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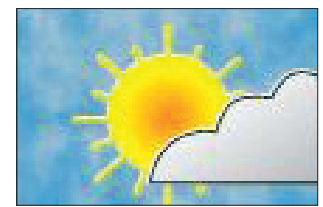


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President Barack Obama won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize today.

Peace Prize goes to Obama

**KARL RITTER
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OSLO — President Barack Obama won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize today in a stunning decision designed to encourage his initiatives to reduce nuclear arms, ease tensions with the Muslim world and stress diplomacy and cooperation rather than unilateralism.

Nobel observers were shocked by the unexpected choice so early in the Obama presidency, which began less than two weeks before the Feb. 1 nomination deadline.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama

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GRAND JURY

A Howard County grand jury handed down 23 indictments Thursday, including a true bill for murder in the shooting death of a 16-year-old Big Spring youth.

Christopher Olivarez, 18, was indicted on charges of murder (first-degree felony) and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony). See the weekend edition of the *Herald* for details.



Sterling, Edwards Ag winners

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A rancher and crop duster were the big award recipients at Thursday's Ag Appreciation Luncheon.

Jimmy Sterling, owner of Sterling Cattle Co., a Vincent-area ranching operation, was named agriculture producer of the year, while Tex Edwards of Flying E Spraying received the Agriculture Business of the Year award at the luncheon, annually hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sterling Cattle Co. was started in 1954 by J.M. Sterling, Jimmy Sterling's father, and today extends into portions of Howard, Mitchell and Scurry counties.

Sterling was lauded by presenter and past award winner Donnie Reid as a true conservationist.

"Taking good care of the land and its natural resources has been a top priority for the Sterling Ranch," Reid said. "Quality conservation has been applied to the land for several decades."

Reid also applauded Sterling's approach to cattle-raising.

"The main objective of the ranch is to raise quality beef cattle, focusing in the natural beef industry," he said. "All-natural cattle have never received antibiotics or growth hormones ... Careful attention is paid to the health of the produced calves. They



HERALD Photos/Thomas Jenkins

Tex Edwards, owner and operator of Flying E Spraying, accepts the Ag Business of the Year award Thursday afternoon from Nate Avey, representative of last year's winner, Porter Henderson Implement, during the annual Ag Appreciation Luncheon. At right, local rancher Jimmy Sterling, owner and operator of Sterling Cattle Company, walks to the podium to accept the Ag Producer of the Year award.

are monitored for sickness and if a calf must be doctored they are permanently marked and taken out of the natural program at weaning time."

In addition, the cattle company also leases numerous ranches, located in Borden, Coke, Tom Green, Runnels

and Coleman counties, for additional pasture grazing

The Sterling Cattle Co. is truly a family operation, Reid added, noting that Sterling's wife, mother, children and in-laws all participate in its operation.

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Big Spring ISD takes tax rate to polls

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District voters head to the polls Saturday to decide whether to approve a tax rate increase that school officials say really isn't an increase at all.

Voting booths will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at Big Spring High School for the election, said Saun-

dra Bloom, county election administrator.

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 overall tax rate will remain unchanged — trustees are simply shifting debt ser-

vice 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

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Amendments election nears

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

With early voting in the Nov. 3 election set to begin in a little more than a week, local election officials say they are getting their virtual ballot boxes ready for the contest.

The constitutional amendment election — which covers 11 proposed amendments, several of which could have a strong effect on the Crossroads area — will begin with early voting Monday, Oct. 19, according to Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom.

"We're getting everything ready,"

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposition 1 — Authorizing city and county financing to buy buffer areas near military installations.

Proposition 2 — Requiring appraisal of residence homesteads based solely on their homestead value.

Proposition 3 — Allowing state enforcement of uniform property appraisal standards and procedures.

Proposition 4 — Establishing the National Research University Fund.

Proposition 5 — Allowing consolidated boards of equalization for appraisal districts.

Proposition 6 — Renewing Veterans'

Land Board bond authority for land and mortgage loans.

Proposition 7 — Allowing members of the Texas State Guard to hold civil office.

Proposition 8 — Authorizing the state to contribute resources to veterans' hospitals.

Proposition 9 — Establishing a right to use and access public beaches.

Proposition 10 — Allowing board members of emergency services districts to serve four years.

Proposition 11 — Restricting use of eminent domain to taking property for public purposes.

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Obituaries

Mary Louise Gill Wood

Mary Louise Gill Wood, 59, die Oct. 7, 2009, after a brief battle with cancer and a long battle with fibromyalgia. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Dean Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born in Canton, Ill., Feb. 20, 1950. She graduated from Nicolas County High School in Carlisle, Ken., in 1968. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church in Big Spring and had worked for Specs and Company.

She is survived by her husband, Daryl Wood; a daughter, Kathy Najera and husband Ricardo; one granddaughter; a brother, James Gill and wife Sheila of San Antonio; a step-daughter, Tawa Wood of Big Spring; a step-son, David Wood and wife Zina of Big Spring; a step-grandson; and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Matkovich Gill and James Carl Gill; and a step-granddaughter.

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

Take Note

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

• Big Spring High School Steer Band Boosters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall. The meeting is for all junior high and high school band parents and others supporting the local band programs.

• Home Hospice would like to welcome anyone who would like to give a few hours of their time a month volunteering with patients or doing office work. There are many areas you can volunteer in. We train you at your convenience. Please call Sherry Hodnett, volunteer coordinator, at (432) 264-7599.

• 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.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

Support Groups

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

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

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

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Police blotter

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

- REGINA MERCED VALDEZ, 29, of 3616 Hamilton, was arrested Thursday on four local warrants.
- IRMA ESTELA VINCENT, 47, of 1311 Harding, was arrested Thursday on four local warrants.
- BELINDA CHAVARRIA, 30, of 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 1701, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- TERESA GARCIA, 32, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 52, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JAVIER PAYEN, 39, of 1602 E. Fifth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ZABRINA FREEMAN, 23, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ANTHONY MCGRUDER, 39, of 100 Lockhart, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of E. 17th Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- ABUSE OF A CORPSE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. According to police officials, during a domestic dispute between two individuals, one threw an urn of ashes (human remains) at the other. No arrests were made.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- CLINT BOLLIER, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- BELINDA GARCIA CHAVARRIA, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ALLISON REDDING EDMONDSON, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- ASELMO GONZALEZ ESPINOZA, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of injury to a child.
- TERESA GARCIA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JAVIER PAYEN, 39, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DANTE RODRIGUEZ, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole revocation for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- CHARLENE STORIE, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a contempt charge for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- REGINA VALDEZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of displaying an expired registration, failure to appear (two counts) and disregarding a red light.
- IRMA ESTELA VINCENT, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on contempt charges for failure to appear (two counts) and animal at large (two counts).
- CARL WILLIAM TABOR WELLS, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a violation of probation charge of theft of a firearm.

Fire/EMS

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

Note: No emergency runs were reported during the corresponding period.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 10/10	Sun 10/11	Mon 10/12	Tue 10/13	Wed 10/14
76/46 Sunshine and some clouds. High 76F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	61/56 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 50s.	78/61 Few showers. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	76/62 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	89/65 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:14 PM

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Amarillo	47	31	rain	Livingston	74	57	cloudy
Austin	75	57	sunny	Longview	66	53	pt sunny
Beaumont	72	62	rain	Lubbock	73	40	mst sunny
Brownsville	80	69	rain	Lufkin	72	57	cloudy
Brownwood	72	51	sunny	Midland	79	48	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	77	69	cloudy	Raymondville	81	67	t-storm
Corsicana	67	52	mst sunny	Rosenberg	75	63	cloudy
Dallas	67	52	mst sunny	San Antonio	78	60	sunny
Del Rio	80	60	sunny	San Marcos	76	57	sunny
El Paso	82	56	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	52	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	83	54	mst sunny	Sweetwater	72	48	mst sunny
Gainesville	67	48	mst sunny	Tyler	67	52	pt sunny
Greenville	65	49	mst sunny	Weatherford	67	49	mst sunny
Houston	75	63	cloudy	Wichita Falls	66	45	mst sunny

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9-2-3-6. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick

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Thursday night by the

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Old Sorehead Trade Days set this weekend

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The city of Stanton will become the center of attention in West Texas this weekend, as the Old Sorehead Trade Days gets ready to take over the streets of the sleepy little town.

And if a festival-style atmosphere with hundreds of vendors hawking wares of every shape and size is your idea of a good time, the two-day event is exactly what the doctor ordered.

"We have more than 600 vendors scheduled for the Old

Sorehead Trade Days," said Shawna Burch, coordinator. "When it was all said and done last year we had 618 vendors, so we're about where we were this time last year."

According to Burch, one of the largest draws for the event, which is held three times each year, is the food. This trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community

Center.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Burch. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Burch said another vendor expected to attract quite a crowd is a fashion designer coming to the trade days from Austin.

"Her label is called Nicole

Marie and she's been very popular at other trade days around the state," said Burch. "We're also expecting to have a horse and carriage giving rides, as well as a number of other vendors selling everything from butterflies to furniture."

