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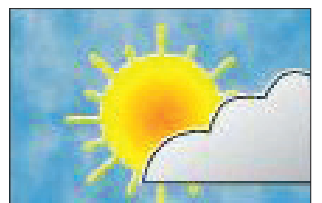


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'Alice' will debut this weekend at Big Spring High School

Herald staff report

Area residents can get a taste of Wonderland this weekend, as the Big Spring High School Theatre group gets ready to present Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" Saturday and Sunday.

According to Tabatha

Wright, theatre director for Big Spring High School, shows are slated for Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., in the high school's auditorium. "The students have worked really hard and I know it's going to be something the community will really enjoy," said Wright. "The adaptation of the play was done by Char-

lotte Chorpennig, and it's something the entire family can enjoy." Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and free for children 12 years old and younger. For more information, contact Wright at 264-3641 ext. 1470 or e-mail her at twright@bsisd.esc18.net.

Witnesses: Gunman shouts 'Allahu Akbar'

13 dead, 30 wounded in spree at base

JEFF CARLTON
 Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD — Soldiers who witnessed the shooting rampage at Fort Hood that left 13 people dead reported that the gunman shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — an Arabic phrase for "God is great!" — before opening fire, the base commander said Friday.

Lt. Gen. Robert Cone said officials had not yet confirmed that the suspected shooter, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, made the comment before the rampage Thursday. Hasan was among 30 people wounded in the shooting spree and remained hospitalized on a ventilator.

All but two of the injured were still hospitalized, and all were in stable condition.

Military officials were trying to piece together what may have pushed Hasan, an Army psychiatrist trained to help soldiers in distress, to turn on his comrades. Cone said the 39-year-old Hasan was not known to be a threat or risk.

"I'm not aware of any problems here," said Col. Steve



AP Photo/Jack Plunkett

Sgt. Anthony Sills, right, comforts his wife as they wait outside the Fort Hood Army Base near Killeen on Thursday. The Sills' 3-year old son is still in daycare on the base, which is in lock-down following a mass shooting earlier in the day.

Braverman, the Fort Hood hospital commander. "We had no problems with his job performance."

An imam from a mosque Hasan regularly attended said Hasan, a lifelong Muslim, was a committed soldier, gave no sign of extremist beliefs and regularly wore his uniform at prayers.

The motive for the shoot-

ing wasn't clear, but Hasan was apparently set to deploy soon and had expressed some anger about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Retired Col. Terry Lee, who said he had worked with Hasan, told Fox News said Hasan had hoped President Barack Obama would pull

troops out of Afghanistan and Iraq and got into frequent arguments with others in the military who supported the wars.

Braverman said at a news conference early Friday that Hasan was on deployment orders to Afghanistan.

A military official later told The Associated Press that Hasan was to be deployed to Iraq. It was not immediately possible to clear up the discrepancy.

The military official, who did not have authorization to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity, said Hasan had indicated he didn't want to go to Iraq but was willing to serve in Afghanistan.

A neighbor at the apartment building near Fort Hood where Hasan lived said they had recently discussed his impending deployment to Afghanistan.

"He seemed OK with it," said Edgar Booker, a 58-year-old retired soldier who now works in a cafeteria on the post. "I asked him how he felt about going over there, with

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Massacre is 2nd Killeen-area mass killing

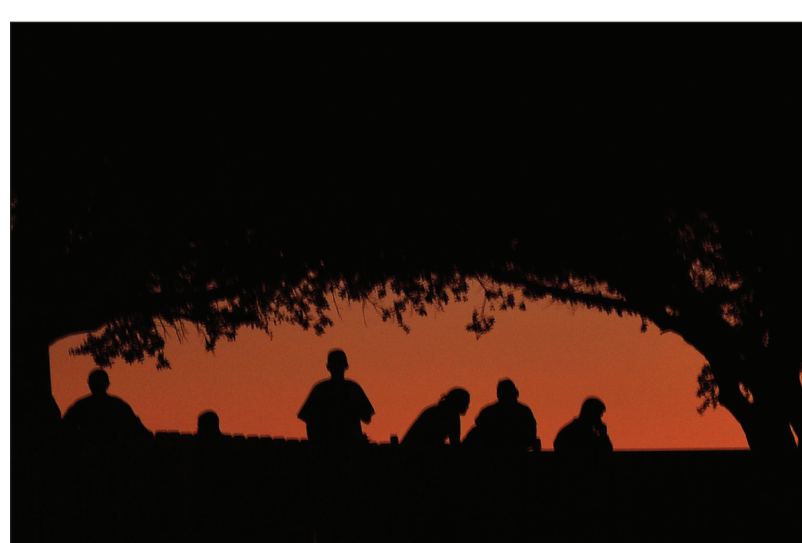
KILLEEN (AP) — The shooting at Fort Hood was the second mass shooting to strike the Killeen community.

On Oct. 16, 1991, 23 people were fatally shot by George Hennard, who drove his pickup through a plate-glass window of a Luby's Cafeteria. Hennard used his last bullet to kill himself as police closed in.

Soldiers and civilians stand on the back patio of the Soldier Readiness Center at the Fort Hood Army post as the sun begins to set on the scene where Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan Hasan, a psychiatrist set to be shipped overseas opened fire Thursday.

AP Photo/

David Morris, Killeen Daily Herald



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Operation Christmas Child under way here

Herald Staff Report

Local residents are being asked to fill shoe boxes to help less fortunate children this Christmas.

Through Operation Christmas Child, Big Spring residents are being asked to pack shoe boxes full of gifts for distribution to children in more than 100 countries who are suffering from the effects of natural disasters, war, terrorism, disease, famine and poverty.

"Operation Christmas Child is a

unique opportunity to do something as simple as packing a shoe box that will have a lasting impact on a child a world away," said Brenda Franklin, a coordinator for the charity effort. "We are excited about the 2009 collection season as community members have already begun packing shoe box gifts."

Allen Johnson, local organizer for the effort, said the shoe box gifts will be sorted and sent overseas using whatever means available.

Allen's Furniture, 202 Scurry St., has been designated as the local col-

lection point for the drive. Collection times will be as follows:

- Nov. 16-20 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Nov. 21-22 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nov. 23 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Big Spring has served as an official drop-off site for the drive for 13 years. This year, organizers hope to collect 700 gift-filled shoe boxes from families, kids, churches, schools and civic organizations in the area.

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News in brief

Panel votes to keep prepaid tuition formula

AUSTIN (AP) — An oversight board has voted to keep a generous refund formula for those who want to cancel their Texas prepaid college tuition plans. The Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board decided Thursday to cancel new rules that would have cut the value of refunds. A final board vote is needed in December after a public comment period to reinstate the previous refund policy that reflects the value of tuition, not just the amount paid in. The former Texas Tomorrow Fund, renamed the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, had money trouble and was suspended for new participants after legislators in 2003 deregulated college tuition. Texas families that left the plan, after learning of the refund policy change in May, would have until Dec. 31 to return, getting a year to get caught up on tuition installment payments and interest.

No indictment of SE Texas officers in man's death

KOUNTZE (AP) — A Hardin County grand jury has declined to indict two Lumberton police officers in whose custody a Port Arthur man died earlier this year. An autopsy showed that the April 30 death of 35-year-old Kevin LaDay was caused by potentially lethal levels of PCP. However, his mother had accused the officers of beating LaDay. The allegations

fueled racial tensions. The incident started when LaDay veered his car into a ditch. When police tried to administer a field sobriety test, LaDay ran. The officers caught and struggled with LaDay, then jolted him with a Taser gun. LaDay lost consciousness and died later at a hospital. The FBI also has been investigating the incident.

