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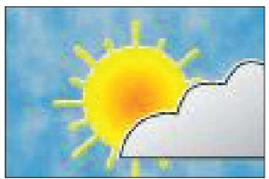


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Vandals strike vehicles, homes

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Police Department say they are looking for several suspects believed to be responsible for a rash of vandalism throughout the city during the early morning hours of Thursday.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, said more than 30 incidents of criminal mischief have been reported, with possibly more to come.

"There were 34 cases in all. We have 37 damaged vehicles, two damaged homes and one damaged business in all," said Everett. "Apparently,

the suspects were traveling in a vehicle and shooting the windows out of random vehicles using a BB gun, and they didn't do this just in one area. They were all over the city."

According to Everett, reports were received in the 1100 block of Nolan; the 1300 block of Tucson; the 1100 block of Sycamore; the 600

block of State; the 200 block of Circle; the 2600 block of Langley; the 1400 block of Princeton; the 200 block of Jefferson; the 2500 block of Fairchild; the 600 block of Ridglea; the 600 block of State; the 2600 block of Ent; the 500 block of Scott; the 1400 block of Park; the 600 block of Scott; the 700 block of Tulane; the 600 block

of Tulane; the 1000 block of Stadium; and the 100 block of Eighth Street.

"No arrests have been made at this time, but we have several suspects we're currently trying to locate," said Everett. "We don't currently have a description of the vehicle,"

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Alon suit trial date set Jan. 11

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It appears the tax lawsuit brought against the Howard County Appraisal District by Alon USA — owner of the Big Spring Refinery — will go to trial beginning Jan. 11, as 118th District Court Judge Robert H. Moore Jr. set the date this week.

The lawsuit marks the fourth consecutive year Alon USA has contested its tax appraisal, having filed petitions in 2006, 2007 and 2008 as well. The petrochemical company agreed to pay taxes on values of \$130 million for 2006, \$185 million for 2007 and \$175 million for 2008. The property was appraised by the district at \$320 million in 2007 and \$275 million in 2008.

Chief Appraiser Bret McKibben said his office was served with lawsuit papers claiming the



Big Spring High junior Dayvion Young goes through an obstacle course while his teammate, Coach Tyler Adams, cheers him on during an Army-themed pep rally Friday at Steer Gym. The Steers were named the Army Strong Team of the Week by Dave Campbell's football and were given plaques to commemorate the honor at the pep rally.

BSISD to move forward with budget plans

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Given the green light by voters, Big Spring Independent School District officials will now move on instituting a tax rate designed to bring in increased state revenue.

Voters overwhelmingly approved a new tax rate by an 85 percent to 15 percent margin last Saturday. The new

rate, while technically above the rollback rate, isn't an increase at all, officials said.

Although BSISD raised its tax rate (for maintenance and operation purposes), in reality, the overall tax rate will remain unchanged — trustees were simply shifting debt service payments in order to take advantage of an opportunity to significantly increase state aid to the district.

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

Now that they've received voter approval, school officials will begin turning their plan into reality.

The first step is for trust-

ees to canvass the election results, which they'll do during a special meeting at noon Monday. After that, they begin a months-long process, Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said.

"The tax office and appraisal district will submit our appraisal to the (state) comptroller's office," Waggoner said. "The comptroller will then notify (the Texas Education

Agency) of our new tax rate, and TEA will reconfigure their funding formulas with regards to our new rate."

Although the schedule of events sounds simple, Waggoner said it will be months before the district realizes extra revenue from the reconfigured rate.

"Local taxes will start

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Cosden FCU open house Saturday

Saturday, the public is invited to tour Cosden Federal Credit Union, which has recently been remodeled.

An open house has been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the financial institution, located at 400 E. Marcy Drive. There will be free hot dogs and drinks are children will be able to participate in several activities, including air castles.

Last year, the credit union embarked on a major remodel and ex-

pansion project that has more than doubled the size of its main office. The original building was about 2,200 square feet. Today, the facility boasts almost 6,400 square feet.

According to a news release, the remodeling will allow members and potential members to experience "a more updated and comfortable environment in which to conduct their financial transactions" as well as provide a venue for civic and com-

munity organizations to hold meetings and other events. A community room in the facility will comfortably seat 16 people at the board table.

Cosden FCU was chartered in 1936 to serve employees of the Cosden Refinery in Big Spring. In 1999, the credit union applied for and received a community charter for all persons who live, work, worship or attend school in Howard County.

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Steer spotlight: Senior DE Derrick Anderson

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Coming into the 2009 football season, the Big Spring Steers knew they had questions to answer on the defensive line.

The coaching staff knew they were having to work in three new starters along the front four, leaving the potential overall performance of the unit a mystery.

The results have exemplary and one of the reasons is the combination

of size, speed and strength that defensive end Derrick Anderson adds up front.



Anderson

While it's his first year playing the position on the varsity level, Anderson had previous experience at it and moving back into the slot came natural to him.

"I played defensive end as a freshman, so moving to the position

wasn't that hard for me. I already knew how to play it," said Anderson. "I think I've got the speed and strength to help me succeed at the position. It hasn't been that tough of an adjustment for me."

Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey agrees, adding that while Anderson's production goes unnoticed, the coaching staff and his teammates realize how important of a role he's played so far this season.

"Derrick is a bit of an unsung hero

in my mind," said Ritchey. "He's done a good job. He's one of our hardest working lifters in the weight room. He's a power lifter and takes a lot of pride in his strength. To do as well as he's done moving to the defensive end position has made a significant impact on our team. He's always full speed up the field and causes a lot of havoc to the timing of opposing offenses by getting into the backfield. He's been an anchor at the position

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RED RIVER RIVALRY



AP photo

Texas senior quarterback Colt McCoy is shown before his team's 38-14 win in an NCAA football game against Colorado in Austin last week. Texas, ranked No. 3, is set to play No. 20 Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl on Saturday in Dallas.

Eyes of Texas

McCoy needs big day vs. OU to catapult Heisman hype

JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas quarterback Colt McCoy's Heisman Trophy moment has arrived.

Put up big numbers and beat No. 20 Oklahoma on Saturday and McCoy stays right in the thick of the chase for the Heisman. Toss a few more interceptions or lose, and it could be slipping out of the senior's grasp for good.

McCoy was the runner-up for the trophy last season — behind Sooners quarterback Sam Bradford — but sputtering starts, a rash of turnovers and a dropoff in his running after five games have prompt-

ed more than a few "What's wrong with Colt?" questions.

It's not like he's playing bad.

Third-ranked Texas is undefeated, McCoy has thrown for 1,410 yards and 10 touchdowns, and his completion percentage, while down from last season's NCAA-record 77 percent, is still 73 percent.

"We've done a lot of things, especially in the throwing game," McCoy said. "I want to play the best I can every time. It's not like I go out there and play bad one game and good the next."

It's just that something doesn't seem quite right.

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Searching for chemistry

Bradford developing rapport with inexperienced receivers

JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Cameron Kenney earned himself a spot on the bench for No. 20 Oklahoma with a series of dropped passes.

Brandon Caleb, DeMarco Murray and DeJuan Miller were guilty, too. By the time offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson was done counting up the number of drops, he had reached double digits.

"We had enough drops the other day if we benched

everybody for drops, we'd be playing with six or seven players," Wilson said.

Blame it on a lack of rapport with Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford, who returned after missing a month with a sprained joint in his right shoulder. Blame it on the inexperience of an Oklahoma receiving corps that was without its top four pass-catchers from last season. Or blame it on a simple lack of concentration.

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AP file photo

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford looks for a receiver against Washington during an NCAA college football game in Seattle Sept. 13, 2008. Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford returned from a sprained shoulder joint and shook off any lingering rust last week against Baylor. Now, it's time for a showdown with his new friend and fellow Heisman finalist, Colt McCoy of No. 3 Texas.

Sports in brief

Western Sportsman's Club holding rifle sight-in day

The Western Sportsman's Club is giving local hunters the chance to properly set the sights on their rifles Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The club is located 9.5 miles northwest on Andrews Hwy on the left. The only thing those wanting to take advantage of the day need to bring is their rifle.

For more information, call Elaine Dehlinger at 267-1816.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association weekly results

There was no Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday Monday due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

In Thursday's couples play, Forrest and Gayle West, Thurn Leonard and Debra Lusk won first, shooting 6-under.

Second place went to Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Sherrill and Betty Farmer with a 3-under after a scorecard playoff with two other teams.

Debra Lusk shot 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 Saturday 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 this weekend

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a golf tournament played in a 6-6-6 format Saturday and Sunday.

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.

SMMC 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 4-some. Players need to be at the course at 8 a.m.

Obituaries

Billie Sue Teague Sutton

Billie Sue Teague Sutton, daughter of Lea Countian R.M. (Mort) and Ameil Florene Patterson Teague, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. Sue was born in Knowles, N.M., Feb. 16, 1916. During her career days, she was a top real estate agent in Odessa.