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and continue until 7 p.m., and resume Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

For those who aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct

visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

For more information on Old Sorehead Trade Days, call the event hotline at (432) 756-2006 or visit www.stantontext.com on the Web.

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OBAMA

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woke up to the news a little before 6 a.m. EDT. The White House had no immediate comment on the announcement, which took the administration by surprise.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee decided not to inform Obama before the announcement because it didn't want to wake him up, committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland said.

"Waking up a president in the middle of the night, this isn't really something you do," Jagland said.

The Nobel Committee lauded the change in global mood wrought by Obama's calls for peace and cooperation but recognized initiatives that have yet to bear fruit: reducing the world stock of nuclear arms, easing American conflicts with Muslim nations and strengthening the U.S. role in combating climate change.

"Only very rarely has

a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future," Jagland said.

Obama's election and foreign policy moves caused a dramatic improvement in the image of the U.S. around the world. A 25-nation poll of 27,000 people released in July by the Pew Global Attitudes Project found double-digit boosts to the percentage of people viewing the U.S. favorably in countries around the

world. That indicator had plunged across the world under President George W. Bush.

Still, the U.S. remains at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. Congress has yet to pass a law reducing carbon emissions and there has been little significant reduction in global nuclear stockpiles since Obama took office.

"So soon? Too early. He has no contribution so far. He is still at an early stage. He is only beginning to act," said former Polish President

Lech Walesa, a 1983 Nobel Peace laureate.

"This is probably an encouragement for him to act. Let's see if he perseveres. Let's give him time to act," Walesa said.

The award appeared to be a slap at Bush from a committee that harshly criticized Obama's predecessor for his largely unilateral military action in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. The Nobel committee praised Obama's creation of "a new climate in international poli-

tics" and said he had returned multilateral diplomacy and institutions like the U.N. to the center of the world stage.

"You have to remember that the world has been in a pretty dangerous phase," Jagland said. "And anybody who can contribute to getting the world out of this situation deserves a Nobel Peace Prize."

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Edwards has parlayed a life-long love of flying into his successful crop-dusting enterprise, said

presenter Nate Avey of Porter Henderson Implements.

"When he was only 14, he flew nine hours non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean from the Azores to Bermuda," Avey said.

"Just for fun and to celebrate his 16th birthday, Tex soloed in seven different types of aircraft."

Edwards and his wife, Hillary, established Fying E Spraying shortly after his 25th birthday.

the operation started small but has grown steadily over the years, Avey noted.

Today, Edwards dusts crops across Howard and all its neighboring counties.

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POLLS

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net increase in revenue of up to \$1 million in 2009-2010.

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

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.

School trustees, however, have already set in motion procedures that will slice the tax rate back down to \$1.195 if voters approve the new rate.

Regardless, officials say the tax rate will remain the same.

"If this rate passes, the tax rate will be \$1.195. If it fails, the rate will still be \$1.195," Dr. Michael Stevens, special assistant to

BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar, said earlier this year. "The only difference is that if the election fails, we'll have about \$1 million less for our students."

Early voting was extremely light, with less than 2 percent of the district's 12,000 registered voters casting ballots so far.

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ELECTION

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said Bloom. "The deadline to register to vote in this election has already passed, so now we have to concentrate on getting everything ready to open the early voting polls Oct. 19."

Bloom said the deadline for area voters to return applications for mail-in ballots is Oct. 27, but warned against waiting until the last minute to apply.

"I would encourage everyone to get their applications in as soon as possible," said Bloom. "If you're 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to jail or you know you will be out of the county for the election, you can apply for a ballot by mail. You can write us a letter or send us a request by fax or e-mail."

"We'll be doing the mail-in ballots a little differently this year. In years past, we would mail out applications to the people who normally vote by mail, but this year

we're not going to do that. We're worried the elections that recently wrapped up in Big Spring and Forsan's school districts, along with the Nov. 3 amendment election, might be confusing, so we're asking anyone who wants to vote by mail to call in and request their ballot. I really feel that will help eliminate a lot of the confusion concerning which ballots they request and when they have to be received by."

According to Bloom, requests for a mail out ballot must include the voter's name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request and the address the ballot should be mailed to.

If the reason for requesting a mail out ballot is the voter will be out of the county during the election, Bloom said the ballot must be mailed to an address outside Howard County, as well as mailed back from outside the county.

"We're hoping this will help our college students, military and voters temporarily working out of the county," said Bloom.

Bloom said the lack of local races on the ballot will certainly impact voter turnout in November, but encouraged area residents to study the issues and weigh in on the issues.

"The voter turnout for amendment elections is traditionally much lower than elections involving local and state candidates," said Bloom. "However, some of these propositions will have a direct effect on our county and its residents, so it's important to educate yourself on the issues and cast your ballot."

Early voting in this year's contest is set to run from Oct. 19 until Oct. 30, according to Bloom, and will be held in the elections office located on the third floor of the county courthouse.

For more information on the election or mail-in ballot requests, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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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:

• The Jensens — Brian, Debbie, Hannah, Mike, Mika, Carissa, Jeremy and Rian — who were honored as Big Spring Family of the Year by the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas at a luncheon last week.

• Tandace Gilliam, who was named at the 2009 Howard County Fair Queen; Stormi Smith, who was first runner-up to Gilliam; and Patricia Morales, who was the second runner-up.

• All those who took part in last week's 2009 Howard County Fair — exhibitors, entertainers, concessionaires and, most of all, fairgoers.

• Personnel from West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital, who provided free, confidential depression screenings Thursday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

May we relax and turn everything over to You, Lord.
Amen

Don't cure me of my ADD

When I was a kid I bounced off the walls a little bit. I was a funny, good kid, but had a really difficult time staying on top of anything. When I was supposed to be listening to my teacher I would be thinking about dragging a magnet through the dirt or launching a frog with my giant sling shot. Of course all kids do this to some degree but I was a little over the edge. There was something weird about me in that I couldn't stand being in one place doing one thing for very long. I would want to bolt.

Years later, I began to learn the doctrine of hell through high school homework. I hated it worse than anything. Just a few minutes after I got started I would feel like fleas were crawling in my head because I desperately wanted to be somewhere else doing anything else. It was a serious issue which had to be overcome.

Today I refer to this as The Walmart feeling. It's the stressful anxiety I get every time I go there. I see the 50 cash registers and only three overwhelmed 15-year-old girls frantically working behind them, and it's in that stressful environment I want to be anywhere else on the planet.

My mind darts all over the room. I begin to inwardly freak out over the dental hygiene of the fellow next to me and the choice of tattoos at the top of everybody's butt. I desperately search for an answer as to why so many women wear spandex to this place. Is this really Wally world or a Choctaw bingo reunion?

I have a big laugh on the inside of my head and no one around me appreciates my humor because my thinking is in a lot of different places at one single time.

And are you ready for this? It works for me.

THE CURE

Don't try and put me on Ritalin or send me out for shock treatment.

Having many irons in the fire at once and a dozen different programs running on my computer has made me be able to make a huge difference in a lot of different areas. Don't try and cure me unless of course you are willing to hire a giant staff to do all I do on a daily basis. I have turned what some call a disorder into a valuable asset. I am a master at multi-tasking.

If you multi-task long enough you become multi-talented. Because I can't stand doing the same thing or thinking about the same thing for very long — I branched out.

At the age of 42, I have recorded eight music CDs and had several songs published by various artists though the years. My bands have traveled throughout the world and I have played every kind of venue from funerals to weddings, bars to churches and birthday parties to stadiums with more than 30,000 people.

I started the Johnson County food bank and today we give away more than a million pounds of food every year to local poor people.

I have four orphanages with more than 700 kids in them on three different continents.

I have written five books and have two more I am about to publish.

I started a church with seven people and have preached four sermons a week for 14 years.

I write a newspaper column that is printed in multiple news-

papers throughout the state.

I teach leadership courses to companies and do upper management consulting.

I do two three-day conferences a year here locally and speak at conferences throughout the world.

I have a beautiful wife of 20 years and four kids. Two kids are in college and two kids in high school. My youngest son rides saddle bronc in rodeos and my oldest son plays bass in one of my bands. My youngest daughter is a leader in our youth group and my oldest daughter is in nursing school.

In my spare time right now I am building a walk-in birdcage next to my waterfall and learning to convert from PC to a Mac.

I'm sure the devil would love to have me healed of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), but that cosmic punk should of never messed with me.

The Brewer says, "No Cigar, Diablo!" while checking my e-mail and scheduling another mission trip to East Africa.

Just because a kid doesn't do well in one setting, say a classroom, doesn't mean he can't do well in lots of other settings.

If you have a teen that struggles like this, have hope. I don't think most people with ADD need a cure they need a purpose and a passion.

That's where Jesus Christ comes in.

What the Lord has done for me is nothing less than turning a curse into a blessing. He can do the same for you because that's what He does best of all.

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalms 139:13-14

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Grandparents and free speech

Many folks live 50 years or longer without exercising first amendment rights, but when "grandparenting" comes along, they catch up fast.

If vocal chords had muscles, they'd be ripped, as they say, by the ongoing blather old-timers trumpet about their grandchildren. They do so without discrimination, typically yapping away to anyone who'll listen to minute descriptions of intelligence, strength, agility, courage and all-around comeliness embodied in specific grandchildren — theirs.