Gas prices down 1 cent

IRVING (AP) — Retail gasoline prices in Texas have decreased just a penny a gallon since last week. AAA Texas reported on Thursday that the average price per gallon at the pump was \$2.55. Prices decreased 1 cent nationally to \$2.68. The association says prices have stabilized after increasing for 28 consecutive days. Galveston had the lowest price at \$2.41 a gallon; El Paso had the most expensive gas at \$2.69, up 2 cents from last week. The association says prices have stabilized this week because oil prices are less volatile, and petroleum consumption is down.

Woman has dozens of aliases

TYLER (AP) — A 46-year-old woman, allegedly with at least 35 aliases, has been jailed in Smith County on fraud, embezzlement and assorted other charges. Smith County Sheriff J.B. Smith tells the Tyler Morning Telegraph that the woman is wanted in

numerous states for allegedly cheating men, women, families and businesses. Smith says the woman has been booked in jail under the name Juanetta Charce Lacy. He says he first met the woman a few months ago when his wife, who sells real estate, showed her a house valued at \$1.2 million. He says that when the woman gave evasive answers to questions about her background, he began to suspect a fraud. He says those suspicions intensified when a local oilman told him he was suspicious of his girlfriend, who turned out to be the same woman.

House Democrats make final push for support ahead of health vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats are scrambling to secure enough support to pass President Barack Obama's historic health overhaul initiative, working to soothe last-minute concerns from rank-and-file Democrats ahead of a make-or-break vote. Voting is set for Saturday on the 10-year, \$1.2 trillion legislation that embraces Obama's goals of extending health coverage to tens of millions of uninsured Americans and putting tough new restrictions on insurance companies. Obama was set to make a personal appeal to the Democratic rank and file in a visit Friday to Capitol Hill. That was called off late Thursday after the shootings at Fort Hood, Texas, and rescheduled for Saturday.

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their religion and everything, and he said, 'It's going to be interesting.'" Cone said authorities have not yet been able to talk to Hasan, but interviews with witnesses went through the night. Terrorism task force agents planned to interview several of Hasan's relatives Friday, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the case. Officials are not ruling out the possibility that some of the casualties may have been victims of "friendly fire," that in the mayhem and confusion at the shooting scene some of the responding military officials may have shot some of the victims.

The officer who shot the gunman, Kimberly Munley, also was wounded. "She happened to encounter the gunman. In an exchange of gunfire, she was wounded but managed to wound him four times," Cone said. "It was an amazing and aggressive performance by this police officer."

Cone said some 300 soldiers had been lined up to get shots and have their eye tested at a Soldier Readiness Center when the shots rang out. He said one soldier who had been shot told him, "I made the mistake of moving and I was shot again." The commander said survivors told him that during the rampage, soldiers "would scramble to the ground and help each other out."

Cone acknowledged that it was "counterintuitive" that a single shooter could hit so

many people. But he said the massacre occurred in "close quarters." "With ricochet fire, he was able to injure that number of people," Cone said. He said authorities were investigating whether Hasan's weapons were properly registered with the military.

The gunfire broke out around 1:30 p.m. Nearby, some soldiers were readying to head into a graduation ceremony for troops and families who had recently earned degrees. Pastor Greg Schanep had just parked his car along the side of the theater and was about to head into the ceremony when a man in uniform approached him.

"Sir, they are opening fire over there!" the man told him. At first, he thought it was a training exercise — then heard three volleys and saw people running. As the man who warned him about the shots ran away, he could see the man's back was bloodied from a wound.

Schanep said police and medical and other emergency personnel

were on the scene in an instant, telling people to get inside the theater. The post went into lockdown while a search began for a suspect and emergency workers began trying to treat the wounded. Some soldiers rushed to treat their injured colleagues by ripping their uniforms into makeshift bandages to treat their wounds.

The wounded were dispersed among hospitals in central Texas, Cone said. Their identities and the identities of the dead were not immediately released. Friday was designated a day of mourning at Fort Hood. There also will be a ceremony at the air base to honor the dead.

For six years before reporting for duty at the Texas post in July, Hasan worked at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center pursuing a career in psychiatry, as an intern, a resident and, last year, a fellow in disaster and preventive psychiatry. The 39-year-old Army major received his medical degree from the military's Uniformed Services University of the Health

Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, in 2001.

But his record wasn't sterling. At Walter Reed, he received a poor performance evaluation, according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly. And while he was an intern, Hasan had some "difficulties" that required counseling and extra supervision, said Dr. Thomas Grieger, who was the training director at the time.

Faizul Khan, a former imam at a mosque Hasan attended in Silver Spring, Maryland, said "I got the impression that he was a committed soldier." He said Hasan attended prayers regularly at the mosque and was a lifelong Muslim. He spoke often with Hasan about Hasan's desire for a wife.

In an interview with The Washington Post, Hasan's aunt, Noel Hasan of Falls Church, Virginia, said he had been harassed about being a Muslim in the years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, and he wanted out of the Army.

"Some people can take it and some people can't," she said. "He had listened to all of that and he wanted out of the military."

At least six months ago, Hasan came to the attention of law enforcement officials because of Internet postings about suicide bombings and other threats, including posts that equated suicide bombers to soldiers who throw themselves on a grenade to save the lives of their comrades.

Investigators had not determined for certain whether Hasan was the author of the posting, and a formal investigation had not been opened before the shooting, said law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the case.

The FBI, local police and other agencies searched Hasan's apartment Thursday night after evacuating the complex in Killeen, said city spokeswoman Hilary Shine. She referred questions about what was found to the FBI. The FBI in Dallas referred questions to a spokesman who was not immediately available early Friday morning.

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Baptist Temple

Sunday mornings, we have been discussing "Building Spiritual Muscle." We are discussing habits and disciplines we need to develop to hear God and allow ourselves to be used by God. This Sunday morning we will be discussing "Building by Emptying" from Deuteronomy 8:1-5. It's about fasting either temporary or permanently from different habits in our lives and only feasting on God and his word. There will be no Sunday evening service. Instead, we will have a Connection Day in which we will make contact with people in our community by writing letters, making phone calls or making a personal visit. We will gather in our fellowship hall at 6 p.m. to do this.

Our Financial Peace class meets at 7-9p.m. Mondays. The course has 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.

Also our 12-Step Recovery program is meeting Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There is no cost to attend.

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.

Many thanks to all of you that came by during our Trunk or Treat. We had a great time and hope you did too.

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

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

First United Methodist

The Epworth Sunday School Class's Relay For Life Bake Sale will begin at 9:30 Sunday morning in youth hall. There are some mighty good cooks bringing their cakes, pies and other special items just in time for the holidays. All proceeds go to First Methodist's teams of Relay 2010.

Our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will bring the message at both Sunday' services of worship. She will be bringing part one of a three-part series entitled "What Is Enough?" based on Proverbs 21:5,20.

Sunday school classes for all ages meet at 9:45 a.m. Family fun night and snack supper begins at 5:30 in Garrett Hall each Sunday evening.

Living Christmas Tree choir rehearsals continue Monday evenings while those who will be featured in the skits will practice Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

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A visit to the Vineyard, Part 2

On a grapevine, the cane is the new shoot. It is like the new kid on the block, the product of just one season. A branch is a part of the vine that has been there for a long time. Its ability to transform the nourishment of the vine into a harvest of sweet grapes results from many years of continued attachment to the vine.



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God wants us to be long-term residents in His vineyard. His goal for us is fruitful maturity. That is why Jesus instructed us to remain in Him. That simple response is all Jesus asks of His branches in God's vineyard.

Jesus said, "See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us --even eternal life," 1John 2:24.

