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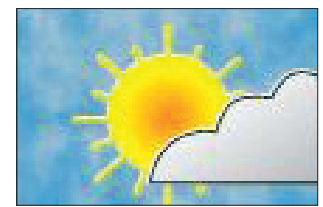


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## CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY



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Featured speaker Jim Baum addresses the audience during the kickoff luncheon for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's 65th annual campaign in First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

# United Way sets goal of \$250,000

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County announced its 2010 campaign goal of \$250,000 during the organization's annual kickoff luncheon Thursday afternoon. A capacity crowd filed into First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall to hear the organization's plans for the coming campaign and to listen to featured speaker Jim Baum, a long-time Big Spring resident now living in Colorado City.



Pierce

This year's goal marks a \$50,000 decrease from the previous campaign. Wayland Pierce, chairman of this year's campaign, said UW officials lowered this year's goal (from \$300,000 in 2009) to reflect the downturn in the economy. "It's an attainable goal," Pierce said. "We're not shooting for the

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# Bell will ring at the Mall for Memorial

Public invited to show their support for fallen, families

By THOMAS JENKINS  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring area firefighters will pay homage to their brethren lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center Saturday evening with a time-honored bell ceremony, part of a remembrance ceremony at the Big Spring Mall.

Part of the Memorial at the Mall — a ceremony slated for the Big Spring Mall that specifically recognizes nine individuals from the Crossroads area who died in the war-torn Middle East since the 2001 terrorist attack — the bell ceremony is a tradition among firefighters, according to local fire department officials. "Many years ago, around the time the telegraph was widely used, bells were used to announce fire calls," said Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray. "Using different

**What:** Memorial at the Mall.  
**Where:** Big Spring Mall.  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. Saturday.



File photo

**Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief Richard Grove speaks during a previous Memorial at the Mall.**

tones, fire alarm boxes in the community would be activated, and the bells would direct the firefighters where to go. A special bell signal — it would toll five times, in a series of four — was used to announce the death of firefighter in the line of duty. It's a very old, very solemn tradition among firefighters." According to Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief Richard Grove, the need to be reminded of the good and bad that arose from the terrorist attacks is just as important today as it was in 2001. "There are some that feel we've looked back on

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# Warriors to attack course Saturday

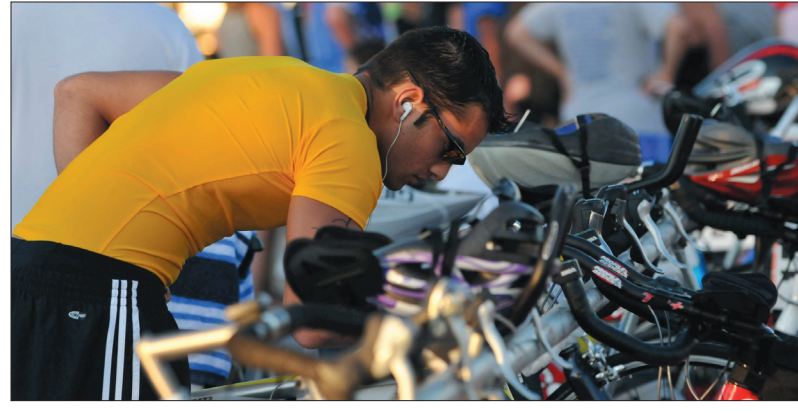
## Annual triathlon will take place at Comanche Trail Park

By THOMAS JENKINS  
 Staff Writer

More than 100 competitors from all over the state and beyond will attempt to "Comanche-up" Saturday morning, as they swim, bicycle and run for the coveted top honors in the annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

Featuring a 500-meter open water swim, a 50 km bicycle race and a 5 km run, the contest is a grueling test of the athletes' prowess and conditioning, according to Troy Tompkins, one of the event's coordinators.

"It's a pretty grueling contest to watch. Most of the ath-



File photo

**A competitor gets his bicycle ready during the 2008 Comanche Warrior Triathlon. This year's event takes place Saturday at Comanche Trail Park.**

letes will complete the course within approximately two hours, but the really hard-core contestants will be able to finish in about an hour-and-a-half," Tompkins said.

"We had some contestants from Texas Tech last year, and they were able to complete the triathlon like it was nothing. It was quite amazing to watch."

The majority of the contest will take place in the confines of Comanche Trail Park, according to Tompkins, with the bicycle race traveling down Wasson Road to a turnaround point near the Garden City Highway.

Saturday's contest marks the third year the Comanche Warrior Triathlon has been held in Big Spring, according to Tompkins, with reg-

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# Home, Sweet, Home

## Steers host eager Plainview in home opener

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey was surrounded by his players in the daily post-practice huddle when he quietly uttered "First home game tomorrow."

Then players immediately yelled and screamed in excitement in response to Ritchey's statement.

It's safe to say Big Spring is ready for its home opener.

"We always like playing at home," Ritchey said. "We take great pride in defending our home turf. We want people to know when they come to Big Spring, it's going to be really tough to beat us here."

After two road games to open the season, Big Spring will be at Memorial Stadium against Plainview at 7:30 p.m. instead of preparing for a lengthy trip.

The Steers will be here for a while, too. It's the first of a three-game homestand before they travel to Greenwood.

But no one is looking past Plainview.

The Bulldogs are at 0-2 after taking a 48-13 loss to a speedy Lubbock Estacado team in Week 0 and a 20-7 loss to An-

draws in Week 1.

Ritchey said it's clear Plainview is struggling on offense, but this is still a scary team to face. The Steers will play a team hungry for a win Friday and Ritchey believes it's unwise to take Plainview lightly just because they're 0-2.

It's a warning he's given the Steers all week.

"You just stress to your team that we're not unbeatable," Ritchey said. "We've got to play. Those guys are going to be more hungry to win than they normally would if they had won two of them or been 1-1."

So the key, Ritchey said, is to replace that hunger Plainview has to win a game with doubt. But the Bulldogs' defensive line will try to do everything it can to leave Big Spring with a

victory.

Ritchey said the Steers' experienced offensive linemen may have their work cut out for them against a strong Plainview defensive line.

Right guard Jackson Watkins agrees. The Steers' front five are expecting a physical game in the trenches.

"Whenever teams don't win, they want to get a win," Watkins said. "You don't ever want to just keep losing, so they're going to be looking for their first win. They have a pretty strong defensive front. It'll be a nice test for us, but I think we're definitely up to it."

The Steers will have some new blood in the lineup, too.

Running back Lee

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Tanner Henry tackles a Frenship player in the backfield during the Big Spring Steers' game last week. The Steers' face Plainview at 7:30 p.m. today at Memorial Stadium.



**Big Spring (1-1) vs. Plainview (0-2)**

BSHS player to watch: RB Pete Chavarria

Plainview player to watch: WR Thomas Curry

- The Steers' O-line might be in for a fight against a strong Plainview D-line.

## Lady Steers look for intensity against Greenwood



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Bridgette Tuitt spikes the ball during the Lady Steers' game against Bronte.

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Intensity and momentum equals wins. It's as simple as that for Big Spring's Bridgette Tuitt and Taylor Seaton.

"Volleyball is all about momentum," Seaton said. "We've been beaten by some teams that we shouldn't have lost to just because they got the momentum early. I think it's just really important that we start cheering early and getting momentum quick and once we get the momentum, they won't be able to stop us."

Seaton, Tuitt and the rest of the Big Spring volleyball team welcomes Greenwood at 2 p.m. Saturday at Steer Gym in hopes of a solid performance.

On Tuesday, the Lady Steers left Midland with a split, losing to Midland Christian in five games and beating Sterling City in four.

But the win didn't mean everything was perfect in head coach Lynn Osborne's eyes. She said the Lady Steers lacked intensity in that match, something that

must be corrected against Greenwood.

That momentum and intensity is built by encouragement on the floor, which Tuitt said is vital to winning Saturday.

"We start talking to each other and encouraging each other," she said. "Encouragement has a lot to do with volleyball. Without encouragement, it wouldn't be as good a set."

Preventing teams from getting on a roll has been a season-long problem for the Lady Steers and Osborne said players continue to work on that in practice.

The Lady Steers split into two teams and use mini-games in practice to analyze what helps the winning team keep momentum going and what hinders the losing team from staying in the game.

It's a tactic that has players working hard as district play get closer.

"I can really tell these girls are wanting to work through this mental block that we've had," Osborne said. "They're taking

the steps and I think we're going to get through it."

While Big Spring is working on the mental aspect of the game, Seaton is on a roll of her own. She led the team with 18 kills in the Midland Christian match and followed that up with 11 against Sterling City, also a team-high for the match.

Osborne said she is glad to see Seaton being more aggressive and the junior's rise is kind of a surprise this season.

Osborne said she expects Greenwood to be just as tough as some of the teams the Lady Steers have faced, such as Midland Christian and Midland High.

The Lady Steers are glad to be at home for a change, too. The Greenwood match is only the third date at home for Big Spring so far and a date against Colorado City on Tuesday marks the first back-to-back home matches for the Lady Steers this season.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext. 237 or at sports@bigspringherald.com.

## College football game bring ex-Steers back to Memorial

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Football fans in the Crossroads area get a rare peek at college football when Cisco Junior College faces New Mexico Military Institute at 6 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

The game features former Big Spring Steers Monte Anderson, Tevian Parnell and Thaddeus Straughter, who are all on the Cisco roster.

Tickets will be sold at the gates for

\$5, and the money will help the Big Spring football program.

"That's a fun deal for us," Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey said. "We're kind of using it as a fundraiser. We'd like to encourage the local community to come out because there are some ex-Steers playing in the game."

Parnell, Straughter and Anderson were key players for the Steers in 2009 — Parnell and Straughter at receiver and Anderson at running back.

Ritchey said Parnell actually has been playing some at Cisco, so he might get a chance to play in front of the home crowd again. He also said Anderson's been hurt lately, but should be at Saturday's game.

It's not often Big Spring residents get the chance to watch college football in their own backyard, and for that reason, Ritchey said he hopes there's a good turnout.

"I hope they have a good game and we have a decent crowd and next year

and say 'Hey can we do that again?'" he said. "Big Spring's a good host. Brings a lot of people into town, to our restaurants, just good for the economy. Anytime you can hold something like this, you just want to support it."

Big Spring quarterback DaVonte Anderson will get a chance to see his brother, Monte, play in a different uniform Saturday. For that reason, he said he is looking forward to it.

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## Obituaries

## Larry Truman Pherigo

Larry Truman Pherigo, 88, of Coahoma died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, in an Odessa hospice facility. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, at the Coahoma Church of Christ with minister Eddy Pitchford officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 9, 1921, in Denison to Melvin and Flora Pherigo. He married Janie Sue Beard on Jan. 20, 1945, in San Diego, Calif., and she preceded him in death Nov. 10, 2005. They were married almost 61 years.

