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Property values elevated

Good news, bad news for entities, home owners

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Elevated property values in Howard County have translated into quite a spike in the taxable values for governmental entities and school districts, as the County Appraisal District released its 2007 certified values Monday.

The taxable value for Howard County took a mighty upswing in 2007, up \$352 million to \$1.87 billion, compared to the \$1.51 billion appraised in 2006. Howard College, which has the same geographic area, has the same taxable values as the county.



The increased values will mean little to a county already cutting departmental budgets — and jobs — from its 2007-2008 financial plan, according to Chief Appraiser Brett McKibben.

“These increases look great by themselves, but they really don’t translate into any more money for the county or any other taxing entity,” said McKibben. “In essence, what it will do is force them to bring their tax rates down to meet the rollback rate. Unless they decide to go above the rollback rate, which could trigger a rollback election, they’re not going to see any more than the tradition 7.9 percent increase they’re allowed.”

Big Spring Independent School District also saw a marked increase in its valuations, posting a \$294.57 million upswing with \$1.07 billion in taxable values, compared to a little more than \$781 million in 2006.

McKibben said the increase in values is a double-edged sword for area homeowners.

“While it is of obvious benefit to own property that is increasing in value, there is also a distinct downside,” said McKibben. “As property values rise, more

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SURVEY SAYS!



HERALD photo/Dustin Wilson
 Ty Froman, left, and B.J. Rodriguez of Big Spring's Bradshaw and Associates survey the street from the corner of W. Eighth and Scurry for upcoming street construction.

Chase ends in arrest

by **DUSTIN WILSON**
 Staff Writer

The driver of a stolen vehicle led local law enforcement officers on an early morning chase through the streets of Big Spring today.

Arthur Calloway Jr., 17, of Big Spring, was arrested shortly after 7 a.m. and charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, evading arrest and resisting arrest after leading law enforcement officials on a chase that practically went from one side of the city to the other.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the police department, BSPD Officer Michael Moore

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WTO's decision on cotton subsidies angers U.S. farmers

By **BETSY BLANEY**

AP Agriculture Writer

LUBBOCK — South Plains cotton producer Doug Hlavaty is dumbfounded by the World Trade Organization decision last week that went against U.S. growers — again.

The interim decision contends changes made last year in what the trade body says are illegal subsidies to American producers were insufficient.

“It doesn’t make sense,” Hlavaty said Monday. “The (cotton) farmers here aren’t getting rich. As long as we make a crop, we get by.”

Brazil filed the complaint against the United States last fall, claiming that the elimination in August 2006



of subsidies paid to domestic mill users and exporters to compensate them for buying higher-priced U.S. cotton fell short of complying with a previous complaint to the WTO by the South American country.

The WTO said the subsi-

dies boosted U.S. production and exports while lowering world cotton prices.

The WTO interim decision isn’t final, but its panels rarely change their findings between preliminary and final rulings.

If the initial ruling out of

Geneva last week stands, the result could mean billions in trade sanctions against the United States and would be a major victory for Brazil’s cotton industry and West African countries that have claimed to have been harmed by the American payments.

National Cotton Council spokesman Gary Adams said Monday that the changes eliminating subsidies had already cost U.S. cotton farmers.

“The loss of Step 2 (subsidies) translated into effectively lowering returns to the producers,” he said.

South Plains producer Rickey Bearden said the subsidies eliminated were

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TOWN HALL MEETING

The public is invited to at Town Hall Meeting from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, featuring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive in Big Spring.

For more information, call Shea Woodard, West Texas regional director for Sen. Hutchison, at (325) 676-2839 or Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen at 268-3132 or visit hutchison.senate.gov

NEW HOURS AT LIBRARY

The Howard County Library is changing its hours of operations due to recent budgetary constraints.

Effective Wednesday, the library will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. instead of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, according to Librarian Hollis McCright.

The library is currently closed Saturdays.

For more information, contact the library at 264-2260

SILENT AUCTION SET

Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteers will have a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 7-9 in rooms 214 and 215.

Everyone is invited to participate. Proceeds will go to provide funds for the hospital to purchase new equipment.

For more information, contact Betty Daily at 267-3473.



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IN BRIEF

Coahoma Athletic Boosters meeting

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom in the high school.

They will be meeting to plan homecoming as well as other upcoming events. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Paula Buske at 816-4034 or Laura Martin at 267-8660.

Physicals required for some athletes

Big Spring High School is informing all student athletes that a physical is required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th graders, as well as any students who are new to the district.

Physicals must be taken care of and on file at the Athletic Training Center before athletes will be allowed to practice, participate or get equipment issued to them.

Call the ATC at 264-3662 with any questions.

Lady Steers v-ball team meeting

Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team will hold a parent/athlete meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at Alan and Della Partee's house at 1600 Kiowa.

The meeting will discuss rules and expectations for the upcoming season since two-a-days begin Monday.

A swim party will be held following the meeting. Parents are asked to bring snacks and drinks.

Call Della Partee at 367-4038 or Coach Amanda Whitaker at (325) 864-1467 with any questions.

LULAC golf tourney for scholarship set

The League of United Latin American Citizens will host their First Annual LULAC Scholarship Golf Tournament at Big Spring Country Club Aug. 11.

The event will benefit a scholarship fundraiser for local high school or junior college graduates seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree at a major university within the state.

The format is an 18-hole 4-man scramble beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$75 per player and includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

Registration is due by Aug. 10 with enrollment limited to the first 72 paid entrants.

For entry and sponsor information, contact Anthony Mendoza at 264-0026 or e-mail him at anthonymendoza03@yahoo.com.

Country club to host over 80 golf tourney

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting an over 80 scramble tournament starting at 1 p.m. Aug. 18. The tournament will conclude Aug. 19.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information.

Legendary coach Walsh dead at 75

By JANIE MCCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Bill Walsh changed the look of the NFL with his offensive innovations and legion of coaching disciples, breaking new ground and winning three Super Bowls with the San Francisco 49ers in the process.

Nicknamed "The Genius" for his creative schemes that became known as the West Coast offense, Walsh died at his Woodside home Monday morning following a long battle with leukemia. He was 75.

"This is just a tremendous loss

for all of us, especially to the Bay Area because of what he meant to the 49ers," said the 49ers' Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana. "Outside of my dad he was probably the most influential person in my life. I am going to miss him."

Walsh didn't become an NFL head coach until 47, and he spent just 10 seasons on the San Francisco sideline. But he left an indelible mark on the nation's most popular sport, building the once-woebegone 49ers into the most successful team of the 1980s with his innovative offensive strategies.

The soft-spoken native

Californian also produced an army of coaching disciples that's still growing today. Many of his former assistants went on to lead their own teams, handing down Walsh's methods and schemes to dozens more coaches in a tree with innumerable branches.

"The essence of Bill Walsh was that he was an extraordinary teacher," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said. "If you gave him a blackboard and a piece of chalk, he would become a whirlwind of wisdom."

Walsh went 102-63-1 with the 49ers, winning 10 of his 14 post-season games along with six division titles. He was named the

NFL's coach of the year in 1981 and 1984.

Few men did more to shape the look of football into the 21st century. His cerebral nature and often-brilliant stratagems earned him his nickname well before his election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993.

He visited with friends until the end.

Tyrone Willingham, the former Stanford coach now at Washington, and Stanford donor and alumnus John Arrillaga went to see Walsh on Sunday, presenting him with the Stagg

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Aggies could boast nation's top running game

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Running games don't receive the glory they once did — thanks partly to the invention of the spread offense — unless they feature an exciting back like Reggie Bush.

However, most coaching staffs in the country would still tell you that they fear a sound running game more than a passing game. At some point in the season, a team has to have the ability to get under center and pound the ball.

College teams are discovering each year that a spread offense might produce a lot of points, but a running game is required to win consistently.

Bob Stoops learned this early on at Oklahoma. Despite winning a national championship with a spread offense, the Sooners found it necessary to develop a strong running attack to be legitimate contenders year after year.

Combined with a stout defense, a strong ball control offense can take a team to the pinnacle of a championship season.

This is the best argument that can be made for the Texas A&M Aggies to come away with a Big 12 Championship this season.

Most college football gurus would tell you that West Virginia possesses the top running game in the country. The argument is there, with quarterback Pat White and running back Steve Slaton running a similar shotgun option set that took Vince Young and the Texas Longhorns to a National Championship in 2006.

However, upon closer examination, these gurus might find

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MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas A&M quarterback Stephen McGee (7) dives over the goal line for a two-point conversion as Missouri's Hardy Ricks (28) tries to stop him in action from Oct. 14, 2006 at Kyle Field in College Station. McGee quarterbacks one of the top rushing offenses in the country.

Cowboys want Williams to hit more than cover

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Although it's only training camp, Roy Williams can't help himself.

Seeing Oliver Hoyte catch a pass in his vicinity Monday morning, Williams lowered his shoulders and flattened his teammate — just like he'd done to Miles Austin the day before and to Terry Glenn the day before that.

Ferocious blows are Williams' signature statement. They're a big reason why the Dallas Cowboys gave him a \$25.2 million contract extension last summer.

It's certainly not for his coverage skills.

Williams' weakness as a cover guy was exploited more than ever last season. Of the 25 touchdown passes thrown against Dallas, a good chunk

came with No. 31 in the area, unable to prevent it.