Each season offers something the vine needs for continued growth. Spring brings the necessary rain to stimulate the growth that brings the fruit to full maturity in the heat of the summer. Autumn is the time to harvest, and winter brings much needed rest to the vine and branches. All summer they labored throughout the heat of the day. Without rest, the vine would not be strong enough to make it through the cycle of harvest.

It is fair to assume

that there are seasons in the Father's vineyard. Ecclesiastes states it simply, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the sun." God works with us at different times in different ways. There are times when our lives run as smooth as silk, as we see God's hand moving and directing us. Other times, our needs press us from every side.

Without the changing seasons, vineyards would never bear fruit. Likewise, our spiritual growth demands an ever-changing climate; seasons when God's work is tailor-made to our personal circumstances, and other times when God seems afar off. Most often it is the tough times that bring us closer to Him. These are the times we dig into the manual, God's word, for instruction on what to do next.

In the early spring-time, the vineyard is at its best; clean, tidy, and uniform. The farmer looks across the vineyard with a deep sense of satisfaction at its beauty, color and order. And He is well-pleased.

When Jesus described to His disciples the story of His Father's vineyard, He told them how His Father cuts off unfruitful branches and prunes those that are fruitful. Sensing their wonderment, quickly and gently He said to them, "But you are already clean. You are already neatly trimmed

and fit for the season ahead," John 15:3.

As believers, we are to develop deep roots that are not affected by temporal circumstances. They can weather heat and pressure while drawing from God's life with joy. Roots that are fully developed provide continual refreshing, as if planted near a spring. With spiritual roots like these, we don't learn to get by on less of God, we find Him at a deeper, more consistent level. With deeply watered roots we never lack, no matter how hot and dry the summer of our lives.

To be fruitful in God's kingdom, we cannot stand still. Either we are growing or we are withering away. Those who think they can merely hold their own are fooling themselves. Nothing in creation remains stagnate without dying.

But what does diligence mean in the vineyard? It doesn't necessarily mean working every minute, but it does mean doing what needs to be done when it needs to be done. Therefore, our spiritual life is just as demanding as the vineyard. It needs careful attention.

We cannot set a regimen for our lives that will work through every season. We need to know by the Spirit's leading what is needed day to day. We may have to say no to something good in order to embrace something far better.

Diligence is simply a matter of doing what the Spirit wants us to do every day, without excuse or delay. Those who fit Jesus in only where it is convenient sacrifice their spiritual growth. God never intended for our spiritual life to be our first priority. He wants it to be our only priority. Everything else comes after. Only when we give it that place will we find direction and strength for fitting in the other things.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who

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Sunday, Nov. 15, the youth will be serving their annual Thanksgiving luncheon in Garrett Hall following the late service. There will be turkey, dressing and all the trimmings served by the youth. This is their largest fund-raiser of the year with proceeds going to their camp fund. This year there are added attractions; they are giving away a beautiful quilt handmade by Dorothy Galbraith as well as two Dallas Cowboy watches. Drawings will be held after the Thanksgiving dinner is served.

Later Sunday, a Charge Conference will be held in Colorado City for our church as well as several others in the Big Spring District.

The Missions Committee is hard at work on plans to serve a Thanksgiving dinner at Bauer Elementary on Saturday evening, Nov. 21. Cooks and volunteers are needed. Contact Joyce Willis or Faron Bell if you can help.

We'd love to have you in any and all of our services and activities; if you can't be here check out our Web site at www.fumcbs.com and listen to our broadcast Sundays at 8:30 on KBYG (in Spanish) and at 10:50 on KBST-FM 95.7. Our buildings are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry. We are First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

Church Women United

We will celebrate "World Community Day" at 11 a.m. Saturday at Baker's Chapel, 911 N. Lancaster. Our speaker will be Ms. Irene Galan, project head start nutritionist/facilitator of Odessa. Ms. Galan serves four surrounding counties, Howard, Ward, Ector and Reeves. The theme for our gathering "Piecing God's Earth Together." Come help us celebrate this great occasion. You will be blessed.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible Study meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice is at 6 p.m.

Our congregation was pleased to welcome ministers and visitors from Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Lubbock and Coahoma to the service of installation for our new pastor, Craig Holstedt. They joined us in a fiesta following the service.

The Tres Rios Presbyterian Women's Fall Retreat was canceled.

Neva Green will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning. Janie Conley is liturgist for worship for the month.

The Working Women's Bible Study group will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. in the parlor. Helen Glass will lead Lesson 2, "A Leader Is Called" from Joshua 1:2-18, 24:1-15. The offering will go to Presbyterian Women Thank Offering.

Elementary Sunday school classes are studying the book of Ruth the first four Sundays in November through audiovisuals, games and puzzles, drama/storytelling and cooking, led by Donna Amonett, Jamie Walker and Janie Conley. The children will begin their unit on the birth of Jesus the first Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29. For those in grades 6 through 12, Christine and Don Boling lead lessons on how to relate scripture to everyday life in the youth room upstairs.

The Adult Video Class is studying a five-lesson series, "God Heard Their Cry" from Ray Vander Laan in the theater room beginning at 9:45 a.m.

The Adult Covenant Class, which meets in the library, is studying a unit called "The New Covenant Community," based on First and Second Peter.

The Youth Group will meet at Fiddlesticks Farm, a corn maze near Midland, at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The lectionary for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Ruth 3:1-5, 4:33-37; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44. "I Sing th' Almighty Power of God," arranged by Austin Lovelace will be the anthem by the Chancel Choir; the offertory anthem is "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" by Healy Willan.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call

the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at our Web site: www.fpcbs.org

Berea Baptist

This Sunday evening at 6, the final segments of the video series by Don Piper will be shown at Berea Baptist Church. The topics this week are (1) Does Heaven Change Anything Now? - The Study of How Turmoil & Pain Prepare Us for Heaven, and (2) Are You Longing for Heaven? - The Study of Our Purpose Here on Earth. We provide childcare for children from birth through age 3.

We will repeat this study in January in a series of weekly sessions with detailed Bible study. At that time the workbooks that accompany the study will be available. Specifics about the January 2010 Winter Bible Study will be announced early in January.

Our Sunday morning Bible study is at 9:45 and worship is at 11. Berea is located at 4204 Wasson Road. We would like to have you with us.

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 morning to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

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

The women's retreat planned for Nov. 5-7 has been canceled.

Session meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 12, at 5:57 p.m. in the church social hall. Tom will be attending a meeting of Synod of the Sun in Irving this week.

Mark your calendars for the Miller Lecture Series on Saturday, Nov. 21, for "An Evening with John Calvin," presented by Flynn V. Long, pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring.

The lectionary for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

St. Paul Lutheran

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life." Our services are led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost. Join us at 9 a.m. every Sunday for worship with Sunday school beginning at 10:15 for everyone.

Bible study opportunities are available to anyone wishing to attend. There are several to choose from including a noon class every Wednesday in the church parish hall, led by Pastor Frost. Contact the church office at 267-7163 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday for times and places. You may also stop by the church at 810 Scurry.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be holding a huge garage sale and back sale beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Come early for the best buys and selections. This would be a very good time to buy your baked goods before Thanksgiving and pick up a few gifts. Proceeds will benefit the Howard County Bible classes taught in area high schools. This money helps purchase study materials for the students.

Once again, Richard Sanders and several other men will be making a trip to deliver much-needed supplies to the Casa Hogar Orphanage in Mexico. Richard makes this mission trip several times a

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year and would greatly appreciate your contributions of money, supplies or time to join him on the trip. You may call him at 816-1631 or the office for more information. Richard will be leaving Dec. 11.

For any concerns and prayer requests, contact the church office or e-mail stpaulc@sbcglobal.net

Remember our military in your prayers, especially those in combat situations.