The masses are typically polite, despite having heard such bragging many times before. They smile and nod, hopeful that their response will suggest sincere interest in the discourse. In the recesses of their brains, however, they're plotting a hasty exit.

Who has not faked a laugh when asked for a grandpa or grandma if they'd like to see pictures of their "pride and joy?"

Never mind that such brag-garts — and we are many — have pulled this "bit" off literally hundreds of times. Mechanically, we reach for our wallets with gusto, ready to litter life's highway with laughs about photographs of our "Pride" (furniture polish) and "Joy" (dish-washer detergent). Our "victims," for the "umpteenth time," go along, really wishing we'd

go away. But we don't. Instead, we follow the joke with a bundle of grandkids' photos, each with a tiring narrative that induces hair-hurting.

Before going too far down this trail, it should be pointed out that life has a way of "balancing out."

Many times what we consider cute, clever or cunning by grandkids, their parents hold opposite views — like ugly, clumsy or stupid. Average the extremes, and a more balanced view of kid-dos' capers emerges.

Somewhere between our evaluation of grandkids and where their parents believe them to be is a true assessment of where they really are.

Count me among those people who are easily amused by what kids say. It seems that every generation comes up with remarks never made before. Or, more likely, that we've forgotten along the way. So what if we get second, third and maybe even fourth chuckles from children's repeated shenanigans?

We treat jokes the same way, sometimes laughing hardest at old chestnuts that we can "mouth" right along with the teller. At a speaking engagement years ago, a fellow asked me if he could use some of my jokes. "You may if you don't mind telling third-hand jokes," I kidded.

Sometimes other relatives get involved. My brother Fred, as a second grader, made this pronouncement: "I come from a broken home...most of it I broke myself." (And he did...)

Art Linkletter made a fortune probing the minds of youngsters on his radio and TV shows. And TV's long-running America's

Funniest Home Videos capitalizes on kids' capers to assure ongoing audience approval.

Linkletter would have had a field day with the second-grader who said he was often too tired to go "on-line" for computer games. His password did him in: SupermanBatmanGoofyDonaldPorkyHueyDeweyLouie.

"I just wish my password didn't need at least eight characters," he moaned.

This may be hard to capture in print, but I'll try.

The central figure is Shelli Balch. The scene is her home in China Spring, where as a second-grader, she faced her first challenge in multi-tasking. She was studying subtraction at about the same time she jotted down her first "call back" telephone number at home. (Note: Her teacher, from the "old school," called it "take away," as many of us remember subtraction instruction.)

Her parents, Jackie and Beverly Balch, remember it this way: Shelli wrote down a callback number: 836-4635.

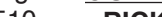
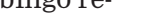
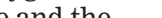
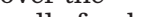
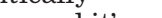
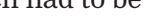
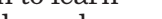
Her mom, in the other room, asked Shelli to "call out" the number. Her daughter interrupted her "subtraction homework" to do so. She shouted back: "Mom, it is 836 (pause), 'take away' 4635."

Sounds logical to me. And allow a "shout out" to the Balches. Keep on re-telling this account to friends. It's worth repeating!

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Church News

Chapel of Faith

Chapel of Faith, located on the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, offers informal, informative worship service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. You are invited to attend worship and any of the other events at Chapel of Faith.

Mark your calendar for Oct. 24 for an event you don't want to miss. It is the annual stew supper sponsored by the church and offered to everyone at no charge. This is all home-cooked food, including stew, sandwiches and desserts. This our way to give back to our neighbors and the community. So please make plans to attend for an evening of food and fellowship. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This Sunday the sermon will be "Bitter Complaints," based on Job 23:1-9, presented by Pastor Scott Willis. Services begin at 10:30 a.m., but come early and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

God loves you and all He wants from you is for you to accept His love. See you Sunday.

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 Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The next Frolic, an evening of homegrown talent and entertainment, is Saturday, beginning at 7 p.m. at the church social hall.

Tom continues to lead a Bible study on the week's lectionary in the library at First Presbyterian, Big Spring, every Wednesday at 5:17 p.m.

The lectionary for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Job 23:1-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Have a great Sunday! If you don't have a church family, why not come visit with us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. You're always welcome. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is during the morning worship for ages 4-12. There is a nursery for your little ones. If you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. The midweek service is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The ladies will go to a retreat through Saturday in Springtown at Calvary Heights Baptist Church.

There will be a Senior Saint Camp at Fort Davis beginning Wednesday Oct. 14 through Saturday the 17th with preaching under the Tabernacle. There will be great fellowship, special music, seasoned preachers, games and relaxing. Come enjoy some good down time and get revived for the Lord.

The Hinkle family will be with us Sunday, Oct. 25. That night we will have our fall festival. Plan to come and enjoy the fun.

For more information, call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

Baptist Temple

Starting this Sunday and continuing every Sunday in October and November, our sermon series will be "Building Spiritual Muscle." We will discuss habits and disciplines we need to develop to hear God and allow ourselves to be used by God. This Sunday we will have Rex Rainey of Restoration Ministries come and share his story of how God transformed his life. He will speak during the morning service.

We will not have Sunday evening service due to the Crossroads Baptist Association Annual Meeting at College Baptist Church, beginning at 4 p.m.

A few months ago, our Men's Ministry completed the R.W. Johnson Memorial Library. The library is a 10,000-volume collection of theological books and Bible commentaries that was used by the late Rev. R.W. Johnson, father of Allan Johnson of Allan's Furniture. Allan's desire is that the library be used by anyone in the community. The library is in a room on the second floor on the west wing of the church building. It is open to anyone during church office hours, Monday through Friday, 9

Where was this book when I needed it?



BONNIE WHEAT

Wow! Where was this book when I needed it? This might be the fool-proof manual for raising children that we have waited for so long. Perhaps it should

be passed out to new mothers in delivery rooms across the nation. Wouldn't it be great if we no longer had to tell parents that their babies don't come with instruction books?

In this day of instant everything from quick-set cement to instant oatmeal, we need a fast-fix book for raising cooperative children. Thankfully, Dr. Kevin Leman, a nationally known psychologist and popular author, has written a book called "Have a New Kid by Friday."

According to the promotional blurb from the publisher that

I read, the book deals with the ABCs of life — attitude, behavior and character. Dr. Leman challenges parents to implement his parenting strategy and see positive results in just five days.

Having taught ABCs to dozens of small children throughout my teaching career, I agree that some of them do need to have their attitudes adjusted, their behavior changed and their character improved.

However, I'm not sure that any curriculum can solve all the problems by the Friday deadline.

After spending 18 years on each of my own children just to get them out of high school and ready for college, I have to admit that I'm a bit skeptical about a book that promises results by the end of the week. However, if I still had teenagers at home, I would be searching the Internet to see how fast I

could get a copy of this miracle-working book.

While I have grown accustomed to my fast-paced lifestyle with no-wait conveniences, I don't think God intended for us to always have snap-of-the-fingers answers to all of our problems.

In fact, the opposite is true. In the scripture, King David says, "Wait for the Lord; Be strong, and let your heart take courage" (Psalm 27:14 NASB).

Maybe the book we should be reading isn't the one about changing kids by Friday. Maybe we should all be reading the book that tells us how to be transformed into mature adults by waiting for God's answers in His time instead of demanding instant responses to our prayers.

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a.m. to 5 p.m. The books are strictly for use in the library and may not be checked out. There is a study area in the library for use, though.

Our Financial Peace class meets Mondays from 7-9 p.m. The course has already started but we will be offering it in the spring for anyone interested.

Our weight-loss support group, SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Baptist Temple 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 on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible Study met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6 p.m.

The Working Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. in the parlor. Helen Glass will lead the study from Lesson 1, "Who is the God of Joshua?" from Joshua 1:1-9 and 23.

The Presbytery of Tres Rios will have its 86th stated meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Friday, Oct. 16. Our new minister, the Rev. Craig Holstedt, will be examined and officially received by the Presbytery. Mark Morgan will be our commissioner to the meeting. We would like as many members as possible to attend the meeting to welcome and show support for Craig. Registration forms are available at the church office.

Sunday, Oct. 18, the Rev. Holstedt will preach his first sermon in our pulpit. After worship we will host a reception for Craig and his wife Susan in the church parlor.

The installation service for the Rev. Holstedt will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, in the sanctuary.

Ethel Guthrie will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" this Sunday. Rip Patterson is liturgist for the worship service.

The lectionary for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31. The Rev. Shannon Weisen-

fels, associate pastor at First Presbyterian, Midland, is preacher for the day. The choir will offer a Gilbert Martin arrangement of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and the offertory anthem is "Sing for Joy" by Henry Purcell. Following worship we will have a congregational meeting to hear a report from the Nominating Committee to elect four members to serve on the Session for the Class of 2012.

The Church Life Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped with the Sept. 13 barbecue. The CL Committee will meet for lunch in the fellowship hall to discuss November plans for children's Sunday school and advent.

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

Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Analsia Rodriguez. Our elders are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell. The liturgy will be read by Richard Knocke. The readings for this week, the 19th Sunday after Pentecost, are Amos 5:6-7,10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 3:12-19 and Mark 10:17-22.

