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Anti-gang operation nets 20 arrests

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Nearly two-dozen arrests were made this week by local law enforcement — assisted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement — in what officials describe as a 3-day anti-gang operation.

According to officials, the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Big Spring Police Department and agents with ICE recently joined forces in a joint operation that ended Wednesday with the arrest of 20 individuals suspected to have ties to gangs both in and out of the United States.

Those arrested and the charges they face are:

• Isaac Ray Willborn, possession of marijuana – more than 2 ounces, less than 4 ounces.

• Derrick Drake, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• Casey Fraley, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• Kathrene Chavarria, credit/debit card abuse.

• Manuel Escamilla, theft – more than $50, less than $500.

• Gloria Gibson, failure to identify – giving false information.

• Gilbert Gonzales, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

• James Hodnett, bail jumping – fcailure to appear.

• Natalie Dawn Johnson, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• Steven Kyle Johnson, driving while license invalid.

• Manuel Lozano, driving while

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Tandance Gilliam, center, was named queen of the 2009 Howard County Fair during ceremonies Thursday evening. She is flanked by second runner-up Patricia Morales, left, and first runner-up Stormi Smith.

Family of Year

Jensen family honored by Samaritan Center

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A joyful and active brood was selected as Big Spring's latest family of the year.

Brian and Debbie Jensen, along with their five children, were selected by Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas as Big Spring's Family of the Year for 2009 during a luncheon at the Hall Center for the Arts Thursday.

Samaritan, which provides faith-based professional counseling services, has honored local families with the award for the past 15 years. Proceeds from the luncheon help the center provide its services in the West Texas area.

Aside from overseeing five children, Brian and Debbie Jensen are also active in the community — Brian most visibly as chief of the Big Spring Fire Department and Debbie as a field representative for the Office of Dispute Resolution.

The couple is also active with several organizations. Brian, a cancer survivor, is on the board of the area American Cancer Society chapter, while Debbie, who is pursuing a master's degree in family studies at Texas Women's University, is on the boards for North Side Community Center and the Canterbury retirement community.

Their children range from grownups Jeremy and Rian to Carissa, a college student, sixth-grader Hannah, 5-year-old Mika and 4-year-old Michael.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen formally saluted the Jensens with a proclamation.

"After seeing what you've done for children, what we do pales in comparison," McEwen told the family. "We stand in awe of what you've accomplished."

Afterward, Debbie said the family was honored by the recognition.

"It was very exciting for us," she said, "especially considering it is for such a good cause. Samaritan has done some very good work right here in Big Spring."



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas honored Brian and Debbie Jensen and their children as its 2009 Family of the Year for Big Spring. Shown with Brian and Debbie are their children, from left, Michael, 4, Hannah, 11, and Mika, 5. Not pictured are Jeremy, Rian and Carissa.

Fair

Amber Digby set to perform tonight at fair

By NANCY KOGER
Special to the Herald

Tonight's entertainment at the Howard County Fair promises something new and exciting for local country music fans. Amber Digby and Midnight Flyer will present shows under the big tent at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Admission to the fair is also entrance to the show.

Heart of Texas Records, who signed Amber in 2006, calls her "the bright-eyed beauty of country music." They produced her second album, "Here Come the Teardrops"in 2006.

Coming from a musical family, Amber grew up on stage. Her mother, Dee, sang harmony with Connie Smith; her dad, Dennis Digby, played bass for Loretta Lynn; and her step-father, Dickie Overbey, a legendary steel guitar player, plays with her band, Midnight Flyer.

In addition to Overbey, the band includes Randy "Bobo" Lindley, guitar; Damian O'Grady, upright piano; Ben Collins, bass guitar; and Tom Lewis, drums.

Digby's first album, "Music from the Honky Tonks," in 2002 got attention for her all

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Obituaries

William 'Bill' Neal Jr.

William "Bill" Neal Jr., died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a brief illness. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at Trinity Memorial Park in the Peace Chapel. Mark Winn, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, will be officiating.



Mr. Neal was born July 7, 1925, in Big Spring to Maude McCorquadale Neal and Bill Neal. He attended school at Garden City, Big Spring and Alpine, while working on his father's ranches. As a young man, he loved to rodeo and rope calves.

In March of 1950, he married Annabelle Edwards and later they had one daughter, Zane. During their 25 years together, they ranched in Hondo; Roswell, N.M.; Paradise, Texas; and Coahoma. Annabelle preceded him in death in 1976 and Bill moved to Weatherford.

He and his daughter owned a quarter horse and thoroughbred stallion farm for several years. He retired in 1981 and moved to his ranch in Hamilton. While in Hamilton, he continued to raise quarter horses and registered Boer goats. In 2003, he moved back to Big Spring where he continued to have horses.

Bill's favorite things in life were a "good" horse, an airplane for him to fly, to watch horse races, team roping and playing golf.

Survivors include one daughter, Zane and her husband, Danny, of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Casey Ann Marshall and husband, Zac, and Danya Zane Bobbitt, all of Midland; two sisters, Gerry Neal Yates of Fort Worth and Mary Neal Yates of Hamilton; his "best friend" and cousin, Dick Cunningham and wife, Wilma, of Midland; two nephews; and four nieces.

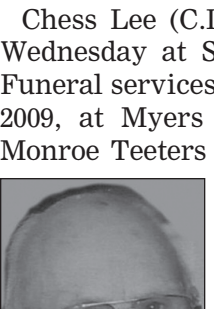
Pallbearers will be Mike Hall, Clyde Himes, Cash Berry, Donnie Reid, Quade Weaver, Matt Coates, Tex Edwards and Josh Peterson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, 8417 N. Service Road I-20, Big Spring 79720 or the charity of your choice. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Chess Lee (C.L.) Gooch

Chess Lee (C.L.) Gooch, 92, of Big Spring died Wednesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters of Salem Baptist Church and the Rev. Derrick Looney of Forsan Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



C.L. was born Feb. 22, 1917, in Cross Plains to Maude Lee Crossland and Edward Benton Gooch. He had been a resident of Howard County since 1945. Chess was raised in Hamby, graduated from Abilene High School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1937 to 1939. He married his sweetheart, Oleta Clemmer, Oct. 29, 1939, in Abilene. They were married 56 years.

Chess and Oleta moved to Long Beach, Calif., in 1939 after marrying. Chess worked as a supervisor for Douglas Aircraft during World War II. In 1945, he went to work for Conoco Oil Company in Forsan and retired from them in 1983. He was a member of Operating Engineers Union, Local 826.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing in the mountains of Colorado and loved his second home in Timberon, N.M. Chess was a very dedicated family man, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He was a member of Forsan Baptist Church.

He is survived by one son, Don E. Gooch of Big Spring; two daughters, Janet Wiggins of Big Spring and Patsy Norton and her husband, John, of Billings, Mont.; three grandchildren, Debra Copeland and her husband, Kenny, of Midland, Cary Wiggins and his wife, Mindy, of Big Spring and Paul E. Vance of Wyoming; three great-grandchildren, Chance Copeland of Lubbock, Jordan Copeland of Midland and Kaitlyn Wiggins of Big Spring; one sister, Reable Reed of Lubbock; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Oleta Gooch; son-in-law, Gary Wiggins; two sisters; and two brothers.

Pallbearers will be Bill Cregar, Dan Evans, Matt Evans, Bob Fishback, Juan Palacios. J.L. Overton and Jay Woolf.

Memorials may be sent to American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert Avenue, Suite 5, Midland 79701 or Forsan Baptist Church, P.O. Box 244, Forsan 79733. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Ella Ann Fitts

Ella Ann Fitts, 89, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• CHRISTINA GUTIERREZ, 26, of 2800 Highway 33, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.

• RICKY SILVA, 30, of Snyder, was arrested Thursday on three warrants from another agency and a charge of prohibited weapon in a weapon free zone.

• RUTHIE MURPHREE, 39, of 800 W. Marcy Apt. 22, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• MANUEL SOSA, 67, of 901 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• LYNDON FRALEY, 49, of 1416 E. Sixth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• MELVIN BIDDLE, 47, of 908 W. Fourth St., was arrested Thursday on charges of terroristic threat (two counts).

• DAVID PETERSON, 33, of 1502 Sycamore Apt. B, was arrested Thursday on a charge of forgery.

• ANDREW AGUILAR, 40, of 1615 Canary, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported:
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• TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 900 block of Fourth Street.

• ROBBERY was reported in the 300 block of 11th Place.

• PROHIBITED WEAPONS SWITCHBLADE/KNUCKLES was reported in the 600 block of FM 700.

• FORGERY – CHECK OR CREDIT CARD was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of State.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 900 block of Fourth Street.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

• ANDREW AGUILAR, 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threat (two counts).

• KEVIN LEE BURNS, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container, second offense.

• MARTIN CASTENADA, 46, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.

• LYNDON TRENT FRALEY, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• CHRISTINA NICOLE GUTIERREZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of theft of property (two counts).

• RICHARD HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 45, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container, second offense.

• RUTHIE MARIE MURPHREE, 39, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• SALVADOR GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 38, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• DAVID LYNN PETERSON, 33, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

• JESSE TONY REYES JR., 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a probation revocation for burglary of a habitation.

• RICKY SILVA, 30, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on contempt charges for displaying an expired license plate, violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid, and a charge of prohibited weapon – switchblade/knuckles.

• MANUEL SOSA, 67, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• TRISTAN MARCEL WARD, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole revocation for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

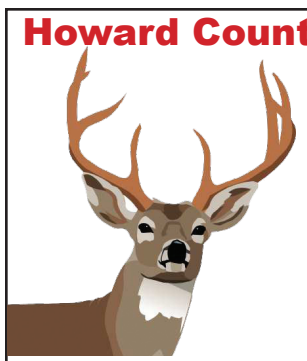
Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

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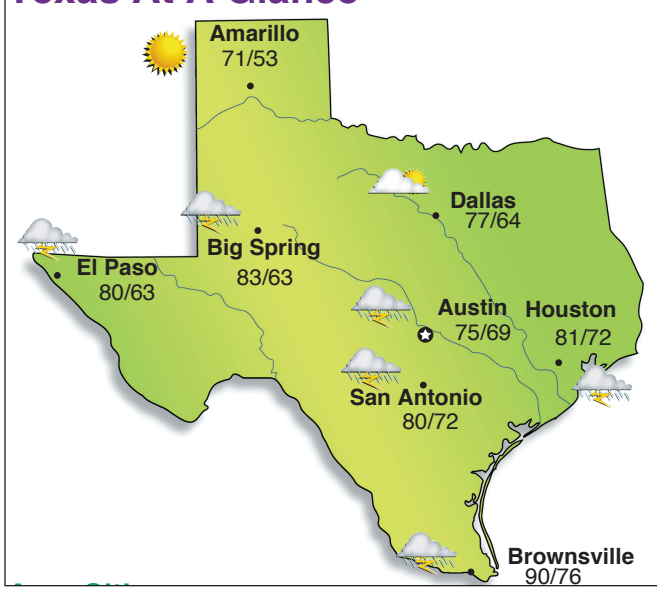
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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-26-31-33-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 69. Prize: $538

Matching three of five: 2,420. Prize: $11

Matching two of five: 22,788. Prize: $2

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-16-30. Bonus Ball: 20.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $650,000

Winning ticket purchased in: Nacogdoches.

Number matching four of four: 17. Prize: $978.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 60. Prize: $34.

Number matching three of four: 1,548. Prize: $18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 992. Prize: $18.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,945. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,973. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: $200,000.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-8-9. Sum It Up: 32

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-8-7. Sum It Up: 18

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Feasters big on lemonade stand

By NANCY KOGER
Special to the Herald

"It's for sweet and tart," Shannon Feaster teased, when asked about the name of his lemonade trailer at the Howard County Fair. "We call our concession 'S&T's West Texas Lemonade,'" he said, "and that's for Shannon and Tarie because my wife and I run it with help from our kids."

The Feasters, both Big Spring grown and educated, have just begun their career as concessionaires. They started by helping his uncle, who originally owned the trailer, and went on the road on their own starting in August. They've worked at rodeos, fairs, and a biker show. "The biker event got rained out, but we learned that's not our kind of show," stated Tarie. "We won't do any more of those; we're more family-oriented."

