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IN BRIEF

Coahoma booster club meeting

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

They will be finalizing plans for the Meet the Bulldogs and homecoming.

All supporters of Coahoma athletics are encouraged to attend.

Contact Paula Buske at 816-4034 with any questions.

Big Spring Boxing Club seeking site

The Big Spring Boxing Club is seeking a building to be donated so that they can get started with their program.

Heavy bags, gloves, head gear and other equipment has already been donated, but the club needs a place to begin practices.

Any small facility will do for their start up.

Contact Willie Jenkins at 267-5822 or 264-0411.

Big Spring Jr. High equipment pick-up

Incoming Big Spring Junior High students wishing to participate in football for the upcoming season will need to pick up their equipment from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

Meet the Steers on Saturday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be hosting a Meet the Steers event at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Memorial Stadium.

The public is invited to get a first glimpse at this year's Steer football teams.

All players from junior high to varsity will be introduced.

Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

The Crossroads Youth Football Association have begun their sign-ups for the 2007 season.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Athletic Supply building in the Big Spring Mall on every Saturday during August.

Cost is \$40 for flag football and \$100 for tackle. Any cheerleaders who will not need a uniform can sign-up for \$35. The cost is \$100 is a new uniform is needed.

All children going into kindergarten through sixth grade can register.

For more information, contact Daphne Coates at 714-4688.

YMCA hosting skateboard contest

The fourth annual Summer Skateboard Contest will be held Thursday at the YMCA Skate Park.

The contest begins at 6:30 p.m. with participants able to register until 6 p.m.

The registration fee is \$8. Divisions of competition will be set up based on the number of entries.

Prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners.

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Grady dominates in first scrimmage

Herald Staff Report

LENORAH — Football scrimmages are meant to give teams an idea of how their offensive and defensive sets might match up against a variety of schemes. They also allow coaches to evaluate their talent and check to make sure that athletes are playing the right position.

Unfortunately for Grady's Wildcats, they didn't get the chance to evaluate most of their offense Saturday.

"Our offense looked good, but we were restricted to running about only 40 percent of it

because our quarterback (Dylan Cox) was sick," noted Grady's Head Coach Joe Helms. "Not having him really limited what we were able to practice."

Cox missed the game because of food poisoning, but his absence allowed Grady to concentrate on other phases of their offense.

"We ended up running more of our spread offense," said Helms. "With Dylan, we would've ran more of our tight formations."

Not having their top signal caller didn't slow down the Wildcats though as they scored six times on Petersburg's

Buffaloes and three times on Midland Christian's Mustangs. Grady surrendered only one touchdown on the day — a long pass play by Midland Christian after a Wildcats defender slipped in coverage.

Running back Tommylee Rivas took on the passing responsibilities for the Wildcats in Cox's absence. Helms said this was a good practice for Rivas since there would be games that he might tabulate as many passing yards as Cox.

"Tommylee could throw as much as Dylan in a given game," he said. "It's just a different type

of scheme and a different set of plays."

The Wildcats used a slew of screens and short passes to move the ball Saturday. The athletes at wide receiver took advantage of their touches and turned the short passes into large gains.

"We had several big plays come out of our short passing game," said Helms. "Our backs and receivers made some tacklers miss and broke away. We scored more than half of our touchdowns on plays of that nature."

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Lady Steers learn from tournament experience

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

FAIRFIELD — There are lessons to be learned on the losing side of sports.

Big Spring's Lady Steers might not have found a victory during the Fairfield Volleyball Tournament, but they gained invaluable experience and the knowledge they can compete with some of the best teams in the state.

The Lady Steers lost all five of their tournament games Friday and Saturday, however, most of the losses came by a narrow margin.

"We kept getting up to 21 or 23 points, but then we'd lose the game," said Lady Steers Head Coach Amanda Whitaker. "We just couldn't seem to close out games."

Whitaker noticed the reason for the close losses in Big Spring's first match of the tournament against the Fairfield Lady Eagles.

"I noticed in the first game that we just have a lack of confidence," she said. "It became more obvious to me that our confidence wasn't there as the tournament went on. We have to make a change in that attitude."

The Lady Steers would drop their opening match again the Lady Eagles — 25-11, 25-13. Callie Partee would shine though, as she did for most of the tournament, leading the team with four kills.

Big Spring would play much better in their second match against Malakoff's Lady Tigers, but still dropped the match — 27-25, 25-23.

Partee again led the Lady Steers in kills, converting eight of her nine opportunities into points. Hali Torres also contributed five kills.

Partee would continue to turn over a high kill percentage as she converted seven out of eight hits into kill shots in Big

Spring's narrow loss to Palmer's Lady Bulldogs — 25-23, 25-23 — in the Lady Steers' final match of Friday. Whitney Worthan picked up four kills out of five hits and Whitney Lewis served four aces.

"Callie was awesome the whole tournament," said Whitaker. "She kept her kill ratio to about 85 percent. That's phenomenal."

Big Spring's first Saturday game found them taking another tough loss to the Giddings Buffaloes — 25-21, 25-20. Sophomore Maci Graves led the Lady Steers with five kills.

Big Spring nearly turned its fortunes around in its final game of the tournament against the Ferris Lady Yellow Jackets. They took the first set of the match 25-13, but weren't able to win another set to claim a victory.

Ferris rallied to win the last two sets of the match — 25-21, 25-18. Torres led the Lady Steers with eight kills and Partee added five kills.

Setting up most of Big Spring's points was senior Jordan Chesworth, who accounted for 80 assists in the five tournament games.

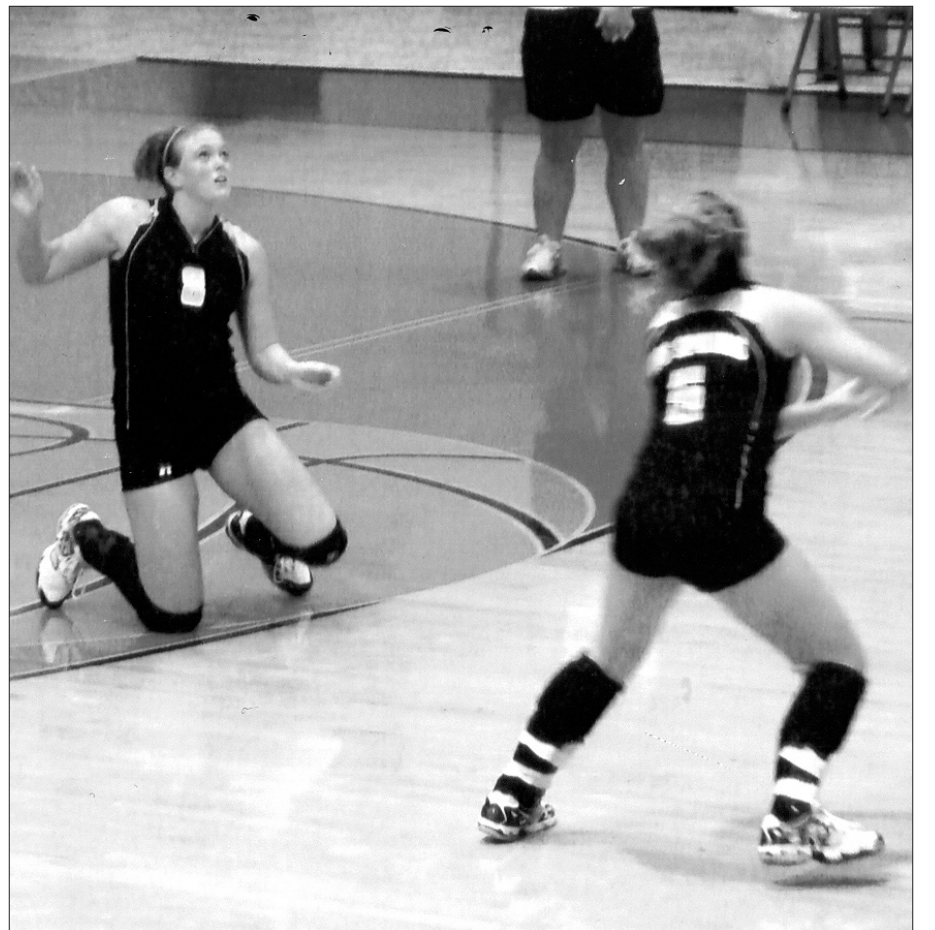
"Jordan is a great passer. She's so good at getting to the ball and setting up her teammates," raved Whitaker. "She makes a huge impact on this team."

Regardless of the defeats, Whitaker says there were several positives to take away from the tournament experience.

"The team has to see that they can compete with some of these top teams in the state," she said. "We were competing with them. We were right there in almost every game."

