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Sides rest in murder trial

Judge Moore III refuses to allow Aryan Circle testimony

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

After nearly a full day of testimony, both the prosecution and defense rested in the trial of a 50-year-old Big Spring man accused of beating 20-year-old Roland David Dickinson to



Hays

death. John Michael Hays was indicted in April on a charge of first-degree murder for his role in the death of Dickinson, whose body was dis-

covered in a ravine six miles north of Coahoma on Highway 820 in January.

The prosecution, led by Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, began the proceedings Thursday morning by calling

David Wood, an investigator with the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Before Wood's testimony, however, Wilkerson found himself in a heated debate with 118th District Judge Robert H. Moore III concerning Hays'

alleged ties to the Aryan Circle, a prison affiliated gang.

Moore told Wilkerson to "edit" any information concerning the Aryan Circle from his presentation, which included

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No limit to show entries

Art Association revises rules for annual event

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**

Managing Editor

Members of the Big Spring Art Association have announced a couple of changes they initiated for their annual Fall Art Show scheduled Sept. 1-8.

Rules for the show had initially limited entries by artists to three per category, but association members decided during their most recent meeting that there would be no limit to the number of entries an artist may enter.

The second, and perhaps most important change in the show's rules, however, impacts artists who sell their work at the show. Originally plans called for all sales to be subject to a 20 percent commission, but that amount has been increased to a 30 percent commission, payable to the art association.

Those are, however the only changes anticipated for

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Howard County Judge Mark Barr, left, talks with Terry Wegman during a reception in Wegman's honor at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Thursday afternoon. Wegman recently was named executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

Changes to greet students

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

From the tangible to the unseen, Big Spring Independent School District students will notice several changes in their routines when the new school year starts Monday.

The school bell to start a new year of learning will ring Monday morning for all BSISD students and Superintendent Michael Downes said several changes will be awaiting them.

Some will be obvious, such as high school students receiving laptop computers, but others, such as electrical upgrades at several campuses and air conditioning at the high school gym, will be more discreet.

The well-documented one-to-one laptop program, approved by BSISD trustees earlier this year, will provide the portable computers for all high school students and teachers.

Teachers and administrators have undergone

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"Concerns about blown breakers or inadequate electrical capacity will now be alleviated. Plus, we'll have the capacity for more computer labs."



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GOODNESS GRAPECIOUS!

DETROIT (AP) — An activist who pelted school board members with grapes during a raucous vote to close 34 city schools was fined \$250 for disturbing the peace.

Agnes Hitchcock, leader of the Call 'Em Out Coalition, said she will not be disruptive at future school board meetings.

"It was worth the risk in order to be able to talk about these things in court," she told the Detroit Free Press.

The grapes she threw beamed at least one board member before police led her out of the auditorium. The board voted to close schools because of a budget deficit.

BLUE SANTA TO TEE OFF

For Elvis, December was all about a blue Christmas. For the Big Spring Police Association, 2007 will be about a Blue Santa.

The local officer's association will be hosting a golf tournament Saturday to help raise money for Blue Santa, a program Big Spring Police Department officer Adam Binnix — who also serves as the vice president of the BSPA board — said will help raise money for toys and food for needy families this coming holiday season.

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COMPUTER ORIENTATION

Big Spring High School will host a student-parent orientation to answer questions about the upcoming computer laptop program at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 30 in the auditorium.

BSISD has instituted a program in which every student at BSISD will receive a laptop computer Sept. 4.

Representatives from Apple Computers, which is supplying the computers, and high school and school district representatives will be on hand to answer questions anyone may have. For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

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IN BRIEF

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.

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.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or Frank Stiles at 270-3041 for more details.

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 if 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 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 Thursday.

A coaches meeting is also scheduled for Thursday. 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 and rescheduled it for Saturday and Sunday. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is set for both days.

The combined ages of the two team members needing to equal 80 or higher.

Entry fee is \$60 per player.

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

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 been donated, but the club needs a place to begin practices.

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

Stanton impressive in first scrimmage

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

STANTON — Stanton's Buffaloes have high expectations for this season and it was easy to see why Thursday.

Kermit's Yellow Jackets visited Stanton for a practice game Thursday and were ready to leave town faster than they arrived.

Despite the game being merely a scrimmage, the Buffs showed a physical style of football that

Head Coach Lee McCown feels could take them deep into the playoffs.

"We were very physical tonight and that's something we have to be all season," said McCown. "We're not as big as we have been in the past, but we make up for it with our quickness, intelligence and physical style of play."

Defensively, the Buffs allowed Kermit very little room to operate. Senior standout end Adam Evans picked up two sacks and several quarterback pressures.

On one particular play, Evans' presence forced Kermit quarterback Austin Grubbs to throw the ball unwisely into traffic, leading to a pounding hit by Stanton's Mark Garcia that echoed throughout the stadium.

"That was the type of hit that belongs on a highlight reel," said McCown. "Mark and Adam both led us throughout the night defensively."

Stanton's physical nature of play forced the Kermit coaching staff to decline an opportunity

for a simulated live quarter of action.

"Kermit has had some unfortunate injuries over the last couple of weeks," said McCown. "They didn't want to risk anymore before the start of the season next week."

Offensively, McCown felt that his team moved the ball effectively.

"We were able to move the ball consistently," he said. "We

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Big Spring Steers quarterback Clayton Bates tries to scoot past a Wichita Falls Hirschi defender in a scrimmage Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. The Steers will play their final scrimmage at 7 p.m. today against Pampa's Harvesters in Lubbock.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Forsan visits Reagan Co.

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffaloes wrap up their preseason schedule Friday night in Big Lake, taking the field in a controlled scrimmage with the Reagan County Owls.

The contest will be run similar to last week with both starting squads running twenty plays each on offense and defense. The second squad will then have 15 plays each and the game will conclude with one quarter being run as if in a live game situation.

