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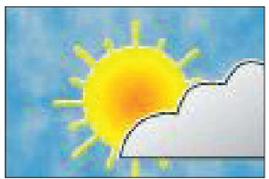


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Ag Appreciation Day tickets now on sale

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will offer area producers and ranchers a hearty "thank you" Thursday, Oct. 8, part of the local organization's 18th annual Ag Appreciation Day.

Nancy Newell, spokeswoman for the local Chamber of Commerce, said the luncheon will get under way long

before a traditional lunch reaches the table.

"We'll start at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 7:30 a.m.," said Newell. "Participating producers and ranchers will take a crop tour, with the first stop at the local USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) office for a presentation on Harvest Aid. After that, we'll move on to Marion Newton's farm, where tour-goers will get to see a round-up ready variety test

plot. "After visiting the Newton farm, we'll move on to the Marty Brooks farm, where we'll get the chance to check out a stack variety irrigation test plot. Once we're done with that, we'll head back to DRCC for the luncheon."

Newton said the luncheon is expected to begin at 11:30 a.m. and will feature keynote speaker Tom Sell, a lobbyist from Washington, D.C.

"We're really looking forward to hearing what Mr. Sell has to say," said Newell. "After his presentation, we'll move on to announcing the Ag Producer and Ag Business of the Year."

Last year's Ag Producer of the Year was Gregg Newton, a fourth generation Howard County farmer and son of longtime local producer Marion

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Forsan voters say they trust school board

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Given two options as to how to give away \$1 million, Forsan Independent School District voters said yes to both.

FISD voters overwhelmingly decided to let Forsan ISD trustees decide the best way to disburse the district's excess wealth in a special election Tuesday night.

Because of a significant increase in property valuations the past few years, FISD has become a "property rich" district and is required to disburse a portion of its wealth under state education funding guidelines. That brought about Tuesday's election, in which voters had to decide during a one-time election how best to distribute that money.

There were two propositions on Tuesday's ballot — payment to the state for later disbursement to other districts; or direct payment to local districts. In addition,

voters were given the option of voting for both propositions, leaving the disbursement decision in the hands of the FISD school board.

Given those choices, voters overwhelmingly decided to leave the decision in the hands of trustees. Proposition 1, calling for sending payments to the state, passed by a margin of 207-1, while Proposition 2 (sending money directly to other school districts) was approved by a 204-3 margin.

"First of all, this is great news," FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said. "One of our biggest fears is that people wouldn't understand what they were looking at on the ballot — the wording was somewhat ambiguous."

Johnson gave a major portion of the credit for Tuesday's results to district parents.

"A group of citizens ... helped pass the word about

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Randy Johnson looks over vote totals from Tuesday's wealth equalization election. FISD voters overwhelmingly approved a plan to let the district's school board decide the best way disburse equity payments in the coming years.

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Early voting gathers steam in BSISD

Election ballot causing confusion among district's voters

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Early voting in the Big Spring Independent School District tax rollback election is beginning to pick up steam.

After a slow start, more voters are casting early ballots for the election, which is scheduled for Oct. 10.

Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom said 91 people have cast ballots in the election as of this morning. Early voting continues through Tuesday at the third floor of the county courthouse; additionally, there will be branch voting at several BSISD campuses before election day.

Voters are being asked to give their approval to a tax rate designed to maximize state financial aid to the district, officials said.

Although BSISD technically raised its tax rate (for maintenance and operation purposes), in reality, the district's



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overall tax rate will remain unchanged — trustees are simply shifting debt service payments over to the maintenance and operation side of the budget in order to take advantage of an opportunity to significantly increase state aid to BSISD.

By artificially zeroing out the district's debt service tax rate and raising the maintenance and operation tax rate at the same time, trustees can realize a net increase in revenue of up to \$1 million in 2009-2010.

The election ballot, however, is causing confusion with some voters.

Because the district has to account for debt service payments in case voters reject the new tax rate, the proposed rate, as it appears on the ballot, is \$1.1995 per \$100 valuation, a significant increase from the current rate of \$1.1195.

However, Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer for BSISD, said 8 cents of the proposed rate will be erased if voters approve the measure.

"The school board has already taken that action — the motion has already been made and is in the official minutes," Waggoner said. "So, we're not just asking voters to trust us. If it passes, we will drop 8 cents from the tax rate."

In reality, the overall tax rate will be unchanged, regardless of voter action, she added.

"The tax rate will be the same either way," Waggoner said. "If (the new rate) passes, we'll get extra money from the state. If it doesn't pass, that 8 cents will go back into (debt service). But either way, the tax rate will remain the same."

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Cowboys D stingy against air and ground attacks

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — They were solid against the pass, weak against the run in the opener, then the roles were reversed in the second game.

So Game 3 was a biggie for the Dallas Cowboys defense. Would they manage to stop both — or neither?

To the delight of Wade Phillips, their head coach and defensive coordinator, it was a very definitive both, especially in the second half of a 21-7 victory over the Carolina Panthers.

The Cowboys kept Jake Delhomme and the Panthers without a first down

their first four drives of the second half, keeping things quiet while the offense turned a 7-0 deficit into a 13-7 lead. With Carolina still one big play from taking the lead, cornerback Terence Newman put the game out of reach by intercepting a pass and returning it 27 yards for a touchdown with 5:07 to go. The Panthers' next series ended with rookie linebacker Victor Butler sacking Delhomme and causing a fumble.

Just like that, a unit ridiculed for not having any sacks or turnovers the first two games was drawing praise for coming through when their

club needed it most. And Phillips came away reminding everyone the slow start was merely the time needed for his unit to snap into place.

"You know, we do have five new starters on defense," Phillips said Tuesday. "I really do think they're starting to be comfortable with where everybody is. We have the coverages, we have the fronts, we have all those things, but I think everyone is getting a better feel for what we're doing and where we are."

With three sacks and three turnovers, the defense is clawing its way to respectability. The low sack totals

are puzzling considering this club led the NFL in that category last season. Reigning sack leader DeMarcus Ware has gone from 20 last season to zilch so far this season.

Part of the problem could be having Anthony Spencer opposite him instead of Greg Ellis. Maybe Butler will help open things up. In just five snaps in place of Spencer, he had a pair of sacks, forcing the fumble on the second one.

"You just have to get behind guys and look for your opportunities,"

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Lady Steers ousted in 3 by Plainview

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers failed to pick up their first District 4-4A win of the season Tuesday, falling to Plainview's Lady Bulldogs in straight sets at Steer Gym.

For a second straight match, the Lady Steers allowed a tough loss in the opening set to overly shift the momentum to their opponents' side and failed to regain it.

Big Spring appeared to be in control of the opening set, using a 6-1 run to take an 18-15 lead over Plainview.

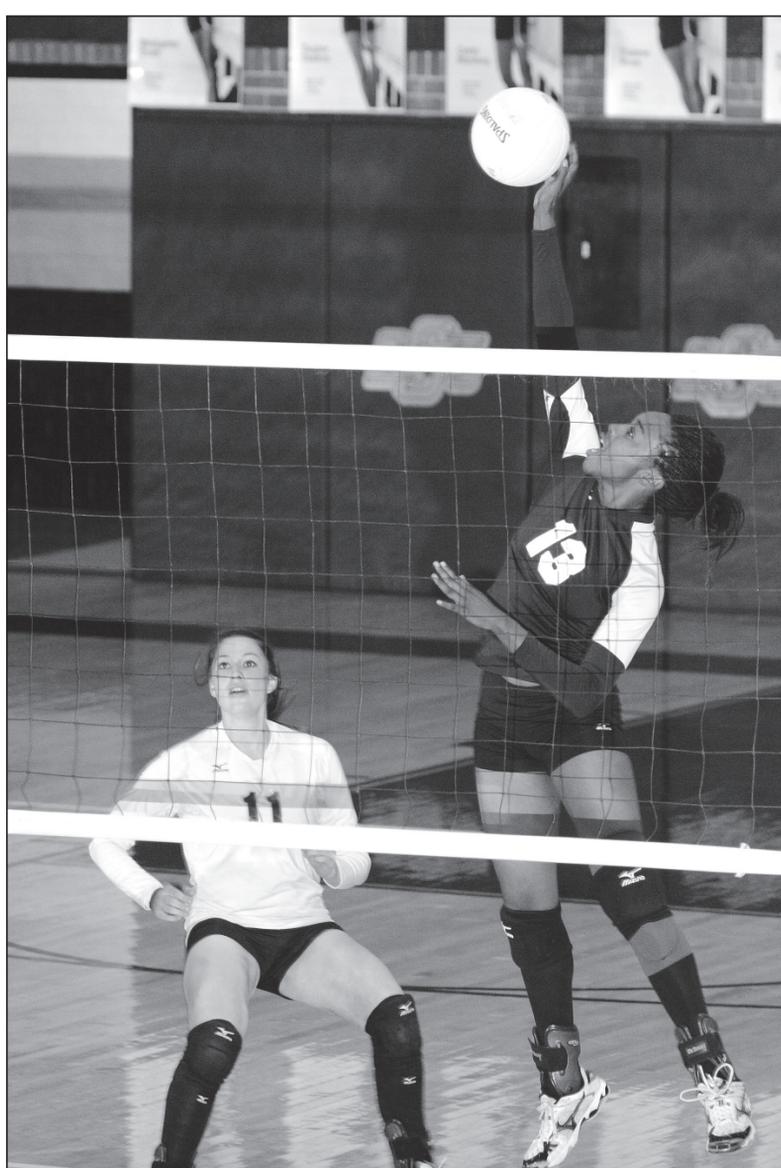
The Lady Bulldogs took a timeout and the break allowed them to refocus. Plainview executed a 10-1 run to end the opening set with a 25-19 win.

