcreekfellowship.org. Come discover why we say that Spring Creek Fellowship is where you can make connections for life.

Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist Church welcomes the gospel group, Blackwood Legacy, Tuesday at 7 p.m. for an evening of praise and worship music. All are invited to attend.

Join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service at 11, and evening service at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

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

Chapel of Faith

The cooler temperatures this week made us realize that fall is here with its busy schedule of events in all areas of our lives. Just remember to always put God first in your plans. The congregation at Chapel of Faith invite you to Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. each week. You will get a blessing and a boost to your spirit to carry you through the week ahead. Chapel of Faith is located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad. Services are informal and all are welcome.

This Sunday, Pastor Scott Willis will base his sermon, "When Nothing Goes Our Way," on scripture taken from James 5:13-20. Also, this Sunday, our usher will be Jake Williams. There will also be a reading from the Old Testament by a member of the congregation. As the attendance in church is growing, so will the programs offered be growing. Watch for new and exciting developments in the worship of our Lord.

Please attend church this Sunday. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit with Chapel of Faith. You will be welcomed by loving, caring people who want to share their love of God with all.

E-mail your Church News to newsdesk@bigspringherald.com by noon Wednesdays

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Tannehill honored by award

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

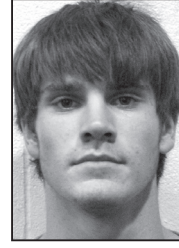
The eyes of Texas are starting to focus more and more on the Big Spring Steers football team.

Steers senior quarterback Tyler Tannehill was named the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week in the 4A classification Wednesday.

"It is a great honor," said Tannehill. "It feels good to be noticed for my play. I'm just glad I get to play and do what I can do for the team."

Coaches from around the state are able to nominate a player they feel are deserving of the weekly award.

However, Tannehill's nomination came in another roundabout way.



Tannehill

"I have tried to nominate players on their Web site all season long, but have had trouble getting the nomination to go through," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey, who

said he had previously thrown both Tannehill's and running back Monte Anderson's name into the hat for this award. "A representative for the award actually contacted me through an e-mail early Tuesday morning, telling me they were considering Tyler this week and asking me to call them. I placed the call and gave them his information. Turns out, he won. This is just a great honor for him."

The award goes beyond recognizing just athletic accomplishments.

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Lady Steers head into district play

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

The second season begins for the Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team Saturday.

At 1 p.m., the Lady Steers begin District 4-4A play, taking on three-time defending league champion Frenship in Wolfforth.

The Lady Steers enter the district season with an 8-17 record, winning four of their last seven matches.

Head Coach Lynn Osborne feels the team has turned a corner and is headed in the right direction with direct evidence coming from their recent record over the past month.

"I feel we're starting to peak at the right time of the season. Our play has gotten better and better with each week," said Osborne. "I've pretty much settled on the rotation I'm going to use. Some of the girls won't have as much playing time as they did earlier in the season, but I think they understand. I also believe those same girls will be ready to step in if they're needed."

"We've really started developing our chemistry recently," she continued. "I think I've got a good feel for which girls work best together."

The Lady Steers enter the district season close to 100 percent health. The only player that will not be on the court for Big Spring Saturday is sophomore Bridgette Tuitt, who is nursing a knee injury.

"We're hoping to have Bridgette back by Tuesday, but we'll have to see," said Osborne. "Everyone else is healthy. We've had to battle some sickness over the past couple weeks, but we're going to be good by Saturday."

Against Frenship, the Lady Steers will be facing a squad that hasn't dropped a district game in more than two seasons. However, the Lady Tigers no longer have two-time 4-4A Most Valuable Player Bailey Jones and haven't gotten off to a strong start, posting a 12-12 record as they head into league play.

"I think we're capable of playing



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Big Spring's Halee Thomas (16) and teammate Callie Shafer (8) both stretch out to block a spike by a Denver City player during a non-district volleyball match Tuesday at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers begin District 4-4A play at 1 p.m. Saturday in Wolfforth against Frenship.

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Steer

spotlight

Senior DT Kyler McGee

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Coming into the 2009 football season, the Big Spring Steers were expecting to have a dynamic offense. That projection has been true with the squad posting 686 total yards of offense just last week.