Head coach Tommy Thompson hopes to get better with the Buffs new offensive and defensive strategies, gaining some momentum for next week's regular season opener.

"We will continue to work on our spread offense, but will also throw in some of our base Wing-T package," said Thompson. "Having both packages will give us more options and allow us to utilize our skill positions. It also makes opposing defenses game plan for the different sets we will use."

Thompson said he wants to see improvement on offense in both the passing and running games.

"We had a number of miscues in blocking schemes and pass routes against McCamey last week," Thompson said. "To put it as simply as I can, we want to improve in all areas of the offense to compete as we expect to."

Thompson said he expects new quarterback Alex Huckabee to

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Big Spring getting final prep for season

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Football games start counting next week. So Big Spring's Steers are trying to get all the preparation they can for their first opponent.

The Steers will scrimmage Pampa's Harvesters at 7 p.m. tonight in Lubbock. The scrimmage will be treated differently compared to last week's practice game with

Wichita Falls Hirschi.

"Just the format alone changes how we're approaching this scrimmage," said Head Coach Mike Ritchey. "We're going to simulate a live half of a game at the end. So there will be more of a game plan and a response to the things Pampa shows us."

Don't count on the Steers revealing too much more about their new offensive scheme against

Pampa.

"We're going to work on polishing a lot of what we've already worked on," said Ritchey. "We don't want to show too much for our future opponents. Obviously we'll expose a lot more against Odessa next week."

"We've still got a lot to work on. I don't think we're ready to add more to what we're doing right now," he continued. "We need to just keep getting

better at what we're currently working on. We do have a few wrinkles that we're going to use against Odessa, but we don't want to show them against Pampa. That's just football. That's just coaches trying to play mind games with other coaches."

The Steers open their season on the road against Odessa High's

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Bulldogs contain Rotan's Reese in scrimmage

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — While the simulated live game action of the Coahoma Bulldogs scrimmage against Rotan's Yellowhammers Thursday might have ended in a 0-0 tie, the Bulldogs have to see their performance as a small victory.

The Bulldogs did a solid job of containing elusive Rotan quarterback Josh Reese for most of the night. Keeping Reese from hurting them was a point of emphasis from the Bulldogs coaching staff.

"Running quarterbacks hurt us last season," said Head Coach Jay Kennedy. "It's important that we contain better than we did last year. Facing this quarterback in the preseason is a good test for us. We're going to see a good, quick quarterback in Brandon Davenport next week against Reagan County. We need to be tested against that before we play them."

Reese did have his moments early in the simulated half.

The Bulldogs were forced to

punt on their first offensive series. The Yellowhammers took the ball at Coahoma's 45-yard line. Reese used his feet to convert two consecutive long third downs, driving Rotan inside the 10-yard line.

The Bulldogs defense stood up to the red-zone challenge though. They thwarted Rotan's first two scoring attempts and changed their fortunes with a big play defensively on third down.

Several Bulldogs swarmed Reese as he tried to scramble away from pressure. He fumbled in the process and Corey Roberts scooped the ball at the 20-yard line, returning it for an apparent 80-yard touchdown.

Unfortunately, Coahoma was called for a block in the back, negating the touchdown and putting the ball at Rotan's 15-yard line. The Bulldogs weren't able to find the end zone, keeping the game scoreless.

However, Coahoma's defense shut down Reese and the Rotan offense for the rest of the simulation.

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Coahoma's Corey Roberts (16) chases Rotan Yellowhammers quarterback Josh Reese (2) at Thursday's scrimmage in Coahoma.

Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Obituaries

Willie Mae Howell



Willie Mae Howell, 88, of Houston, died Aug. 23, 2007 in Houston. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 27, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Daniel Armstrong, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Stanton, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26th, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

She was born Jan. 18, 1919, in Lewisville. Willie Mae was a long-time independent Houston salon owner, later residing several years in Texas City before final retirement.

Willie Mae is survived by three sons, Jerry Wayne Graham of Weatherford, Phillip Boyd Howell of Houston and Melton Paul Howell of Houston; one daughter, Shelia Marie Smith of League City; two sisters, Oma Clay Johnson of Stanton and Emma Jean Langley of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.G. Haggard; husbands Thomas Eugene Graham and Earl Melton Howell; daughter Joyce Nelson Murff; two grandchildren; six brothers, Jerry, James, Rob, Buster, Alex and Tommy Haggard; and two sisters, Helen Langley and Elizabeth Meek.

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

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-18-19-21-29.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize: \$28,095.
Winning ticket sold in: Cedar Hill.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-21-29-30. Bonus Ball: 31.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-7.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.
Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.
Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.
Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.
Thursday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Take Note

• **MOSS ELEMENTARY MEET THE TEACHER** will be from noon until 1 p.m. Friday. Class rosters will be posted throughout the building.

• **A FISH FRY BENEFIT FOR BRAYLEE FOX**, 5-month-old infant who had a heart transplant, will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St. Plates are \$7 and include catfish, french fries, hush puppies and cole slaw. To-go plates will be available. Midnight Express will perform from 8 p.m. until midnight. The fund-raiser is sponsored by the Big Spring Bass Club and Eagles Bingo Airies No. 3188.

• **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.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- **ASSAULT BY THREATS** was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 600 block of Elgin.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 400 block of Gregg and the 400 block of Fourth (three instances).
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday (Note: Officials reported that 53 inmates were housed in the County Jail):

- **EPIFANIO HINOJOSA**, 21, was arrested by deputies on motion to revoke probation warrants for theft by check and possession of marijuana.
- **LARRY DARNELL BLAYLOCK**, 23, was arrested by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.
- **TINA MARIE GREEN**, 26, was arrested by deputies on charges of unsecured child passenger, violating promise to appear and theft by check.
- **ROCKY ALLAN AUTRY**, 24, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of theft.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.