In Big Spring's district opener against Frenship in Wolfforth Saturday, the Lady Steers narrowly lost the opening game 25-23. The tough defeat took the air out of Big Spring's sails and Frenship dominated the Lady Steers in the second set 25-6, and then won the third 25-18.

The Lady Steers had a similar letdown in the second set against Plainview. A slow Big Spring start allowed Plainview to jump out to a 10-6 advantage that quickly ballooned into a 16-10 lead for the Lady Bulldogs.

Plainview won nine of the next 12 points, winning the second set 25-13 and placing the Lady Steers into a must-win situation going into the third set.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Bridgette Tuitt goes for a kill as teammate Valerie Ross looks on in a District 4-4A volleyball match against Plainview Tuesday at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers fell to Plainview in straight sets.

No. 12 Houston faces 3 straight games on road

KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — After taking care of Texas Tech in front of a record home crowd, No. 12 Houston faces a new challenge.

The undefeated Cougars begin a stretch of three straight road games, beginning with a Conference USA matchup at UTEP this Saturday.

If that sounds bad, consider last season's schedule: The Cougars played four consecutive games away from Houston in 2008 after a home game against Air Force was moved to Dallas with Hurricane Ike approaching the Texas coast.

"It's hard, especially after coming off a crowd like that," receiver Tyron Carrier said. "But last year during the hurricane we weren't at home for a while, so I guess we're kind of used to that. That kind of prepared us for this tough time on the road."

Houston faces Mississippi State and Tulane in the coming weeks before the next home game against SMU on Oct. 24.

Coach Kevin Sumlin isn't worried about the Kevin Sumlin and insists the opponent and game location don't matter as long as his team improves each week. He and his staff have pushed the notion of "creating your own energy" to offset a hostile road environment.

"That's making big plays, that's people cheering on the sidelines for you even when you don't make good plays, just keeping you in the game," said defensive tackle David Hunter, who forced two fumbles against Tech. "That just really helps everything out."

Their first road test is against a UTEP team with one win that is coming off a 64-7 defeat at No. 2 Texas. Despite the Miners' recent struggles, Sumlin knows better than to take any team coached by Mike Price lightly.

"Last year they were 0-3 and then the first league game was Central Florida and they beat them 58-13," Sumlin said. "So who knows what's

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Texans looking to fix many defensive woes

KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Missing tackles, surrendering big plays and the inability to stuff the other team on third down.

The problems are many for a Houston defense that is among the league's worst three weeks into the season.

Coach Gary Kubiak pointed to Maurice Jones-Drew's 61-yard touchdown run as a glaring example of what's wrong. The Jaguars ran the exact play on their first series and the Texans stopped Jones-Drew after a 4-yard gain.

When they ran it again, Kubiak said the defensive scheme was the same but the players "decided to do something different." Jones-Drew

ran virtually untouched for the score. It was the sixth score of at least 30 yards the Texans have allowed this season.

"We're searching for the reasons why we would choose to do something like that," Kubiak said. "It's something we're stumped with right now as coaches but it's our job to

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Courtesy photo

Several area youth pose with plaques they won for competing in the 2009 Texas State USBC Youth Championship Tournament in Longview in June along with members of Wal-Mart Supercenter management. Those pictured from left to right are: (front row) Tristan Gutierrez, Kaitlyn Schroyer, Brandon Rogers, Billie Joe Schroyer, Richie Ewing, (back row) Wal-Mart Store Manager Tim Walsh, Cole Schroyer, Wal-Mart Community Coordinator Manny Negron and Wal-Mart Co-Manager Val Macias.

Seven local youth bowlers receive notoriety for their efforts at state championship

Special to the Herald

More than 30 Big Spring area youth competed in the 2009 Texas State USBC Youth Championship Tournament in Longview in June.

The tournament lasted several months and seven local bowlers won plaques for their performances.

The Bowling Buddies, made up of Richie Ewing, Brandon Rogers and Cole, Billie Joe and Kaitlyn Schroyer, placed fourth out of 65 teams in their division.

Ewing and Bille Joe Schroyer finished first in doubles competition out of 64 duos in their division. In singles, Ewing finished

first, while Schroyer placed eighth out of 211. Allen Chancey finished 11th in the same division.

Tristan Gutierrez, who was the lone girl to place, finished 12th out of 116 in her division.

This group of youth have spent the past year doing fund raising to help offset the cost of the trip and entry fees.

Wal-Mart came through with \$1,000 in donations to the group and also allowed them to hold numerous bake sales in front of the store.

The group is getting right back to fundraising as they prepare for the 2010 Texas State USBC Youth Championship Tournament, which will be held in Corpus Christi.

Obituaries

Ola Mae 'Sally' Campbell

Ola Mae "Sally" Campbell, 87, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at her residence.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Dec. 24, 1921, in Big Spring, and married Utah Campbell in 1948 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 13, 2005.

Survivors include two sons, Rusty Campbell and Sandy Campbell, both of Lubbock.

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

Letha Lewis

Letha Lewis, 89, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, in a Lubbock nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Brenda Lee McGael

Brenda Lee McGael, 48, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 98 inmates at the time of this report.

- KATHRENE CHAVARRIA, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of credit/debit card abuse.

- MANUEL ESCAMILLA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- GLORIA GIBSON, 56, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify — giving false information.

- JAMES HODNETT, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear.

- TONY LEON JETTON, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a probation revocation for child support.

- NATALIE DAWN JOHNSON, 41, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- WILLIAM WAYNE LEE, 41, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- MANUEL LOZANO, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

- ERIBERTO MARTINEZ, 32, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, no driver's license (two counts), fictitious license or certificate, failure to control speed and failure to appear.

- ERNESTO M. MUNIZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on probation revocations for failure to appear (two counts).

- CHARLES NICHOLSON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than 2 ounces less than 4 ounces.

- JON PAUL PROCTOR, 32, was arrested Wednesday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

- RENE RODRIGUEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- OSCAR SOLIS, 48, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

- SALLY ANN SOLIS, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of hindering the apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.

- REYNALDO URIBE, 71, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

- DANIEL PARKER WHITE, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of hindering the apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.

- ISAAC RAY WILLBORN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than 2 ounces less than 4 ounces.

Police blotter

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

- ERNESTO MARQUEZ MUNIZ, 24, of 1112 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance — 1 gram or less.

- CHARLES BLAIN NICHOLSON, 19, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than 2 ounces less than 4 ounces.

- MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 24, of 820 W. Eighth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

- RENE RODRIGUEZ, 21, of 823 W. Eighth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- ERIBERTO SAVALAS MARTINEZ, 32, of 1600 Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on seven local warrants.

- ISAAC WILLBORN, 26, of 2525 Ent, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than 2 ounces less than 4 ounces.

- MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III, 37, of 2504 Chanute, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- GLORIA MASON, 56, of 823 W. Eighth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify.