Whitaker also says that the trip allowed the team to bond with each other.

"We really needed to bond with each other," she said. "We got a chance to get closer and get to know each other. That can only help our chemistry."



Courtesy photo
Big Spring's Callie Partee (left) digs a serve allowing Jordan Chesworth (right) to set up a point for the Lady Steers at the Fairfield Tournament Saturday.

The Lady Steers will look to rebound tonight in a dual game against Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars and Abilene High's Lady Eagles at Cooper High School in Abilene. They will play Cooper at 4 p.m. and then return to the court at 7 p.m. to take on the Lady Eagles.

Whitaker is encouraged by the return of senior Clarissa Carrisalez from an ankle injury. "Clarissa is one of our best all-around players," she said. "It really bothered her to watch her teammates lose so much in Fairfield. I think her return could really energize the team."

The Lady Steers already defeated Cooper in a scrimmage earlier this season, which Whitaker feels should only help her team's

confidence. Big Spring will find an opponent in Abilene High that has advanced far in the 5A state volleyball tournament in the past few years.

"We have to get it out of our head that these teams are better than us just because they are 5A schools," said Whitaker. "We can compete with them. All that 5A indicates is that they have more students than we do. It doesn't mean they're better than us. If we can overcome that mental state of the game, then we could come away with a couple wins."

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Vick to plead guilty of dog fighting charges



MCT photo/Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick reacts to being called for intentional grounding during action against the Philadelphia Eagles Dec. 31, 2006, at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. Vick will be pleading guilty to the federal dog fighting charges of which he is currently accused.

By LARRY O'DELL

Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Less than a month after saying he looked forward to clearing his name, Michael Vick now acknowledges the heinous acts associated with his name are true.

The Atlanta Falcons quarterback said through a lawyer Monday that he will plead guilty to federal dogfighting conspiracy charges, an admission that likely will mean prison time.

For now, any hopes of salvaging his NFL career are secondary to his impending confinement.

"His focus is on his family, his focus is on answering to this judge," Vick's lead defense attorney, Billy Martin, told The Associated Press after announcing the plea agreement Monday.

U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson can sentence Vick to up to five years in prison and fine him \$250,000, although

federal sentencing guidelines will call for less. A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the terms are not final, told the AP that prosecutors will recommend a sentence of a year to 18 months.

The official said such a sentence would be more than what is usually recommended for first-time offenders, reflecting the government's attempt to show that animal abusers will receive more than a slap on the wrist.

Vick will return Monday to the same courthouse where he pleaded not guilty and resolved to prove his innocence just 25 days ago. This time he will plead guilty, and Hudson will schedule a date for sentencing.

Since that initial court appearance, all three of Vick's co-defendants have pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate in the government's case against

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Preseason victories backup Cowboys' expectations

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — While two preseason victories don't guarantee success for the Dallas Cowboys in the regular season, winning certainly provides some justification for the high expectations they do have.

"We've always thought about the expectations and the things that we want to accomplish, but it manifests throughout the preseason," linebacker Bradie James said Monday.

After a win over Super Bowl champion Indianapolis in the opener, the Cowboys won 31-20 over Denver on Saturday, when the starters built a 24-6 halftime lead with an effective offense and new coach Wade Phillips' aggressive defense.

"The biggest thing for us is having our expectations higher and just believing we can win," tight end Jason Witten said. "It is preseason, and you don't want to get your expectations up too high and think you're better than you are, but I think

that the transitions we had from game one to game two and seeing us get better, I think that shows a lot."

The first-team offense with Tony Romo, a Pro Bowl quarterback while starting only half last season, went at least 13 plays for field goals on each of its only two drives in the opener. The starters were on the field for seven possessions against the Broncos, gaining 219 yards with three touchdowns and a field goal.

Dallas' defensive starters haven't allowed a touchdown so far, and Denver's first-team offense was 0-for-5 on third-down conversions.

"It's a confidence builder," James said.

"Our team looks pretty solid right now. I think everybody can see that," Phillips said Monday. "We're not weak in an area where we're, 'Gosh, our potential starter is not going to be good enough to play in the league.'"

Dallas has to play twice on the road before the games really start to count Sept. 9, when the

Cowboys play their regular season opener against NFC East rival the New York Giants. The Cowboys play their next preseason game Saturday night at Houston, when Phillips expects the starters to play into the third quarter.

The Cowboys made the playoffs last season, but lost in the opening round against Seattle to extend the five-time Super Bowl champions' postseason losing drought to 10 seasons.

Despite two playoff losses in four years under Bill Parcells, the former coach left a roster of talented players, primarily on defense that he switched to a 3-4 scheme. Phillips also runs three-man fronts, but with more of an attacking style the players love.

Then on offense, they have Romo, the running duo of Julius Jones and Marion Barber, NFL TD-reception leader Terrell Owens and a solid offensive line.

With all that, Phillips' primary concern is getting his team ready for the start of the season,

not trying to fill deficiencies on the roster.

"We don't really have that. They could show up. Certainly, I could be misjudging some of it. I don't think I am," Phillips said. "It's based on performance, not just based on what I think of the team."

Still, it's a long way from the postseason.

"I don't read too much into the preseason," Romo said. "I think it gives us the chance to say we can maybe do it, but we've still got to go out and do it."

Extra points: TE Anthony Fasano bruised his right shoulder against the Broncos, but said Monday that he was "feeling good" and expected to be on the field when the Cowboys resume practice Tuesday. ... Isaiah Stanback, the rookie making the conversion from college quarterback to NFL receiver, said he had never caught a TD pass before the one he had Saturday night in his first game with the Cowboys.

"It was cool. It was different being on the receiving end of it," Stanback said Monday.

Nationals shut out slumping Astros, 7-0

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tim Redding threw seven shutout innings against his former team, Dmitri Young hit a three-run homer and the Washington Nationals beat the Houston Astros 7-0 Monday night to end a four-game losing streak.

Newly acquired Willy Mo Pena homered for the second straight game and added an RBI single for Washington, which began its season-high 10-game road trip with a victory. Austin Kearns, Ronnie Belliard and Pena each had three hits.

Washington had scored more than four runs just once in its previous 11 games.

Redding (3-3) played for Houston for four seasons before he was traded to San Diego in 2005. He avenged a July 17 loss to the Astros in Washington, his only other action against his former team.

Redding gave up six hits, struck out two and walked three. He has won his last two starts, allowing just two runs and nine hits in 13 innings while lowering his ERA to 2.53.

Jason Jennings (2-9) gave up six runs and seven hits in four innings for Houston, stretching his winless streak to six games. He has just one win in 12 starts since June 19.

Pena hit a two-out solo homer in the second inning, his second in three games after being acquired from Boston on Friday.

Jennings got into two-out trouble again in the third, walking Ryan Zimmerman to put runners on first and second.

Young sliced a 1-2 pitch down the right-field line for his 12th of the season.

Ryan Church also doubled in a run in the third and Pena added run-scoring single to make it 6-0. Brian Schneider tacked on a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Redding was far from perfect, allowing the first two runners to reach in the fourth and fifth innings. But he struck out two straight to help himself in the fourth, and induced Mark Loretta's inning-ending double play in the fifth.

Notes: Astros manager Phil Garner said CF Hunter Pence (right wrist sprain) could be activated from the 15-day disabled list as early as Tuesday. Pence has been out since July 23. He is rehabbing at Triple-A Round Rock. ... Astros LF Carlos Lee was in the starting lineup after pinch-hitting in Sunday's game in San Diego. Lee had left Saturday's contest with a strained right hip flexor.

Cardinals 6,

Cubs 4

At Chicago, Albert Pujols and Rick Ankiel homered, Scott Rolen drove in three runs with a pair of doubles and St. Louis moved within three games of the NL Central lead.

Joel Pineiro (3-1) went five innings to win his third straight start. He allowed three runs and seven hits, including back-to-back homers to Daryle Ward and Mark DeRosa in the second inning.

Cubs starter Ted Lilly (13-6), who was 8-1 in his previous 10 starts, gave up seven hits and five runs over six innings.

VICK

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him, including testifying against him if the case had gone to trial in November as scheduled.

The co-defendants said Vick bankrolled virtually the entire "Bad Newz Kennels" operation in rural southeastern Virginia, including providing gambling funds, an act that could trigger a lifetime ban from the NFL under the league's personal conduct policy.

Two of them also said Vick participated in the brutal executions of at least eight underperforming dogs.

Facing those allegations and the prospect of a superseding indictment from a new grand jury that began meeting Monday, Vick opted to change his plea.

"Mr. Vick has agreed to enter a plea of guilty to those charges and to accept full responsibility for his actions and the mistakes he has made," Martin said in a statement. "Michael wishes to apologize again to everyone who has been hurt by this matter."