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Cowboys' defense ready to attack STEERS

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Nothing really looks different when Dallas Cowboys defenders get set for a play. Basically the same players from a year ago are lining up in the same spots.

Then the ball is snapped and it becomes very clear — this isn't Bill Parcells' 3-4 defense anymore.

"Nah, it's totally, totally different," linebacker Bradie James said. "I think you can see from our body language, we're actually having fun."

While the base formation hasn't changed, new coach Wade Phillips brings an attacking philosophy with his 3-4 defense. Phillips adjusts the scheme to fit the players, freeing them to make plays.

"You've got an opportunity to move around and run places and not have to worry about technique all the time," Marcus Spears said. "You're just trying to get in gaps, stunt and make plays."

In their two preseason victories, the defensive starters didn't allow a touchdown against Denver or Super Bowl champion Indianapolis.

Denver's first-team offense went 0-for-5 on third-down conversions. Some Broncos even grumbled afterward that Dallas

blitzed too much for a pre-season game.

After the Cowboys' first practice this week since beating Denver, the good-natured Phillips wasn't even prompted when he joked that the team "decided to put in a blitz this week since we hadn't had any."

Dallas plays at Houston on Saturday night, when the starters are expected to play into the second half.

When asked Wednesday what differed about the "Phillips 3-4" from other three-man fronts, the grinning coach responded, "Beside being better?" "It's not really the scheme itself," he said. "It's always the players."

Phillips said so many 3-4 defenses "play it only one way ... and you have to plug in a player that can play that way. ... Ours, we have the players and then we plug in saying this is what we're going to do with the 3-4 because you can stunt, or you're stronger, or you're quicker or you can rush the passer."

Spears and Chris Canty each had only one sack while starting on opposite ends last season. That's because they were forced by Parcells' system to read or react instead of attack and often got stuck at the line of scrimmage.

"There's a lot more opportunity," Spears said.

"You may not make a tackle, but if you've pushed your guard back or put the tackles three yards in the backfield and the running back has to bounce and somebody else tackles him for a loss, you're pretty much affecting that play. That's what this scheme is."

Canty had Denver's Jay Cutler in reach before the quarterback ducked away from him Saturday night. But nose guard Jason Ferguson was right there to get the sack. He didn't have a sack last season, when the nose guard was preoccupied with opposing linemen and rarely would have been in position for one.

Phillips isn't so sure of the characterization that it's a blitz-blitz-blitz scheme. Aggressive and attacking doesn't only mean blitzing.

"You only have three down linemen. Always with us, there's going to be a fourth rusher," Phillips said. "Some people call that a blitz. Dan Reeves used to call anytime you brought a linebacker, that was a blitz. ... If you call that a blitz, then we blitz coming out of the dressing room."

The Cowboys weren't horrible on defense in Parcells' final season, finishing 13th while allowing 323 yards and 22 points per game. But over the final four games of the regular season, they blew a great chance to win their first NFC East title since 1998 by going 1-3 and allowing 425 yards and 33 points per game.

Opponents seemed to figure out that defensive formations weren't changing much.

"That really doesn't matter," James said. "This is a new year."

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Broncos next Friday. Ritchey says that seeing Pampa this week will only further prepare the Steers for what the Broncos will show them.

"Pampa just switched to a similar system that we just switched to. It's going to be a lot like what we

faced last week," he explained. "It will be a lot like an inter-squad scrimmage. They like to spread the ball out and they play the same type of defense we do. That's a good thing for us because Odessa does the same thing so it only better prepares us for our first game."

The Harvesters return 12 starters from a team that finished 4-6 last sea-

son and missed the playoffs. Similarly to Big Spring, they are implementing the spread offense this season and breaking in a new quarterback in the process.

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picked up several yards each time we had the ball, but kept stalling out because of some miscues. We have to tighten that stuff up a bit, but we definitely saw our offense's potential. I was pleased with the way we executed in our first matchup against somebody other

than ourselves."

"We would have liked to have scrimmaged last week for conditioning purposes, but we've had some great practices," McCown said when asked about last week's canceled scrimmage's effect on the team. "We have a hard working bunch of young men."

"We're ready to go," he continued. "We're where we need to be right now.

We have some improvement to do, but that's how it always is. We're always looking to improve."

The Buffs open the regular season Friday against Grape Creek's Eagles in San Angelo.

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improve on his passing efficiency as he continues to get more experience running the spread offense.

"Alex gets better everyday. His confidence is always growing," Thompson said. "We also hope to see our running game get stronger with good performances from Jace Sandridge and Jeremy Frietag. Also, our

receivers Adam Bailey, Justin Wilson, Garrett and Chance Pool and Kody Willis need to improve on their routes and secure the ball."

Defensively, Thompson plans on more of the same from the McCamey scrimmage, staying with the 4-3 line-up.

"Reagan County runs a similar offense to McCamey," said Thompson. "It will give us a chance to remedy some of our miscues from last week. We want to attack the line of scrim-

mage more aggressively and be consistent in our tackling."

Thompson called on his defensive front to be stronger at the point of attack.

"I'm really looking to our front four — Blake Grantham, Aaron Hughes, James Marlow and Michael Leal — to really be aggressive," said Thompson. "We really need them to control the line of scrimmage and upset the flow of the Owls' offense."

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The defense allowed the offense one last shot at scoring before time ran out. The Bulldogs marched back down inside the 15-yard line courtesy of a long Donnie Garcia pass and two long

outside runs by P.J. Daylong.

However, the Bulldogs would again fail to cash in on a scoring opportunity, when Cody Sheppard couldn't come up with a Garcia pass in the end zone.

