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Big Spring High School band members participate in the annual homecoming bonfire, held Thursday at the compost facility. Homecoming continues with a parade at 4:30 p.m. today near the high school and football game vs. Monahans at 7:30 tonight.

Walk to raise awareness in fight against Alzheimer's

☐ Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., walk at 9 a.m. in Comanche Trail Park.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll or a chance to huff and puff your way through Comanche Trail Park, Saturday's 2010 Alzheimer Association Memory Walk will give area residents a chance to take the heel-toe express in an effort to support those coping with the deadly

According to local walk officials, the ongoing effort has already raised slightly more than \$2,700 through an event Web site, but the effort is far from over.

"With a short time until the walk, we're really hoping to get the word out to people so they will come out Saturday

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Pilots sought

Group hopes model fly-in will attract future members

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The skies above Comanche Trail Lake will be abuzz with activity Saturday and Sunday, as the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association prepares to hold its 17th annual Don McKinney Memorial Float and Fly.

While watching the model aircraft dip and dodge above the waters of the local lake is certainly a thrill for residents of every age, BSMA President Chuck Miller said the annual See FLY-IN, Page 3A

What: Don McKinney Memorial Float and Fly.

Where: Comanche Trail Park near Dora Roberts Community Center.

When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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"We hold the float and fly at Comanche Trail Lake

Check it out...

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will get Deaf Awareness Week started Sunday with activities at Comanche Trail Park.

The opening ceremony, including a proclamation from Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Belaski Pavilion, to be followed by a softball game featuring SWCID staff and students vs. members from the Big Spring police and fire departments at Cotton Mize Softball Field. The SWCID Student Government Association will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

Stanton, Grady celebrate homecoming

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

STANTON They've bashed a car and chalked up a parking lot — all in the name of school spirit.

Stanton High School is celebrating homecoming this

Events kicked off Tuesday with a variety of community activities, starting with a punt, pass and kick competition for students in grades 2 through 6 and a powder puff football game pitting a team of seniors and sophomores vs. a squad of juniors and freshmen (the senior-sophomore group prevailed, 13-12, school officials said).

Also Tuesday, there was a community pep rally at the football stadium, a "car bash" — in which people took turns doing their best to pound an automobile to rubble — and a "spirit chalk" in which the different high school classes competed to see who could create the best chalk designs at the stadium parking lot.

Activities will reach high gear today, starting with the all-school pep rally at 2:40 p.m. in the high school gym.



Courtesy photo

Stanton Homecoming Queen nominees are, from left, Jasmine Cazares, Ashton Snellgrove, Alicia Perez and Jami Hale. SHS will crown its homecoming queen during halftime of Friday's game between the Buffalos and McCamey.

Baker Catering will provide a pre-game barbecue meal for exes at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Cost is \$10 per person. At that event, alumni will cast their votes for the coming home queen.

The homecoming game between Stanton and McCamey will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be highlighted by the halftime crowning of the coming home and homecoming queens.

Four senior girls will vie for the homecoming queen crown. They are: Jasmine Cazares, daughter of Reuben and Cindy Cazares; Jami Hale, daughter of Bryan and Dyan Hale; Alicia Perez, daughter of Adolph and Sarah Perez; and Ashton Snellgrove, daughter of Brian and Julie Snellgrove.



Courtesy photo

Grady High School homecoming queen nominees are, from left: Abby Hanson, Kelly Cook, Julia Schuelke and Chelsey Hunt. Grady will crown its homecoming queen during halftime of Friday's football game between the Wildcats and Midland Trinity.

Formal homecoming celebrations conclude with a dance, sponsored by the Fifth Quarter churches,

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Smashmouth football

Monahans puts Wing-T against Steers' ground attack



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton The Steers' Pernell Parker chases down a Plainview player in Big Spring's game last week. The senior will have his hands full with a physical Monahans

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

offense.

There won't be many 50-yard passes or trick plays in Big Spring's game against Monahans at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium.

Monahans' offensive philosophy is simple: run the ball hard until it works. The Steers' is simple, too: move the defense off the ball, open holes for the running backs.

Big Spring's homecoming won't be lacking intensity.

"It's going to be real physical, but like coach said, it's going to be a mental game, too," quarterback DaVonte Anderson said. "It's going to be a lot of physical, smashmouth football. It's going to be a lot of hard hitting."

Big Spring enters this game coming off a 42-14 romp of Plainview and Monahans hasn't lost a

game yet.

The Loboes know how to put up points, too. They've scored more than 40 points twice this season, and it seems like they have the defense to go with it, allowing 14 combined points in the last two games.

It'll be the Steers' counters and midsections with Anderson, Pete Chavarria and Michael Oliva against Monahans' Wing-T with Micha Ramsey and Pedro Cano.

"They're going to run it at us and we're going to run it at them," head coach Phillip Ritchey said. "We'll see who's standing at the end of the game."

So Pernell Parker and the defensive line will have their hands full all night.

Parker said the Wing-T makes most defensive linemen uncomfortable because of how versatile the offense is. But the challenge adds more excitement to homecom-

ing for the senior. See STEERS, Page 2B



Monahans (3-0) at Big Spring (2-1)

Big Spring players to watch: RB Pete Chavarria, RB Michael Oliva

Monahans players to watch: DB Micah Ramsey, QB Wade Roark

 Chavarria and Oliva will try to outdo last week's performance against Plainview, but Lee Garcia is back from injury and Lukas Falcon should get more carries.

Round 2 with Andrews Lady teers get

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

All is well for the Lady Steers volleyball team. Practices are solid, they're back at .500 (13-

13) and Big Spring is coming off back-to-back sweeps at home.

They're peaking at the right time, too. They face Andrews at 11 a.m. Saturday and Pecos next week at home to end the non-district schedule.

"I think they're starting to get excited about it getting close to district," head coach Lynn Osborne said. "Finally, we're getting to the point we've been working for. I think it's starting to build."

The back-to-back sweeps may be one of the most impressive stretches of play for the Lady Steers this season.

The Lady Steers took care of Greenwood and

Colorado City by establishing and keeping leads and using their athletic ability to their advantage.

Now, once again, Big Spring has a chance to avenge a loss from earlier this season against Andrews.

Andrews swept Big Spring in two games, 26-24, 25-19, in the Seminole tournament. And there wasn't much offense for the Lady Steers in that match, either. Taylor Seaton had a team-high of five kills followed by Bridgette Tuitt and Desiree Anderson's four each.

This time, Osborne said a handful of players have the potential to get much higher numbers. Anderson, Seaton, Tuitt and setter Cerbi Ritchey have a shot at doubledigit kills against An-

"I'm really hoping to see at least three girls in double digits against Andrews," Osborne said. "We need to start seeing three and four girls stepping up."

There are a lot of positives about playing a team for the second time, too. Osborne said it gives her team another chance to work on strategy and correct the mistakes from the first meeting.

But the Lady Steers are getting two matches against the same opponent this season because some of their opponents compete in the same tournaments, like the Seminole tournament or the Monahans tournament.

Osborne said Andrews' strengths include good ball control and the Lady Mustangs don't have a tendency to



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Carson Reibe prepares to pass the ball during the Lady Steers' match against Colorado City.

quit during games. She said it will be another good measuring stick heading into the district opener against Sweetwater.

Lady Steers have to keep up the high level of play in order to end non-district play on a positive note.

"Errors are going to have to decrease and in-

tensity is going to have to increase," she said. "I'm seeing better intensity in practice and a much harder working group of girls in prac-

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Obituaries

Yolanda L. Juarez

Yolanda L. Juarez, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010, at her residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, at Myers &



Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at with Pastor Ray Garza officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 22, 1940, in Big Spring to Anita and Froylan Lopez. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She married Cruz Juarez in 1954 in Big Spring. She was employed by the Big Spring

Independent School District, working in the cafeteria and then at Big Spring State Hospital in food service and housekeeping. She was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista Church.

She is survived by her husband, Cruz Juarez of Big Spring; three daughters, Precilla Rodriguez, Erma Castillo and husband Raymond, and Lori Juarez and husband Hector, all of Big Spring; three sons, Lorenzo Juarez and wife Mary, Andrew Juarez, and Frankie Juarez and wife Luz, all of Big Spring; four sisters, Rosa L. Alvarez, Margarita L. Pacheco and husband Jimmy, Lumina Lopez, all of Big Spring, and Gloria Molina and husband Renee of Dallas; one sister-in-law, Juanita Aguilar of Big Spring; 28 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

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John Robert Murphy

John Robert Murphy, 89, died Sept. 14, 2010, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Janet and John Murphy. He was a Navy World War II veteran and attended Western State College in Gunnison, Colo.

He is survived by a daughter, Janet Murphy and husband Steve; one grandson; one sister, Helen Midlick of Columbus, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Fannie; brothers, Tom and Paul Murphy; and two sisters, Verna Doughty and Mary Burkey.