Sue is survived by her daughters, Bobbie Jones and husband, Wayne, of Wenatchee, Wash., Brenda Bailey and husband, Gary, of Kingwood; her daughter-in-law, Debbie Wilson of Big Spring; siblings, Oneida and husband Dairrel Hall of Hobbs, N.M., Nelson and wife Jenny Teague of Clarksville, Ark., Doug and wife Doris Teague of Nederland, Denzell and wife Elizabeth Teague of Hurley, N.M., and Weldon (Lad) Teague of Hobbs, N.M.; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Bill Wilson Jr.; daughter, Cathy Santana; and her first grandson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Church of God, 611 E. Dunnam St., Hobbs, with Sue's brother, Denzell Teague, officiating. A viewing will be held Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at 6 p.m. at Griffin Funeral Home, 401 N. Dalmont St., Hobbs.

Rose Mayhew

Rose Mayhew, 54, of Big Spring died Friday, October 16, 2009, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the post, 3205 W. Highway 80. Everyone is welcome. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$10 each. Carryouts will be available.

Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

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.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Police blotter

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

- SABRINA BRIDGES, 29, of 3611 Dixon, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- BEVERLY ARMSTRONG, 29, of 361 Dixon, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- DESIREE RICHARDSON, 26, of 610 Hillside, was arrested Thursday on charges of theft and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- PHILLIP ALDERS, 19, of 1803 Lancaster Apt. A, was arrested Thursday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Scurry.
 - in the 3600 block of Dixon.
- POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE – MORE THAN 3 GRAMS, LESS THAN 28 GRAMS was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE – 1 GRAM OR LESS was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION USING A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of State.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1100 block of State.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Nolan.
 - in the 1300 block of Tucson.
 - in the 1100 block of Sycamore.
 - in the 600 block of State.
 - in the 200 block of Circle.
 - in the 2600 block of Langley.
 - in the 1400 block of Princeton.
 - in the 200 block of Jefferson.
 - in the 2500 block of Fairchild.
 - in the 600 block of Ridglea.
 - in the 600 block of State.
 - in the 2600 block of Ent.
 - in the 500 block of Scott.
 - in the 1400 block of Park.
 - in the 600 block of Scott.
 - in the 700 block of Tulane.
 - in the 600 block of Tulane.
 - in the 1000 block of Stadium.
 - in the 100 block of Eighth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Galveston.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1900 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- PHILLIP CHESTER ALDERS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- BEVERLY RYNEL ARMSTRONG, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- TYSON BARKER, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- SABRINA LEANN BRIDGES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- TONY MOJICA CASTELLANO, 36, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- MELISSA ANN HERNANDEZ, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of tampering with government records for the purpose of defrauding or harm.
- FRANCISCO RAFAEL MELENDEZ, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on failure to appear charges for violation of a promise to appear (two counts), speeding and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- DESIREE RICHARDSON, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, theft of service, possession of a controlled substance (two counts), possession of a dangerous drug and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 10/17	Sun 10/18	Mon 10/19	Tue 10/20	Wed 10/21
 72/49 A mainly sunny sky. High 72F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.	 76/51 Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	 77/55 Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	 81/54 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	 69/45 Few showers. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:53 AM Sunset: 7:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:06 PM

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Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

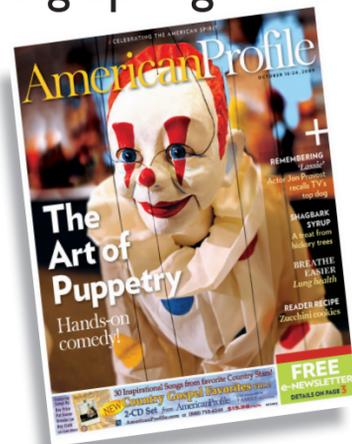
Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-6-18-35.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-3-5-8. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-9. Sum It Up: 19.

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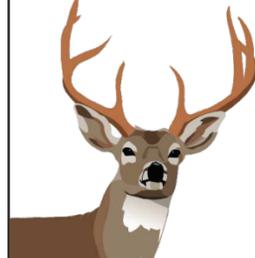
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TEXAS

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Texas (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) has struggled to start games. The Longhorns managed just one offensive touchdown in the first half against overmatched Wyoming and Colorado, and a single field goal against Texas Tech. McCoy had the flu the week of the Texas Tech game and didn't start feeling better until the second half.

Early in the season, coach Mack Brown told McCoy not to try to be perfect.

"We've all gotten too used to Colt," Brown said. "I think some of us go cold on him because he is just so good."

Heisman voters demand a lot. For quarterbacks, they require big wins, chart-busting stats and a signature play (or two) on national television.

Some are now thinking McCoy's best friend and roommate, wide receiver Jordan Shipley, is the one who should be getting Heisman consideration. Shipley has caught 47 passes, three for touchdowns, returned two punts for scores and produced Texas' biggest plays.

On Monday, a Heisman voter asked McCoy if it would bother him if she voted for Shipley.

"He's playing great," McCoy said. "If you don't think I'm playing good, that's fine."

McCoy knows he could swing a lot of votes either way on Saturday.

"If I go out and play well and we

win, those things are going to come in the end," McCoy said this week. "The national championship means the most. The Big 12 championship means the most. Those are things we haven't played for in the last couple of years."

The Sooners (3-2, 1-0) say they don't see anything amiss with in McCoy's game.

"I think he's throwing the ball great," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "He looks every bit as good as what you saw a year ago."

McCoy has not been the running threat he win in 2008. That's partly by design.

McCoy had a team-high 561 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Offensive coordinator Greg Davis has called fewer running plays for him as Texas has forced its ground game through tailbacks Vondrell McGee, Tre' Newton, Cody Johnson and Fozzy Whittaker.

McCoy has just 58 yards and one touchdown rushing this season and the running game overall is sputtering without his scrambling. He could be called on to run more Saturday with McGee and Newton both listed as "day to day" after injuries last week against Colorado.

McCoy also has thrown six interceptions after totaling eight in 12 games last year. Brown said four came on dropped passes or tipped balls.

McCoy was at his best in Texas' biggest games last season. Heisman voters will be watching to see if he is again on Saturday.

ANDERSON

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that we needed very badly."

Anderson is literally one of the strongest athletes in Big Spring High School history. Last year, Anderson broke the all-time squat record, maxing out at 605 pounds, and he's not afraid to say he's not done setting that mark yet.

"I got the record, but I'm still going for more," he said. "I take a lot of pride in how much I can lift. I work on my upper body, too, and try to get stronger there but I really like working on my legs because I am so strong there. I know other guys look up to me for what I can do in the weight room and I try to be a good role model in there."

Ritchey says what Anderson is capable of in the weight room is also a motivation to the rest of the team.

"What Derrick does in the weight room is extremely inspiring to the rest of the team, especially the younger guys," Ritchey said. "They look at

how Derrick lifts and we can tell them that the only reason he's successful is because of his strength and the amount of work he does in the weight room. He's a living testament to what hard work in the weight room can do for you on the football field."

Anderson will help anchor the Steers' defensive line at 7:30 p.m. tonight when Big Spring (6-0, 1-0) plays host to the Plainview Bulldogs (2-4, 0-1) at Memorial Stadium.

If the Steers win, it would be the first time the team was undefeated after seven games since 1954. That's a fact making Anderson's senior season a very special one.

"It's been awesome. The way we've been playing and for all of us to come together like this in my last year here is just awesome," he raved. "We've all got our responsibilities tonight. Mine is to keep containment when the quarterback tries to sprint outside the pocket. We've been taking care of business as usual this week in practice. Last week's big win over Frenship hasn't changed anything. We've still approached things the same way. If we take care of what we're supposed to, we'll beat Plainview, too."

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Whatever the case, the Sooners (3-2, 1-0 Big 12) need to make it stop before Saturday's showdown with No. 3 Texas (5-0, 2-0) in Dallas.

"We've just got to figure out a way to bring the balls in. I mean, nothing's going to be perfect," said Kenney, who had three passes bounce off his hands — as many as he caught. "We've just got to learn how to forget about it and figure out a way to snag 'em in and just hold onto them."

Adding to the frustration is that the drops are such a fundamental problem. The Sooners' receivers have caught hundreds of passes over the years in high school and practice, although most of them are finding themselves in the spotlight for the first time.

Oklahoma lost starting receivers Juaquin Iglesias and Manuel Johnson from last year's team, while tight end Jermaine Gresham and receiver Ryan Broyles have been out with injuries.

"It's like any young guy or guys that are fairly inexperienced that the more they're out there, the more sure of their self and the better they see things and handle things. I'm hoping that's what it is and in my gut that's

what I believe it is because they're good receivers who can catch the ball," coach Bob Stoops said. "We just have to settle down and compete and relax to be effective."

Wilson said he counted 10 or 11 dropped passes as he was reviewing film of the 33-7 win against Baylor, out of Bradford's career-high 22 incomplete passes. Still, Bradford ended up with 389 yards passing.

"That is extremely high, and it is unusual to have that many drops and still have the numbers that we had passing and still keep drives alive," Wilson said. "In our reduction of negative plays, we feel that a drop is a wasted play. It's not that much different than a penalty."