While Williams contends it was often a case of mistaken identity — "I'm supposed to be doing one thing, but then I try to help out with something and it looks like I'm getting burned" — it may not be a coincidence that new coach Wade Phillips plans to use his hard-hitting safety differently this season.

Williams is going to backpedal less and play close to the line of scrimmage more. Sometimes he'll be blitzing and sometimes he'll be there to make quarterbacks think he's coming.

He'll still have some coverage duties, of course, giving him a chance to flatten guys wearing other jerseys. Part of his freedom comes from Dallas adding veteran Ken Hamlin to play free safety.

As Phillips likes to say about all his players, Williams will have a chance to do more of what he does best.

"He can strike a blow," said Phillips, who counts Steve Atwater and Dennis Smith as the "really big-time hitters" that he's coached and Williams is poised to join them.

"He's really got a knack and great timing as far as hitting somebody," Phillips said. "Plus, he has no fear. Most of the big-time hitters I've ever been around, they have that mentality."

Williams didn't have a sack last year and has only 6 1/2 over five seasons. But the way he hits, and the way he runs now that he's down to his rookie weight of 221 pounds, could cause lots of problems for quarterbacks.

Williams likes the change.



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Dallas Cowboys' Roy Williams celebrates his third quarter interception against the Washington Redskins Sept. 17, 2006 at Texas Stadium in Irving. Williams will be counted on more for his physical style of play under new head coach Wade Phillips' defensive schemes.

Obituaries

Harold Ivany Canning



Harold Ivany Canning was born March 4, 1918, in Musgrave Town, Newfoundland, Canada, to Levi Witcher and Maryanne Loveless Canning, both of whom were officers in the Salvation Army. He passed away May 23, 2007, in Grapevine.

His family moved to the United States when he was 8 years old, and settled in a number of locations in West Virginia, Kentucky and Texas. He graduated from San Angelo High School in 1936.

Following graduation, he worked in the banking industry in Big Spring before volunteering for military service in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, with much of his service in England.

Following the war he settled in Big Spring with his wife, Carolyn June Poole Canning, and served as general manager of the Big Spring Herald. June preceded him in death in 1965. He married Doris James of Dallas in 1966. He retired from the Big Spring Herald in 1979 after nearly 40 years with the newspaper.

Harold was involved in many civic activities during his life in Big Spring, with memberships in the Kiwanis Club, the Shriners and Masonic Lodge of Texas, and First Christian Church of Big Spring. He served one year as regional president of the Kiwanis Club in during the 1980s.

In 1989 he moved to Dallas with his wife, Doris, where they lived until she preceded him in death Feb. 17, 2006. He then settled in Grapevine to be close to his son, Barry, and his family.

Harold is survived by a brother, Winston Canning and wife, Eva, of Baton Rouge, La.; a daughter, Sandra Elizabeth Durrett and husband, Ronald, of Hendersonville, Tenn.; two sons, Thomas Harold Hare and wife, Ginny, of Hot Springs, Ark., and Barry Levi Canning and wife, Marie, of Grapevine; seven grandchildren, Ron C. Durrett, Sean Durrett and wife Kristin, and Natalie Durrett, all of Hendersonville, Tenn., Chris Hare and wife, Gretchen, of Springdale, Ark., Jennifer Hare, of Hot Springs, Ark., Matthew Canning and wife, Lisa, of Champaign, Ill., and Benjamin Canning of Grapevine; a brother-in-law, Pelham Poole and wife, Maclean, of Granville County, N.C.; eight nephews, two nieces, four great-grandchildren and many cousins and other relatives throughout Newfoundland, Canada.

Harold was laid to rest next to Doris on May 26, 2007, at the Laurel Land Cemetery in Dallas. Donations to his memory may be made to the Big Spring Salvation Army.

Paid obituary

Albert 'Bert' Carrillo



Albert "Bert" Carrillo, 25, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 28, 2007, in Pecos County from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 17, 1981 in Big Spring to Virginia and Florencio Carrillo. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 2000. He received an Associates Degree in Drafting at High Tech Institute in Phoenix, Ariz. He was employed by Amerimex Drilling of Abilene. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Catholic.

He was looking forward to the birth of his first baby boy, Albert Adriel Carrillo, due Sept. 15, 2007.

He is survived by his wife: Tabatha Priest Carrillo of Big Spring; a son, Owen Rosello of Big Spring; a daughter, Tatum Rosello of Big Spring; parents Virginia and Calvin Weaver of Big Spring; two brothers, Ernie Villalva and his wife Sharon of Odessa, and Junior Carrillo and his wife Emily of Big Spring; two sisters, Mary Ann Carrillo of Odessa and Jenny Ornelas and her husband Danny of California; and nine nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Florencio Carrillo; an uncle, Pete Carrillo, and his grandparents.

Pallbearers will be Josh Hughes, Gene Rodriguez, Brian "Rup" Johnson, Anthony Martinez, Jacob Leos, and Joe Bustamante. Honorary pallbearers will be Matt Green, Chris Chavez, John Parcell, Adrian Carrillo, Ben Moore, Anthony Carrillo and Andrew Williams.

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

Earl Alonzo Wright III



Earl Alonzo Wright III, 30, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 28, 2007, from injuries received in an automobile accident. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ulysses Mathews officiating. A service will be held in Brackettville Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at 11 a.m. at the Sunset Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery in Brackettville.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 1, 1976, in Del Rio and married Tonya Lee on June 14, 2005 in Big Spring.

Earl graduated from Brackett High School in 1994. He was currently working for Amerimex Drilling and had lived in Big Spring for the past five years.

Survivors include his wife, Tonya Wright of Big Spring; two sons, Matthew Burnett and Kalob Burnett, both of Big Spring; a daughter, Amanda Wright of Big Spring; his mother, Beverly Wright and step-father, Joe Kelly of Brackettville; his father, Earl Alonzo Wright II of Uvalde; four sisters, Dorothy Ward of San Antonio, Latoya Wright of Brackettville, Victoria "Shante" Ward of Minnesota and Jolisa Wright of Brackettville; and a brother, Justin Ward of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harding L. Ward Sr. and Dorothy Rea Ward, and an aunt.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Memorial and Honor Program-F, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105-1905.

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

Pedro Calderon



Pedro (Pete) Calderon, 56, of Big Spring died Monday, July 30, 2007, at Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007 at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 12, 1950 in Big Spring to Concepcion and Ventura Calderon. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served in Vietnam. He had been a cook at Denny's for many years. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Catholic.

He is survived by his mother: Concepcion Calderon of Big Spring; two sisters, Aida Valenzuela of Colorado City and Lupe Garcia of Big Spring; a brother, Ventura Calderon of Big Spring; and six nephews and two nieces.

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

Albert Bateman

Albert F. Bateman, 62, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 22, 2007 in the Texas Veterans Home. Graveside services with military honors were held July 27, 2007 at Gaster Hill Cemetery, Monticello, Ark.

He was born May 28, 1945 in Monticello, Ark. He was retired from the U.S. Navy, in which he served as an aviation storekeeper aboard the U.S.S. Guam and the U.S.S. America.

He is survived by three sisters, Pauline Waters, Big Spring; Joyce Schell and husband Gene Schell, Austin, and Marie Steel, Pine Bluff, Ark.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Loyd Odell Bateman and Leo Bateman.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of F.M. 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lark. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Police blotter

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

- In the Monday edition of the Herald the address reported for Timothy Flores was incorrect. At this time the police do not have an address for him.
- JOSHUA NOBLE, 20, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Sunday on charges of minor in consumption - enhanced, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JENEANE RICHARD, 20, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Sunday on six local warrants.
- MICHAEL T. RANDEL, 34, of 200 Banks, was arrested Sunday on three local citations.
- ERNEST W. CLARK, 67, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERNEST SAIZ JR., 46, of 1905 Wasson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL T. HOULIHAN, 21, of 1510 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on two local warrants and two capias warrants.
- JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK, 28, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on 12 local warrants.
- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 44, of 2517 Chanute, was arrested Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- JAMES EARL MAGERS, 45, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Monday on a U.S. Marshal warrant and a charge of parole violation.
- ABANDONED VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of Nolan.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1400 block of Lancaster.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1100 block of Wood.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama.
- INJURY TO CHILD WITH THE INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Gregg.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 46 inmates at the time of this report.
- CHRISTINA MITCHELL, 25, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- DANNY FRANK WILSON, 50, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.
- NATASHA MICHELLE MORRIS, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of consumption/possession of alcohol by a minor.
- TAMARA NICOLE RUSSELL, 32, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of theft.
- DANIEL SCOTT HIGGINBOTHAM, 28, was arrested by DPS Monday on a violation of probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- VICTOR MANUEL CASTILLO, 34, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and theft.
- TIMOTHY JOE FLORES, 32, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- PABLO MORENO, 29, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second count.
- ANTONIO TORRES, 30, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of failure to appear and possession of a controlled substance.
- HENRY JOHN RAYMOND, 33, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on charges of theft and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- CURTIS BOLTON MAXWELL, 37, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of tampering/fabricating physical evidence.
- JOSHUA NOBLE, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor - enhanced and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 24, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, tampering/fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance.
- LEVI MARTIN BREWER, 45, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify a fugitive from justice and giving false/fictitious information.