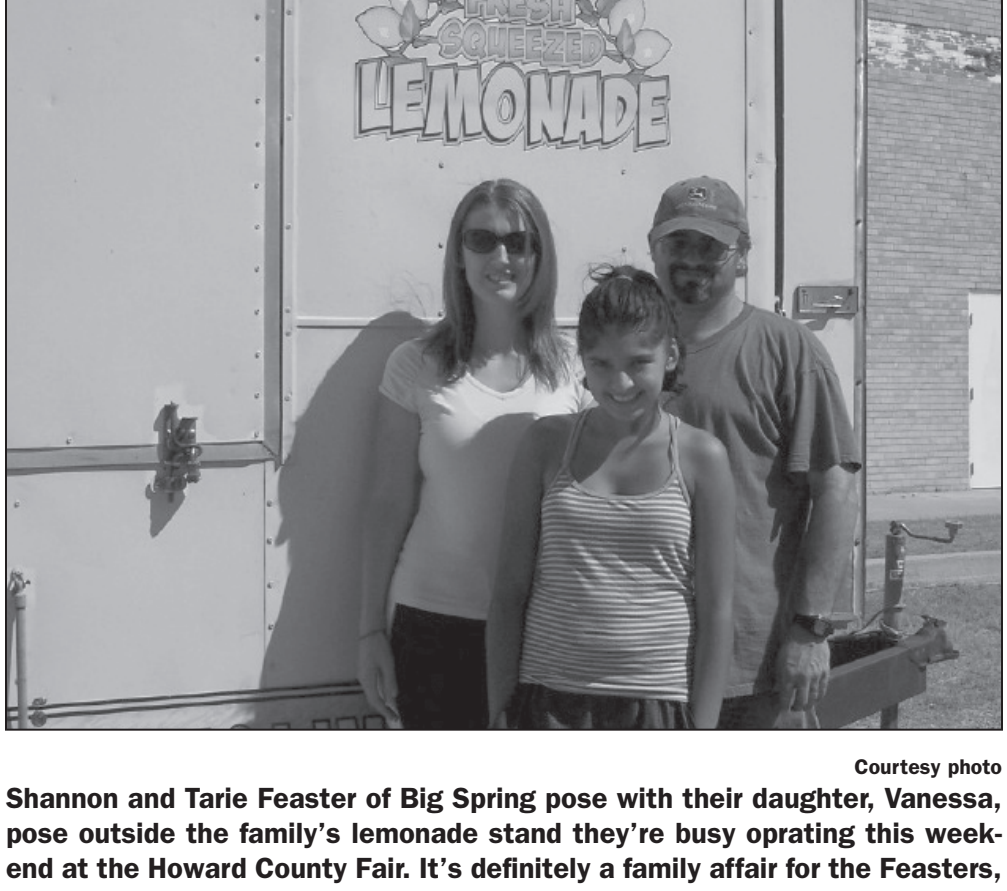
Speaking of family, the Feasters have four teenage children from ages 19 to 14: Amanda, Brandon, Tracey, Kellie and Vanessa, whom they consider one of the family. The children all help in the business during the summer; but when school starts, Tarie's mother stays with them to see that they all get to school.

S&T's West Texas Lemonade is normally sold from a stand that Tarie describes as "a cute little kid's lemonade stand all grown up," but they got the trailer to use just for the local fair. They hope someday to have the trailer, the stand, and another trailer to transport the stand. They are looking toward booking festivals, fairs and rodeos, not only in Texas, but in New Mexico and Oklahoma. And, as all Texas fair food vendors, they would like to be invited to sell their wares at the Texas State Fair.

The young couple prides itself on the product. "We make all fresh-squeezed lemonade and limeade; there's nothing artificial about it," Shannon asserts. They have a water filtration system that assures a pure taste. They will use sugar or a sugar substitute as the customer wishes. In addition to the drinks, they serve corn chip pie and nachos.

They are excited about being at their hometown fair. "It will be nice to be able to go home every night, says Tarie. "To grow our business and save money, we bought a tent and air mattress and usually stay at a lake or RV park."

The Feasters expect the people here to enjoy their drinks as much as those at the rodeos and fairs they've worked before. Shannon states, "We had a lot of repeat customers and never had a complaint." His wife adds, "It's really old-fashioned good; we do it a glass at a time."



Courtesy photo

Shannon and Tarie Feaster of Big Spring pose with their daughter, Vanessa, pose outside the family's lemonade stand they're busy oprating this weekend at the Howard County Fair. It's definitely a family affair for the Feasters, since all four of the couple's children also help out.



AMBER DIGBY

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over the world. She performed at a Country Festival in Sweden and toured Australia.

Following "Here Come the Teardrops," Digby toured Norway and Sweden. She has recently returned from France, where she headlined shows and also worked with John Schneider from the Dukes of Hazard.

The singer was nominated for "Pure Country Female Vocalist" in 2006 by the Academy of Western Artists and won that award in 2008.

Digby is familiar to listeners of XM-Sirius satellite radio who tune in to "Willie's Place" on channel 13. Willie Nelson called in to the program to thank her for carrying on the tradition of true country music.

Jody Nix, the board member responsible for finding entertainment for the Howard County Fair, played a performance with Amber in Brady last March and has played at a couple of dances with her. He describes her as "a fine young lady who sings great and has a great band." He even goes so far as to say, "She's sure 'stout' as a singer and does real country music."

Digby is in demand as a harmony vocalist and has sung with Leona Williams, Justin Trevino, Jake Hooker, Dennis Ivey and others. Her latest work, "Passion, Pride and What Might Have Been," which she co-produced with Justin Trevino, features her band members.

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license invalid with a previous conviction.

• Ernesto Muniz, failure to appear (two counts).

• Charles Nicholson, possession of marijuana – more than 2 ounces, less than 4 ounces.

• Daniel Rios, theft of property – more than $50, less than $500.

• Rene Rodriguez, possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Carol Scaggs, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to change address within 30 days and violation of a promise to appear.

• Oscar Solis, failure to register as a sex offender.

• Sally Solis, hindering the apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.

• Ruben Trevino, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – more than 4 grams, less than 200 grams and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – more than 1 gram in a drug free zone.

• Prince Vanderbilt, possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• Daniel Parker White, hindering the apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.

"This is the latest joint local action of an ongoing national initiative of ICE's National Gang Unit called Operation Community Shield," said Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker. "The initiative partners ICE with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target the significant public-safety threat posed by street gangs, many with transnational ties.

"During this operation, all of those arrested are U.S. citizens who live in Big Spring. Eight had outstanding arrest warrants; the others were arrested on various criminal charges. Of those arrested, 15 were active gang members or their associates of gangs which operated in Big Spring."

Parker said gangs operating within Howard County's borders include the Bloods, Mexican Mafia, Tango Blast and Aryan Brotherhood.

"The sheriff's department got involved in this operation through the police department," said Parker. "They contacted us and told us ICE was coming to town and asked if we'd like to be involved, and I felt this was an excellent way to help make our streets safer. It is important that we work together, pool our resources, and let criminals know we will not tolerate their activity, and a great deal of the credit for the success of this initiative goes to the police department."

BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith said joint efforts such as these show criminals while they may stand together, so will law enforcement agencies.

"This initial operation was successful and appreciated," said Smith. "The joint effort goes to show gang members that law enforcement at all levels are committed to make our community safe for all."

John Chakwin, special agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Dallas, oversees 128 counties in north Texas and Oklahoma, and said multi-agency operations such as this one are routine within his agency.

"Street gangs pose a significant threat to public safety nationally and to the local residents of Big Spring," said Chakwin. "Our ICE agents routinely work with local law enforcement agencies to share information and pool our resources to help remove criminals from our communities."

Parker said several major arrests were made during the course of the investigation.

"A Mexican Mafia member was arrested on outstanding state felony warrants relating to sexual predator offenses," said Parker. "He had illegally removed a court-ordered ankle monitor. A gang associate was also arrested after trying to help the gang member escape.

"The leader of the Big Spring West Texas Tango Blast gang was also arrested on outstanding state felony arrest warrants relating to delivering a controlled substance. A Mexican Mafia member was also arrested on outstanding state felony warrants relating to narcotics and weapons offenses."

According to Chakwin, the National Gang Unit at ICE identifies violent street gangs and develops intelligence on their membership, associates, criminal activities and international movements to deter, disrupt and dismantle gang operations by tracing and seizing cash, weapons and other assets derived from criminal activities.

"From the inception of Operation Community Shield in February 2005 through Aug. 31, 2009, ICE agents working in conjunction with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies nationwide have arrested more than 14,500 street gang members and associates belonging to more than 900 different gangs, and representing 5,831 criminal violations," said Chakwin. "More than 170 of those arrested were gang leaders and 2,483 were MS-13 gang members or associates."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Military, those who love them should be using TexVet

Several months ago — just 10 days after the birth of his daughter — Staff Sgt. Jonathan Wayne Taylor, left his posting with the Governor's Emerging Technology Fund to serve as a medic in the U.S. Army. After Jonathan's deployment, friends and colleagues around the office sent a care package.



ANITA PERRY

The parcel was loaded with pretzels; candy to hand out to the local children; Gatorade packets; socks; books and magazines; batteries and headlamps; as well as beef jerky. A few of us also wrote letters.

While writing my letter to Jonathan, I was reminded how every single one of us is touched by the wars and conflicts around the globe. Co-workers, neighbors, friends, cousins, aunts, spouses, sons and daughters; it seems we all know someone in the military.

Less than two months from now, Texas and the nation will celebrate Veterans Day. On Nov. 11, we will honor and thank all who served our country. We'll attend parades and celebrations and will volunteer time, money or items for care packages as a way to say thank you, knowing that these things are but a drop in the bucket towards repaying these brave men and women for their service.

Whether fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan, mobilized in the U.S. or back in the swing of civilian life, our soldiers and veterans and their families need our support — on Veterans Day and every day — and as many resources as possible to get through good and bad times.

Try as I might, like most people, it's hard for me to imagine being away from Rick, our children and other loved ones for months at a time or living in a war zone with the pop of gunfire and the threat of attack around every corner, every second of every day and night. But, our men and women on active duty, reservists and veterans and their loved ones deal with or have dealt with this and so much more. Thankfully, when it comes to resources there are scores of organizations dedicated to the needs of the military and their families.

That said, with so many options, it can be mighty hard to know where to even begin, especially if you already are overwhelmed with the stressors of military life. A great place to start is the Partners Across Texas TexVet Web site (visit www.texvet.com or call 2-1-1). A collaborative effort of federal, state and local organizations — including the U.S. Department of Defense, the Veterans Health Administration, Texas Military Forces and state programs and agencies, including the Health and Human Services Commission's 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network and the Texas A&M Health Science Center — TexVet brings a wealth of resources and information to our military members and their loved ones.

TexVet is for anyone who is serving or has served in any branch of the military, as well as others who care about a service member. The site offers resources in every area of life, including deployment, education, employment, family support, healthcare, medical care and mental health services.

Mental health services in particular are a sensitive proposition for members of the military and their families. Naturally, soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are sometimes struggling to deal with cognitive and emotional traumatic brain injuries, often caused by blasts from improvised explosive devices, as well as combat stress, including post-traumatic stress disorder.

The numbers of service members needing help is expected to grow as deployments continue and more service members experience multiple deployments. In fact, according to 2007 Post-Deployment Health Re-Assessment (administered to service members 90 to 120 days after returning from a deployment) data, 38 percent of soldiers and 31 percent of Marines reported psychological symptoms. This is why it is vital that these men and women have a confidential, easy to use resource, such as the TexVet Web site and 2-1-1. It's free and available around the clock, so they can get the help they need, even in the darkest hours.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, know what our future will bring. May we trust in You.

Amen

When we don't see eye to eye

It seems to me that most folks see what they want to see, hear what they want to hear and read into what they read according to their biases and prejudices.

"I am, in plainer words, a bundle of prejudices — made up of likings and dislikings…" wrote the 19th century essayist, Charles Lamb. We are part of a world, country — or even a neighborhood — with people from many different educational and social backgrounds, cultures, traditions, experiences and spiritual teachings. So of course what inspires me, what amuses me or what makes me cry will be different from what inspires, amuses and makes you cry.



ANNETTE BRIDGES

For that matter, even in the same family, I suspect most would agree that we all have varying preferences and tastes in such things as movies, music, books and food. We all have individual opinions on political, social and spiritual matters and our own unique convictions on what is most important.

It's fascinating to me how two people can read the same statement and interpret its meaning very differently. Or that two people can hear the same lecture and it speak to each in a different way. But should we be surprised when this happens? Or should we be angered that a neighbor or a brother has a completely different stance and viewpoint on an issue — an issue equally important to both of us?

About 30 years ago, I was very active in a political and social movement. I marched in rallies and participated in debates and various public presentations. Name-calling and emotions were high. I was certain that what I believed in and was verbally fighting for was right and good for my country. And I was appalled and angered by anyone who thought differently from me. I could not even begin to understand their sentiments, and frankly I didn't want to. So I definitely never tried.

It seems my country is again at odds on some very important issues — issues that impact all of us and are undoubtedly equally important to those verbally fighting on both sides of the issues. But who is right and who is wrong?

Through the years, I've learned that on many topics, only history can determine what was right or wrong. In the meantime, it's only our biased opinions making a premature judgment. Or in the words of David Brinkley (CNN 1995): "A biased opinion is one you don't agree with."

Yet in America, it is important that we let our voices be heard! We are supposed to be a government of the people, for the people and by the people. It seems what we need to remember is that we are never going to all agree on everything. And this fact is okay. The issue we feel very strongly about may fail — as mine did thirty years ago.

But I am realizing today, that it is not a good thing that I didn't and still don't understand those who believed differently than me on an issue that I felt so strongly about — and still do I might add. And I must admit that there have been many other times in my experience when I was confused, angered or disappointed by differing positions and feelings. And I will tell you that in most of these instances, I made no attempt to fully understand why others felt the way they did.

It occurs to me now that if we hope to be understood, we must first understand others.

Irish playwright, George Bernard Shaw, made a poignant point when he said, "The single, biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."