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If you are interested in beginning or attending a new 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 is being well attended and enjoyed by all participants. If you are interested, contact Shyrlee Reid. The next meeting will be Oct. 15. 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 —t 1005 East 15th Str. — is being held at 7 p.m. The topic is "Unleashed Influence." Everyone is welcome.

A Web site offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available at www.jcplayzone.com and promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos.

Mid Week School is being held Wednesday evenings with a light meal to be served at 5 p.m. Confirmation classes are at 5:30 p.m.; school classes at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in attending/teaching a Mid Week School class, contact the church or a member of the Board of Education.

The Board of Evangelism is making "visitation calls" to members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of those wanting/needing a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke. If you would like to help this group with visitation, please contact Richard.

Thank you to all the volunteers who manned our AIC booth at the Howard County Fair. It was a lot of fun and we met some of the nicest people in our Big Spring area. Winners of the Bibles included Desiree Hudgins, Nancy Tinsman, Baylea Gross, Maria Ontiveros, Honey Joy, Lisa Rose, Elizabeth Hurst and Tommy. Special congratulations go to the winner of the picture frame, Elizabeth Hurst.

Remember, Saturday, the Executive Board will meet at 2 p.m.

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

Upcoming events include: Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Thanksgiving service and meal; Christmas service; as well as other fall activities.

Monday, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13 at the church. The Elders meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 at the church.

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's

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Just do it right, live by the Book

Almost 40 years ago, my life changed from mundane Christianity to a radical, new experience in Christ. This change has taken me over some rough terrain, very narrow roads, crooked paths, steep and winding trails, many pot holes, and yes, even boulders in the way.

Not many would choose to travel this road and I understand why. It is much easier to stay on the broad highways with the many signs giving step-by-step directions. Uncharted waters can be overwhelming at times, to say the least. My journey has not always been sunshine and roses. For the most part, there have been storms, winds, and loneliness, but I can say in all certainty that it has been well worth the effort and I would not change a thing.

I have learned that God really does know what He's doing. When He makes extreme changes in our lives, it is always for a reason that is in our best interest. Even if it looks like disaster to us, our part is to simply trust Him. We must know that radical changes bring radical blessings. We must also know that without change there is no growth and likewise, there is no growth without change.

Prayer has been my constant partner on this journey, and God allowed me to make friends with others who had chosen this new way of life, as well. He took me out of the common way into a richer and greater path - a way that is a bit unusual and even somewhat mysterious at times.

And so my journey began. The drastic change in my life began with the book of Deuteronomy. I was amazed at the many times God instructed His people to simply obey His words; to keep His commandments, laws, and statutes. In doing so, their lives would go well and they would prosper and be blessed. God's commandments are so fair and right that even the most rudimentary student can benefit from following His simple and very direct instructions.

As I traveled through Deuteronomy, I found the reason for everything that God said to do and not do. Throughout the scriptures, His words were plain and direct. Living this Christian life is easy and is the best way to conduct one's life if one truly desires a blessed family and future. The answer for all who are interested in living this good life is "just do what God says to do." That's right, just live the way He has outlined for all of us in His Word. It is really that simple.



JERRIE STOCKS

Does living a life of total obedience mean that we will have no problems? Does it mean our every desire will be satisfied, our every want fulfilled? Hardly, but it does mean that we will have the most glorious life that anyone on planet earth could ever dream possible.

Living by the Golden Rule is God's formula for a blessed life. Deuteronomy 1:17 says, "You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great. You shall not be afraid in any man's presence, or feel intimidated for the judgment is God's. The problem that is too hard for you, bring it to me, and I will hear it." This is God speaking. He instructs us to bring any problem to Him that is too hard for us and He will hear it.

Deuteronomy 1:40 says, "You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, so that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord your God is giving you for all time." If you want to live a good, prolonged life, herein lies the answer.

Deuteronomy 6:18 says, "And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore to your fathers." Again, God is telling us to always do what is good and right in the sight of the Lord. He is telling us how to live a life free of worry, depression, lack and disease. Deuteronomy 7:15 says, "And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible disease."

But understand that this kind of life is not a free ride. In order to live it, we must honor God by keeping all His commandments and laws. How do we do that? We must inventory our hearts on a regular basis, to see if any unforgiveness or sins have crept in unawares.

We must also understand that God does not differentiate sin by degrees. With Him, sin is sin, although the consequences may vary due to the severity. Surely the sin of murder brings a harsher punishment than stealing a candy bar in the grocery store.

Yet it is often these lesser sins that people overlook in their lives, which can cause us problems. The Song of Solomon 1:15 says, "Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil our vines, for our vines have tender grapes."

To be continued.

God bless.

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Due to a death in the family, Brad Harrub will not be with us at this time.

202486

Thanks, dear readers, I bid you adieu

As a preacher I sometimes get asked what people don't like to hear from the pulpit. Most people automatically assume the taboo subject is money — they are wrong.

Years back that might have been the case. Whole lines of jokes have been passed down through the years. My least favorite joke — yet one that

has been told to me on more than one occasion by a smiling deacon is this one: "We like our preachers poor and humble. You work on the humble part and we'll take care of the poor."

Today, by and large the people are generous. They

know that churches need money to keep the door open. Some have even discovered the blessing of being a cheerful giver.

The third rail of American churchgoers today is when you start messing around in the priorities of their time management. Do that too much and they will fry you.

It is about time management that I write this column to you today — more specifically my time management. I have a problem. This problem is faced by most working people today. We have too much to do and too little time to do it.

Of course a lot of the "to do" is self-inflicted. Other times we find ourselves in a period of time in our lives when for our work there are just not enough hours in the day and energy to do it.

At the bottom of my column I usually have a line

that looks something like this — Matt Price is a pastor, author and columnist ... For years I have enjoyed having my profession career defined in those three words.

I got to add the Dr. when I completed my Th.D and when I recently learned that my thesis had been accepted and approved I got to add PhD behind my name. Now that "school" is finally over one would think I would have some free time. That is not the case.

When my thesis topic was approved the president of Southwest Bible College & Seminary, Dr. Ray McFarlain asked me to write it as a textbook. He knew that I was a published author and figured that if I didn't turn out to be a heretic the school could use the book in a doctrine course.

I was very pleased when I learned that I had earned my

PhD and humbled when Dr. McFarlain asked me to be an adjunct professor for the school and use my book as a graduate level course.

I was shocked with his next request. He wanted four more books and he really wants them within a year's time.

I have been able to do three things for quite some time. I don't want to cheat my church and youth group and will continue to give them my full time attention. I can also write on average about 1,500 words a day, while also doing the research necessary.

Trying to think up a topic and write a weekly column with all the other responsibilities is growing increasingly difficult.

I want to thank the readers of the *Big Spring Herald* for their faithfulness in reading my column. I don't expect

that you always agreed with me but at least you didn't hunt me down and throw me out of town.

It is sad for me in one way. Writing Parson to Person has been a constant in my life for the past nine years. Yet I do not want to be stretched so thin that you the reader are treated to less than my best or a steady diet of reruns that at times don't make much sense for what is happening in the world today.

I am not leaving Big Spring. My professorship requires me to write the books and the courses for a distance learning environment. I'll see you around town — just not in the funny pages. God Bless.

Dr. Matt Price, PhD is a pastor, professor, author and former columnist. E-mail him at the parsonperson@yahoo.com

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love and grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Str. in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following at 10:15.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

We meet at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. A Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

At this month's meeting we will celebrate the 1997 Walks, WW No. 5, WW No. 6 and MW No. 7.

Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

December 10, we will honor the 1998 Walks 8, 9, 10 and 11. Plan to attend.

For more information, see our Web site www.signal-emmaus.org

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. We have Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

St. Mary's noon holy eucharist service is every Wednesday in the chapel. There will be a women's lunch and prayer group meeting after the service in the library. Bring your lunch and join us.

Canterbury's Blessing of the Animals is Thursdy, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. at Canterbury South and North. You can call the office at Canterbury South, 263-1265, for more information.

The ECW courtyard sale is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. If you have any items to sale, mark them and bring them to the church. If you

would like someone to pick up your donations, call St. Mary's church office at 267-8201.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call the church office or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First Christian

This Sunday, our youth will be holding a car wash fund-raiser to help them go on a trip later this year. The car wash will happen from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Goliad parking lot (in front of the church). Refreshments will also be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will help some of our youth attend a conference in Corpus Christi next month, while the remaining proceeds will help them pay for a trip to New Mexico in December.

In addition, junior high and high school youth are invited to join us for a trip to Odessa Saturday evening to see the Jackalopes. We will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the church, 911 Goliad, car pool to the hockey game, then return to Big Spring around 11 p.m. Travel and admission are free, but youth will need to bring money for refreshments at the game.

All young people in Big Spring are welcome to join us for our weekly youth fellowship meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

First United Methodist

This Sunday at both services of worship, here at First Methodist in Big Spring, and in many churches and many denominations around the world, Worldwide Communion Day will be observed.