However, it was the defense, particularly on the line and in the secondary, where the Steers had some voids to fill.

Personnel moves were made to plug some of the gaps left on the defensive line. One of the changes moved all-district offensive lineman

Kyler McGee to defensive tackle. It's a conversion Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey believes has paid dividends.

"Kyler is one of the strongest guys on this team, but is also agile for his size," noted Ritchey. "He's taken well to the position. I believe he's become the anchor of our defensive line."

McGee embraced the move, hoping the change of positions gives him a better opportunity to play at the next level.

"I think a lot of colleges see me as a defensive tackle," he explained. "If I'm going to play college ball, then I think I'll be playing defense."

McGee, a senior, made the position change after getting very few reps on the defensive side of the ball during his sophomore or junior seasons.

"I like it better," he said. "On offense, I have to constantly play with technique. There's less of that on defense. If I'm just going all out on a play, then I'm just going to make a big hit."

McGee is one of five senior captains — along with Matt Ritchey, Tyler Tannehill, Pavel Plakhotny and Monte Anderson — chosen by the team. To be a Steers captain, players must be a member of the 100 Percent Club, which is an elite group of athletes who collected enough points for various activities related to the team's offseason workout program.

It's an honor McGee is proud to hold.

"It means a lot to me to be a captain my senior year. Just being voted into the position by my teammates is a big deal to me," said McGee. "It means they see me as a leader on this team. My senior year has been great so far. We've really got a great team. We actually play as a team, too. Anything good or bad happening is taken on by the entire team."

At 7:30 p.m. tonight at Memorial Stadium, McGee will be geared to anchor the defensive line against the rival Sweetwater Mustangs.

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No Jessica, No T.O., but still INTs for Romo

IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo had the perfect opportunity to show everyone how much he's changed, how he's calmer and more disciplined without Jessica Simpson and Terrell Owens in his life.

Instead, in front of an NFL-record crowd of 105,121 and the league's largest prime-time television audience in 12 years, Romo gave a convincing performance that he still throws too many passes to guys who don't play for the Dallas Cowboys.

In the debut of the \$1.15 billion Cowboys Stadium, Romo threw three passes that were caught by members of the New York Giants. The first was returned for a touchdown, and the Giants also scored TDs off the other two.

Those were New York's only touchdowns in a 33-31 victory that ruined a big night for team owner Jerry Jones, wasted Dallas' best rushing total since Emmitt Smith's heyday and dealt the Cowboys an early setback in what's likely to be a tough NFC East race.

Romo blamed himself right after the game and vowed to get better. How? That's hard to say because he deferred his usual Wednesday

chat with local media until Thursday, then on Thursday walked through the locker room, saw reporters waiting for him and headed to the training room for the rest of the interview period.

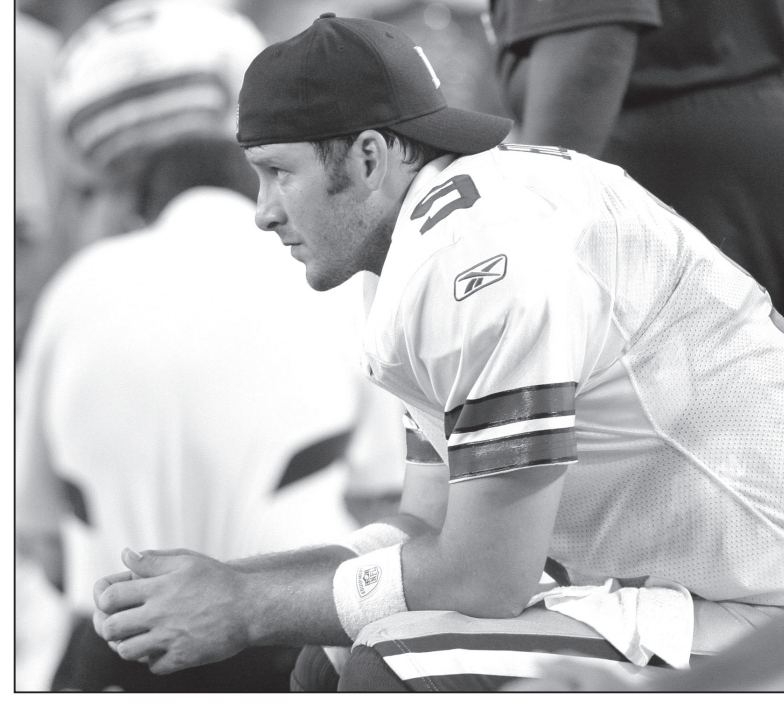
On a conference call Thursday with media covering the Carolina Panthers, Romo said every quarterback has to learn how to bounce back and that the Cowboys are committed to playing better.