Truman graduated from Snyder High School. He was raised by farming parents and could build and repair just about anything. He was a member of Coahoma Church of Christ, where he served as a deacon.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a metal-smith on the U.S.S. Matanikau in the Pacific Theatre. Truman was from the World War II generation of quiet gentleness, integrity, responsibility and hard work. He retired from the Fina Refinery in Big Spring after 30 years of service. He also co-owned Jane's Flowers & Gifts, and ran it as a ministry to others.

Truman was involved in the Coahoma community and served as Grand Marshall of the Coahoma July 4th parade. Besides family, local school sports were his greatest joy. He never missed a game, as his children, grandchildren and friends played. He followed the Coahoma girls softball team everywhere, even to their many state tournaments.

Truman was proud that starting with his oldest son, Larry, there has been a descendant of his in the Coahoma schools for 48 years. "Papago" loved his family and friends and no matter what the occasion, inner tubing down the river, a good Rangers' baseball game, playing with the grandkids, or a challenging game of Texas 42. He was always there, enjoying the fun and patiently teaching others.

He had many sorrows, such as being preceded in death by his beloved wife; one son, Dean Pherigo; two grandchildren, Allan Pherigo and D'Ann Dick; one brother, Tommy Pherigo; three sisters, Dola Wood, Gay Nell Greenfield and Celeta Ainsworth; and his parents.

Survivors include five sons, Larry Pherigo and wife Judy, Bobby Pherigo, Chuck Pherigo and Keith Pherigo, all of Coahoma, and Steven Pherigo and wife Jenny of Big Spring; one daughter, Linda Denton and husband Steve of Midland; one sister, Mary McCarter of Snyder; one brother, Wayne Pherigo and wife Jeanie of Big Spring; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bobby and Carla Beaird of Lubbock; 14 grandchildren, Denette Tennell and Tony, Melissa Neves, Dellamy Renck and Mike, Leah Gordon and Brian, Leslie Pherigo, Andra Allan and Jody, Matthew Neves, Greg Pherigo, Kelley Pherigo and Scott, Jemme Svoboda and Adam, Laura Pherigo, Fara Pherigo and Richard, Wesley Pherigo and Mindi, and Erica Pherigo; and 12 great-grandchildren, Elliot, Eric, Evan, Nikki, Aden, Brylea, Alexis, Ciera, Brynlea, Kyler, Mason and Luke.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas 79761; or to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130.

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

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## Donnie Polson

Donnie Polson, 64, of Pleasanton, formerly of Stanton died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

## Sheriff

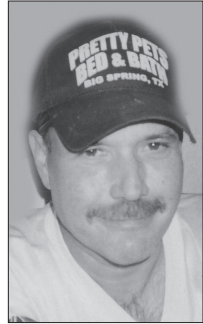
The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

• ASHLEY MICHELLE BATTERTON, 22, was

## Phillip Price

Phillip Price entered the Kingdom of Heaven on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010. He was born June 7, 1963, and was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. Growing up, he enjoyed attending music concerts with friends and was an avid outdoors person, enjoying riding and racing motorcycles, hiking, swimming, fishing, water skiing, tubing and vacationing with family at Garner State Park. He attended Big Spring High School and spent almost 30 years working in the oil drilling industry, having worked for several drilling companies in Midland-Odessa and Big



Spring.

Phillip had a big heart and put faith in God, demonstrating his belief in Christ through baptism in the spring of this year. He fought courageously through a terminal illness, and although he will be deeply missed, peace is found in knowing the Bible's truth of Romans 8:38-39, and that God took his soul to Heaven where he has been reunited with family and friends who preceded him. In some of his final words this past Sunday, Phillip asked that all his family be told that he loves them. Now he watches over them from a better place, looking forward to a grand reunion in the Heavens.

Phillip is survived by his cherished angel and daughter, Brittany Price of Midland, whom he considered his greatest gift in this life. He is also survived by his loving mother and father, Fannie and Jerry Price of Big Spring; older brother, Richard Price and fiancée Lisa Walck of Big Spring; younger brother, Jerry Price Jr. of Ft. Worth; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Romans 8:38-39

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

A Memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Courtney Ballard officiating. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers will be Richard Price, Jerry Price Jr., John Page Jr., Chuck Harris, Rocky Turner, Les Lloyd, Jud Thurman and Oscar Garcia.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

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transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• JERRY MANN II, 30, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.

• KENNETH LEE MURPHY, 51, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a warrant for theft by check — more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 by a public servant.

• PATRICK RIOS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than two ounces, less than four ounces.

• SEAN DAURRE CLARK, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana — more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

• JOHN WADE MYATT, 35, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a controlled substance.

• NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRARD, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• EARL P. HANKE, 52, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for no liability insurance.

• JEFFREY MICHAEL HAGGARD, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of deriving while intoxicated — second offense and failure to display driver's license.

• LUIS ROSALIO GONZALEZ, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• TERESA LORENE LANG, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Police blotter

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

• ANGILO SAVILLE, 24, of 2401 Morrison, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault — family violence.

• ASHLEY MICHELLE BATTERTON, 22, of 2609 Neill, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• BOBBY LYNN DYKES JR., 29, of 2627 Fairchild, was arrested Thursday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• JAMES EARL MAJERS, 49, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for using a wireless device in a school zone.

• KENNETH MURPHY, 51, of 308 S. Aylesford, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

• PATRICK RIOS JR., 21, of 610 S. Goliad, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than two ounces, less than four ounces.

• NATHAN CARL GARRARD, 18, of 1212 Mulberry, was arrested Thursday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• EARL PERRY HANKE, 52, of 704 Borden Rd., was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.

• JEFFERY MICHAEL HAGGARD, 36, of 1406 Stadium, was arrested Friday on charges of driving while intoxicated — second offense and failure to display driver's license.

• LOUIS ROSARIO BELLA, 36, of 2521 Chanute, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• TERESA LORENE LANG, 28, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 153, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1100 block of E. Sixth Street.

## Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One



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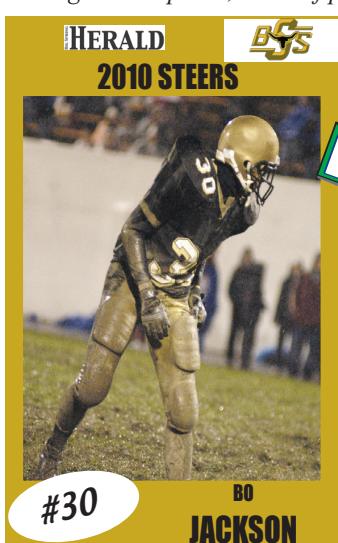
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# Area Roundup: Stanton looks to stop Wing-T

## Grady (1-1) at Rankin (1-1)

- 7:30 p.m., Friday, Rankin

LENORAH — No one at Grady is worried about last week's 60-48 loss to Meadow. Head coach Brad Cox said his Wildcats just ran into a better team.

"It's still early in the season," he said. "As long as we're improving every week we feel like we're doing what we need to do. Obviously we want to win, but right now, we've got to get better."

They'll try to keep improving against Rankin, which might throw a curveball at the Wildcats.

Cox said Rankin runs the option, which is unusual in six-man football. So he said his defense will have to stay grounded, be patient and play

assignment football. Cox said Rankin doesn't throw the ball a lot either, so the Wildcats will be looking for a physical game. Rankin's defense won't dominate a lot of teams, Cox said, but expect the Red Devils to cause enough trouble for opposing offenses.

## Stanton (2-0) at Ozona (1-0)

- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ozona

STANTON — The Buffs get a little sneak peak at what they'll see against district rival Coahoma later this season when they visit Ozona.

The Lions run the Wing-T, just like Coahoma does, and head coach John Peterson is hoping to expose his players to it tonight.

"I know coach (Ray) Brown and coach (Trey) Gardner worked together at Pflugerville Hendrickson. They're both familiar with the same offense, so it will definitely give us a look into what's going on over there at Coahoma hopefully."

With the Wing-T, Peterson said his players have to be aware Ozona will throw the ball, even though the offense is prone to utilize the ground attack. He said the Lions should still throw it about 10 to 15 times a game.

Peterson said his players aren't entirely new to defending the Wing-T. When Stanton was in Class A, he said the Buffs were exposed to it often.

Blake Evans is coming off a 79-yard performance on 12 carries last week against Reagan County. He also had two

catches for 45 yards. With Tyler Fulton's performance at quarterback so far this season and Evans' emergence, Peterson said things are coming together on offense for the Buffs.

## Sands (2-0) at Loop (2-0)

- 7:30 p.m., Friday, Rankin

ACKERLY — The Mustangs haven't been challenged yet. Head coach Wayne Henderson has no problem admitting that.

But Sands doesn't have to wait long for that challenge with a trip to No. 8 Loop in Division II looming.

"That's what we told the kids this week. This will be our first real challenge. This will kind of tell us where

we're at. We'll know more after this game."

Hayden Ware and Junior Rogers have sparked the offense for the Mustangs, but they may be without one of them. Henderson said Rogers tweaked a hamstring, making his status questionable for tonight's game. He said the hamstring has been a problem for the last few weeks, but this week it's been more of an issue. As a result, Henderson said coaches don't want to run the risk of doing more damage by playing him. Instead Landon Parker could get Rogers' carries against Loop and Henderson doesn't expect a drop off.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext. 237 or at sports@bigspringherald.com.

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## Area football schedule

Friday  
Big Spring  
vs. Plainview  
7:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium

Coahoma at Wink,  
7:30 p.m., Wink

Forsan vs. Irion  
County, 7:30 p.m.,  
Forsan

Stanton at Ozona,  
7:30 p.m., Ozona

Sands at Loop, 7:30  
p.m., Loop

Grady at Rankin,  
7:30 p.m., Rankin

Garden City at  
Paducah, 7:30 p.m.,  
Paducah

## Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Weekly Update

There was no Comanche Trail Ladies play day Monday due to La-

bor Day holiday.

There were 16 golfers who competed in couples nine hole Thursday. The first place team had a score of 5-under par with two teams tying. One team was Max and Betty Ray Coffee

and Forrest and Gail West. The other team was Donnie and Shirley Long and Howard and Trish Gabbard

Gabbard shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 3. Donnie Long was closest to the pin on Hole No. 6.

## COLLEGE

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## STEERS

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Garcia is still out with a foot injury and is doubtful for tonight's game. Running back and linebacker Lukas Falcon has a small ankle injury, so Ritchey said he'll be limited.

That allows Seth Pearson to start in Falcon's place at linebacker and Michael Oliva will get the start at running back. So Oliva and Pete

left," he said. "I'm really excited about seeing him play. I heard the teams are pretty good so I'm going to be out there watching him."

Chavarria will pair up at running back in hopes of making the two-tailback approach successful again for the Steers.

Oliva, a sophomore, is being called up from junior varsity and Ritchey said he is excited to see what the young tailback can do.

After Plainview, the Steers have Monahans and Midland Christian at home and, with the home crowd on their side, it could be a chance

for Big Spring to reel in a few wins before district.