Some define communication as an attempt to create shared understanding, which includes a variety of skills such as processing, listening, observing, speaking, questioning, analyzing and evaluating. When any skill is lacking, it is difficult to conclude that communication has taken place.

Perhaps the skill we most often lack is proficiency in listening.

I know I could be a better listener!

And I'm convinced that an understanding of others is never reached without sincere listening — listening that truly seeks and endeavors to understand an opposing point of view.

This type of listening will result in understanding that at the very least can respect and appreciate a difference of opinion.

Then even when we don't all see eye to eye, we can have an honest debate on an important issue and maybe — just maybe — make wiser decisions.

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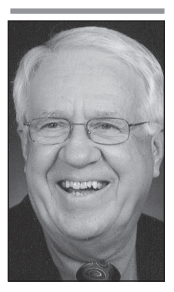
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Referees, zebras part ways

It's an oft-cited quote: "Say it ain't so, Joe" is attributed to a young fan following several Chicago White Sox players' admission to "rigging" the 1919 World Series.

Historians generally consider it a mythical quote directed to "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, whose stock plummeted from greatness to "goatness" with revelation of the scandal.



DR. DON NEWBURY

True or not, it is a reminder of baseball fans' collective gasp of disbelief.

Our disdain fails to rise to this level, but hordes of NFL fans are having a hard time accepting game officials' new shirts unveiled this season.

We have "Say it ain't so" sneers for NFL decision-makers who've introduced orange-and-white striped shirts. This is the first significant change made in apparel since white shirts with black bow ties were worn in the league's early days.

The discarded black-and-white shirts provided an aura of authority and sound judgment not unlike black robes donned by judges.

Reckon the judges will ever "dress down" to pastels?

How about a "Top 10" list of what may have prompted the decision to change colors?

I'll have a go at it:

10. Finally, there's an accent color to match yard markers.

9. NFL gets shirts for pennies on the dollar from laid-off ice cream store employees.

8. Officials can wear same clothes to circus jobs selling toys-on-a-stick on non-game days.

7. Really skinny ones have shirts for second jobs as jockeys at racetracks.

6. For bad calls, they can add matching "clown noses" for next week's game.

5. Shirts give fans something to talk about besides exorbitant charges for parking, tickets and concessions.

4. Decision adds color to "upon further review" sessions on TV and jumbotrons.

3. Change gives barroom patrons new trivia subject.

2. League yields to Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who wants to divert attention from how long it's been since Dallas has won a playoff game.

1. Officials are sick of being called "zebras."

In Dallas, much is made of costs associated with game attendance that are highest in the NFL — including premium parking for $75 per game. (And you don't even want to know about the three figures assessed RV's for close-in tailgating.)

Fort Worth fans can catch breaks on buses offering round-trips to the stadium for five bucks per person.

So when Cowtown fans yell, "Go start the bus," it won't be directed to the opposing team's driver. Instead, the chant will be for their own drivers, signaling that they've seen enough.

It's the longest of shots when TV analysts predict which teams will play for the NCAA football title — particularly in pre-season. ESPN's colorful Lou Holtz, a former coach, took a shot at it a few weeks back when he prophesied a Notre Dame-Florida finale.

That match-up turned to ashes, of course, when Notre Dame fell to Michigan early on. Maybe Lou should resort to the old Air Force manual guide that suggests, "When something goes wrong, undo whatever you last did." If he "undid" his prophecy, he could shine again with his inimitable quotes, such as: "The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely the same one who dropped it."

Some of the brightest, most committed and most admired people I've met along the pike have been coaches.

One was a man who closed out his career as a school superintendent and served two four-year terms as a member of the UIL Legislative Council. During his life of 76 years, he lived within commuting distance of the Burkburnett family farm where he grew up.

Dan Owen, a giant by all measures, succumbed to cancer recently. A thousand people attended his memorial service in Wichita Falls. He was the kind of man who, as a driver education teacher, scheduled an early-morning session to help a student with parallel parking before her test. He loved others, and relished attending the UIL State Basketball Tournament each year. A loved one's illness caused him to miss just one tournament in the past 60 years.

At the family's luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the burial, a movable wall separated diners from youngsters at play in the other half of the hall. The sound of basketballs hitting the rim provided fitting sound effects for a life well-lived.

He was as good as it gets

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Church News

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at the Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting is Oct. 8. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will celebrate the1996 Walks, No. 3 and No. 4. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

On Nov. 12 we honor the 1997 Walks 5, 6 and 7. Please plan to attend.

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

Chapel of Faith

Chapel of Faith is an interdenominational church with traditional worship service. Services are held each Sunday morning at 10:30 in an informal atmosphere with music and scriptures. This week, Pastor Scott Willis will speak on "When Jesus Slips Away." Scripture will be Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12.

Dates will be announced soon for the Community Stew Supper and other fall activities for the church.

You are invited to come visit and worship with Chapel of Faith. The church is located at the corner of East 14th and Goliad Streets.

First United Methodist Church

This Sunday we welcome back to the pulpit the Rev. Keith Wiseman of Lubbock filling in for our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Weise, while she is away in specialized training.

Wiseman, his wife, Nancy, and daughters were assigned to Big Spring's First Methodist Church in the '80s. He will be preaching at both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday evening beginning at 5:30 we will have our first Family Fun Night. There will a snack supper in Garrett Hall for all in attendance. New and exciting youth activities will begin and our youth is urged to attend and bring a friend. We hope that initiating these family fun nights will set the pace for an exciting and spirit-filled fall.

Living Christmas Tree rehearsals begin on Monday night, Oct. 5, in Garrett Hall and will be held each Monday night through October and November with some Saturday rehearsals to be announced later. Rehearsals are held in Garrett Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Linda Lindell will be in charge of the choir, as our new music director, Eddie Vandewalker, partipates and begins to learn all about our Living Christmas Tree tradition as we prepare for its 31st presentation. All singers are cordially invited to join the "Tree Choir" in preparation for this gift to the community. For information about joining the choir call, Vandewalker at 264-5145.

Our pre-teen group GIG (God Is Good) is making plans to travel to Midland on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, to experience Fiddlesticks Farm.

Rev. Weise has two new studies beginning this month, a Sunday night study entitled "The DNA of Lasting Relationships" and a four-week long Wednesday evening study of the book "One Month to Live; Thirty Days to a Regret-free Life."

And on Sunday, Oct. 25, we are privileged to present the all-day adventure "A Walk Thru the Bible." This is an interactive, full filled study of the Old Testament with separate sessions for adults and children. This exciting presentation is led by professional bibical teachers and humorists... Lunch and childcare will be provided and registration is available in the church office.

If you are searching for a church home we extend a personal invitation to give us a try. We're First Methodist at Fourth and Scurry Streets in downtown Big Spring, where families grow in Christ.

Baptist Temple Church

Starting this Sunday, and continuing every Sunday in October and November, our sermon series will be "Building Spiritual Muscle." We will discuss habits and disciplines we need to develop to hear God and allow ourselves to be used by God. This Sunday's message is "Building Ourselves to go the Distance" from Mark 4:1-20.

Our Sunday evening messages will be from 1 Corinthians. Our society and our churches are more like 1st century Corinth than we realize. This Sunday evening we will look at being unified in Christ based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10-17.

A few months ago, our Men's Ministry completed the R.W. Johnson Memorial Library. The library is a 10,000-volume collection of theological books and Bible commentaries that was used by the late Rev. R.W. Johnson, father of Allan Johnson of Allan's Furniture. Allan's desire is that the library be used by anyone in the community wanting to utilize it. The library is in a room on the second floor of the west wing of the church building. It is open to anyone wanting to come use it during the church office hours, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The books are strictly for use in the library and may not be checked-out. There is a study area in the library for use though.

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

Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Baptist Temple fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interested in attending.

Also our 12-Step Recovery program is meeting on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in our church fellowship hall. There is no cost to attend this either.

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

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. CNC commitment pledges will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Also, you are invited to stay after church and join us in the Parish Hall for our Stewardship Potluck Luncheon.

The Blessing of the Animals is Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Bennett Garden.

Needle point class is Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist Service is every Wednesday in the chapel. There will be a women's lunch and prayer group meeting after the noon service in the library. Please bring your lunch and join us.

Confirm, Not Conform Class is Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

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

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We had a wonderful Old Fashion Day at church last Sunday. It was fun seeing the different era's represented by each person's attire. Thanks to everyone for participating. The "box lunch" dinner was a lot of fun; and of course, the movie "Amazing Grace" we viewed during the evening service was very gratifying.

The adult, youth and children choirs have begun their rehearsals of the Christmas musicals. This year is our 10th anniversary for the Hanging of the Greens. We are asking if you have a tree in good condition that you are not using, please consider donating it to the church. We need three-foot trees and taller, pre-lit or not. Contact Jerry Oliphant at the church office, 267-2291.

We invite you to come visit and fellowship with us. Our Sunday School (all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship is at 11; and evening service (being held in Fellowship Hall) at 6. On Wednesday at 7 p.m., there's adult prayer meeting and Bible study; youth Bible study and choir; and children's Bible study and choir. Saturdays at 7 a.m., men's Bible study is held. For more information call 267-2291.

North Birdwell Lane UMC

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church invotes you to come out and worship with us Sunday. Sunday School begins at 9:30 am. with Amy Meadors teadhing our lesson this week. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. with Billy C. Bates, a certified lay minister, in the pulpit. All are welcome to come out and celebrate Holy Communion with us on this first Sunday in October.

Wednesday members of the church traveled to Lamesa to meet with our bishop, Max Whitfield, and the Staff/Pastor Parish Committee on the new way pastors will be assigned in the Methodist Church. Linda Hall, chair of the SPRC, and Billy Bates attended, as did other members of the committee. A great time of fellowship was had by all.

We are looking forward to fall and the many activities that go along with this time of year. If you con't have a church home, we invite you to come check us out.

This past Sunday, the church welcomed Barbara Lambert, who was visiting our church for a second time. Hope to see you back next week.

Remember, God loves you and there is nothing yo can do about it.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites you to worship at 9 a.m. Sunday with Sunday School for all at 10:15 a.m. The church office may be reached by calling 267-7163, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Paul is located at 810 S. Scurry St. and our services are led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be attending a fall rally hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Midland on Saturday. For more information, contact Irma Dunckel at 264-0957. You do not have to be a member to attend.

LWML Sunday will be celebrated Sunday. All members are asked to wear purple and be prepared to pray the LWML Pledge together.

A West Texas LWML Zone Retreat will be at Camp Ceta Glenn on Oct. 9-10. This is a wonderful opportunity for networking and worshipping with ladies from three zones. Contact Dunckel for more information.

Regular monthly LWML meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Paul Parish Hall.

Coming Nov. 21, mark your calendars and don't miss our garage and bake sale. More information will be available later.

Bible Study opportunities are open to anyone wishing to attend. For more information about places and times, contact the church office.

Concerns and prayer requests may be called into the church office or e-mailed to stpaullc@sbcglobal.net.

Ongoing suport for our military for the month includes these items: Powdered cold drink mixes (lemonade, Crystal Light, Tang), hard candy, Blistex, Carmex and donations for phone cards and shipping costs. Items may be dropped by the church office.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

Children's church is during the morning worship service for ages 4 to 12. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157, midweek service is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The youth will have a lock-in Friday night at starting at 5 until 7 a.m. Saturday with fun, games, a scavanger hunt, movies and food. Come enjoy the fun.

We will stand in the National Life Chain for abortion Sunday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. along Birdwell Lane east of the church between 15th and 16th Streets. Come stand for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

The youth will attend a Christian youth concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Nazarene church on Lancaster. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Street in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Follow Birdwell Street south until 25th Street turning left (east) onto 25th, go three blocks east until Lynn Street turning right (south) onto Lynn Street, follow Lynn Street until the very end. Our church is on the left side of the last block of Lynn. Our church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School following around 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. Communion will be served. The flowers this week are in recognition of the 64th anniversary of Ruth Oppegard and her deceased husband, Moran.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Hannah Alsobrooks. Our elders for this week are Bobby Roever and Darrin Byrd.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Darrin Byrd. The readings for this week are Genesis

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PERRY

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As patriotic Texans, we need to reach out to our servicemen and their families. It can be as simple as writing a letter to a soldier or to the family of a soldier; calling or visiting a vet; volunteering at your local USO or some other support group; donating money or care package items to an organization; or just stopping a soldier in the airport or on the street and thanking them in person.

The point is, on Veterans Day and on the other 364 days out of the year, we have to do whatever we can for our troops, our veterans and their families, because every single day, they are doing do so much for us.

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Club News

DAR

Daughters of the American Revolution, Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, members Carole Lawson, Sara Tipton and Sue Ann Damron attended the West Texas Regents Council meeting held in Midland Aug. 14.

Council President Claudia Wilbourn of the Lt. William Brewer Chapter provided information for how regents can fulfill their obligations to assure a successful year. Chapter certificates awarded at Continental Congress in July were handed out by outgoing Division VIII Chairman Vene Gregg. Pins were sold to support the national campaign of the Wright Associates, whose slate includes immediate past Texas State Regent Lynn Young as recording secretary general.