- PRINCE VANDERBILT, 22, of 1502 Lincoln, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- WILLIAM WAYNE LEE, 41, of 1213 Lloyd, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- NATALIE DAWN JOHNSON, 41, of 2008 Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 23, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 104, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- MARTY RAY EVANS, 19, of 1007 N. Birdwell Lane, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. in the 1200 block of 11th Street.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

TODAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Take Note

- 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. The effort, planned as a way for 4-H to "give back" to the community that has supported its efforts for more than 100 years, will be led by AgriLife Extension agents and 4-H adult leaders with guidance from Master Gardeners and Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

- Robert Diaz is a lifelong Big Spring citizen and longtime city of Big Spring employee. Robert and Yvonne have four children and are raising four of their grandchildren. Robert has been on dialysis for about two years and is in need of a kidney transplant. Roberts's wife, Yvonne is a match and they have been able to start the process due to the kindness and generosity of friends, family and Big Spring citizens. They are still in need due to all the fees that they will incur from the transplant. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do that at Citizens Credit Union, account 932728. All donations are appreciated.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 10/1	Fri 10/2	Sat 10/3	Sun 10/4	Mon 10/5
93/50 Partly cloudy skies. Hot. High 93F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.	83/55 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	87/65 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	91/68 Cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	91/68 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 7:30 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 7:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 7:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 7:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 7:25 PM

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Texas At A Glance



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Amarillo	72	41	sunny	Livingston	87	69	t-storm
Austin	89	69	cloudy	Longview	84	63	t-storm
Beaumont	87	73	t-storm	Lubbock	84	45	windy
Brownsville	94	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	69	t-storm
Brownwood	88	56	pt sunny	Midland	92	53	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	93	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	59	t-storm	Rosenberg	89	74	t-storm
Dallas	84	60	t-storm	San Antonio	91	72	cloudy
Del Rio	95	71	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	70	cloudy
El Paso	87	57	windy	Sulphur Springs	82	60	t-storm
Fort Stockton	94	59	pt sunny	Sweetwater	90	51	pt sunny
Gainesville	84	54	t-storm	Tyler	84	61	t-storm
Greenville	83	57	t-storm	Weatherford	84	55	t-storm
Houston	87	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	89	52	mst sunny

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The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 0-3-1-4. Sum It Up: 8.

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3" game were: 7-2-2. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon, in order: 6-6-4-3. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon, in order: 3-3-6. Sum It Up: 12.

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Meyer takes post-concussion tests with Tebow

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida quarterback Tim Tebow went through more post-concussion tests Tuesday, and this time, he had his coach tagging along.

Coach Urban Meyer took several balance and memory tests with his star player because he was curious about the process.

"It's been an amazing week," Meyer said.

It's just getting started, too.

Meyer was inundated with questions about Tebow's recovery for the second straight day. Meyer said the quarterback still has a headache, but he was able to attend a team meeting. Meyer said Tebow hasn't been allowed to watch television or read, and didn't attend practice.

Meyer also said Tebow understands the severity of his brain injury.

"This isn't a turf toe or a shoulder," Meyer said. "This is a concussion."

Tebow spent Saturday night in a Kentucky hospital after his helmet struck teammate Marcus Gilbert's leg following a third-quarter sack against the Wildcats. Tebow dropped to the ground and lay motionless as teammates and trainers rushed to his side.

He eventually sat up with help and slowly made his way off the field. He started vomiting on the sideline, was carted off the field and taken to the hospital.

Meyer said Tuesday that Tebow probably would have been pulled from the lopsided game following that drive. Some have questioned why Tebow was still in the game with the Gators leading 31-7.

"Ultimately, it's my call," Meyer said.

Meyer said there is no timetable for getting Tebow back on the practice field. He also made it clear that

Tebow could miss practice this week and next and still start the team's next game, at LSU on Oct. 10.

"You have to earn that right, and obviously the left-handed quarterback's earned that right," Meyer said.

Florida has not made its head athletic trainer available for interviews, but school officials said Tuesday they perform baseline neurological testing on every football player. Tebow's latest neurological test will be compared to his baseline exam to determine whether he has recovered from the concussion.

The school also uses the Balance Equilibrium Scoring System (BESS) and the Standardized Assessment of Concussion (SAC) form to evaluate players following concussion, as well as a Post-Concussion Symptom Scale.

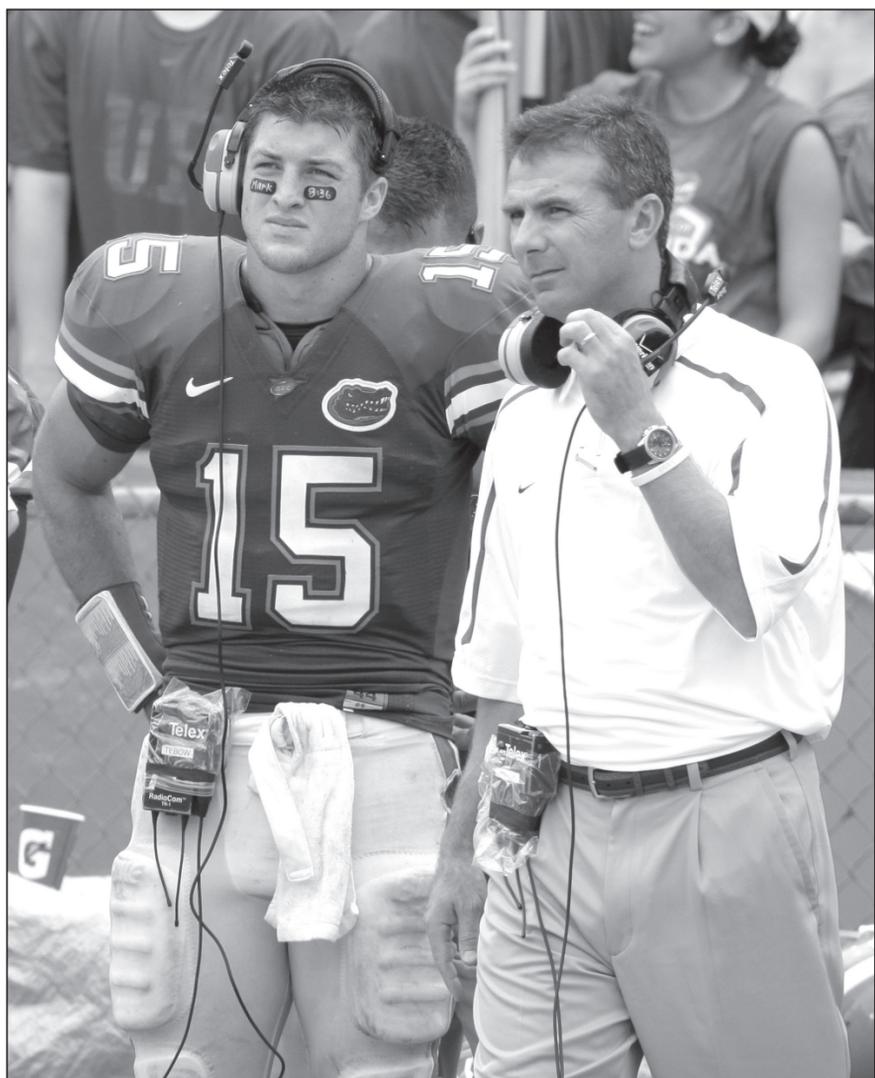
Meyer and Tebow went through some of the tests together.

"I was in the room with the doctors because I wanted to see it," Meyer said. "I always hear about the baseline. It's interesting how that's evolved over the years, so I sat and watched it. ... You put your feet together, you hold your hand on your hips, you raise on one foot, those kind of things."

The severity of Tebow's concussion remains unclear.

But several teammates, including cornerback Joe Haden and linebacker Ryan Stamper, said they were surprised by how much attention Tebow's injury has received.

"I think the media is kind of blowing it out of proportion," Stamper said. "Again, the hit and how he was, I can't really say I blame them. ... But when we found out it was a concussion, everyone gets concussions. Stuff like that happens."



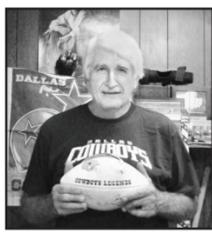
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Florida quarterback Tim Tebow (15) stands on the sidelines with head coach Urban Meyer during the second half of an NCAA football game against Troy in Gainesville, Fla., Sept. 12. Tebow suffered a concussion against Kentucky last week and Meyer recently joined his star quarterback for tests following the injury.

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Officials: Angel Trees needed more than ever this year

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The countdown for the annual Salvation Army Angel Tree program is on, as the local charity gets ready to begin accepting applications from local low income families Monday.

The program — which collects donated gifts throughout the community to help families having trouble making ends meet during the hol-

iday season — is one of the local Salvation Army's largest yearly efforts, and with tough economic times bearing down on the Crossroads area and all of West Texas, charity officials say the program is needed now more than ever.

"It's going to be a tough Christmas holiday for a lot of families this year," said Salvation Army Social Worker Paula Lafler. "We'll be accepting applications Oct. 5 and continue through Friday,

Oct. 9. We'll also accept applications the following week, from Oct. 12 until Oct. 16. All they have to do is come by the office between 9 a.m. and noon, or 1 p.m. and 3 p.m."

Lafler said the start of the application process marks the start of the Salvation Army's busiest season of the year.