Lottery

- Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-25-32-35-37.
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- Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-13-31-33. Bonus Ball: 20.

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that the Aggies actually have an extra weapon that other teams lack in the backfield.

This is the most explosive option based running game since Erik Crouch and Tommie Frazier quarterbacked the option attack for Nebraska.

Great option coaches of the past like Tom Osborne, Barry Switzer and Darrell Royal would be salivating over the trio of running threats that the Aggies boast.

It starts with junior quarterback Stephen McGee. Despite not being as quick or elusive as great option quarterbacks of the past like Frazier and Crouch, McGee orchestrates the more complex version of the Aggies' option offense to near perfection.

Protecting the ball is key to the option and McGee led the Aggies to one of the best turnover differentials in the nation last season.

Surrounding McGee is the Reggie Bush of this team — Mike Goodson. Goodson was considered the top running back recruit of the 2006 class and showed his big play speed late last season, including a 127-yard effort in a 1-point loss to Oklahoma.

Now the argument starts that White and Slaton make a more lethal combination for West Virginia than what McGee and Goodson do for the Aggies. That could be argued until the Aggies third ground attack weapon —

Jovorskie Lane — is thrown into the equation.

Lane, a junior, is a mammoth, weighing more than 270 lbs. However, much in the Jerome Bettis mold, he has quick enough feet to scoot past defenders to compliment his freight train power.

The scariest part about this trio is that they'll be together for another season after this one, considering that McGee or Lane don't leave school early for the NFL, which is unlikely.

A&M finished eighth in the nation in rushing offense last season. With another year of experience for Goodson, it's not hard to believe this team will be the most dangerous running threat in the nation.

The Aggies have a ground game that is good enough to finally get head coach Dennis Franchione off of the hot season and land A&M a Big 12 Championship — their first since 1998.

Here are four other national programs who rely heavily upon the ground game to contend for their conference titles:

- West Virginia — The combination of Slaton and White is enough to scare the wits out of most opponents. Both players averaged over 100-yards rushing a game last season.

As a team, the Mountaineers finished second in total rushing offense, gaining more than 300 yards a game.

Slaton is a Heisman hopeful this season, provided that the Mountaineers can have another stellar season.

White could also be a threat for the Heisman trophy, if he can become a more consistent passer.

Both players a merely juniors on a team expected to contend for the national title.

- Arkansas — The "Wildcat" formation became a national phenomenon thanks to the Razorbacks' Darren McFadden. There might not be a more exciting back in the country.

In the formation created specially for him, McFadden lines up in shotgun at quarterback. Often times, the Hogs second runningback, Felix Jones, is positioned next to him. McFadden then gets the option to give the ball to Jones, take off with it himself or even throw it.

A run generally came from the formation and teams would know it was coming, but still struggled to defend it.

McFadden enters this season as the Heisman favorite behind Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm.

Jones remains the after thought for most defenses, which is just fine with the Razorbacks. Teams forgetting about him allowed him to gain more than 80-yards a game in spot duty.

The Hogs will need both backs to find frequent success again next season, especially with questions at quarterback and the loss of several

key defensive performers, including cornerback Chris Houston and defensive end Jamaal Anderson.

- Wisconsin — At the start of last season, I made a bold prediction that won't be played out for another three years.

I envisioned that Wisconsin running back P.J. Hill would break the NCAA career rushing yards record held by former Badger RB Ron Dayne.

Hill got off to a great start in his freshman campaign, gaining 1,569 yards. That leaves him with just 4,875-yards to eclipse Dayne's record, meaning Hill must average 1,625-yards over his last three college seasons.

Personally, I feel like it is a legitimate possibility and will stand by my bold prediction. Hill leads a Badgers team that lost only three starters combined from last year's squad.

- Clemson — If Jones and McFadden make up the most explosive RB combo in the nation, then the Tigers' combo of James Davis and C.J. Spiller aren't far behind.

Davis found more and more of his carries being given to Spiller as the season wore on.

However, while Spiller is the future star of the backfield with his game breaking speed, Davis is a steady performer, scoring 17 touchdowns last year.

WALSH

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Award for his outstanding service to football.

Raiders owner Al Davis and Hall of Famer John Madden stopped by Saturday, and Montana on Friday. Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young was headed to see Walsh on Monday when he received the sad news instead.

"He knew me well before I knew myself and knew what I could accomplish well before I knew that I could accomplish it," Young said.

Walsh twice served as the 49ers' general manager, and George Seifert led San Francisco to two

more Super Bowl titles after Walsh left the sideline. Walsh also coached Stanford during two terms over five seasons.

Even a short list of Walsh's adherents is stunning. Seifert, Mike Holmgren, Dennis Green, Sam Wyche, Ray Rhodes and Bruce Coslet all became NFL head coaches after serving on Walsh's San Francisco staffs, and Tony Dungy played for him. Most of his former assistants passed on Walsh's structures and strategies to a new generation of coaches, including Mike Shanahan, Jon Gruden, Brian Billick, Andy Reid, Pete Carroll, Gary Kubiak, Steve Mariucci and Jeff Fisher.

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♠ K
♣ K Q J 9 7 3

SOUTH
♦ 8 5 2
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The bidding:
East 1♦ South Pass West Pass North 1♦
Pass 1♥ Pass 3♦
Pass 3♥ Pass 4♦

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Although declarer usually cannot be absolutely certain which cards an opponent might hold, there are times when he knows for sure which cards he cannot hold. This knowledge often proves very useful in determining how to play a particular hand.

Take this case where South wound up in four hearts after East had opened the bidding with one club. West led the ace of clubs and shifted to the ten of spades, covered by the queen and ace. East returned a spade,

West's nine forcing the king. Declarer led a heart to the nine, ruffed his remaining club with the queen and overtook the king of hearts with the ace. A third round of trumps was drawn, after which South paused to take stock.

He had already lost two tricks, and still had a spade loser and a potential diamond loser to take care of. If the diamond finesse was attempted and lost, East would cash the jack of spades to set the contract.

Declarer did not know precisely what either opponent's hand looked like, but he did know West could not have the king of diamonds. Had he held that card along with the ace of clubs he led at trick one, he surely wouldn't have passed his partner's opening bid.

South therefore elected to play for the one possibility that would allow him to make his game — that East had the singleton king of diamonds. Accordingly, he led a diamond to the ace, and when the king fell, he had the rest of the tricks.

Of course, South was very lucky to find the diamond king unguarded with four cards missing in the suit, but his was the kind of luck that is associated with winning players. While the outcome might have been lucky, the decision-making process that preceded it was 100 percent skill.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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As the moon moves into the flow of Pisces, we're magnetically pulled in by emotional distractions. Unlike Pisces, Mars and Saturn are far from relaxed today, creating a strange confluence of bubbling sublimation, strained tension and strange meltdowns. Even though urgency to accomplish is high, it's best to not push the river.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19.) No one can bug you more than a person with whom you share either DNA or a surname. When the hairs on your neck start to bristle, it's time to take a walk, if not a trip out of town.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20.) The more you delight in your work, the more lucrative it'll be. In the long term, there's no such thing as a job that's fun but doesn't pay well. Even if it doesn't look that way now, joyful work can't help but attract wealth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21.) Consider the positive side to difficult relationship dynamics. For instance, the same romantic disappointment that once broke your heart has also made you generally more tolerant and loving.

CANCER (June 22-July 22.) The tone of your personal relationships

will swing from serious to lighthearted, keeping loved ones on their toes. The air of unpredictability around you is ever so attractive. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22.)** There are benefits to tagging along. Even when it's someone else's ride, going along for it is productive. Your peep into another person's life gives you an expanded view of your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22.) You're pretending to be tough because you assume others really are. But the truth is, the one you think is emotionally hardy is actually more sensitive than you — just better at pretending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23.) You're being graded — then again, you're always being graded in some way or another. So does it really matter? The less you care about how others rate you, the more likely you are to enjoy your work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21.) Home a mess? Great! Cleaning up will not only improve your external world, but it'll sparkle and shine the inner structures of your imagination, which, of course, matter most.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21.) You can find a way to enjoy your object of attraction without being rendered helpless by it. Stay strong now — not like the moth beating against the light bulb.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19.) The world is your playroom, and in it are all of the toys you've ever wanted. Lose

yourself in fanciful imaginings. Really, there's nothing more productive you could possibly do with this day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18.) Be sure that your high expectations of a loved one are motivated by what's really best for him or her, and not what you want for yourself. The happiest circumstance, of course, is when both ideas are true.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20.) Your day is filled with small, unexceptional details that could mean nothing to you until seen in hindsight. However, with this knowledge, you'll take extra care.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: The Astrology of Fun. The expression "make hay while the sun still shines" is totally applicable to this season of the sun in Leo. We're enjoying the heat and not yet ready for the demands of the upcoming fall.

Time spent doing something you thoroughly enjoy is always time well spent. What fun scheme will Aquarius and Pisces hatch up? **AQUARIUS:** Hey, day-trippers, you feel most alive, fancy-free and on the go, visiting neighboring towns and relatives, and familiarizing yourself with the lay of the land. You're most charismatic and creative when learning, exchanging and chatting. An avid reader and writer, you have an intellectual love affair with the life of the mind.