On Sept. 12 members assisted the VAMC with the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. Sanitizing wipes were donated to be placed in the duffle bags filled with needed items for the attending veterans.

Vice Regent Anne Witherspoon represented the chapter at the Fall Forum held Sept. 12 in Austin. As state junior membership chairman, she helped set up and run the Junior Shoppe and sold national DAR products. All proceeds went to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund that provides

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Courtesy photo

Outgoing DAR Division VIII Chairman Vene Gregg presents national certificates to Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter members Sue Ann Damron, Carole Lawson and Sara Tipton.

CHURCH

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2:18-25, Psalm 128, Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18) and Mark 10:2-16.

Anyone interested in reading, please contact Dolline Budke. This is a small service to God that is very important to our service.

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

A Bible study at church during the noon hour on Thursdays (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) is being well-attended and enjoyed by all participants. If interested in this particular Bible study, receiving God's goodness, please contact Shirley Reid. The next meeting will be on Oct. 8. Meetings in October will not be moved to Tuesdays. Meetings will continue to be held on Thursdays. There is still time to join. A light meal will be available. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible studies.

A Thursday evening Bible study, hosted by Karen Ivey at her home located at 1005 15th Street, is being held at 7 p.m. The topic is "Unleashed Influence." Again, you are free to join any of our activities.

A new website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this safe internet site is something you might want to check out.

Mid-week School is being held on Wednesday evenings with a light meal to be served between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. with both classes at 6 p.m. and confirmation classes at 5 p.m. Thank you, Leighrene Kohl and Quida Watznauer, for preparing the meal on Sept. 30. Next Wednesday's meal will be provided by Audrey Abel.

If interested in attending/teaching a Mid-week School class, please contact the church or a member of the Board of Education. We will need a count for the meal preparation as well as curriculum supplies. If you would like to help prepare a light meal on Wednesday evenings, please contact Cindy Carlisle or Jaunell Roever. A free-will offering is helping offset the cost of the meal.

We are updating our church directory. Please e-mail family photos to Angela Newton at angela.newton@wtcmhmr.org or bring one to church to be scanned and returned.

We need someone to volunteer to maintain our church website. If interested, contact Dana Byrd and she will give you the particulars. Training will be provided. Any one with a computer, internet access and a willing spirit can volunteer.

The Board of Evangelism is asking for help with recording short messages for our radio spots. If you are interested, please contact Kent Ivey. A short message from you about Alive in Christ or about our doctrine would be most beneficial. Remember, we are all ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

The Board of Evangelism is also beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses and phone numbers of those wanting/needing a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke. If you would like to help this group with visitation, please contact Richard. Remember, we are all witnesses for God and His grace and love through our daily lives and with those we come in contact.

Remember to check out our AIC booth at the Howard County Fair. It is a lot of fun and you meet the nicest people in the Big Spring area. We hope to see you there.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Executive Board will meet.

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

Upcoming events include: Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 31; Thanksgiving service and meal; Christmas service; and other fall activities.

Members of our AIC Youth Group are selling "Alive in Christ" window stickers for $7 for the smaller size or $10 for the larger size. The stickers include our logo with the outline of Jesus with his arms outstretched, our name and our credo. Please contact any member of the youth group. They will look great either on your car windshield or on your windows at home.

Youth Ministry 2010 Synposium has been scheduled for Jan. 8-10, 2010, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel at the Galleria in Houston. Mark our calendars to attend this very challenging growth opportunity to help youth develop a Christian worldview.

Scheduled meetings for October include: The LWML will also meet on the second Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. at the church. Also on the second Monday (Oct. 12), the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet the second Tuesday (Oct. 13) at 7 p.m. at the church. The elders meet the third Thursday (Oct. 22) at 7 p.m. at the church. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

First Presbyterian Church-Big Spring

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

Next Sunday, after worship, we will have a called congregational meeting to hear a report from the nominating committee to elect four members to serve on the Session for the Class of 2012.

Deborah Jones will provide refreshments for "Take Ten." Rip Patterson is liturgist for the worship service. Communion servers are Claudie and Rip Patterson, Lucy and Paschal Odom. Ushers for the month are Linda Hammond, Nancy Little, Jim Bill Little and Todd Patterson. In addition to being our time of Communion, Oct. 4 is World Communion Sunday and Clergy Appreciation Day.

The lectionary is Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; and Mark 10:2-16. Flynn V. Long, pastor emeritus, is preacher for the day. The choir will offer "Thee We Adore" by Frederick Candlyn, and the offertory anthem is Joseph Martin's "Come to the Banquet."

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org

First Presbyterian Church-Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 on Sunday morning to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The next Frolic, an evening of homegrown talent and entertainment, will be Saturday, Oct. 10.

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

Members who have a particularly beloved "heritage" hymn are encouraged to give your request to Pam Hicks or Tom to have it included in the worship service.

The lectionary is Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; and Mark 10:2-16.

First Baptist Church of Big Spring

First Baptist Church is excited about college students. We are beginning a college class this Sunday and invite all college students to come to this class taught by Dr. Ladd Hoffman.

Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, will continue his series of sermons on "The Picture of a Disciple." This series uses the Beatitudes as the scripture. Sunday morning, the topic will be "Mercy." Sunday evening's topic is "Pure In Heart."

Youth, don't forget SNAC at the preacher's house Sunday evening.

On Tuesday, our LLL (Living Longer and Liking It) will meet at noon in the dining room. Helen Gladden and Carol Scott will be bringing the program that is sure to bring a laugh or two.

We'd like to invite the community out to the city park Oct. 25 for a fun afternoon for children of all ages ending with a 6 p.m. service in the amphitheater where we'll enjoy singing and worship.

First Baptist Church welcomes you to come to worship and grow God's kingdom with us. We are located at 705 W. FM 700. Call 267-8223 for more information.

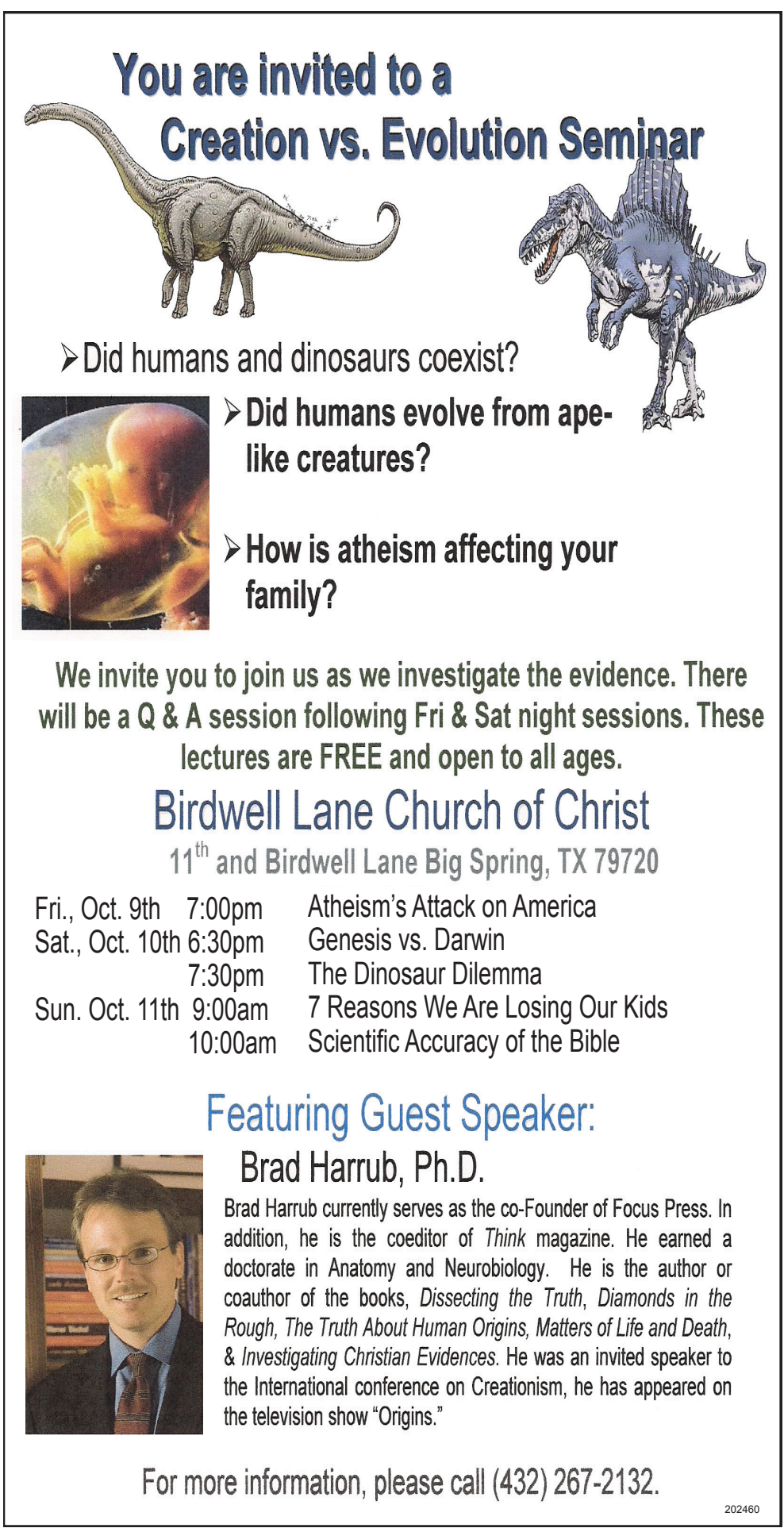
First Christian Church

You are invited to join us for a special worship service and luncheon to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination for our pastor, the Rev. Dr. Ken McIntosh. He was ordained Sept. 30, 1979, in Tulsa, Okla. He earned a master's degree from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in 1979. He later returned to TCU to earn a doctorate in American History which he received in 1993.

Sunday's worship will feature special music, a guest minister and others from Tulsa, Okla., and Fort Worth. Music will feature a rollicking opening prelude by Ken Hughes, Rick Uphan and our church choir, and two solos by Michelle Beech of Reno, Nev., accompanied by Dorothy King of Pampa, and Eula Marie Tankersly of San Angelo. The liturgist for Sunday is Mary Jane Alland of Fort Worth. Dr. McIntosh's father-in-law, the Rev. Roy King, will officiate at the Communion table. Monsignor Bernard Gulley will close the service with a benediction.

The message will be brought by the Rev. John Butler. He was the chaplain at TCU for 26 years (1979 to 2007). His message, "More Than Milestones," is based on 30 years as a mentor, colleague and friend of Dr. McIntosh.

The youth will be holding a car wash fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the church parking lot. That evening we will be leaving the church at 5 p.m. for a Jackalopes hockey game in Odessa. We have plenty of tickets!



Parson to Person:

Thoughts on what education is really supposed to be doing for our children

There has been talk in the last few days on the national level about extending the school day. The argument is that our children are not "academically competitive" with kids from around the developed world.



MATT PRICE

Apparently we as a nation are not producing enough child geniuses that can do calculus by the time they are in the fifth grade. Apparently if a child doesn't know and can't explain the periodic table by the time they are in the third grade they are destined for mediocrity.

We are teaching our children that if they excel in math or science and then go to the "right" college they will be a shoe-in for jobs that will rain down money on them. That is a lie.

For one, except for basic math skills, say up to algebra and geometry, most students have trouble going any farther in the learning curve.

No matter how much home work they do and how much tutoring they get they will never truly embrace or understand higher mathematics or for that matter any science past biology.

Does this make those students stupid or underachievers?

Not at all.

If the student has demonstrated a competence in math and science then they are not stupid. It may be that math or science is not their cup of tea.

It could be that they are gifted in history, language arts, music, or communication arts of some kind. They might even be a called and gifted theologian — great for career contentment — not so much for that rain shower of money.

I am a great example of this which may be the reason why I am so passionate on this subject. I know I was called to be a preacher at the age of five. It's not so strange when you think about it. I grew up with a kid named Mike Dahlberg. He knew he was going to be a medical doctor in the second grade and he is now a research cancer doctor.

Look at Tiger Woods. The boy had a golf club in his hand from the cradle. Yet the man is gifted to play the game like none other. He is smart enough to do other things well but he was blessed with parents who allowed him to excel in something other than math or science.

Not only was I called to preach at the age of five, I was gifted by God to understand the Bible. By the time I was 16 years old I was having in depth talks with professors from Fuller Theological Seminary on the pros and cons of predestination — and holding my own. For those who have known me for a long time the fact that I am a PhD in Theology and adjunct professor for a seminary would not be a surprise.

If we have an educational system that drives students into only math and science then we will become a less educated nation not a smarter nation.

If we fail to study history and produce historians we will become a shallow people who can't understand why the same things keep happening to us.

We will also become a people of followers instead of inventers and innovators.

Most of the great inventers and innovators had a solid and well rounded education but were not highly educated in their field beforehand to prepare them for the achievements they would attain.

Most of them were considered lazy people who sat around and "dreamed" of doing things in different ways instead of the status quo.

Henry Ford didn't go the latest and best "engineering school" to learn from someone else the possibilities of motorized transport.

He was a tinkerer who could imagine in his head the intricacies of an internal combustion engine.