"This is really the start of the busy season for us," she said with a laugh. "We have the Angel Tree program getting started, and we have

all of the other programs we work on during Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up as well. So we certainly have to get a jump on things."

Lafler said the application process is simple, and for some area children it could be the difference between waking up with gifts under the tree Christmas morning and waking up to nothing.

"They need to come in and bring a picture ID for all of the adults, social security cards

for all of the household members living there, birth certificates for children 12 and under and proof of income," said Lafler. "That means check stubs from work, food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD or any of those types of income. They need to bring those in with them, because we do verify them. They also need to bring in a copy of all of their expenses, as well as

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Fair Board work year-round to make event

By **NANCY KOGER**

Special to the Herald

The Howard County Fair opens Wednesday afternoon for its 37th year; and like any worthwhile endeavor, it doesn't just happen. The fair, as a non-profit organization, has a board of directors as its governing body. The members are also the hands-on people who bring the fair to life.

Fair Board members are volunteers who attend monthly meetings all year around. Some attend the annual state convention of county fairs and events to get new ideas and contacts for the local fair. They see to the upkeep of the Dora Roberts Fair Barn building, which was donated to the organization by the Dora Roberts Foundation and have a person in charge of the building rental during the rest of the year. The other buildings on the fairgrounds belong to the county.

Members of the board take responsibility for

various aspects of the fair: booth rentals, outside vendors and concessions, procurement of a carnival, children's morning educational programs, arts and crafts, artwork, photography, baked goods, home canning, security, parking, entertainment, entertainment tent and facilities, media exposure, publicity brochures, ticket sales, site preparation and clean-up. The list of duties is virtually endless; but if one of these details is left unattended, there will be a glitch in the running of the event.

At present the board numbers 21 members. Each one got his or her position by being willing to do whatever needs to be done during the four days of the fair and arranging and planning for it the rest of the year. They get to hear complaints and suggestions from fairgoers and occasionally to enjoy thanks and appreciation for their free service. Many of the members have served as officers more



Courtesy photo

Members of the Howard County Fair Board are, from left: Howard Armstrong, Skipper Driver, Suzanne Markwell, Nancy Howard, Kevin Hamlin, Janeice Barnes, Dick Helms, Betty Cain, Bob Nichols, Tom Koger, Derek Wash, John Paul Nichols, Cash Berry, Geraldine Posey, Mark Barr, Jo Ann Staulcup and Jody Nix.

than once. They welcome new volunteers who are interested in perpetuating the county event.

Current officers are Mark Barr, president; Dick Helms, vice-president; Janeice Barnes, secretary; and Skipper Driver, treasurer. Other members are Cash Ber-

ry, Mike Blizzard, Betty Cain, Kurt Coor, Kevin Hamlin, Nancy Howard, Tom Koger, Kaddo Kothman, Suzanne Markwell, Bob Nichols, John Paul Nichols, Jody Nix, Geraldine Posey, Jim Rider, Jo Ann Staulcup, Derek Wash and member emeritus Howard Armstrong.

Entries for competition are accepted on Tuesday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The fair opens at 4 p.m. Wednesday and closes Saturday at 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children between the ages of 6 and 12.

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Brenda Lee McGael, 48, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, September 30, 2009 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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what was at stake," he said. "We have been blessed to have parents who will go out of their way to help this district."

Now that voters have given their stamp of approval, trustees must now get down to busi-

ness, Johnson said.

"What this means is that, on an annual basis, the school board ... will try to make the best decision in the interest of the district, whether it is sending the money to the state or sending it to another district."

Trustees will hold a special meeting within the next few days to canvass the election results, then will face a

decision within the next few months on exactly where to send the approximately \$1.2 million in equity funding.

Johnson said the district has already been in talks about forming direct-payment agreements with two other school districts and trustees are expected to take action on those agreements later this month. If trustees ap-

prove the agreements, FISD will make three equal payments to the other districts between February and the end of the current fiscal year.

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

EVENT

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Newton. Porter Henderson Implement Co. took top agricultural business of the year.

According to Newell, tickets for the luncheon are free for local producers and ranchers, and \$12 for non-producers.

"Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale at the Chamber office until 5 p.m. Monday," she said. "There won't be

any tickets for sale at the door, so I'd strongly suggest anyone planning to attend get their tickets now and not wait until the last minute. This is something you certainly don't want to miss."

For more information on the Ag Appreciation event — or to purchase or reserved tickets — call 263-7641 or visit the Chamber office at 215 W. Third St.

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TEXANS

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figure that out. They're our guys. We got to have them in position to make those plays and have them doing the same thing consistently. Obviously we did not do that."

That lack of consistency is also appearing for the Texans on third down.

They'll hold teams on first and second down only to give up a big play on third down.

Houston allowed plays of 17, 10, 16

and 28 yards on third downs against the Jaguars a week after two of Chris Johnson's touchdowns for the Titans came on third and long.

"When it's third and long, we've got to get off the football field," cornerback Dunta Robinson said. "Third week in a row, we're singing the same song. The players have to get it fixed. (Defensive coordinator) Frank Bush is putting us in great situations. We're not going out there and taking care of our business."

The Texans (1-2) are allowing the second-most yards in the NFL, the most rushing yards and are 29th in scoring defense, allowing 28.7 points a game.

The Texans hoped the addition of Antonio Smith, who played for the Cardinals last season, would beef up a pass rush that features 2006 top overall pick Mario Williams.

So far, it hasn't helped: Houston is tied for 30th in the league with two sacks.

Houston got close to taking David Garrard down several times Sunday but never got there.

Smith isn't sure what the problem is.

"I'm trying to figure that out myself," he said. "We're getting pressure sometimes but it's just not happening. The sacks are just not there and I have no excuse for you. But the

job needs to get done regardless."

In this tough time, he's taking a cue from the way the Cardinals' team he was part of bounced back from its rough patches on the way to the Super Bowl last season.

"It's like a reality check," he said. "What are you going to do to make your team better? What are you going to sacrifice as an individual player to make your team better? I think that that has to happen in every defense that relies on a team effort."

Kubiak also said linebacker Chaun Thompson has a knee injury and Kubiak said they'll know how serious it is later in the week with Oakland coming to town on Sunday.

COWBOYS

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Butler said. "You create opportunities and when you get opportunities you take advantage of them and that's what we did."

Phillips isn't getting too carried away with

it, noting that Butler was coming in fresh against winded players. But the coach also acknowledged that Butler's performance should earn him more playing time. He earned this chance by performing well in practice.

Another likely change is Mike Jenkins starting again at right cor-

nerback.

The Cowboys have been rotating starters, with Jenkins getting the nod in the opener and in Game 3, while Orlando Scandrick started Game 2.

Asked Tuesday if Scandrick would get his turn again this Sunday against Denver, Phillips balked — a clear sign

that Jenkins earned another start with an interception and mostly solid play against Carolina.

"I thought he played real well," Phillips said. "He did miss a tackle but he did make a lot of tackles. Of course he made our first interception, which everybody was relieved."

Phillips indicated that he wants to stick with using Scandrick against inside receivers on obvious passing downs. When he starts, Scandrick plays on out-

side receivers some plays, then moves inside when extra receivers are added, with Jenkins replacing him on the outside.

"I think that made it harder for him than we thought it originally would," Phillips said. "It's two different positions and you have to play two different techniques. It's harder to hone in on 'I've got to play this way all the time here, but all the of the sudden, I've got to go out here and I've got to play differently,

whether it's inside or outside, or where my help is or all those things.' Footwork. It's a lot different. So it made it more difficult. But he's a talented guy who works hard at it, so we'll see."

Newman's clutch performance settles any fears at the other cornerback spot.

Although he had several busts in coverage the first two games, coaches trusted him enough to cover Steve Smith all over the field in this game, something they rarely do. Smith caught three passes on the first drive, then had only one more catch the rest of the game. Newman had one, too, and his was the game-breaker.

"We can't worry about what everyone else thinks and what everybody else does," Newman said. "We have to go out and make plays when they're available to us. If we don't make them, we have to sustain the drive and make the stop."



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OTHER VIEWS

Forget Perry, Texas just not recession proof

Texas is not "kind of recession proof," no matter what you might hear from the governor.

Unemployment is creeping up to levels not seen since the oil bust of the 1980s. The August jobless figure of 8 percent means 966,000 Texans were looking for work. The percentage was below the national rate of 9.7 percent, but the plight of out-of-work Texans must not be minimized and deserves sober attention.

Is that what the state is getting from Gov. Rick Perry?

The governor has been taking flak for supposedly joking about the economy's impact on Texas. It stems from a YouTube video of a Perry speech to a Houston-area business group, as shot and edited by the campaign of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The money quote from Perry was, with the recession as context, "We're in one?" The audience laughed.