Coahoma will travel to Big Lake Friday to play its first regular season game against Reagan

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Our reporter, Mercury in Virgo, wants very specific answers from politician

Jupiter, who generalizes and evades the particulars. Moderator, please! Break your questions down into bite-sized pieces, and well-reasoned logic serendipitously moves to higher ground. Then bipartisan understanding is achieved. Hurrah!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's the long range that occupies your mind. You're focused on doing something that will continue past you, your children, their children. You go through your day with one foot in the future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The information you need to help you along your path is there for the asking. But if you're asking about something that is none of your business, you won't get answers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be cautious and move with stealth. If it doesn't concern you, try your best to stay completely out of it. Also, don't do any favors for people that they could clearly do for themselves.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While your body needs air, water and food, your soul needs a vision. Something compelling to look forward to is your soul's life "blood." Since you're fast approaching something you want, it's time to imagine past it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've stuck with your



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original plan long enough. Time to reconceptualize it. Do this, and finally get the money you've worked for. Tonight, revel in any morsels of leisure time you can scrounge up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are all business now, even in your personal life. This keeps emotions clean and tidy. A relationship comes up for review. Will you renew your option on this one?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those you are struggling to forgive or accept now seem to deliberately make it harder for you. Keep trying. The exercise will give you remarkable emotional strength and real world power.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though you like to paint the canvas of your life in broad, bold strokes, there are times when fine lines work better. Like now. Bother with details, and be wary of anyone who won't bother with them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sometimes asking "what if?" solves the problem — other times "what if?" creates problems. Your astral gift now is knowing when to probe deeper and when to accept the way things are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to generate all the answers yourself. You are plugged in to the source of all talent and brilliance. When you

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is an instant karma kind of day. What you put out comes back to you immediately. Tonight, go where people take obvious pleasure in your company.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Someone's playing hard to get and making an irresistible game of it. Pass. Trust your instincts on this one. TAURUS: Love is a great beautifier and so are pampering pedicures and relaxing massages. GEMINI: The solution to being pulled in all directions at once? Check your head against your heart — before you head out the door. CANCER: Nothing's too good to be true. But just in case, a common sense discussion lends credibility to the incredible. LEO: You appreciate being sweet-talked and beguiled, but appreciate R-E-S-P-E-C-T even more. VIRGO: Take time away from your sweetie to follow your own instincts and process

relationship blips. LIBRA: Ponder the meaning of life in a flower or a tealeaf, and love appears in the space between. SCORPIO: You love your discretionary income. You can have fun and save money. Who knew? SAGITTARIUS: You and a high-energy partner paint the town rainbow colors. CAPRICORN: Supporting the people you love is the single most important gift you offer. AQUARIUS: Ever notice how loving someone "no strings attached" always precludes strings? Learn to love the attachments of attachment. PISCES: There's only one effective way to diffuse confrontation — patience and kindness.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 13-year-old girl, entering a new school in the fall. I've heard that some girls in my new school are going to beat me up because I'm friends with someone they hate. I am frightened because I don't know my way around.

They are tough girls. How can I make them not hate me and beat me up on my first day? — Scared in New Jersey

Dear Scared: It is the school's responsibility to protect its students. First, talk to your parents and ask them to speak to the school principal about your concerns. Then, do you know any kids in your new school? Use these last few days of summer to make friends who will stick by your side in the hallways and schoolyard. Also check out stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov for more suggestions.

Dear Annie: I'm overweight, didn't go to college, and I don't have a high-paying, classy job. Some of my relatives keep telling me how I should have gone to college, should get thinner and should find more lucrative employment.

Do they think I want to hear their remarks about what I should be or could be? Why can't they look at the positive rather than the negative? My glass is half-full, not half-empty. I know they love me, but why can't they accept me? — Not Good Enough

Dear Not Good Enough: Your relatives think you are smart and beautiful and want the world to see you that way, too. If you are sensitive to their remarks because you think they have merit, then do something about it. Otherwise, smile stiffly and say, "Thanks for your opinion."

Dear Annie: Will you reprint the poem "To Remember Me," about donating one's organs after death? Thanks. — Myra

Dear Myra: With pleasure. Here it is: To Remember Me by Robert Noel Test (1926-1994)

The day will come when my body will lie upon a white sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a mattress located in a hospital busily occupied with the living and the dying. At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased



KATHY MITCHELL
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to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my deathbed. Let it be called the Bed of Life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

Give my heart to a person whose own heart has pain.

Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain.

Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that, someday, a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her windows.

Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and all my prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you.

If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

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

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Police Association hopes for Blue Christmas

Golf tournament to raise funds for children's gifts during holidays

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For Elvis, December was all about a blue Christmas. For the Big Spring Police Association, 2007 will be about a Blue Santa.

The local officer's association will be hosting a golf tournament Saturday to help raise money for Blue Santa, a program Big Spring Police Department officer Adam Binnix — who also serves as the vice president of the BSPA board — said will help raise money for toys and food for needy families this coming holiday season.

"This Christmas we're going to have a Blue Santa," said Binnix. "The money made from the tournament will be put into a special fund so this Christmas we can get toys and food for needy families."

"Normally, around Christmas time at our annual banquet, we go out and get door prizes to give to the officers and employ-

ees. This year the board decided we're not going to do that. We're going to give back to the community this year, and that's why we're doing these fundraisers."

Binnix said the tournament, which is a four-man scramble in a best ball format, will get under way Saturday morning with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

"The golf tournament was my brainchild because I play, and the *Big Spring Herald* is a sponsor," said Binnix. "We rallied up some sponsors and some anonymous donors gave some money for the fund, so we were able to come up with a \$50,000 money hole. If you hit a hole-in-one on No. 7, you get \$50,000. And if more than one person hits that hole-in-one, the insurance company that's sponsoring it will pay out \$50,000 to each person. I've been going out there and practicing that hole like mad! We're hoping it will make the tournament a big

What: Blue Santa Golf Tournament.

Where: Big Spring Country Club.