The Wright brothers were not doctors of aeronautical engineering — they just dreamed of flying and had the spare time from their bicycle business to experiment.

The goal of education should not be the production of human machines that think alike and know the same things.

The goal of education should be to cultivate young minds to be able to think and reason on their own.

Math and science will produce very few answers to the driving questions of our society.

What is morally right and wrong cannot be answered by either of the two. We should know this — as a nation we have tried it this way and are failing.

Dr. Matt Price is a pastor, author and columnist. E-mail comments to theparsonperson@yahoo.com

Texas could stop fingerprinting for food stamps

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas law requires food stamp applicants to be fingerprinted, but federal administrators say the state needs to speed up the process or risk losing funds.

"One of the things I think Texas needs to do is streamline their operations," said William Ludwig, a regional administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service. "Finger imaging is very time-consuming."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst say fingerprinting is an important way to prevent people from collecting benefits under more than one name.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Friday that the fingerprint program last year led to the state investigating only four applicants for fraud.

The electronic fingerprinting program costs $3 million a year, a cost shared by the state and the federal government.

Texas is failing to process more than a third of applications within the 30 days required by the federal government, according to the Austin American-Statesman. Some families wait months for food stamps.

Ludwig in late September advised Texas officials that unless the state speeds up its application processing, its federal funds will be at risk.

He told Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Tom Suehs the state must submit a corrective action plan that should include solutions such as eliminating fingerprinting.

Stephanie Goodman, a spokeswoman for the Health and Human Services Commission, said officials will consider eliminating fingerprinting but because that is done relatively quickly, "we really don't think it helps this particular problem very much."

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assistance to the DAR Schools. The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter donated a Lagos Heart of Texas necklace as a voice item. More voices will be sold at the state conference when the winner of this very popular item will be drawn.

Constitution Week was observed by having Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen abd Ackerly Major Mary Schuelke issue proclamations, and radio stations KBST and KBYG read spot announcements during the week. Lora Mae Pollard, June Reid, Carole Lawson, Neva Green, Sue Ann Damron, newest member Clara Lewis and prospective member Rena Harris attended the annual Constitution Week Luncheon in Midland Sept. 17. A musical prelude of patriotic songs sung by students from Trinity School of Midland was given a standing ovation.

The speaker was attorney Allyson N. Ho of Houston. A former law clerk for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, she is now a partner in Morgan Lewis' litigation practice, She spoke about a case soon to be before the U.S. Supreme Court concerning a memorial erected in 1934 by a VFW post in California to honor their fallen comrades of World War I. After repeated vandalism, the memorial was redesigned in 1986 to include a cross. Because the memorial is in the Mojave National Preserve, the ACLU has sued to have the memorial removed, citing violation of "the establishment of religion" clause. Although Congress enacted legislation to give the acre on which the memorial stands to the VFW post, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the transaction. Ho has written a brief on behalf of the veterans. Many other such memorials are threatened as well by this suit. The memorial is presently enclosed in a wooden box so that no passerby can be offended.

The chapter's next meeting will be Oct. 17 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association has scheduled its Members Art Show for Saturday through Oct. 10 at the Hall Center for the Performing Arts on the Howard College campus.

Entries received from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, with judging set for 1 p.m. 3 p.m. The show will then be opend to the public from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The next week the show will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 10, an artist's reception and awards program is set for 4 p.m.. Artists can pick up their works following the program at 5 p.m.

Categories for the show include: Oils/Acrylics, Watercolor, Pastels, Graphics/Mixed media, Photography and 3D

Debra Lancaster, a graduate of Angelo State University with a degree in art, will be the judge.

Entry fees for BSAA members are $7.50. You may join the BSAA at this time.

All art must be delivered to the Hall Performing Arts Center Saturday.

Original work only done in the last two years without supervision, and not previously shown in a BSAA show, is eligible. The association has the right to screen entries. All work must be no larger than 40 inches on each side, including frame. Each entry must have entry form on back, stating artist's name, address, phone number, title of entry and price. Appropriate framing with wire, no wet paint, no saw tooth hangers, nails or string allowed. All work must be for sale with 10 percent commission to BSAA. No early withdrawal or private sales please. The Big Spring Art Association and Howard College shall not b responsible for loss or damage of any works of art entered.

For more information, contact, Chairperson Bruce Schooler at 264-7728 or Co-chairperson Belle Schooler at 466-3315.

TOPS Tx 0021

TOPS Tx No. 0021 cam to order Monday evenig with Leader Laura Sickles calling for membrs to give the TOPS cheer. The cheer was followed by the TOPS pledge led by Mary Churchwell, the Ethel Cassady led by the KOPS pledge, which was followed by all members singing the TOPS welcome song.

Roll call by Hughetta Roberts came next with eight TOPS and two KOPS answering with a loss of 8.5 pounds. Raymond Churchwell and Hughetta Roberts tied for most pounds lost with 2.5 pounds. They were both presented with certificates and $1 awards.

Raymond Churchwell was also recognized as the monthly best loser for September with a total of 5.75 pounds lost. He was awarded a second certificate and the gainers' fine for September of $3.50.

The business portion of the meeting brough more good news to the members. Big Spring TOPS No. 0021 received awards and recognition for most original costumes worn by Raymond and Mary Churchwell. Also a most original award when to Leola Newton for her costume as Elizabeth Taylor. Dennis and Linda Stapel received the most creative award for their costumes as Dog the Bounty Hunter and Beth. Big Spring TOPS was also awarded a plaque for its poster of "TOPS Goes to Hollywood." Laura Sickles was awarded the "Chapter Angel" Award. Ethel Cassady was awarded the seven years KOPS Award.

The program was presented by Olnee Menges entitled, "The Treat Trap," written by Geneen Roth. In troubled times, sweets seem to offer relief, but the fix doesn't last. Candy won't sweeten our lives; worry won't prepare us for the future. We must look for the good and beautiful things in our lives .

For more information about Take Off Pounds Sensibly, call Frank Sickles at 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. We meet Mondays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church located at 10th and Goliad Streets. Weigh-in begins at 5:30 p.m.

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A&M, Arkansas resume old rivalry

NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The enemy of your enemy is sometimes your friend. Perhaps that's why the Arkansas-Texas A&M rivalry has always seemed so ... tame?

Sure, the teams played a few big games when they were in the Southwest Conference, but most of the time they had their eyes on Texas.

"I don't think, in all honesty, it comes close to comparing," former Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said.

Arkansas and Texas A&M will renew acquaintances Saturday night in their first meeting since 1991. There's little animosity in the air, though certainly not the ill will that surfaces when either team faces the Longhorns.

Instead, this weekend's game was marketed like an in-season bowl. It'll be played at the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium in Arlington, Texas — a neutral site that isn't too far from each campus.

"It's exciting for our players, exciting for our program," Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino said. "I think it's great for the tradition of the rivalry from the old Southwest Conference days."

Arkansas has a 38-24-3 edge in the series, which began in 1903 with a 6-0 Texas A&M win. The teams began playing annually in 1934, and A&M won six straight over the Razorbacks starting in 1938. In '39, Texas A&M

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Sackless

Cowboys' Ware without a sack three weeks in

SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys defense broke through with its first sacks of the season Monday night against Carolina.

Now it's DeMarcus Ware's turn.

The reigning NFL sack leader is in a four-game drought that's his longest since his 2005 rookie season. He led the league with 20 last year.

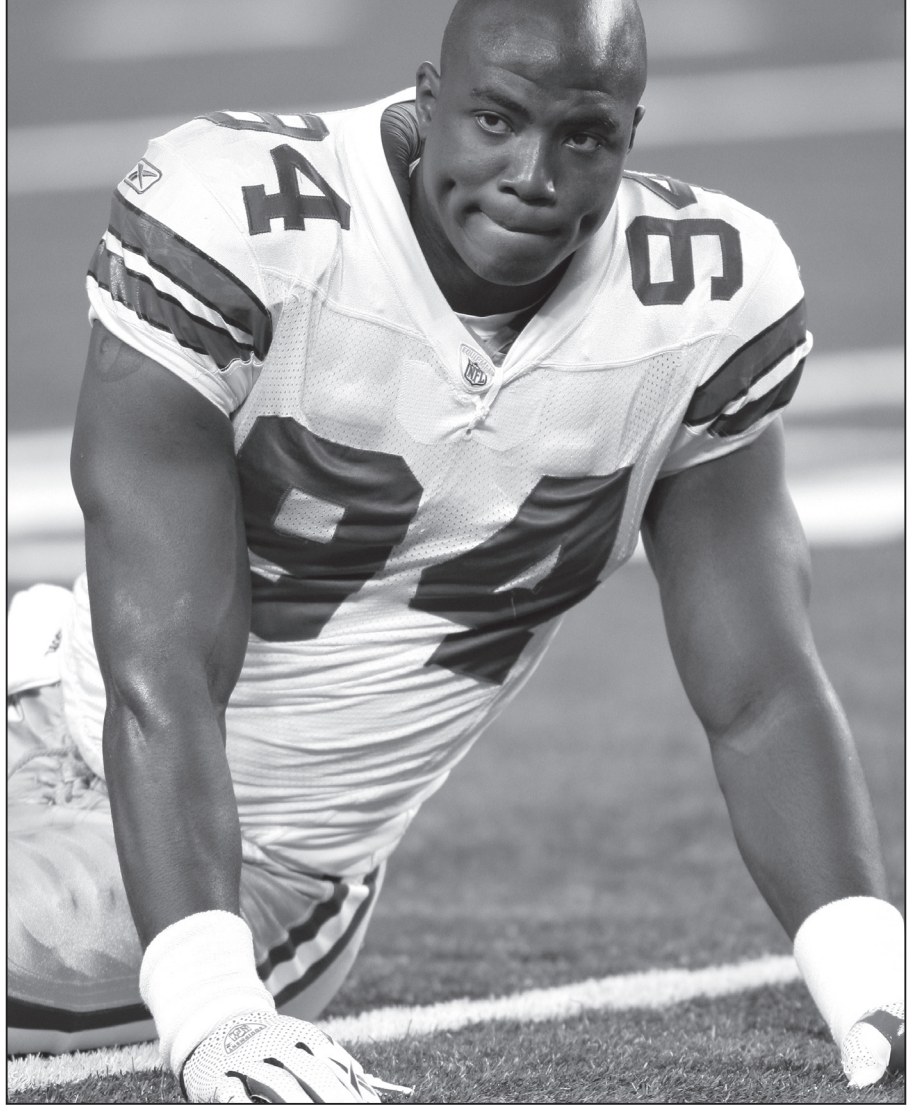
Dallas finished with three sacks and shut down the Panthers in the second half of a 21-7 victory. Ware didn't get any, but nose tackle Jay Ratliff says he might as well have.

"DeMarcus is a great player," Ratliff said. "If any of us get a sack it's because they're focusing on him and opening up one-on-one for us."

Case in point: rookie linebacker Victor Butler. In just five snaps against the Panthers, Butler had two sacks and the second one resulted in a Jake Delhomme fumble late in the fourth quarter.

The Cowboys are a long way from worried about their biggest pass-rushing threat as

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AP photo

Dallas Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware stretches before a recent NFL game at Cowboys Stadium. Ware is yet to record his first sack this season after three games after leading the league in the stat in 2008.

Texas Tech in need of victory

BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech and New Mexico probably can't wait to play football Saturday after a long week of off-the-field distractions.

Red Raiders coach Mike Leach made headlines when he indefinitely suspended Brandon Carter, a team captain and preseason All-American pick, for violating team rules. He also banned his players from using Twitter after learning Marlon Williams had tweeted about Leach being late to a team meeting.

For the Lobos, coach Mike Locksley is under an investigation by his own university following a Sept. 20 fight involving an assistant coach. The assistant, receivers coach J.B. Gerald, told police Locksley struck him during a staff meeting. Gerald hasn't been with the team since the incident.

On the field, these are two teams in need of a win.

The game against Tech is the last for the Lobos (0-4) before they begin their Mountain West schedule in earnest, having lost last week to rival New Mexico State 20-17. The Aggies scored a TD to go ahead with 39 seconds remaining in the game.

"What we are hoping to do this week is build off the positives from the last game," said Locksley, who no longer brings players to his weekly luncheon because of class conflicts for key players. "We want to try to continue to clean up all the unforced errors that have seemed to plague us all season long."

The Red Raiders also are stinging from a last-minute loss. Case Keenum, quarterback for No. 12 Houston, ran for a 4-yard touchdown with 49 seconds remaining in the game to win 29-28. Tech had no time outs and couldn't get within field goal range before time expired.

The loss was the second straight for Texas Tech (2-2), having fallen to No. 2 Texas 34-24.

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11th-ranked TCU reminded of past with SMU next

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — TCU players were still in the locker room at Clemson last weekend, with barely any time to savor their victory, when they were already being reminded of what happened four years ago — and who was next.

"Immediately," defensive tackle Cory Grant said. "Which we knew was going to happen because of the events that happened in 2005."

A week after winning at Oklahoma for their biggest upset in more than 40 years, the Horned Frogs four years ago were in turn upset by archrival SMU. The only loss that season kept TCU out of serious consideration for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

Coming off another significant road victory, and still trying to become a BCS buster after winning 11 games twice the past three seasons, 11th-ranked TCU (3-0) is back home to renew its Dallas-Fort Worth rivalry against SMU (2-1) on Saturday night.