"If you play the game long enough, you realize you're lying to yourself if you think you can play 16 weeks of great football," Romo said. "That is unrealistic. I don't care who you are. I'm still waiting to see one guy do it for a full year."

"When you do play poorly, you have to recommit to what you are doing, prepare diligently and then go execute like no one's business."

Teammates have come to Romo's defense all week, insisting they remain confident and pointing to the previous game, when he

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AP photo
Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is shown during the Cowboys' recent game against the New York Giants in Arlington.

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GARAGE SALE: 2408 Robb Drive (Kentwood area), Saturday 8-2. Cleaning out storage building. Too much to list. Good items. Come See.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The one you love needs no changing or improving. And even if he or she did, you wouldn't be the one to do it. Knowing that you're only responsible for yourself makes you feel happy and free.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want to be nurtured and cared for, but you don't want to be mothered. Sweetly draw the boundaries or enforce the ones you have already. It may feel uncomfortable to speak up, but it's better that you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll return to friends, and you'll be warmly received — it will feel like coming home. It's nice to belong

somewhere in this big crazy world, and you're so loved that you belong in many places.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People have always described you as a social butterfly, but now you are a social falcon! Your wit and observations are especially keen, and a key event presents you with the perfect opportunity to show your stuff.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be careful what you wish for today. What appears on the outside to be a dream life may indeed be very difficult to live for reasons you cannot know until you're on the inside. Stay grounded in your values.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A loved one's health will change for the better. Good news is easy to share, and this is one time when you enjoy being the messenger. Take advantage of the opportunity to reach out to those you haven't talked to in a while.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're financially responsible and stable on your own. And yet, you could benefit greatly from partnering up with someone on equally solid ground. Keep your eyes peeled — a potential investor is in your midst.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Turn that cell phone off, and don't be too quick to return your calls. It's also not necessary to explain where you've

been and what you were doing. A little mystery around you keeps things interesting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You long to be listened to. It's been a while since a selfless person gave you undivided attention because he or she was genuinely interested in what you had to say. A new friend will fulfill this role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Hopefully you are in a competitive mood, because there are a lot of people around you who want the same thing you do. By the end of the day, the prize will go to the one who doesn't settle for less.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Something that happens at a social gathering could produce a small rift between you and your partner. It's easily remedied. You weren't at fault, but that doesn't matter. A small gesture will go a long way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You appreciate honesty in others. You react to whatever they deal you in a straightforward, non-emotional way. People want to be around you because you make them feel that they can be how they really are.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 25). You are through worrying about how to please everyone. This year is about you.

You initiate a new friendship in October — a wild ride ensues. December brings an unusual and most fortuitous financial decision. Travel and a personal breakthrough come in November. In January, new habits have health benefits. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 5, 40, 20 and 9.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You are so attractive because you have a balanced life and do not depend on others to give your life purpose. **TAURUS:** Make it a point to love the package you come in, even if there are things about it that you want to change. **GEMINI:** Remember that you do not need to measure up to anyone else's standards, only your own. **CANCER:** Realize when a competitive tone is appropriate and when a more loving, sharing tone is what's needed. **LEO:** You love the one with whom you feel most relaxed and comfortable. **VIRGO:** When you focus your need to improve things on yourself, other people magically get better, too. **LIBRA:** You find something nice to say, even when it's challenging to think of it — that's class. **SCORPIO:** You know when to be silent, and this brings you terrific opportunities. **SAGITTARIUS:** You recognize that your

partner's style is not the same as yours, and you respect the difference. **CAPRICORN:** You will be high on the invite lists. **AQUARIUS:** Singles: The one you make eye contact with is a real contender. Couples shamelessly flirt with one another. **PISCES:** You listen to the person who is, for some reason, being ignored. This brings you good fortune.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Virgo and Libra are featured players in this week's sky-drama and make quite the dynamic duo. Virgo makes plans, and Libra puts those plans through a system of checks and balances to make sure they'll work. Both signs value honesty and believe that "true" love is "truthful" love. Virgo does well to borrow from Libra's gentle diplomacy, and Libra learns from Virgo's steadfast adherence to the rules.