Receiver Dayvion Young is looking forward to the opportunity to do so.

"We'll definitely pick up three wins," he said. "It's the hometown so the crowd's going to be on our side. We'll have a lot of momentum."

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext. 237.

## New Orleans Saints beat Vikes 14-9

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints opened their title defense by winning with defense.

Jonathan Vilma intercepted Brett Favre, and the Saints allowed the Minnesota Vikings only two first downs and no points in the second half of a hard-fought 14-9 victory in the NFL's regular season opener on Thursday night.

How unusual was that kind of result for New Orleans?

In Sean Payton's first

four seasons as head coach, the Saints led the NFL in offense three times and had never won when scoring fewer than 19 points.

With Favre being held to 171 yards passing, the Vikings relied heavily on Adrian Peterson, who had 122 yards rushing and three touchdowns when these teams last met in the 2009 NFC title game. In the rematch, he managed only 87 yards on 19 carries and did not score.

"To hold a team like that with a damn good quarterback and probably the best running back in the league and a really good offensive line, we did some special

things," said Saints defensive end Alex Brown, who joined the team as a free agent after their Super Bowl win. "It's going to take a hell of a team to beat us. We're just 1-0, but we are a really good team here."

Drew Brees completed 27 of 36 passes for 237 yards and one touchdown, a 29-yarder to Devery Henderson. That was far from Brees' best, but good enough.

"We're not used to 14-9 victories, but we're used to winning," said Brees, the reigning Super Bowl MVP. "So we like the W."

Pierre Thomas added a 1-yard TD early in the second half.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North East South West

1♥ Dble ?

What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ QJ8 ♥ 92 ♦ K95 ♠ AJ743
- ♠ K9842 ♥ Q8753 ♦ 74 ♣ 10
- ♠ K73 ♥ 764 ♦ QJ63 ♣ Q85
- ♠ J65 ♥ K842 ♦ 86 ♣ J932
- ♠ K976 ♥ 3 ♦ J743 ♣ 8754

1. **Redouble.** In standard bidding, it is more or less automatic to redouble with 10 or more points in high cards when your partner opens the bidding and the next player doubles. Support for partner's suit is not required.

Usually the opening bidder passes at his next turn whether or not his right-hand opponent acts over the redouble. After either opponent bids (one of them must in order to remove the redouble), the redoubler next shows the nature of his hand by the type of action he takes. He may double for penalties, raise or jump-raise partner's suit, name a new suit (forcing), cuebid the opponents' suit or bid some number of notrump.

2. **Four hearts.** There is a good chance that the opponents can either make a game or sacrifice successfully at five of a minor. The four-heart bid is aimed at making it more difficult for them to make the winning decision. At the same time,

there is also a reasonable possibility that partner can make four hearts.

3. **One notrump.** This indicates a balanced hand of six to nine high-card points. Tactically, it is better to bid now than to pass. If you pass, it will be more difficult to show your balanced distribution and modest high-card strength later on.

The notrump bid allows your partner to go on or not, as he sees fit, because he knows what type of hand you have. It also may silence the next player and thereby deprive the doubler of important information about his partner's hand.

4. **Two hearts.** After an opposing double, a single raise of partner's suit indicates a relatively weak hand containing trump support. The bid normally shows six to nine points, including distributional values. It is best to show the heart fit early and let partner do the rest.

5. **Pass.** There is simply no better call available, so the best you can do at this stage is to pass. Change one of your clubs or diamonds into a spade, and you could then bid one spade over the double.

It is true that there is an element of risk attached to the pass, because the next player might also pass, but any other call would be even more dangerous. Remember that if West passes, partner still has another chance to bid if he's unhappy with one heart doubled.

Tomorrow: A delicate precaution.  
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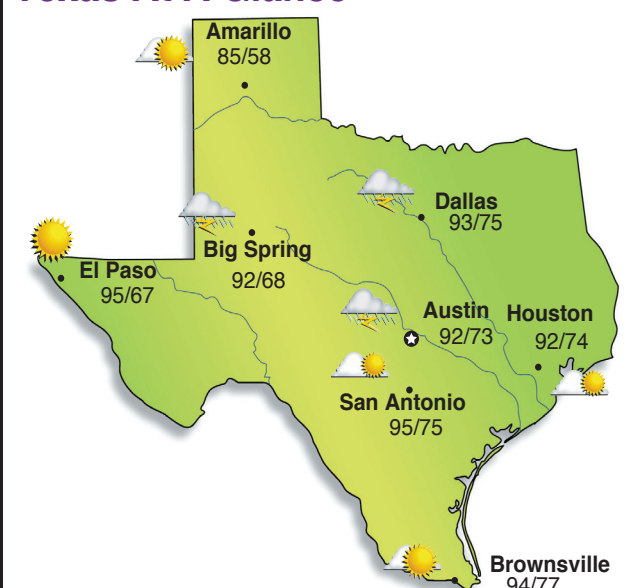
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**Texas At A Glance**



**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	72	t-storm	Kingsville	97	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	85	58	mst sunny	Livingston	94	72	pt sunny
Austin	92	73	t-storm	Longview	94	75	t-storm
Beaumont	94	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	89	63	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	77	mst sunny	Lufkin	97	75	pt sunny
Brownwood	95	73	t-storm	Midland	96	71	t-storm
Corpus Christi	94	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	75	mst sunny
Corsicana	93	74	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	74	pt sunny
Dallas	93	75	t-storm	San Antonio	95	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	98	76	t-storm	San Marcos	94	73	pt sunny
El Paso	95	67	sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	74	t-storm
Fort Stockton	92	69	t-storm	Sweetwater	92	70	t-storm
Gainesville	91	72	t-storm	Tyler	93	74	t-storm
Greenville	92	72	t-storm	Weatherford	93	72	t-storm
Houston	92	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	92	70	t-storm

• A video of last Saturday's Tea Party rally can be viewed on the Big Spring Herald's Web site: [www.bigspringherald.com](http://www.bigspringherald.com)

• English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.

• Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. at Crispy's Café, 1904 S. Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and orders will be taken from the menu. RSVP to Sissy Jones at (432) 213-4452.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver

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meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Mac-aria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeCASA.org](http://www.BecomeCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

**UNITED WAY**

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moon here. We can meet this goal, and we can exceed it."

Pierce's optimism was based on his belief that people will realize the importance of supporting the 14 area agencies which receive funds from the United Way.

"It's like our campaign motto says, 'Now more than ever,'" Pierce said. "When times get rougher, there are even more people who need help, and these agencies ... are about the only ones who can help them. If they shut down, we'd really be in trouble."

Locally, the United Way helps 14 agencies with funding. These

agencies provide youth and family guidance through the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and YMCA; individualized physical therapy under the direction of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; youth services via the West Side Community Center and West Side Community Day Care; youth and adult assistance and learning through the Northside Community Center; victim support through Rape Crisis Victim Services, CASA of West Texas and the American Red Cross; spiritual and life support assistance with Isaiah 58 and the Salvation Army; elder-care on behalf of the Howard County Council on Aging; and positive treatment of animals

through the Howard County Humane Society.

Eve Nieto, president of the UW board of directors, said contributing to the campaign would help not only the respective agencies, but the community.

"By creating an opportunity for a better life for all of us in Howard County, it strengthens us as a whole," Nieto said. "All of us need to join together and dig deep and help our member agencies ... These agencies have helped so many people, including me."

Baum was a resident of Big Spring from 1964 until 1980 before moving to Colorado City, where he served as mayor for 18 years. During

his time in Big Spring, he was well-known as a radio newsman for both KBST and KBYG.

He implored the crowd to give, saying even modest amounts would quickly add up.

"Just nickels and dimes, and a quarter sometimes," he said. "It's those nickels and dimes that will end up providing for these agencies."

Baum, who has authored four books, had copies of those books for sale at the luncheon. All proceeds, he said, would go to the United Way.

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**MEMORIAL**

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Sept. 11 enough, and that continuing to recognize the event somehow diminishes its relevance," he said. "I disagree. Sept. 11 was more than a tragic event, more than the falling of a landmark, or even the loss of American life. Sept. 11 was a demonstration of both our country at its worst — so wrapped up in our own prosperity as to be oblivious to danger — and its best, to instantly come together under fire as a people, regardless of our differences. We need these memorials to not only remind us of heroic sacrifice, but of the dan-

gers of complacency and the strength of unity."

A total of 411 emergency workers who responded to the scene of the attack in New York died as they attempted to rescue people and fight fires. According to reports following the attack, the New York City Fire Department lost 341 firefighters and two paramedics. The New York City Police Department lost 23 officers, while the Port Authority Police Department lost 37 officers. Eight additional EMTs and paramedics from private EMS units were also killed.

There were a total of 2,993 deaths, including the 19 hijackers: 246 on

the four planes — from which there were no survivors — 2,603 in New York City in the towers and on the ground, and 125 at the Pentagon. An additional 24 people remain listed as missing.

All of the deaths in the attacks were civilians except for 55 military personnel killed at the Pentagon. More than 90 countries lost citizens in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

"Firefighters tend to hold on to things," said Condray. "The things we see, we don't often externalize them. You have to deal with these things on an immediate basis, and they aren't things you can tell your wife or kids, so we tend

to hold them inside.

"A lot of progress has been made as a result of what happened, but there's still a lot of hurt and grief surrounding it. There are still a lot of spouses and children left behind, and that's something firefighters feel, even today."

The memorial ceremony is expected to get underway at 6:30 p.m.

Col. Roy Dixon, U.S. Army retired, will be the guest speaker for Memorial at the Mall, an event sponsored by the mall and DAV Chapter 47. During the program, the names of nine men who have ties to the Big Spring area and died in the war on terror will be honored. They are Sgt.

Conrad Alvarez, U.S. Army; Steven Evrad, Big Spring Police Department; Pfc. Clayton Henson, U.S. Army, Pfc. Kristian Menchaca; Pfc. Chad Metcalf, U.S. Marine Corp; Staff Sgt. Clinton Newman; U.S. Army, Spc. Robert J. Volker, U.S. Army; Spc. Braden Long, U.S. Army and U.S. Army Capt. El-lery Ray Wallace.

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**CONTEST**

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istration expected to begin at 6 a.m. and the race taking off at 8 a.m.

"A lot of the participants will actually come into town the night before because this things gets started really early in the morning," he said. "The triathlon itself will be over around 10 a.m. Traffic in the park during the triathlon will be tightly controlled, as well. Every effort is being made to keep the contestants as safe as possible during the event.

"In 2008, we had between 75 and 80 competitors take part in the race," he added. "Last year

we had about 100. We're expecting between 100 and 150 athletes this year. I've talked to a lot of the participants in the past, and they think the Comanche Warrior Triathlon is one of the best in this half of the state. It features a good open water swim, and the terrain offers some unique challenges for the competitors."