Our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Weise, will bring the message, "God Spells Commitment With a P," at both services based on the scriptures from Exodus 20:8-1. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Our sincere thanks to SMMC's Healthy Woman event held last weekend. The silent auction of decorated cakes at this Breast Cancer Awareness meeting netted our "HATS" ministry more than \$400. This special ministry, serving those recovering from cancer treatment, was established in memory of our late pastor, the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, who lost his battle with cancer.

Family Fun Night, with a snack supper and activities for all ages will begin at 5:30 Sunday evening. Pastor Weise is scheduled to begin her series "The DNA of Lasting Relationships" for adults. She will be continuing her study series "One Month to Live; Four Weeks to a No-Regret Life" on Wednesday evenings.

Living Christmas Tree rehearsals have begun and will continue each Monday night through October. They are held in Garrett Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Complete rehearsal schedules can be obtained from the church office. There's plenty of time to join the "Tree Choir." If you like to sing and love Christmas music, you are a perfect match for this performance which has become a well-loved tradition to begin the Christmas holiday season in our area.

Just two more weeks before we are scheduled to take our "Walk Thru the Bible." You can register in a Sunday school class or the church office beginning immediately. Work books are \$5. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Come worship with us at Fourth and Scurry. You're invited to any and all of our activities. Come share the love and fellowship at First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Oct. 5 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Walter Ward presided and gave the invocation. He announced that "Make a Difference Day" will be Oct. 24. Participants can clean areas, visit the sick, do something special for a friend and try to inspire others.

It was noted we have had several encouraging comments on our clean-up efforts on East 15th Street. People are noticing a definite change for the better. Way to go, homeowners!

Our E-waste and tire disposal is still set for Nov. 14, according to Chad Averette. Take such materials to the city landfill anytime on that day. This will be a one-day activity, so don't delay.

We are excited to have our certification celebration on Nov. 24. A number of dignitaries will be on hand and there will also be an extensive training session during the day. We are Big Spring proud!

A nominating committee, composed of Pat Simmons, Kathryn Wiseman, Debbie Green and Willia Ledford, was named to secure officers for the new year.

We would welcome additional volunteers for our monthly trash collection on FM 700. Call Walter Ward at 935-6456.

We are nearing our goal on funds for the benches to place in Comanche Trail Park.

The next meeting will be Nov. 2 in the Howard College Cactus Room.

TOPS Club No. 0021

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club No. 0021 met Monday evening in the fellowship hall at the First Christian Church. The meeting began with a lively TOPS cheer led by Leader Laura Sickles. This was followed by a TOPS pledge, led by Frank Sickles; the KOPS pledge, led by Ethel Cassady; and the welcome song.

The business portion of the meeting began with Linda Stapel reading the minutes of the previous meeting. A report on the club garage sale was given and thanks were given to all those who participated in making it a success.

The TOPS Club Open House will be Nov. 9. Frank Sickles will make posters for each member to place in businesses around town. All members are encouraged to prepare a diet treat for the refreshments to be served.

Roll call was answered by nine TOPS and two KOPS, with a total of 12 pounds lost. Raymond Churchwell was the weekly best loser with a great loss of 4.75 pounds. Dennis Stapel came in a close second with a loss of 4.5 pounds. Congratulations to these fellows for their losses. All members with a weight loss then colored their pumpkin contest papers. Everyone's pumpkin papers are looking good.

The program for the evening was then presented — "Today a caterpillar; Next year a butterfly."

TOPS does help us to lose weight, look better and feel better about ourselves. Come visit us and you, too, can loose. For more information, call Frank Sickles at 432-3=213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. Meeting begin with weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and official meeting times are 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Monday at the First Christian Church, located at 10th and Goliad Streets.

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Big Spring Steers running back Monte Anderson is held up by his offensive line, which has helped Anderson rush for 1,080 yards through five games this season. The Steers' offensive line is (from left): Jacob Wylie, Jackson Watkins, Lucas Ontiveros, Jonathan Molina and Tanner Henry.

Steers Spotlight

Monte Anderson and his big OL

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Certain players give off a spark of electricity to a every time they touch the ball.

It's because the crowd knows when the ball is in this particular athlete's hand, there's a decent chance something spectacular is about to happen.

Big Spring's Steers are fortunate to have one of those type of players lining up in their back-

field.

Senior running back Monte Anderson has been nothing short of dynamic this season, rushing for 1,080 yards and eight touchdowns through five games. Anderson is averaging 216 yards a game and 9.2 yards a carry.

He's rushed for more than 200 yards three times this season and topped 300 against

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Unfazed?

Romo says chirping critics not a problem

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Associated Press Writer

IRVING — Tony Romo learned from Troy Aikman that it's not always "lollipops and chocolates and fun times" for the quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys.

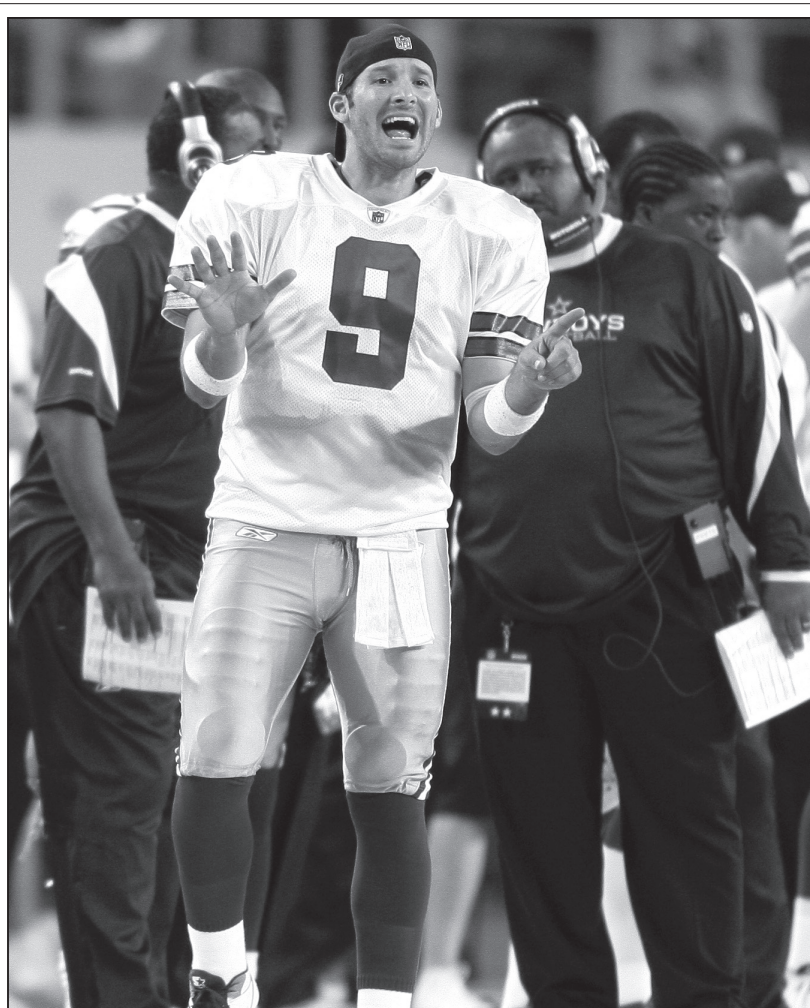
These days, Romo's chats with former QBs amount to therapy while he endures talk that he's gone from an undisciplined turnover machine to a conservative handoff fiend who misses receivers when he does throw. Or talk that he didn't know it was fourth down before the final end zone incompletion in Sunday's 17-10 loss at Denver.

Or three-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady second-guessing his frequent passes in the direction of Pro Bowl Denver cornerback Champ Bailey last weekend.

On Thursday, Romo said those chats help since the quarterbacks tell him their time was no bed of roses, either.

"There's a lot of hard work and effort and a lot of people surrounding you down," Romo said Thursday, surrounded by cameras and recorders at his locker. "You have to have a stronger belief in yourself than the disbelief of others."

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AP photo/Donna McWilliam

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) yells toward the field in the second half of a NFL game against the Carolina Panthers in Arlington Sept. 28. Romo claims to be unfazed by unfavorable assessments of his play over the course of the season.

MLB playoffs

Dodgers rally to take second game

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Holliday dropped a sinking line drive for an error with two outs in the ninth inning, leading to a two-run rally by the Los Angeles Dodgers that gave them a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday.

Ronnie Belliard and pinch-hitter Mark Loretta came through with RBI singles off All-Star closer Ryan Franklin, giving the Dodgers a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five NL playoff series. They can close it out with a sweep in Game 3 on Saturday in St. Louis.

Loretta, batting for winning pitcher George Sherrill, was 0 for 15 in his career against Franklin before fisting a soft single to center that drove in Blake.

Rockies 5, Phillies 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cole Hamels isn't going to breeze through this post-season.

Yorvit Torrealba hit a two-run homer, Aaron Cook pitched effectively into the sixth inning and the Colorado Rockies beat Hamels and the Philadelphia Phillies to even their NL playoff series at a game apiece.

The best-of-five series shifts to Denver for Game 3 on Saturday.

Angels 5, Red Sox 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — John Lackey pitched into the eighth inning and Torii Hunter hit a three-run homer off the rock pile in center field, leading Los Angeles over Boston in their AL playoff opener.

The Red Sox ended three of the Angels' past five seasons in the division series, winning nine of 10 games.