When: 8 a.m. Saturday.

Entry Fee: \$50 per player; \$10 for barbecue buffet, optional.

Entry Deadline: Entries will be taken until the tournament gets under way.

draw among the golfers in and around the Big Spring area."

Binnix said several other prizes, including a set of Ben Hogan irons, a Dell computer and a Bose Soundwave stereo, will be given away for anyone who hits a hole-in-one on the other par three holes.

"For the winners of the tournament, we're giving away trophies to the first, second and

third place teams," said Binnix. "We even have a trophy for the last place team. Some of the businesses also gave us door prizes, so we'll be giving them away at the tournament, but as far as the overall prize it's just trophies and bragging rights."

"The whole idea behind this is to raise money for needy families right here in Big Spring. Lord knows, there's a lot of them. The Austin Sheriff's Office does a Brown Santa each year, and I knew someone that actually benefited from that years ago. Hopefully, with the permission of the chief, we can get someone to make us a Santa outfit out of blue and get all of the patches put on it. It will look like a cop Santa."

Binnix said the entry fee for the tournament is \$50 per player with an additional \$10 if they want to take part in the barbecue buffet after the contest, and the association will take team entries up to the last minute.

And while golfers will cer-

tainly see the tournament as a way to help out a worthy cause while enjoying a day of competitive golfing, Binnix said there's a deeper message behind the Blue Santa program.

"A lot of times we go out, and little kids will actually run from us," said Binnix. "That's a learned behavior. Little kids should be able to approach the police officers and say, 'Hey, how are you doing?' You shouldn't feel like you should run from the police."

"In the last few years there have been a few bad-apple cops, and it ruins it for everyone. Anything we can do to bring a positive light to police work is worth it. We're public servants, and that's what we do. We serve the public. That's all we have, to serve and protect, and this is a way for us to give back."

For more information on the tournament or the Blue Santa program, contact the Binnix at 816-4443.

TRIAL

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three video-recorded confessions by Hays laced with information regarding his place within the gang, as well as his alleged ties with the victim within the organization's ranks.

"I still have a hard time understanding what role the Aryan Circle plays in this case, other than to prejudice the jury against the defendant," Moore told Wilkerson.

Wilkerson was livid. "If that evidence will prejudice the jury against the defendant, then I suppose my entire case is prejudicial," said Wilkerson, walking from the bench back to his seat.

"They (other defendants in the case allegedly tied to the Aryan Circle) ask him (Hays) for permission. He said he didn't ask them to assist in the beating, but it's obvious he's a provider, and he demands fealty from his followers."

"It also goes to the relationship between the victim and Hays. What are we supposed to say, that Dickinson just fell out of the sky and he (Hays) just took him under his wing?"

Wood testified that Hays, who was taken to

the sheriff's office for questioning shortly after Dickinson's identity was discovered, confessed to the crime, claiming the victim had made disparaging remarks about his daughter and grandchild.

Wood's testimony would later be corroborated by Hays himself in the video-recorded confession.

"He called my daughter a Mexican whore because the father of her baby was Mexican," Hays said. "He called my grandchild, who I love with all my heart, an illegitimate Mexican bastard. I took him in and gave him a place to stay and clothes on his back, and he said these things."

Hays, who is being represented by local attorney Robert Miller, said he snapped when he learned Dickinson's opinion of his daughter and grandchild were hypocritical.

"I found out he has a Spanish wife or girlfriend, and two half Mexican kids with her," said Hays in the taped confession. "And then I found out he had slapped Courtney (Flanary). I just snapped when I saw him. I hit him as hard as I could with my right hand and I'm pretty sure he was unconscious after that. Then I kicked and

stomped his face in."

"I'm not a professional killer, but I am a professional daddy," Hays told investigators. "My daughter was assaulted several years ago, and I swore to her I'd never let anything happen to her again. I don't know that I meant to kill him, but I don't know that I would do it any differently."

Thomas Beaver, Lubbock County medical examiner, told the court the cause of the victim's death was blunt force trauma to the head.

"His skull looked like an egg shell," Beaver told the court. "He also had a lacerated spleen, which could have killed him, but it never had the chance. The trauma to the brain killed him before the internal hemorrhaging could."

Wilkerson also presented forensic testimony gathered by the Big Spring Police Department's Crime Scene Investigation team, as well as testimony from Bryan Hester, a forensic scientist with the Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab.

While Hays maintained that he acted alone in the assault that led to the death of Dickinson, a third and final video statement told a different

story, naming several accomplices in the crime.

According to Hays, Christopher David Lovett, 33, and Calvin Ray Fox Jr., 22, aka Frog, took part in the beating, and Fox helped him dispose of the body in the ravine later that night.

"Frog (Fox) helped me put the body in the truck," said Hays. "We went out to the ravine on FM 820 and threw the body in. Then Frog threw the blanket we had tried to wrap him with in, and I told him to get down there and get it because I wanted to burn everything. He went down and came back up and said he couldn't find the blanket or the body."

The blanket, which Hays said he kept on his back porch for his dogs, was recovered when Dickinson's body was recovered.

While Hays offered his eyewitness account of the fight, a second view of Dickinson's death was later presented by 15-year-old Courtney Flanary, the daughter of Kirk Flanary, who was a suspect in the crime during the early

part of the investigation but later eliminated.

According to Flanary, a third suspect — Billy Wayne Haynes, 30, of Houston — took part in the beating.

"I was standing in the hallway," Flanary testified. "I was too scared to move. He (Dickinson) looked up at me while he was on the floor and they were kicking him, and said, 'help me.' After it was over, they told me they were taking him to the hospital. Calvin and Chris told me not to mention it to anyone. My father later told me where they had really taken him, that they didn't go to the hospital."

Miller asked Flanary several questions about what she saw, to which the young girl eventually

admitted, "I barely remember what happened."