While the circumstance is eerily similar to four years ago, and the Frogs must avoid a loss if they want to keep their loftiest goal a possibility, coach Gary Patterson notes a very significant difference.

"We weren't surprised we won (at Clemson)," Patterson said. After the Oklahoma game in 2005, "everybody went into shock. All of a sudden we became godlike for a week. Our kids practiced like that. ... If you listen to all of our kids right now, I think they understand what's in front of us."

That doesn't mean Patterson hasn't reminded them.

"Coach has brought it up a couple of times just to push the urgency about this game," All-American defensive end Jerry Hughes said.

SMU has already doubled its victory total from a year ago only three games into coach June Jones' second season. And the Mustangs had an extra week to prepare for TCU with an off week following their overtime loss at Washington State.

The 2005 win against TCU is the only time SMU has beaten its closest rival the past seven years. Their goal now is for more than one big victory. They want to

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AP photo

TCU defensive end Jerry Hughes (98) sacks Texas State quarterback Bradley George, back, in the second half of an NCAA football game in Fort Worth Sept. 19. At left, TCU defensive end Wayne Daniels (96) and Texas State Offensive lineman Alex Luna (71) battle. The Horned Frogs defeated Clemson 14-10 last week and face rival SMU Saturday.

Sports in brief

Lady Steers district volleyball changed from Saturday to 6:30 p.m. tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers were originally scheduled to face the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in a District 4-4A volleyball match at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Instead, the Lady Steers will host the Maidens at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Steer Gym.

The game was moved to accommodate members of the Big Spring High School band, who are also on the volleyball team.

The band has its regional marching contest Saturday.

Big Spring High School's senior class hosting powder puff football tourney

Big Spring High School's Class of 2010 is sponsoring a powder puff football tournament at 6 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field.

The freshmen will face the sophomores in the opener, followed by a matchup between the juniors and seniors.

The winners of those two games will then compete for the championship.

Admission is $2. For more info, contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly report

In Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday, a 9-hole individual score format saw a tie between Annie Ward and Shirley Long at 1-under. A scorecard playoff gave the title to Ward.

In Thursday's couples play, two teams tied with a 5-under, forcing another scorecard playoff.

The team of Nicholas DeWaters, Debra Lusk and Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth came out in first, while second went to John and Gus Leonardi and Joe and Patsy Sharpnack.

John Leonardi shot closest to the pin on Hole 6.

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2302 CARL, Deco. items, household items, Junk and Treasures. Too much to list. Friday thru Monday 8-?

2510 EAST 22nd (Go to 25th Street turn on Edgemere to 22nd) Saturday 8:00-3:00. Baby bed, cook stoves, blankets, steamer, toys and lots of misc. items.

3 FAMILY Garage Sale: Lots of items/ tools, clothes, dolls, bar stools. 1007 Buena Vista (off Midway Rd.) Saturday 9-2.

3 FAMILY Yard Sale: 1025 Stadium, Saturday 8:00-12:00. Furniture, clothes, shoes, knick-knacks. Everything in between.

5 FAMILY Garage Sale: 2300 Allendale, Saturday 8:00-? Furniture, entertainment center, rocker recliner, swivel rocker, queen headboard & foot board, exercise equipment, antique knick-knacks, books, lots of car washing equipment, bedding, 6 dinning room chairs, storage chest for Video or VH tapes, Christmas items, kitchenware, punching bag, children's clothes & toys and lots lots more.

5 FAMILY Sale: 407 North East Broadway (Coahoma), Saturday 8-? Furniture, new water heater, new AC/Heater window unit, exercise equipment, games, dishes, camping stuff, fishing tackle, clothes and much more.

CARPORT SALE: 810 Andree (Near Skateland), Friday and Saturday 8am-? Lots of kitchen items, knick-knacks and more.

CHURCH WIDE Garage Sale: Saturday 8am-6pm, Coahoma Methodist Church (401 North Main, Coahoma). Recliners, sofa, small lamps, bedding, seasonal items, computer chair, knick-knacks and lots of misc. NO EARLY SALES.

Garage Sales

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GARAGE SALE: 2615 Lynn Drive, Saturday 7:30-Noon. Refrigerator, recliners, crib & mattress, boys & girls (0-3) clothes, exercise equipment, toys, strollers, children's misc. and lots more.

GARAGE SALE: 4033 Alma Circle (off of Vicky) Saturday 8-1. Toddler boy clothes, crib, changing table, etc. Nice ladies, maternity clothes. Come See!

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Proposed Base Flood Elevation Determination for the City of Big Spring and the Unincorporated Areas of Howard County, Texas:

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and on the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

With the moon transiting from Aries to Taurus, the morning and afternoon have two different tones. So if you don't feel your best in the early hours, perhaps because you're just too rushed to focus well, then take a break and try again a few hours later. A steadier and more realistic approach will carry you through to some tangible results.



Holiday Mathis

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even if you don't cross anything off your list, it's good that you make one. Organization will start with a written brainstorm. By the afternoon, you'll be ready to focus on action and follow-through.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A quiet space is where you feel most at home. Unfortunately, existing obligations prevent escape from the din of chatter that currently surrounds you. Expect this to change shortly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A hasty purchase has proved to be very useful. Well done! The stars caution against continuing on this impulsive buying spree, though. Less is definitely more today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone else's financial mistake could affect you. You might be looking at the prospect of spending money already earmarked for something else. You'll be so creative when you need to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll enjoy an endeavor that's like bowling, where you have to enact the same perfect motion again and again. Tomorrow you'll get back to the action that's fast-paced and lively.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's an ongoing miracle how you manage to keep your household together. Lately, you have been starting to feel underappreciated for your Herculean efforts, but someone close is about to surprise you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When something about the group mentality doesn't sit well with you, you will be moved to stray from the pack. You may walk alone for a few blocks, but you'll soon be joined by others, including a Pisces.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People will be asking a lot of you, and you need some protection. Give when it feels good. Agree when you genuinely align with the idea. And if you want to keep to yourself, honor that instinct.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Woody Guthrie once said, "Take it easy, but take it." You don't have to be aggressive to get what you want. However, you do have to have the gumption to accept it once offered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Chances are you are being too generous or too green in your dealings. Do some market research. Find out what others are charging and exchanging, and how they are managing their business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A cheerful disposition opens many doors, which might explain why there are several opportunities before you. What's even better is that this is no either-or situation. You can have it all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are ethical in your dealings, and yet by some twist of fate, you could be in a position to encounter or experience something that is off-limits. Keep an open mind, and let your conscience be your guide.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 5). Your image of who you want to be will change as you strike out on a new and exciting venture this month. The next 10 weeks bring a domestic improvement. You make headway with tricky business in November. February offers the chance to trade in a tired job for a new, exciting responsibility. Cancer and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 2, 54, 4 and 18.

PERK UP A RELATIONSHIP BY DOING THIS ONE THING: The Libran sun will rule the skies through Oct. 22, making this the time to focus on relationships. In the weeks to come, we will be striking up fresh friendships, as well as breathing new excitement and purpose into the ones we already have. Your stars indicate one thing in particular that you can do in the weeks to come to bring an energetic spark to your personal ties. AQUARIUS: Claim your relationship as sacred. Begin a "zero interference" policy. Make your relationship strictly about you and the other person. Talking about your relationship with friends or family, even if you mean well, may influence the relationship in a negative way. Friends who give advice with good intensions may cause trouble, too, by speaking outside of their area of expertise. Keep your channel of communication strong by talking over problems with the person involved, not your friends. PISCES: Create new mutual territory. Everything you build together will strengthen your relationship, so resolve to build something more. Whether it's a project, a trip or a dream you both aspire to, the goal will give new solidity to your bond.

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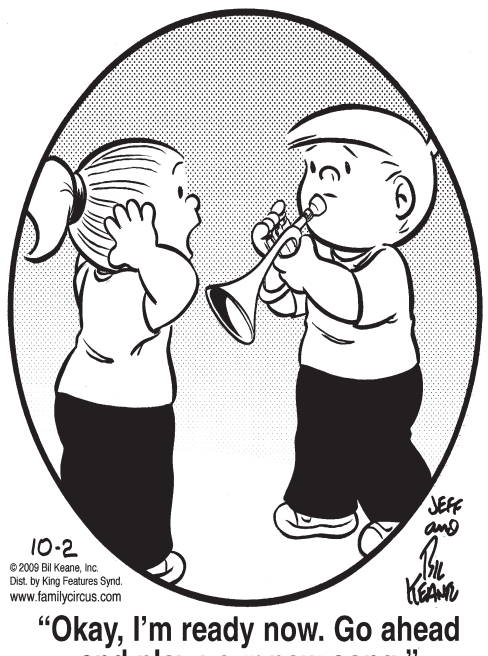
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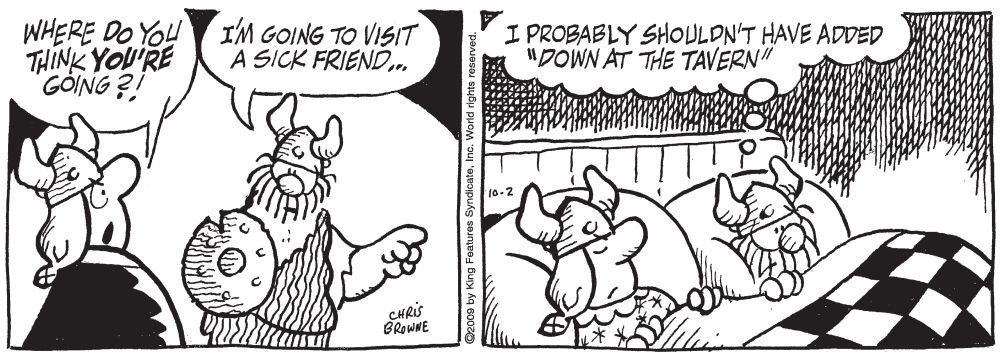
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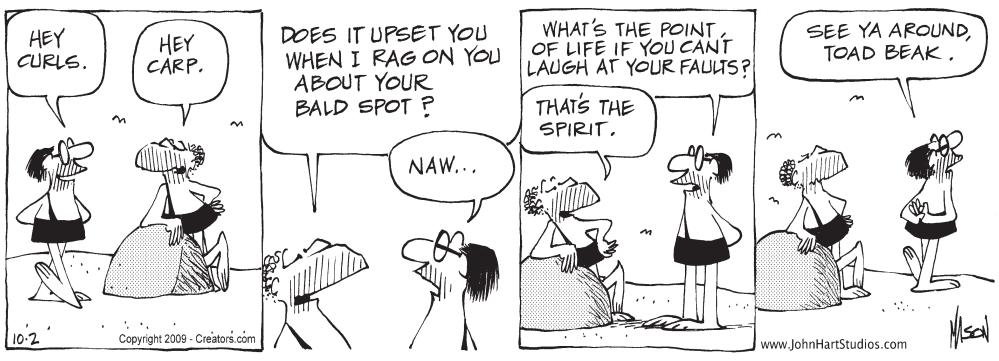
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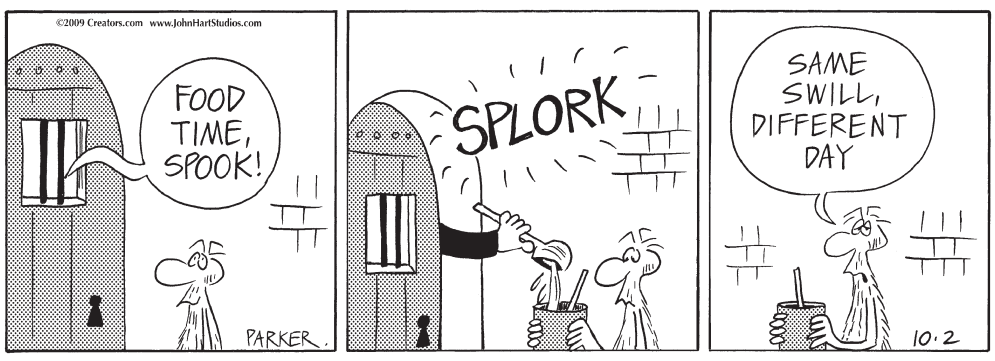
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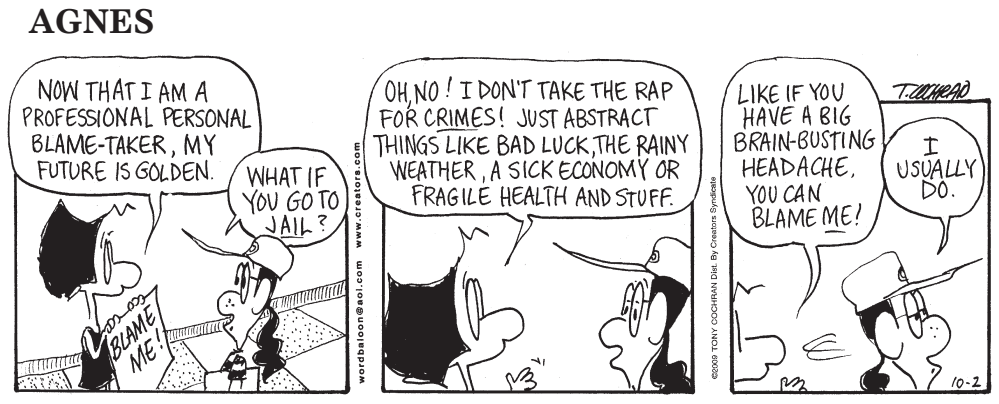
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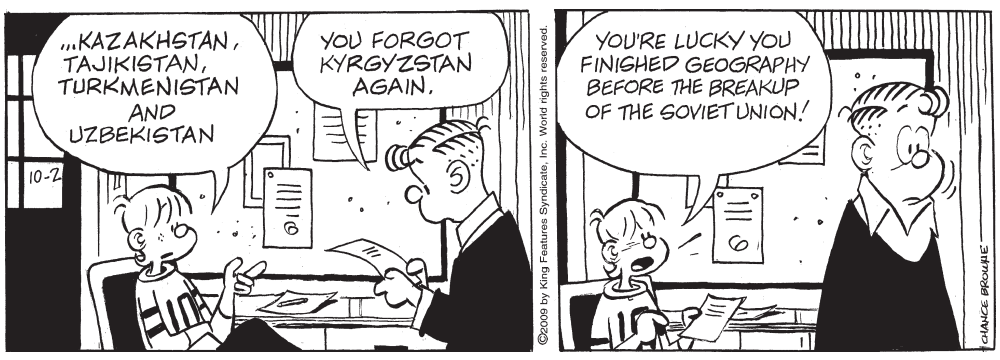
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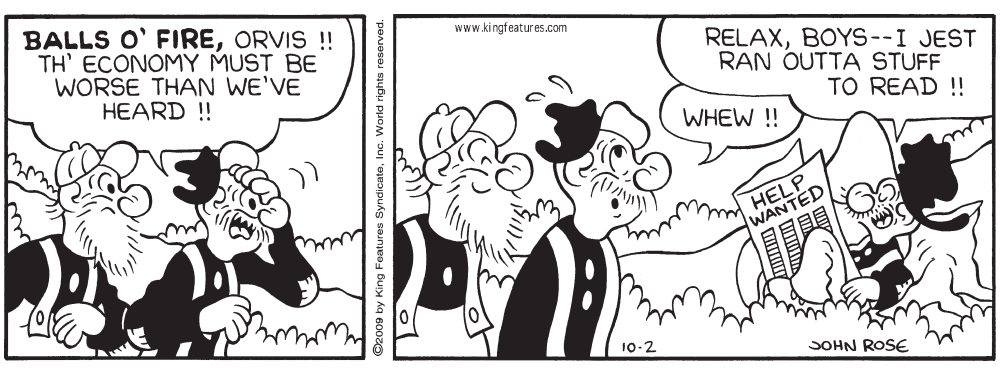
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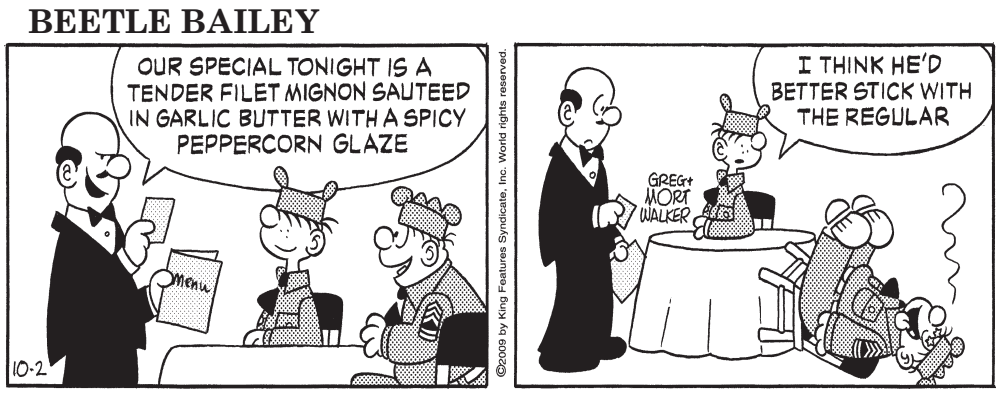
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2009. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y., during the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers fought Mexican soldiers near the Guadalupe River; the Mexicans ended up withdrawing.