The NFL noted in a statement that Vick's admission wasn't in line with what he told commissioner Roger Goodell shortly after being charged.

"We totally condemn

the conduct outlined in the charges, which is inconsistent with what Michael Vick previously told both our office and the Falcons," the NFL said.

The league, which barred Vick from training camp, said it has asked the Falcons to withhold the further action while the NFL's own investigation wraps up.

The Falcons said they were "certainly troubled" by news of the plea, but would withhold further comment in compliance with Goodell's request.

Vick's Atlanta attorney, Daniel Meachum, told the AP that Vick is taking a chance with his guilty plea as far as his career is concerned because there have been no discussions with the league in recent days.

"There's no promise or even a request of the league to make a promise," Meachum said.

Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said in a statement:

"We believe the criminal conduct to which Mr. Vick has pled guilty today cannot be condoned under any circumstances. Speaking personally, as I have previously stated, the practice of dog fighting is offensive and completely unacceptable. I can only hope that Mr. Vick, who is young man, will learn from this awful experience."

Martin said Vick is paying a high price for allowing old friends to influence his behavior, but he emphasized that his client takes full responsibility.

"There were some judgment issues in terms of people he was associating with," Martin said in a telephone interview. "He realized this is very serious, and he decided to plead so he can begin the healing process."

Another defense attorney, James D. "Butch" Williams Jr., alluded to the harsh public backlash against Vick since the July 17 indictment detailed the abuse of dogs on Vick's property in Surry County, Va.

"Michael is a father, he's a son, he's a human being; people oftentimes forget that," he said.

Animal-rights activists said they hoped the high-profile case would increase public awareness and help bring down other dogfighting rings.

"The only good that can come from this case is that the American people dedicate themselves to the task of rooting out dogfighting in every infected area where it thrives," said Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States.

Quanis Phillips of Atlanta, Purnell Peace of Virginia Beach and Tony Taylor of Hampton have

pleaded guilty to the same charges facing Vick: conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce in aid of unlawful activities and conspiracy to sponsor a dog in an animal fighting venture. Phillips and Peace will be sentenced Nov. 30, Taylor on Dec. 14.

The case began April 25 when investigators conducting a drug search at a massive home Vick built in Surry County found 66 dogs, some of them injured, and items typically used in dogfighting. They included a "rape stand" that holds aggressive dogs in place for mating and a "breakstick" used to pry open a dog's mouth.

Vick contended he knew nothing about a dogfighting operation at the home, where one of his cousins lived, and said he rarely visited.

The former Virginia Tech star also blamed friends and family members for taking advantage of his generosity and pledged to be more scrupulous.

The July 17 indictment said dogs that lost fights or fared poorly in test fights were sometimes executed by hanging, electrocution or other brutal means. The grisly details fueled public protests against Vick and cost him some of his lucrative endorsement deals.

Steers season ticket public sales set

Big Spring High School will make 2007 Steer football season ticket available to the general public starting Wednesday. Potential buyers will have until Wednesday to make their purchase.

Tickets can be bought at the Athletic Training Center Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

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For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

YMCA volleyball league sign-ups

The Big Spring youth Volleyball League is now accepting sign-ups for girls and boys in grades 4-6 to play at the YMCA.

Registration fee is \$45 and financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Players can register until Aug. 30.

A coaches meeting is also scheduled for Aug.

30. Teams begin practice Sept. 4.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Over-80 scramble rescheduled

The Big Spring Country Club was forced to cancel its over-80 scramble this past Saturday and Sunday due to rain.

The scramble has been rescheduled for this coming Saturday and Sunday. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is set for both days.

It is a 2-person scramble format with the combined ages of the team members needing to equal 80 or higher.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a golf cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to register a team.

QB Club meeting set for Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

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looked at and compared over any length of time. "Right now, all we can do is give you a photo of your system, and it says there is something really wrong with it. We're driving without the headlights on." Kirkland told commissioners several key pieces of information — including the average length of stay for an inmate at the county jail facility — simply can't be determined at this time. "We made open records requests but never got a response," said Kirkland. "And I'm sure, a year from now, the court systems could get us the information we need in the form of an 800-page report, but these people

have to keep up with the paperwork that's being filed today. It's just not possible to work with the data in the format you're currently using." According to the company's study, Howard County has more pre-trial detainees than its size and population should dictate, with the reason also falling into the "lack of data" category. Kirkland and Griffith both praised the county's pre-trial bonding program, however, and encouraged commissioners to look into other programs designed to bring jail populations down. "The county needs to develop a strong alternative sentence program, including work details and other services that can provide services to the taxpayers," said Kirkland. "You also need to look at strengthening

the pre-trial bonding program you already have. Speeding up the criminal justice system should also be a priority." According to Kirkland, based on the average annual increase in the jail's average daily population, a 96-bed jail would serve the county's needs for approximately 10 to 15 years before it reached its capacity. "That's only if these other problems with the criminal justice system are addressed," said Griffith. "If the county doesn't take care of these things and institute programs to decrease population like we've talked about, a 144-bed facility might only last 10 to 15 years." According to Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, that projection could mean having to finance the expansion of

the facility before the bonds to construct it — expected to be sold on a 20-year term — are ever paid for. "This goes back to what I've been saying all along," said Kilgore. "And it's the reason I've supported the construction of a 144-bed jail. However, if we have to go with a 96-bed jail to get this thing (bond election) passed, then that's what we have to do." County Judge Mark Barr seemed less confident in the projection, saying it all hangs on whether the county's population grows or declines. "Possibly. And that kind of sits way down the road," said Barr. "We don't know what's going to happen. Big Spring may grow or it may decline. I think the prudent thing to do is to take this step. We know we

need a jail. We know we need it. To take this step and put the infrastructure in case we do need to expand, so we can do it easily and inexpensively. That's the goal of the county commissioner's court right now." Barr said another key element for the bond issue the court expects to take to the voters in November is the projected cost, a figure he's hoping to have in-hand soon. "We don't know. Jeff's (Heffelfinger, project architect) working really hard on that right now," said Barr. "I talked to him Friday and he was making progress but he needed to contact construction material people and see where the cost are on things like that. I hope we'll have a cost here pretty quick, within two weeks, hopefully." The bond election the

county is planning for November won't be its first stab at funding for a new jail. A similar bond for slightly more than \$10 million in November 2006 failed as 60.13 percent of the voters going to the ballot box said "no" to the measure. According to vote tallies, 2,618 votes were cast in favor of the bond, while 3,949 ballots were cast against. Talks and efforts surrounding the design and construction of a new jail have been ongoing for more than three years. As of now, the court has given the go-ahead for a 96-bed facility to be located near the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

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Austin," said Barr. "The reason the commissioners and I had him write that letter was to explain to the public where he's coming from, what he's telling us and where we are on the variances. It makes it a little bit clearer to people what we're looking at. "It didn't say he's going to close our jail down, but we still have some life safety issues that we need to address, and the only way to address them is with a new jail." The letter lists four variances that have been granted to the county over the past several decades, including:

- Four single cells do not have access to the day rooms. Inability to accommodate inmates to walk out of their cells to day rooms could be challenged by inmates who stay in their cells 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Insufficient square footage is provided — 92.6 square feet is provided per inmate with 94 square feet required by state standards.
- Remote control of cells is not provided to all cells. According to Munoz, "When the facility was built, the ability to lock and unlock all doors from a remote area was not provided, whereas minimum jail standards and life safety code requires that this capability be provided."
- Corridors are not 4 feet

wide. Officer observation corridors are less than the width required by minimum jail standards and could hinder officers during an emergency, according to Munoz. According to Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, Munoz told commissioners he will be looking for "progress" from the court. "He said several times he and the commission won't shut us down as long as we're making progress," said Kilgore. "That means if the bond fails, we're going to have to move forward in a different direction." That direction — the use of certificates of obligation to fund the construction of a new jail — has already divided commissioners. "If the bond fails, COs are the only options I'm aware of," said

Commissioner Bill Crooker, who has supported the use of COs since the question of financing was approached by the court. "I made a commitment not to use COs when I was elected," said Barr. "And I'm going to stand by that. However, if there's some other way to finance a jail, I don't know what it is." The use of certificates of obligation, however, could trigger a petition — and subsequently, a bond election — that would once again put the matter in the hands of Howard County voters, who voted-down a bond in November. The county jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November 2006, after the facility's smoke

evacuation system failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006. Barr said the closure of the existing jail following November's election would be disastrous for the county. "In short, it would bankrupt the county. We're already making drastic cuts to the budget because of the last closing, and we would be forced to either make more drastic, large cuts or look to raise the tax rate above the rollback rate," said Barr. "The county simply can't survive another jail closure. The county would be bankrupt within a year."