Following Flanary's testimony, Wilkerson rested the state's case. Only moments later, Miller rested the defense's case without calling a single witness.

Moore told jurors he would prepare the court's charge and present it Friday morning, at which time Miller and Wilkerson would be allowed to make closing statements.

Dickinson had lived in the Big Spring area for less than six months, according to sheriff's reports, having moved to the area to work in the oilfield, where he was most recently employed by S&S Well Service.

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CHANGES

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intensive training on the laptops this summer, while students are scheduled to receive their computers on Sept. 4, Downes said.

Other changes, however, might not be as obvious.

The venerable high school gym, in operation since the 1950s, received a facelift during the summer. Workers finished a \$225,000 remodeling of the dressing rooms, and are putting the finishing touches on installation of an air conditioning system.

"We're very proud of the work at Steer Gym," Downes said. "It will be slightly after the start of the school year before all work is completed, but it will be well worth the wait."

As part of a multi-year effort, two more elementary campuses — Marcy and Moss — received electrical upgrades this summer, work that could greatly enhance technology instruction at those schools.

"Concerns about blown

breakers or inadequate electrical capacity will now be alleviated," Downes said. "Plus, we'll have the capacity for more computer labs."

"You have a lot of difference between electrical needs at those campuses, compared to when they were built 40 or 50 years ago," he added. "You have a lot of appliances and classroom services that require electricity that weren't around back then."

Officials also decided to standardize mathematics instruction for all elementary students by utilizing the Excel Math Program starting this school year.

"We will have a common math curriculum among the campuses this year," Downes said. "If every campus followed a different teaching process, a perfect storm is created. Those students then move over to Goliad in grade 5 with different sets of skills, and it is very difficult to bring everybody together."

BSISD officials also have created two new sections to handle increased enrollment in the early elementary grades, but Downes said those buildings are now at capacity, at least in grades K through 2.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Atilla Bertock of Hungry, winner of the individual title at the 16th FAI Hang Gliding World Championship, and Gerolf Heinrichs and Robert Reisinger, both of Austria, who placed second and third, respectively. Also Great Britian, which won the team title. One more time, our thanks go out to everyone who helped make the "Worlds" a great success.

- Department of State Health Services personnel, who provided free shots to children during their "Back to School Shot Clinic" this week.

- Once again, Terry Wegman, the new executive director for Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. We hope you got to stop by the chamber/economic development facility Thursday to welcome him aboard.

- The Herald's own Steve Reagan and KBST's Mike Henry on being named to the Association of School Boards' Media Honor Roll for 2007. You are both very deserving, gentlemen!

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we investigate a new beginning with You, Lord.
Amen*

It's good to get a little hacked off!

There's a stigma among cultural Christianity that the Brewer thinks is false. I call it the doctrine of "Niceism." It's the belief that being righteous means being nice all the time. This morning's sip from the Master's cup comes a little more caffeinated than usual.



TROY BREWER

I was reading this week about the Christian hostages that the Taliban has been torturing and murdering over the past few weeks. These 23 Christians from South Korea were on a mission's trip to encourage the church and help in any way possible, when they were kidnapped on July 19.

Reports from the area show 18 of the 23 are women, and several of them are sick to the point of death. The kidnapping of these Christians, simply because they are Christians, is the largest abduction of foreigners in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001.

The World Yawns

Nearly a dozen Taliban deadlines demanding the release of terrorist prisoners have passed since the Christians were abducted. Two male hostages have been killed so far with the latest death occurring a couple of weeks ago. The first murder was of Pastor Bae Hyung-kyu, the 42-year-old leader of the kidnapped Koreans. He was found dead from gunshot wounds on July 25. His family said they will not hold a funeral before the remaining hostages return safely home. Can you imagine the grief

these sweet people are going through?

The second murder was of 29-year-old Shim Sung-min. His bloodied corpse was found in the southern province of Ghazni, south of Kabul. The body was dumped in a field just off a main road, with his hands tied and bullet wounds to his head. From website reports he was an outstanding young man that wanted to make a difference in this messed up world. Nobody knows the terror that brother went through for being of a different race and a different religion; alone, in a foreign country surrounded by Muslim terrorists with no one there to help him or have mercy on him.

Taliban spokesman Qari Mohammad Yousuf said the remaining 21 hostages are still alive, but that they will kill more if their demands are not met. The reports are the hostages are not being fed and there is not much telling what they have to endure.

What about Paris Hilton?

An official with the Institute on Religion and Democracy wonders where the outrage is over these murders and abductions of Christians. A lady named Faith McDonnell, the IRD's director, says the persecution of Christians does not seem matter to national media. McDonnell is disturbed by the lack of information being broadcast, while Paris Hilton and Lindsey Lohan receive wall-to-wall coverage.

Additionally, she says, this situation shows the true face of radical Islam and the news is mostly reported as "foreigners" or "Koreans" are being murdered by "Terrorists" and not as "Christians" being murdered by

"Islamic extremists" or "radical Muslims".

Because of the doctrine of niceism, Christians tend to fall in step with this crazy politically correct bunch of bologna. I know a lot of nice people that wouldn't lift a finger to help anybody. The world is very worried about not hurting the imagined feelings of one person while not giving a rip about real people that are really being tortured and really being shot in the head by very real bullets.

I wish that Christians and decent people of other religions and even non religions would get their priorities straight in what they get upset about. Anyone with any form of humanity in them, much less the love of God, should be outraged, sickened and grieved over what these Christians are going through. At the very least they should be interested.

Christians... I want to tell you something that you might not hear in traditional church services. God hasn't commanded you to be nice; he has commanded you to be full of life and full of the love of God.

We are called salt and light to the world. Sometimes salt stings and sometimes light gives us a headache, but we are still supposed to preserve and overcome darkness for those around us. That might trouble some but it's OK.