Chapel of Faith

Chapel of Faith, an interdenominational church for all people, welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. each week. Pastor Scott Willis presents a message based on scripture to help our understanding of God's word. This week the message will be "Claim Your Inheritance" from Ruth 3:1-5. If you come a little early, you can share in a time of fellowship and refreshments.

During a business meeting following Sunday services, the congregation voted to contribute the quarterly Community Love Offering to the Salvation Army Angel Tree project and to the Cossacks Motorcycle Club for its annual bicycle drive and Christmas dinners for the underprivileged. The church will also be purchasing more equipment to expand the capacity for a growing community outreach through the annual suppers. We also voted to give ourselves the gift of having a holiday dinner for our church family as we prepare to enter this special time of year. The church will be prepared for the holiday season with cleaning and decorating and then we will fellowship over the meal.

If you would like to join a growing, God-loving church, please come visit us at 10:30 every Sunday morning as we worship Jesus Christ. The Chapel of Faith is located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad Streets.

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Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Karissa Franco. Our elders are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell. The liturgy will be read by Phillip Reid. The readings are I Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, and Mark 12:38-44.

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

A Bible study at church at 11:30 A.M. Thursdays is being well attended and enjoyed by all participants. It is Receiving God's Goodness. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible studies.

The Thursday evening Bible study, hosted by Karen Ivey, has been cancelled until the spring due to the upcoming holidays.

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Sometimes the evidence does demand a verdict. A few days ago, my son-in-law came home at noon to eat a quick lunch and check on his dog. Just a few bites into his sandwich, Scott remembered something he needed to do in another room. Assuming his salami and cheese would still be on the kitchen bistro table when he came back, he slid off the stool and ran upstairs for just a minute.



BONNIE
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When Scott returned, his sandwich was gone, and Matilda, his newly acquired basset hound, was licking her paws and trying to look sad-eyed and innocent. However, the salami on her breath incriminated her and invalidated her former owner's claim that Matilda wouldn't bother anything that wasn't left on the floor.

Although there is no doubt that Matilda's sensitive nose contributed to her salami crime, there is some question about how a long-eared, short-legged dog was able to snatch a sandwich from such a tall table. The only reasonable explanation seems to be a powerful combination of temptation and motivation.

While most of us find resisting temptation hard at times, we are equally challenged to do what seems too difficult to be accomplished. We are prone to say, "I just couldn't handle that."

However, in a crisis we do not have a choice. Whether the crisis is physical, financial, or emotional, we have to face our circumstances. None of us are exempt from trouble. We often have to cope with things that are difficult, unpleasant and even traumatic.

In his lifetime, the apostle Paul had to suffer much hardship. He was falsely accused, taunted, beaten, and imprisoned for his faith. How-

ever, he discovered a sure way to get through any blow that might be dealt him. In response to a show of support for his need, he said, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NASB).

Although I'm not suggesting that God enables short-legged dogs to snatch sandwiches off tall tables, I am sure that God helps His people get through seemingly impossible situations. Sometimes that help is motivation to keep on trying and not give in to the temptation to despair.

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

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Thank you to all who supplied the candy and those who helped with the Trunk or Treat. More than 250 kids, in addition to parents and grandparents, were in attendance. Apples were bobbed for, toy prizes were "fished" for, and several people signed up for the free Bibles. What a wonderful experience by all. Thank you so very much for being part of this enjoyable time.

LWML will host the VA serving Monday. The Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. with a meal at 5:30 p.m. with Mid Week School and Confirmation at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, and the LWML will meet Thursday, Nov. 12.

We need someone to volunteer to maintain our church website. If interested, contact Dana Byrd and she will give you the particulars. Training will be provided. Anyone with a computer, Internet ac-

cess, and a willing spirit can volunteer.

The Board of Evangelism is asking for help with recording short messages for our radio spots. If you are interested, contact Kent Ivey.

The Board of Evangelism is also beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of those wanting/need a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke.

Mark your calendars for the next voters' meeting Nov. 22 at 1:30 p.m. Boards will need to prepare their 2010 budgets prior to this meeting.

Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday, Nov. 26, at 9 a.m. Our Thanksgiving meal will follow.

Sunday, Nov. 29, Advent services will begin. The next Advent service will be Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars and come join us.

Our traditional Christmas Eve program will be at 6:30 p.m. Music for the children's and congregational pageant will begin Nov. 18 during Mid Week School and parts will be assigned Dec. 2.

Members of our AIC Youth Group are selling "Alive in Christ" window stickers for \$7 for the smaller size or \$10 for the larger size. Contact any member of the youth group.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

Our church is in the community to help you in the spiritual needs you may have. We would count it a privilege to be acquainted with you and to be able to help you when and where the need should arise. We are a Bible believing, preaching, 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. Our pastor is just as close as the telephone, if needed; call anytime day or night.

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This Sunday will be our Thanksgiving meal and Mission Fellowship where we will recognize our missionaries. Dr. Gene Krieg of Macadonian Street Ministry from Fort Worth will be our special speaker Sunday on Missions.

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

East Fourth Street Baptist

Our Thanksgiving Dinner Fellowship is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 22 following the morning service. The evening service and the following Wednesday service is canceled.

This year is our 10th anniversary of Hanging of the Greens. We still need a few more trees. Please contact Jerry Oliphant at 257-2291 if you have a three-foot or taller tree that you would let us borrow for this event.

If you're seeking a church home, come visit with us. We are located at 401 E. Fourth St. Our Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; evening service at 6 p.m.

Wednesday we have Adult Bible Study and prayer meeting; youth and children are now practicing their Christmas musicals. A Men's Bible Study is held Saturday at 7 a.m. For more information, call 267-2291.

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.

Babe Chick meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is Nov. 12. Mark your calendar.

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 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

December 10 we will honor the 1998 Walk 8, 9, 10 and 11. Plan to attend. For more information, see our Web site www.signal-emmaus.org

College Baptist

Buck Turner will be the featured speaker when the Three G's meet Thursday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Turner is a veteran of World War II and a survivor of the Bataan Death March. Special patriotic music will be provided by Ruelene Porter. Seniors of the community are invited to join us for a potluck supper and this interesting program.

The Crazy Can Collection Competition will conclude Nov. 8. Sunday school classes are having a friendly competition to see which class can bring the largest number of canned foods to restock the food pantry.

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The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter NSDAR met at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 17, 2009, at the Big Spring Country Club. Members present were Sue Ann Damron, Lora Mae Pollard, Carol Scott, Mary Scheulke, Sara Tipton, Carole Lawson, Katie Lara, Hollis McCright, Clara Lewis and Neva Green.

Sharon Beavers of Big Spring was a guest.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Mary Scheulke and the opening ritual was performed.

The minutes of the previous meeting are not completed. The treasurer's report was the Chapter's balance is \$1,192.44 in the bank account. The Chaplain had no report this meeting. The Registrar thanked the members for donating papers good for the Haven House, which provided the wives of hospitalized veterans a place to stay. There was no report from the corresponding secretary. The President General's report was given by Sara Tipton. The National Defense message was given by Carole Lawson. The Indian Minutes discussing the Abenaki East Indians "Those Looking at Sunrise" was read by Sue Ann Damron and the can passed.

Old business included corrections and updates to the yearbook. The chapter lost four members since last May. They will be missed. A prospective membership workshop is being planned. It will be held in the Howard County Library. Genealogy Room and details will be published. There will be a Genealogy Workshop at the Midland Library on Oct. 24, 2009.

New business included welcoming new member Clara Lewis. A new road sign has been placed on the west entrance to town. Travelers entering Big Spring will be informed of our local chapter. A motion was made by Carole Lawson, and seconded by Lora Mae Pollard for the chapter to pay for this sign. All members present approved the \$18 purchase. It was announced to members present that Ann Witherspoon has been named chairman of a committee at the state level.