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thorized use of a motor vehicle; and \$1,000 for driving while license invalid. Hernandez's bond has been set at \$2,000 for her part in the escape from custody and \$500 on a charge of theft. According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, the pair were

pulled over by BSPD Lt. Lance Telchik at approximately 12:02 a.m. Sunday for speeding and erratic driving. "The vehicle was stopped in the 2200 block of Main Street," said Everett. "Telchik was in uniform and driving an unmarked police car. During the course of the stop, a pair of marked units arrived to assist Telchik. Those units were called out to respond to an emergency call while the arrest was being

made. "Telchik placed both females in the back seat of the unmarked unit, which has no screen or cage between the front and back seats. While he began securing the suspects' vehicle, Atkinson was able to get her hands from behind her back to the front with handcuffs on and climbed into the driver's seat of the police unit." Everett said Atkinson and Hernandez then attempted to flee the

scene. "As Telchik saw her and moved toward the unit, Atkinson applied no brakes and struck him with the vehicle," said Everett. "He went onto the hood, hitting the windshield, and off the passenger side of the vehicle." Everett said Telchik then called for backup, and when officers caught up to Atkinson and Hernandez, they had crashed the unmarked car into the guard rail on the

N. Service Road of FM 700 at Nolan. "The two females fled on foot and were captured by sheriff's deputies, still handcuffed, near FM 700 and Highway 87. Telchik was taken to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was treated for severe contusions and abrasions," said Everett. "He was treated and released. Both female suspects were taken to the police department and booked." In addition to charges

stemming from the early morning chase, Everett said Atkinson also had outstanding warrants prior to the stop, including a motion to revoke probation. Everett said the case is still under investigation.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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TYRONE DEION SMITH, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a bench warrant. HEATHER ANNE ATKINSON, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify - giving false information and charges of unauthorized use of a

motor vehicle, escape causing serious bodily injury with a deadly weapon and driving while license invalid. DENISE DEANDA, 35, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for theft, bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and criminal mischief. JOHNNY DEE TURMAN, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief. MARIA CRISTINA

HERNANDEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of escape from custody. JACOB ANDREW FERRO, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for an order of modified conditions of community supervision. BILLY JAKE RAINER, 36, was transferred to the county jail Monday from an out-of-state facility on a warrant for indecency with a child. The Big Spring Fire

Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of Highway 87. Service refused. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Simler and Armstrong. Service refused. TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Wood. One person was

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Zelma Roberta Hulse, 89, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lorene Massey, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

TAKE NOTE

THE PUBLIC IS BEING AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE A PHOTO of bluebonnets, with proceeds going toward the Boyce Hale Scholarship — a \$500 scholarship presented to a Forsan High School senior. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at 264-2546 or go by Professional Pharmacy at 1000 Main St.

A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF ALBERT "BERT" CARRILLO, who was killed in a traffic accident near Fort Stockton. The fund has been set up at the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union to help offset burial

expenses. The Credit Union is located at 1110 Benton. Call 263-8393 for more information.

A FUND HAS BEEN CREATED to help Garland and Malynnda Helmstetler raise the \$25,000 needed for medical treatment that the family's insurance will not cover. Malynnda, director of Mobile Meals, has been diagnosed with breast cancer that cannot be treated by radiation and chemotherapy. Doctors have told the family she should begin treatment on Aug. 1 so that the cancer does not spread to other organs. Donations may be made payable to Malynnda's Cancer Fund at the Federal Employees Credit Union located on

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Bird Poop:

Game warden rescues pair of juvenile turkey vultures

Whether he had trouble would be up to the guy who had the birds. Having dealt with him before, the game warden was surprised at his latest adventure. In town, the rumor had circulated enough that it finally crossed his path. Having thanked the person who told him, he anticipated the confiscation of the man's latest activity.

Parking in front of the house, he couldn't imagine where the birds might be kept. A few minutes passed after he rang the door bell. Finally, he knocked. With no response, the officer decided to leave. Having turned the corner, he parked beside a truck that was against the curb. Not having to wait very long, he noticed the front door of the residence slowly open. Through the other truck's windows, he saw the man he had come to see. Glancing from side to side, the culprit went back inside his house and closed the door.

Since he knew the man was inside the house, the warden drove to the easement. Not wanting the man to know he had returned, he left his truck and started walking down the alley. The high weeds, dilapidated out-buildings, stacks of rotting lumber and trash hid his approach. Finally, behind the man's house, he saw two dark-colored birds chained in the back yard. Flies, carcasses and waste surrounded the young juveniles.

This time he knocked on the back door. Since

he thought the warden had left, the man opened the door. As he tried to shut it, the warden used his large, muscular physique to prevent its closure. "Guess you've got me this time," drawled the man. "Again," answered the warden.

"Where'd you get those vultures?" inquired the officer.

If the man could be believed, the raptors had come from an abandoned barn not too far from the city. While cliffs, caves and trees were more normal homes for the carrion eaters, the warden had heard stories about abandoned structures being used by not only barn owls, but turkey vultures.

Shrugging his shoulders, the man lent his expertise to the conversation by saying "those buzzards ain't worth nothing." With a grin on his face, the officer informed him they were probably worth a lot more than he thought.

As I drove northeast to meet the game warden, his description of the vultures had sounded as if they were about 2 1/2 months old. When we met, only slight evidence remained of the snowy white down on their breasts, bellies and necks. Although their wings were developed, the naked skin of their heads and necks was a pale black. Once adult, the bare heads and necks would be a red to purple-red.

Appearing to be almost grown, the vultures were incapable of flight. After birth, it would take nearly 3 1/2 months before their muscle tone would be adequate enough for them to become airborne. Having been chained to the ground, the birds at least had been able to sun and exercise their wings, although their



Courtesy photo
Seen from below, the turkey vulture's inner wings and belly appear to be black, while its outer flight feathers and tail have a silvery appearance. After landing and seen from above, the feathers of this large bird appear to be bluish-black to dull brown.

legs had possible permanent markings from their confinement.

From inside the carrier came the familiar hiss of two very disgruntled vultures. Their world had changed again. Fortunately, when the man had absconded with the birds, they were ready for a solid, natural diet. If the thief had acted earlier, he would have been hard pressed to duplicate the regurgitation of animal matter

necessary for their development.

On the drive home, the two-lane road through open ranchland was the summer home to even more vultures. An occasional dead rabbit or skunk was invitation enough for these birds to dine. With their keen eyesight and acute sense of smell, they cleared the carnage from the previous night. A song from the movie "Mackenna's Gold" came to mind:

"Old Turkey Buzzard...Old Turkey Buzzard...Flying, flying high...He's just awaiting...Buzzard's just awaiting...Waiting for something down below to die."

For my two passengers, a better environment meant the company of other vultures in captivity. From them, they would learn the nuances of cautiously approaching a carcass, the hesitancy of walking about the body for awhile

before dining to make sure it didn't move.

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STINKY

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Stinky had moved from place to place, trying to find friends and be a friend, but no one wanted him to be very close to them. They would hear his name called and run away. They didn't know that Stinky didn't smell bad at all unless he was

frightened. Then, he could smell really awful! The rest of the time, Stinky smelled pretty nice. This story happened just a few years ago. It happened near where you live.

Stinky had been looking for a new home. A place where he could make friends and be happy. It seemed as if he had spent his entire life

looking for this magical place. He was just about to give up. He didn't think he would ever have a friend, or a home to call his own. Maybe this would change.

He heard a dog barking

very loudly. It was a very scary bark. It was a very big dog. As Stinky got closer to the barking dog, he saw something that made him mad. The big dog had been barking at and chasing a little kitten. The little kitten had



climbed a tree, so scared of the big dog.

The dog tried to climb the tree too, but couldn't! Stinky was so glad that the little kitten could climb trees and could get away from that dog. But, the lit-

tle kitten could do nothing to make the dog go away? He couldn't bark very loudly like the dog. He couldn't bark at all. He could make a soft purring sound, but that would not scare the dog away, would it? Would the little kitten have to stay in that tree forever? Not if Stinky could help! And, Stinky could help!

As he was walking up to the dog, he thought, "Maybe if I ask him nicely, he will leave the little kitten alone and not frighten him." He tapped the barking dog on the shoulder and asked, "Mr. Dog, please leave the kitten alone and let him go home. He would not hurt anything and he is scared."

The big dog replied, "Go away. I love scaring little kittens. By the way, you are a little kitten, too. I will bark at you and scare you!"

The big dog's first mistake was not doing what Stinky asked. The sec-

ond mistake was barking at Stinky. This would make Stinky mad. Very mad! The louder the big dog barked, the madder Stinky became. Then, it happened!