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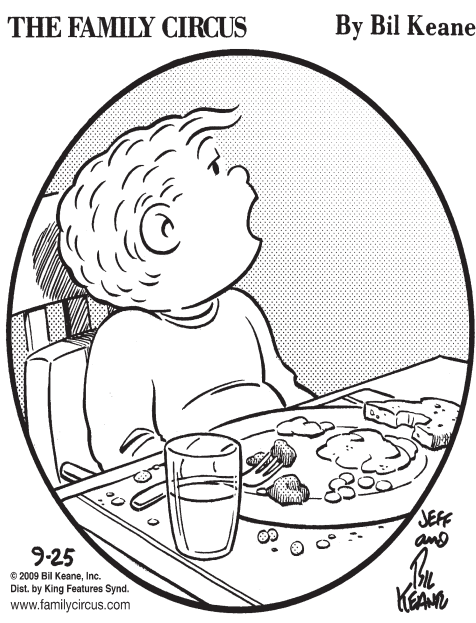
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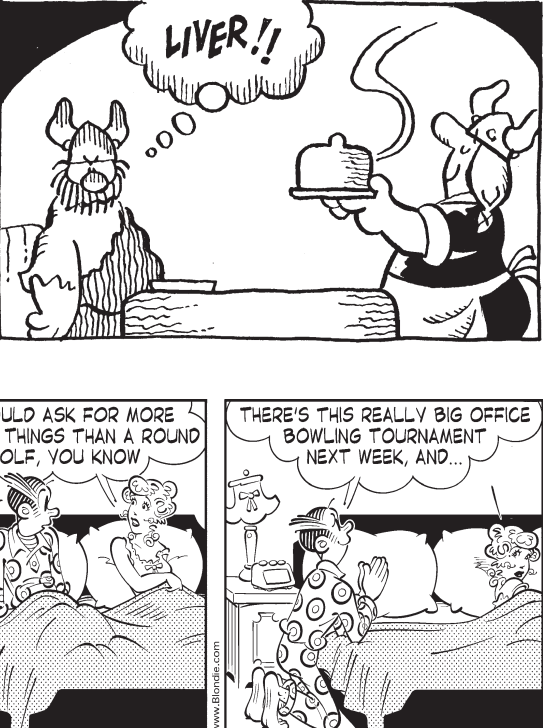
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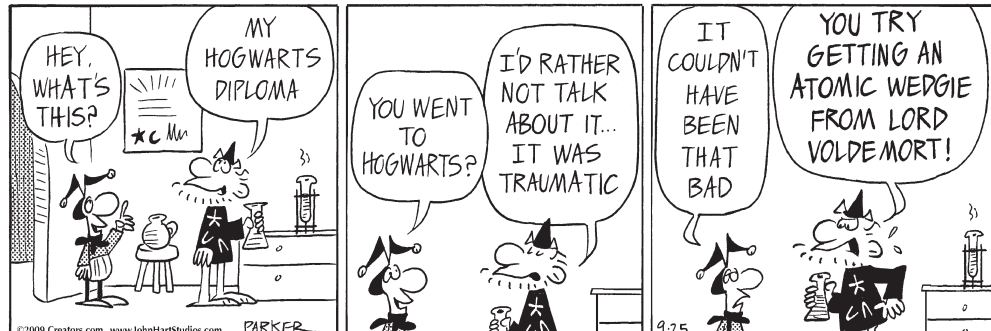