Congratulations.

Sue Ann Damron gave an informative and moving program of efforts to restore our highly treasured Governor's mansion in Austin. The mansion was ravaged by fire, but there can be no doubts that the historical building will be returned to its former beauty. Members interested in donation to this project may contact Sue Ann for additional information about the "Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund."

The door prize was won by Carole Lawson. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday in Howard College's Cactus Room. Walter Ward, president, opened the meeting with prayer. Pat Simmons reported we had a smaller than usual turnout for Make A Difference Day. However, several workers enjoyed the lunch provided by the Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Simmons is sending out letters encouraging individuals and groups to provide domed lids for the trash barrels in Comanche Trail Park. The park is our on-going project for improvement. Ward commented that we are doing well on commitments for the park benches.

We will have training for leadership members from noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices. This is also the date for our formal certification ceremony. Members are urged to wear KBSB shirts and be in attendance at the city council meeting at 5:30 p.m. for the ceremony.

Carol Hollandsworth told of a smaller town that provides curbside recycling pick-up. She wondered if that could be achieved here. Most felt our local economy could not support this.

Tire disposal and E-waste Day will be Nov. 14. Tires and E-waste (no old televisions, please) can be taken to the city landfill at no charge all day. Only those items can be left for free. No trash, please.

New KBSB officers for 2010 will be Jo Ann Staulecup, president; Janice

Bishop, vice-president; Nancy Crenshaw, secretary; and Jan Foresyth, treasurer.

The next meeting will be Dec. 7.

TOPS Club

TOPS Club met Monday evening in the First Christian Church fellowship hall at 10th and Goliad. The meeting was called to order by leader Laura Sickles with the group cheer.

Eleven TOPS members and two KOPS participated with zeal. The TOPS pledge was led by Frank Sickles. Ethel Cassady led the KOPS pledge.

Minutes were then read by Carol Smith and approved.

Laura Sickles gave a reading, "Onions are carriers of the vlue virus." We were cautioned about having raw onions lying around the kitchen either with their skins intact or peeled because onions collect and harbor the flu virus. Refrigeration for onions is a good practice.

Further business reminded members of the upcoming open house for TOPS Club on Nov. 9. This meeting is open to the public. Everyone is welcome. An active program is planned with a skit, talks by our club's best losers, question and answer time and a message from TOPS Area Captain Clara Cleghorn. Low-cal refreshments will be served. Weigh-in for members begins at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be from 6-7 p.m.

Monday's program was presented by Mary Churchwell and entitled "The Weigh-In Room." This encouraged all of us who do experience discouraging times, but do not give up. Seek out your friends, look to good examples and follow them, talk to others about your fears and temptations. Always remember — do not give up.

For more information about TOPS and our weight loss program, please call Frank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819.

TOPS means Take Off Pounds Sensibly. TOPS does help. Come and meet with us and see for yourself. We meet each Monday evening. Weigh-in at 5:30 and 6-7 p.m. is our meeting time.

We need you and you need us.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Courtesy photo

Deanna Kulbeth has been appointed to the Lone Star District of the Boy Scouts of America as the district executive. She officially begins her duties Nov. 9, replacing Greg Hartman. She majored in recreation management and youth leadership at Brigham Young University; worked at Pihlmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M., as a hiking ranger during the summer of 2006; and interned with the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America in 2007. She says she is looking forward to serving the Big Spring area. Anyone having questions about the BSA program can call (432) 570-7601.

CHURCH NEWS

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According to youth minister Bobby Floyd, the first meeting of Youth Discipleship Groups is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 15.

A number of CBC senior adults traveled to Lubbock Oct. 27 to hear Johnny Hunt, president of the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas.

East Side Baptist

Thanksgiving is our theme for November and every service we have a time of sharing thanks for all that God does for us. Come and join us for a celebration of Jesus each service.

We meet at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school, 10:45

for family service and at 1:45 p.m. each Sunday. Wednesdays, we meet at 6 p.m. for Kids Klubs and Teen Time. Our regular Wednesday service is at 7 p.m.

We are preparing for our holiday events that include The Toney Brothers in concert Dec. 3, and "Jesus' Birthday Party" (A Christmas

Journey), Dec. 12. This event is by reservation.

We invite each of you to join us for these and our regular services.

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Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald
NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE
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3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

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Eagles, Cowboys vying for first in NFC East

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — They have played each other with both a Super Bowl and a playoff spot at stake.

There was the "Bounty Bowl," Emmitt Smith getting stuffed, Eagles fans cheering for a motionless Michael Irvin, and Terrell Owens stoking controversy for each side.

Dallas and Philadelphia have lined up against each other 99 times in games that have forged one of the most heated rivalries in the NFL. Somehow it seems fitting the 100th meeting would have something significant on the line.

With the Phillies' run in the World Series over, all eyes among the city's sports fans are on one game — one sport, really — this weekend.

Win Sunday in Philadelphia, and the Cowboys (5-2) are alone atop the NFC East.

Knock off the Cowboys, and the Eagles (5-2) move into first as the only NFC East team unbeaten in the division.

"I know the crowd is going to be out of their minds," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

The fans are always hostile when the Eagles and Cowboys play, especially when more than just bragging rights go to the winner.

Last season was no exception. The final turned into a do-or-die game for the final NFC wild-card spot and the Eagles thumped the Cowboys 44-6 to earn the right to play in the postseason — and they eventually reached the NFC title game.

The Cowboys left Lincoln Financial Field in shambles.

They return on a three-game winning streak and playing their best football of the season. The Cowboys haven't forgotten how they were thoroughly dominated in the second series game last year, and — though its only the halfway point of the season — wresting the division lead away from the Eagles would help put that unpleasant memory behind them.

"We're going to watch it on tape, we're going to correct the things we didn't do well and come up with a way to attack these guys," Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo said. "We're going to go out there and be a better football team than we were that

played that day. I don't know about the rest of the stuff that people use as motivation. There's motivation in the sense that is an important game."

Romo has thrown eight touchdowns without an interception and has put aside Roy Williams' grumbling to find a favorite target in wide receiver Miles Austin. Austin has 21 catches for 482 yards and five TDs during the winning streak. Oh, and those games

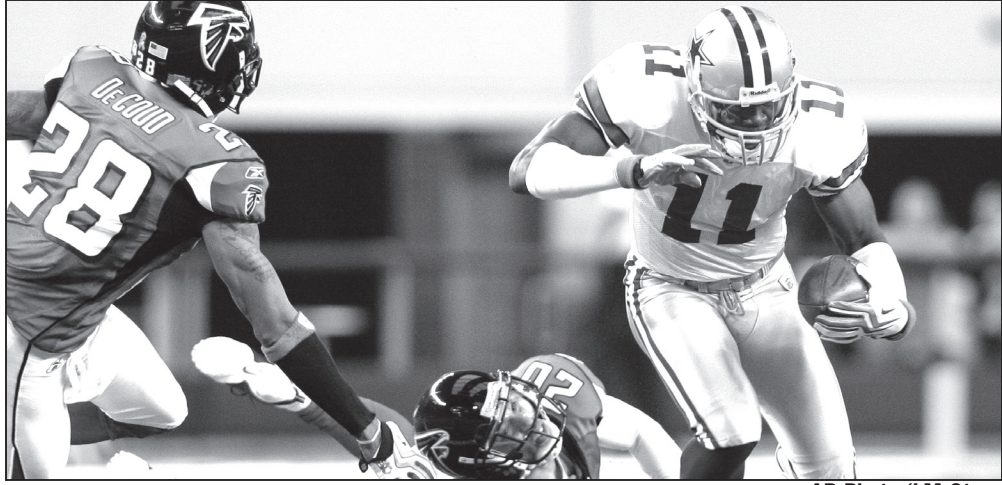
have represented his first three NFL starts.