Contributions in his memory can be made to Medecins Sans Frontieres Doctors Without Borders USA, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, Md. 21741; and Catholic Charities USA, P.O. Box 17066, Baltimore,

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

James C. 'Buddy' Barr

James C. "Buddy" Barr, 85, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will have a Tailgate Cookout at 6:30 p.m. Friday prior to the Big Spring Steers home football game. The cookout will be held on the north end of the west parking lot at Memorial Stadium. Fajitas, a drink and dessert are priced at \$7 and all proceeds go to Rotary service
- United Way Dine Out program begins this week with Cowboys Steakhouse & Restaurant, 404 E. FM 700, as the featured restaurant. The restaurant will donate a portion of its proceeds received Monday through Sunday to United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.
- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery can be arranged from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling

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- •A free concert presented by the Allegro Chorale and Orchestra will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Bonham Junior High School, 2201 E. 21st St. in Odessa. Conductor Nyela Basney will lead professional soloists and singers from Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Lubbock Abilene and UTPB. The theme of the symphony is All Men are Brothers. Everyone is invited to this event, will feature which Bethoven's "Symphony No. 9.'
- 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.

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Police blotter

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

- JULIE RIVAS, 25, of 1408 Bluebird, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicat-
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 34, of 1200 Primera Iglesia Bautista Church Michael, was arrested Thursday on warrants for disregarding a stop sign and failure to appear.
 - MARK ANTHONY HICKMAN JR., 24, of 711 S. Johnson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault of a family/household member impeding normal breathing or circulation – family violence.
 - MEAGAN BROOKE SCARBROUGH, 21, of 2814 Coronado, was arrested Thursday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (four counts), consumption of alcohol by a minor, failure to yield right-of-way and failure to change name or mailing address within 30 days. ASSAULT was reported in the 2200 block of
 - Morrison. • THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- DAXTON TREY SCHAFFER, 19, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving under the
- JAMES KEVIN MAYHEW, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- MEAGAN BROOKE SCARBROUGH, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (four counts), consumption of alcohol by a minor, failure to yield He was born Dec. 1, 1920, in Orbiston, Ohio, to right-of-way and failure to change name or mailing address within 30 days.
 - ENRIQUE R. CALDERON, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of E. 25th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of
- Lancaster. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of W.
- Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N.
- Highway 87. One person was transported to GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of W.

Support Groups

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- · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
- Candlelight Meeting Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at 10 p.m. at 1609 S. Main in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 935-5805 or (432) 517-

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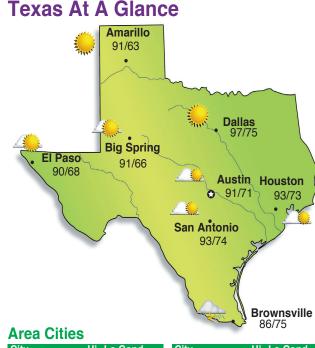
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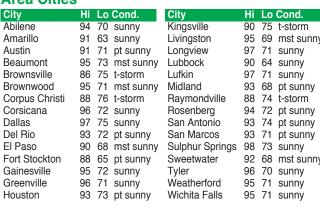
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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: \$5,745. Winning ticket purchased in: Katy (4).

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-0-8-4. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-5-9. Sum It









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Monahans at Big Spring 7:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium

Forsan at Plains 7:30 p.m., Plains

McCamey

Sterling City

at Stanton 7:30 p.m., Stanton

at Sands 7:30 p.m., Ackerly

Trinity at Grady 7:30 p.m., Lenorah

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Wade, Garrett's coaching OK

IRVING (AP) — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones still believes in the partnership of Wade Phillips as head coach and Jason Garrett as offensive coordinator, even if they flubbed a critical play in the season-opening loss at Washington.

It was a mistake, Jones said Thursday, and they're going to

"In 22 years, I've seen what's perceived as some of the best we've had make mistakes," Jones said.

Jones' defense included a reminder that Dallas has won division titles in two of the three years the coaching staff has been structured this way. However, the fact questions are being asked about the arrangement — after a mere 0-1 start — is a reminder that the pairing of Phillips and Garrett is a forced marriage that's constantly being scrutinized.

Jones hired the offensive coordinator days before picking the head coach. Garrett makes \$3 million per season, among the most of any assistant in the NFL. He carries the title of assistant head coach and is viewed as a head-coach-inwaiting. Phillips is under contract as head coach and defensive coordinator through next season.

Asked whether Phillips has veto power over Garrett, Jones said, "He has more than that," then emphasized the head coach is completely in charge on the sideline.

"Wade can call anything he wants to out there, or stop any call," Jones said.

The play that triggered all this was a Hail Mary with 4 seconds left in the first half and Dallas trailing Washington 3-0. The pass had little chance of producing points, so it would've made more sense to take a knee. It ended up being a fumble that led to a touchdown for the Redskins, the only one they'd score in a 13-7 victory.

Garrett initially called the play when the Cowboys were on the 46. After a penalty moved them back 10 vards, he didn't change the play - and Phillips didn't either.

"I don't know if you can call it confusion as much as making a mistake," Jones said. "Certainly, Wade has the ability at any time to stop the music and make the call if he wants to make the call. We all logically know the consequences of that. That didn't happen, so it's what it is. I'm not concerned about it being some type of pattern."

Jones also said "it's immaterial" which coach is more to blame. Jones later seemed to have a half-joking reference to Phillips and Garrett each saying it was their fault when he said, "I'm not trying to be another one of these guys who throws myself under the bus around here."

Jones added that immediately after the game, Phillips told him, "Man, I should have overruled the call."

The owner-general manager addressed other topics, too,

 His confidence in Garrett's offense after Dallas gained 380 yards but scored only one touchdown, continuing a problem from last season. "I like the potential that we

have to correct that because we're moving the ball. We've got parts of the field that we need to move the ball better in, because when you move it there you go into the end zone and get points. ... I can clearly see that we have a chance to have a top offense for the reason that we have some playmakers.

His faith in David Buehler as a placekicker after seeing him miss his first career attempt from only 34 yards out.

"I like his mental makeup under pressure. It will be there under pressure in my mind. I know how sound our guys think he is kicking right now, and all of that bodes well for us. ... I'd say there is a lot of rope."

- The ramifications of the loss to Washington:

"I have never been a part of a team, Super Bowl or otherwise, that didn't have its ebbs and flows during a season. It's disappointing that one of our ebbs hit us in the very first game. That's happened before in my 22 years here and we've gone on in many case to have a really good season. ...

'We're going sweat it out by not having that win against a division opponent. From the standpoint of can we play better, and do I look at this team as one that has a chance to get on a roll and really be playing at a top level, I think we can. You'd like to put as many wins up as you possibly can. I think we can play much better as far as winning the ballgame. We did some things out there that would tell us you can play better."

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"I find it a little more challenging because they can run so many more things out of the Wing-T," he said. "When you see a spread, you basically know what's coming." Meanwhile,

Chavarria, Oliva and the running backs will try to outdo themselves from last week's stellar performance.

Chavarria had 14 carries for 183 yards and a score, while Olivia — in the sophomore's debut on varsity — had 11 carries for 61 yards and two touchdowns.

Lukas Falcon didn't play much at running back against Plainview due to injury, but Ritchey said he is expected to get a few more carries to-

Then, Lee Garica returns from a foot injury tonight in his first action since the Fort Stockton game.

Chavarria said the Steers have the potential to do what they did on the ground last week and more.

"We always want to do better than the week before," he said. "We'll all have our own little competition between the running backs. It's a healthy competition to see who can do better week in and week

But like Anderson said, Ritchey has stressed the mental aspect of this game to his players all week. With a packed stadium expected for homecoming and Monahans being a solid team, Ritchey said it's vital his players don't lose focus.

Ritchey said players are excited about tonight's game as they should be, but playing Monahans should bring back memories for the former Steers in attendance, too.

"Like I was telling our kids, all these exes have a history with Monahans," he said. "It's going to be something that really perks their interest. They're going to remember back when they played Monahans and how tough and how physical of a game it was. Just like it will be (tonight)."

Mayweather hit with more felony charges in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Undefeated boxer Flovd Mayweather Jr. was hit Thursday with three more felony charges in a domestic violence case that already had him



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Clark County District Attorney David Roger significantly raised the ante in the case alleging that Mayweather hit and threatened the life of his ex-girlfriend, Josie Harris, and threatened to beat two of their children during a predawn argument at the woman's home a week

Mayweather, 33, is one of boxing's most recognizable figures, with a record of 41-0 and 25 knockouts. The welterweight goes by the nickname "Money" and earned more than \$20 million in May in one fight in Las Vegas against "Sugar" Shane Moslev

Mayweatherremained free on \$3,000 bail pending arraignment Nov. 9 following his arrest last Friday on a felony grand larceny charge.