Perry didn't actually laugh along, and we disagree that he made a joke at people's expense. But playing to a business audience, he sure had a smile on his face.

Stung by politically charged reaction, the governor's office fiercely disputes the accusation that he is not focused on joblessness in Texas. Indeed, he said in the same speech, "It's not lost on me that those Texans who have lost a job, that's a family."

The issue is one of emphasis and tone. For months, Perry has cast Texas' low-tax, low-regulation business climate as a bulwark against the nation's economic downturn. It was, for a while, but then job losses started to mount.

Perry's emphasis has continued, though — banging the low-tax, low-regulation drum, as though the message alone solves every problem. Meanwhile, a U.S. Census report out this week showed that nearly one in four Texans lacked health insurance last year, the nation's highest rate.

We happen to agree that the state's business-friendly climate has served us well, attracting more Fortune 500 companies than any other state. Another important ingredient in selling the state to leading businesses is fearlessly owning up to problems and showing resolve to solve them.

Better that Perry had gone to the Houston business group and proclaimed joblessness as Public Enemy No. 1. The message would have been easier to explain the next day, especially to Texans who are looking for work.

Just as Perry seems to have an overly tight focus on business upsides, Hutchison hammers away with downer messages, including talk about runaway taxes and state debt. Sometimes we don't recognize her Texas, either.

The Texas we know is the one whose Legislature balanced the budget this year and left a multibillion-dollar rainy day fund. It's the one that's investing in higher education while other megastates are cutting back.

It's the one whose major metro areas are among the nation's best in weathering the recession, according to a recent study by the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program. Dallas and five other Texas metro areas were in the list of top 20.

"Recession resistant," the lead researcher called them.

Better put. That's the Texas we know. Along with those 966,000 people without jobs.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, opportunities are never lost.

Amen

L.A. is not 'Chinatown'

Our Betters in Europe, of course, are outraged that Switzerland arrested and may allow the extradition of film director Roman Polanski, 76, a fugitive from California justice after he pleaded guilty to unlawful sex with a 13-year-old in 1977.

The French culture minister, Frederic Mitterrand, sniffed, "In the same way that there is a generous America that we like, there is also a scary America that has just shown its face."

A petition signed by European filmmakers huffed at the impropriety of arresting Polanski on his way to accept a film industry lifetime achievement award.

Everyone sympathizes with Polanski because he has prevailed, despite the Holocaust, which claimed his mother, and the Manson murder spree, which claimed his pregnant wife, Sharon Tate, in 1969.

But just because Polanski has made some great movies, that doesn't mean he should get away with rape.

Explaining her outrage at the

arrest, Washington Post columnist Anne Applebaum wrote, "The girl, now 45, has said more than once that she forgives him, that she can live with the memory, that she does not want him to be put back in court or in jail, and that a new trial will hurt her husband and children."

And: "He did commit a crime, but he has paid for the crime in many, many ways: In notoriety, in lawyers' fees, in professional stigma. He could not return to Los Angeles to receive his recent Oscar."

This is the crime the French believe is ugly to prosecute: Polanski first plied a ninth-grader with champagne and Quaalude, then raped and sodomized her.

Even after she forgave Polanski, victim Samantha Geimer told CNN that she told Polanski, "No," but the 43-year-old director did not stop.

You can't call that a victimless crime that sophisticated adults can overlook.

The 2008 HBO documentary "Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired," made a case that Judge Laurence J. Rittenband, now deceased, may have crossed the line when he signaled that he would not adhere to a plea agreement where Polanski pleaded guilty to unlawful sex in exchange for a sentence of 42 days already served.

In February, the Los Angeles Times reported, Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza found "substantial" evidence of judicial misconduct — but rightly, he would not throw out the case because Polanski was a fugitive.

Ironically, this arrest could lead to Polanski beating the rap. "You know what? The man is dead," responded Sandi Gibbons, a Los Angeles County district attorney spokeswoman over the phone.

"None of this erases the fact that Mr. Polanski pleaded guilty to a felony crime and he chose to flee the United States prior to being sentenced."

It's ironic that Polanski's career took off with 1974's "Chinatown," a film about moneyed interests corrupting Los Angeles criminal justice system.

Polanski's villain was an older man with moneybags and taste for a young thing.

Now his fans advocate special treatment — the evasion of punishment for the new-money maven who could afford to jet off to France to avoid punishment — while the full weight of the law falls on those without his money.

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SYNDICATE



It's called 'good temptations'

Perhaps sometimes temptation gets a bad wrap.

Certainly it's wise to keep our wits about us so not to fall prey to seduction and allurements that would lead us down troublesome paths. But are there times when we're tempted to act and don't when perhaps we should have?

I asked my daughter if she has ever had such a moment and she said just this past week she was tempted to speak up in a college class and didn't. Then she said the professor proceeded to answer his question in exactly the way she would have if she had acted upon her temptation.

I recall a time when I was tempted to introduce myself to a new neighbor but didn't do so for months. When I finally did, we became great friends and I wished I had acted upon my temptation earlier.

In the same like I remember when I got my first apartment. I found the one that fit perfectly into my budget, but something didn't feel right, and I was tempted to not sign the contract and keep looking. But because I was in a hurry and was afraid I might not find another in my budget, I moved into this apartment and soon afterward could not wait to move out.

There have been jobs that I took even though I was tempted not to — and it turned out I shouldn't have. And there have

been invitations that I was tempted to turn down, but didn't — and should have. However, I'm not consumed with regrets, my friends, because hopefully I've learned to make wiser choices along the way.

In fact, in all of these instances, better decisions probably would have been made if only instinct had been trusted. Whether we call it a hunch, a vibe or a feeling in our bones, we all have an innate spiritual intuition that would point us in the right direction if only heeded.

So what is it that keeps us from listening to our better instincts and following those good temptations that would help us make better decisions, help us figure out when or what to trust, help us to do things that are right for us and others, and help us live our lives to the fullest?

Sometimes say a lack of confidence, self-doubt, insecurity, shyness, desperation and so on. Everything on our list would undoubtedly be rooted in fear — fear of rejection, of being wrong, of being embarrassed, of being humiliated, of making a mistake, or of not being successful or good enough. But listening to our instincts stops fear from clouding our reason.

Many of us like to weigh the pros and cons of everything. But my husband often says, "Study long, study wrong." And I admit I've often been good at talking myself out of things. Indeed, there are studies popping up that support the idea of trusting our instincts.

One study I came across, reportedly published in the Journal of Consumer Research, concluded that people who

deliberate about decisions reach less accurate conclusions than people who trust their instincts. And another study that was conducted by the University College London also found that people are more likely to perform well, if they do not think too hard and instead trust their instincts.

I love the story in the Bible that illustrates to me how Elijah learned to listen to his spiritual intuition. Elijah was very distraught and unsure what he would do next. He was standing on a mountain hoping for God to give him guidance. The Bible speaks of a strong wind, earthquake and fire that came, but God wasn't in any of those. Then there was a "still small voice." (I Kings 19:11-12)

That still, small voice is indicative of our God-given spiritual intuition. Our fears may seem like a strong wind, earthquake or fire, and these fears tend to confuse our better judgment. But nothing can silence God's voice to us. We will hear His guidance as we learn to trust our instincts — our inner voice that will direct us to what is good.

You and I are intuitive thinkers. God made us this way. I have no doubt that you'll find your instincts are correct whether they are telling you yes or no — to do or not to do. So trust them! And be sure to act upon those good temptations that will assure your life is satisfying and fulfilling.

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Annie's Mailbox[®]

Dear Annie: I am the father of two sons, 7 and 11. At what point do you stop dressing or being naked in front of your children? I come from a minister's family, and my wife comes from a somewhat dysfunctional family. Let's just say they are at the other end

of the spectrum and leave it at that.

My wife still gets dressed and undressed in front of the boys, and thinks nothing of coming out of the shower naked while the boys are in our bedroom watching TV. I sometimes get dressed in front of them at home or at

the changing room at the pool.

What do you think? — Curious in Maryland

Dear Curious: Parents of the opposite sex should not be undressing in front of their children after the age of 4. Unless you intend to raise them as nudists, both of your boys are too old for this. The 11-year-old will be going through puberty soon and will become plenty confused if he is inadvertently aroused by his mother. Insist that every member of the family have some privacy.

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Dear Annie: All the men in our family are big, including me, but we have learned to control our weight through physical activity and diet, except for my dad. Over the past 20 years, he has continued to eat more and move less to the point where he now is out of breath walking from one room to another.