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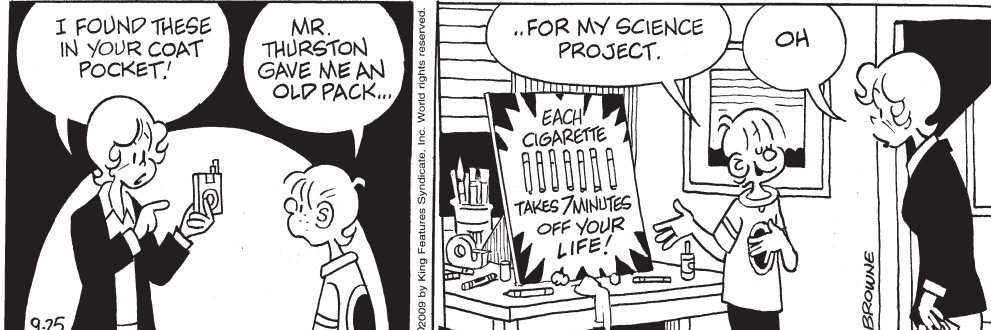
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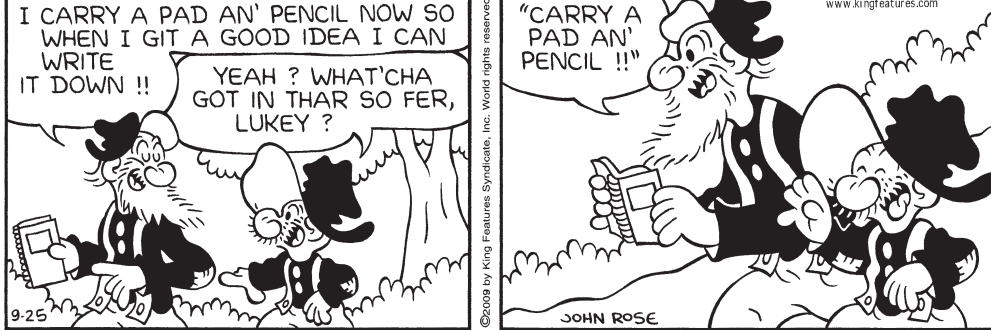
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2009. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 25, 1789, the first U.S. Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean.

In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, Public Occurrences, published its first — and last — edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal. (Allen was released by the British in 1778.)

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech

in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable went into service.

In 1957, nine black students who'd been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, nearing the end of his U.S. visit, began three days of talks with President Dwight D. Eisenhower at Camp David. The prime minister of Ceylon, S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike, was shot and mortally wounded by a Buddhist monk. (The premier died the following day.)

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

Today's Birthdays: TV journalist Barbara Walters is 80. Folk singer Ian Tyson is 76. R&B singer Joe Russell is 70.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates is 66. Actor Robert Walden is 66. Actor-producer Michael Douglas is 65. Model Cheryl Tiegs is 62. Actress Mimi Kennedy is 60. Actor-director Anson Williams is 60. Actor Mark Hamill is 58. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob McAdoo is 58. Polka bandleader Jimmy Sturr is 58. Actor Colin Fries is 57. Actor Michael Madsen is 51. Actress Heather Locklear is 48. Actress Aida Turturro is 47. Actor Tate Donovan is 46. TV personality Keely Shaye Smith is 46. Retired NBA All-Star Scottie Pippen is 44. Actor Jason Flemyng is 43. Actor Will Smith is 41. Actor Hal Sparks is 40. Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is 40.

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- "Gesundheit!" elicitor
- John/Rice musical
- Roof sight
- Musical flash-in-the-pan
- Volcano near Messina
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- Toto's home
- Zippo
- "OK, why not"
- Business-sign abbr.
- Ritzy place to stay
- Innocent victim
- Cheat, slangily
- Grounded bird
- Annual visitor
- USO-show audience
- Rock bottom
- Soufflé ingredient
- Urban problem
- Cowboy gear
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- Colorants
- Man Friday
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- Quick-thinking
- Less than optimal
- Grandstand sound
- It once featured Franklin
- Castaway's home

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- Alonzo
- Kingdom near Fiji
- Half an umlaut
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- Big name in bear markets
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- Fisherman's supply
- Illuminated, long ago
- Outta here
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Houston program claws back after stunning fall

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Cougars strutted into the Orange Bowl on Sept. 12, 1991, looking to top-ple No. 2 Miami.