Leo activities for you:

journaling, GPS geocaching, language classes. **PISCES:** You come alive at night. Under the watery moonlight, your effervescence sparkles and your experience creative flow. Your secret desire for the spotlight often has you hamming it up with friends until you're practically punch-drunk! You have enough internal drama to fuel a soap opera, which you easily parlay into talent on the stage, screen or page. Leo activities for you: staying up late, beachcombing, funny movies.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger reflects the high aspirations of the Lion who loves to organize and build — also, a Lion who doesn't sit clearly on one party line or the other. With Leo's consistency of character and likeability, the Lion connects with the people. Saturn and Pluto are close to his sun, but he's his own man. "The worst thing I can be is the same as everybody else. I hate that."

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: "Beth" and I have been very good friends for 30 years. We grew up together. However, there is something going on that may destroy our friendship.

When we were children, Beth's father molested her. As horrible as it was, she grew up to be very successful, and a wonderful, caring person. The problem is her father loves to play with the little girls on his street and give them gifts. He also mentors fatherless girls at their church, because they need a "male role model." Beth knows about her father's activities and told him what he is doing "isn't appropriate," but she has made no other move to stop him.

I contacted the county sheriff, but was told they can't do anything unless someone presses charges. Beth is concerned that going after her dad would destroy her mother's life. Beth's mother knew Dad was molesting Beth as a child, but didn't care enough to protect her and isn't interested in protecting other children.



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I am absolutely sick over this. I am terrified her father will victimize other children, if he hasn't already. I've begged Beth to come forward, but she keeps telling me she needs time to think. My husband may never speak to Beth again, saying she is putting her own comfort above public safety. Do I approach the minister with secondhand information? Can I tell the parents of the kids on his street? The sheriff said that would be slander and I could be sued. What can I do? — Longtime Friend in Colorado

Dear Colorado: Beth is in a difficult position. Be sympathetic to her internal conflict while encouraging her to do the right thing, but please don't apply so much pressure that she retreats altogether. Recommend that she contact RAINN (rainn.org) at 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673) for support and help. Meanwhile, make an appointment to speak to the minister, privately,

and tell him about your dilemma. We hope it will help.

Dear Annie: My sister, "Joni," and I used to be so close, but now I barely see her. She's either out with friends or way too busy. Now that she has a car, she is never home, and even when she does come home, she doesn't stay long or she has a friend with her. We barely ever get time for just the two of us. I've tried telling Joni how I feel, but she doesn't listen. Every time I plan something special, she always has something else to do. I feel as if I'm being replaced. I'm glad Joni has a good time. I just wish she could include me. — Lost and Mixed Up

Dear Lost: Joni still loves you, but she is at a point where her friends and her social life are very important. This is a normal part of growing up. Talk to Joni again and tell her you miss her. Ask if she would set aside a certain time each week that will be "sisters" time. You also can involve your parents in setting a schedule. Then get involved in other activities so you won't feel quite so neglected when Joni is preoccupied.

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "Hostage," who said doctors overbook appointments because they want fancy cars and homes. I used to agree, but now that I am the mother of a physician, I have another viewpoint.

My daughter, a dermatologist, met with a patient who had melanoma, and my daughter had to tell the woman and her husband that it was terminal. My daughter cried with her and ended up keeping her next patient waiting. The next patient, understandably, was upset, but was forgiving when she heard the

explanation. I'm proud of my daughter, a devoted mother to four children, who does not have a million-dollar home, but who cares deeply about her patients. (She's also a wonderful daughter.) — Love, Mom

Dear Mom: Patients understand the occasional emergency, but overbooking on a regular basis causes justifiable resentment. (P.S.: Show your wonderful daughter this letter and tell her you wrote it.)

Dear Annie: Our youngest child wants to start shaving her legs this summer. She is only 9 years old. We want to be reasonable. Some of her friends are already shaving, and she does have rather dark body hair. On the other hand, this beautiful girl was born flirtatious and, much as we hate to admit it, has a sweet kind of sex appeal. She is very tall for her age, and we think shaving might make her seem older than we are comfortable with.

We also aren't sure she is ready for additional personal hygiene chores, since we still have to nag her to brush her teeth. We want to do what is best for her, but we don't want to rush the process. — Mom in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Dear Mom: Learning to behave in a virtuous manner has nothing to do with hairless legs, and since your daughter is flirtatious, it's not too early to teach her that. We agree that 9 is young, but girls start puberty earlier these days, and peer pressure and dark hair can make her feel self-conscious and awkward. You might want to consider it for her comfort, if not your own. A little stubble won't hurt her.

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News in brief

Steroid testing in high school to miss start of football season

FORT WORTH (AP) — With a contractor still not in place to run a \$3 million mandate to randomly test high school athletes for steroids, a top University Interscholastic League official said Monday the program likely won't be ready for the start of football season.

But UIL athletic director Charles Breithaupt said he was confident that testing football players would begin at some point this fall.

Public high schools start football practice Aug. 6 and play their first games Aug. 30.

"I don't think we want to rush it that quickly," Breithaupt said. "But we don't want to skip football season."

Fourteen contractors submitted bids to the UIL to run what will be the nation's largest random steroids testing program. The deadline for bids ended Friday, and UIL officials said a committee will now sort through the submissions in a process expected to take several weeks.

Former Hidalgo County district clerk cleared of child sex charges

EDINBURG (AP) — A former Hidalgo County district clerk has been found not guilty of child sexual assault charges stemming from allegations that he carried on a sexual relationship with a 15-

year-old girl.

The jury deliberated more than four hours Monday before acquitting Omar Guerrero, 30, on two counts each of sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child and enticing a child.

He was also found not guilty of retaliation, a charge brought when Guerrero allegedly threatened the 15-year-old's family.

"Praise the Lord," Guerrero said as sheriff's deputies led him from the courtroom.

Guerrero was released from jail Monday night on a personal recognition bond. Defense attorney Keno Vasquez said Guerrero had already posted bond on pending charges of marijuana possession, assault and intoxicated driving.

Police find remains of 4 pre-term infants found in and around home

OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP) — The remains of four pre-term infants found in and around a modest home in this resort town were being examined to see whether the woman charged with murdering one of the babies is the mother of all four.

The grisly discoveries came to light after Christy Freeman was admitted to a hospital with bleeding last week. Doctors found that she'd recently given birth, but had no baby. An investigation has uncovered four tiny sets of remains.

Bulldozers on Tuesday were to resume digging in a vacant lot next to Freeman's apartment. Ocean City Police Spokesman Barry Neeb said cadaver dogs led police to believe there may be more remains in the yard, but none had been found.

"To this time right now, we have not found any additional remains," Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino said Monday evening.

Freeman, the mother of four living children, was charged with murder and manslaughter and denied bond Monday. She was being held in the Worcester County jail awaiting an Aug. 27 preliminary hearing.

FBI, IRS search home of U.S. Sen. Stevens

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Federal agents searched the home of U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens on Monday, focusing on records related to his relationship with an oil field services contractor jailed in a public corruption investigation, a law enforcement official said.

Stevens, 83, has been under a federal investigation for a 2000 renovation project more than doubling the size of his home in Girdwood that was overseen by Bill Allen, a contractor who has pleaded guilty to bribing Alaska state legislators.

Allen is founder of VECO Corp., an Alaska-based oil field services and engi-

neering company that has reaped tens of millions of dollars in federal contracts.

Agents from the FBI and Internal Revenue Service started their search at the senator's home Monday afternoon, said Dave Heller, FBI assistant special agent. He said he could not comment on the nature of the investigation.

About 15 agents took photos and video of various angles of the house and eventually entered it.

Chief Justice John Roberts hospitalized after seizure, fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice John Roberts is spending part of his summer vacation in a hospital bed after suffering a seizure in Maine.

Roberts, 52, had a similar, unexplained episode in 1993.

Doctors who evaluated the chief justice on Monday said the incident was a "benign idiopathic seizure," meaning they found no tumor, stroke or other explanation. The seizure caused Roberts to fall on a dock and he sustained minor scrapes, Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said.

He was kept overnight at the Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport for observation, Arberg said.

By definition, someone who has had more than one seizure without any other cause is determined to have epilepsy, said Dr. Marc Schlosberg, a Washington Hospital neurologist.

COTTON

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part of the safety net U.S. growers and Congress developed.

"I personally don't feel it's Brazil's business," he said, adding that the only way Brazil would be happy is if the U.S. "grew no cotton."

Steve Verett with the Plains Cotton Growers in Lubbock, which serves a 41-county region that is the world's largest contiguous growing patch, said much has been lost from the group of talks that governed world trade before the current Doha round.

The Uruguay round, which ended in 1994 when the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

(GATT) became the WTO, set limits on the total amount a country could spend.

"As long as you stayed under that, the peace clause protected you," Verett said. "All a country has to do now is show that harm was caused by another country's subsidies. That's in essence what Brazil has been doing and we don't agree with that at all."

The interim ruling comes as Congress crafts a new farm bill. The House passed its version last week, which included other "significant reductions," Adams said.

"When U.S. cotton acres and cotton exports have declined, while Brazil's production has gone up along with most other nations' production and

also world prices, I'm not sure how the United States is having a negative impact on Brazil," U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer said in an e-mail response.