My mother tries to feed him healthy, low-fat foods, and we have all tried to be honest with him about his weight, but it doesn't seem to matter. I understand no one can lose the weight for him. It is his decision. But I am so angry with his choices that I can barely stand to look at him. Dad is essentially killing himself, and I have lost respect for him. He refuses to see a doctor. Can you help? — Want To Love Him

Dear Want: Please stop being angry with your father. He doesn't want to be overweight, but finds it so difficult to eat properly and exercise sufficiently that he has become depressed and given up. You cannot make him try harder, but you can make sure he understands that his health affects the entire family and you love him, no matter what size he is. Let him know that whenever he is ready, you'll be happy to go with him for a long walk, bike ride, fishing expedition or trip to the gym. Then try to forgive him for not being what you want him to be.

Dear Annie: "Clueless in California" bemoans her daughter's lack of independence, but young people don't turn out that way without a lifetime of parental coddling. Today's parents do their kids' laundry, cook for them and provide them with new cars, clothes, expensive games and computers well past their 18th birthday without requiring so much as a part-time job or a little help with the housework. And then they are amazed when the kids never move out.

I was guided to pick up my toys as a toddler, cleaned my own room by second grade and started savings account when I was 10. By 12, helped with laundry, dishes and dinner preparation. I learned basic car maintenance before I was allowed to drive. At 16, my dad showed me how to balance a checking account. I had after-school and summer jobs in high school because my parents wisely thought that a part-time job would be important for learning responsibility and independence. I learned to save money for college and spent a little for music and other fun things.

Sheltering your children from ordinary daily chores, responsibilities and jobs does not give them a sunny childhood -- it harms them beyond repair. The name the parent chose to sign off with is significant -- clueless, indeed. — Stunned in Baton Rouge

Dear Stunned: You have made some excellent points. It is the parents' responsibility to teach their children those skills they will need to become independent. But even at age 24, it's not too late to start.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

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#6271 September 23 & 30, 2009

Legals

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Coahoma ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating
Coahoma ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., October 20, 2009 in the Administration Building Board Room, 600 N. Main Street, Coahoma, Texas. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Coahoma ISD's rating on the state's financial accounting system.
#6282 September 30, 2009 and October 4, 2009

"It Pays To Read
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The moon in the station of humanitarianism encourages you to watch out for the next guy, whether or not you think the effort is welcome. Doing the right thing doesn't always spur immediately wonderful repercussions. However, it does always bring about the highest good for all. You'd be surprised who is affected by one benevolent move.



Holiday Mathis

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not sure

you're doing the right thing, but as long as no one is correcting you, move ahead. Hesitation will cause a loss. Go forward with confidence and you'll figure things out eventually.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be in an effusive mood, which is as lucky for those around you as it is for you. Your warm and specific compliments go straight to the heart of the one you love. A Leo connection is highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stay open to the possibilities. Someone who is not your type will hold a peculiar fascination for you. You might not hit it off immediately, but over

time, this person will grow on you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A group that is not working well together needs your leadership. How can you get everyone on the same page? First, find out what "page" each person is on now. Converse and investigate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be learning, or at least trying to learn. There could be some frustration around your education. It's probably not your fault. If one teaching method isn't working for you, seek another one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you don't feel like working, you'll have to trick yourself into making the effort. Here's a hint: You respond to hip locations and attractive people. If possible, take your business on the road and find a "cool" place to settle in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be moved to make a generous move. Considerer first whether this act is really fair to everyone involved, especially you. Act responsibly, but don't be a scapegoat for anything you're not really to blame for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When it comes to attracting romantic attention, you're a master. You're not obvious in your approach, preferring to keep your inner sizzle on the down low. Someone is intrigued by the subtle mystery you build.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like a cook who understands the importance of prep time, you take care in setting up each key ingredient the right way. Then when it's time to make the grand presentation, move with the lightning speed of a pro.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). A watched pot never boils, and when you're waiting on a call, the cell phone doesn't vibrate either. Get out and have some fun. Only then will all of your expectations be fulfilled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have much to offer the world today, so seek those who are likely to appreciate the bounty you're about to bestow. Avoid those who reek of "high maintenance" at all costs. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). No matter how you feel when you wake up, you're likely to decide to bring a spirited exuberance to all you endeavor. It's not a stretch to say that by the end of the day, you'll be dancing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPTEMBER 30). You display remarkable character this year. For starters, you are courageous and self-motivated, too. You do what you need to do to be the person you want to be — not what is expedient and comfortable for you. Moves and/or large investments happen in November. Enjoy a windfall in May and again in August. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 15, 4, 33 and 18.

PERK UP A RELATIONSHIP BY DOING THIS ONE THING: As the sun traverses the sign of partnership and marriage, we can't help but try to improve the way we relate to the important people in our lives. We naturally start to define whatever grievances we have about another person, and often realize that we are equally to blame for the dynamic. If you only choose one thing to do to better a relationship, here's what the stars suggest it should be:

ARIES: Recognize the reason the other person was attracted to you in the first place and reconnect with that energy. Sometimes over time we get too comfortable in relationships and we lose the very spark of individuality that made us so irresistible. Paradoxically, it is by regaining your independence that you are able to forge a stronger relationship bond.

TAURUS: Practice empathy. Try to understand what it's like where the other person is standing. It's easy to see how you would do things differently were you the other person. But it takes real emotional maturity to put yourself in the other person's shoes and try to comprehend what the world is like for him or her.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Ashlee Simpson stars as small-town girl Violet Foster in the new version of the television series "Melrose Place." This famous little sis of Jessica Simpson has been at times at the center of controversy, but it's hard for the public to stay mad at a loveable Libra for long. Simpson has Mercury in Libra, too, indicating that she would do well as a designer in the world of fashion.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Dear Property Owner:
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WHEREAS, there exist unsafe, unsightly, objectionable, hazardous and unsanitary conditions that are deemed a public nuisance and **WHEREAS,** the existence of such conditions, buildings, junk cars, etc. constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council if of the opinion that the enforcement ordinances and state law will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Coahoma

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Therefore, by the authority invested in our council, we have declared these buildings unsafe, weeds and rubbish refuse a fire hazard and junk cars a public nuisance. These conditions do not comply with State and Local codes and law. Further be advised that the Council has found the following to be necessary:

- 1) Remedy, provide for removal or demolition buildings
 - 2) Removal of trash, weeds and/or fire hazard materials
 - 3) Removal of all junk vehicles
- Should you desire to make a presentation to the Council, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Coahoma City Council in original and six (6) copies:
- A) Identification of the building or structure concerned by street and legal description.
 - B) A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant
 - C) A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed
 - D) A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard
 - E) The legal signature(s) of appellant and their official mailing addresses

Failure to appeal within 5 days or 15 days from the date of this letter shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
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Condemned killer of 3 in Amarillo wins reprieve

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE — A Texas death row inmate won a reprieve Tuesday from a federal appeals court a day before he was scheduled for execution for a triple slaying in Amarillo almost 12 years ago.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a brief one-paragraph order stopping the lethal injection of John Balentine, set for Wednesday evening, "pending further order of this court." Balentine's appeal to the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit said lower courts had not properly resolved his earlier appeals.

The Texas Attorney General's Office was appealing to get the order



Balentine

lifted, spokeswoman Lauri Saathoff said. It was uncertain if the state's appeal would be decided before the execution warrant expired at midnight Wednesday.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said the prison agency was "proceeding as though an execution is not scheduled."

Balentine, 40, would have been the 19th prisoner executed this year in the nation's most active death penalty state.

Balentine was condemned for the January 1998 shooting deaths of Mark Caylor Jr., 17; Kai Brooke Geyer, 15; and Steven Watson, also 15. Caylor was the brother of Balentine's former girlfriend, and prosecutors said the shootings capped a feud between Caylor and Balentine.

Evidence showed all three victims were shot

once in the head as they slept in a tiny house where Balentine also once lived.

When he was pulled over in Houston in July 1998 and gave a traffic cop a false name, the alias was detected as one used by a man wanted in the shooting deaths of the three teenage boys earlier that year in Amarillo, 600 miles to the northwest.

Balentine, who had a lengthy criminal record in his native Arkansas, was arrested and confessed. He was tried in Amarillo for capital murder, was convicted and sentenced to die.

In appeals, Balentine's attorneys argued his trial lawyers were deficient for failing to develop mitigating evidence to show his childhood of poverty, domestic violence and abuse. They also contended a pool of state-appointed appeals lawyers to rep-

resent death row inmates like Balentine in initial appeals included unqualified or deficient attorneys.

"The ability of a prisoner to obtain relief is wholly dependent upon the luck of the draw," Lydia Brandt, a Dallas-area lawyer representing Balentine, told the U.S. Supreme Court in a petition seeking a review of the case. "Mr. Balentine was one of the unlucky death-sentenced prisoners."