"He's been waiting for his opportunity, and when it came along he's done some really good things," Romo said.

The Eagles want to end that hot streak — and keep theirs going.

They have rolled to victories the last two weeks over division rivals

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The Cowboys will try to get the ball into the hands of frustrated receiver Roy Williams this weekend in Philadelphia. AP Photo/LM Otero

SPECIAL PLAYS



Herald Photo/Tony Claxton

Ben Merworth (44) and Michael Felton (8) bring down the ballcarrier on kickoff coverage last week against Lake View at Memorial Stadium. The Steers travel to Hereford tonight.

Steer Spotlight: Special teamers

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

They're not the flashiest players on the team.

If you're not paying close attention tonight at Whiteface Stadium in Hereford, you could

miss them.

But nonetheless, their impact on the game is tangible

They are the special teams.

Made up mostly of backup players, special teamers can be the guys that provide a spark — a long kickoff return or a big

hit on the kickoff.

One of those guys is senior Ben Merworth, who on the kickoff and return team is a special teams leader, head coach Phillip Ritchey said.

"Ben just flies down the field

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Aggies' LB Miller chases A&M sack record

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — About once a week, Texas A&M junior sack specialist Von Miller checks in with the man who holds the record he's chasing.

The 6-foot-3, 240-pound Miller leads the nation with 13½ sacks as the Aggies (5-3, 2-2 Big 12) head into Saturday's game at Colorado (2-6, 1-3). He needs seven more sacks to pass the Texas A&M single-season mark of 20, set by defensive end Jacob Green in 1979.

Green now works for the school's athletic fundraising foundation and has an office at Kyle Field. Miller's father, also named Von, asked Green to mentor his son when he arrived at

A&M in 2007, and Green happily obliged.

The two talk about football, school and life, and Miller tries to absorb every word from Green, who played 13 seasons in the NFL. Naturally, the record has been a topic of conversation lately, but Miller gets the feeling that Green wants him to break it as much as anyone.

"He's pushing me a little bit," Miller said. "It feels good to have him on my team, instead of against me, I guess."

The Aggies have four games left in the regular season, and Green hopes he's the first person to congratulate Miller when he sets a new mark.

"If anybody's going to do it, I'd

love to see Von do it," Green said. "It's been a long time for that record. And if Von breaks that record, that means the Aggies are being successful and we all want that football team to be successful. That's a big part of it."

Texas A&M is still a long way from the glory days of the "Wrecking Crew," the label earned by the program's dominant defenses of the 1980s and '90s. This year's Aggies rank last in the Big 12 in scoring defense (30 points per game) and total defense (401 yards per game).

But Miller has emerged as a standout from the "jack" position, a blend of defensive end and

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Knight ratchets up Tech hoops defense

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Pat Knight is keeping his expectations for his Texas Tech team to himself, though he knows the Red Raiders can't fall much farther.

"We want to be better than we were last year, show improvement," said Knight, who's heading into his second full season coaching the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech finished 11th in the Big 12 (14-19) last year, the school's worst season since 2000. That was the year before Bob Knight took over the program and led the Red Raiders to four consecutive seasons of at least 20 wins.

Pat Knight's team won just three Big 12 games last season — one was against No. 9 Kansas — and he openly criticized officiating twice in a three-week span. The Big 12 slapped him with a public reprimand and a one-game suspension.

The younger Knight blamed himself for last year's abysmal record, saying he focused on the wrong aspect.

"I got so enamored with the offense, I let the defense slip," he said.

The Red Raiders will rely on man-to-man defense — the mainstay of Bob Knight's teams.

Pat Knight said he has enough depth — two freshman and three junior college transfers — and athleticism now that if players don't defend he'll pull them.

"It's a totally different team," he said. "We're more athletic. We got more talent."

Returning forward Mike Singletary, who's dropped 20 pounds since last season, said play-

ers have a goal.

"We want to be one of the best defensive teams in our league," he said. "That's going to make us win games even if when our offense isn't going."

Gone offensively is Alan Voskuil, the go-to scorer who shot 43 percent from 3-point range. Knight said he has more options this season to where "every kid we have now is a threat with the basketball."

Singletary is one of those options. Late last season, his offense improved and he fueled a come-from-behind win over Texas A&M in the Big 12 tournament by scoring 29 consecutive points for his team, the second-longest run of its kind in NCAA history.

The Red Raiders return only player — junior guard John Robinson (14 points per game) — who started every game last season.

Knight is counting on junior college transfer David Tairu, a teammate to Nick Okorie when South Plains College won the JC national title in 2008. The 6-foot-3 Tairu reminds his coach of the last real leader the Red Raiders had.

"It's like having Ronald Ross again," he said, referring to a one-time walk-on who helped the 2004-05 team advance to the NCAA regional semifinals. "I think the future looks really good for us."

And those offensive options are important for other reasons, too.

"Because maybe I'm going to win a few more games and then maybe get my contract extended," Knight said, chuckling.

Sports in brief

Big Spring to host volleyball playoff game

Big Spring High School will host a 3A playoff game tonight between Abilene Wylie and Andrews at Steer Gym.

Abilene Wylie is currently ranked No. 12 in 3A in the Texas Girls Association high school volleyball poll.

Andrews is 20-14 this season. Wylie is 19-5.

Meeting scheduled for Lady Steers Booster Club

The Big Spring Lady Steers' booster club will meet Monday, Nov. 9, at the high school athletic training center conference room at 5 p.m.

All parents of Big Spring Steer lady athletics are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Stan Feaster at sfeaster@howardcollege.edu.

Lady Hawks travel to Midland for tournament

The Howard College women's basketball team will be in action this afternoon in Midland as they take on Jacksonville College at 3 p.m.

The Lady Hawks won their season debut Monday night, beating Wayland Baptist's junior varsity squad 93-49. The team will play two more games over the weekend at Midland College.

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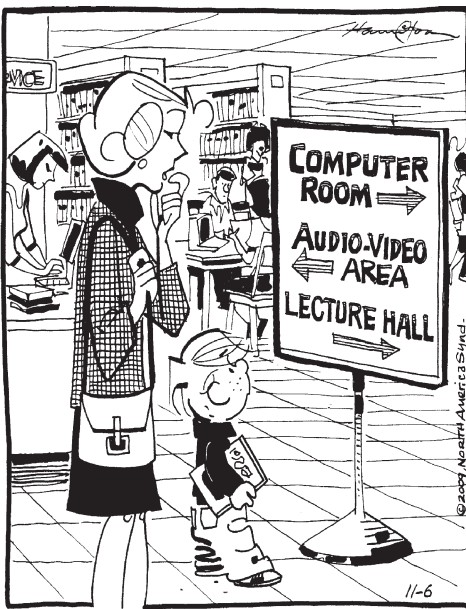
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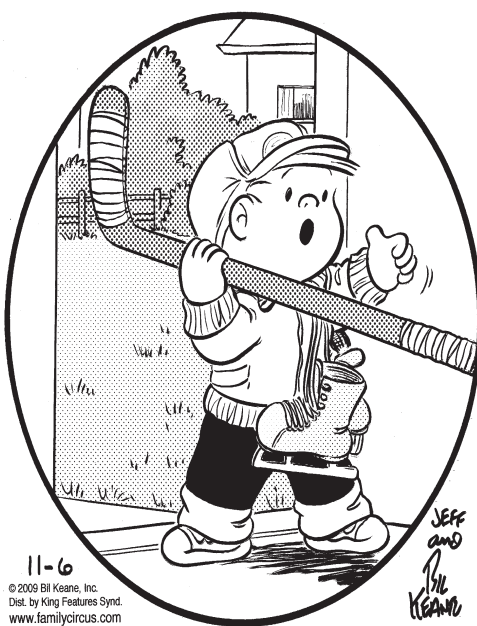
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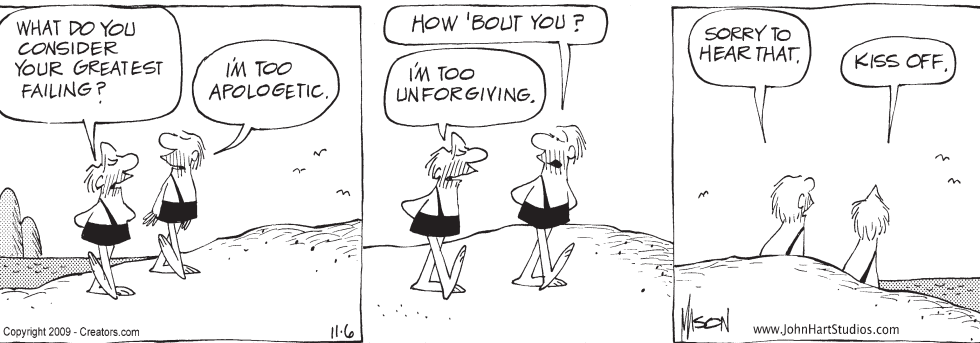