"When you get a penalty, you get a drop over. When you get a drop, it's no yards and a loss of downs."

Caleb, a junior, said he would chalk up the drops more to a failure to concentrate or eagerness to turn upfield before the ball arrives.

"There's going to be dropped balls," said Caleb, who set new career highs last week with seven catches and 139 yards receiving. "You just try not to look that play off and just go to the next one," Caleb said. "You try not to think about however many dropped balls you had or however many catches you had. You just go to the next play."

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but we believe there were four people involved."

The first call concerning the vandalism was received by BSPD at approximately 1:30 a.m. in the area of the old Webb AFB housing, according to Everett, with calls continuing to stream in to the law enforcement agency into Thursday morning and afternoon.

"I imagine there will be some more calls, even now," said Everett. "There are plenty of people that may have been out of town or just haven't noticed the damage yet, so I'm hesitant to really put a final number on these incidents."

No injuries were reported as a result of the vandalism, according to Everett, but the monetary damages are sure to be staggering.

"This will be well into the thousands of dollars," said Everett. "The damage to the two residences and the business were also windows that were shot out, and anyone that's ever had to replace one can tell you it's not cheap."

Everett encouraged anyone with information on the crime to contact the police department at (432) 264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS. Callers may remain anonymous, and information leading to an indictment could be worth up to \$1,000.

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Big Spring Area RTA to meet Monday

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Members will share a dutch treat lunch followed by a business meeting.

Ron Alton, manager of Big Spring State Park, will be the guest speaker. There have been changes at the park during the last year, and special programs are planned. The park is a popular area for walkers and runners, as well as sightseers.

Six members who attended the District XVIII Fall Convention at the District Education Service Center in Terminal will report on the convention.

The BSARTA is an organization for all retired school personnel. As the only organization which can lobby for retirees, it plays a vital role in seeking benefits and considerations for retired school personnel. The organization always welcome guests and new members. Anyone interested in seeing what the BSARTA is about is encouraged to attend the meeting.

STIMULUS WATCH: Obama recovery plan linked to 30,000 jobs; South, Southwest benefit most

WASHINGTON (AP) — Businesses in the South and Southwest benefited most from the first federal contracts awarded under President Barack Obama's stimulus program, according to initial data released by a government oversight board. Military construction and environmental cleanup contributed to a boost of about 30,000 jobs. The new job numbers — in line with expectations for such an early accounting — offer the first hard data on effects of the \$787 billion stimulus program.

The figures, released Thursday, are based on jobs linked to less than \$16 billion in federal contracts and represent just a sliver of the total stimulus package. But they also represent a milestone of sorts for an administration that promised unprecedented real-time data on whether the program was working.

Until now, the White House has relied on economic models to argue that the program created jobs and eased the recession. The numbers help shift the discussion from whether the program is creating jobs to whether it is creating enough to justify its enormous price tag.

'Boy in Balloon' family at center of saga that caused national panic not afraid of spotlight

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Richard Heene and his family have never been afraid of the spotlight as they made a name for themselves chasing down

storms, starring in a reality TV show and experimenting with a series of unusual inventions including hovercraft, a weather-gathering flying saucer and a rocket launcher.

They found themselves at the center of yet another strange saga Thursday when 6-year-old Falcon Heene vanished around the time that a homemade helium balloon floated away from their home, setting off a national panic as authorities scoured the plains of northern Colorado for the youngster. As it turns out, he was hiding in the rafters of the family's garage the whole time.

The disappearance and sudden discovery of the boy have raised questions about whether it was all an elaborate attention-getting stunt orchestrated by the Heenes or simply a bizarre case of a child who ran away and hid after getting spooked by a scolding from his father.

Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said authorities do not believe at this point if it was a hoax but he would meet with investigators Friday to decide whether to look into the matter further. Asked during an impromptu news conference outside his house whether the incident was a stunt, Richard Heene said: "That's horrible. After the crap we just went through. No. No, no, no."

It was five hours from the time the oldest boy reported that Falcon, the youngest, had climbed into a saucer-shaped balloon that had drifted off, setting off a search that included military helicopters and a plan to either lower a person to the craft of place weights on the balloon to bring it down.

Officials rerouted planes around the balloon's flight path and briefly shut down Denver International Airport.

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district's \$249 million appraisal of the facility was off by more than

\$100 million.

"They presented their argument to the ARB (Appraisal Review Board), which dropped the appraisal from \$249 million to \$169 million," said McKibben.

"However, indications were they were wanting something closer to \$80 million, so here we are, getting ready to head back into court."

McKibben said the oil company's target appraisal of \$80 million comes in direct contradiction to the repairs made at the facility since it was rocked by an explosion in February, destroying much of the local landmark's refining capacity.

"They spent more than \$300 million just in repairs," said McKib-

ben. "That's more than three times what they are claiming the facility should be appraised at, so it doesn't necessarily make sense. According to their representation at the ARB, they say they are aware of the huge deficit and are simply hoping to make their money back. I'm really not sure what they are thinking at this point."

Last year's litigation ended in October, following several months of legal proceedings and more than a week of

testimony before Judge Moore. Alon ended up with tax bills of \$1.869 million for 2006, \$2.569 million for 2007 and slightly more than \$3 million for 2008.

Having taken more than two years to settle the last time around, McKibben said the process will most likely be just as arduous this time.

"Unless some sort of settlement can be reached, we're looking at the same process as last time," said McKibben. "It makes it rough

for this office. A lot of people will be asking us why we're doing this to Alon, and a lot of people will be asking why should they get out of paying their fair share of the taxes. We just have to do our best in the meantime. No matter what we do, there will be people on both sides of the fence."

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coming in toward the end of January," Waggoner said. "As far as state money goes, we won't see any of that until the spring."

There's no rush on receiving the new money, because it hasn't been

budgeted yet, Waggoner added.

Once the extra money does arrive, the first order of business will be to make payments on the district's bond debt. After that, trustees will decide how best to appropriate the expected \$900,000 in revenue.

No decisions have been made in that regard, Waggoner said.

"We've talked in general terms," she said. "We just have several needs right now and we'll have to prioritize how we spend that money."

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TCU reaches midway point in BCS-busting quest

FORT WORTH (AP) — TCU probably has to do more than just win if it wants to finally become a BCS buster.

With the first Bowl Championship Series standings of the season coming out at the end of this weekend, and a trip to BYU coming up next, the 12th-ranked Horned Frogs could use a momentum-boosting lopsided victory Saturday against Colorado State.

At a quick glance, it doesn't seem like that should be too difficult a task.

The Frogs (5-0, 1-0 Mountain West), one of only eight unbeaten teams remaining, are a three-touchdown favorite at home, where they have won 11 in a row and 17 of 18. The only loss in that span was by a touchdown two years ago against Utah, the original BCS buster.

Colorado State (3-3, 0-3) has a three-game losing streak after giving up 21 unanswered points over the final 19½ minutes at home last week against No. 24 Utah.

But listen to TCU coach Gary Patterson, and realize he is indeed talking about Colorado State, not looking ahead to next week's trip to No. 18 BYU.

"This is really a tough, tough matchup. We've got a lot of work to do to win this game," Patterson said. "Putting everything together, this is probably the most formidable opponent that we've had."

Plus, Patterson remembers what happened last season, when the Frogs gave up an



AP photo/Tom Pennington
SMU quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell (9) is sacked for a loss by TCU defensive ends Wayne Daniels (96) and Jerry Hughes (98) in the first half of an NCAA football game Oct. 3 at Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth.

early touchdown and scraped their way to a 13-7 victory over Colorado State, their only win in the regular season by less than 17 points.

That was a week before beating BYU 32-7 to end the Cougars' 16-game winning streak.

"Last year was a hard-fought game until the end. We were lucky to pull that win out," linebacker Daryl Washington said. "We're ready to stay focused and try to get a more effective win than we did last year."

There are two significant differences this time. Third-year starting quarterback Andy Dalton will play — Colorado State was one of two games he missed last season

with injury — and this will be at Amon Carter Stadium instead of chilly Colorado.

TCU is halfway through its regular season schedule after this game. They were one of only two FBS teams that waited until Sept. 12 to play its opener, before games on 12 consecutive Saturdays.

Colorado State's losing streak has come against a trio with a combined 14-3 record — BYU, non-conference Idaho and Utah. The Rams led Utah 17-3 late in the third quarter.

"We are at a stage now in our program where it's on us to win a game like that," coach Steve Fairchild said.

While disappointed by their recent stretch, the Rams aren't intimidated by TCU.

"They have played some pretty darn good football and certainly were a darn good team when we played them last year," Fairchild said. "We know we can play in this game. Just knowing we can win it is a different story."

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K-State hoping to slow high-octane Aggies

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — A week after surrendering 66 points and more than 700 yards to Texas Tech, another high-scoring team from Texas is just about the last thing Kansas State wants to see.