Authorities alleged he took cell phones belong-

ing to Harris and two of their children following the altercation. That felony charge carries a possible sentence of five years.

The new criminal complaint filed Thursday added two felony coercion and one felony robbery charge along with one misdemeanor domestic battery and three misdemeanor harassment charges.

Convictions on all eight charges would increase the possible penalty Mayweather could face if convicted of all charges to 34 years.

Mayweather's lawyer, Richard Wright, told The Associated Press he hadn't seen the new complaint and declined immediate comment.

Wright has previously denied wrongdoing on Mayweather's behalf.

Police initially labeled the scuffle with Harris a domestic battery case after she told police Mayweather was angry about her relationship with another man when he confronted her at the Las Vegas home where Harris and the children

Mayweather wanted

to evict her from the house, which he owns,

Harris said. The new charges name the couple's 10-year-old and 9-year-old sons as victims of coercion, for alleged threats to beat them if they called 911 or left the apartment

during the scuffle. Under Nevada law, coercion is when a person compels or forces someone to do something they have a legal right

to do. The harassment charges allege that Mayweather threatened

Harris.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association **Weekly Update**

On Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association play day the format was individual play. Linda Dewaters and Patsy Sharpnack tied for first place, with Dee Jenkins taking second and Ramona Harris taking third.

There were 14 golfers competing in couples nine-hole Thursday evening. The winning team consisted of Donnie and Shirley Long, and John and Gus Leonardi with a 7-under par. The team of Nick and Linda Dewaters and George and Sylvia Rodrigues took second with a score of 4-under par.

John Leonardi shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 3. Shirley Long was closest to the pin on Hole No. 6, scoring a Hole in

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Odd news

NH chicken's painting auctioned on eBay

MERRIMACK, N.H. (AP) — It's not Picasso but a New Hampshire woman hopes a piece of art painted by a chicken will raise money to rebuild a

The 8.5-by-10-inch painting called 'Feathered Fireworks" is being auctioned on eBay.

Wendy Thomas of Merrimack says she created the piece by dipping the chicken's feet in paint then placing the hen on canvas.

WMUR-TV said Thursday that bidding started at \$9.99.

The proceeds will help rebuild the Kids Kove playground in Merrimack.

Cops: Pa. man listed dog as dependent in scam

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The former manager of a school district's cafeteria service listed his dog as a dependent so he could get discounted school lunches for his children, state police

The state police Bureau of Criminal Investigation's organized crime division announced theft charges Thursday against Gabriel Paulick.

Paulick worked for Nutrition Inc. when he managed the Ringgold School District cafeteria system, about 15 miles south of Pittsburgh, police said. He not only got reduced-price lunches worth more than \$1,700 for his children, he also helped district employees fudge their applications to

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and show their sup-

port," said Memory

Walk Coordinator Rick

Stovall. "People can

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Walk is about raising

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is a progressive brain

disorder that gradu-

ally destroys a person's

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activities. As Alzheimer

's progresses, individu-

als may also experience

changes in personality

and behavior, such as

anxiety, suspiciousness

or agitation, as well as

delusions or hallucina-

we can ignore," Stovall

said. "This disease is

just as deadly as some

This isn't something

ceremonies at 9 a.m.

Associa-

get more than \$9,000 worth of free or reduced-price lunches, police said.

Capt. Bret Waggoner, who heads the organized crime unit, said his troopers have investigated school lunch frauds before but never one in which someone tried to pass off a dog as a family member.

"No, I've never encountered that," Waggoner said. Ringgold Superintendent Gary J.

Hamilton called the case "very upsetting, very disturbing." About 40 percent of the district's

3,100 students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, Hamilton said. Their parents fill out applications that take into account their income and family size in determining whether they qualify for the aid, he said. "A lot of people need what they

need, and we encourage our citizens to apply, you know, because people are losing their jobs," Hamilton said. "When people are making a mockery out of it, it doesn't sit well with me or the community."

Police said the thefts occurred from August 2007 until November, when they were brought to the attention of the school district. Hamilton said he conducted an internal investigation and had an audit performed and turned the results over to the Washington County district attorney and the state police.

Hamilton said Paulick, 36, no longer works for Nutrition Inc., of West Newton, where a company spokesman did not immediately return a call for com-

types of cancer."

According to informa-

tion provided by the Al-

zheimer's Association,

the number of people

suffering from Alzheim-

er's disease and other

types of dementias is

expected to skyrocket in

the coming years. Cur-

rent estimates indicate

more than 340,000 Tex-

ans already suffer from

the disease, with num-

bers expected to go as

"The day of the Mem-

ory Walk, we encourage

people to bring their

children but please be

sure they are super-

vised and bring your

dogs on a leash," Stovall

said. "Also, we want to

encourage everyone to

port legislation called

'The Alzheimer's Break-

high as 470,000 by 2025.

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because it's the most visible venue," Miller said. "It's the best place for us to promote the sport. The planes we use on the water are considerably smaller than some of the planes we fly out at the old Howard County Airport, but it gives us a chance to try to attract new members to the association."

Miller said a decline in membership over the past several years has BSMA officials looking for a new way to attract young aviation enthusiasts to the sport. "We're losing a lot of

our older model aircraft pilots, and we're just not seeing the interest from the younger age group,' he said. "I believe part of the problem is the advance in the electronic age. Kids can get on their gaming system and pilot these types of aircraft, and some of these programs are fairly similar to actual flying. Unfortunately, it doesn't give the younger generation the chance to learn how to build and maintain these model aircraft. They simply hit the re-

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"I think another reason we're seeing a decline in interest from younger people is just the advancement of aircraft technology in the past 30 years. Back in the 1980s, I can remember looking at these model aircraft and just wondered how were able to do what they did. Now, however, I don't think there's that level of mystery to the whole thing."

will be held at Comanche Trail Park near the Dora Roberts Community Center and is expected to take to the skies of the park from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday — will offer model aircraft pilots and enthusiasts the chance to take off from the waters of the city's municipal lake.

The event — which

And though the spectacle of radio controlled aircraft is a big draw, Miller said the food available at noon both days — also brings its fair share of people to the lake's shore.

"Robert Walker will once again be cooking brisket," Miller said. "We'll offer that, along with potato salad and

treating and caring for

Alzheimer's patients,

with an estimated 10.9

million unpaid caregiv-

Stovall said area resi-

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Started in early 1990s longtime BSMA member and advocate Don McKinney, the event was named in his honor. McKinney, who served 36 years on the Howard College Board of Trustees, passed away in December 2009.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

died Monday. Funeral Services were at 11 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Yolanda L. Juarez, 70, died Thursday. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 Saturday a.m.. Primera Iglesia Bautista Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial

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ter after the game and conclude at midnight. Admission is free.

Grady homecoming also this weekend

LENORAH — Grady High School's 2010 homecoming celebration will culminate with the crowning of the homecoming queen during halftime of the

Wildcats' game with Midland Trinity this evening.

Students have celebrated homecoming week with differently themed dress-up days, but events will reach a crescendo today.

A fajita dinner, sponsored by the sophomore class, will be held at the school cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until game time, then will resume after the game concludes. Cost is \$6.50 for a small plate and \$8.50 for a large plate.

Four GHS students have been named finalist for homecoming queen honors. They are: Senior Julia Schuelke, daughter of Kenneth and Patty Schuelke; senior Chelsey Huntk, daughter of Lance and Regina Hunt; junior Kelly Cook, daughter of Ronnie and Jane Cook; and junior Abby Hanson, daughter of Matt Hanson and Jamie and Shanna Coloyd.

Activities conclude with a homecoming dance for current and former students at the high school gym after the game. Cost is \$7 per person.

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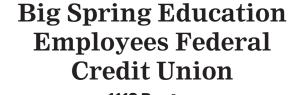
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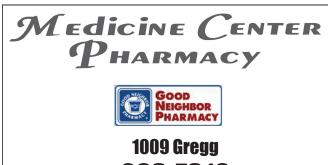




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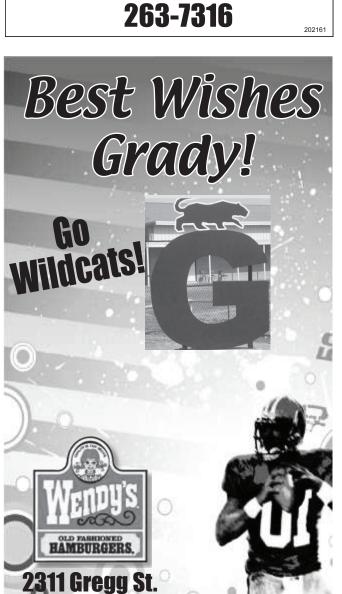




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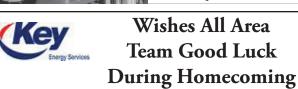






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Elbow Elementary Principal Madge Patterson, right, receives an award from the Texas Education Agency recognizing the school as an exemplary campus based on TEA's latest accountability ratings. Making the presentation is Lewis Boeker, vice president of the Forsan Independent School District **Board of Trustees.**



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback Forsan Junior High/High School Principal Keith Stone, right, receives an

award from the Texas Education Agency recognizing the school as an recognized campus based on TEA's latest accountability ratings. Making the presentation is Lewis Boeker, vice president of the Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Afghans urged to vote, ignore Taliban

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan Presi-Hamid Karzai urged citizens to vote in Saturday's parliamentary election despite fears of violence and threats from the Taliban warning people not to leave their homes.