Tompkins said the triathlon will begin with the 500 meter swim at Comanche Trail Lake, near the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"I hope people will come out and enjoy the triathlon. It's very much a spectator event," he said. "It really is amazing how much work these athletes do to prepare for the event, and just the level of energy they put out during the

contest is insane. I get tired just watching them."

According to officials with the city of Big Spring, all entrances to the park will be closed to motorists from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. to protect the safety of the athletes. Golfers looking to access the park will have to do so from the Parkway Street entrance to the municipal golf course.

For more information on the Comanche Warrior Triathlon, visit [www.comanchewarriortriathlon.com](http://www.comanchewarriortriathlon.com) or contact the CVB at (432) 263-8235.

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**Correction**

In Wednesday's article on Forsan High School's Homecoming, the parents of queen nominee Kay C Stanley were identified as D.F. and LaRhonda Wells. The correct last name for the parents is Stanley.

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## OUR VIEW

# Let's all fly the flag Saturday

Once again, it's time to fly the flag ... here in Big Spring and Howard County ... and all across America. And it's time for all of us to not only show our patriotism, but to also remember the thousands who died nine years ago in the attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

Furthermore, we should fly our flags tomorrow to remember the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who sacrificed themselves in thwarting terrorists who skyjacked their plane that day.

We, like a great many others, believe an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office and business in the United States tomorrow.

And we encourage every individual to make it their duty to display an American flag on this sixth anniversary of our country's worst tragedy.

We will not only do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, but also for those who today are doing their duty, fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following Sept. 11, 2001, our entire nation was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the horrible loss of life and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism.

Sadly, those flags seem to have all but disappeared.

Our patriotism has always pulled us through some tough times for our nation and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

So, regardless of your political affiliation or lack of same. Pro-war or anti-war. Pro-life or pro-choice. None of that matters ... it really doesn't.

What matters is that we all remember those who lost their lives eight years ago on what has now become Patriot Day by flying the red, white and blue.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Lord, may we do things Your way.

Amen

# Planet CEO vs. Planet Worker

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Here on Main Street, Planet Earth, many Americans are living with the reality of increased economic insecurity, eroding savings and anxiety about their jobs. In the last two years, as a result of the economic meltdown, more than 8 million jobs were eliminated.

Many social observers believe the "long shadow" of this recession will be felt for a generation, with persistent high unemployment changing the life course of today's young adults.

On Planet Platinum, corporate profits and CEO pay have bounced back. Unfortunately, this isn't translating into new jobs. In fact, many companies are pursuing a business strategy of boosting profits while shedding workers at a shocking pace. While the benefits of this strategy in terms of productivity gains appears to be petering out, it has

created a record stash of cash for big corporations.

According to a new report by the Institute for Policy Studies that I co-authored, a bunch of that cash is going to a handful of CEOs. And the CEOs who have slashed the most jobs have actually gotten bigger paychecks than CEOs who have retained their workforces.

CEOs at the 50 firms that have fired the most workers since the onset of the economic crisis in 2008 paid themselves nearly \$12 million on average in 2009. This is 42 percent higher than the average CEO pay at the 500 largest companies.

For example, Fred Hassan, CEO of drug company Schering-Plough, took home \$49.6 million in 2009, even as the company laid off 16,000 employees in a merger with Merck. Hassan's one-year compensation is equal to the benefits that a total of 3,131 average unemployed Americans would receive over the course of an entire year.

On Planet Platinum, companies enjoy all the benefits of doing business in the United States without having to pay for them. Thanks to tax dodges and overseas tax havens, several companies pay their CEOs more than they pay in total federal corporate income taxes.

For example, Occidental Petroleum paid its CEO, Ray Irani, \$31.4 million in compensation in 2009. This was double the \$18 million it paid in corporate income taxes that same year.

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infrastructure of roads, bridges and technology. They're protected by our military, policing and judicial systems. But they pay only a fraction of the taxes that people on Main Street, Planet Earth, pay because of tax loopholes and subsidies.

Efforts to reform runaway executive compensation have been slow in coming. Thanks to the recently passed financial reform legislation, shareholders will now have a "say on pay."

But we still have a long way to go to close the distance between the two planets where CEOs and ordinary workers live. Congress should enact several proposals that have tremendous public support. One would cap CEO pay at companies that receive government bailouts at the level of the U.S. president's salary of \$400,000 per year. Another would limit a corporation's ability to deduct excessive CEO pay as a business expense when it exceeds 25 times the average worker at a company.

Realigning the interests of CEOs with their employees and the rest of our country would be good for the economy and national morale.

At a time when we should be pulling together to strengthen our shared economic futures, no one should live on another planet.

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CHUCK COLLINS



# Killing jobs is bad for business

Corporate America loves layoffs. No matter the cost to the affected workers, many investors see job cuts as an encouraging sign that CEOs are making the tough decisions necessary to make their company "lean and mean."

It's striking that CEOs are being rewarded for mass firings at a time when unemployment is at the highest level in more than two decades. Last year, the CEOs of the S&P 500 companies raked in an average of \$8.5 million. According to an upcoming report by the Institute for Policy Studies that I co-authored, the top executives who fired the most workers since the economic crisis began received substantially more compensation in 2009 than this "average."

They don't deserve these rewards. The extreme job losses that we've seen over the past two years, while producing immediate gains in profits and productivity, are likely to be bad for business in the long run.

University of Colorado Profes-

sor Wayne Cascio has conducted a series of studies that concluded that stable employers — companies that have less than a 5 percent staff turnover rate per year — tend to outperform most companies with a lot of layoffs. Surveys from the Society for Human Resources Management also back this finding. They found that after downsizing, companies' profits increase only about a third of the time.

Recent Labor Department data suggest that even the short-term gains from layoffs may already be petering out. For the first time in two years, American productivity declined during the second quarter of 2010. The workers who've managed to keep their jobs may have reached their full potential.

The adverse impact of layoffs is more obvious for displaced employees. Several studies have shown that mass firings permanently decrease wages. An average worker losing a stable job at a good employer will experience a 20 percent pay cut lasting 15-20 years, according to Columbia University's Till von Wachter. Being fired also leads to many unnecessary health risks, largely due to the loss of employer-based health insurance. The National Bureau of

Economic Research has reported a 15 to 20 percent increase in death rates for displaced workers during the 20 years after they lose their jobs.

The long-term cost of mass layoffs doesn't just stop there. With so many workers losing their jobs, people are buying less and paying less in taxes. Schools and social safety net programs are being gutted because state and local governments can't raise the tax revenue needed to fully fund these programs any more. That means mass layoffs squander long-term investments that have a direct impact on our country's future.

Although in the short term big cuts in workforces could lead to record profits for corporations, in the long run they're eliminating consumers while also making our country less competitive. This Labor Day, let's hope that these CEOs actually start appreciating their workers, instead of treating them as a drag on profits.

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KEVIN SHIH





# News in brief

## Fla. pastor, imam at odds over deal to cancel Quran-burning in exchange for moving NYC mosque

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Will he or won't he? Negotiations between a local Muslim cleric and the leader of a tiny Florida church who had threatened to publicly burn copies of Islam's holy text left the heated debate in a state of confusion with the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks a day away.

The Rev. Terry Jones said Thursday he would call off the planned burning of Qurans based on a deal negotiated with the president of the Islamic Society of Central Florida that the location of a mosque planned near ground zero in New York would be changed.

But Imam Muhammad Musri said he was clear on Thursday when he told Jones that he could only set up a meeting with planners of the New York City mosque, whose leader said he had spoken to neither the pastor nor Musri. Jones responded by opening the door, if only a crack, that he would go forward with his plan on Saturday.

"We are just really shocked," Jones said of Musri. "He clearly, clearly lied to us."

For U.S. political leaders and Muslims around the world who have been outraged by Jones' antics, the on-again, off-again threat bred even more angst and frustration.

## Blast and massive fire rip through area near San Francisco, killing 1 and destroying 53 homes

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters poured water on flaming and smoldering wreckage early Friday after a massive explosion sent flames roaring through a neighborhood in the hills south of San Francisco, killing at least one person, destroying more than 50 homes and damaging dozens of others.

Thursday night's explosion shot a fireball more than 1,000 feet in the air and sent frightened residents fleeing for safety and rushing to get belongings out of burning homes, witnesses said.

Utility officials said a gas line ruptured in the vicinity of the blast, which left a giant crater and sent flames tearing across several suburban blocks in San Bruno just after 6 p.m.

At least one person was confirmed dead, San Bruno Fire Chief Dennis Haag said. There was no word on injuries.

"It's going to take us until at least until tomorrow into the afternoon to do a full search," Haag said late Thursday.

## Obama to chastise Republicans on economy, tax cuts, policy at White House news conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — Striving to gain the upper hand on a crucial political issue, President Barack Obama is faulting Republicans for refusing to help him turn around the sluggish economy or support some proposed new tax breaks for businesses that the GOP has backed in the past.

Obama has argued that case many times recently. But on Friday he takes it to an audience of millions, including many who will vote in November's decisive congressional elections, during a nationally televised news conference from the White House East Room.

Before taking questions, Obama was to open the session with a statement on the economy and the stakes in the elections and, according to a White House official, announce that he has chosen one of his longtime economic advisers, Austan Goolsbee, to be the chairman of his Council of Economic Advisers. The official spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because the formal announcement had not been made.

Goolsbee, 41, a University of Chicago professor of economics, was Obama's senior economic adviser during the 2008 presidential campaign. He already has been confirmed to the council by the Senate and will need no further confirmation. He replaces

Christina Romer, who left the administration last week to return to teaching at the University of California, Berkeley.

With Democrats in danger of losing control of the House, Obama is trying to convince voters that they have a choice between going back to GOP policies that led to the economic crisis or going forward with policies he says will grow the economy over the long term.

## Woman in police custody after 2 people shot dead, 1 critically wounded at Pa. cookie factory

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Minutes after a woman was suspended from her job at a Kraft Foods Inc. plant and was escorted out, she returned with a handgun and opened fire, killing two people and critically injuring a third before being taken into custody, police said.

The shootings occurred shortly after 8:30 p.m. Thursday inside a northeast Philadelphia plant where workers for the nation's largest food manufacturer make cookies and crackers.

About 10 minutes after the woman was escorted out, she returned in a car and drove through a security barrier before re-entering the building on foot, Lt. Frank Vanore said.

As she walked inside, she fired a shot at an employee who had followed her in and had yelled, "Hide, she's got a gun!" Vanore said. That shot missed.

The woman then shot the three victims, said police, who didn't immediately release the victims' identities or say whether they had been targeted. Officers responded and isolated the shooter in a room, and she fired a shot at them but missed, Vanore said.

Officers freed seven people who were "in a bad position" near the woman and were hiding, said Vanore, who wouldn't refer to them as hostages. The woman was apprehended about an hour after the shootings started, he said.