There is, however, no getting around it. Texas A&M will be in Manhattan on Saturday night, averaging 513 yards and 37 points per game.

The fact the Aggies (3-2, 0-1 Big 12) are fresh off a disappointing 36-31 loss to a nationally ranked Oklahoma State is no comfort to the Wildcats (3-3, 1-1). For one thing, the similarities between Texas A&M and Texas Tech are obvious.

"Both defenses get to the ball and on offense they have a quarterback who can run and throw the ball," said running back Keithen Valentine. "If we can do everything that we can do,

then we will be all right."

The shellshocked Kansas State defense was overwhelmed by Texas Tech's prodigious offense. In 17-plus seasons, no Bill Snyder-coach Kansas State team had ever surrendered more than 64 points.

But Texas Tech's first-time starter at quarterback, Steven Sheffield, threw for 490 yards and seven TDs, completing passes to 10 different receivers.

Now comes Aggies quarterback Jerrod Johnson, who leads the Big 12 in total offense at 356 yards a game. Johnson has thrown for 1,579 yards and 14 touchdowns.

If the Wildcats manage to intercept one of his passes, it will be his first of the year.

"He presents a lot of challenges for us," said Snyder. "He is putting up some very good numbers, both

through the air and on the ground. He is a very dangerous player in both of those aspects. He has the capability to do a lot of positive things. He also has a lot of good players around him."

The Wildcats, in the meantime, were trying to sort out their own quarterback situation. Sixth-year senior Grant Gregory seemed to have won the job with his play in a 1-point victory over Iowa State the week before the Texas Tech debacle. But Gregory played so poorly against the Red Raiders he was replaced by the man everyone thought he'd beaten out, Carson Coffman.

Snyder said he was unsure who would be Saturday's starter.

"Whoever practices well, we'll get them on the field and hope that he can handle the environment that he's in that given week," Snyder said. "I'm not a big fan of the two-quarter-

back system. That's not the best way to do it. I'm well aware of that. This just happens to be the position we're in right now."

The Aggies have lost two in a row, bowing to Arkansas 47-19 two weeks ago.

"We made progress even though it didn't show up on the scoreboard," coach Mike Sherman said. "One play makes a difference in the ball game, and if we'd made that one play are we going to feel that much different about ourselves? We have made progress and I want them to believe in that."

Whoever plays quarterback for the Wildcats will face a better pass rush than they have seen all year. Texas A&M defensive end Von Miller leads the nation with nine sacks and is third nationally with 11 tackles for

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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 Rotary Club of Big Spring and the Walmart Foundation, for their roles in a project to provide dictionaries to students in Howard County schools. The foundation provided the club with a \$1,000 check Tuesday for use in the project.

- All those who took part in last weekend's Old Sorehead Trade Days activities in Stanton.

- Local rancher Jimmy Sterling, owner and operator of Sterling Cattle Company, who was honored as Ag Producer of the Year during the Ag Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

- Tex Edwards, owner and operator of Flying E Spraying, which was named the Ag Business of the Year during the Ag Appreciation Luncheon held last Thursday by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

- The Big Spring Steers, who moved up to No. 7 in the Association Press' weekly Class 4A Schoolboy Football Poll.

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 avoid risking our future on earthly desires, Lord, and trust in You and Your word.

Amen

We believe ... a statement of faith

I get a lot of letters from church leaders wanting to know what me and my church believe in. Some of them are critical and even hateful saying things like, "After reading this column, I just can't picture you as a pastor."

Well to you, madam, I say me neither, as I sip my amazing cup of Costa Rican coffee. You see, I lost my job as a whiskey runner and my unemployment office suggested I put in an application at Open Door.

Just kidding, but then of course religious folk think it's righteousness to be a stick in the mud and a sin to have any kind of laugh at all. I hate religion.

So it occurred to me I have never printed any form of statement of faith for what want we go after as a church. If you are a Christian, you may find some things you don't agree with, but I encourage you to look at it as a holy buffet. Swallow what you can and pass by the rest that's not for you. If you are a church elder, you may want to use some of this language to map out your own defining statements of faith. If you're not a Christian, you may still find it a little intriguing that we really are this crazy.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

One of the few ways Open Door is traditional is, we adhere to common beliefs and practices of the Christian church throughout the world and throughout the centuries.

We are Jesus-loving people, first and foremost, and it's for this reason we have gathered together as a community. With that said, this body of believers is a unique group that gives emphasis to things we think are important that others may not.

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WE BELIEVE the greatest of all commandments is not the great commission, but rather to love God and then to love those around us.

WE BELIEVE a church should not only preach about the love of God but fully demonstrate God's love and nature to each other and the people we are preaching to. We also believe that we are not always going to be successful at this but we will constantly press forward toward that mark.

WE BELIEVE that a church's first priority should be relational before we attempt to be functional. God doesn't move through our church agenda, but through our relationships as a body.

WE BELIEVE that while the great commission is not the greatest priority. It should still be a very high priority and because of that, we will not wait for millions of dollars before we make a million-dollar difference here and throughout the world.

WE BELIEVE the word of God never changes but we as individual Christians and as a corporate church, should progressively grow and change from season to season. Our mission statement is, "We are going to transform in order to change the world."

WE BELIEVE that unity makes us a conduit for God's power.

WE BELIEVE that a church service should be all about an encounter with God and equip-

ping and edifying the saints. Sometimes there will be more of an emphasis on worship and sometimes more on teaching. We should be Spirit-led in determining what that priority should be from season to season.

WE BELIEVE that Open Door Ministries is a valuable part of One Church, One Bride and one Body of Christ that transcends social, economical, racial, geographical and even generational barriers. The Body of Christ is not an organization, but a living organism that extends from and belongs to Jesus himself. We believe a lot of churches do things better than us, but we have something to offer that is unique and needed within the body.

WE BELIEVE in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit and in the practical application and responsibility of the Saints.

WE BELIEVE that to preach life without loving life is hypocrisy. To preach the power of God, without demonstrating the power of God, is ludicrous. To say that God is giving and loving without we as a church being giving and loving is unthinkable and to teach and study about God without personally knowing God in intimacy is tragedy and a life wasted.

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None of this is a criticism of anyone else. It is just a statement of what we believe and who we as a church, have to be. The Brewer encourages you to go after your own decisions that define you and let it be a constant work in progress.

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Thoughts of home ... where heart is

It is the place that warms heart cockles at its mention, inspires poets, artists and lyricists, strikes patriotic heart strings and is at the absolute core of who we are. It is the destination toward which country roads take us. It is a place where when we go there, they have to let us in.

"Home" is a four-letter word that needs no apology. For the overwhelming majority of us, there's no place like it, be it humble or not.

Stock in many earthly treasures rise and fall. Not so the home, without which Norman Rockwell, Thomas Kincaid and even Hallmark Cards might never have become household names.

It's a hallowed place, ordained of God, and the object of prayer and perseverance by His children of all generations.

The home has been described as the cradle in which the future is born. We foolish mortals often have priorities upside down. Home is the place we usually grow up wishing to leave. Later, we work hard at finding ways to get back.

In a broader sense, "home" is a handy label for our communities, cities, states and regions.

Futurists, intent on home-steading other planets, dream of references to "Planet Earth" as home, wondering if they can swing space travel ticket costs for periodic family reunions.

With major holidays fast approaching, thoughts turn to

sights, sounds, tastes and smells associated with Thanksgiving and Christmas. For most of us, families gather, even if for just a few hours, at home.

For the rest of the year, the two words "home of" typically are claimed by entities to brag about, or perhaps legitimize, exploits or aspects of communities that might otherwise fade at county lines.

Maybe such chest-beating started, or at least accelerated, when community water towers first popped up. Sure as shootin', under the names of towns on the towers, "home of" follows. And under that, names of something — or someone — connected with that particular community.

In most communities, chambers of commerce have made sure "the beat goes on."

One reason that about every community can swell with pride is that whatever is claimed rarely is challenged.

For example, during my growing up years in Brown County, a factory in the county seat town made feather dusters. As far as I know, Brownwood's claim to being "the feather duster capital of the world" was unchallenged. It was around for 40 years or so, perhaps until everything got dusted, or maybe they ran short on feathers. No doubt whichever company was in the runner-up position in duster manufacturing all those years proudly trumpeted its new #1 status for years to come.

In Burleson, where we live now, much is made of TV's first "American Idol" Kelly Clarkson, who is from our town. (We moved here about that time, and she's the reason I thought it clever to call my column The

Idle American. So far, no one has mentioned what I thought to be an obvious play on words.)

Others around here brag about Burleson being the crape myrtle Capital, never mind that Waxahachie and Paris claim the same distinction. West, near Waco, is heralded as the "kolache capital of Texas," Crystal City crows about being #1 in growing spinach and Floydada lays claim to producing the most pumpkins.

Look at the water towers and signs the next time you travel. In Stanton, a sign claims "3,000 friendly people and a few old soreheads." In Hondo, they urge drivers to slow down with: "This is God's country. Don't drive through it like h — l."