The 10th-ranked Cougars were coming off a 10-1 season followed by months of media saturation featuring outspoken coach John Jenkins and the revolutionary run-and-shoot offense. Expectations only grew after its 73-3 season-opening win over Louisiana Tech in which David Klingler threw for six touchdowns — in the second quarter alone — and finished the game with nine.

By the end of that sticky Thursday night in south Florida, the Hurricanes had a 40-10 victory and would later with the national championship. For the Cougars, it was the beginning of a free fall from which it took 18 years to recover.

On Saturday, No. 17 Houston will host Texas Tech and put its first ranking since that awful night on the line in front of a sold-out crowd and a national television audience. The Cougars busted into the AP poll by knocking off then-No. 5 Oklahoma State 45-35 almost two weeks ago.

The Cougars finished that 1991 season 4-7 and had just two winning seasons over the next 10 years, including a woeful 0-11 in 2001.

"I think when you look at it, football

goes in cycles and there's always upticks and there's downticks and that's just how it goes," Jenkins told The Associated Press this week.

Jenkins was hired as offensive coordinator under coach Jack Pardee after the 1986 season in which Houston finished 1-10. The run-and-shoot took a while to catch on and Houston went 4-6-1 in 1987. They had figured it out by 1988 and finished 9-3 and ranked 18th. Houston followed up with another nine-win season and was No. 14.

Andre Ware threw for 4,699 yards and 46 touchdowns to win the Heisman Trophy that year despite the Cougars being banned from appearing on television because of NCAA violations from the previous regime.

Ware liked the challenge of helping to rebuild a team.

"It was more attractive at that point because you want to be a part of something when it turns around," he said. "And knowing the history of the school and that they'd been winners before, you wanted to be a part of it."

Jenkins believes his then-unconventional offense was key in bringing national attention to the school.

"Back in the late '80s, it was a very run-oriented dominance particularly in the Southwest," Jenkins said. "I believed just the opposite and cer-

tainly we proved to everybody that you could win and win very big and win on a national level throwing the football. The players believed in what I believed in and that's what made it work."

It worked so well that some grumbled Jenkins and his Cougars would unnecessarily run up the score against weaker opponents. In 1989, Houston beat a just-back-from-the-NCAA-death-penalty SMU team 95-21.

Twenty years later, Jenkins insists he wouldn't change a thing.

"I never had one coach approach me face to face and tell me after a game, 'Hey man, I wished you would have pulled off or you ran up the score on me,'" he said. "Yet I would hear this from media members. I guess if a coach had ever told me that face to face I would have said, 'Hey, bring a better team next time.' It's as simple as that."

So it was with particular delight to many when Miami handily defeated the Cougars in 1991. Jenkins, who took over for Pardee when he left to coach the Houston Oilers in 1990, said there's no secret to what happened that night. Houston simply lost to a great team.

"I find it very amusing over the years that when a team gets beat,

quite often the coach afterward will go on record as saying, 'Hey, we didn't make plays. We didn't play well. We didn't do this. We didn't do that,'" he said. "You know what? The other side has a lot to do with that in each game. Miami won the national championship that year. They certainly had a lot to do with it that night."

Injuries began piling up for the Cougars in the weeks to follow including various ailments to Klingler. The Cougars had another 4-7 season in 1992 and Jenkins was soon forced to resign after allegations of NCAA violations surfaced.

Houston was eventually put on probation for the infractions.

The Cougars took another hit when the Southwest Conference disbanded in 1995 and they weren't asked to join either the Big 12 or the Southeastern Conference. Houston won the Conference USA title in 1996 and in 2006 but those seasons lacked a signature win.

Ware, who remains in Houston and works as a radio and television analyst, said it was difficult to watch the program crumble. He said he thinks the team missed Pardee's discipline.

"It's been one of those things where you watch it grow to that level on

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TANNEHILL

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All players honored are also considered based on their academic achievements as well as other extra-curricular activities. Tannehill is involved with student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has varsity letters in basketball and baseball along with football.