Boston didn't manage an extra-base hit while getting shut out in the playoffs for the first time since Game 2 of the 1995 division series against Cleveland.

McCoy understands what Tebow is going through

AUSTIN (AP) — With Florida quarterback Tim Tebow's concussion the talk of college football, Texas quarterback Colt McCoy told the story of a hard knock on the head he took in high school.

McCoy was a sophomore two-way player for Jim Ned High School. He tried to tackle Bangs running back Jacoby Jones. Jones weighed about 220 pounds, and would later play in

college at Baylor.

"I woke up in the hospital," McCoy said. "He was huge. I tackled him, though."

The concussion forced McCoy to miss the next three games, ending his season. His team lost all three and missed the playoffs.

McCoy has several knocks like that in college.

In 2007, he left the field in the final

minutes of a 2007 loss to Kansas State with symptoms of a concussion. He was able to return to play against Oklahoma the next week and played well, passing for 324 yards and two scores in a 28-21 loss.

Texas coach Mack Brown said team trainer Kenny Boyd and the medical staff make all decisions on when a player can return after an injury.

Sports in brief

Results from Tuesday's BSHS under-varsity volleyball games

JV falls in straight sets

Big Spring's junior varsity Lady Steers fell in two competitive sets to Abilene Cooper, 25-23, 25-20.

The Lady Steers led 17-10 in the second set, but Cooper managed to rally for the win.

Carson Reibe led the team with six assists, while Clara Benavides had four assists and five digs. Morgan Slaughter had a team-high four kills and also had four digs. Kim Gonzales was the defensive leader with 10 digs.

Freshman squad pushes Cooper to 3 sets twice

The Big Spring freshman team played two games — one against Cooper's freshmen and one against its sophomores — and lost in three sets in both matches. Cooper's freshman squad topped the Lady Steers, 25-11, 14-25, 25-20. The sophomores won, 26-24, 14-25, 25-20.

Both the freshman and JV squads play at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Plainview.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly report

In Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday, the team of Annie Ward, Betty Murphy and Patsy Sharpnack took first with a 1-over.

Second place went to Dee Jenkins, Joann Hilger and Gus Leonardi with a 2-over.

In Thursday's couples play, two teams tied at 4-under, forcing a scorecard playoff. The team of Nick and Linda DeWaters and John and Gus Leonardi took first via the tiebreaker. Second went to Howard and Trish Gabbard and Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth.

Nick DeWaters was closest to the pin on Hole 6.

Railroad employees and families encouraged to attend gold tourney

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen is holding its first-ever golf tournament fundraiser and family picnic Oct. 17 at the Big Spring Municipal Golf Course at Comanche Trail Park. The area chapter includes Howard, Ector, Nolan, Taylor and Mitchell counties.

The tournament and picnic are for railroad employees and their families only. Cost for the golf tournament is \$40 per team plus cart and green fees unless the player is a member of the course, then green fees are waived.

Players need to be registered at 8:15 a.m. The picnic will begin at 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic and to help deliver water to the players on the course.

Also a BLET seminar is being held at KC Steakhouse at 6 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call Sandy Shifflett at 816-1606 or Jerry Bullard at 816-2336.

BSCC hosting 6-6-6 golf tourney Oct. 17-18

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a golf tournament played in a 6-6-6 format Oct. 17-18.

Six holes will be played as a scramble, six holes are scored by low ball and six more are done via modified alternate shot.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus cart. Private carts are welcome. There is a 1 p.m. shotgun start for both days.

The field will be flighted by first-round score.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

S.M.M.C. hosting 4-man scramble to benefit Relay for Life

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is hosting a 4-man scramble Oct. 24 at the Municipal Golf Course at Comanche Trail Park.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Relay for Life. Cost is \$75 per golfer or \$300 per foursome.

Players need to be at the course at 8 a.m. for late registrations and tee times. There will be a cash prize for the top teams.

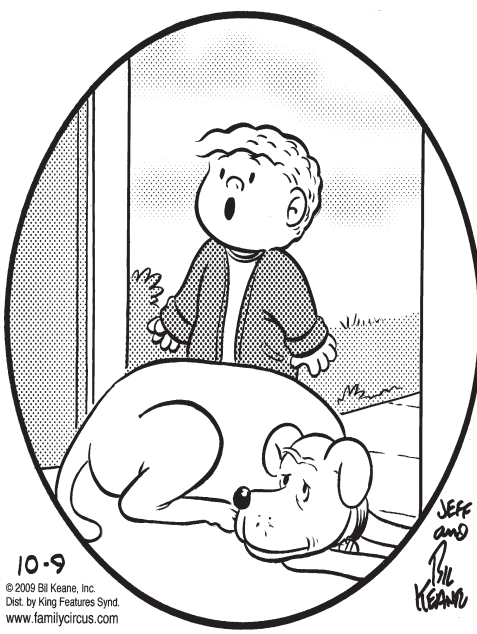
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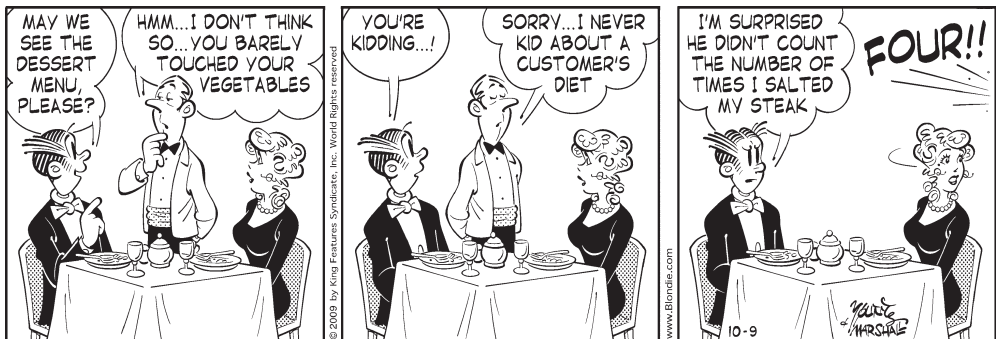