Creative minds in Roscoe (near Sweetwater, the "rattlesnake capital of the world") no doubt are working overtime to signal the small rural community's new designation — "home of world's largest wind farm." Surrounding Roscoe are 617 wind turbines. They dot almost 100,000 acres, an area several times bigger than Manhattan. One community leader, giddy about a major infusion of tax dollars, claimed that they'd gone, almost over night, "from dirt stinkin' poor to just dirt poor."

Meanwhile, over the years, McGregor folks have held tight to thoughts of home while waxing poetic: "Highways are hazardous, holy cow; if you lived in McGregor, you'd be home now."

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Church News

Berea Baptist

Berea Baptist Church announces a new four-week video-based Bible study series that explores what it will be like in heaven. The series is hosted via DVD by Don Piper, author of the New York Times bestseller "90 Minutes in Heaven," which has sold more than 3.5 million copies worldwide.

Ninety minutes after Don Piper was declared dead as a result of a devastating head-on collision with an 18-wheeler, he miraculously returned to life. Don spent the next 13 months in a hospital bed recovering from the massive injuries he suffered and the 34 surgeries needed to mend his broken body. As he faced a grueling recovery, vivid memories of heaven sustained him. His experiences prompted him to study what the Bible says about heaven, how to get there, what it's like, and how embracing heaven changes everything while we are still on earth.

The four weeks of this study will provide those in attendance with a deeper understanding of heaven. Each week's session includes inspirational video testimonies by Don Piper and a thought-provoking time of discussion.

Everyone is welcome regardless of religion or denomination. Experiences of illness, injury and loss lead most of us to reflect on what exists beyond life. Join Berea Baptist Church in this study during the coming weeks beginning this Sunday at 6 p.m. The other sessions are Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8. A nursery is available for children through age 3.

For more information, contact us at 267-8438, or call Pastor Wheat at (432) 270-4328. Berea is located at 4204 Wasson Road in Big Spring.

Chapel of Faith

The date has been set for the annual Community Stew Supper at Chapel of Faith. The date is Saturday, Oct. 24, with serving between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. This is open to everyone who would enjoy a free meal consisting of stew, cornbread and lots of homemade desserts. Mark your calendar now for 5 p.m. Oct. 24 at Chapel of Faith located at East 14th and Goliad Streets.

Sunday worship is 10:30 a.m. each week. This Sunday the message will be "What Are You Looking For?" You are invited to come hear Pastor Scott Willis as he presents this message based on Mark 10:35-45.

Please attend church Sunday, if you don't have a church home you will be welcome at Chapel of Faith.

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. Last Sunday we heard from Rex Rainey of Restoration Ranch Ministries. In the coming days, our church will be working alongside Restoration Ranch Ministries in their work. This Sunday morning we will be discussing "Building our Spiritual Reading" from Psalm 1 and how to incorporate that in our lives and help others incorporate that into their lives as well. Sunday evening's message will be from 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5 called "The Foolish Wisdom of the World."

Our Financial Peace class meets

Mondays from 7-9 p.m. The course has already started but we will be offering it again in the spring.

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 church fellowship hall. There is no cost to attend this either.

The R.W. Johnson Memorial Library is a 10,000 volume theological library on the second floor in the west wing of our building. It is open and available to anyone during our office hours, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Books can only be kept in the library but we have a study area for your use.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages and they meet at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, call 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbig-spring.org. We are located at 400 E. 11th Place.

Mt. Bethel Baptist

The Mt. Bethel church family invites everyone to an afternoon of praise and worship in song as the Sanctuary Choir presents its annual musical. The musical will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Mt. Bethel. The New Jerusalem Baptist Church choir of Midland will be our guest choir and Claudette Green Forward will be our guest soloist.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredes St. (N.W. Fourth). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us each Sunday for Sunday school at 9 a.m., worship service at 10:15 a.m., Bible study at 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 6 p.m. Youth ministry meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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 Frolic last Saturday night was attended by 26 people who were entertained by seven acts of music, poetry, or story-telling.

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 86th stated meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery is today at Trinity Presbyterian Church in El Paso. Elmer Lindsey is the Commissioner for our congregation.

The lectionary for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Job 38:1-7(34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Lost-and-found stories

Everyone loves a good lost-and-found story.

Whether it's a tale about a lost ring that was returned years later or a lost pet that traveled many miles to find its way home, those heart-warming stories always make us feel good.

As I reflect on the lost and found stories that my family has accumulated over the years, I see carelessness, humor, coincidence, and divine intervention woven into the fabric of each account. I still remember when as teenager I lost some rooster appliques that I had intended to sew onto a blouse. By the time I found them stuck to the underside of the sewing machine drawer, the blouse was worn out. There was also the time that my mother lost her car keys, and they showed up several days later in the bottom of her clothespin bag.

After I moved away from home, things

continued to disappear. Early in our marriage, my husband lost his college ring on the slopes of Mt. St. Helens. To our amazement, he traced his steps and found the ring shining in the punice where it had slipped off his finger as he climbed.

Then there was the missing-watch mystery. My husband's wrist watch disappeared and was gone for several months. The mystery was not solved until I got laryngitis and had to stay home from work a couple of days. For some reason, the alarm of the watch went off in the middle of the day. Playing detective, I followed the sound to the bed where I found the lost watch standing on edge between the mattress and the bed rail.

A more recent event, involved a key to a safety deposit box. Although I was responsible for the key, I had not missed it. I was taking trash out one day at my mother's house, when I notice something partially buried in the gravel of her driveway. I picked the object up and recognized it immediately as the key to her safety deposit box. I thanked the Lord all the way

back to the house for letting me find that key before I had to confess that I had lost it.

In His day, Jesus was also concerned about lost and found things. The book of Luke records His parables about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. The parable of the lost sheep is also found in the book of Matthew. After telling the account of the man who left his flock to go and search for the one sheep that was lost, Jesus says, "I tell you, he feels happier over this one sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not get lost. In just the same way your Father in heaven does not want any of these little ones to be lost" (Matthew 18:13-14 TEV).

I suppose most of us will continue to lose things and find some of them for the rest of our lives. However, Jesus wasn't concerned about things; He was more interested in lost souls. Maybe we should also be compiling a different kind of lost-and-found collection of stories.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@crcom.net



BONNIE WHEAT

Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Our need meeting is Nov. 12. At this month's meeting we will celebrate the 1997 Walks, WW 5, WW 6 and MW 7.

Bring a dish and join us at 6p 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

East Fourth Street Baptist

Things are getting busy within our church. The children, youth and adult choirs are practicing on the Christmas presentations; the committees responsible for the Christmas decora-

tions and Hanging of the Greens are working on getting everything put together. This year is our 10th anniversary for the Hanging of the Greens. We are asking if you have a tree in good condition that you are not using, please consider donating it to the church. We need 3 feet and taller, prelit or not. Contact Jerry Oliphant at the church office, 267-2291.

We welcome you to come visit with us and hear our pastor, Keith Weaver, share God's Holy Word from the Bible. Our weekly opportunities are: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening

See **CHURCH**, Page 7A

Something special's happening in the Circle.

October 2009 Activities

- Oct. 15 - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Cafe, 10 a.m.
Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - Hobbs Casino, 9:00 a.m. - ? RSVP
- Oct. 20 - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Supper Club "Brenda's BBQ", 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21 - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 am
Movie 1:00 p.m. "Licensed To Wed"
- Oct. 22 - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
"Just Peachy Cafe", 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 26 - Games 1-4 p.m.
- Oct. 27 - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Supper Club "Cowboy's", 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m. "Take the Lead"
- Oct. 29 - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
"Just Peachy Cafe", 10:00 a.m.
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). You will be solving problems, though it doesn't happen without going through a process. The first solution you try may not work, but there are many alternatives. Be experimental.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

Your partner bids One Diamond. What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ J763 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 83 ♣ Q842
- ♠ KJ8 ♥ AJ9 ♦ Q64 ♣ AJ76
- ♠ K74 ♥ AQ96 ♦ 10 ♣ AJ872
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1. **One spade.** Some players might respond one notrump under the misconception that the spade suit is too weak to bid. This would be a faulty approach, because it would ignore one of the cardinal aims of the bidding process — to try to find an eight-card major-suit fit.

If partner has any four spades, the suit becomes playable but might well remain undiscovered after a one-notrump response. In many cases, bypassing the spade response will result in reaching an inferior notrump or minor-suit contract instead of the more desirable spade contract.

2. **Three notrump.** This response indicates 16 or 17 points, notrump distribution (usually 4-3-3-3) and stoppers in the unbid suits. It differs from a two-notrump response (13 to 15) only in point count.

3. **Two clubs.** It would be a mistake to make the cheaper response of one heart with a strong hand that offers a certain game and a potential

slam — possibly in clubs. In such cases, you should start by bidding your longest suit first to give yourself the best chance of winding up in the most desirable contract. You plan to bid hearts next and in that way notify partner that you have only four hearts and a longer club suit. If you respond initially with one heart and later bid clubs, there is no way partner can know that your longer suit is clubs.