## Fed. judge: Military's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy violates constitutional rights of gays

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge said she will issue an order to halt the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, after she declared the ban on openly gay service members unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips ruled Thursday that the prohibition on openly gay military service members was unconstitutional because it violates the First and Fifth Amendment rights of gays and lesbians.

The policy doesn't help military readiness and instead has a "direct and deleterious effect" on the armed services by hurting recruitment efforts during wartime and requiring the discharge of service members who have critical skills and training, she said.

The Log Cabin Republicans sued the federal government in 2004 to stop the policy. Phillips will draft the injunction with input from the group within a week, and the federal government will have a week to respond.

Government lawyers said the judge lacked the authority to issue a nationwide injunction.

## Report says U.S. has failed to create systems to deal with homegrown terror

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. was slow to take seriously the threat posed by homegrown radicals and the government has failed to put systems in place to deal with the growing phenomenon, according to a new report compiled by the former heads of the Sept. 11 Commission.

The report says U.S. authorities failed to realize that Somali-American youths traveling from Minnesota to Mogadishu in 2008 to join extremists was not an isolated issue. Instead, the movement was one among several instances of a broader, more di-

verse threat that has surfaced across the country.

"Our long-held belief that homegrown terrorism couldn't happen here has thus created a situation where we are today stumbling blindly through the legal, operational and organizational minefield of countering terrorist radicalization and recruitment occurring in the United States," said the report, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

As a result, there is still no federal agency specifically charged with identifying radicalization or working to prevent terrorist recruitment of U.S. citizens and residents, said the report, slated to be released Friday by the Washington-based Bipartisan Policy Center's National Security Preparedness Group.

The group, headed by former 9-11 commission leaders Tom Kean and Lee Hamilton, laid out a detailed description of domestic terror incidents ranging from the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting spree and the attempted Christmas Day airliner attack in late 2009 to last May's botched truck bombing in New York's Times Square.

## In Boulder and backcountry, Colorado wildfire crews vigilant as mountain winds swirl

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Weary firefighters hoped the worst was over from a wildfire that destroyed nearly 170 homes in the Rocky Mountains foothills, but crews monitored were monitoring hot spots early Friday amid concerns that erratic winds could fan the flames and send them into Boulder.

Fearing further devastation, city officials had urged roughly 9,000 residents Thursday afternoon to prepare to evacuate at a moment's notice because of conditions that were ripe for fire — low humidity and strong winds. But as night fell, federal officials downplayed the risk to the university city of 100,000, even as gusts surpassed 40 mph.

"I'm not aware of any real threat to the city of Boulder right now," said Jim Thomas, head of the national team managing the fire effort.

Crews contained 45 percent of the 10-square-mile fire, though the line wasn't continuous. Thomas declined to speculate when it would be fully contained.

The blaze, dubbed the Fourmile Canyon fire, erupted Monday and quickly left smoking rubble where mountain neighborhoods, filled with million-dollar homes and scenic mountain cabins, once stood. Slopes of charred trees created landscapes resembling a barren winter with gray ash instead of snow.

## Word that 1 of 3 Americans held in Iran for 13 months will be freed offers hope to families

PINE CITY, Minn. (AP) — Three U.S. mothers who have pleaded with Iranian authorities for more than a year to free their sons and daughter from a Tehran prison finally received a piece of the news they've been longing for.

Iranian officials have announced that on Saturday they will release one of the Americans, Sarah Shourd, although they said nothing about the fate of Shane Bauer or his cellmate and friend, Josh Fattal.

For Bauer's mother, Cindy Hickey, the news isn't exactly what she was looking for, but it does offer some hope.

"Of course I want Shane home. I'd like them all released," Hickey told The Associated Press in an interview at her home near Pine City, Minn. "We expected all three to be released, but one release is a positive move and hopefully the other two will follow."

Sarah Shourd, Bauer and Fattal have been held for the last 13 months after Iranian officials said they crossed into that country while hiking near the Iraq-Iran border. Iranian officials said freeing Shourd was an act of clemency to mark the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan — an established practice in the Muslim world. Hickey said the families knew that and had hoped for such a release.

# Feds reject Texas' request for \$830 million for schools

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Department of Education has rejected Texas' application for \$830 million in federal money for schools and asked the state to resubmit its request without conditions.

The rejection was based on a line in the state's application that said Texas' constitution and laws supersede any assurances made by the governor in the application. Republican Gov. Rick Perry and the state's top education official added the language because, in order to get the money, Texas must ensure schools will be funded at a certain level for the next three years — an assurance they believe is unconstitutional.

Texas officials responded with a letter

Thursday saying the earliest they could constitutionally guarantee the amount of money Texas spends on schools is next July, after the next state budget becomes law.

The state's letter asks the Education Department for a written commitment to save the funds for Texas until that time.

The federal money, intended to help school districts cope with the recession and avoid layoffs, would help save more than 14,000 jobs in Texas schools, according to estimates from the National Education Association.

In a letter Wednesday to Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott, federal education officials said they could not award the money

to Texas because of the "conditional assurances" in its application. They asked Scott when he believed the state could resubmit the application without the conditional language. Thursday was the deadline to submit applications.

An alternate application, with different deadlines, will be available to the state in the coming days, according to a spokeswoman for

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan. But Sandra Abrevaya would not say how the application was different or what the deadlines would be.

The federal law providing the money was approved in August.

A provision added to the bill by Rep. Lloyd Doggett, an Austin Democrat, requires Texas to promise Washington that spending on education will remain at a

certain level for three years.

Other states only had to guarantee education funding for the next two years.

"We would take the \$830 million tomorrow ... we're working with the U.S. Department of Education to find any

ways around this," Perry said Thursday. "It is really frustrating to me that we're even going through this process, that this congressman is playing politics with the teachers of this state, full well knowing that we cannot violate our constitution."

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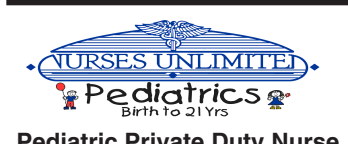
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# Church News

## Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week, and at 5 p.m. Sunday, when we sing the old favorites and continue in a Bible study of the book of Genesis.

The Rev. Joel Miller will be preaching this Sunday. His message is entitled "What If, A Walk Through the Bible," based on scripture from Romans 3:21-22.

Encouraging words: This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. — Psalm 118:24. "We have a choice whether we will rejoice!"

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed.

Remember, God loves each of us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

## First United Methodist

### Daily Grind with God Coffee Hour

Are you interested in good coffee and good conversation? That's the purpose behind the Daily Grind with God Coffee Hour, planned each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris will contribute a Christian thought for the day at each of the meetings, which are open to anyone in the community beginning Sept. 15. There is no charge, though those attending may want to help keep a coffee fund going.

The Rev. Kirk-Norris said the coffee hours will last until about 10:30 a.m., though community members who are enjoying the conversation are welcome to stay longer.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad St.

This Sunday is "Back to Church Sunday" across the nation. Our church has already celebrated "Back In tithe Saddle" very successfully, but now we join with this move to get back into church and making it a weekly priority. Our services Sunday will be led by senior pastor the Rev. Sharon Wiese at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday School classes are at 9:45 a.m., and this week there will be an open house in the Partee Building for the newly redecorated area for our Youth Ministry.

Choir rehearsals will be back on schedule Sunday beginning with the Chancel Choir at 3 p.m. in the choir room, followed by the Praise Team at 4:30 in the sanctuary. The Bell Choir will practice at 6 p.m.

Garrett Hall will be the scene of Family Fun Night beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a snack supper. Youth, 90 Days Thru the Bible and games will begin at 6.

All those interested in attending the "Fall Extravaganza Women's Brunch" in Midland are urged to contact Brenna Hoff at nchoff1998@yahoo.com. This meeting, featuring best-selling author Shaunti Feldhan, will be Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables have been reserved for our group. Buy your own ticket; transportation and childcare will be provided by our church.

We are happy to announce that effective Oct. 1 Becky Woodall will join the First Methodist Church staff as director of children's and young families ministries. We're looking forward to exciting new programs, activities and a great new curriculum.

The HATS room is taking on a temporary new look as it's the receiving end of our Lord's Acre donations. There are already some very interesting and lovely items that have appeared. Remember this Lord's Acre event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2, and it's very much in our hearts and on our minds.

First Methodist Church is located at Fourth and Scurry. Come join us.

## College Baptist

Pastor Ken McMeans started a new series of sermons last Sunday, "The Great Makeover Debate, Can A Man Change," that promises to be a very inspiring series.

Saturday there will be a workday at College Baptist. This will start off with a prayer breakfast by the men of the church and work on construction projects that are already in progress. The ladies will be making lunch and doing some "fall cleaning."

The youth group, led by Bobby Floyd, is selling "God's Creation Calendars" as a fundraiser for future trips and projects.

Adult 4 and 5 ladies will meet for lunch at a local cafe Monday.

Wednesdays are a special time at College Baptist. Meeting in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m., we have a cup of coffee and discuss prayer needs — not just those of our church, but requests we have from friends, neighbors and families. We then spend time in prayer for these. After the prayer time, we have a short Bible study.

This would be a good time to visit and get to know the friendly people of College Baptist Church.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives." We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx.

We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching Sunday. The sermon text is entitled "The Shepherd and Why He

Came."

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Mateo Rodriguez. Elders are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Bobby Roever. The readings are Ezekiel 34:11-24, Psalm 119:169-176, 1 Timothy 1:(5-11)12-17 and Luke 15:1-10.

This Sunday, a study to cover the church year will begin in the adult class. Youth are invited to attend. Topics include the colors of the church year, why the parts of the church year are celebrated at that particular time, etc. Come learn all of the "secrets" of our church year.

Classes for Mid Week School will begin at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday.

The LWML will serve refreshments at the VA Monday. The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. The Elders will also meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

The LYF is selling notepads, calendars and all occasion greeting cards. These inspirational items can be found in the hallway. Look them over and help the youth with a fall activity.

Sunday, Sept. 19, we will have our dedication of our building and church property. A barbecue luncheon will follow church and Sunday School. Dedication of the church property is scheduled for 3 p.m. with a reception following.

Thrivent members will be able to donate their Thrivent Choice Dollars to our Alive In Christ Lutheran Church, if you so wish. Visit Thrivent.com/choicedollars to begin or call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, state "Thrivent Choice." Review and select the organizations you want to request for by directing your Choice dollars for 2010. Thank you for considering our church, as well as the Lutheran organizations nationwide.

The Board of Evangelism has begun preparations for our Thanksgiving celebration. It needs cooks/grocery getters. If you are interested, contact Richard Knocke.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist

Sunday we will start a revival and it will continue through Wednesday. Sunday services will be at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. After the Sunday evening service there will be a baked potato fellowship for all grandparents and great-grandparents in attendance.

The Rev. Dr. Bobby Evans, an evangelist from Fort Worth, will be the speaker. Special music will be by Charlene Evans. The revival will be at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. We invite you to come and hear this powerful speaker of God's word.