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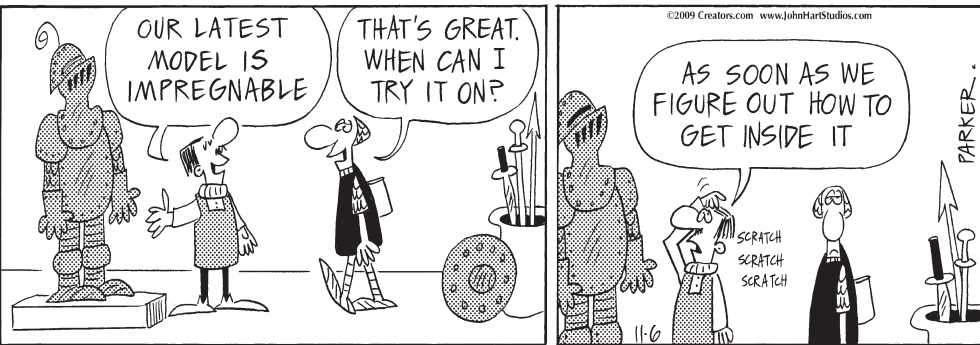
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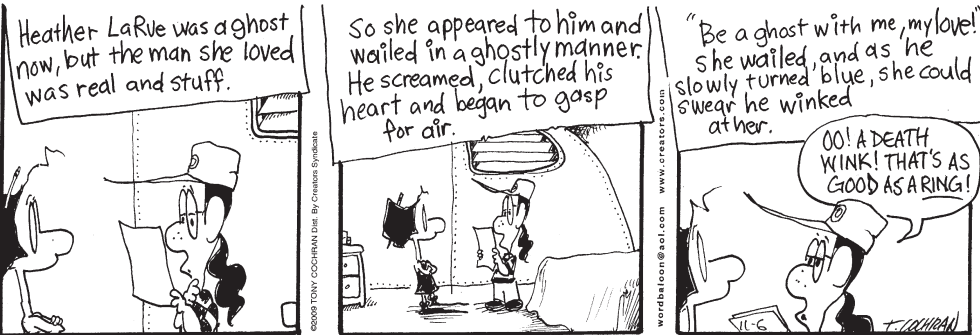
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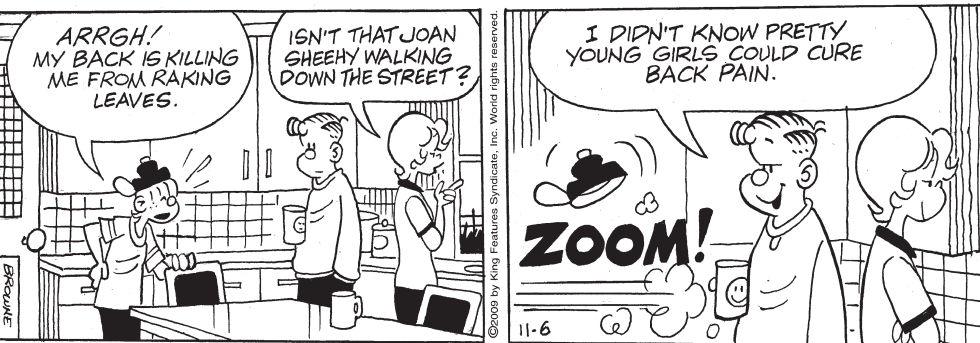
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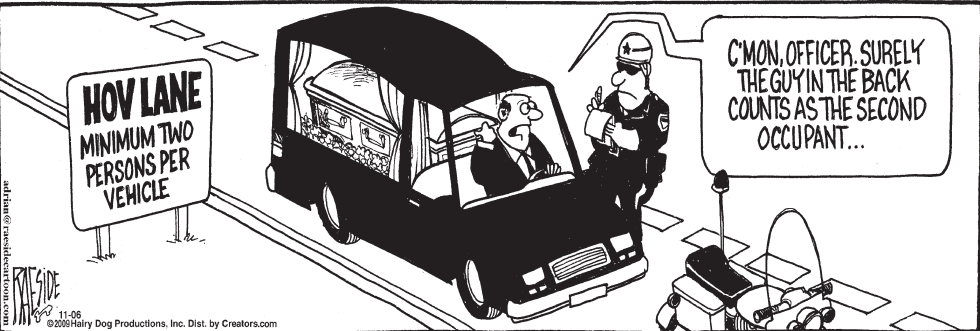
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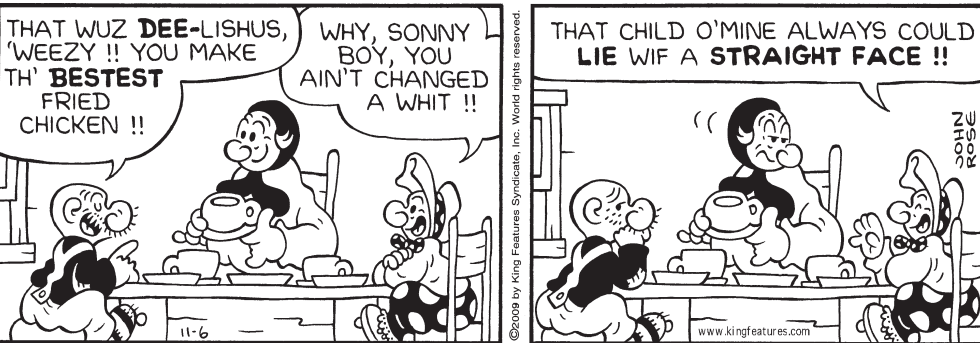
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In 1860, former Illinois Congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency: John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term of office.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland with enough electoral votes, even though Cleveland led in the popular vote.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1900, President William McKinley was re-elected, beating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

In 1906, Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Herbert Hoover's election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wraparound sign on the New York Times building.

In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by members of the Zionist Stern gang.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when the Kelly Barnes Dam burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College in Georgia.