The most awful smell you could ever imagine! Even Stinky had to pinch his nose shut! They never saw that dog again!

The little kitten could come down now. He would be safe once again. He gave Stinky a very big hug, after that smell had gone away! Now, Stinky smelled nice again. Stinky asked the little kitten where he lived because he wanted to walk him home to be sure he would get there safely.

Even before they had gotten to the little kitten's home, the little kitten's mother had heard what Stinky had done for her little baby. Perhaps someone had seen the whole thing and had called the mother and told her what happened. She welcomed Stinky with

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open arms. She was not afraid of Stinky. There was no reason to be. Had Stinky found a home?

Yes! The little kitten had several brothers and sisters and they all loved Stinky. He now lives with them. He has his own bedroom. He has lots of friends. He even makes new friends each day. All the other cats love him. That big dog doesn't!

That big dog is still sitting in his bathtub, trying to get that smell off. He wished he had been a better friend, too. He is wanting to be friends with the kittens now. He is wanting to be a friend to Stinky, too. If he could, he would tell them all, "Good Night!"

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Parent's Corner:

Recalling that time honored prank — snipe hunting

Did you ever hear the expression, "Don't get left holding the bag"? This is very familiar to me; I guess I've heard it thousands of times.

In Wichita Falls, where I was born and raised, we have a tradition called the "snipe hunt." Now I am sure it is also a common experience in other places, too.

Although there are variations of the activity, the end result is essentially the same:

Abandon a "hunter" alone with his snipe sack while the rest of the hunting party laughs at his expense from another location.

This good-natured, time-hon-



DARRELL RYAN

ored initiation prank is passed down each time it is played and continues to entertain as new members of the snipe fraternity are brought into the fold.

Now, legend has it that the snipe is nocturnal and is best hunted at night

when it leaves its snipe nest. Webster defines the snipe as a member of the sandpiper family, but to this day no one has ever really seen a snipe, much less capture one; at least to my

knowledge! (By the way, the fact that there really is a long-billed bird called a snipe has almost nothing to do with this ritual hunt.)

Now, there are those who are gullible enough to give snipe hunting a try. As long as the mystery of the snipe pervades rural Texas, the legend will live on in perpetuity. You have to realize that you never use a gun, slingshot, or bow and arrow to shoot a snipe; you catch them in a gunnysack.

Sure, it seems rather odd, trying to catch a bird with a gunnysack, but look at it this way; it's another fun activity like catching a greased pig, or any of the other peculiar

things that guys call fun.

It usually happens this way: A group of guys (which can include girls) wait until dark and take the "hunter" into the woods, arming them with a flashlight and a burlap bag for retrieving their quarry and send them out into the night for the hunt. They are taught a "special snipe call" and told that if they make the sound just right, the snipes will run and jump into the gunny sack.

The person who takes the "hunter" into the woods tells him he is going to circle around and try to run the snipes towards him, so he can fill his sack and be deemed a successful hunter. As the

"hunter" is left alone, he is filled with anticipation, which makes a vivid imagination very detrimental. This is when the providers of the hunt have their fun, sitting back, waiting and laughing for the confused "hunter" to return empty-handed.

No real harm is done and all who have endured it seem to remember it with fond memories, however, if you are requested to participate in a snipe hunt, don't be the one "holding the bag!"

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

East Texas shop goes back to future to revive DeLorean

By JOHN PORRETTO
AP Business Writer

HUMBLE — In a nondescript warehouse in East Texas, mechanic and entrepreneur Stephen Wynne is bringing a rare sports car back to life. If he succeeds, he almost certainly has Michael J. Fox to thank.

A quarter century after DeLorean Motor Co. began making its glitzy, \$25,000 two-seater — an operation that collapsed after two years — Wynne's small automotive outfit plans to bring the vehicle back into limited production at a 40,000-square-foot factory in this Houston suburb.

The creation of renowned automotive engineer John DeLorean, DMC eventually made fewer than 9,000 cars, distinctive for their gullwing doors, stainless-steel exterior and rear-engine design. An estimated 6,500 remain on the road.

Despite DMC's flop, the car has persevered, gaining notoriety largely as the time machine Fox drove in the blockbuster 1985 movie, "Back to the Future," and its two sequels.

The trilogy's enduring popularity on cable TV has exposed countless viewers — and potential customers — to a souped-up version of the DeLorean.

"There isn't a day somewhere in the world that 'Back to the Future' isn't playing as a rerun," said Wynne, president of the new, privately held

DeLorean Motor Co.

Wynne formed the company in 1995, when the bulk of his business was working on original DeLoreans at a Houston garage. Still, he needed a name, and because there was nothing legally preventing him from using the original, he decided to give it a shot. He even called John DeLorean, who wished him luck.

A dozen years later, Wynne hopes to parlay the car's celebrity — along with the world's biggest stash of DeLorean parts and engines — into a niche production business that begins hand-making two DeLoreans a month sometime next year. They've just started taking orders.

Already, the Humble operation will take an existing DeLorean, strip it to the frame and rebuild it for a base price of \$42,500. Wynne's staff can rebuild one every couple of months.

The company also handles routine maintenance, such as oil changes and tuneups, and ships between 20 and 50 parts orders a day to mechanics and individual owners worldwide.

But because the original models are roughly 25 years old, finding suitable candidates to refurbish has become increasingly difficult.

So Wynne figured: Why not use the thousands of parts and hundreds of engines sitting in his massive warehouse and build the cars from

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Laura on Life: Dealing with Tooth Fairy vengeance

My brothers and sister and I were born about a year apart and as a result, there was a period of about three or four years, in my childhood, when the Tooth Fairy came to visit our house on a very frequent basis.

She came so often that I thought that maybe it would be best if we set up a guest room for her so that she didn't have so much flying to do.

Since I didn't personally know any fairies or even people that collected teeth for a living, I figured that the Tooth Fairy must come from a far-away foreign country. In my young mind, setting up a guest room for her was the only hospitable thing to do.

However, my mother told me that we didn't have a spare bedroom. I offered to let the Tooth Fairy use my bedroom and I would sleep on the floor, but my mother wouldn't hear of it. I was willing to do such a drastic thing because I was afraid that the Tooth Fairy, a very important source of cash for a 7-year old, would decide that the trip was not worth it and she wouldn't come on the night that my tooth was under my pillow.

Besides, I thought that if she actually lived in my room, she'd be inclined to leave more

than a quarter under my pillow when my teeth fell out. Or maybe she'd accidentally leave some cash behind when she left. My mother was pretty unreasonable about my perfect plan, though, so it never happened.

Nowadays, the Tooth Fairy seems to be pretty arbitrary about what kind of coinage she leaves under kids' pillows. My children have come home with stories of their friends finding a five-dollar bill under their pillow. I figure she simply didn't have change for a five.

My children generally find one of those gold Sacagawea dollar coins under their pillow, so my kids think the Tooth Fairy lives with a tribe of Native Americans. But they are a little hurt to

think that she might favor one of their friends over them.

If she had lived in my bedroom, mom, my children would be getting those five-dollar bills.

My son, who is 10-years old, prefers to save his teeth in a little box rather than giving them to some creepy fairy that sneaks into his bedroom in the middle of the night. Even the thought

of a certain cash windfall is not enough to sway him.

So although he misses out on those golden coins, he comforts himself by thinking that at least he won't be the victim if the Tooth Fairy suddenly goes berserk.

I guess that possibility always exists when we're talking about a person

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 55.175 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 28, 2007 and September 11, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th Street.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR:** Stephanie Horton, Manuel Ramirez, Jr., Jo Ann Staulcup, Russ McEwen, Gloria McDonald and Troy Tompkins
AGAINST: Greg Biddison
PRESENT and voting: N/A
ABSENT: N/A

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditures categories:

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| Maintenance and operations | 3.07% (increase) |
| Debt service | 459.30% (increase) |
| Total expenditures | 10.37% (increase) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
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| Total appraised value* of all property | \$609,149,788 | \$658,700,736 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$5,618,247 | \$1,809,876 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$443,050,714 | \$481,490,240 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$4,349,646 | \$1,746,359 |

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$115,185,020

Tax Rates

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| Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year | \$0.7163 per \$100 in value |
| Proposed tax rate for the current tax year | \$1.022762 per \$100 in value |
| Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year | \$0.306462 per \$100 in value |

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year 42.78% Increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
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| Average residence homestead appraised value | \$32,351.00 | \$36,739.00 |
| Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) | \$6,470.20 | \$7,347.80 |
| Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) | \$25,880.80 | \$29,391.20 |

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$183.38. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$300.60. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$117.22 in taxes.