In 1869, political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was born in Porbandar, India.

In 1944, Nazi troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people were killed.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in West Africa proclaimed its independence.

In 1959, Rod Serling's "The Twilight Zone" made its debut on CBS-TV with the episode "Where Is Everybody?" starring Earl Holliman.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif. at age 59 after battling AIDS.

In 2006, an armed milk truck driver took a group of girls hostage in an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., killing five of them and wounding five others before committing suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer-musician Leon Rausch (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys) is 82. Retired MLB All-Star Maury Wills is 77. Movie critic Rex Reed is 71. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 64. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier is 63. Actor Avery Brooks is 61. Fashion designer Donna Karan is 61. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 60. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 59. Singer-actor Sting is 58. Actress Lorraine Bracco is 55. Country musician Greg Jennings (Restless Heart) is 55. Rock singer Phil Oakey (The Human League) is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Freddie Jackson is 51. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 51. Retro-soul singer James Hunter is 47. Rock musician Bud Gaugh (Sublime, Eyes Adrift) is 42. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 42. Country singer Kelly Willis is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 39. Actress-talk show host Kelly Ripa is 39. Singer Tiffany is 38.

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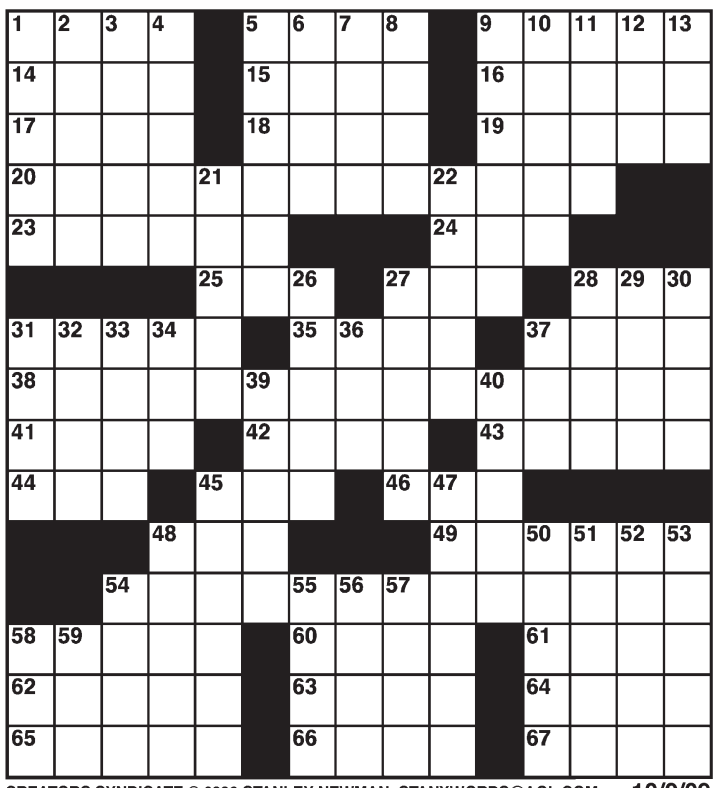
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Gossip
5 __ cell research
9 Chum
14 Baltic Sea feeder
15 Mock fanfare
16 Evita's surname
17 Barbed remark
18 Old flames
19 Fuming
20 The Urals, e.g.
23 Heineken alternative
24 "Fine" works
25 Chiding sound
27 Alcohol-free
28 Dandy dresser
31 *Luck and Pluck* author
35 Isn't forthright
37 Ill-humored
38 Beijing language
41 Weimar wife
42 __ *Gold* (Cussler novel)
43 Mean-spirited
44 AMEX, for one
45 Whiz
46 Midsummer sign
48 __ welder (construction worker)
49 Practical
54 Creative products
58 Mitten part
60 Zillions
61 Like a spent battery
62 Asian capital
63 Put forward
64 Wash up
65 It means "extreme"
66 Storm centers
67 Squeaked (out)

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1 Church doctrine
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12 Understood
13 A person
21 Aquarium fish
22 Like Siberian winters
26 Cole Porter portrayer
27 Model stick-on
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29 Boot out
30 Mice, to owls
31 Radio letters
32 Bit of fun
33 Bug in a swarm
34 Campus e-mail suffix
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40 Where sardines may be found
45 World's largest peninsula
47 Some cyber-summonses
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52 Take a powder
53 Put a stop to
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TECH

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The back-to-back defeats in a season's first month hasn't happened to the Red Raiders since 2001.

Center Shawn Byrnes said the watchwords for Texas Tech are "stay focused."

"We're not going to let distractions get to us," said Byrnes, the snapper for quarterback Taylor Potts, who leads the nation with 1,602 yards and 13 touchdowns. "We haven't had the best start. We didn't want this."

The team probably didn't need the midweek hassle over social media, either.

Leach said players don't need Twitter or Facebook — he labeled them "stupid" distractions — and that the sites will be monitored to make sure information about the football team isn't being shared.

Leach said his team has good potential.

"We just have to raise the confidence level. We have a bunch of young guys playing that are better than they think they are and their abilities are at higher level than some of them think," he said.

The Lobos, like the Cougars, don't defend well against the rush. New Mexico is No. 111 in the nation and it's a good bet the Red Raiders, who ran for 163 yards and three touchdowns against Houston, will run the ball Saturday.

"I think the running backs and the line played well." Leach said. "I think they played together better in that phase of it."

Locksley hopes that having played in a large Big 12 stadium already this year will help his players, despite having lost 41-6 at Texas A&M to open the season.

"When you look at the makeup of our team, with the amount of significant first-year contributors, having played at a place like A&M, I would hope that we were able to learn from that experience," he said.

WARE

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they prepare for a visit Sunday to undefeated Denver. Last week, coach Wade Phillips' message was, "The defense will be fine." Now, his message is, "DeMarcus will be fine."

"I don't think he'll get discouraged," Phillips said. "He might get mad. One time ... he knocked the back right on his rear and we got there and the guy threw it."

Ware's teammates say that's happened more than once. His backup, Steve Octavien, said quarterbacks are taking shorter drops and linemen are doing everything they can to slow him.

"They're strategizing," Octavien said. "They know what to do. They're doing all kinds of things to try to slow him down for like 2 seconds. Once that door opens up and he gets a sack, they'd better watch out because I know the sacks will start coming then."

Going into the game, the Cowboys were the only team in the league without a sack or an interception. They had three of each against the Panthers.

"He'll be fine, just like I said the defense will be fine," Phillips said of Ware.

The attention isn't a surprise to Ware. He said before the season he knew it was coming. Even then, he said he wanted to improve his sack total for the fifth time in five NFL seasons.

Doing so would mean threatening Michael Strahan's NFL record of 22½, but now even the two-year record of 41 by Mark Gastineau in 1983-84 will be tough.

Still, Ware's two-year total of 34 before this year was the best in 20 years. His 53½ sacks at the start of the season were the most in the NFL since Bill Parcells made him the 11th pick in 2005.

"The way he plays, he could get three in three plays," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "It just hasn't fallen for him. He's had a couple of them that he easily could have brought them down and made the sack. He's playing good."

Ware might be missing former pass-rushing partner Greg Ellis, the Cowboys' sack leader before Ware took charge. Dallas dumped Ellis in the offseason, apparently weary of his persistent harping about his contract, his playing time or both.

Ellis already has three sacks with the Raiders, while Anthony Spencer has none as his replacement in Dallas. Butler had both his sacks while subbing for Spencer.

Phillips, the former coach in Denver, warned that the sack struggle could return against the Broncos.

"Denver was the least-sacked team in the league last year and they've only been sacked three times in three games," he said. "It's going to be hard to get to a team like that, but you've got to do the other things and that's put the pressure on them and also get turnovers."

In other words, Ware might have to be patient at least one more game.

Notes: Cowboys OL Flozell Adams missed Thursday's practice with what Phillips said was a minor shoulder problem. Phillips said Adams would likely practice Friday and play Sunday in Denver. ... For the second straight day, Ware was listed on the injury report with a neck problem but practiced.

RIVALS

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have a winning record and go to a bowl game.

"It's a little different because we really feel like we're as good as we've been in a couple of years," said sophomore quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, who has passed for 326 yards per game this season. "We have that confidence in us. ... When you've got a team like this, you know you don't want to pass it up. You want to take your chances against teams like TCU and Houston that are all highly ranked."

Despite its early success this season, SMU is a four-touchdown underdog against the Frogs.

The Mustangs haven't won in Fort Worth since 1993, when both teams were still in the Southwest Conference. Even though they went to different leagues, there has been only one season since that they didn't play each other.

Jones led Hawaii to a BCS spot in the Sugar Bowl before taking on the rebuilding task at SMU, which has had only one winning record (6-5 in 1997) in 20 seasons since returning from the NCAA death penalty.

While beating the Frogs would be meaningful, Jones avoided the idea of looking for a signature victory. SMU is about to get into Conference USA play, including a trip to 12th-ranked Houston in three weeks.