She said the claims never were raised earlier, and were blocked now in the lower state courts, because of a broken system.

"The state corrective process as a whole was ineffective," Brandt insisted.

Texas law provides for appointment of a lawyer in death penalty cases but "the provision does not create a right to complain" about the

outcome of that legal representation, the Texas Attorney General's Office responded.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has refused to hold that an inmate's lawyer must be "constitutionally effective" and has declined to turn a "legislative act of grace" into a constitu-

tional right, state attorneys added.

In a statement to police played at his trial, Balentine said he moved out of the Amarillo house because of drug use there, then said he learned later that Caylor was looking to kill him because he had "jumped on his sister."

APPS

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a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothes sizes and shoe sizes.

"The picture ID has to be a state issued ID, not the kind you can get at certain convenience stores. Also, they need to be sure to bring either the social security card itself, or a print out from the Social Security Office. It has to appear on something official, even DHS (Department of Health Services) records."

And while Christmas

presents may seem more like a luxury than a necessity as the economy continues its sluggish pace, Lafler said the effect the program has each year lasts much longer than the holiday season.

"When a child wakes up on Christmas morning and there are no presents, that's not something that's easily forgotten," said Lafler. "It can stay with these kids long after the decorations are put away. Every child deserves to have a present to open, and that's why we work so hard on the Angel Tree each year."

Lafler said one new addition to the application process this year will be

a requirement for birth certificates for the children.

"That's really the only change from last year's application process," said Lafler.

Once the names and gift ideas are collected and put on the Angel Trees in the form of cards, area shoppers will have the opportunity to brighten a child's holiday by choosing one and purchasing items for them.

The trees will be erected in area stores and shops, according to Lafler.

"The plan, as of right now, is to have the trees located at the same places as last year," said lafler. "However, we re-

ally haven't gotten that far yet, so there could be some minor changes. As soon as we have that part of the program solidified, we'll get the word out to the public."

For more information on the Angel Tree program, call 267-8239 or stop by their office, located at 811 W Fifth Street.

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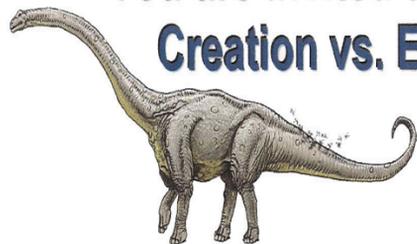
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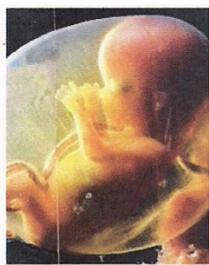
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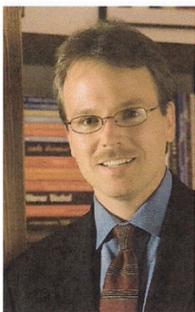
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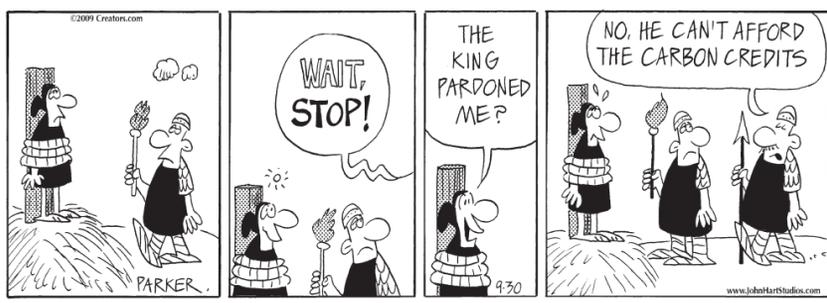
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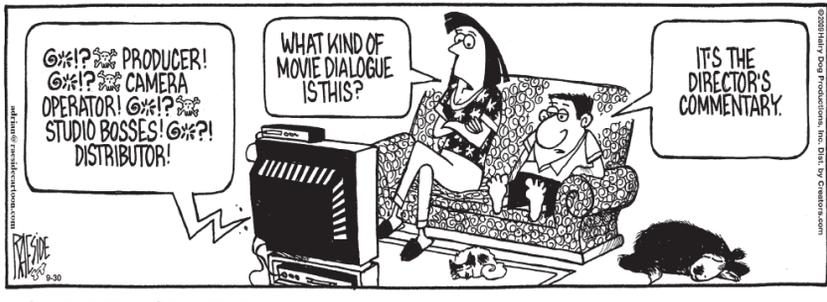
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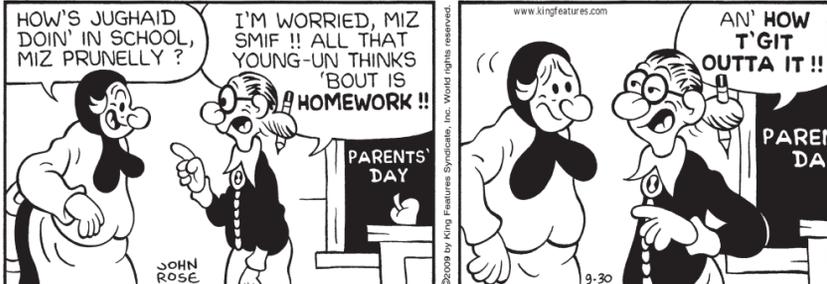
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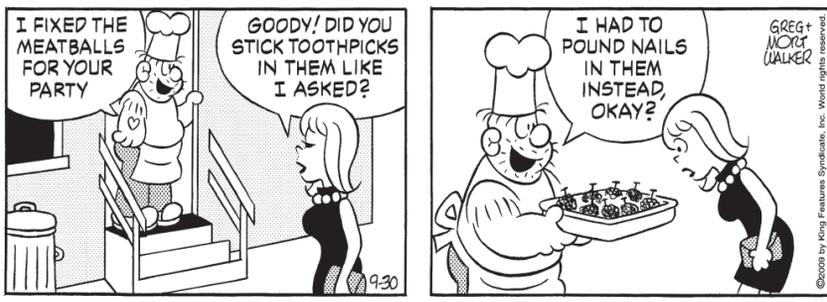
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2009. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1809, the Treaty of Fort Wayne (also known as the Ten O'Clock Line Treaty) was signed by Indiana Territory Gov. William Henry Harrison and representatives of four Indian tribes. (Under terms of the treaty, the Indians sold some 3 million acres of land to be used for U.S. settlements.)

On this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost.

In 1938, after co-signing the

Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain praised the accord on his return home, saying, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1939, the first college football game to be televised was shown on experimental station W2XBS in New York as Fordham University defeated Waynesburg College, 34-7.

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day.

In 1988, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev retired President Andrei A. Gromyko from the Politburo and fired other old-guard leaders in a Kremlin shake-up.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Roberts is

83. Author Elie Wiesel is 81. Actress Angie Dickinson is 78. Singer Cissy Houston is 76. Singer Johnny Mathis is 74. Actor Len Cariou is 70. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 66. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 64. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 63. Actress Victoria Tennant is 59. Actor John Finn (TV: "Cold Case") is 57. Rock musician John Lombardo is 57. Singer Deborah Allen is 56. Actor Calvin Levels is 55. Actor Barry Williams is 55. Singer Patrice Rushen is 55. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 53. Actress Fran Drescher is 52. Country singer Marty Stuart is 51. Actress Debrah Farentino is 50.

Answer to previous puzzle

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| ACROSS | 65 Milky gem | 12 Nip | 39 Clothing |
| 1 Annoyance, so to speak | 66 Singer Céline | 13 Pub inventory | 43 45 Down expert: Abbr. |
| 6 Carry-on bag | 67 Bring together | 18 Pocket money | 45 Tooth surface |
| 10 Mediterranean isle | | 19 Walk aimlessly | 46 Scottish plaid |
| 14 Marathon entrant | DOWN | 23 Farm female | 47 Choir voice |
| 15 "You said it!" | 1 Bleak | 24 Hotel worker | 48 Bahamas capital |
| 16 Follow, as a suspect | 2 Emulated | 25 Lowdown | 51 '60s do |
| 17 How I Love Lucy is aired | Quasimodo | 26 Dust-up | 52 Outing |
| 20 RKO rival | 3 Long-range weapon: Abbr. | 27 Oahu porch | 53 Florida city, familiarly |
| 21 French city | 4 Sushi-bar offering | 28 __ Mountains (Arkansas range) | 54 BBs, for short |
| 22 South American range | 5 Dust-up | 29 Dumpster contents | 55 Prefix for scope |
| 23 Sunrise spot | 6 Begin to like | 30 Moved a canoe | 56 Jogger's gait |
| 24 Short skirt | 7 Mideast sultanate | 31 22 Across | 57 Prince Charles' sister |
| 26 Is inconsistent | 8 Decimal-system base | 32 Flaky | 59 Little bit |
| 33 Level to the ground | 9 Wind up | 37 Some Impressionist works | 60 Inventor Whitney |
| 34 Overflowing | 10 Like many cuisines | 38 Philippe's friends | 61 Neutral color |
| 35 "The Greatest" | 11 Installed, as carpet | | |

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:**Navarro County seized pot crop worth \$7.5 million**

CORSICANA (AP) — Navarro County sheriff's deputies helped harvest and then confiscate more than \$7 million worth of marijuana near a levee system.