Police set up extra checkpoints across Afghanistan on Friday to search for suicide bombers and insurgents ahead of the election that will test the government's ability to hold legitimate elections after last year's disastrous presidential vote.

"Tomorrow's election is very important," Karzai told reporters. "I hope that all our people in all corners of the country, in any village will go to the polling centers and to vote for their favorite candidate."

The international coalition supporting Afghanistan with 140,000 troops and billions of dollars will be watching to see if the election will be safe and fair and not a repeat of the fraud-marred presidential vote in August 2009 that nearly undermined Karzai's credibility with his international back-

About 2,500 candidates are vying for 249 parliamentary seats allocated among the 34 provinces according to popula-

Results of the voting for the relatively weak legislature are unlikely to affect Karzai's administration. However, the elections will be an indicator of the strength of the insurgency as NATO and Afghan forces work to secure polling stations in volatile areas.

Taliban threats some announced reporters, some whispered in mosques, some written on leaflets left around town - have increased in the days leading up to the vote, even as the insurgent group has reportedly quietly backed candidates in some provinces.

NATO's senior civilian representative, Mark Sedwill, said the Taliban face a dilemma.

"They talk about the purpose of their insurgency being to get rid of international forces from the country," Sedwill said. "Well, these elections are not about the international forces. These elections are about the Afghans themselves."

In the eastern province of Khost, police said mosques were blanketed with leaflets overnight promising a violent vote. "The people of Khost

should not go to the voting centers. If anyone goes, we will punish them," the notes said, according to provincial police Chief Abdul Hakim Isaqzai. The same message

was written on leaflets the Taliban were passing out in Kandahar.

Asked what message he wanted to give to the

Taliban, Karzai replied: "Those Taliban, who are sons of Afghanistan, are Muslim. They should serve their country and participate, and build their country and build stability."

Afghan security forces patrolled the mountains and hills that circle Kabultopreventinsurgents from setting up rocketfiring points, Deputy Police Chief Khalilullah Dastyar said. Police used bomb-sniffing dogs while searching every car heading along main roads into the city.

"Also at all the voting centers, police are already deployed," Dastyar said.

The streets were relatively empty as is typical for a Friday, which is not a working day in Afghanistan.

In volatile Kunar prov-

ince in the northeast, police said they have not been able to deploy soldiers to remote areas but have set up checkpoints on the roads into the provincial capital. They are stopping vehicles and questioning anyone wearing a burqa the full-body robe often worn by Afghan women in conservative

Insurgents previously have hidden under burgas to get past checkpoints.

"We are talking to anyone with a burqa to make sure it's actually a woman," said Khalilullah Zaiyi, the provincial police chief.

Flying high, Palin's next stop: lowa

The former Alaska governor and 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee is on a roll: Her political endorsements have helped propel a number of upstart Republican contenders to victory in recent primaries, including a double win Tuesday in Delaware and New Hampshire. Her cable TV show makes its debut in November. And now she's off to the state that's made and broken more than its share of presidential campaigns.

Palin will be the big draw at Friday's Reagan Dinner in Des Moines,

MOINES, the Iowa Republican percent of the vote. one's mind is whether she'll run for president in 2012.

Iowa, home to the nation's leadoff presidential caucuses, can be tough terrain for celebrity candidates. Those who try to ride their fame to victory in Iowa without organizing a grass-roots campaign often find themselves on the outs.

Remember John Glenn? The former astronaut and senator drew huge crowds and intense attention here when he sought the Democratic nomination in 1984 — and got just 4

Glenn the Democrat running for president," said veteran Republican

strategist Eric Woolson. Ifsheruns, Palin would start with strong appeal among the social and religious conservatives who play a crucial role in Iowa's Republican politics. But that appeal wouldn't necessarily last if it's not backed up by a strong effort to reach out to caucus voters, said Steve Scheffler, head of the Christian Alliance.

"The track to success in Iowa is slogging around all of the small towns in bad weather

and sleeping in down-Iowa (AP) — Forget Party's biggest fund- "They were coming scale motels because Rogue," was a best- November on cable TV's Disneyland. Sarah raiser. The question out to see John Glenn that's the best in town," seller. Her new book, TLC is "Sarah Palin's Palin's going to Iowa. that will be on every- the astronaut, not John said Rich Galen, a GOP "America by Heart: Alaska." Mark Burnett, strategist based in Washington. "That certainly doesn't seem to fit the Palin theory of how to conduct her life."

A Palin candidacy also would test Iowa's glass ceiling. Just ask Hillary Rodham Clinton, who came in third in the 2008 caucuses, how tough the state can be for a woman. Iowa is one of two states — Mississippi is the other — that's never sent a woman to Congress or elected a woman governor.

Palin is far from alone in taking early steps to court Iowa activists. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich has made multiple trips to the state, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty has put a staff memin Iowa and for-Massachusetts Mitt Romney, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania all have visits in the works.

Palin has been coy about her presidential intentions and masterful at keeping her name in the news since she abruptly resigned as Alaska's governor in 2009. She's mixed political fundraisers and candidates' campaign events with speeches in which she commands

fees as high as \$100,000.

Her memoir, "Going poses. Coming up in Reflections on Family, Faith and Flag," will be published in December.

Her favorable ratings have been slipping all year, in recent weeks dropping below 40 percent for the first time, in the latest Associated Press-Gfk poll. Forty percent now have a very unfavorable rating of Palin. But among Republicans, about twothirds give her positive marks and one-third view her very favorably.

Fresh off two big wins by candidates who got her blessings in Tuesday's primaries, Palin this week called the Republican "political machine" to put aside differences within the party and home in on Democrats, whom she said have "weakened leftist party." Palin, whose Twitter

and Facebook pages are required reading in political circles, also took some jabs at the media for all the interest in her wardrobe and gestures rather than her

"According to the media," she said, "I was plucked from obscurity while staring at Russia from my house." Not that Palin is

averse to using the

media for her own pur-

who created reality TV's "Apprentice" series, describes this new project as "a really nonpolitical show, a show about Alaskan adventure." A nonpolitical show that, no doubt, will only boost Palin's political visibility. It will only

Iowa strategist Mark Daley, who worked for Hillary Clinton's campaign, said the lesson from the 2008 caucus campaign is that Iowa is all about grass-roots

take her so far in Iowa,

organizing. "There's definitely no question that while rock star status helps you draw a crowd, you're going to have to go to the Pizza Ranch in Algona," said Daley. "Voters take a very long time to make up their mind and they expect to meet with the candidates because they have for decades."

Richard Schwarm, former chair of the state Republican Party, said Palin's celebrity status does help.

"A lot of people have to work hard to get the media to pay attention, to get the precinct captain to take you seriously," said Schwarm. "It gets your foot in the door to get that attention, but it's a long pro-



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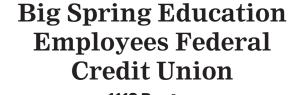
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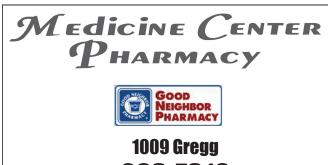




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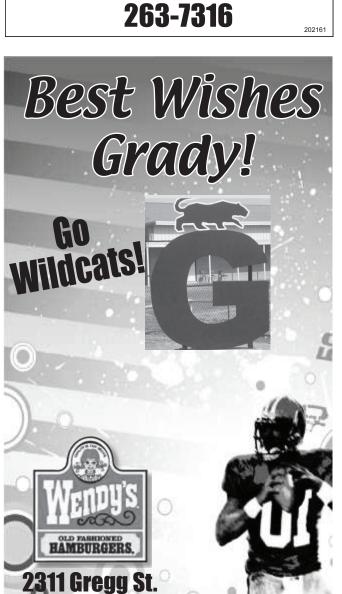




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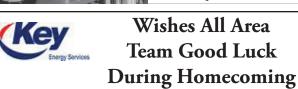






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News in brief

Pope visits Catholic schools in Britain before key meeting with head of Anglican church LONDON (AP) — Thousands of cheering Catho-

lic schoolchildren feted Pope Benedict XVI on his second day in Britain on Friday, offering a boisterous welcome even as the pontiff urged their teachers to make sure to provide a trusting, safe environ-

It was the second time in as many days that Benedict had referred to the church sex abuse scandal, following his acknowledgment Thursday that the Roman Catholic Church had failed to act quickly or decisively enough to remove pedophile priests from ministry.