Others working with the cotton industry said the interim ruling shouldn't be part of Congress' debate on the new farm bill. Larry Combest, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee during the writing of the last farm bill in 2002 who now represents farming interests, said it's "impossible to anticipate what the rules of the game may be."

"When we wrote the 2002 bill, we only made sure we were in compliance with existing rules that were on the books," he said in an email

response.

A final finding was expected in September.

"It remains to be seen what our government will do," Verett said. "I hope that they will appeal."

Farm support payments have long been a source of contention in trade negotiations between wealthy and developing nations. The disagreement contributed to the collapse of world trade talks in 2003 in Cancun, Mexico.

In April 2004, the WTO ruled that U.S. cotton subsidies were unfair to farmers in developing nations. Siding with a complaint first lodged by Brazil in 2002, the WTO said the subsidies boost U.S. production and exports while lowering world cotton prices.

A spokesman for U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Matt Mackowiak, said she "strongly opposes" the interim ruling. When the Senate takes up the farm bill in September, Hutchison will work to ensure Texas producers get the safety net they deserve, he said.

Cornyn also expressed opposition.

"I would also note that the timing of the apparent leak of what was billed as a confidential interim ruling is suspicious. Media reports came out the day after the House voted on the farm bill, so it appears that one of our trading partners is again trying to

influence U.S. policy, as happened with the previous cotton case," he said in an e-mail.

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Lalage Halliburton, 91, died Sunday. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside Service will be at 4:00 PM at Marathon Cemetery in Marathon, Texas.

Albert "Bert" Carrillo, 25, died Saturday. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Pedro "Pete" Calderon, 56, died Monday, July 30, 2007. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

VALUES

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than likely so will your property tax bill. The vast majority of property owners are going to find themselves with higher property values this year, and renters are unlikely to be spared as landlords can be expected to pass on at least some of the increase to their tenants.

"The economy has produced the hottest market in Howard County history for the last several years. Some appraised values have not changed in a number of years. When values fall below market value, school districts are in jeopardy of losing state funding. The new appraisal figures are bringing values closer to

the actual market."

According to McKibben, increases for the other two school districts in Howard County — the Forsan Independent School District and Coahoma Independent School District — weren't quite as sharp.

Coahoma ISD, which posted certified values of \$260.1 million in 2006, saw an increase of \$39.78 million with a taxable value of \$299.9 million this year.

Forsan ISD experienced an increase of \$44.36 million with a taxable value of \$392.45 million in 2007, compared to the \$348.08 million assessed in 2006.

The city of Big Spring witnessed an increase of \$36.96 million, with \$444.52 million assessed in 2006 and taxable values rising to \$481.49 million in 2007.

The city of Coahoma saw a similar trend, as its certified values rose approximately \$3.37 million with \$18.7 million certified in 2007, compared to the \$15.3 million reported in 2006.

The city of Forsan encountered had an increase, rising \$2.28 million with \$5.45 million reported in 2006, compared to \$7.74 million this year.

The Permian Basin Underground Water District managed to stay with the trend as well, seeing a \$117.2 million increase with \$955.6 million in 2007, compared to \$838.4 million in 2006.

McKibben said the deadline to file a protest concerning appraisals has passed, but exceptions can be made in certain situations.

"If they come to us and can show where there was some sort of extenuating circumstances, we take that before the appraisal board and they decide whether or not they will hear the claim," said McKibben. "It's not a situation where we want to avoid these sort of protests. In all honesty, we want to hear from them and we want to make sure we get it right."

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Everett said Calloway wasn't alone in the vehicle.

"There were also two minors in the car with him and have only been charged with curfew violations. They've both been released to their parents," added Everett.

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OUR VIEWS

New BSPD policy on impoundment is a sound move

A word to the wise is sufficient. It's an adage we're all raised to understand and one that uninsured motorists in our community should heed. That's because in a little more than a week, Big Spring Police Department officers will begin enforcement of a new departmental policy that allows officers to impound the vehicles of drivers unable to provide proof of insurance.

That policy was recently approved by the Big Spring City Council and we believe both the council and the BSPD deserve kudos for making that decision.

According to Police Chief Lonnie Smith, the new policy will go into enforcement at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6. "Whenever an officer comes into contact with a vehicle, either on a traffic stop or an accident, and the driver can not provide proof of insurance, the officer will impound the vehicle whenever it is in the best interest of the public," Smith explained. "The officer will make a reasonable effort to contact the registered owner if they aren't the driver to get the information."

To be honest, we cannot envision many scenarios where impounding a vehicle that is not insured would not be in the public's best interest. That's because we cannot, under any circumstance, think of a situation where driving without at least the state minimum liability insurance policy is in the best interest of the public.

Smith said vehicles impounded will be held until the registered owner can provide insurance or comply with approved means to remove the vehicle from the public roadway. Officers making such stops will make sure the vehicles' occupants are transported to a safe place. In other words, they won't be simply left "high and dry" by the roadway.

The police chief explained that his department has developed the new policy in response to the increased number of uninsured vehicles officers are encountering during traffic stops and in the process of investigating accidents on public streets.

Having one's vehicle impounded will put a sizeable dent in one's wallet.

Vehicles that are impounded will be held by the BSPD until all fees — the wrecker bill, the city's \$90 administrative fee and a \$20 per day storage fee — are paid. In addition, an impounded vehicle will only be released when the registered owner or lien holder provides proof of insurance.

We here at the *Herald* join the police department and city council in urging all vehicle owners to maintain insurance and to carry their proof of insurance cards in a place that is readily available.

We're convinced strict enforcement of the policy will help provide safer streets for all citizens in our community.

After all, it's simply a matter of obeying state law. That's something we should all adhere to.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Direct our way, Lord.

Amen

John Doe vs the Flying Imams

Imagine you're waiting to board a plane, and you see fellow travelers acting strangely and muttering words that you don't understand. Maybe they're Muslim, maybe they're not. You're afraid that they are up to no good. What do you do?

Nothing. If you report the behavior, you might get sued. Or so Americans had reason to believe after House Democratic leaders omitted from a homeland security bill a measure by Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y. — that passed by a 304-to-121 vote in a different bill — to grant immunity from civil liability to people who report potential threats to or acts of terrorism against transportation systems or passengers.

Until late last week, that is, when King announced a deal with Democratic leaders to put his amendment into the homeland security bill, which later was approved by both houses.

King wrote the measure because of a November 2006 incident at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport — known as the "flying imam" story. Passengers and crewmembers on a flight bound for Phoenix were concerned after they saw imams praying by the gate, moving around the plane speaking Arabic after boarding and requesting seat-belt extensions that observers feared could be used as weapons. U.S. Airways kicked the six imams off the plane.

In March, the imams filed a lawsuit against U.S. Airways and the airport. The lawsuit also targeted unnamed "John Doe" passengers who "may have made false reports against plaintiffs solely with the

intent to discriminate against them on the basis of their race, religion, ethnicity and national origin." That's ridiculous. Crew and passengers were concerned about the imams because of their reported behavior.

King wrote the immunity amendment to prevent the chilling effect that a lawsuit might have on passengers who see suspicious behavior, but fear losing their homes — or being stuck with huge legal bills — if they report it. After all, citizen involvement could be key in preventing another 9-11 attack.

Remember the passengers who came to the aid of an American Airlines flight attendant who asked for help in subduing Richard Reid, who had been trying to ignite his explosive-laden sneakers? At the time, FBI Special Agent Charles Prouty told reporters: "The willingness of the flight attendants and passengers to get involved with this incident helped avert a potentially dangerous situation. This points to the importance of every citizen staying involved and alert to ensure public safety."

So why did the House leadership keep the King amendment out? Bay Area Democrats — with the exception of Reps. Tom Lantos and Jerry McNerney — were among the 121 Democrats who voted against the measure; 105 House Dems, and 199 Repubs, voted for it.

When the Senate passed a companion measure by a 57-to-39 vote, it lacked the 60 votes to make it to the floor. But the deal set the stage for the Senate to approve the measure on Thursday.

Brendan Daly, spokesman for Speaker Nancy Pelosi, said that leaders feared individuals reporting other passengers based on racial stereotypes, but they worked out a compromise. But it

is not clear how the King amendment changed.

It may well be that Democratic leaders realized that they should heed the likes of New York Democratic Sens. Hillary Clinton and Chuck Schumer, who voted for the Senate bill, rather than side with the likes of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which supported the imams' suit to help the imams, a spokesman told me in April, "clear their names."

Sorry, but suing "John Does" won't clear the imams' names. Instead, the suit bolsters the suspicion that the imams were being deliberately provocative in the hope that airline staff would act — so that the imams could proclaim themselves victims of discrimination.

Let me be clear. I do not believe that airlines should discriminate against Muslims, the vast majority of whom are good, law-abiding citizens.

Nor do I believe it is wise for security to profile Muslim men. That makes it too easy for potential terrorists to succeed by breaking with the profile. But it also is unwise to pass laws that deter citizens from reporting suspicious behavior by individuals who belong to groups more likely to support terrorism.

After Reid's attempted shoe bombing, Indiana humanities and law professor Fedwa Malti-Douglas wrote in *The New York Times* that although she had been the target of ethnic profiling, "I believe this scrutiny is a defensible tactic for picking out potential problem passengers."