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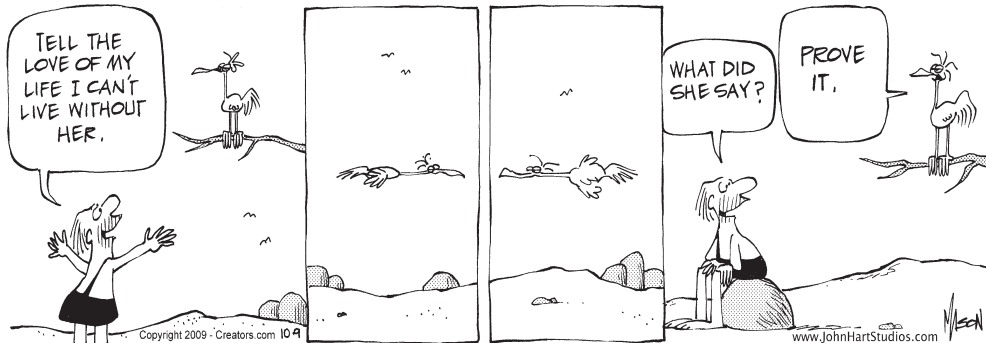
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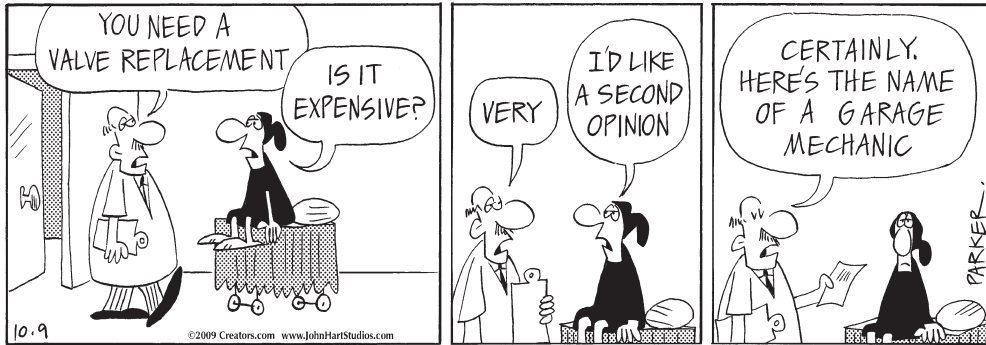
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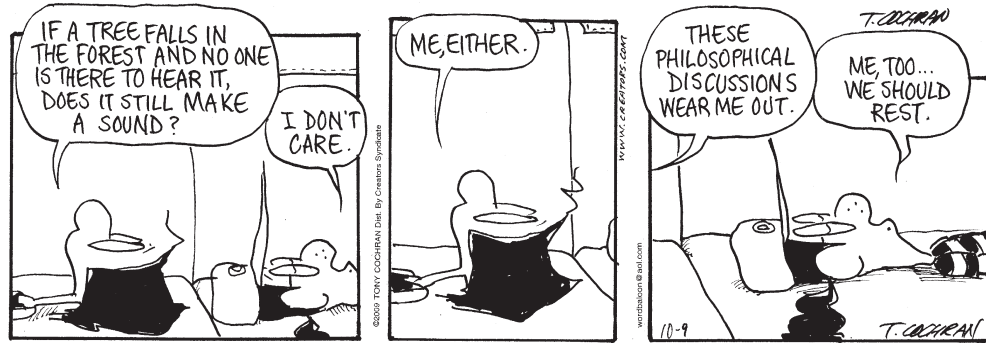
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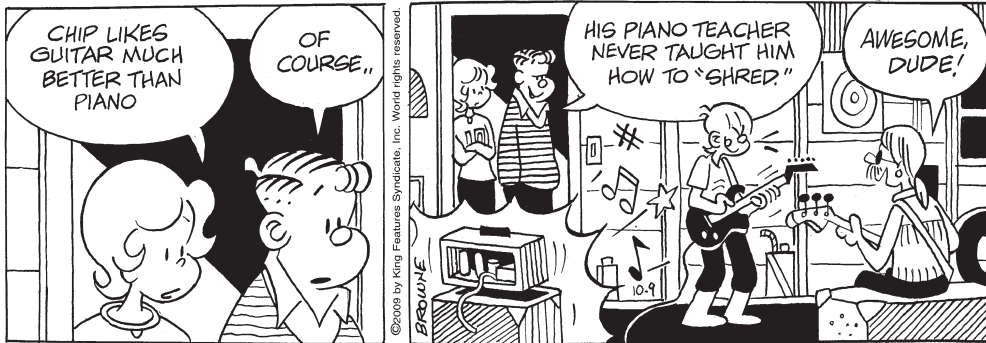
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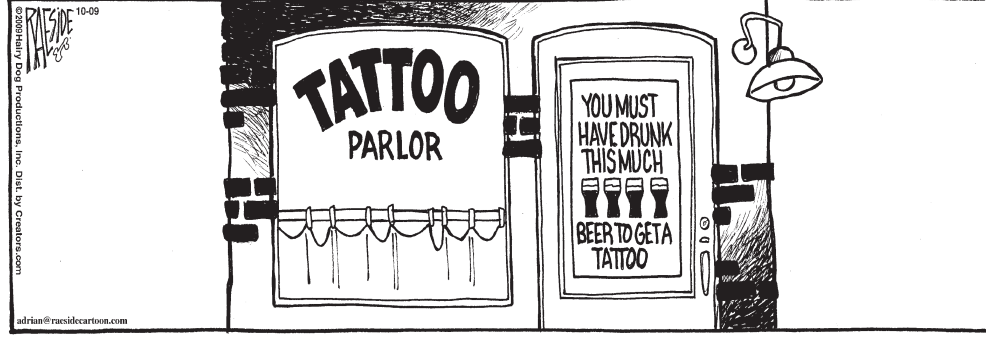
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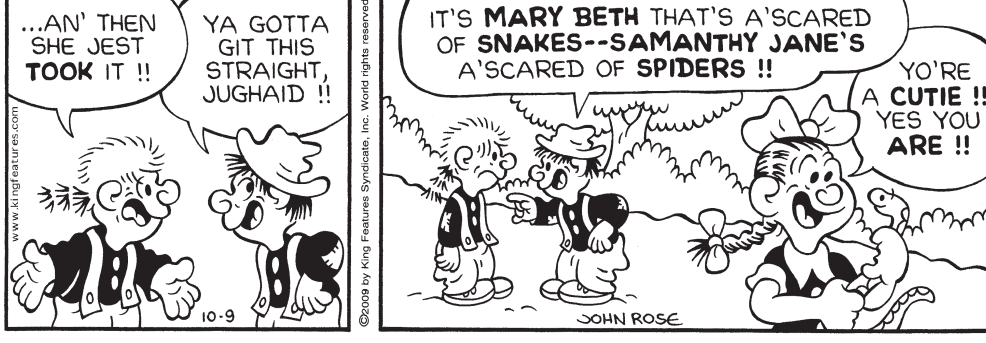
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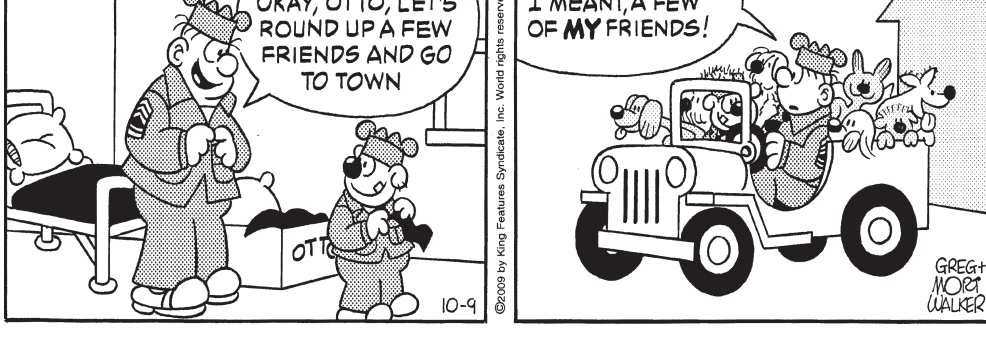
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 2009. There are 83 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 9, 1919, the Cincinnati Reds won the World Series, 5-3, defeating the Chicago White Sox 10-5 at Comiskey Park. (The victory turned hollow amid charges eight of the White Sox had thrown the Series in what became known as the "Black Sox" scandal.)

On this date:

In 1446, the Korean alphabet, created under the aegis of King Sejong, was first published.

In 1701, the Collegiate School of Connecticut — later Yale University — was chartered.

In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.

In 1859, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus, the focal point of the Dreyfus Affair, was born in Mulhouse.

In 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.

In 1930, Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field, on New York's Long Island, to Glendale, Calif.

In 1946, the Eugene O'Neill drama "The Iceman Cometh" opened at the Martin Beck Theater in New York.

In 1958, Pope Pius XII died at age 82, ending a 19-year papacy. (He was succeeded by Pope John XXIII.)

In 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was executed while attempting to incite revolution in Bolivia.

In 1974, businessman Oskar Schindler, credited with saving about 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust, died in Frankfurt, West Germany. (At his request, he was buried in Jerusalem.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Fyvush Finkel is 87. Former Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., is 68. R&B singer Nona Hendryx is 65. Singer Jackson Browne is 61. Actor Gary Frank is 59. Actor Richard Chaves is 58. Actor Robert Wuhl is 58. Actress-TV personality Sharon Osbourne is 57. Actor Tony Shalhoub is 56. Actor Scott Bakula is 55. Musician James

Fearnley (The Pogues) is 55. Actor John O'Hurley is 55. Writer-producer-director-actor Linwood Boomer is 54. San Francisco 49ers coach Mike Singletary is 51. Actor Michael Pare is 51. Jazz musician Kenny Garrett is 49. Rock singer-musician Kurt Neumann (The BoDeans) is 48. Country singer Gary Bennett is 45. Movie director Guillermo del Toro is 45. Singer P.J. Harvey is 40. Retired golfer Annika Sorenstam is 39. Country singer Tommy Shane Steiner is 36. Actor Steve Burns is 36. Sean Lennon is 34. Actor Randy Spelling is 31. Actor Brandon Routh is 30. Actor Zachery Ty Bryan is 28. Actress Spencer Grammer is 26.

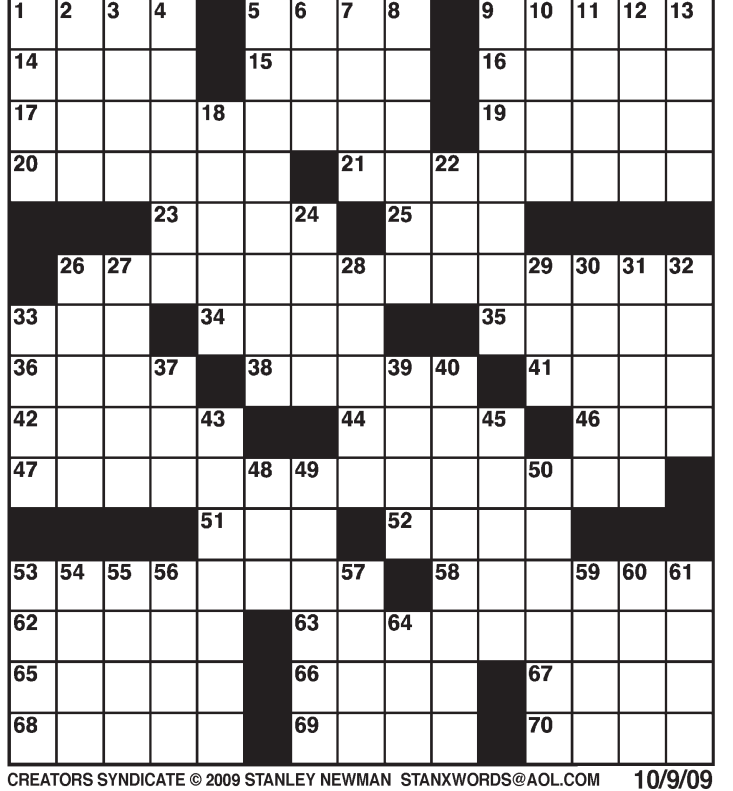
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A Venus-Uranus opposition becomes exact today, bringing something unusual and exciting to relationships. This could mark a turning point for some, as a catalyst for change will be introduced. Mercury enters Libra for the second time this year, which will start the conversational ball rolling toward a place of peace and harmony.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have now officially been seeing