Polls in Britain indicate widespread dissatisfaction with the way Benedict has handled the sex abuse scandal, with Catholics nearly as critical of the pope as the rest of the population. Benedict's four-day visit to the U.K. has been clouded by the abuse scandal, as well as by opposition to many of his policies and widespread indifference to his presence in this deeply secular country.

Catholics are a minority in Britain at 10 percent, and until the early 19th century, they endured harsh persecution and discrimination and were even killed for their faith. King Henry VIII broke with Rome in the 16th century after he was denied a marriage annulment.

Benedict was to meet with the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams later Friday amid new tensions between the Anglican and Catholic churches and celebrate an ecumenical service in Westminster Abby.

Chechen separatist Zakayev wanted in Russia arrested while attending conference in Poland WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A senior Chechen sepa-

ratist wanted in Russia for alleged murder, kidnapping and terrorism was arrested Friday in Poland where he was to attend a conference organized by the World Chechen Congress, police said. A representative of Chechen rebels denied

Akhmed Zakayev had been arrested, saying he had turned himself in. Zakayev and his supporters have said the Russian allegations are trumped-up. He has said he represents the political faction of Chechnya's separatist movement, and has no connection to the military wing spearheading the region's insurgency. "He has not been arrested but he went, at his own

initiative, to the prosecutor's office to find out what they want from him," said Osman Ferzaouli, who is based in Denmark but was in Warsaw to attend the conference on trying to develop a concept to stop the Russian-Chechen conflict. At Russia's request, international police agency

Interpol had put out a "red notice" on Zakayev the equivalent of putting him on its most-wanted list. It said the 51-year-old activist, who now lives in London, is wanted in Russia for "crimes against life and health, attempted crimes against life and health, kidnapping, organized crime, transnational crime and terrorism."

Chechnya, along with neighboring regions in Russia's North Caucasus, has been wracked with violence following two Chechen separatist wars over the last 15 years, and Islamic militants launch frequent attacks on the region's authorities.

SEC proposing new rules to tighten banks' disclosure of debt levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are set to propose new rules that could make it harder for financial firms to disguise their level of debt.

The expanded disclosure requirements would apply to banks' practice of temporarily trimming their debt at the end of quarters to make their financial statements appear stronger. The practice is legal but regulators say it can give investors a distorted picture of a bank's debt and level of risk. Lehman Brothers used so-called repurchase

agreements as an accounting trick in the months before its collapse into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history two years ago. The demise of the Wall Street titan triggered a panic in financial markets. Lehman had put together complex transactions

that allowed the firm to sell billions in mortgage securities at the end of a quarter — wiping them off its balance sheet when regulators and shareholders were examining it — and then to quickly buy them back. The repurchase agreements, detailed in a report issued in March by a court-appointed examiner, were known as Repo 105. The Securities and Exchange Commission is ex-

pected to propose the new rules and open them to public comment at a meeting on Friday. They could be formally adopted sometime later, possibly with

Obama to announce Wall Street critic Elizabeth Warren for powerful new consumer post Friday

is making it official Friday: Wall Street critic Elizabeth Warren will be a special adviser overseeing the creation of a new consumer protection bureau with vast powers to enforce regulations covering mortgages, credit cards and other financial products.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama

Warren, a 61-year-old Harvard University professor who describes herself as "not a Washington person," will be given the job of starting up the consumer bureau that was established in the financial regulatory bill Obama signed into law earlier this year. The new bureau will consolidate consumer protection duties now spread across various regulatory agencies.

She will report to both the president and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

Because she is not being named the bureau's permanent director, Warren is not subject to Senate confirmation and can assume her duties immediately. Her frequent criticism of Wall Street and lack of support in the financial industry could have set the stage for contentious Senate hearings that may have derailed her nomination.

Warren designed the advisory role during long conversations with White House officials, a person familiar with her thinking said. Both sides were pleased with the arrangement, said the person, who insisted on anonymity to discuss private conversations.

Consumer prices rise 0.3 percent in August

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices posted a small rise in August, but outside of a big jump in volatile gasoline prices, inflation was essentially

Consumer prices edged up 0.3 percent in August, matching the July increase, the Labor Department said Friday. Core inflation, which excludes food and energy, showed no increase in August.

The 2007-2009 recession and the weak recovery since have banished inflation as an immediate threat. Sluggish demand is preventing most businesses from raising prices and high unemployment is keeping a lid on wage pressures.

Over the past 12 months, core inflation is up just 0.9 percent, matching the lowest 12-month gain in 44 years. Overall prices are up a modest 1.1 percent

during the past 12 months.

The absence of inflationary pressures has given the Federal Reserve room to keep interest rates at record lows for nearly two years in an effort to jump-start economic activity. Fed policymakers meet again on Tuesday and are expected to keep their target for the federal funds rate at zero to 0.25 percent, where it has been since December 2008.

The August and July increases followed three straight months of price declines. Those declines had raised concerns that the country could be facing a threat of deflation, something that has not been a problem in the United States since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Distraught son shoots elderly mother's surgeon at Johns Hopkins, then kills her, himself BALTIMORE (AP) — Paul Warren Pardus lis-

who likely would never walk again. Overwhelmed, he pulled a gun from his waistband, wounded the doctor, then barricaded himself in his 84-year-old mother's hospital room before killing her and himself, authorities said. "I guess he just couldn't bear to see her the way

tened as a Johns Hopkins Hospital surgeon up-

dated him on the condition of his elderly mother

she was," said Pardus' brother 59-year-old Alvin Gibson.

The doctor, identified by colleagues as orthopedic surgeon David B. Cohen, was shot in the abdomen and collapsed Thursday afternoon outside the eighth-floor room where Pardus' mother was being treated. He was expected to survive.

Jean Davis was being crippled by arthritis and rheumatism and had surgery last week at the world-renowned cancer hospital, but it didn't go well, said Gibson of Remington, Va. It was unclear what sort of operation was performed.

Pardus holed up in the room in a more than twohour standoff that led authorities to lock down a small section of the Nelson Building while allowing the rest of the sprawling red-brick medical complex — a cluster of hospital, research and education buildings — to remain open.

When officers made their way into the room, they found Pardus and his mother shot to death, he on the floor, she in her bed.

AP Interview: U.S. face transplant recipient recovers from final surgery, urges organ donation

CLEVELAND (AP) — There is an initial shock upon first glance at Connie Culp, the woman who received the nation's first face transplant nearly two years ago. She taps her way through the hospital waiting room, feeling along the floor with a cane and smiling hesitantly at a visitor, even though she can only make out shadows and shapes.

Her face is wide and square-jawed. It is altogether too large for her diminutive frame, and therein lies the jolt of surprise: Up close, it's clear that this face does not belong to that body.

Her nose is long and straight. Her skin is creamcolored and smooth. She's wearing a soft gray shirt with a rhinestone brooch pinned to the collar. Ever since her husband shot her in the face in 2004, Culp doesn't concern herself with what other people think of her appearance.

"It don't matter what you look like, somebody's gonna find fault with you," she says, waving a hand dismissively.

Life is on the upswing for Culp, 47, who underwent her final surgery in July. In an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday at the Cleveland Clinic, Culp discussed her plans to become an advocate for organ donation.

Hurricane Karl takes aim at Mexican gulf coast

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Karl grew with surprising speed into a powerful Category 3 storm Friday, prompting closure of Gulf of Mexico oil facilities, and forecasters said the storm could strengthen further before hitting near the country's largest power plant. Karl's maximum sus-

tained winds already were near 120 mph (195 kph) Friday morning, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. State-owned Petroleos

Mexicanos closed 14 production wells in the northern part of Veracruz state and evacuated workers from some oil platforms, the company said in a statement late Thursday. The storm's track

would carry it close to the Mexico's largest power plant — and only nuclear generator — at Laguna Verde. It would then roar into the mountainous, floodprone region where a

storm killed more than river levels again, just

300 people in 1999, most in landslides.

The Mexican government issued a hurricane warning for a 186-mile (300-kilometer) stretch of coast in Veracruz state, stretching northward from the city of the same name.

On its predicted path, Karl could make landfall between the port of Veracruz and the oil hub of Poza Rica. Authorities in Ve-

racruz state — whose southern half has suffered severe flooding over the past few weeks braced for a hit, preparing sleeping mats,

bottled water and other supplies for anyone taking refuge in shelters. Workers in Veracruz city cut dangerous tree limbs that could become flying debris. About 80,000 people

have had their homes damaged and nine people have been killed in flooding from heavy rains in southern Veracruz since Aug. 19. Officials expressed concern Karl could raise as some residents are Poza Rica, fishermen thinking of returning to their homes.