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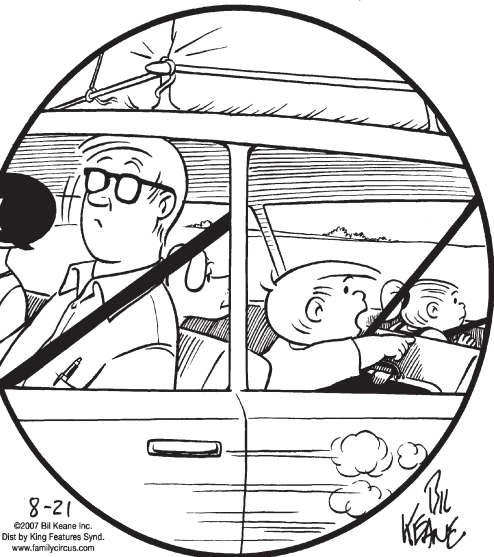
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"DENNIS WILL PROBABLY BECOME A TELEMARKETER. HE ALWAYS CALLS DURING THE DINNER HOUR."

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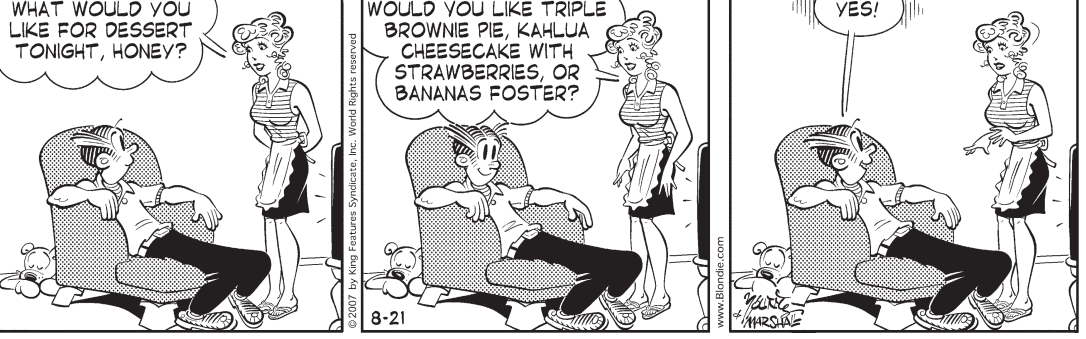


"Maybe that police car wants to pass, Daddy - he's followin' close behind with his red lights flashing!"

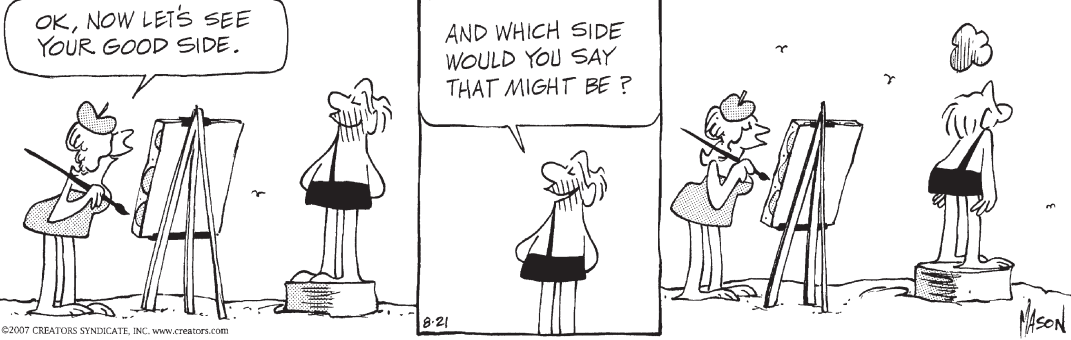
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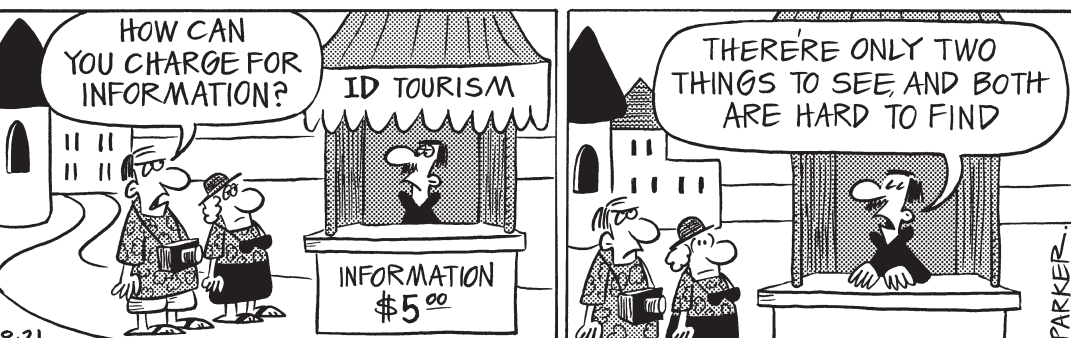
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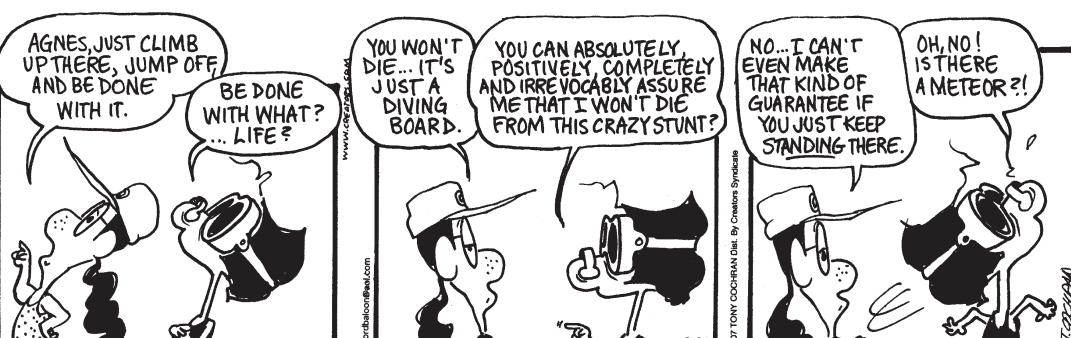
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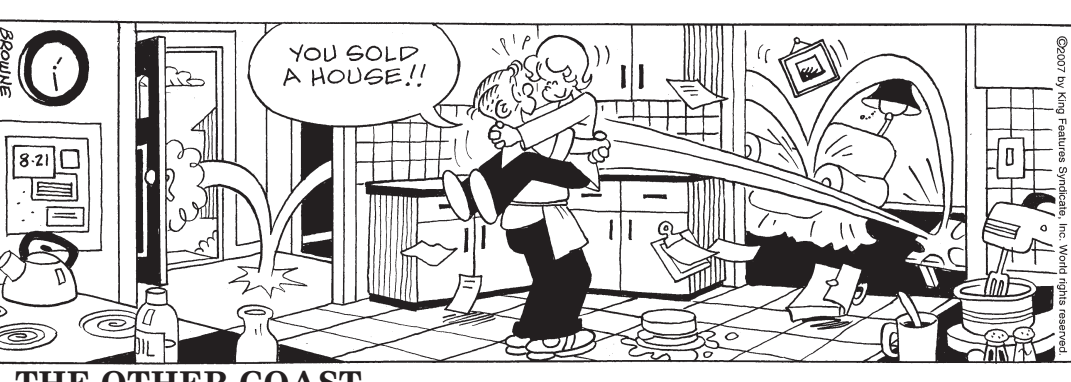
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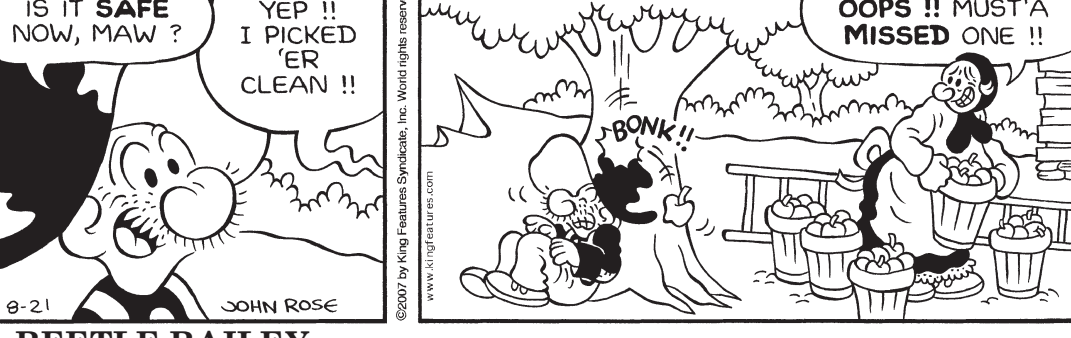
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2007. There are 132 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
Two hundred years ago, on Aug. 21, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat set off from Albany on its return trip to New York, arriving some 30 hours later.
On this date:
In 1831, former slave Nat Turner led a violent insurrection in Virginia. (He was later executed.)
In 1858, the first of the famous debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place.
In 1878, the American Bar Association was founded in Saratoga, N.Y.
In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum. (The painting

turned up two years later, in Italy.)
In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky died in Mexico City from wounds inflicted by an assassin.
In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations.
In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union, five months after he had signed the Hawaiian statehood bill.
In 1982, a group of Palestinian guerrillas left Lebanon by ship under an evacuation plan mediated by the U.S.
In 1987, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, the first Marine court-martialed for spying, was convicted in Quantico, Va., of passing secrets to the KGB. (Lonetree ended up serving eight years in a military prison.)
In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev col-