4. **One spade.** Your hand is too weak for three diamonds (forcing) and too strong for two diamonds. As usual when you are midway between a single and double raise, you bid a side suit before showing support for partner's suit. Besides, partner may well have four spades, in which case spades would be the preferred contract, particularly with a potential game in the offing.

5. **Three clubs.** The jump-shift shows at least 17 points and announces interest in a slam. With 19 points, your hand is much too good for a leap to three notrump, as partner is not obliged to bid over that response.

It is unusual to jump-shift in a three-card suit, but here there is no better alternative. Note that the jump-shift is made in clubs, not hearts, since partner will tend to support a major suit far more readily than a minor.

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Just do it right — live by the Book, Part 2

Even though I have read through the book of Deuteronomy many times, I always wondered why so many good people and Christians experience so many problems in life. Finally, the eyes of my heart were opened as I read the chapters once again. Like a flash of light, I began to see with clarity as the words came alive within my own heart. I wondered why I had not seen the real meaning of these scriptures before. I studied and researched for more understanding as to why God continually warned His people to obey His Word. Over and over He admonished them to keep all His precepts, commandments, statutes, and laws. In doing so, life would be good for them — they would live long, fruitful lives, their children would be obedient and things would go well with them,



JERRIE STOCKS

their crops would be abundant and bountiful and they would prosper. I learned that all these promises come by sheer obedience to His word and nothing else. Successful Christian living begins with knowing who God really is. Knowing Him in truth affects your behavior and changes your lifestyle. The Bible tells us that "God is!" His Name is "I AM WHO I AM." As we rest on this foundation, we are grounded and established in Him. We receive God as healer because it is His nature to make us whole. We rely upon God who is "The Lord Your Banner". Our victory, our miracles, and our protection are all in Him. We pursue God who is "The Lord who makes you holy". His life within us makes our holiness possible, therefore we chase after Him. We must understand that God differentiates between those who serve Him and those who do not. Exodus 8:23, 9:26, 10:23, and 11:7 give us clear insight into the difference God shows toward

His people. Proverbs 12: 2 says, "A good man obtains favor from the Lord, but a man of wicked intentions He will condemn." Proverbs 8:21, "I will cause those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasuries." Truly God's favor is toward those who serve Him. God calls us to be holy, set apart to Him and His purposes. He intends for His people to be distinguished in nature and in character from the world, and different in the way we think, act, speak, and live. This difference will be visible and bring glory to Him. Successful Christianity is living our lives based on God's precepts. His laws always supersede any laws designed by man. Many good Christians fail to recognize the hindrances in their lives that have caused them not to reap God's many blessings. Since God is patient and longsuffering toward all people, He keeps waiting for us to make amends to our lives so we can live the successful life He has for us.

The Song of Solomon 2:15 says, "Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil our vines, for they have tender grapes." The little foxes referred to here are the sins we think of as small sins. So often they are overlooked and never thought of again. These little foxes rob us of the good blessings of God, and sadly, many never recognize it. Most Christian do not have giants in their lives, but we all have little foxes. The little foxes dig down beneath the soil surface and nibble on the roots and the end results is dead fruit lying all over the ground. What are the little foxes? It can be gossip, unforgiveness toward another person long forgotten and never amended, disobeying traffic laws, failing to support God's work with tithes and offerings, failing to help the needy, deception on your income tax or your time card at work, untruthfulness, disrespect to others. They are too numerous to list here, but all are little foxes that spoil our walk

with the Lord and hinder our blessings. Remember, God said to obey all His laws. I am convinced that if people everywhere obeyed and kept all of God's laws, commandments, and precepts, there would be major breakthroughs of blessings in our lives. God will do what He has promised. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man that He should repent. Has He said and will He not do? Nor has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" Titus 1:2 says, "In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began." God is an exact and minute God. He does everything with excellence and perfection, and as our example, we must follow His ways. Change your lifestyle according to the book of Deuteronomy, and you will change your life. God bless. *Send your comments to jjs-tocks1@suddenlink.net*

CHURCH

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worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday, we have adult prayer meeting and Bible study, children and youth Bible study and choir practice. There is a men's Bible study at 7 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the church office at 267-2291.

Hosanna Christian Fellowship

Bishop Alexender Mwami will speak at Hosanna Christian Fellowship, 2001 N. Highway 137 in Stanton at 7 p.m. Oct. 31 and 10 a.m. Nov. 1. Dr. Mwami is founding pastor of Devoted Ambassadors for Christ Churches and he is presiding Bishop of the international headquarters for this organization. He is the founder of 26 churches, including six in South Africa, three in Zimbabwe, five in Zambia, four in the U.K., five in Asia and three in the U.S. He is director of "International Faith Fellowship of Ministers and Churches," a body of bishops and churches in South Africa. He is founder of a Bible college, "Greater Faith School of World Missions," in South Africa. He is an international speaker and has traveled to more than 22 nations. He is married and blessed with two sons. He is the author of two life-changing books, "Prosperity and Blessing Is Your Inheritance" and "Getting Back Your Health." We hope you will join us for any or all of these power packed services.

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First United Methodist

Our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Weise, will be preaching at both morning services of worship, 8:30 and 10:50, Sunday. Her sermon title will be "God Spells Success with an F," based on Deuteronomy 6: 1-12. The GIG kids, third through fifth grade, will be going to Midland to Fiddlesticks Farm Sunday afternoon. Snack supper and Family Fun night will begin at 5:30 in Garrett Hall. Congratulations to the children and staff at CDO; they won a first place ribbon at the county fair for their quilt "It's A Jungle at CDO." The Pre-K class was also a winner with pictures of their own faces as the faces of their scarecrows. Our "big event" is just a little over a week away. Sunday, Oct. 25, we are privileged to present the all-day adventure, "A Walk Thru the Bible." This is an interactive, fun-filled study of the Old Testament with separate sessions for adults and children. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Registration information is available at the church office. And there's a special activity planned Saturday, Oct. 31. It's "Family Drive-In Movie Night" in Garrett Hall. Bring your lawn chairs, pillows and/or blankets and watch our movie in a safe environment. The youth group will be manning the concession, serving up popcorn and more drive-in treats. November 1, First Methodist Big Spring will play host to an "All District Benefit Dinner" to raise funds for Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp as it celebrates its 100th anniversary of service to youth and adults. Reservations are \$50. Contact Hayes Strippling or Murray Murphy for reservations. The youth's annual Thanksgiving luncheon follows the 10:50 service Nov. 15. Check with them on tickets for a beautiful quilt made by Dorothy Gilbreath and Dallas Cowboy watches. These tickets go on sale this Sunday. There's mid-week Bible study and lunch each Wednesday in Garrett Hall. And rehearsals for the Living Christmas Tree Mondays at 7:30 p.m. And that's just a portion of the spirit-filled activities going on down at Fourth and Scurry; it's First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

is a national volunteer Christian ecumenical women's movement initiated and carried out by women in the United States and Puerto Rico. It is a movement that brings together women of diverse races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian fellowship, prayer, advocacy and action for peace with justice in the world. CWU engages millions of women representing twenty-six supporting denominations and participating Christian women.

The Big Spring Chapter of Church Women United is meeting this Saturday at Baker's Chapel AME Church, 911 North Lancaster at 11 a.m. This will be an organizational meeting for the upcoming year. Officers will be nominated and the programs for the community will be considered and planned. All are invited to attend. Please join us and take part in this long time Big Spring association.

Alive in Christ Lutheran, LCMS

A large thank you goes to David Carlisle for officiating last Sunday's service. This Sunday, holy communion will be served. Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Abby Saucedo. Our elders are Bobby Roever and Darrin Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Dolline Budke. The readings for this week, the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, are Ecclesiastes 5:10-20, Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16), and Mark 10:23-31. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke. 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, Receiving God's Goodness, is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at the church. 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 located at 1005 E. 15th St. is being held at 7 p.m. The topic is "Unleashed Influence." Thank you to the volunteers who manned our

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The Big Spring Herald's

Who's Looking at you?

Contest

Can you guess who these six pair of eyes belong to?

Contest will run in *The Big Spring Herald* Tues., Oct. 6 and Fri., Oct. 9, Tues., Oct. 13 and Fri. Oct. 16. To enter, write your guesses down and turn them in at *The Herald* office, 710 Scurry St. The deadline is 5 p.m. Mon. Oct. 19. Enter as many times as you wish. All entries must be on an original *Big Spring Herald* edition. The winner will receive a free three-month subscription of *The Big Spring Herald*, dinner for two at Brenda's BBQ & More and Cowboy's Steakhouse.