In the beach town of Tecolutla, just south of

and operators of small tour boats began pulling their craft out of the water.

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By Steve Becker **Bidding Quiz**

club implies not only longer clubs but extra values — and that is exactly

what you have after partner responds

The alternative bids are two spades

and three clubs, but they do not rep-

resent the hand quite as well as two

3. Four diamonds. You should

have a diamond slam firmly in mind, but it is best to bid only four dia-

monds at this point to clarify your

intentions and to allow partner room

to maneuver. Blackwood is not desirable when you are void in a suit,

since partner's response would not

tell you how far to go if you used it.

If partner bids five diamonds over

better call available. Bidding two You have the following hand, diamonds after having opened one

both sides vulnerable: ♠ K95 ♥ ♠ AJ87 ♣ AQ10863. 1. You bid One Club, and partner responds One Heart. What would

you bid now? 2. You bid One Club, and partner responds One Spade. What would you bid now?

3. Partner bids One Diamond, and you respond Three Clubs. Partner bids Three Diamonds. What would you bid now'

4. Partner bids One Spade, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

1. Two clubs. This was a promising hand until partner responded one heart; now much of the glamour has disappeared. Being void in a suit can greatly improve the value of a hand, but not when the void is in partner's The heart response portends poten-

tial danger ahead, so your best move at this point is to bid two clubs to indicate a minimum opening. Later inal promise of your hand, but until a

bids by partner may restore the origfit is found you must tread gingerly. 2. Two diamonds. There is some question as to whether your limited high-card values justify this bid

(known as a reverse), but there is no

four, you plan to carry on to six. 4. Three clubs. There are two possibilities here. One is to make an immediate cuebid of three hearts to

one spade.

diamonds does

show your void and in that way suggest slam. The other is to bid three clubs, planning to cuebid hearts on the next round. Of the two, bidding the clubs first would seem to make more sense. One reason is that a direct cuebid

might result in permanently suppressing your excellent club suit; another reason is that an immediate cuebid would suggest better spade support than the K-9-x.

Tomorrow: A sleight-of-hand trick.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The practical Capricorn mostly and the hardworking Virgo sun do not encourage us to laze around with our heads in the clouds. That is, unless there is a useful purpose for this dreaming, which there definitely is. In preparing tomorrow's for peak conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus, hopes and wishes may indeed be the most useful

of

all. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Forgiveness and compassion are becoming a

entities

of

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regular part your emotional

repertoire. Keep this up, and healthy relationships will be the only kind you will be capable of having.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You just want what's best for your loved one, and your loved one feels the same. That's why you don't feel the need to be in control or right. There is no power struggle. Love rules in this relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is spectacular beauty in the bits of nature around you. You'll find peace in the gorgeous Mandala that is a spider web. You'll feel the grace of leaves and dance to the music in the rain.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to do all the work. Your part may be quite small —

Dear Annie: I am

having problems with my

neighbor "Sarah," who I

used to consider a good

A year ago, she began

sending my husband text

messages. They started out

innocently, but then she

implying

wanted "Ed" to have an

I was extremely hurt

and angry. I know she and

her husband were having

some difficulties, and I

think she was looking for

Sarah sent me an

apology via e-mail, but

otherwise hasn't spoken

about it. Ed told her to

stop texting, but she still

sends him an occasional

message, although they

I feel it is totally

inappropriate for her to

text him at all. Ed does not

respond to the messages,

hoping she will stop, but

he's about ready to change

The tricky part is that

my children are friendly

with Sarah's. I have seen

her a handful of times

when the kids were

playing outside, and we've

said hello, but that's about

it. I no longer feel

The irony is that Sarah

seems angry at us because

our friendship is not the

same. She seems to believe

the past is water under the

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comfortable around her.

his cell number.

are no longer suggestive.

friend.

began

attention.

affair with her.

about maintaining an attitude. Your willingness is like a sail that you hoist, and the wind does all the work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a fine line between being a great PR person and being a troublemaker. Both require you to be good at drawing attention, which you certainly are. You'll cause a racket, and the noise makes everyone look

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a strong part of you that yearns to do good deeds. Sometimes it longs for much more than is possible. Even if you fall short of what you'd like to give, your contribution will appreciated. Indeed, it will change the world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have fans in the sidelines you do not even know about. They are waiting for the right moment to make their interest in you known. They have been entertained by you and can't wait to see what you will do next.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your assembly of random items and bits of information is nothing brilliant. short of Innocent bystanders will believe you to magical. It's as though you have pulled your work out of thin air.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trying to control your thoughts today might seem as impossible as taming the ocean tides. But you can definitely learn your mental patterns and

guide the natural flow of your mind to positive effect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When someone offers to help you, just say "yes." This simple directive is not so easy for you to carry out. You are so used to proving your independence at every juncture. But drop all that for now. Take the help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will love being out and about, and when you wear your lucky outfit, you'll love it even more. Looking your best is just one of the many things you can do today to better enjoy your sources of happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not that you try on purpose to buck the odds. It's just that you don't know the odds. You can only see what is logical and possible from your point of view. Statistics do not enter into that equation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 17). You've already done the hard work. Now spread your wings and let the wind carry you where you want to go. A financial bonus comes next month. Professional success springs from the fact that you appreciate people for the qualities they possess and do not mourn for the ones they lack. Wedding bells ring April. Libra and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 44, 31 and 18.

WEEKEND **FORECAST:**

ARIES: Your attraction secret for the weekend: Look inward more than outward. Contributing to the happiness of those you love might be hard work for you, but at least in the end you get to share that happiness. GEMINI: You can protect your right to do as you please in a way that doesn't offend or put another person out. CANCER: Enthusiasm is the key to making stellar finds a impression. It takes confidence to emote publicly! LEO: Give your loved one props. If there is no apparent reason to do so, invent one. VIRGO: Your observations about love are right on the money, though you still need to be careful of whom you share them with and how. LIBRA: You don't need to ride the high rollercoaster bungee jump to feel powerfully alive. Love is thrill. vour great SCORPIO: Your protective instinct is strong now, and loved ones feel safe near you. SAGITTARIUS: It has been proved that laughter promotes healing, and it can do the same for an ailing relationship. CAPRICORN: When you talk about your loved ones, you will put them

TAURUS: in the best possible light. AQUARIUS: You will see things as your loved one sees them. PISCES: You may not care, but it's nice when you find out that a loved one's friends think the world of you.

COUPLE OF **WEEKEND:** Sagittarius and Virgo have different styles of communicating — one reason Sagittarius Virgo fascinating. The methodical structure and careful planning that go into Virgo's daily life are also a source wonderment for spur-ofthe-moment Sagittarius. And when Sagittarius whisks Virgo into an unexpected adventure this weekend, it will be a memorable highlight for both signs.

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DEAR MARGO: by Margo Howard

And They Lived Happily Ever After

Dear Margo: I'm a professional in the health care field. I have worked with a certain woman for more than 10 years.

has always She described her family life living with boyfriend and his two

children. All of our co-workers

think she adopted these children after his wife supposedly abandoned them when the youngest was an infant.

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She speaks openly of her family life on a daily basis.

Recently, I found out that my husband has

known her boyfriend for many years. We never put two and two together because he never spoke of having a girlfriend who worked in

the same facility I did. My husband said her boyfriend left his wife a year ago and the two children live with their mother.

It was shocking at first, remembering all the stories she has told over the years. I now know she's been lying about her whole life for 10

years.

Listening to her stories is driving me crazy now that I know they are false. She's not only been lying about adopting and living with the children and her boyfriend, but also about how old they are, where they go to school and how many dogs she has.

Presently, she is and the pregnant, boyfriend is not happy about it. (He is almost 20 years older than she, and his children are grown.)

My question is: Should I approach her with this information? Should I tell my co-workers we are working with someone who is certifiably crazy? Sitting on a Lot of

Information

Dear Sit: She is not certifiably crazy; she is either a pathological liar or trying to put herself in a life she is pretending to have. (For one thing, it makes no sense that she

could adopt the children, not being married to the

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Here's what I would do: I would say to the woman with the imagined life that it turns out that your husband has known her boyfriend for many years.

And say no more. This might tone down all the "reports." As for the coworkers, the kind thing to do would be to not rat her out.

However, I also believe that no one owes anyone else silence about lies, so do what your gut tells you. Margo, fantastically

Riding Around with Evel Knievel

Dear Margo: My best friend, whom I love is a terrible dearly, driver!

Riding with her on the freeway scares me to death. She drives a minivan and feels she can weave in and out of traffic just because her "car can handle it."

Just the other day, her family and I were coming back from a road trip, and she almost killed us at least four times.