After all, screening procedures "also protect me from terrorism."

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Summer spats among Democrats

At first glance, it is not entirely clear exactly what Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are fighting about. On the surface, of course, it's possible to outline the various steps in this summer's first open spat between the Democratic frontrunners.

Asked at the debate whether they would agree to meet with the leaders of hostile countries, Obama didn't rule it out, and Hillary didn't rule it in. This led the Hillary team to suggest that Obama was naive and the Obama team to suggest that Hillary was either inconsistent or no different than Bush-Cheney — a comment that Hillary later labeled as "getting kind of silly," and with which Bush and Cheney would certainly not agree.

Then there was Obama's claim at the so-called "off the record" presentation in front of the gathering of New York's chattering class at the Time-Warner Center that he was the most experienced candidate on foreign policy, followed by his jab at Hillary during a network interview for her vote to authorize the use of force in Iraq. The Illinois Senator claimed that Senator Clinton should not have authorized the president to use force without a plan to withdraw the troops when it failed.

If you read the pundits and pundettes, the consensus seems to be that Hillary has gotten the best of Obama this week, especially on Monday night, when she sounded more experienced and realistic about the world than her younger,

more idealistic colleague. On the other hand, if you look at the focus group results, including one I read of Democrats conducted for Fox News, Obama was the winner, with people liking his optimistic idealism, not realizing it was somehow unrealistic or naive.

Meanwhile, most of the country continued to watch baseball, Lindsay Lohan and the farce of the Tour de France. All that to say, we're in spring training, and summer spats don't move voters so much as give us insight into what's to come.

Will voters be willing to accept someone who was in the Illinois state Senate three years ago, and a community organizer before that, as experienced enough to lead the country during these difficult times? Does the fact that he lived abroad as a child make him more qualified than someone who lived in the White House for eight years, and who has four more years of Senate experience than he does?

What does it mean that, in retrospect, Barack was "right" about the war and Hillary was "wrong"? Is that how voters — Democratic primary voters — will ultimately see it?

As a Clinton supporter, I would make the argument that it was George W. Bush who was wrong, not Hillary Clinton. Senator Clinton gave the president the authority to use force in Iraq based on intelligence, uncontested at the time, to which she was privy and Obama was not, that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction that he was poised to use. That is what justified giving him the authority to use force. But it was George W. Bush's administration that was

not only partly responsible for the inaccurate information, but that also made the decision to give up on diplomacy and inspections and go directly to force. Nothing in the congressional vote required that.

Being in Washington may be no guarantee of getting it right on foreign policy, but the fact that George Bush seems to have been so easily manipulated by the Cheney/Rumsfeld/Neocon/Intelligence establishment suggests, as with Kennedy's sign-off on the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion, that not having much Washington experience can be an even bigger problem.

If I were Obama, I'd worry more about the pundits and pundettes criticizing me and give less weight to my appeal in focus groups. The problem with focus groups conducted right after early debates is that people don't necessarily end up where they start off. They don't always know when someone has made a mistake, particularly when the moderator doesn't follow up, until they read about it afterward. That's where the talking heads come in.

Remember Howard Dean? At this time four years ago, he was the darling and the frontrunner. But there were those, even then, who questioned whether he had the necessary background and experience to deal with complicated foreign policy issues.

By December, the press, and his own campaign manager, had started chronicling his mistakes. As the list grew, his support plummeted.

And he was "right" about the war, too.

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Bird Poop:

Barn owl survives ill effects of cement plant

From the Interstate, the industry appeared innocuous. Distance kept the public from noticing the residue that covered not only the buildings, but rail cars and surrounding vegetation. Even though the finished product was warehoused in adjoining structures, the powder-like coating easily found its way through cracks and pass filters.



BEBE McCASLAND

Climbing up the switch engine's ladder to the cab, a worker carefully opened the door. Any quick movements would cause the pastry colored debris to rise and possibly be inhaled. Once inside, the man realized that "some idiot" had left the window open again. Ceiling, walls, floor and equipment were coated with a thick layer of the particulate substance. Suddenly two dark spots about 14 inches above the floor moved. One second the worker

saw the round things, the next second he didn't. Then the spots narrowed, dipped toward the floor and swayed from left to right.

"My God, it's an owl," he thought. Not moving, he watched as the bird calmed into an upright position and blinked. "No wonder I only saw its eyes. That thing is the same color as everything else," he exclaimed as he called the foreman. "We have to get it out of there."

After receiving the request from the cement plant, I called Harry Hopkins, who helps us with rescue. "Since I'm a lot closer than you, I'll get the owl as soon as I get off work. They'll probably make me 'suit up,' I'm used to that in my kind of work."

Grateful that someone was being sent to capture the bird, the company allowed Harry to access the switch engine's cab sans the usual protective gear. Without the cumbersome outfit, he quickly covered the owl and gently placed it in a carrier.

When Harry called to say he had the bird, he

added, "I don't know why it's alive." His initial response to the ethereal atmosphere inside the cab had been to question how long the bird had been breathing that dust. Obviously, the barn owl could not figure out how to leave the compartment.

Meeting us in Stanton later that evening, Harry said that when he came down from the engine, his shoes, pants, hands and arms were coated. Before he could get in his truck, he brushed off as much as possible.

Once home, we carefully stroked the bird's feathers with towel after towel in an attempt to gather as much of the cement dust as possible. Thin and weak, the barn owl was given liquid food. Later, minced mice were introduced. For days, after its feedings, it slept constantly and never made a sound. When it had gained enough strength to tolerate the stress of travel, we took it to the wildlife center in Lubbock.

In an X-ray to determine damage, the owl's lungs looked like they were lined with tufts of cotton. Whether the

bird's body could overcome this detriment was questionable. Time, diet and care of the raptor would be critical to its survival.

Weeks passed. The barn owl gained strength and stamina. Progressing from close surveillance to a mew for exercise, the raptor continued to improve. When it had mastered the perches at different heights and was readily devouring mice and rats, the bird was placed in the long flight cage for further strengthening.

Months after its ordeal, the barn owl was ready for release. Never would it know how its presence in the eerie cabin of the switch engine had affected the man who had found it.

Later we learned that the employee had kept telling his co-workers how frightened he initially was when the wall seemed to move. The blinking of those dark eyes made him grateful that those birds only frequent the depths of night.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.



Courtesy photo

Noticeable in a barn owl are its coal-black eyes accentuated by a heart-shaped face. Its hearing, vision and silent flight easily enable the bird of prey to catch rodents during its nightly search for food.

Laura on Life: The process of dealing with being 'ticked off'

I woke up this morning in a bad mood. It's hard to write a humor column when you are not feeling humorous. All you can think about is all the things that tick you off. Most of the time, when I've given myself some time and some space, I can look back on the things that ticked me off, and find the humor in the situation.



LAURA SNYDER

I'm hoping that this time will be no different. It ticks me off when I purposely neglect to wear my flannel nightie to bed in order to arouse my

husband. Then I wake up in the early morning hours, freezing my butt off because he has hogged all the blankets. It ticks me off when I wake up too early and can't get back to sleep.

It ticks me off when there is nothing but sugary cereal left in the cupboard.

It ticks me off when

half the frozen waffle won't fit in the toaster. This usually means that only half of it is edible and the other half is soggy.

It ticks me off when my shower drain is clogged. That means that all of the dirt that is washed off of my body is clinging to my feet when I step out of the shower.

It ticks me off when the dryer door bounces open during a cycle. This results in having to wear slightly damp underwear all day.

It ticks me off when my husband takes the con-

tents of the lint trap and places it on top of the dryer when there is a perfectly good trash can right beside him.

It ticks me off when my friend says "Well, at least your husband knows what a lint trap is."

It ticks me off when an opened Chapstick melts all over my dashboard. Now I have to wait for winter when it will be stiff enough to peel off.

It ticks me off when kids wear socks in the kitchen. They can't tell when they've stepped on a cooked spaghetti noodle and as a result the noo-

dle gets imbedded into their sock just long enough for them to walk on to a carpet. Then, miraculously, it separates itself from the sock, imbeds itself into the carpet, dries into an

uncooked noodle, and becomes virtually impossible to get out of the carpet.

It ticks me off when, after spending a bazillion

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OLD JOE PIPER

Joe wasn't always called "Old Joe Piper." He was once a young, handsome airplane, and could fly anywhere with the very best of the other airplanes.

But as with all things, time caught up with Joe. He had flown all over the world when he was young. His favorite times were when he flew a person like you or me to a place they really wanted to go. He always saw to it that they would get there safely. He was such a nice airplane. But, Joe wasn't young anymore and it seemed as if his flying days were over. Have you ever been in an airplane? Do you like flying in a big jet? Do you like flying in a small airplane like Joe?

Joe had flown lots of people almost everywhere. He even took a King to an island once! It was a very small island and the big jets could not land there, but Joe could! The King had wanted to

go there because all of his family were meeting there for a birthday party for his little daughter. The King had almost missed his daughter's party because his own airplane was too big. He had asked Joe to help him, and Joe did!

Joe took him to the island that day and while he was there, waiting for the King to return to his castle, he met the King's daughter. She was very pretty, and so nice. She talked to Joe like he was an old friend, telling him how handsome he was and how she would love to fly with him someday. But she was only five years old and this would never happen! Or, would it!