Matthew 10:34:
"Don't think that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came to bring trouble, not peace."

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How long can we ignore pitfalls?

The stock market of late has been like a drunk on roller skates. It falls, gets up, waves its arms wildly, falls again, gets up, falls. Gets up? As Edward G. Robinson (he was an actor; look it up) might have said: "Mother of Mercy, is this the end of Rico?"

Who knows? It's been my experience that market experts are much better at explaining what the market did yesterday than predicting what it will do tomorrow.

The general consensus is that the recent meltdown was caused by "a classic credit correction." In English, that means that a lot of people and corporations borrowed a lot of money which they now discover they can't pay back. This is leading to mortgage foreclosures, hedge fund failures, higher interest rates and a collapsing housing market. All of which, in turn, leads to a fall in stock prices.

This has inspired a low-grade panic in the hearts of many shareholders. Their vision of a retirement spent gazing through the bug-splattered windshield of an RV is fading.

(Admittedly, far more people are kept awake at night wondering if they're ever going to get another job with health benefits or make enough money to put food on the table but the prospect of losing money you thought you'd saved

has its special terror.)

I have some money in the stock market but I do not worry about it. My needs are small and can be made smaller. If God had meant me to be rich She wouldn't have made me a liberal.

Besides, I saw it coming. As a matter of fact, pretty much anybody with a grain of sense could see it coming. This, apparently, does not include Henry Paulson, our esteemed Secretary of the Treasury. He recently told a group that he viewed this credit collapse as a "wake-up call."

Which raises the question, why was he asleep? When banks lend money at an artificially low temporary rate to people who are bad credit risks, what do you expect to happen when those rates rise to market levels? They lose their houses. Corporations go belly-up. Financial markets begin to shudder.

This is not a wake-up call; it is the inevitable result of the 19th century, laissez-faire economic policies that inform every corner of this administration.

Regulation of financial markets is not a socialist scheme to subvert capitalism; it's a way of protecting the public from the worst predatory aspects of capitalism.

As the Bible says: "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." And if ye don't believe that, ye are nuts.

It's not just the stock market, though. As a nation, we seem unable to anticipate anything. We invade a country and we're surprised that a lot of the people there are upset about it.

We build a city below sea level, with inadequate sea walls, and we're amazed when it floods. We build other cities in the desert and can't imagine why they're having water shortages. A bridge falls down and we're shocked.

We have been hearing about the decrepit state of our "infra-structure" for decades. Report after report has recommended that we start putting serious money into rebuilding our inadequate bridges and roads. Generally speaking we ignore the reports.

Congress ignores them. Generally speaking, there is no sex appeal to infrastructure. The public doesn't feel grateful when you tell them that you've arranged to close a major bridge in their area for three years in order to make it safer. It's ticked off because it's going to take an hour longer to get to work.

But give a town a new post office and you're a hero.

We've got a lot of icebergs out there in the mist ahead of us — unfunded pension liabilities, a huge budget deficit, an ever-widening trade deficit, a growing dependence on foreign oil — none of which we pay the slightest bit of attention to, until it's too late.

If I didn't know better, I'd say we were stupid.

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State board members oppose teaching intelligent design in schools

AUSTIN (AP) — A majority of State Board of Education members said the theory of intelligent design should be left out of the science curriculum for public schools.

The board will rewrite the science curriculum next year and some observers expect backers of intelligent design to push for the theory's inclusion.

In interviews with The Dallas Morning News, 10 of the board's 15 members said they wouldn't support requiring the teaching of intelligent design. One board member said she was open to the idea. Four board members didn't respond to the newspaper's phone calls.

Proponents of intelligent design contend that life is too complex to have occurred by chance, requiring instead the guidance of an unnamed supernatural being. Critics say it's a ploy for introducing creationism — the biblical account of the origin of humans — into science classes.

"Creationism and intelligent design don't belong in our science classes," said Board of Education Chairman Don McLeroy, who described himself as a creationist. "Anything taught in science has to have consensus in the science community and intelligent design does not."

McLeroy, R-College Station, said he doesn't want to change the existing requirement that evolution be taught in high school biology classes. But he joined several of his colleagues in arguing that biology textbooks should cover the weaknesses of the theory of evolution.

McLeroy and three other socially conservative board members voted against the current biology texts in 2003 over the evolution issue. The textbook debate comes up again in 2011.

Charles Darwin's theory of evolution describes the process by which new species of life arise from lower life forms. Today, most scientists embrace evolution through natural selection as the cornerstone of biology.

David Bradley, the board's vice chairman, said he believes "God is responsible for our creation." But the Beaumont Republican said he's not interested in changing the current requirement for teaching evolution, nor would he support a move to include the theory of intelligent design in science classes.

Board member Pat Hardy said she was open to the idea of intelligent design curriculum, but she added that she doesn't advocate putting any religious teachings into science classes.

A few fixes before tent jail can open, state officials say

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Inmates may be able to move into Cameron County's tent jail by Monday after a few problems found by local and state inspectors are corrected.

Texas Commission on Jail Standards' executive director Adan Munoz said an exposed electrical wire along the top of the tent must be covered before it can open.

Nearly three dozen nonviolent inmates facing misdemeanor charges will be housed in the tent facility, which has air conditioning, an indoor gazebo to eat and bathrooms, *The Brownsville Herald* reported for its Friday editions.

The jail standards commission inspected the Olmito jail Wednesday. Most of its recommendations were in place by Thursday.

Regional public defender office idea set for vote

LUBBOCK (AP) — Members of a task force charged with improving defense for indigents in Texas were expected to vote Friday on funding the state's first regional public defender's office for capital murder cases.

The office would handle capital cases from 85 West Texas counties, many of which rarely deal with such trials. But when they do, trial costs can cripple their budgets.