Today's Birthdays: Director Mike Nichols is 78. Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 77. Singer Eugene Pitt (The Jive Five) is 72. Singer P.J. Proby is 71. Country singer Guy Clark is

68. Actress Sally Field is 63. Pop singer-musician Glenn Frey (The Eagles) is 61. Singer Rory Block is 60. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 60. TV host Catherine Crier is 55. California's first lady Maria Shriver is 54. Actress Lori Singer is 52. Actor Lance Kerwin is 49. Rock musician Paul Brindley (The Sundays) is 46. Education Secretary Arne Duncan is 45. Rock singer Corey Glover is 45. Actor Peter Dinklage is 43. Actress Kelly Rutherford is 41. Actor Ethan Hawke is 39. Actress Thandie Newton is 37. Model-actress Rebecca Romijn is 37. Actress Zoe McLellan is 35. Actress Nicole Dubuc is 31. Actress Taryn Manning is 31.

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Newsday Crossword

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linebacker that allows him to roam along the line, attack from different angles and utilize his speed to break into the backfield.

"I really just react to what's going on," Miller said. "I just line up and go."

Miller compiled 5½ sacks and 66 total tackles as a linebacker in his first two seasons. He told the coaching staff after last season that he was ready to do whatever was necessary to have a breakout year in 2009.

"He's been a different person since last winter," defensive coordinator Joe Kines said. "He says, 'Coach, I made a decision, I made a decision to get better.' There's a great lesson in life right there."

Miller focused on each day, each workout, and resisted the urge to look too far ahead, at records or the NFL dreams he started having in mid-

"I just didn't want to be mediocre. Why practice, why train, why do all that running if you're not going to try to be the best?"

Von Miller
Aggie sack leader

dle school.

"I just pushed myself to finish every rep, to finish every run," Miller said. "I knew that if I didn't cut any corners, I could get a lot better in the offseason."

"I just didn't want to be mediocre," he said. "Why practice, why train, why do all that running, if you're not going to try to be the best? Why would you put in all that work if you're just trying to be average?"

Coach Mike Sherman said Miller went through a "growing-up period" in the spring and summer, and seemed transformed

when he arrived at fall camp. It showed immediately — Miller recorded eight sacks in A&M's first three games, leading the Aggies to easy victories.

"He's come a long way from where he was a year ago," Sherman said. "That plays as much as anything in his development. Scheme is scheme. We try to utilize him and highlight his talent, but at the same time he's taken hold of that and ran with it. If he hadn't done that, then the scheme wouldn't have mattered."

Miller has three sacks in the last two games, both victories. He has 15½ tackles for loss this season, which ranks fourth nationally.

Opponents have geared blocking schemes toward stopping him, and Miller doesn't seem fazed by it.

"I've seen teams put a tackle and a guard on him, sometimes they put a tight end out there to help, just to chip him

and throw him off," Green said. "He doesn't seem bothered or doesn't seem to realize it, because he's just out there playing and he's just working so hard to get in there."

Green said most of the NFL's greatest pass rushers developed three isolated moves to get past linemen. He says Miller has two down pat — a speedy, outside rush and a quick inside maneuver. Green would like to see Miller add a spin move to his repertoire.

"I honestly don't think he's reached his full potential yet," Green said. "If he hangs around one more year, gets a little stronger, I don't think there are too many guys in college football who'll be able to block him."

Miller is sticking with his day-to-day approach, trying his best to put Green's record and the lure of the NFL out of his mind.

It's all worked well for him so far, he says, so why change anything?



AP Photo/Mike Fuentes

Arkansas' Ryan Mallett is hit by Texas A&M's Von Miller during the second quarter Oct. 3 in a game at Texas Stadium in Arlington. Miller leads the nation with 13 1/2 sacks.

"If I perform to the best of my ability at every practice and on every play, I won't look back and have any regrets," Miller said. "If I take it play by play, and I gave maximum

effort on every play, I can live with that. If I play to my full potential, if I take advantage of every opportunity I have here in front of me, the outcome will be what I want it to be."

COWBOYS

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Washington and New York. Philly will have running back Brian Westbrook in the lineup after he sat out last week because of the lingering effects from a concussion.

"I am excited to get to play again. It really doesn't matter at this point who we are playing against for me," Westbrook said. "It

means a little bit extra because it's Dallas, but I just want to be able to go out there and play a football game."

The game means extra to almost any player who was ever worn the Dallas star or Eagles wings on his helmet.

Reid recalled how the magnitude of the series truly hit him his first season in Philadelphia in 1999 during a stop at a fast food restaurant for breakfast.

"There was this little

old lady, she had to be 80 years old, and she came up and she said, 'Hey, make sure you kick their ... and she threw a few out there. This looked like everybody's grandma,' Reid said. "I just went, 'Whoa, this means a lot.'"

"That's the way it's been. I think the fans here are passionate about playing and welcoming in the Dallas Cowboys, and I know the players feel that way and the coaches feel that

way. I know it's the same way on their side."

Dallas and Philadelphia have split the season series the last two years, with the Cowboys winning both early-season games and the Eagles taking both rematches.

With a national TV audience watching, this game could have a hard time matching some of the great contests over the first 99. The Cowboys lead the series 55-44 and once won 11 consecutive

games over the Eagles, from 1967-1972.

For most Eagles fans, beating the Cowboys is second only to winning a Super Bowl.

Of course, that's a feat the Eagles have never accomplished, while the Cowboys have won five Super Bowls. The Eagles won the last of their three NFL championships in 1960.

One of the Eagles' biggest wins in team history came at the expense of Dallas in January

1981, when they beat the Cowboys 20-7 to advance to the Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history.

Eagles fans once cheered the ambulance that drove Irvin off the field after he went down with a career-ending neck injury.

Now it's time for Romo and Donovan McNabb, Austin and DeSean Jackson to make No. 100 a game to remember.

"It's a nice rivalry to have," Reid said.

STEERS

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and sacrifices his body to bust that wedge," Ritchey said. "He's a little guy, but he finds his way through there and really disrupts the opposing team's kickoff returns, and that's big for us."

Merworth just likes to hit.

"If I'm the first one down the field (on kickoff), I like to think of it as one of two options," he said. "I can either make a mess so my friends can make a tackle, or if there's a lane open I try my best to break down and make the tackle. Hopefully my emotions don't get the best of me."

Ritchey also mentioned longsnapper Jake Hernandez, who hasn't missed a snap all season

on a punt or the team's lone field goal attempt against Abilene Cooper Oct. 23.

"Those are guys that don't get a lot of press, but they're certainly big parts of our special teams game," Ritchey said.

While their role on the field is clear, the players also take on another key task before the team even steps foot on the field.

"They do a great job during the week in helping us on scout teams, and they do a lot for this team," Ritchey said. "Those guys are important."

As kicker and scout team player Lee Garcia said, the task can be confusing at times trying to learn different schemes each week.

"It's hard because you have to jump from different offenses to differ-

ent defenses and learn what they're going to do so you can show your offensive starters and defensive starters how that team's going to come out," he said. "It's important going out and knowing that you have to execute so your starters know what to expect during the game."

Merworth said once he gets on the field, he knows playing the game is well worth the summer lifting sessions, daily practices and all the hard work that goes into being a Steer.

"It's the intensity on the field whenever that whistle blows," he said. "Right when the band is playing that tomahawk song, your adrenaline is pumping and you're ready to go. And after we've had so many victories, you can't wait to come back next week to kick some more tail."

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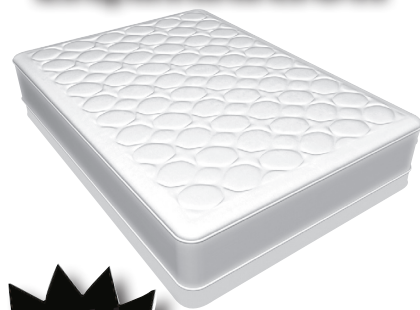
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