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- 10 Well-behaved
- 14 Make adjustments
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- 18 Narrow part of a bottle
- 19 Carryall bag
- 20 Misnamed writing implement
- 22 Mrs. Dick Tracy
- 23 Take a load off your feet
- 24 Jeans maker Strauss
- 26 Air-conditioner meas.
- 29 The one over there
- 32 Metallic visitor to Oz
- 36 "Yikes!"
- 38 Raison d'___
- 40 Dexterous
- 41 Second-place Olympic athletes
- 44 Look of contempt
- 45 Appear to be
- 46 Orderly
- 47 Off the path
- 49 Scissors sound
- 51 Train lines: Abbr.
- 52 Right away, in memos
- 54 Oxygen or hydrogen
- 56 Stylish
- 59 Exact duplicate
- 65 Iron corrosion
- 66 Informal greeting
- 67 Calf, to a cowboy
- 68 Stare at
- 69 Breakfast-in-bed need
- 70 Major blood vessel
- 71 Lawn invader
- 72 Employee IDs, at times
- 73 Javelin
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Wildlife center brings avian orphans back to health

By **KATAYOUN ALIDADI**

The Dallas Morning News

HUTCHINS — The nestling chimney swift clung to a jade towel in human hands, far from the treetop nest it was born in.

A volunteer handled the palm-sized baby bird to feed it. The shiny black chick, an orphan delivered from Dallas and hungry after a long car ride, eagerly welcomed the soggy grub.

For the next eight to 10 weeks, the bird will be cared for at the Rogers Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Hutchins. In October, it will be released into a flock destined for South America.

"We have to get him ready to get out," said

Kathy Rogers, the center's founder and a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

As nestling season continues, the number of orphaned birds in North Texas has soared, say officials at the Rogers center. Incessant rain and the occasional violent storm have blown some chicks out of the coziness of their tree-perched nests to the ground below.

Some of the luckier ones end up at the Rogers center, North Texas' only large-scale facility for orphaned, injured and sick wild bird species.

At any given time, the nonprofit center cares for about 1,000 wild birds, Rogers said.

"Anything with feathers, we take," she said.

Last year, 4,824 birds

and 283 raptors found their way to the center, including 1,700 mallard ducklings recovered from swimming pools. The number of baby birds that have come in so far this season is up about 15 percent from the number received during the same time period last season, Rogers said.

"We've had a big baby season," she said. "I'll be anxious to do the tally at the end of the year."

Cliff Shackelford, an ornithologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said that there is no true way to track the number of orphaned birds, but that it makes sense that storms would lead to an increase.

Further, the heavy rains

earlier this summer during breeding season would have provided a larger food supply, leading some birds to breed two or three times, Shackelford said.

The Rogers center receives birds from all over Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. From East Lake Veterinary Hospital in Dallas, volunteer bird chauffeurs take orphaned or injured birds in their cars to the center each evening.

"It's a chirping factory in your car sometimes," said Susan Bell, who organizes the bird chauffeurs.

In the center's clinic, workers treat birds and monitor birds on medication. If the bird needs a procedure that requires anesthesia, it is taken to a

vet.

Chicks are hand-fed soaked cat food, mealworms, fruit, mice and ground fish, depending on the species' diet.

"The baby birds get fed every 20 minutes during daylight hours, from sunup to sundown," Rogers said.

Most of the outside aviaries are occupied by birds "just hanging out until it's time to go," she said. About 30 great blue herons have reached that stage.

Of those brought to the center last year, 88 percent of the birds and 77 percent of the raptors regained their freedom. Others had to be euthanized because their injuries were too severe. Some became permanent

residents and part of the center's educational outreach program.

The whole operation runs on about \$160,000 in donations and membership fees, said Rogers, who has been working with birds for 25 years. The facility is plain, with little landscaping or other features, like awnings.

"We run this on a shoestring," she said. "For the number of birds that we do, it's very cost-effective."

Each bird has its own history and traits. The recovering pelicans devour 5 pounds of restaurant-quality ocean perch a day, while the sole pileated woodpecker has turned to the wooden

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WYNNE

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scratch?

"Everything seems to evolve around here, and that seemed to be the next logical step," said Wynne, a Briton who began working on DeLoreans in the 1980s in Los Angeles, becoming an expert in their mechanics and equipment. He eventually expanded to suburban Houston and opted to make his base here, in part because of the lower cost of living.

Like other DeLorean mechanics at the time, Wynne bought replacement parts from an Ohio company, Kapac Co., which had acquired the original inventory when DeLorean failed. In 1997, when Kapac wanted out of the parts business, Wynne bought the supply for himself, though he declined to say how much he paid.

A decade later, he's decided to take the com-

pany to the next level: Niche automaker.

The handmade cars will feature about 80 percent original parts. The other 20 percent will be new, supplier-made parts from companies such as Valeo SA and the Bosch Group, said DeLorean vice president James Espey.

The one limiting factor is the doors. The company has enough for about 500 cars, though it's important to keep some in stock for repairs and such. Beyond that, Espey said, the company is studying its options.

Enhancements to the new cars will include an improved stainless-steel frame, a stronger but lighter fiberglass underbody and electronics upgraded from the disastrous systems in the early DeLoreans. A peppier engine — the original cars' 135-horsepower was a downer for performance enthusiasts — will be available as an option.

"After working on these cars practically every day

for 25 years, we've identified most of the issues and replaced them," Wynne said. "If there's a better part available, we'll use it. If there's a better way to install it, we'll do it."

The base price of a new DeLorean is expected to be \$57,500 — roughly the same price a 1981 DeLorean would have cost in today's dollars. The company will sell the cars from its shop in Humble and affiliate shops in Bonita Springs, Fla., Crystal Lake, Ill., Bellevue, Wash., and Orange County, Calif. DMC also has a shop in the Netherlands for European owners.

"It's taken years to get the wheels moving, and they're moving slowly, but we've got motion," Wynne said.

Ken Baker likes the company's direction — so much so that the Bentley and Rolls Royce sales executive in Fort Lauderdale drives his own original DeLorean

and heads that region's DeLorean owners group.

A car guy to the core, Baker says he became enamored with John DeLorean in high school after reading DeLorean's book, "On a Clear Day You Can See General Motors," the author's critical look inside his former employer.

DeLorean was the antithesis of the buttoned-down auto executive of his day, sporting designer suits, dating models and moving in celebrity circles. While at GM in the 1960s, he created what some consider the first "muscle car," putting a V-8 engine into a Pontiac Tempest and calling it the GTO.

When DeLorean began making his own car in Northern Ireland in 1981, Baker says he fell in love with it. Of course, as a teenager, he wasn't able to shell out \$25,000. Now, at 41, Baker is a proud DeLorean owner.

"You have to understand it's a car that never

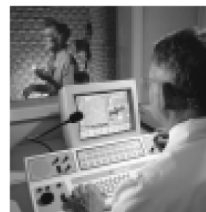
got to its full development because it was gone before it really hit its prime," Baker said. "And you have to realize it's 25 years old. But understanding that, it's fun to drive and very comfortable."

Unfortunately, DeLorean simply couldn't sell enough of the cars to sustain the business. The company folded in 1983, a year after DeLorean was busted in a drug trafficking sting and accused of conspiring to sell \$24 million worth of cocaine to salvage the venture. He used an entrapment defense to win acquittal, but legal entanglements

plagued him for years to come. He died in 2005 at age 80.

Kevin Smith, editorial director for the automotive Web site Edmunds.com, said he's interested to see if the Humble effort fares better than the Irish debacle. He said quality control is often an issue with limited production, "but I'm always optimistic for people who want to make new and interesting cars."

The newest version of the DeLorean will certainly be interesting and exclusive, Smith said, "and for some people with means, that's enough."