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things from the same point of view for too long. Take a map of Earth and turn it upside down. The world is what you make it, and all reference points are relative.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Attention to detail is what makes your endeavors a smash hit. You'll even dress better than usual, with a knack for figuring out just which accessory will bring the most to your ensemble.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There was something in a movie you saw recently, an image or a line that really stuck with you. Look into it now and see what it tells you about your present home situation.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). An underdeveloped

talent is starting to itch. Recognize this as the cosmic gift it is: the bigger you asking for attention. That change in your schedule that freed up some time? No coincidence. Use it and grow.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A tiny little detail leaps out at you and makes a disproportionately big impression. Pause and ponder. This is definitely a clue. It has something to do with your finances and how you can improve them.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An ongoing dispute between mutual friends is starting to try your patience. A small misunderstanding led to a bitter feud, which led to you being really annoyed. Would that everyone were as compromise-minded as you.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The venerable German poet Goethe once said, "Be bold and mighty forces will come to your aid." Good advice for your current work dilemma. Once you commit to a direction, you'll be flocked by like thinkers and kindred spirits.

vacation at the same spot twice? True, there are endless places to escape to, but there's nothing wrong with building on a past good experience.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is no day to be like a child sitting in the back of the class. You chose your current environment because you wanted to learn, and now it benefits you to position yourself right up front, close to your teacher.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your life's palate is craving new flavor, and there are a lot of recipes you have yet to try both figuratively and literally. Make an interesting new dish, or go where one will be made for you.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 9). You better yourself without even trying — you simply do what you're drawn to do and naturally improve in every way. Through the next 10 weeks, you develop habits that enhance your closest relationships and will attract some fresh faces into your world, too. A professional opportunity comes in January. Aquarius and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 2, 40, 16 and 49.

needed, but avoid clingy types. **LIBRA**: Give yourself all the adoration you deserve and soon others will want to lavish you with love, too. **SCORPIO**: Someone shows love by trying to help you solve a problem. **SAGITTARIUS**: If you have to constantly reassure someone of your love, it will get old. Another person's insecurity is not your fault. **CAPRICORN**: You'll be admired for how tender you are with children and for your generally openhearted dealings with others. **AQUARIUS**: Love the way your loved one is, flaws and all. **PISCES**: You'll meet someone who can help you do something you've always wanted to do but haven't had the opportunity to do until now.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Libra are a fascinating duo. When these two go out on the town, heads turn in their wake. Leo can't help but love the attention and status they get as a couple, and Libra will take charge to make the most of their moment in the spotlight. When they are alone and no one is watching, the relationship remains exciting and interesting. Libra brings a sense of sophistication to Leo's raucous fun.

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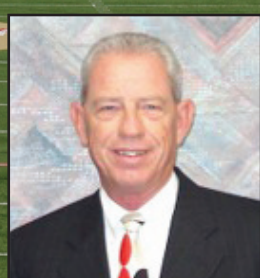
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However, Anderson is quick to give credit where credit is due. He notes that he wouldn't have close to the numbers he's got after five games if it weren't for the five guys lining up in front of him and paving the way every Friday night.

"This offensive line is definitely the best one I've run behind since I was a freshman on varsity," raved Anderson. "They put in a lot of hard work at practice every day. They're all wanting to get better. The only reason I can do what I've been doing is because of them."

The Steers have used a half-dozen athletes on the line this season with all six being juniors. Tanner Henry has manned left tackle with Jonathan Molina lining up next to him at left guard. On the other side, Jacob Wylie is handling right tackle responsibilities alongside right guard Jackson Watkins.

At center, Julian Ramirez started the season at the position, but a hand injury that required surgery kept him out for a few weeks. Ramirez has been cleared to play tonight, though.

While Ramirez was out, Lucas Ontiveros took over at center and the Steers didn't miss a beat, giving the team a luxury of depth at what Head Coach Phillip Ritchey says is the most important position on the offense.

"We're nothing without our offensive line. I have been pleasantly surprised by what they've been able to do this season," raved Ritchey. "Monte is putting up huge numbers because of those six guys and (quarterback) Tyler (Tannehill) has plenty of time to throw the ball as well. We are able to do things on offense this year that I envisioned us doing next year when those guys on the line were seniors. I can't say enough about the effort they put forth."

The Steers enter a 7:30 p.m. Friday night showdown against defending District 4-4A champion Frenship undefeated at 5-0 and ranked ninth in the AP Top 10 poll.

The game is a special one to many players on the team since none of

them have ever defeated Frenship on the varsity level. In fact, the last time a Big Spring squad knocked off the Tigers was in 1999, which is also the last time a Steers team opened the season 5-0.

However, the game is meaningful in a different way to Anderson. Last season, the Steers had developed a lot of confidence going into the game with Frenship, believing they were capable of knocking off the Tigers.

Then, disaster struck the night before. Four of the Steers starters — Anderson, defensive tackle Steven Henry and recently graduated Tyrone Clemons and Quinten Ausbie — were involved in a one-vehicle accident. All four suffered various injuries and were ruled out for the game against Frenship.

It brought the number of Steers sidelined by injury to nine at that point in the season. Anderson ended up missing three games, but still managed to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark as a junior.

"It was frustrating to be on the sideline. That was the first time I had ever been injured," said Anderson. "I hated standing there, watching my teammates fight on the field and knowing I couldn't be out there."

Big Spring went 1-2 with Anderson on the sideline, dropping games to Frenship and Abilene Cooper.

In Anderson's first game back, he was unleashed against the San Angelo Lake View Chiefs. His first carry went 52 yards for a touchdown. He ended the night with 181 yards on 16 carries.

"Being unable to play was a big motivation for me. I wanted back on the field so badly," said Anderson. "That's really carried me into this season."

Now, with Frenship on tap again, Anderson and the rest of the Steers are ready to deliver a message.

"The seniors on this team have never really played together on varsity against Frenship. There were several of us injured last season and not all of us were on varsity yet before that," he noted. "We have to want this game more than them. The ranking puts a target on our backs, but we're not looking past Frenship. They're the district champs still and we want to take that away from them."

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ROMO

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Heading to winless Kansas City on Sunday, the Cowboys are 2-2 when their legion of critics figured they would have to be 3-1 or 4-0 to have a chance to end a 13-year stretch without a playoff victory, the longest in franchise history.

Romo was at the focal point of both losses, his three interceptions leading to three touchdowns for New York in the Giants' 33-31 win and his fumble jump-starting the Broncos when they trailed 10-0 in the second quarter.

"Last week doesn't indicate what kind of football team this is," Romo said. "It doesn't make us waver in our belief of what we can accomplish this season. We feel very strongly going forward."

Dallas won its opener at Tampa Bay thanks to several long passes from Romo, but a 21-7 victory against Carolina featured just one offensive touchdown and a lot more success running the ball than throwing it. Suddenly everyone wanted to know whether the Cowboys were transforming Romo into the leader of a grind-it-out offense.

Now everyone wants to know where Romo is mentally after another pedestrian passing day in Denver that included several bad throws to open receivers.

"Tony's fine," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said. "He's going to do well because he works so hard at what he does. He's a talented guy that cares."

At the very least, Phillips, the Cowboys and their quarterback insist Romo can count to four. Video from a local TV station caught Romo holding up three fingers and talking to officials after Romo threw incomplete on third and fourth down from the Denver 2 in the final seconds.

Talk radio lit up with speculation that Romo didn't know it was fourth down, and the chatter was loud enough for the team to issue a statement explaining that Romo saw a down marker with a "3" and thought the referees might have made a mistake. Phillips and Romo told basically the same story the next two days.

"That's kind of ridiculous," Phillips said. "Somebody saw him talking to (officials) and just went off on some ludicrous statement that Tony didn't know what was going on or something."

On his radio show, Brady said he found it amazing that the Cowboys kept throwing at Denver's Bailey, who ruined a Dallas scoring chance with an interception in the third quarter and broke up both of the final two passes in the end zone.

"I can't imagine you go into a game thinking, 'Oh, let's really go after this guy and see if he can make the plays,'" said Brady, who gave up a 100-yard interception return to Bailey in a playoff loss at Denver four seasons ago.

Romo said the chatter wasn't affecting him. Leonard Davis, one of his offensive linemen, agreed.

"I don't think anything's wrong with him," Davis said. "People are going to talk. Everybody's got their opinion. Nobody really cares about anybody's opinion because their opinion is not the reality. I don't think him or anyone else cares about what anybody else thinks."

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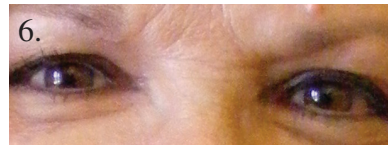
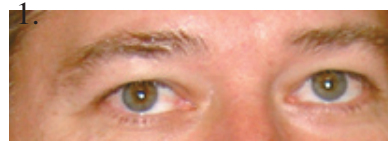
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