Capt. Elmer Tanner says removal of the marijuana plot, about 5,000 plants, began Monday.

No arrests were immediately made, but Tanner says some individuals are under investigation. Two camp sites were located.

Chief Deputy Mike Cox put a street value on the marijuana, discovered Saturday during aerial surveillance by law officers, at \$7.5 million.

Cox told the Corsicana Daily Sun that an elaborate pipe system provided irrigation, drawing water from creek bottoms.

Fort Worth girl diagnosed with swine flu dies

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 14-year-old Fort Worth eighth-grader has died after she was diagnosed with swine flu.

The father of Chloe Lindsey says his daughter, who died Sunday, had no

underlying health problems.

"She was so healthy. And it got her and got her so fast," Tom Osborne told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Meanwhile, all schools in the Huntsville Independent School District are closed until Thursday due to students and staff being sick.

A statement on the school's Web site says classes and extracurricular activities Tuesday and Wednesday at the eight campuses, with about 6,300 students, are canceled "due to a high rate of absences."

Concerns about swine flu and other illnesses have led to numerous absences at schools statewide.

Texas district adds metal detectors after stabbing

TYLER (AP) — The Tyler school district is adding metal detectors after a teacher was fatally stabbed in a classroom, allegedly by one of his students.

Superintendent Randy Reid told a community group Monday night that the district ordered three portable metal detectors. One will be used at each of the two high schools.

Special education teacher Todd Henry died last week after he was stabbed at John Tyler High School. A

16-year-old boy suspected in the stabbing is in custody.

After Henry's death, parents and others raised questions about safety on Tyler school district campuses.

Reid said the third metal detector will be used as needed in the district, as will handheld, metal-detecting wands. He says the district is considering other safety improvements.

Pasadena police find goldfish fried, eaten

PASADENA (AP) — A Houston-area woman apparently burned up at her former common-law husband fried their pet goldfish and ate some of them.

Pasadena police say it's a civil matter and no charges will be filed. The seven goldfish were purchased together by the couple during happier times.

Police spokesman Vance Mitchell says the man on Saturday reported the woman took the goldfish from his apartment.

Mitchell says the two earlier argued about some jewelry he gave her, then allegedly took back and she wanted the bling returned.

Officers were dispatched to the woman's home, but arrived to find four fried goldfish on a plate. The woman said she already ate the other three.

Rowlett woman pleads guilty in heroin case

DALLAS (AP) — Sentencing is Dec. 28 for a Dallas-area woman who was accused of peddling "cheese" heroin from her home across from a city park.

Barbara Sims of Rowlett pleaded guilty to federal drug possession with intent to distribute.

The 60-year-old woman could be sentenced to 40 years in prison and fined \$2 million.

An attorney for Sims, Sally Goodman, declined comment Tuesday on the plea agreement.

Law officers raided the woman's home in February after receiving a tip.

Parker County sheriff's deputy shot in exchange

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A Parker County sheriff's deputy and a suspect were wounded in an exchange of gun-

fire as officers tried to serve an arson warrant.

Sheriff Larry Fowler says the deputy was shot in the leg early Wednesday when the barricaded suspect fired through a door. Deputies returned fire, wounding the suspect who had tried to hide in a shed, in a rural area near Weatherford.

Both men were transported to hospitals. Fowler says the deputy was conscious and is expected to recover. Details on the wounded suspect were not immediately released.

License plates show Alamo, but money went to Austin

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The specialty license plates bear the image of the Alamo, but it turns out that much of the funds collected from the sale of the plates goes to Austin sites.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas collect money from sales of the "Native Texan" plates to support sites they manage, including the Alamo in downtown San Antonio.

Of more than \$213,000 in license money spent, only \$37,000 went to the Alamo and almost none went to preservation.

Meanwhile, the lesser-known French Legation Museum in Austin got \$50,000 and the Republic of Texas Museum got \$18,000.

Museum officials say the work is necessary to preserve those sites. But critics argue the money would have been better used at the Alamo, which needs preservation work and attracts 2.5 million visitors a year.

Flooding prompts daycare evacuation in Laredo

LAREDO (AP) — Six motorists trapped in flood waters were rescued Tuesday and a daycare was evacuated after a slow moving thunderstorm dumped several inches of rain on the Laredo area.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that police officers and public works officials waded through chest-deep water to carry about 90 preschool aged children from a daycare. The children were not injured and the preschool was not flooded.

Laredo Fire Department spokesman Eloy Vega told The Associated Press that the thunderstorm prompted flooding at 12 intersections resulting in the motorists' rescues by Laredo fire crews.

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Angels knock Rangers completely out of playoff picture

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Texas Rangers had their ace on the mound and the desperate motivation of their flickering playoff hopes. With their own postseason ticket already punched, the Angels had a fill-in starting pitcher and a patchwork lineup of young backups. The way Sean O'Sullivan saw it, everything was lined up perfectly for Los Angeles to win the Rangers' last meaningful game of the year.

Bobby Abreu homered, O'Sullivan earned his first win in two months and the Angels eliminated Texas from playoff contention with a 5-2 victory Tuesday night. Texas' third straight loss clinched the AL wild card for the Boston Red Sox, who will meet the Angels in the first round for the third consecutive postseason. One day after the Angels clinched their third

straight AL West title with an 11-0 victory over the second-place Rangers (85-72), Los Angeles took it easy, resting two-thirds of its usual starting lineup. Yet pinch-hitter Mike Napoli had a two-run single as the Angels improbably battered Scott Feldman, while O'Sullivan (4-2) combined with three relievers on a five-hitter. "It's almost like you're more loose in our situation," said O'Sullivan.

COUGARS

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going to happen. They're tough at home. It's their homecoming. It's the first league game." The Cougars also haven't forgotten what happened last

year when they had to rally from a 12-point fourth quarter deficit against UTEP to get a 42-37 win at home. "That's enough to get our attention this week for this game," Sumlin said. Quarterback Case Keenum isn't sure how tough this road stretch will be, but is looking forward to traveling to El Paso.

"We know that UTEP is a challenging place to play," he said. "It will be a lot of fun. I really like their stadium, it's one of my favorite stadiums I've ever played at." Keenum's early season play has him right in the middle of the Heisman Trophy discussion, along with Florida's Tim Tebow and Colt McCoy of Texas. Those who were

already impressed with the junior took notice of the 95-yard touchdown drive he engineered to get the victory over Tech. The mild-mannered Keenum isn't fond of talking about down-the-road possibilities such as the Heisman. When asked about it Tuesday, he talked about keeping to his routine, homework and a

test that was waiting for him on Monday morning. When pressed about the award, he finally relented. "It's still an honor to be mentioned in the same sentence as those guys and have all the analysts talk about you, but it is still early in the season and we will see what happens at the end of the year," he said.

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LADY STEERS

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Big Spring got out to a strong start, taking an early 5-1 advantage. However, Plainview's Meredith Mull and Amanda Hinojosa gave the Lady Steers fits with high-velocity serves, leading the Lady Bulldogs on a 10-1 rally for an 11-6 advantage. From there, Plainview coasted to a 25-13 victory as the Lady Steers struggled to hold together a sustained rally after their 5-1

start. Big Spring was led by sophomores Bridgette Tuitt, who had 10 kills, and Cerbi Ritchey, who had 15 assists and seven digs. The Lady Steers host San Angelo Lake View Friday. The match was originally scheduled for Saturday, but a conflict with both schools' regional band marching contests forced them to make a change. An official start time for the match had not been set as of press time. Generally, the Lady Steers and Lake View compete for the final playoff spot available out of District 4-4A. Last season, the

two teams split their regular season meetings and were forced to compete in a play-in game for the district's final postseason bid. The Lady Steers won a back-and-forth match that lasted five sets, giving the program its first berth into the postseason since 2005. Lake View lost in straight sets to Abilene Cooper Tuesday, 25-16, 25-23, 25-17. The Maidens are 9-20 overall and 0-2 in district. Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing sports@bigspringherald.com.

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