Joe was always nice to all the other airplanes too. He helped them many times. He even had to tell some of the big jets where some places were, and the best way to fly there to be sure everyone who flew with them would arrive safely. He did this for

many years, and everyone was happy. Then, something happened! Joe was not young and handsome anymore. All of those years of flying had worn down his shine. His paint was not shiny anymore.

His tires and rims were old and dirty. His wings looked droopy. Even his propeller didn't sing the same happy songs when it was turning, ever so fast. His songs seemed sad now! Joe was so sad that he just parked himself near the runway, never intending to ever fly again. Poor Joe. Poor Old Joe!

As Old Joe sat there, day after day, all of the big sleek, shiny new jets

watched him and wondered why he wasn't flying anymore. The new jets were so fast, much faster than Old Joe. Almost everyone who flew now wanted

to fly in the fastest, newest jets. Almost everyone! I will tell you about someone who still wanted to fly with Joe, but I will tell you a little later in this story. We can't let Old Joe stay unhappy, can we?

The sleek, shiny new jets saw Old Joe just sitting there by the runway everyday, day after day, never moving. They had all heard stories from their grandfathers about how Joe had helped everyone when they and Joe were young and handsome. They wanted to help Old Joe. One bright, beautiful morning they did! Every one of those new jets showed up and

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some of them had soap and water, and some of them had new paint. Some of them even brought new tires and rims for Old Joe.

Lockheed Larry was the first one to start working on Old Joe. He washed all of the dirt and grime off of Joe. Then, Boeing Bob started painting Joe with a shiny new yellow paint. McDonnell and Douglas put new tires on Old Joe.

Even Pratt Pawnee and Whitney Steerman helped. All of them had been helped by Old Joe at one time or another, and they never forgot. Now they wanted to help Old Joe.

After they were done that day, Old Joe looked good as new. He was once again shiny and proud. Being nice to everyone all those years was the reward he got.

And the biggest reward of them all was the day the little girl who had the birthday party so long ago, came to visit. She was not a little girl anymore, but a pretty young lady. "I have been looking for you for so long," she said, "I never forgot you. I want you to come home with me. I have a special hangar built just for you. I want you to fly with me everywhere I go. I am a pilot now and I know how to fly with you."

This made Old Joe very happy! He would be flying again! And no one would ever call him "Old Joe" again. Just "Joe!"

As Joe and the pretty young lady prepared to leave the runway that day, he could hear his propeller singing again. It was a beautiful song. They might be flying over your house right now. Do you hear them? Does Joe's propeller seem to be saying, "Good Night?"

★★★

Parent's Corner

The tale of a very kind and eventually wealthy man

It seems like older times and small towns hold the key to human kindness, at least in our minds. I once heard a story about such an incident which made my mind wander back to an earlier time — a time when life was much simpler but in many ways much harder.



DARRELL RYAN

Folks had a tough time back then, before the days of Social Security and welfare.

The story went like this: I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh

green peas.

I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes.

Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me.

"Hello Barry, how are you today?"

"H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas. They sure look good."

"They are good, Barry. How's your Ma?"

"Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time."

"Good. Anything I can help you with?"

"No, Sir. Jus' admirin' them peas."

"Would you like to take some home?" asked Mr. Miller.

"No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with."

"Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?"

"All I got's my prize marble here."

"Is that right? Let me see it," said Miller.

"Here 'tis. She's a dandy."

"I can see that.

"Hm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?" the store owner asked.

"Not zackley but almost."

"Tell you what, take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble," Mr. Miller told the boy.

"Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller."

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, "There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes or whatever."

"When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends

them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store."

I left the store smiling to myself, impressed with this man.

A short time later I moved to Colorado, but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys and their bartering for marbles.

Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one.

Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them.

Upon arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could.

Ahead of us in line were three young men.

One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts, all very professional looking.

They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket.

Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty light blue eyes followed them as they stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes.

Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and reminded her of the story from those many years ago and what she had told me about her husband's bartering for marbles.

With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket.

"Those three young men who just left were

the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size, they came to pay their debt.

"We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world," she confided, "but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho."

With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.

The moral: We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds.

Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Wolfgang Mozart: Crime fighter?

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — City authorities, fed up with gang activity in public places, are taking Bach their bus stop.

Transit workers are installing speakers this week to pump classical music from Seattle's KING-FM into the Tacoma Mall Transit Center.

The tactic is designed to disperse young criminals who make drug deals at the bus stop or use public transportation to circulate between the mall and other trouble-prone places.

The attack by Bach,

Brahms and Beethoven follows the theory that prompted the city to stage pinochle games on dangerous street corners: Jolting the routine in such spots throws criminals off balance.

"It's based on routine activity theory and situational crime prevention. You mix different types of activities in locations that are crime-ridden to change the composition of the environment," said psychologist Jacqueline Helfgott, who chairs the Criminal Justice Department at Seattle University.

LAURA

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dollars on dental work, I bite into something delicious and a crown falls out. In an effort to save it, I have to extract all the delicious food in my mouth and dig through it to find the bazillion dol-

lar crown. This only happens when you've just said something profound, and everybody is watching you, hoping to hear more wisdom spill from your lips.

It ticks me off when a Jello cup melts in a child's lunch box. It becomes a lethal red liquid and permanently

stains yet another set of clothes when it is inevitably spilled in the lunch room. "My Jello turned into water and spilled all over me!"

It ticks me off when I read about the things that tick me off and I realize that they are actually pretty funny and are really not worth getting

ticked off about.

It ticks me off when I'm in a bad mood and I finally realize that I've got so much to be thankful for.

And finally, it ticks me off when I realize that I shouldn't be ticked off.

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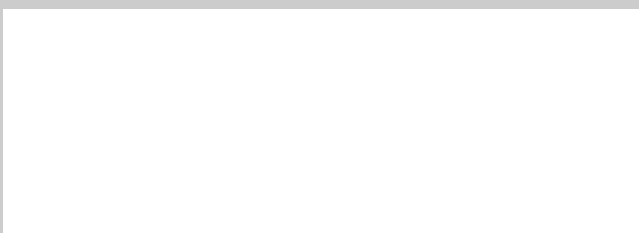
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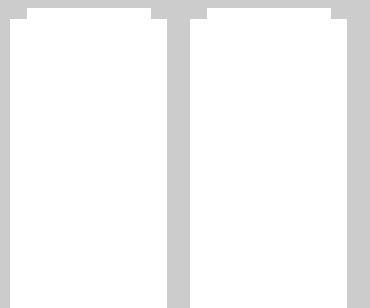
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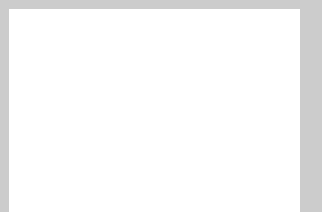
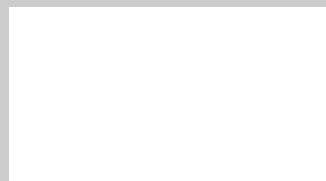
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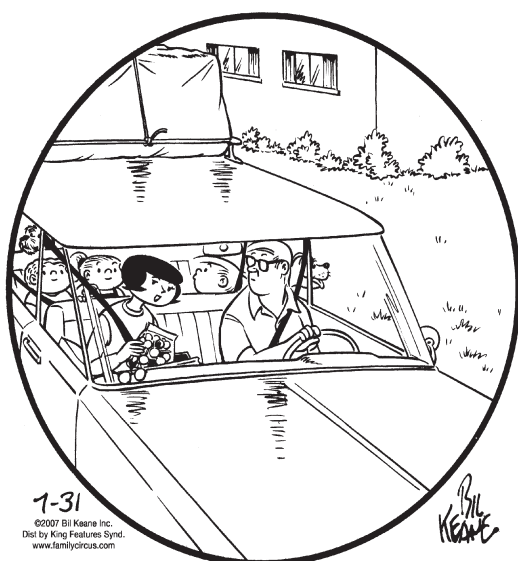
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6:PM :30	News (CC) Entertainment	News Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	Dame Chocolate	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Dr. Young John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Dirty Jobs: Jobs That Bite		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Movie: Snipes	Han, Montana Zack & Cody	Honor Roll (CC)	NFL Live	Tru Calling (CC)
7:PM :30	Just Laughs Just Laughs	Just Laughs Just Laughs	Amar sin Limites	On the Lot (CC)	NCIS (CC)	Madre Luna	America's Got Talent (CC)	Raymond Raymond	Update/Israel Booker	Nova (CC) (DVS)	Dirty Jobs: Harder	Movie: GoodFellas	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: The Country Bears		WNBA Basketball:	2007 World Series of Poker	Tru Calling (CC)
8:PM :30	Shaq's Big Challenge	Shaq's Big Challenge	Destilando Amor	House (CC)	Big Brother 8 (CC)	La Esclava Isaura	Singing Bee	Bill Engvall Raymond	Light of the Southwest	Wide Angle (CC)	Shark Feeding Frenzy		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)			Shock at Silver Stars	2007 World Series of Poker	Eureka (CC)
9:PM :30	Primetime: Family Secrets	Primetime: Family Secrets	S.O.S. Sexo y Otros Secretos	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	Pirate Master (CC)	La Esclava Isaura	Law & Order: SVU	Raymond Raymond		P.O.V. (CC)	Shark Rebellion		Murder	The Closer (CC)	Baldwin Hills SOB	That's-Raven Life Derek	WNBA Basketball:	The Bronx Is Burning (CC)	ECW
10:PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias 12 Corazones	News Tonight Show	Bill Engvall Sex and-City	The Hour of Healing	When Parents		Movie: GoodFellas	Murder	Without a Trace (CC)	Take the Cake (CC)	Zack & Cody Han, Montana	Monarchs at Storm	SportsCenter (CC)	Want to Be a Superhero?
11:PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late	!Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night- SVU	Sex and-City Movie: Almost	Joe McGee Biblical Israel	Sign Off	Dirty Jobs: Harder		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS)	Without a Trace (CC)	The Five Jamie Foxx	Replacements Kim Possible	Baseball NFL Live	The Bronx Is Burning (CC)	Eureka (CC)
12:AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Express Media	El Privilegio de Amar	Malcolm-Mid. My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien News	Famous (CC)	Update/Israel J.R. Church		Shark Feeding Frenzy		Star Trek: Voyager	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Comicview American Drgn	Emperor New American Drgn	NASCAR Now 2007 World	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

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"I'll bet this guy really gets tired of taking baths all the time."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Before we leave, let's see if we have the necessities - credit cards, road maps, emergency lollipops ..."