The Winner Will Be Announced In Tuesday's Oct. 20th Edition Of The Big Spring Herald

My Guess: #1 _____	My Guess: #2 _____	My Guess: #3 _____
		
		
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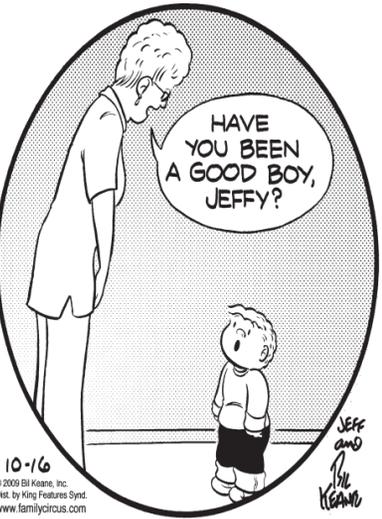
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5:30	News ABC	News ABC	Locura	Lopez	News CBS	Noticias	News NBC	Championship Series Game 2	In Touch-Dr	BBC Business	Cash Cab	gate, Jaye Davidson	CSI: Crime Scn	NUMB3RS	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Phineas	NASCAR	SportsCenter
6:30	News	Jeopardy!	Gancho	Two Men	News	12 Cora-zones	News	Scrivner	News-Lehrer	Made	Made	Movie: Trading Places, Ralph Bellamy	NUMB3RS		Phineas	Happy Hour	Baseball	
7:30	Entertain	Fortune	Ugly Betty	MLB Baseball: American League Championship Series Game 1	Entertain	Más Sabe el Diabolo	Law & Order	House	Door-Wis-dom	Wash Wk NOW	Lobstermen	Movie: First Blood, Brian Dennehy	NUMB3RS	Movie: Houseguest, Jeffrey Jones	Phineas	Countdn	Football	
8:30	To Be Announced				Medium	Pobres	Dateline NBC	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	Bill Moyers Journal	Lobstermen	UFC: Silva vs. Irvin	NUMB3RS	Movie: Last Holiday, LL Cool J	Wizards	NASCAR Racing: Nationwide Series -- Dollar General 300.	College Football: Pittsburgh at Rutgers.	
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10:30	News	News	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Name	Church	Charlie Rose	Lobstermen	Movie: John Q, James Woods	NUMB3RS	The Mo'Nique	Phineas	Midnight	SportsCenter	
11:30	Nightline	Nightline	Noticiero	TMZ	Late Show	Boxeo Telemundo	Tonight Show	Seinfeld	Cortes	Sanchez	Lobstermen	Disorderly Con.	NUMB3RS	W. Williams	Phineas	SportsNation	Baseball	
12:30	Insider	Score	Desmadrugados	Law & Order: SVU	Late Late Show	King-Hill		Seinfeld	Sanchez	BBC	Lobstermen	Movie: Puppets Master, Matt Roe	NUMB3RS	Movie: Hustle & Flow, Taryn Manning	Phineas	World Series	SportsCenter	
1:30	Cathedral	(:36) Extra	Madre	Faith	Insider	Programa	News	Update	Best of Light of the Southwest	Smiley (Off Air)	Lobstermen	Movie: Dark Blue, Scott Speedman	NUMB3RS	Movie: Underclassman	Phineas	World Series	SportsCenter	

DENNIS THE MENACE



"No, you may not use the shredder, and if that's a note from your teacher... I want to see it."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Why, what have you heard?"

HAGAR



"I may have my faults... BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD PROVIDER!"



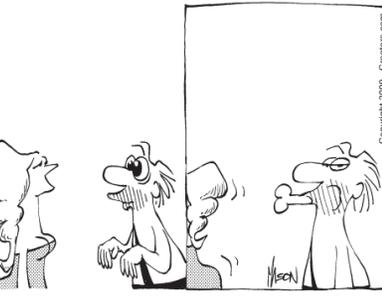
"PROVIDING YOU LIKE BEER"

BC



"AWWW! WHO CAN RESIST THAT FACE? HERE YOU GO."

BLONDIE



"KIDS TODAY ARE DRIVING ME NUTS!"

BLONDIE



"WHY IS THAT, BOSS?"

BLONDIE



"BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HEAR ME WHEN I'M YELLING AT THEM!!"

WIZARD OF ID



"WE WERE ASSIGNED A DANGEROUS PATROL, BUT I GOT OUT OF IT"

AGNES



"GREAT! WE CAN TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK!"

HI AND LOIS



"MY COLUMN WILL BE A COMBINATION OF HUMOR AND THE HORROR OF BLACK HOLES."

THE OTHER COAST



"...ROTTEN FRUIT, SMELLY SOCKS OR MOLDY PIZZA?"

HI AND LOIS



"YOUR ROOM IS STARTING TO GET...SNIFF...PRETTY RIPE."

SNUFFY SMITH



"THANKS, BUT WE PREFER TO STAY WITH OUR SUMMER TIRES AND, AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A SNOWFLAKE, DRIVE INTO A DITCH WHILE SAYING, 'BUT IT NEVER SNOWS ON THE COAST.'"

THE OTHER COAST



"GAS SALE SNOW TIRES"

SNUFFY SMITH



"WHATCHA HAVIN' FER SUPPER, JAMEY?"

BEETLE BAILEY



"I THOUGHT TODAY WAS 'SURVIVAL TRAINING'"

BEETLE BAILEY



"RIGHT, WE'RE LEARNING TO LIVE ON GRASS AND GRUBS"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 16th, the 289th day of 2009. There are 76 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 16, 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown led a group of 21 men in a raid on Harpers Ferry in western Virginia, where they seized a U.S. arsenal in hopes of sparking a slave revolt. (In the siege that followed, 10 of Brown's men were killed and five escaped. Brown and six followers ended up being captured; all were executed.)

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.

In 1909, the Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series, defeating the Detroit Tigers 8-0 at Bennett Park in Game 7.

In 1916, Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic, in the New York borough of Brooklyn. (The clinic ended up being raided by police and Sanger was arrested.)

In 1939, the comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner," by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, opened on Broadway.

In 1959, American military leader and statesman George C. Marshall died in Washington, D.C., at age 78.

In 1962, the Cuban missile crisis began as President John F. Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

In 1968, American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos sparked controversy at the Mexico City Olympics by giving "black power" salutes during a victory ceremony after they'd won gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter race.

In 1969, the New York Mets capped their miracle season by winning the World Series, defeating the Baltimore Orioles 5-3 in Game 5 played at Shea Stadium.

In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.

In 1991, a deadly shooting rampage took place in Killeen, Texas, as George Hennard opened fire at a Luby's Cafeteria, killing 23 people before taking his own life.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

OUT OF ORDER by Norma Steinberg

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Some drs.
 - 5 Mickey's creator
 - 9 Commonplace
 - 14 Weaver's need
 - 15 Olfactory input
 - 16 Exclusively
 - 17 Podded plant
 - 18 SALERNO
 - 20 Addressed, with "with"
 - 22 Petunia part
 - 23 Topper
 - 24 Former Senate majority leader
 - 26 Day, to Dayan
 - 28 Settings
 - 31 Clear-cut
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 - 37 Warm up
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 - 40 It's southeast of New Delhi
 - 41 Goes it alone
 - 43 Boast
 - 44 "___ What Comes Natur'ly"
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 - 47 Theme of the puzzle
 - 50 Corps group
 - 52 Jellied delicacy
 - 53 Put away
 - 54 Del Toro film of '08
 - 57 Riyadh resident
 - 60 Pond blossom
 - 64 THING
 - 67 Ascended
 - 68 Aural assault
 - 69 Biblical preposition
- DOWN**
- 1 Proceed slowly
 - 2 Baloney
 - 3 Toon explorer
 - 4 MALLS
 - 5 Took gold
 - 6 Well-versed
 - 7 Brat Pack member
 - 8 Sprightly gait
 - 9 Something to cast
 - 10 Stein filler
 - 11 Ham's dad
 - 12 Tennis pro Kournikova
 - 13 For fear that
 - 19 Starfish's arms
 - 21 Golf-club part
 - 25 Sugar armts.
 - 27 SWORD
 - 28 Coach alternative
 - 29 Start surfing
 - 30 Some courtyards
 - 31 Supermarket departments
 - 32 Apple product
 - 33 Gall
 - 34 Zagreb native
 - 35 Hamlets
 - 38 Don't stand still
 - 42 Splinter group
 - 48 Took off
 - 49 "What a bummer!"
 - 51 Popular Web portal
 - 53 Searches (through)
 - 54 Mad Money network
 - 55 Seat of Hawaii County
 - 56 "Yikes!"
 - 58 Informal refusal
 - 59 Rat Pack member
 - 61 Exhausting effort
 - 62 George S. Patton alma mater
 - 63 Come across as
 - 65 Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
 - 66 mommyandme.com concern

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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 Smith. Special congratulations go to the winner of the picture frame, Diane Herrera. If you have not yet received your prizes, contact the church at (432) 264-7818 and leave a message.

Mid Week School is held Wednesdays with a light meal served at 5 p.m. Confirmation classes are at 5:30 p.m.; Mid Week School classes are at 6 p.m.

A clean-up day for Alive in Christ has been scheduled Saturday, Oct. 24, at 9 a.m. Bring your gloves, yard equipment, cleaning supplies and etc. Some supplies will be provided. The LWML will provide lunch. No pot-luck luncheon on the 25th.