There is Children's Church during the morning worship for ages 4-12. If you need a ride to any service, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. A nursery is provided for your little ones. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane, two blocks north of the FM 700.

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

## Signal Mountain

### Emmaus Community

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Oct. 14.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2008 Walks; Women's Walk 48, Brenda Hyatt; Men's Walk 49, Stan Hanes; and Women's Walk 50, Mary Schuelke. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information see our website www.signal-emmaus.org

## Baptist Temple

During Sunday morning's service our message will be "Resisting the Temptation to be Relevant" from Matthew 4:1-4. Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert to do something for popularity instead of doing something that was part of his mission. Our Sunday evening message will be "God's Presence is Good" from Joshua 3:1-5:1.

Our Financial Peace University class started Aug. 30 and will be on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. It's not too late if you want to be a part of this class. The cost is \$100 for course materials. To register, call the church office at 267-8287, go on our website at btcbigspring.org, or come by our church office. Our new office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Our 12-Step Recovery program that meets on Tuesdays will be postponed for a few weeks due to our director having surgery. We will make the announcement when we resume the program.

You are always welcome here. Our classes, we have classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have groups for all ages starting at 7 p.m.

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

## First Presbyterian, Big Spring

Christine Boling will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning and Mike Robinson

# Keeping our tools sharp

I normally don't seek advice from Chinese philosophers, but Confucius nailed the truth when he said, "The expectations of life depend on diligence; the mechanic who would perfect his work must first sharpen his tools."



BONNIE WHEAT

Whether we are trying to perfect our work or just prevent the rust of idleness, all of us have several toolboxes, and we would do well to examine the tools inside them to see if they still have cutting edges.

The first toolbox that needs to be cleaned out is our physical toolbox. It is the one that holds all those pliers, screwdrivers, and paint brushes related to good health. We might find words such as diet, exercise, and sleep printed on the handles of these tools. These are the sharp tools that need to be kept. But we may also need to toss some other tools that have found their way into our toolboxes. All those tools with handles that say things such as depression, overindulgence, exhaustion, and anxiety should be thrown away.

Another toolbox, which often gets left in the shed, contains our mental tools. Having been married to a bibliophile for many years, I can't imagine a house without piles of books stacked on the

floor for lack of bookshelf space. However, research indicates that the average person never reads another book after high-school graduation.

While the computer screen is rapidly replacing the printed page in today's marketplace, reading remains the sledgehammer in the toolbox of mental acuteness. Even those of us who are experiencing the challenge of bifocals, have much to learn if we keep our reading skills sharp.

Perhaps our most neglected toolbox, though, holds our spiritual tools. Regardless of how many religious trinkets and wall plaques we may have crammed into this toolbox, it should hold two important items. Every spiritual toolbox should contain a two-edged sword, known as the Bible, and a pair of knee pads for prayer. The pages of the Bible should be smudged and worn from daily use, and the knee pads should be equally frayed and tattered.

In the Bible, King Solomon, a man wiser than any great philosopher, made this observation: "Using a dull ax requires great strength, so sharpen the blade. That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed" (Ecclesiastes 10:10 NLT).

Confucius was right, if we have high expectations of life, we must be diligent about keeping our tools sharp.

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will be the liturgist. Ushers are Weldon Jones, Caitlin Jones, Baylor Walker and Ellen Austin.

Our church family has big plans for this weekend. At the church picnic on Saturday, Mark Morgan is cooking hamburgers at the Morgan Ranch. You need bring only lawn chairs and drinks. There will be a water slide for young children as well as games, singing and other home-made entertainment. Activities will begin at 5 p.m. and hamburgers will be ready around 6 p.m.

Danny Kennemur and his cooking team will be cooking the barbecue to bring for the church fellowship lunch after worship Sunday. Beans and barbecue sauce will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert, if possible.

Our Youth Group, with sponsors Don and Chris Boling, went to MO Ranch during the Labor Day weekend. They will have their first Wednesday meeting this week with the youth from First Christian and St. Mary's Episcopal churches from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Christian Church, led by Heath Griffith. This will be a pizza party for the youth and parents.

The Working Women's Bible Study, led by Helen Glass, meets on second Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the parlor; the Presbyterian Women group, moderated by Patti Horton, meets at 2 p.m. in the church library on fourth Tuesdays. Both groups will be studying a series from Horizons Bible Study on the book of Revelation called "Journey through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today" by Barbara Rossing. Study books are available in the office.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; I Timothy 1:12-17; and Luke 15:1-10.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Three years ago, our daughter, "Lucy," married a wonderful biracial man, and they now have a beautiful little girl.

Our son-in-law has a great job and is a positive influence in Lucy's life.

She is going back to school to obtain a career in a related field, and we are helping her with the tuition.

We also have a son, who is married and has a lovely wife, a 5-year-old daughter and a baby boy on the way.

Lucy loves her niece and used to spend a lot of time with her.

However, her brother decided that since she married outside her race, she no longer exists and he refuses all contact.

While he doesn't directly antagonize her, this major slight drives Lucy crazy, and if they are ever near each other, she turns it into a confrontation.

We have no idea where our son's bigoted reaction comes from.

No one else in the family is like this. Needless to say, his attitude doesn't facilitate a family get-together.

We love both of our kids and grandkids and try to divide our time equally between them.

Our son doesn't lecture us about visiting his sister and her family — he doesn't say anything about them at all.

But when our daughter hears that we have

talked to her brother, she calls us bigots by association and cuts off all communication.

We don't endorse his bigotry and have been unable to change his viewpoint, which he feels is sanctified by his church.

Is there any hope to reunite this family? — Frustrated Father in Sarasota

Dear Sarasota: Not unless your son changes his racist attitude. But your daughter should learn to differentiate between her brother's abhorrent views and those of the people who love him.

Now that she has a child of her own, point out how that bond doesn't end because the child grows up to have wrongheaded opinions. Sympathize with her position, but explain that her demands are unfair to you.

You also can mention that the only possibility of helping her brother become more enlightened is if you continue to talk to him. We hope he'll come around.

Dear Annie: My best friend of 10 years is getting married next June. She casually men-



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tioned that being in the wedding might be too much of a financial burden for me. But instead of informing me personally that she had asked another friend, I found the bridal party list on Facebook.

It's her wedding, and she has a right to choose her bridesmaids.

And I don't want to be the miffed drama queen, but I am deeply hurt.

Am I wrong for feeling upset that my socio-economic status was the reason I wasn't chosen? — Connecticut

Dear Connecticut: Your friend did not handle this very graciously. Brides should allow their attendants to decide whether or not they can afford to participate.

But we will give her the benefit of the doubt and assume she wanted to save you the embarrassment of bowing out or having to risk going into debt. Please try to forgive her.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the letter from "The Girlfriend," who complained about the behavior of her live-in's 14-year-old daughter.

As a marriage and family counselor, I reg-

ularly witness the deterioration of family relationships, especially those between divorced fathers and their children.

Girlfriends come and go, but a commitment to a child is made when that child is born and should, but often doesn't, take precedence over ensuing romantic relationships that come along after the child's parents separate or divorce.

Our society's cavalier attitude toward divorce and cohabitation in no way negates our children's need for both parents. — Iowa Advocate for Kids

Dear Iowa: We completely agree.

To all our Muslim readers: Happy Eid.

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Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

Really Bad Luck: Cruising and Coming Up with Your Father-in-Law

Dear Margo: I'm a 33-year-old man, married seven years. The issue is that I am bisexual and have known it for some time.

About a month ago, I responded to a posting on Craigslist. It was from an older gentleman, who, like myself, is bi and was looking for some discreet fun. In responding, I sent a headless picture of myself without a shirt on.

He responded with some pictures that were a bit more graphic and a phone number.

Upon seeing the number, I immediately became undone. It was the cell number of my wife's dad — my father-in-law!

Once I realized it was him, I never responded. But... I received several subsequent e-mails asking me what was going on and whether I was still interested.

Unfortunately, he e-mailed me from his personal account.

Not only that, but it's the joint account he shares with my mother-in-law. Fast-forward: My m-i-l was checking e-mail and somehow found the exchange between my father-in-law and me.

Justifiably, she has become hysterical. She found the e-mail I sent to him (from an anonymous e-mail address) that included my picture.

But it gets worse: She told my wife and my wife's sibs, and they all are trying to figure out who the guy is who "seduced" Dad.

At this point, I am freaking out, as my wife wants to see the picture that was sent — my picture — but her mother has not shown it to her yet.

Do I bite the bullet and let the cat out of the closet that I am the two-home home-wrecker, or should I let my wife and her family continue to play detective?

I feel immense guilt when my wife cries on my shoulder as she tells me the latest developments every day. — Desperate with Nowhere To Turn.

Dear Des: What are the chances, as they say? Maybe this is God's way of saying: Pick a gender.

First, because your m-i-l has a (headless) picture of the guy who "seduced Dad," it is not likely she will know you by your torso, but your wife might, should your m-i-l share the picture.

The whole thing is such a lie, however, that I would come clean with your wife — perhaps in the office of a counselor — and let her decide what she wants to do. Her father may be collateral damage, but there you are. — Margo, haplessly

Difficulty with a Death Foretold

Dear Margo: This might seem like an odd problem, but it's real to me.

I was never close to my father, who suffered from Alzheimer's for a decade before dying in May.

He hadn't known me in years, and I'd expected his death to be a relief. Instead, it's hit me like a tsunami.

Why? And what should I do to get through this? Will time take care of it? — Brand-New Orphan

Dear Brand: Don't always believe what you think. For some people, often grown children, the death of a person from whom they've been distant elicits a more powerful response than they'd ever imagined.

There is probably a load of regret in such a relationship, and death marks finis to that chapter — with no hope whatsoever of repairing or resolving it.

I do think time is a healer, but if you have a lot of questions about your feelings, you might try a survivors' support group or book a few sessions with a therapist.

I wish you the gifts of acceptance and understanding. — Margo, supportively

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Tourist crowds threaten Vatican's Sistine Chapel

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican Museums chief warned that dust and polluting agents brought into the Sistine Chapel by thousands of tourists every day risk one day endangering its priceless artworks.

Antonio Paolucci told the newspaper La Repubblica in comments published Thursday that in order to preserve Michelangelo's Last Judgment and the other treasures in the Sistine Chapel, new tools to control temperature and humidity must be studied and implemented.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 people a day, or over 4 million a

year, visit the chapel where popes get elected, to admire its frescoes, floor mosaics and paintings.

"In this chapel people often invoke the Holy Spirit. But the people who fill this room every day aren't pure spirits," Paolucci told the newspaper.

"Such a crowd ... emanates sweat, breath, carbon dioxide, all sorts of dust," he said. "This deadly combination is moved around by winds and ends up on the walls, meaning on the artwork."

Paolucci said better tools were necessary to avoid "serious damage" to the chapel.