"I'm involved in where we're headed and the journey to get to what we want to do. You don't turn it around in one game," Jones said. "One game is not better than another. We set a goal. We want six wins. We need four more."

Mustangs center Mitch Enright, a redshirt four years ago, insisted that this "is a big game for us because it's TCU" and that there hasn't been much talk about their last victory in the rivalry.

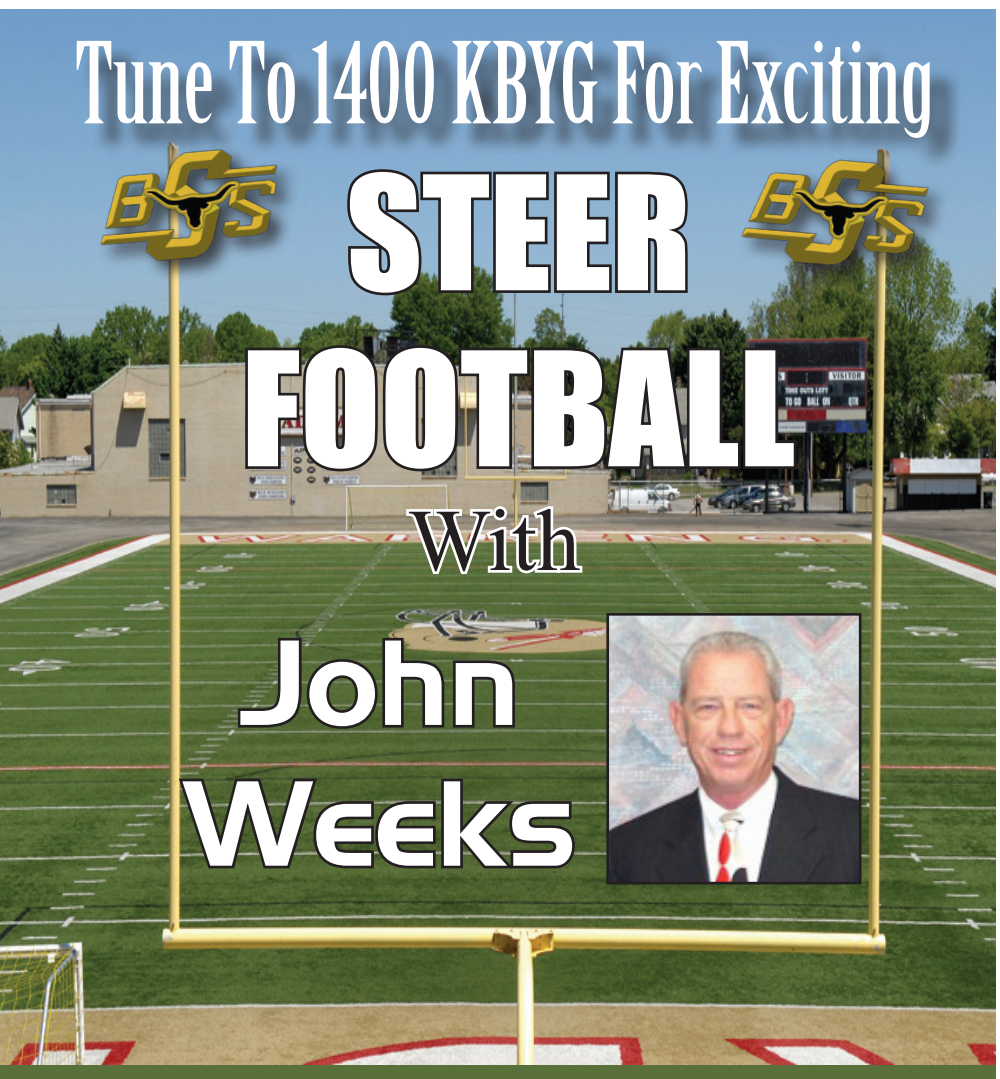
The game will feature two quarterbacks who took Katy High to Texas state championship games. TCU's Andy Dalton was a runner-up in 2005, when Mitchell was a sophomore. Mitchell won the title two years later as a senior.

Mitchell got a prep championship, but Dalton has the upper hand in the "Iron Skillet" game after TCU won 48-7 last season.

"When you play a team like TCU that you play every year, it's a big thing to come out to really compete against them and try to come out and get that win," Mitchell said. "This town would absolutely turn around if we got that win against TCU."

Obviously, Mitchell was referring to Dallas, not Katy — which will have something to be proud of regardless of the outcome.





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Cougars know not to look past UTEP

EL PASO (AP) — Mike Price's Miners would love another shootout with Houston. At least that would mean their offense has bounced back from last week's drubbing at Texas.

The 12th-ranked Cougars and Texas-El Paso open Conference USA play on Saturday. Houston (3-0) has won three straight in the series, though last year's game in Houston was close.

UTEP led the Cougars 28-16 going into the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold on as Houston quarterback Case Keenum made a run for the end zone to put the game out of reach with less than a minute to play.

Keenum hasn't slowed down much. He's now mentioned in Heisman Trophy talk by some following wins against Oklahoma State and, last week, a 29-28 nail-biter over Texas Tech.

Keenum insists he's focusing on UTEP and trying not to worry about the Cougars' undefeated record.

"We don't feel the pressure of keeping the record perfect, we still have to play like we have nothing to lose," Keenum said. "It doesn't matter if we went 3-0 or 0-3 in the past three games, it's a 0-0 season now and we have to continue to do everything the same way."

The Cougars, ranked for the first time since 1991, are hoping to become a BCS spoiler. UTEP, on the other hand, is fighting for respect and a chance to salvage their season after a 1-3 start that includes last week's 64-7 rout at No. 2 Texas.

The problems are widespread and the Miners are banged up. More than a dozen players sat out some of the practices this week

Last week in Austin, junior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe threw for just 35 yards, completing seven of 21 pass attempts, and was picked off four times.

Price said Vittatoe will remain his starter, despite needing to work on his "mental toughness."

"I think Trevor is the best quarterback in the program right now, he's just not playing that way," Price said.

Signs posted around the Sun Bowl tout the start of conference play as a chance for a fresh start.

"We all need to click on offense, all our blocking needs to go with our runs," said junior running back Donald Buckram. "All our passes need to go with our runs, just everything needs to click ... and we'll be fine."

Buckram is the Miners' leading rusher with 298 yards on 46 carries, but he was held to just 46 yards on nine carries by the Longhorns.

Houston coach Kevin Sumlin said his Cougars can't look past UTEP.

"We have many goals, but they all start with where we are in the West (Division) in Conference USA," Sumlin said. "For us, that's enough to get our attention this week."

Keenum threw for 435 yards and one touchdown before rushing into the end zone for the game-winning score in the final seconds last week at home. He told reporters this week that while he savors the mammoth celebrations the followed the Texas Tech win, he has to put to the memories behind him for now and focus on the Miners.

"UTEP is a talented team, however they are playing, so they will come and play us hard," Keenum said. "It is going to be a battle."

OU set to face Hurricanes sans QB Bradford

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford will not start for No. 8 Oklahoma on Saturday at No. 17 Miami.

Sooners coach Bob Stoops said Thursday that Landry Jones will start for Bradford, who hasn't played since spraining the AC joint in his right, throwing shoulder the first week of the season.

"Sam has made daily progress, but we don't feel like he's quite where he needs to be yet," Stoops said in a statement. "Our team has a lot of confidence in Landry's ability and we're looking forward to going into the game with him at quarterback."

Stoops did not say whether Bradford could serve as Jones' backup. When he last spoke to reporters, Stoops said he had not ruled out playing both quarterbacks against the Hurricanes (2-1).

The Sooners (2-1) have yet to play third-stringer Drew Allen, instead preserving the freshman's redshirt and using John Nimmo to replace Jones late in their last two blowouts.

Offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson said the offense doesn't change when Landry plays instead of Bradford.

"They're both very similar," he said. "We're really more concerned about what the line can do, what our receivers can do and what's our plan of attack and to execute and to play sound football."

Bradford sprained his shoulder when he was slammed to the turf late in the first half of Oklahoma's 14-13 loss to BYU on Sept. 5.

Jones, a redshirt freshman, replaced Bradford in the next two games, back-to-back shutouts against Idaho State and Tulsa.

Jones threw a school-record six touchdown passes in the 45-0 victory over Tulsa on Sept. 19, the Sooners' last game.

For the season, he is 49 for 81 for 673 yards with nine touchdowns and three interceptions.

"There's no rushing Sam to get back," offensive tackle Trent Williams said. "We feel like we can get it done with Landry."

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A&M

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brushed aside Arkansas 27-0 en route to its only AP national championship.

The Razorbacks enjoyed their glory years in the 1960s, and that was when the rivalry with Texas really came of age. Texas A&M presented less of a challenge. Arkansas won nine straight over A&M, a streak that began somewhat surprisingly in 1958.

The Razorbacks were 0-6 under new coach Frank Broyles before beating the Aggies 21-8.

Broyles went on to coach Arkansas for 19 seasons and remained athletic director through 2007. In 1975, toward the end of his coaching career, Arkansas faced an unbeaten Texas A&M team in Little Rock in early December. The Aggies had just beaten the hated Longhorns the previous week, but they were no match for the Hogs. Arkansas won 31-6 and went on to win the Cotton Bowl.

"We had one of the best games we've ever had. My daughter said she was yelling up in the stands: "Dad, PASS! PASS! PASS!" Broyles recalled. "I don't know that she did, but we did start passing and won handily."

The rivalry might have been at its best immediately before going dormant. In 1988, Arkansas beat the Aggies 25-20 to finish unbeaten in the SWC. The following year, Arkansas played at A&M — the week before the Aggies were hosting Texas.

"A lot of their students went home for Thanksgiving," said Ken Hatfield, Arkansas' coach at the time. "They just knew they were going to get back to play Texas."

Arkansas won 23-22. A pass interference call on fourth down — made by a line judge who happened to be an Arkansas graduate — kept the winning drive alive. A replay indicated it was probably a proper call, but Texas A&M wasn't pleased.

"I'm not going to say it was wrong, I'm just going to say it was questionable," Slocum said. The Aggies ended up beating Texas, but the Razorbacks went to the Cotton Bowl.

Texas A&M had the last laugh in 1991. The Razorbacks were on their way to the Southeastern Conference, and their last SWC road game was against the Aggies. Arkansas, a heavy underdog, tried to surprise A&M by running the wishbone, but the Aggies were tipped off.

"That week, I did get a call, as I did quite a number of times in coaching. Most of them turn out to be just bogus calls," Slocum said. "It said, 'I don't know what they're doing, but they're doing something with their offense.' ... They didn't say anything about wishbone. I don't think the person that called knew."

The Aggies won 13-3 and eventually went to the Cotton Bowl. Then, just as the rivalry was becoming a bit more heated, it came to a halt.

Arkansas began playing in the SEC in 1992, and although the Razorbacks still play Texas occasionally, they haven't faced the Aggies.

Now Arkansas and Texas A&M will renew their football rivalry and have agreed to play for at least 10 years.

"I thoroughly enjoyed all our games in the Southwest Conference, and certainly Arkansas was one of those games we always had great battles," said Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman, who was an assistant for the Aggies under Slocum. "They have a great fan following, and when you went over there it was loud and crazy, and when they came over here we treated them the same way. I guess that's a long time ago now."

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♦ A K 7
♣ A K 8 5 4 3 2

WEST
♠ K 10 7
♥ 9
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ Q J 10 9 7

EAST
♠ 8 6 4 3 2
♥ Q 7 6 2
♦ J 6 2
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9
♥ A K J 10 4 3
♦ 9 5 4
♣ —

This double-dummy problem was composed many years ago by the late Sidney Lenz. The object is to make Seven Hearts against the queen-of-clubs lead. Best defense is assumed, and, of course, declarer can see all 52 cards.

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Win the queen of clubs with the king, discarding a diamond, and continue with the ace of clubs. Then:

1. If East ruffs, overruff, cash the ace of spades and lead the queen through West's king. He must play the king of spades on this trick or the next one, whereupon you ruff in dummy and finesse the ten of trumps to score the rest of the tricks.

2. If East discards a spade on the ace of clubs, trump the ace, play the A-Q of spades as before, and take a trump finesse. Then cash your remaining spade or spades, cross to dummy with a diamond to the king and ruff another club, reducing your hand to the A-K-J of trumps and nine of diamonds. Now play a diamond to the ace, lead anything at all and East's Q-7-6 of trumps succumb to your A-K-J.

3. If East discards a diamond on the ace of clubs, discard your nine of spades and take a trump finesse. Then enter dummy with a diamond and repeat the trump finesse. After you cash the A-K of trumps, this becomes the position:

North
♠ 5
♦ A 7
♣ 8 5 4

West
♠ K 10
♦ Q 10
♣ J 10

East
♠ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ J

South
♠ A Q J
♥ 4 3
♦ 9

When you now play the four of hearts, West can discard the ten of clubs as dummy also discards a club, but when you next play the three of hearts, West finds himself in dire straits. He is caught in a three-suit squeeze, and no matter which suit he discards, you make the rest of the tricks.

Tomorrow: Solving a diamond mystery.

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