I told her that her driving induces panic attacks, but she still drives the same way, even with her 6-year-old son in the car. How do I get through to her? — Terrified Passenger

Dear Terr: Sorry to break the news to you, but neither you nor anyone else can get through to her.

She's a daredevil with a death wish, or she's just stupid plain erroneously believing her car can protect her. I suggest you refuse to ride with her.

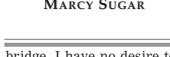
Riding with dangerous driver is not worth panic attacks, injury or death. Margo, confidently

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bridge. I have no desire to be friends any longer and don't feel I can trust her. Am I being too harsh? –

Dear Annoyed: culpability and inappropriately maintaining

with contact your husband.

She is not a friend. Avoiding her would be difficult, however. Instead, you and Ed should tell her, together, that her behavior disgraceful was and forgiveness is not possible as long as she continues to text him. Tell her to stop immediately. No excuses will be accepted.

seems I'm his only friend.

Every time I'm on Facebook, he's there. I've ignored my account in order to avoid him, but

I wouldn't mind much, but he likes to turn everything into a political argument, and he

back on my own social networking in order to avoid another drawn-out "Unfriending" him isn't a good option because when he isn't arguing with me, he's a decent guy and I'd

I just don't want my

Annie's Mailbox ® his keyboard. How do I solve this with the least amount of backfire? Getting Too Much Dear Too Much: Try

ignoring the political

rants. Change the subject. It's hard to fight with someone who replies, "Yeah, whatever, about them Yankees?" More importantly, you

are not obligated to be his friend and allow him to hijack your Facebook page. Tell him that if he continues to insult you, you will be forced to

unfriend him. Then, when

vou've had enough, at least

he will know why.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Not Always Greener," who adopted and searched for her birth mother. I am 54 and was adopted. I've been asked many times if I am curious about my birth parents. Yes, of course. I

know they were married

but could not care for a

child at the time. I would not, in any way, compromise the feelings of my devoted, nurturing parents in order to satisfy a selfish urge on my part. Likewise, I am respectful of the choice that my birth parents made and will not attempt to contact them.

Medical history, however, is a blank record. Is there a way I could get that information without disturbing anyone? Doubly Loved

Dear Loved: Your state may allow access to your adoption records, which should contain some basic medical history. Contact the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (http://www.adoption.org/a dopt/national-adoptioninformation-

clearinghouse.php), 330 C Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20447.

Mailbox is Annie's written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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Annoyed Neighbor

Sarah has betrayed your trust and dismissed her separate

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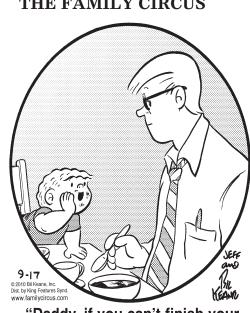
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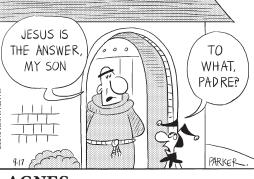


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Today's Highlight History: On Sept. 17, 1862, in the

bloodiest battle day in U.S. history, Union forces fought Confederate invaders in the Civil War Battle of Antietam (an-TEE'-tum) in Maryland; more than 3,600 men were killed.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1920, the American Professional Football Association — a precursor of the National Football League was formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World

War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault. In 1944, during World War II,

Allied paratroopers launched

Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were beaten back by the Germans.) In 1948, the United Nations mediator for Palestine, Count

Folke Bernadotte (FAWL'-keh

bayr-nah-DAWT'), was assassi-

nated in Jerusalem by Jewish

extremists. In 1949, more than 120 people died when fire gutted the Canadian passenger steamship SS Noronic at a pier in Toronto.

In 1959, groundbreaking took place for Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1980, former Nicaraguan president Anastasio Somoza (suh-MOH'-sah) was assassinated in Paraguay.

1984, Progressive In Conservative leader Brian

Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee) took office as Canada's 18th prime minister.

Today's Birthdays: Pro Football Hall of Famer George Blanda is 83. Actor David Huddleston is 80. Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) is 77. Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 71. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 71. Retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 67. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson is 65. Singer Fee Waybill is 60. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 59. Comedian Rita Rudner is 57. Muppeteer Kevin Clash is 50. Movie director Baz Luhrmann is 48. Singer BeBe Winans is 48.

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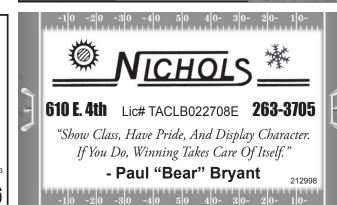
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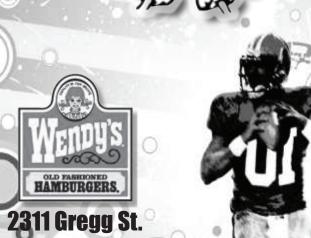
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Church News

Daily Grind with God Coffee Hour

Anvone interested in good coffee and good conversation is invited to participate in 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.

First United Methodist

Last Sunday morning found folks of all ages giving rave reviews in response to their first look at the newly renovated and redecorated youth area in the Partee Building. Innovative wall decorations, as well as bright new furnishings and electronics, created the most extravagant response of all from the youth, "Way Cool!"

Thanks to Brad Mikiska, Noel and Brenna Hoff, Stacy Barr and their crew of helpers for a job well done.

And there are still lots of compliments going round regarding the beautiful new Sunday School rooms on the third floor. The children are delighted with both the rooms, teachers and new curriculum. Kids talking about Sunday School all week is a wonderful recommendation.

This Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will be bringing the message at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship. Our music director, Eddie Vandewalker will have special music featuring the chancel choir.

All church officers and committees are reminded of the Charge Conference on Sept. 30. Confirmation classes begin Sun-

day. Lunch and Learn classes for those interested in knowing more about the Methodist Church will be held Sunday and Sept. 26. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Preparations for the Lord's Acre are quickly mounting. There is a freezer in the Garrett Hall kitchen ready for your baked goods. Items for the silent and live auctions are being accepted and temporarily placed in the Hats Room. And Haves Stripling is selling tickets to lunch to be served at noon Oct. 2. Get your tickets early.

If you are unable to attend worship services in person, tune in our radio broadcasts. The 8:30 a.m. service is broadcast in Spanish over KBYG-AM 1400, while the 10:50 a.m. service can be heard over KBST-FM 95.7.

Join us; we're at Fourth and Scurry in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

First Church of the Nazarene

What a great time of year this is! The weather is cooler, football is in full swing and the kids are back in school. God's grace is all around us as we begin to settle down from the busy summer months.

We hope you will join us in our exploration of God's amazing grace. We have services and weekly classes available.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Adventure Bay sets sail in the fellowship hall for grades 2-6 and Critter Land for those in the second grade to 4 years old is in the kindergarten room. The Critter Land Nursery, ages 3 and under, starts at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday evenings, join us for Leadership class, and, beginning in October, "Each One, Disciple One" class will begin for new Christians.

Wednesday evenings, a meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 with groups meeting in various classrooms at 6:30. Children and youth classes are

offered for all ages.

We hope you will find First Church of the Nazarene a kind, compassionate, humble place of true worship.

For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can also visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org and view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

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 ser-Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. The

youth are led by Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams. The adult discussion will be taken from the Book of Exodus, chapter 32:1-10. The discussion is entitled, "God vs. gods," and will be led by Bill Lovelace. Bible study is held the first and third

Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. and we are now studying the Book of

The United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 4;30 p.m. and are continuing their study on "Do What You Have the Power to Do." This study is on the unnamed women in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and is led by Madeline Boadle.

There will be an Administrative Council meeting Sunday to finalize reports for the Charge Conference at 7 p.m. Sept. 28. District Superintendent Rev. Derrell Patterson, will be leader. All members are urged to attend.

Angel Food distribution will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane, welcomes all persons who wish to study and serve the Lord. For more information, call 267-2203 or 263-2536.

First Presbyterian, **Big Spring** The Lectionary Bible study met

this week at 5:17 p.m. in the church library; choir practice was at 6 p.m.

Pam Morgan will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning; Rip Patterson is liturgist for September.

The church picnic last Saturday and barbecue lunch last Sunday were a resounding success.

The youth group had its first Wednesday meeting 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 at First Christian, where they will meet this month. In October, the group will meet at St. Mary's, and in November, the host church will be First Presbyterian. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in October for those who will volunteer to furnish meals.

A fall session of "Reading the Bible in 90 Days" began last Thursday and will continue at 7 p.m. on Thursdays through November, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt. The class is still open and make-up/catch-up is possible.

Presbyterian Women from Crossroads and Creation Clusters, which includes Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Midland, Monahans, Odessa and Seminole, are invited to gather at First Presbyterian, Midland, at 9 a.m. Saturday for study and lunch. Mary Lou Casidy will review the book "Forever Emily" and Helen Glass will present an overview of the Revelation Bible Study.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-7; and Luke 16:1-13. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir offers the anthem "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace" by Samuel Wesley and during the offertory "When in our Music God Is Glorified" by Charles F. Stanford.