Visitors who want to see

Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" in Milan must go through a filtration system to help reduce the work's exposure to dust and pollutants. This has made seeing da Vinci's masterpiece more difficult: 25 visitors are admitted every 15 minutes.

The Sistine Chapel, featuring works by Michelangelo, Botticelli and Perugino, underwent a massive restoration that ended in the late 1990s. The restoration was controversial because some critics said the refurbishing made the colors brighter than originally intended.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon follows Venus into passionate Scorpio, and it's as though a tragic aria is the soundtrack to our lives. The events of the day will not be particularly dramatic or intense in nature, and yet everything has this feeling behind it because of the cosmic music in the background. Make the most of it. Sit back and enjoy the music.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Work at lightning speed, but don't play like that, too. Save your leisure time. Eat slowly, stroll along life's pathways, and let your conversations trail and swirl in endless tangents.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Now it's your turn to do what is easiest for you. Your loved ones will understand, even if they have to drive a little further or change their sched-

ule around a bit. You've been too accommodating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will do what you need to do in order to make a project happen. You'll pull favors, finagle tricks and improvise with whatever resources you can get your hands on. Someone admires the way you dive into challenges.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's an opportunity to make money, though the window is brief. In order to take advantage of it, you can't vacillate. This requires you to make a definite and public choice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What a pickle! The quandary on your mind is one for the ages. You might even be inspired to take this one to the street, asking total strangers what they would do if faced with the same challenge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Do the hard, tedious work first. This will be your ticket to success. When you tackle the less glamorous tasks in the morning, you'll find

they go by so quickly that you hardly mind doing them at all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In some strange, small way, you will be "discovered." This could be as simple as a new person deciding that he or she really wants to get to know you and making the first move to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In social situations, everyone will agree to play a part. It's not a verbal agreement, and in most cases it's an unconscious one. Consider the part you want to play, and don't agree to any other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have an agenda, and you know just who you need to impress in order to pull it off. Of course you heap on the charm, grace and compliments. Who could resist you in this mode?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be aware that people are usually much more fragile than they appear. The opposite can be true, too, but it's better to bank on the fact that most people

need tenderness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll present your side of the story, show your wares, call out the humor you perceive or otherwise declare your opinion. Others seem slow to approve. That's because you're ahead of your time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's as though this whole day is designed to point out an opportunity to you. Hopefully, you'll read the signs and act quickly. If you procrastinate, your chance will slip away.

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# Redeeming lost opportunities

Most of us have missed out on golden opportunities at some point in our lives. We have allowed them to slip through our fingers like sand falling through a sieve. Some may have waited too long to make a decision and the occasion passed them by. Perhaps uncertainty caused others to waver as to whether they should take the chance or not. But because of the goodness of God, He helps us redeem lost opportunities and often brings even greater ones in their stead. He is God and He is bigger



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than any loss we can ever encounter. God is forever speaking to our hearts, guiding us and giving us direction. Yet even when we miss His direction, and we all do from time to time, He recalculates our route and gets us back to where we need to be. The Apostle Paul said, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, I reach forth to the things which are before me" Philippians 3:13. He was telling us to turn our thoughts toward the present and future and keep looking for the new opportunities that lie in our paths. Realize that God can bring those opportunities back to us in ways that we have never considered. And He will if we will but ask and

trust Him. A few years ago, I was invited to speak at a lady's conference in a nearby city. I was excited to be one of the speakers, so I carefully planned my speech to perfection. I had reread it so many times I could almost recite it by heart. Although I had spoken many times in the past, this one was a biggie. I was excited but nervous at the same time. I was so nervous, in fact, that I left my perfectly written notes and my Bible at home. However I didn't realize what I had done until about an hour before I was to speak. When I explained to the ladies in charge what I had done, they just laughed and said, "Oh, no problem, you can just give a testimony."

But since each speaker was allotted 30 minutes, I explained that I could not "testify" that long. So I declined. I have no words to describe my embarrassment or my disappointment. Looking back, I now realize that I should have taken my time slot, explained what I had done, and moved on. It was a lost opportunity that I sorely regretted. But because God is so good, He gave me another opportunity to speak at that same church a year later. This time, I made sure my Bible and notes were in my car the night before. If you feel that you have wasted too many opportunities, God is saying, "I will restore those years. Just ask me and see that my Word is true." He said in Joel 2:25, "I will restore to you what the locust has eaten..." Lost op-

portunities do not have to be lost forever. God often uses these losses to prove Himself strong to us. We do not have to live in negativity and disappointment because of failures and setbacks. When one dream dies, just dream a bigger dream. Don't focus on the loss lest you become consumed with your mistakes. It is best to live life one day at a time, and always with a grateful heart. Proverbs 3:5 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Since God is the author of all that is good, He is certainly able to bring missed opportunities back around to us through avenues that will bless us in even greater ways. God bless.

## CHURCH NEWS

Continued from Page 7A  
The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir of-

fers the anthem "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" by Carl Mueller and during the offertory, "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" by Healey Willan.

**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 weekly Lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and the Rev. Craig Holstedt, meets in the church library at FPC Big Spring at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday.

The called session meeting has been postponed for a week; members will be contacted about date and time.

Dan Miracle will preach while Tom is absent this Sunday. Please support him with your presence and prayers.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; I Timothy 1:12-17; and Luke 15:1-10.

**Gateway Baptist**  
Are you strong enough to stand alone? The Bible says we are not. God did not create us to fly solo. He created us to soar on His strength.

If you are looking for a loving church home where the Bible is taught, as a house of prayer and much more, we invite you to visit us at Gateway Baptist.

Also, as a reminder, we have a Clothes Closet Ministry open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each Thursday. If you or someone you know is in

need of good used clothing, you are welcome.

Gateway Baptist Church is located at 2305 Gatesville St. For more information, call 263-4883 or 432-935-9600.

**North Birdwell Lane United Methodist**

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets each Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. with Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams leading the youth. Sheila Welch will be leading the discussion for the adult class on "God's Covenant with Israel," taken from Exodus 20.

Bible study meets the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and will continue the study of the Book of Romans.

The United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and will continue the study on "Do What You Have the Power to Do," from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John about the unnamed women in those Gospels. Madeline Boardle is the study leader.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane

and welcomes all who wish to worship the Lord through study and service. For more information, call 267-2203 or 263-2536. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

**First Christian**

This Sunday marks a few changes in our Sunday worship experience. Worship begins with a congregational sing, incorporating a mix of traditional and contemporary hymns. Our singing will be led by Marla Rainwater on guitar, Ruth Jackson on piano and Tap McIntosh on electric bass. Our prayer time will be moved to a different place during the service in order to give folks in attendance the opportunity to add any joys or concerns they want included in the congregational prayer. Our pastor, the Rev. Ken McIntosh, will begin a four-week sermon series entitled "Why Church?"

Our new look will be celebrated Sunday evening with a homemade ice cream social and ping pong tournament. The social event begins at 6 p.m. and all ages are welcome. Special entertainment will be a comedy and magic show featuring Mindy the Magician (Mindy Ralston) from Big Spring High School.

Big Spring youth are invited to attend our Wednesday youth gathering, sponsored by our church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the First Presbyterian Church. The gathering will meet at First Christian starting at 6 p.m. and continues no later than 8 p.m.

**St. Mary's Episcopal**

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the church.

St. Mary's Stewardship Campaign begins this Sunday. There will also be a potluck luncheon after the morning service. Please bring your favorite dish and join us for this special time of commitment and fellowship.

St. Mary's Vestry will hold its meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the library. Our noon Holy Eucharist service is every Wednesday in the chapel.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad St.

## In This Season Of Hope

25th Annual **HERALD**

### Community Christmas Parade

**5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4th**  
Parade theme: **"Star Spangled Christmas"**  
Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 12th

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**PARADE RULES**

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald
2. Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
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.

**2010 Christmas Parade Entry Form**

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

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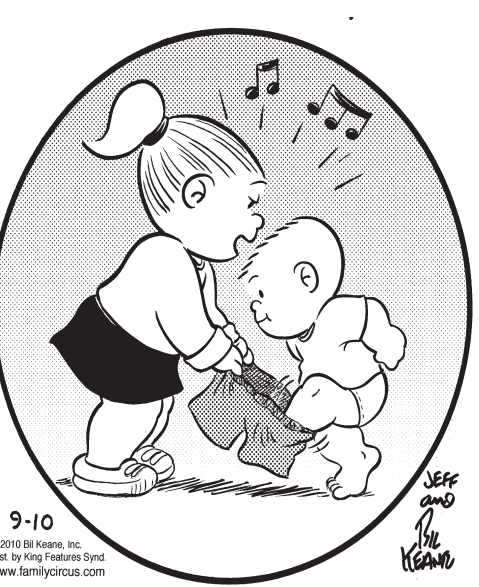
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5:PM	News ABC	Vida	George Lopez	News	Noticias Noticiero	News	King King	Faye H. Holmes	BBC Business	King King	Cash Cab	Sudden Impact, Pat Hingle	Scene Investigation	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Good Wizards	Racing	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Lena de Amor (SS)	Two Men	News	Ei Cartel II	News	Seinfeld	Dr.	PBS News-Hour	'70s '70s	Survivorman	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Bones	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Liv Tyler	Movie: Bait, Rachael Stirling	Deck Wizards	Countdown	College Football: West Virginia at Marshall.
7:PM	Stand Up to Cancer	Hasta que el Dinero	Two Men	Stand Up to Cancer	Ei Clon	Stand Up to Cancer	Fam. Guy	Door-Wisdom	Wash. Fam. Guy	Hellcats	Man, Woman, Aviators	Movie: The Dead Pool, Evan Kim	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Liv Tyler	Movie: Bait, Rachael Stirling	Deck Wizards	NASCAR Racing: Nationwide Series: Richmond 250.	College Football: Texas-El Paso at Houston.
8:PM	Primetime: What	Soy Tu Dueña (SS)	The Good Guys	CSI: NY	Ei Fantasma de	Dateline NBC	Movie: Ocean's Eleven, Andy Garcia	Light of the Southwest	Need to Know	Nikita	Man, Woman, Aviators	Movie: The Dead Pool, Evan Kim	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Liv Tyler	Movie: Bait, Rachael Stirling	Deck Wizards	NASCAR Racing: Nationwide Series: Richmond 250.	College Football: Texas-El Paso at Houston.
9:PM	20/20	Rosa de Guadalupe	Simpsons Friends	Flashpoint	Alguien te Mira	News	Church Cortes	Charlie Rose	Married Married	Beyond Survival	Movie: The Dead Pool, Evan Kim	Entourage	Entourage	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Liv Tyler	Changing Lanes	Phineas Deck	Baseball Tonight	(15) College Football: Texas-El Paso at Houston.
10:PM	News	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias Titulares	News	My Boys	Charles McGee	Roseanne	Man, Woman, Aviators	Movie: The Terminator, Michael Biehn	Entourage	Entourage	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Liv Tyler	Phineas Deck	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	(15) College Football: Texas-El Paso at Houston.
11:PM	432 OT	La Verdad Oculta	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Alguien te Mira	Late Night	(10) Movie: Ocean's Eleven, Andy Garcia	T. Smiley (Off Air)	Bernie	Man, Woman, Aviators	Movie: The Terminator, Michael Biehn	Entourage	Entourage	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Liv Tyler	Phineas Deck	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	(15) College Football: Texas-El Paso at Houston.
12:AM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Tontas Cielo	Paid	Insider	Pagado	News	Best of The Bank	Mark CCM	Cops	Beyond Survival	Movie: The Terminator, Michael Biehn	Entourage	Entourage	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Liv Tyler	Phineas Deck	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	(15) College Football: Texas-El Paso at Houston.
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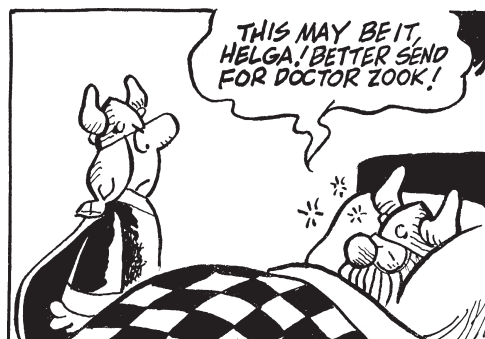
"IT'S RUDE TO YELL 'WOOHOO, I WIN!'"  
"RIGHT. WO OHOO, YOU LOSE!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Put your left foot in, put your left foot out. Put your left foot in and turn it all about..."