Of course, the fact Tannehill has thrown for more than 700 yards and 11 touchdowns in the past two games is what garnered him the attention of the award's board in the first place.

"Tyler gives us a two-headed monster on offense. We've been a good running team with Monte, but Tyler developing into the player he has over the past two games makes us even more dangerous," said Ritchey. "We can run and pass the ball extremely well. He's complimented

well by our offensive line and receivers. He's developed the confidence to throw any route we ask of him. He's just the complete package."

Tannehill threw for 395 yards and six touchdowns Sept. 11 against Pampa.

Last week, in a 49-7 win over Andrews, Tannehill passed for 346 yards and four touchdowns. It was his numbers against Andrews that garnered the Built Ford Tough Award.

This after Tannehill sat out most of his junior season with a knee injury.

"Last year was kinda boring. I didn't like being on the sideline so much," said Tannehill. "It wasn't much fun watching my teammates play and not getting to be out there."

Ritchey believes Tannehill is only going to get better as the season wears on.

"Tyler's potential is limitless. There's no telling how far his abilities could take him," said Ritchey.

"He's got a quick release and good vision. He's definitely got the arm strength to make any throw."

Tannehill was already getting interest from several colleges, but most scouts were simply keeping an eye on him as he proved his durability. Within the past two weeks, Ritchey says interest is starting to pick up and this award should only bring more schools out into the open.

"I think there were a lot of smaller schools hoping Tyler would continue to fly under the radar," said Ritchey. "There were several schools watching him with interest, but wanting him to complete a full season without injury. Texas State had called with a desire to get some video of him. Earlier this week, though, (University

of) Wisconsin sent out a notice asking for film of him and a couple other players. That's a big program playing in the Big Ten.

"This award is just going to get him some more interest," he added. "This is a great thing for him. Getting a player's name out there is everything in recruiting. I really think the offers to Tyler are going to start coming, especially if he finishes the season without any injuries. All those small schools hoping he'd fly under the radar are going to be out of luck. He's going to see some good offers come his way."

Ford is sending two trophies to commemorate Tannehill's selection, however, it was unclear as to the date of their arrival.

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we're on the national stage and to go the direction it went, yeah, I get a little upset about it," he said. "But what's happening now is nice to see and it puts a good taste in your mouth to see the job (Houston coach) Kevin Sumlin's done."

who led Houston to three winning seasons in five years before leaving for Baylor after the 2007 season.

The Cougars are likely in for Saturday night shootout when they host the Red Raiders.

Tech quarterback Taylor Potts ranks first in NCAA with more than 430 yards passing a game and Houston's Case Keenum is fifth with just more than 362 yards.

Sumlin doesn't mind all the recent attention, but won't admit that this game is any more important.

"We have a bunch of goals we haven't gotten to," said Sumlin, who went 7-5 in his first year with the Cougars. "For our fans, for our city and for our alumni, this is huge deal. We couldn't be more excited about the sellout, the national recognition and everything else that makes us proud."

"For us, we can't be jumping up and down and going nuts and then when something bad happens, we can't cry," he said. "We have a long season to go."

As for Jenkins, he won't be able to watch this one, though he attended the Oklahoma State game. He will be more than 200 miles away in Marshall, Texas, to see his son Raefe and Division III East Texas Baptist University take on Texas Lutheran.

But the old coach's mind will be on the Cougars and his influence will certainly be noted as these two former Southwest Conference foes "throw it all over the lot," the way Houston did so well almost two decades ago.

ROMO

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opened the post-T.O. era by throwing touchdowns of more than 40 yards to three different receivers and piling up a career-best 353 yards with no turnovers in a victory at Tampa Bay.

But that's the thing about Romo — he can be the reason the Cowboys win one week and the reason they lose the next, an inconsistency that was supposed to be settled by the emphasis on avoiding turnovers. Last year, he had 21 in 13 games, with only a single turnover-free game.

That's why Romo's performance against the Giants revived the bigger question of whether he can turn Dallas into a championship team.

He is 0-2 in the playoffs and has failed to come through in other big games, especially last December when the Cowboys were trying to make the playoffs and didn't. While this game was only Week 2, it carried more weight than usual and came with the backdrops of Romo supposedly having spent the offseason training himself to avoid messes like this and Jones having spent the offseason making the team more "Romo-friendly."