If you cannot attend, listen in on KBST-AM 1490 at 11 a.m. You may also see what's happening by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org.

You can't beat the person who just won't give up

While few people today may recognize the name of George Herman Ruth, Jr., even those of us who aren't really

sports enthusiasts have heard of Babe Ruth, whose name has become onymous with

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baseball. Ruth, one of the first five players elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, was also known as the greatest baseball player in history. His charming personality and batting skill increased the popularity of baseball during the era of American history known as the "Roaring Twenties".

Although Babe Ruth's philosophy about playing baseball didn't always carry over into his lifestyle, he left a legacy of winning advice. Known as a big swinger, both on and off the baseball field, the left-handed batter and pitcher can be quoted as having said, "You just can't beat the person who won't give up," and "Don't let the fear of striking out hold you back." However, the base-

ball giant who hit a total of 714 home runs in his career with the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, and Boston Braves kept in touch with reality. He warned his fellow players to never believe all that was written about them and never pick up too many checks. He also had some hardhitting words for them. "Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games," he cautioned.

While history books record the accomplishments of great athletes such as Babe Ruth, the Bible tells us about other great men with winning attitudes. Although he didn't have the physical stature of an athlete, the apostle Paul often spoke with words about competition. He used phrases such as running the

race and fighting the good fight. Always promoting endurance, he encouraged his followers to press on toward their goal in order to win the prize that awaited them.

The unidentified author of Hebrews also recognized the importance of endurance. He wrote, "Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised" (Hebrews 10:35-36 NASB).

Whatever our calling is in life, we should never throw away our confidence or let the fear of striking out hold us back. Our attitude should be that of running with endurance. After all, it is hard to beat a man or woman who won't give

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Birdwell Lane Baptist Greetings in the name of our Lord

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Sunday night the Senior Youth will be in charge of the service. They are the church of tomorrow and need our help and support. There will be regular services with preaching, special music and testimonies.

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

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

The 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.

Sunday, Tom is back to lead worship. We express our appreciation to Dan Miracle for filling the pulpit last Sunday and to Linda Miracle for her service as our musician.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-7; and Luke 16:1-13.

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. Sunday school for all ages begins this Sunday. It will begin around 11:15 a.m. following the morning service.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is at 8 a.m. Saturday.

St. Mary's Vestry will hold its meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

The Daily Grind with God coffee hour meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in the parish hall. Then, Holy Eucharist is held at noon in the chapel. All youth from the sixth through 12th grades are encouraged to join us for our youth group at the First Christian Church at 6 p.m.

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

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Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching Sunday for the 9 a.m. service. The sermon text will be from today's lessons

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interruptions are not always bad. Many times they are God's intervention in our circumstances. He may desire to redirect our path, so in order to get our attention He interrupts our lives, often leaving us in a whirlwind of wonderment. While some interruptions may please us, others disappoint and leave us buried in a quagmire of questions. If we do not have a firm belief in the greatness of God, we can waste years being mad at ourselves, mad at others, or even mad at God.

If we equate the interruptions with frustration, upheaval, and derailing, we miss the core value of the interruption. Upon closer look at the situation, we often see the beauty and goodness that God wants to bring to us. If we find ourselves balking at God's instructions, it could be an indication that we lack an understanding of God's will for our lives.

It is easy to say that God and His plans are our most essential endeavors, but it is entirely another thing to live and conduct our lives as if this were so. If we place God and His will in a position of significance, we will be delighted when we actually hear His voice or see His hand directing our circumstances to align with His will.

Consider Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This young virgin girl was greeted by an angel with a message that would interrupt her life and change her world forever. Gabriel appeared to her announcing, "Do not be afraid for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great,

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and will be called the Son of the Highest." According to scripture, Mary quietly replied, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

She was not angry, nor did she make an issue of the angel's message. She did not argue saying, "Not now, angel, don't you know I'm in the middle of planning my wedding?" No, Mary accepted the interruption without question or complaining. She was willing to trust God's plan for her life.

Another patriarch who met with great interruption in his life was Noah. God told him to build an ark even though it had never rained on the earth before. Needless to say, building a huge boat several stories high seemed strange to Noah at the time, but Noah accepted God's Word and did exactly as he was told. As it turned out, Noah's obedience saved not only his life, but the lives of his family as well.

Then there was the Prophet Jonah who refused to obey when God told him to go to Nineveh. Jonah did not want his life interrupted. He did not want to go to Nineveh because it was a very wicked city, but God wanted him to minister to the people there. At first, "Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord" (Jonah 1:3) when he boarded a ship headed for Tarshish. Soon he was in big trouble because that ship encountered a huge storm. The sailors knew that Jonah's sins had caused the raging storm so at Jonah's request, the sailors threw him overboard and immediately the storm ceased.

Instead of God chastising Jonah, He simply prepared a big fish to swallow him and for three days and three nights he was in the belly of the fish. Then Jonah prayed to the Lord from the fish's belly. Jonah 2:2 says, "I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and the Lord answered me." Jonah was so happy to be out of the fish's belly, he ran all the way to Tarshish to minister to the people there, who turned from their evil ways and found favor in the sight of God.

The message here is that there are no gray areas when it comes to obeying God. When God speaks, we don't have an array of options. It is clear-cut; we either obey or disobey, plain and simple.

Obedience is the principle thing even if it means "life interrupted".

God bless.

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and is titled: "You Can't Have It Both Ways."

Liturgist will be Pastor Carroll Kohl. Pastor Alan Abel will read the sermon texts: Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-15 and Luke 16:1-15).

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be McKenna Alsobrooks. Our elders are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke.

Communion will be served.

Sunday, the adults will begin a Bible study on the church year. Come learn the "secrets" of our church year. A barbecue luncheon will begin at noon.

During our 3 p.m. dedication, Pastor Carroll Kohl will be the liturgist, Pastor Don Rosentreter will be the reader of the lessons and Pastor Robert Pace will deliver the sermon. A reception will follow. Please feel free to join us for this exciting time.

Flowers have been given by Dr. Alan and Audrey Abel, in honor of the 90th birthday celebration of Audrey's father, Theodore Michalk, and for our dedication.

We would like to thank all of the wonderful individuals who have worked so hard in preparing for our dedication and especially for our church these past few weeks.

Classes for Mid Week School began Wednesday. The meals are served from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. After the meal, Food and Family Fun is scheduled.

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

The Board of Evangelism has begun preparations for our Thanksgiving celebration. Cooks/ grocery getters are needed. If interested, contact Richard Knocke.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact any member of the Board of

Education. Meetings for October include: The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12. The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14. The Elders meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21.

Baptist Temple

During our Sunday morning service our message will be "Resisting the Temptation to be Great" from Matthew 4:5-7. 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

Commands are Without Fail" from Joshua 5:2-

Our 7 p.m. Tuesday 12-Step Recovery program will be postponed for a few weeks due to our director having surgery.

You are always welcome here. Sundays, 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 at 7 p.m.

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

First Christian

This Sunday we start an expanded Sunday School program. For the first time in a long while, we will offer classes for pre and early elementary age youngsters, upper elementary age children and teens.

Our approach for teens this fall is to divide the classes by gender. The girls' class will be taught by Eulaine McIntosh and it will be using books and workbooks from the "Every Young Woman's Battle" series. The boys' teen class will be taught by Ken McIntosh, who will lead the weekly scripture series based on the theme: "Slaying Your Goliath."

The pre and elementary age classes will be using the "Rock Solid"

In addition, we have two ongoing adult classes called The Disciples and Homemakers. Sunday School is weekly beginning at 9:45 a.m. You are welcome to gather for donuts and coffee starting at 9:30 a.m.

Worship will again feature a special congregational sing led by Marla Rainwater, Ruth Jackson on piano, Bob Rainwater on guitar and Tap McIntosh on electric bass. Our paster, the Rev. Ken McIntosh, will offer the second installment of his sermon series "Why Church?" based on Jesus' parable of the dishonest manager found in Luke 16:1-13.

Finally, our tri-church Wednesday gathering got off to a terrific start with 29 young people and parents in attendance. We met the new vouth minister, Heath Griffith, enjoyed pizza and talked about future programs. Each gathering will start with a light supper at 6 p.m. For the month of September the gathering will be at First Christian Church.

Central Baptist, **Elbow**

Revival services will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and will continue nightly at 7 p.m. through Thursday,

Evangelist Dr. Darrell Robinson, native of Big Spring, author and international missionary, will preach. Tim Ballard will be leading the praise.

We will also have a pizza supper and special time for youth at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Everyone is invited to all of the services. Call Pastor John McCullough for more information at (432) 935-9171. The church is located across from Elbow Elementary School.

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