Mark your calendars for the next voters'

meeting on Nov. 33 at 1:30 p.m. Boards will need to prepare their 2010 budgets prior to this meeting.

Upcoming events include: Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Thanksgiving service and meal; Christmas service; and other fall activities. Candy bags for the Trunk or Treat will be filled Wednesday evenings, the 21st and the 28th. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to church before these dates.

The Elders meet the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the church. The LWML will meet Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the church. November 9, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. The Elders meet Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

We are located at 2805 Lynn St. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15.

First Presbyterian, Big

Spring

The youth group now meets at 4 p.m. Sunday. The Lectionary Bible Study meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice is at 6 p.m.

Monday, the Resource Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m., the Session will meet in the library at 6 p.m., and the Encourager's group will meet at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The Presbytery of Tres Rios will have its 86th Stated Meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church, El Paso, today. Our new minister, the Rev. Craig Holstedt, will be examined and officially received by the Presbytery. Mark Morgan is our commissioner to the meeting.

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. in the church library.

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

Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, invites everyone to a Costa Rica-style worship service at 4:45 p.m. Sunday in their sanctuary at 2801 North Garfield.

Ann Sinclair will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday.

Marj Carpenter is liturgist for worship for the month.

The lectionary for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Job 38: 1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17. The Rev. Holstedt will speak on the subject "Leadership At What Cost." The choir will offer "O Sing unto the Lord" by Hans Leo Hassler; the offertory anthem is "He Shall Reign" by Craig Courtney. Following worship we will welcome Craig and Susan Holstedt to our church and community with a reception in the church parlor. Everyone is invited to come get acquainted with our new pastor and his wife.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM. at 11 a.m. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our Web site: www.fpchs.org

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Have a great Sunday! We are in the community to help you in the spiritual needs that you may have. We would count it a privilege, if you do not have a church home, to be able

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by noon Wednesdays

to help you in anyway. Visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's Church is during the morning worship for ages 4-12. For a ride to services, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek service is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. A nursery is provided for your little ones.

We are a Bible-believing, Bible-preaching, Bible-teaching, missionary-minded baptist church — for the winning of souls to Christ, to the edifying of the saints and for the glory of God — where you are always welcome. Come worship the Lord and hear God's word with us.

Saturday, we will be coming back from a Senior Saint Retreat at Fort Davis Camp.

Our Fall Family Festival is coming up Sunday, Oct. 25 from 5-8:30 p.m. with a hobo soup supper, games, cake walk and hallelujah hayride. Plan to attend

this special time with your family.

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

Baker's Chapel

Baker's Chapel is celebrating its 80th anniversary Oct. 25.

Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church in Big Spring. Everyone is invited to come and help us "lift up the name of Jesus."

The service will start at 3 p.m. at 911 N. Lancaster.

St. Mary's Episcopal

The EWC courtyard sale is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Everyone is invited to 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.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrews will hold their meeting at 8 a.m. Sunday at the church.

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.

The needlepoint class is 6:30 p.m. Monday in our library.

Conform Not Conform Class meets Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran, located at 810 Scurry, offers worship service each Sunday at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. for children and adults. You are invited to attend and worship with us. We are led in service by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

Several women from our LWML attended the West Texas LWML Zone Retreat at Camp Ceta Glenn Oct. 9-10. Bible study, workshops, fun and worship were enjoyed by all. This was a wonderful opportunity for all the ladies from three different West Texas zones to meet and hear God's Word.

Please let the church office know your concerns and prayer requests by calling 267-7163 or e-mailing to: stpaulc@sbcglobal.net

Bible study opportunities are available to anyone wishing to attend. There are several to choose from. For more information on class times and places, contact the church office.

We encourage everyone to pray for our military, especially all those who are in combat situations.

Saturday, Nov. 21, beginning at 8 a.m., we will have a garage sale and bake sale. Plan to come early for the best buys. It will be a good time to purchase Thanksgiving baked goods.

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Nebraska hopes to shed Big 12 South woes vs. Tech

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — How No. 15 Nebraska fares in crossover games against the Big 12 South won't necessarily decide where the Cornhuskers end up.

But games like the one Saturday against Texas Tech can give them an idea of where they stack up in the league's power structure.

"If you want to be a dominant force in the Big 12 like Nebraska was early on in the conference's history," Nebraska center Jacob Hickman said,

"you've got to beat the South teams."

Only one of the past five North Division champs — Missouri in 2007 — won more than one of its three games against its southern brethren. Colorado, in fact, won the North in 2004 and '05 despite going winless against the South both years.

Nebraska (4-1, 1-0 Big 12), this year's North favorite, enters the Texas Tech game with losses in 14 of its past 21 regular-season meetings with South opponents. Six of the seven wins over

that span came against Baylor or Texas A&M; the other one was against Texas Tech.

When the Big 12 began in 1996, Nebraska was at the height of its national prominence, and it won 14 of its first 18 crossover games.

The Huskers' resurgence under second-year coach Bo Pelini has been fueled mostly by lightweight nonconference competition and five straight wins over North opponents, including a 27-12 come-from-behind victory at Missouri last week that vaulted the Huskers to their highest AP ranking since September 2007.

Texas Tech (4-2, 1-1) has won three straight against the Huskers, the last two decided in the final minute or overtime, and is 14-7 against the North since 2002.

But the Red Raiders have lost three straight true road games since winning at Kansas last October.

"The Big 12 is a tough road conference," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "Any time you get stadiums loud enough, that impede communication as much as the Big 12 stadiums, that's one of the biggies."

Leach said he would decide shortly before game time whether to give junior quarterback Steven Sheffield his second start, and first on the

road.

Sheffield took over after Taylor Potts sustained a concussion Oct. 3 and is the latest in a long line of Tech quarterbacks to produce eye-popping numbers.

In last week's 66-14 rout of Kansas State, Sheffield set a school record in the first half by passing for 370 yards and five TDs, and he finished with 490 yards and seven TDs through the air.

"He's got really good leadership qualities," Leach said. "I don't know the best way to describe it, but the others draw from him well. Not just the offensive players but the special-teams players, the defensive players. As he gets excited and passionate about what he's doing, so do they."

Tech linebacker Bront Bird said he thinks Sheffield should keep slinging.

"You just have to go with the hot hand," Bird said. "I don't think Sheffield has done anything to lose the job he has been given right now."

It doesn't matter to Pelini whether Potts or Sheffield starts.

"They're not going to change what they do," Pelini said. "Coach Leach is not going to change. He's going to run their system. It looked the same to me."

Baylor, Iowa State looking for 1st Big 12 wins

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State could very easily play a game of coulda, shoulda woulda.

The Cyclones could be 5-1 and 2-0 in the Big 12.

They should have at least forced overtime against Kansas State two weeks ago and they would have stunned No. 17 Kansas had Austen Arnaud's pass with about a minute left not sailed a yard over Darius Darks' outstretched hands.

Paul Rhoads isn't having it. Iowa State's first-year coach doesn't believe in moral victories, just real ones, and that's what he's hoping for when the Cyclones (3-3, 0-2 Big 12) host Baylor (3-2, 0-1) on Saturday night.

Iowa State has clearly made strides through the first half of the season. The Cyclones have already snapped a 10-game losing streak dating to 2008 and they broke a 17-game road winless streak at Kent State on Sept. 19.

Next up on Iowa State's wish list is to stop an 11-game skid in the Big 12. To do so, the Cyclones will have to get by a Baylor team that crushed them, 38-10, last season in Waco.

But the Bears will be without the player who hurt Iowa State the most in that blowout, quarterback Robert Griffin. He's out for the season with a knee injury, and Baylor has yet to settle on who'll be behind center against Iowa State.

Senior Blake Szymanski was in line to take over for Griffin before injuring his shoulder, but he got some playing time late in Baylor's 33-7 loss at No. 20 Oklahoma and is listed as the starter.

Szymanski hasn't had much practice time in the past two weeks, and freshman Nick Florence showed poise in replacing him — even though the Bears could manage just seven points against the Sooners.

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loss.

"He is maybe even more amazing than I originally thought," said Snyder. "He is an inside rusher against extra points and field goals and he almost blocked a field goal attempt by going between a blocker's legs. That's how low he gets."

TCU

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And until we do it, the burden of proof is on us."

TCU is coming off a 20-17 victory over Air Force, winning on the road in an icy mist and bitter wind last Saturday night.

When the latest Associated Press poll came out the next day, though, the Frogs had dropped two spots after having made it into the Top 10 during the season for only the second time in 50 years.

Since the AP poll doesn't factor into the BCS standings, that won't affect the Frogs. In the human polls that do, TCU is eighth in the USA Today coaches poll and 10th in the Harris Interactive poll. TCU trails Boise State (6-0), coming off an close 28-21 victory Wednesday night at Tulsa, in all the polls.

"People ask me about the BCS. Our kids, really, we haven't had much time to think about it," Patterson said. "When you practice as hard as we do, you don't have time to think about it. When you go to school and do all the things you're supposed to, you don't have time to think about it."

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