Hall of Fame running back Tony Dorsett is among the Cowboys fans who came away from the Giants game wondering if Romo can be trusted.

"I don't know why on God's earth Tony Romo has been anointed a superstar in the National Football League," Dorsett told Fox Sports Radio this week. "Quarterbacks in the National Football League, most of them, go through this growing curve. He hasn't gone through that growing curve, but he was anointed this great player all of a sudden."

"Now he's having to live up to that. And obviously Tony has some deficiencies. ... I think the media has given him too much credit for doing nothing."

Former Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman keeps a close eye on Romo as an analyst for Fox and as someone with close ties to the organization, including a strong relationship with Romo's boss, offensive coordinator Jason Garrett. He also understands better than anyone the challenges that come with this job, perhaps the most-scrutinized in pro sports.

"Everyone overreacts to everything," Aikman said. "I know Tony understands that. So I don't question that he'll bounce back and he'll play well and he'll have a great year like we've seen from him so many other times. ..."

"I always make the point that there's high expectations for this franchise, but this franchise wouldn't have those expectations if Tony Romo wasn't the quarterback. Prior to him taking over as quarterback, I don't know that the expectations were very high. I'm not saying that he or anyone else shouldn't be held accountable, but I think it speaks to what he's meant to this team."

As Romo's good friend, tight end Jason Witten knows how hard the quarterback has worked to improve. Everyone on the club has seen it, which is why Witten believes this locker room — this T.O.-free locker room — will give Romo the benefit of the doubt.

"To the guys in the room, it's not just talk," Witten said. "They really, really know it was just one game. You can tell the emphasis he's made and you know the abilities he has. ... I do believe everybody is behind him. Absolutely."

Of course, it comes down to more than beliefs. It's about performance, starting with another prime-time TV game at Cowboys Stadium, this time against Carolina on Monday night.

"Actions are going to speak louder than words," Witten said. "Hold that judgment and see where he's at four, five weeks from now."

LADY STEERS

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with Frenship. I've seen them this year and they're good, but they're nothing exceptional," said Osborne. "I think we're capable of upsetting them."

That's a feeling Osborne has about the Lady Steers' chances against every team in 4-4A.

"I think Abilene Cooper is the class of this district, but they've been inconsistent at times," she said. "When I look at this district, I really think we've got a chance to knock off several of the teams. We've got an advantage. A lot of these teams aren't expecting anything out of us. They aren't expecting us to be as good as I know we are. We're going to pull off some upsets. I really believe that."

MCGEE

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Sweetwater has physi-

cally punished the Steers the past two seasons, including a 28-7 win in 2008.

Last year's game with the Mustangs was highlighted with what many fans and players deem as dirty play from Sweetwater. By the end of the night, five Steers had to be taken out of the game due to injury, including all-state line-backer Cade Hollandsworth with a sprained knee.

McGee says Hollandsworth's injury last season has been a rallying cry for the team in practices leading up to tonight.

"We've been breaking it out to R.I.P. Big Fus all week," said McGee, recalling the nickname used for Hollandsworth. "When he went down last year, it was a big blow to all of us. Cade was a leader on this team. He's a great player and they went right after him with a cheap shot. We owe Sweetwater a lot for the way they played last year. We're all looking forward to this game. We even had some coaches telling us they wish they could suit up for this one. It's a pretty big deal for us."

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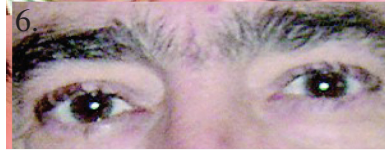
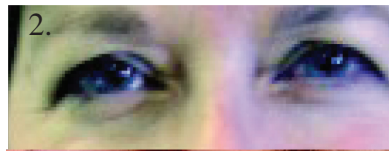
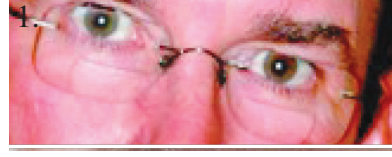
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