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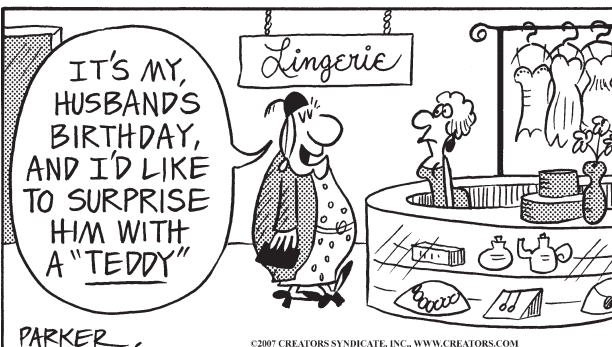
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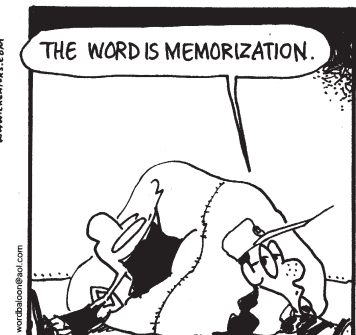
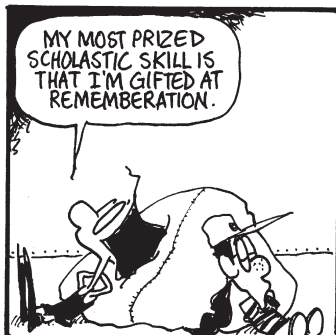
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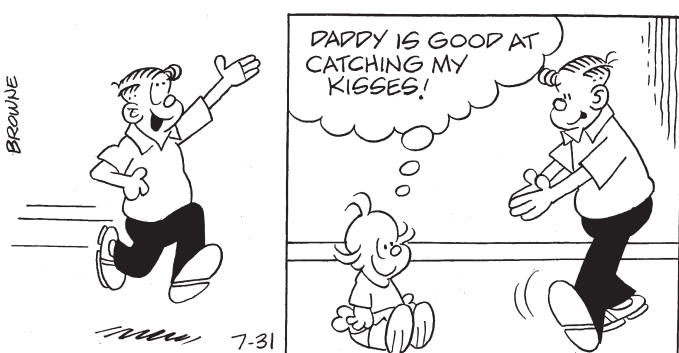
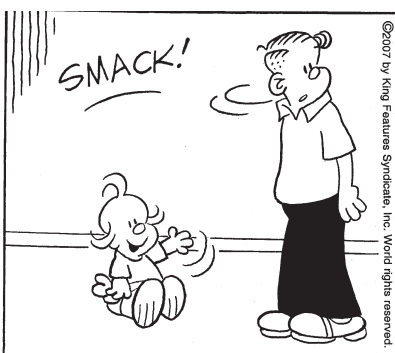
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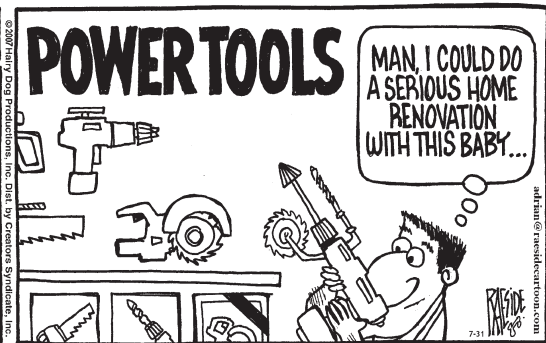
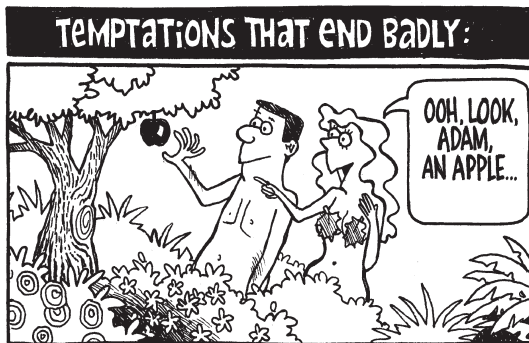
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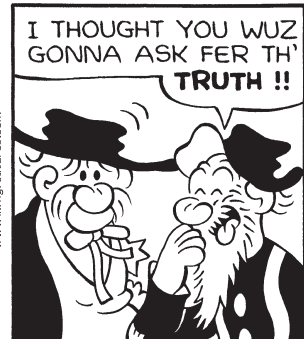
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BETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 31, day 212 of 2007. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 31, 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

On this date: In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus - the Jesuit order of Catholic priests and brothers - died in Rome.

In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter County, Tenn., at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly.

In 1945, Pierre Laval, premier of the pro-Nazi Vichy government, surrendered to U.S. authorities in Austria;

he was turned over to France, which later tried and executed him.

In 1948, President Harry Truman helped dedicate New York International Airport (later John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild Field.

In 1957, the Distant Early Warning Line, a system of radar stations designed to detect Soviet bombers approaching North America, went into operation.

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger VII transmitted pictures of the moon's surface.

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

In 1987, Iranian pilgrims and riot police clashed in the Muslim holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, resulting in some 400 deaths, according to the Saudi government, which blamed the Iranians for the violence.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Don Murray is 78. Jazz composer-musician Kenny Burrell is 76. Actor Geoffrey Lewis is 72. Actress France Nuyen is 68. Actress Susan Plannery is 64. Singer Lobo is 64. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 63. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 63. Singer Gary Lewis is 62. Rock singer Bob Welch is 61. Tennis player Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 56. Actor Barry Van Dyke is 56. The mayor of Fresno, Calif., actor Alan Autry, is 55. Actor James Read is 54. Actor Michael Biehn is 51. Rock singer-musician Daniel Ash (Love and Rockets) is 50. Rock musician Bill Berry is 49.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HARDWARE STORE by Sally R. Stein
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Synagogue scroll | 1 Doctrine |
| 6 Find a sum | 2 Certain Middle Easterner |
| 9 Cobra or python | 3 Show surprise, perhaps |
| 14 Abrasive material | 4 Curved line |
| 15 Life story, for short | 5 Punctuation in "patty-cake" |
| 16 Like Swiss cheese | 6 Brother of Cain |
| 17 Civil-rights org. | 7 Dashboard feature |
| 18 Lend an ___ (listen) | 8 Campus residence halls |
| 19 Make amends | 9 China's largest city |
| 20 Something in a ltr. | 10 Phrase of denial |
| 21 High-school aide | 11 Very much |
| 24 Books' names | 12 Casino game |
| 26 Droop | 13 One who stares |
| 27 Opening speech | 14 Houston baseballer |
| 30 President Jefferson | 15 Feedbag morsel |
| 35 Popular lunch hour | 16 Pillowcases and sheets |
| 38 Knock-on-door sounds | 17 Fully attentive |
| 40 Got up from one's chair | 18 Musical drama |
| 41 Certain stationary manufacturer | 19 Highly adorned |
| 44 Courtroom employee | 20 Butterfly relative |
| 45 Spruce or sycamore | 21 In between ports |
| 46 Moby-Dick captain | 22 Belgrade resident |
| 47 Sculptor's subjects | 23 Robin's home |
| 49 Make adjustments | 24 Not fooled by |
| 51 Compete in a slalom | 25 Above |
| 53 Fond hopes | 26 Moved quickly |
| 57 Disneyland character | 27 Unresolved detail |
| 63 Chop (off), as a branch | 28 Peruses |
| 64 In unison | 29 "Wild blue yonder" |
| | 30 Doc-to-be's program |
| | 31 Public-relations concern |
| | 32 Very tired |
| | 33 Castle protectors |
| | 34 Shopper's splurging trip |
| | 35 What cowboys call women |
| | 36 Castaway's home |
| | 37 Young stallion |
| | 38 ___-jerk reaction |
| | 39 Some Keats poems |
| | 40 Gets value from |
| | 41 Bullfight cheer |

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