HAGAR



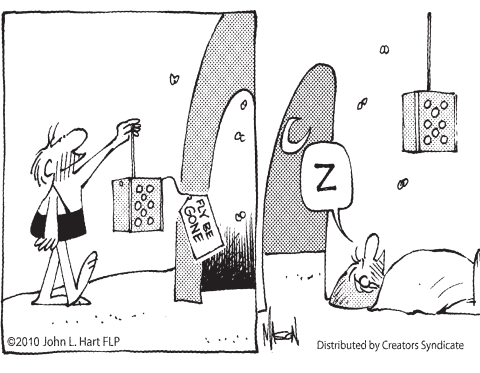
"THIS MAY BE IT, HELGA! BETTER SEND FOR DOCTOR ZOOK!"  
"YOU DON'T NEED A DOCTOR WHEN YOU HAVE A HANGOVER!"

BLONDIE



"You have 500 unread e-mails"  
"THERE! Messages deleted!"  
"Thank you, that's a load off my storage capacity"

BC



"BURP!"

WIZARD OF ID



"FYI, I DON'T LIKE ETHNIC JOKES, SEXIST JOKES, PET JOKES OR RELIGIOUS JOKES"  
"UH, THIS ONE INVOLVES THE KING STEPPING ON A SNAKE"  
"OH, I LOVE THOSE!"

AGNES



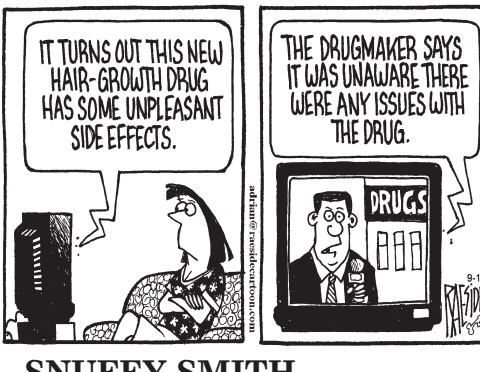
"I HAVE LISTED ALL OF MY POSITIVE TRAITS AND WANT TO KNOW IF YOU CAN THINK OF ANY OTHERS."  
"I BAKE AVERAGE BISCUITS, I SPELL MANY WORDS CORRECTLY, AND I'VE NEVER PILLAGED OR LOOTED A VILLAGE."  
"I WAS GOING TO ADD 'MOSTLY ODOR FREE', BUT IT STARTED TO SOUND VAIN."  
"THAT ONE'S A STRETCH, ANYWAY."

HI AND LOIS



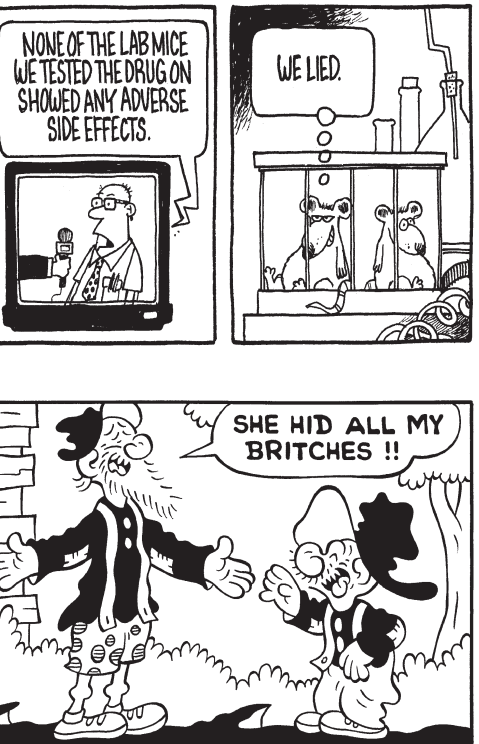
"DID YOU BRING US PRESENTS FROM YOUR TRIP, DADDY?"  
"UH... YEAH..."  
"COLOGNE FOR DITTO, BATH SOAP FOR DOT."  
"YOU GOT THOSE FREE AT THE HOTEL."  
"YOU CAN'T FOOL US."

THE OTHER COAST



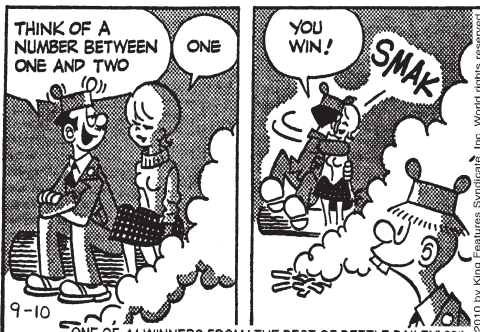
"IT TURNS OUT THIS NEW HAIR-GROWTH DRUG HAS SOME UNPLEASANT SIDE EFFECTS."  
"THE DRUGMAKER SAYS IT WAS UNAWARE THERE WERE ANY ISSUES WITH THE DRUG."  
"NONE OF THE LAB MICE WE TESTED THE DRUG ON SHOWED ANY ADVERSE SIDE EFFECTS."  
"WE LIED."

SNUFFY SMITH



"...THEN I SAID TO HER, 'LET ME REMIND YA JEST WHO WEARS TH' BRITCHES IN THIS HOUSE!'"  
"HA !! THEN WHAT HAPPENED?"  
"SHE HID ALL MY BRITCHES !!"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"THINK OF A NUMBER BETWEEN ONE AND TWO"  
"ONE"  
"YOU WIN!"  
"SMACK"  
"THINK OF A NUMBER BETWEEN ONE AND TWO"  
"TWO!"  
"SNAP!"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 2010. There are 112 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Sept. 10, 1960, Hurricane Donna, a dangerous Category 4 storm, struck the Florida Keys. (In the days that followed, Donna crossed over the Florida Peninsula and headed northward, subjecting the East Coast to hurricane-force winds; the storm was blamed for 364 deaths.)  
On this date:  
In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.  
In 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.  
In 1846, Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing machine.  
In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J.

Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.  
In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long died in Baton Rouge two days after being shot in the Louisiana state Capitol, allegedly by Dr. Carl Weiss.  
In 1939, Canada declared war on Nazi Germany as Parliament acted at the behest of Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King.  
In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis (he was executed by firing squad in Oct. 1945).  
In 1963, twenty black students entered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.  
In 1979, four Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned for a 1954 attack on the U.S. House of Representatives and a 1950 attempt on the life of President Harry S. Truman were freed from prison after being granted clemency by President Jimmy Carter.  
In 1983, John Vorster (FAWS'tur), prime minister of white-ruled South Africa from 1966 to 1978, died in Cape Town at age 67.

Today's Birthdays: Golfer Arnold Palmer is 81. Actor Philip Baker Hall is 79. Country singer Tommy Overstreet is 73. Actor Greg Mullavey is 71. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 70. Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 68. Singer Jose Feliciano is 65. Actor Tom Ligon is 65. Actress Judy Geeson is 62. Former Canadian first lady Margaret Trudeau is 62. Political commentator Bill O'Reilly is 61. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 60. Actress Amy Irving is 57. Country singer Rosie Flores is 54. Movie director Chris Columbus is 52. Actor Colin Firth is 50. Rock singer-musician David Lowery (Cracker) is 50. Actor Sean O'Bryan is 47.  
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Absolute ruler
- 5 Gave a grade to
- 10 Taunt
- 14 Roman historian
- 15 Slack off
- 16 Revival meeting shout
- 17 Heaps
- 18 Present at birth
- 19 Scrutinize, with "over"
- 20 Forty-ner's balance?
- 22 Lively, in mus.
- 23 Fine, in space
- 24 Lanky
- 26 Quitting time, for many
- 30 Two-part
- 32 Shelley, for one
- 33 Fly fisherman's lube?
- 38 Show sorrow
- 39 Place for change
- 40 Enough, for some
- 41 Grown-up flower child?
- 43 The Odd Couple playwright
- 44 Turned blue, perhaps
- 45 Special ability
- 46 Astronomical distance
- 50 Long, long time
- 51 Help in a heist
- 52 One who follows farm workers?
- 59 Brown beverage
- 60 Deca- doubled
- 61 Approach the runway

- 62 It's not good
- 63 Catch holder
- 64 Give off
- 65 Flatten
- 66 Puts on the market
- 67 Final check
- DOWN
- 1 Chowder morsel
- 2 Penne alternative
- 3 River near Stonehenge
- 4 Baseball great Sandberg
- 5 King's (much money)
- 6 By surprise
- 7 "Cheerio!"
- 8 Latin abbr.
- 9 Convention attendee
- 10 Land of the Rising Sun
- 11 Mixed with
- 12 Jeopardy
- 13 Hostile force
- 21 Fully engrossed
- 25 Tankard filler
- 26 Pheasant, for instance
- 27 Mental germ
- 28 Contested
- 29 See in the distance
- 30 Had the guts
- 31 Cold War letters
- 33 Cuddly
- 34 Muddy, as water
- 35 Treater's words
- 36 Desktop graphic
- 37 Penitential period
- 39 Mediums
- 42 Suffix for block
- 43 Capital of Yemen
- 45 Wrecks beyond repair
- 46 Wore a hole in the rug
- 47 In excess of
- 48 Dig find
- 49 Celery unit
- 50 Collectible car
- 53 160 square rods
- 54 Holiday time
- 55 Tabloid
- 56 Shangri-la resident
- 57 Leave the stage
- 58 Ceremonial act

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