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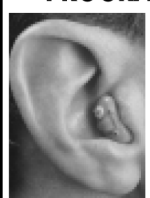
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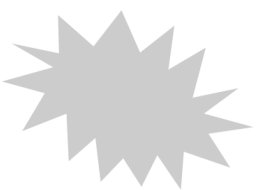
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edges of its aviary. Tommer, the bronze turkey, can startle kids with his display. "He is the only thing out there that earns money," said Rogers, referring to Tommer's past appearances in television commercials for the Tom Thumb grocery chain. When the center closes for the night, Rogers and several volunteers each take home about a dozen baby birds in need of continuous attention or feeding. "She is 24/7 bird," said Robert MacQuigg, who drove the chimney swift chick to the center. "She has given up a lot in life to do what she is doing." Rogers said that years ago, she worked as a bridal consultant. She

likes doing this better. "I preferred to deal with sick birds than crazy brides," she said.

- Keep it away from pets and children and in a warm, dark place, like a shoe box lined with a T-shirt or towel.
 - Do not feed or give water to the bird; you can do more harm than good. Never give a bird milk.
 - Wild birds can be dropped off at East Lake Veterinary Hospital, 10101 E. Northwest Highway, 214-342-3100.
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LAURA

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whose sole purpose in life is to collect other people's teeth. There is a price to pay for his reticence, however. For the last two years he has had a buck-toothed, Bugs-Bunny-with-glasses sort of look on his face because the two teeth on either side of his very prominent front teeth have refused to grow in. We even had X-rays taken to find out if they were still in there somewhere. They were, but they were certainly taking their time about showing themselves. Coincidentally, the Tooth

Fairy hasn't had to make a trip to our house for the last two years until a couple of days ago when my daughter's tooth fell out. The very next day, my son's teeth finally made an appearance on either side of his Bugs Bunny teeth. I don't think it's a stretch to think that the Tooth Fairy might have been mad at him for not handing over his teeth via the underside of his pillow. So in a way, my son became the victim of Tooth Fairy vengeance anyway. At least ... that's what he thinks.

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Immigration activist deported to Mexico

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An illegal immigrant who took refuge in a Chicago church for a year to avoid being separated from her U.S.-born son has been deported to Mexico. Elvira Arellano became an activist and a national symbol for illegal immigrant parents as she defied her deportation order and spoke out from her religious sanctuary. She held a news conference last week to announce that she would

finally leave the church to try to lobby for change. She had just spoken at a Los Angeles rally when she was arrested Sunday outside Our Lady Queen of Angels church and deported, said the Rev. Walter Coleman. "She is free and in Tijuana," said Coleman, who said he spoke to her on the phone. "She is in good spirits. She is ready to continue the struggle against the separation of families from the other

side of the border." Her 8-year-old son, Saul, is now living with Coleman's family. During a news conference in Los Angeles after Arellano's arrest, the boy hid behind the pastor's wife. Arellano had said on Saturday that she was not afraid of being taken into

custody. "From the time I took sanctuary, the possibility has existed that they arrest me in the place and time they want," she said in Spanish. "I only have two choices. I either go to my country, Mexico, or stay and keep fighting. I decided to stay and fight."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There's Only One Right Play

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ A K Q J
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ 10 9 2

EAST
 ♠ A J 10 8 4
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 10 9 7 3
 ♣ K J 5

WEST
 ♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ 10 9 6 4 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ Q 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K 7
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ A K J 4
 ♣ A 7 6 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠
 1NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — six of spades.

Many contracts that fail are often attributed to bad luck. In all too many of these cases, though, the true fault lies in the way declarer played his cards.

Consider South's sad story in today's deal. He arrived at three notrump after East had overcalled with one spade, and won East's ten of spades with the king at trick one.

With only eight top tricks in view, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, crossed to dummy with a heart and led a low diamond. When East followed low, the jack of diamonds was finessed, losing to the queen. Back came a spade, trapping

dummy's queen, and East ran off four spade tricks for down one.

South lamented his misfortune in losing the diamond finesse, especially when he learned that he could have dropped West's doubleton queen by playing the A-K instead of finessing.

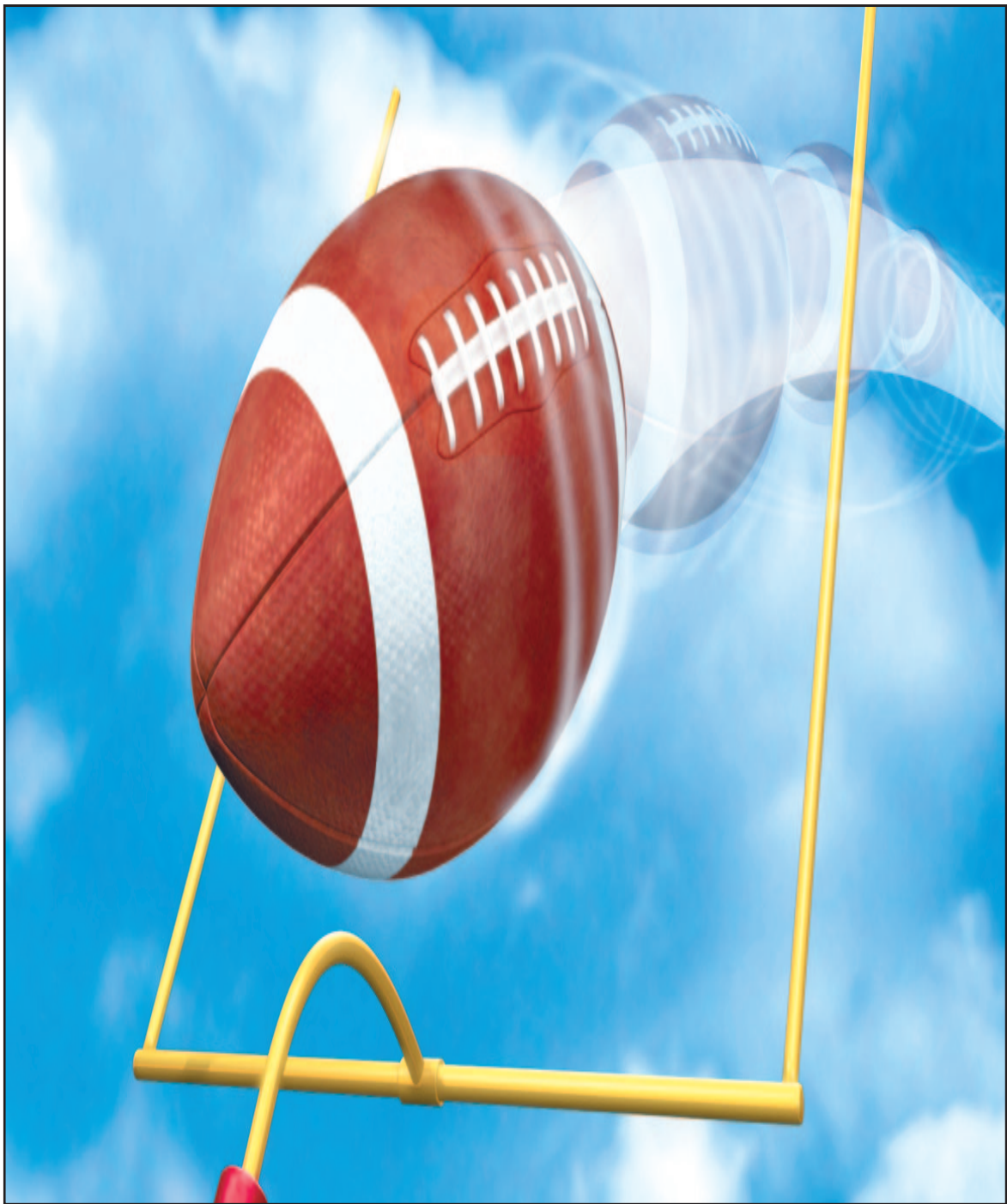
We don't contend that declarer should have known the queen would fall, but the contract should have been made nevertheless. The diamond finesse posed an unnecessary risk that might cost declarer the contract, and did in the actual case.

South should reason that a finesse is not the only way to score a trick with the jack of diamonds if East happens to hold the queen. The jack can also be converted into a trick by cashing the A-K first, then leading up to the J-4 if the queen hasn't already appeared. If East does have the queen of diamonds, he can take it, but is then unable to attack dummy's queen of spades, so the contract is safe.

The one thing declarer cannot afford to do is to lose a trick unnecessarily to the queen of diamonds in the West hand. If West started with three or more diamonds including the queen, the cause is hopeless regardless of how South plays. By cashing the A-K, though, South gives himself the additional chance of dropping the doubleton queen off-side, and it costs him virtually nothing to make this play.

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