The 13-member Task Force on Indigent Defense will vote on approving a \$2.6 million grant over five years that would provide a chance for members to study the regional concept and possibly duplicate it elsewhere in the state.

Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state, has often been criticized for not providing adequate defense for those facing lethal injection, including an instance in the 1980s where an attorney fell asleep during crucial stages of testimony.

Youth inmates damage buses during storm evacuation

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Youth Commission inmates vandalized four buses as they were being moved inland as a precaution against Hurricane Dean, state officials said.

The commission evacuated 183 juvenile offenders from the Ewins Regional Juvenile Center near Edinburg as the storm approached. The buses were borrowed from the Texas Department of

Criminal Justice.

"There was damage to seats and graffiti that was etched into the interior," said Michelle Lyons, a department spokeswoman.

Jim Hurley, a spokesman for the youth commission, described the vandalism as "very minor damage, just superficial."

GOP senator calls for troop withdrawals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John Warner's call for troop withdrawals from Iraq is likely to ratchet up pressure on President Bush substantially and lend momentum to Democratic efforts to end U.S. combat.

Warner, R-Va., former chairman of the Armed Services Committee and Navy secretary during the Vietnam War, said Bush should bring some troops home by Christmas. Doing so, he told reporters Thursday, would send a powerful message that the U.S. commitment in Iraq was not open-ended.

Warner says the president should get to decide when and how many troops should leave. Bush has opposed setting a date to pull out troops and contends that conditions on the ground should dictate deployments.

"I'm hopeful that this (redeployment) could lead to more emphasis on the Iraqi forces taking the major responsibility, as it relates to the internal insurgency in that country," the Virginia Republican said.

2 firefighters injured by falling equipment at troubled WTC building where 2 died last week

NEW YORK (AP) — A heavy piece of construction equipment plummeted 23 stories Thursday from the site of last week's deadly fire at ground zero, crashing through a shed and hitting two firefighters in another accident at the plagued building, officials said.

The accident came five days after two firefighters died battling a blaze in the former Deutsche Bank building at the World Trade Center site.

Authorities blamed the accident on a worker with a troubled contractor that was on notice that it was about to be dropped from the project for safety problems.

After Thursday's mishap, Firefighter William Corbetis had surgery to remove his spleen and was hospitalized in serious condition, Fire Department spokesman Jim Long said. The other

firefighter, Neil Nally, was in stable condition.

The accident happened when a pallet jack used to carry construction equipment fell off a hoist elevator outside the building and plunged 23 stories through the shed, hitting the two firefighters, fire and state officials said.

Marine instructor charged with 225 counts connected to abusing recruits; 2 others also probed

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Marine drill instructor has been charged with 225 criminal counts connected to abusing recruits, a Marines spokesman said Thursday.

In one incident, Sgt. Jerrod M. Glass allegedly ordered a recruit to jump head-first into a trash can and then pushed him further into the container, according to court documents cited in The San Diego Union-Tribune. He is also accused of striking recruits with a tent pole and a heavy flashlight.

Two other drill instructors, Sgt. Robert C. Hankins and Sgt. Brian M. Wendel, face special courts-martial in the case, the Marines said. Arraignment dates have not been scheduled for either Marine.

A fourth drill instructor, whose name was not released, was disciplined and reassigned to administrative duties.

Financially strapped Forest Service battles growing problems of trash and off-road vehicles

TONTO NATIONAL FOREST, Ariz. (AP) — Near a rock formation twisting into the Arizona sky, the desert floor has been torn up by off-road vehicles. A tattered VCR and a bullet-riddled washing machine further scar the landscape. Tonto is one of many national forests that suffer environmental damage caused by thoughtless, even unscrupulous, visitors. And the U.S. Forest Service doesn't have the cash or manpower to tackle the problem.

The agency's spending this year has yet to be calculated, but its proposed budget represented a 2.5 percent drop in funding, said spokeswoman Angela Coleman.

Fighting wildfires eats up about 40 percent of the agency's budget, forcing cutbacks in other areas, said Cecilia Clavet, who researches Forest Service issues.

"You have projects that are not taking place, you have areas that are not managed," she said.

ART

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the show, which will be staged ahead of the organization's 53rd anniversary celebration on Sept. 23.

Entries for this year's show will be accepted at the Heritage Museum from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Categories are oil/acrylic, mixed media, watercolor, pastel, photography and 3-dimensional. Entry fees are \$6 per entry for association members and \$8 for non-members. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded in each category.

All paintings must be original, dry and wired

for hanging. A maximum of three entries per person will be accepted. The overall size of the entries must not exceed 30 inches by 40 inches. Each entry must have an identity form on the back with the artist's name, address, phone number, title of entry and price.

There will be a limit of three items per category per artist, although you may enter as many categories as you wish. Categories are: oil/acrylic, watercolor, photography, mixed media, pastels/graphics (pen and ink, pencil, etc.) and three-dimensional (pottery, sculpture, wood carvings, etc.).

Awards are first place \$50, second place \$30 and third place \$20. Cash awards will be given for categories with 15 or

more entries. Also there will be an award of \$100 for best of show, and a people's choice plaque and ribbon.

First, second, third place and honorable mention ribbons will be given in all categories.

Winners will be announced in a special artist's reception at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1.

All work entered must be picked up between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 8.

Founded in 1954, members of the Big Spring Art Association have been involved in promoting local art events and presenting educational workshops for the residents of our community. Throughout the year, the group hosts workshops in oil painting, watercolor, pastel and on occasion will have a live model sessions for those wishing to expand their life drawing

or photography skills.

The meetings and membership are open to the public regardless of age or artistic capability.

It is the association's goal to assist in the development of art appreciation within the community and help the individual artist expand his or her creative talents in a selected art medium.

For more information, contact Doris Vieregge at (432) 816-6468 or at flo-

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The public is invited to attend that event and take the opportunity to meet the artists.

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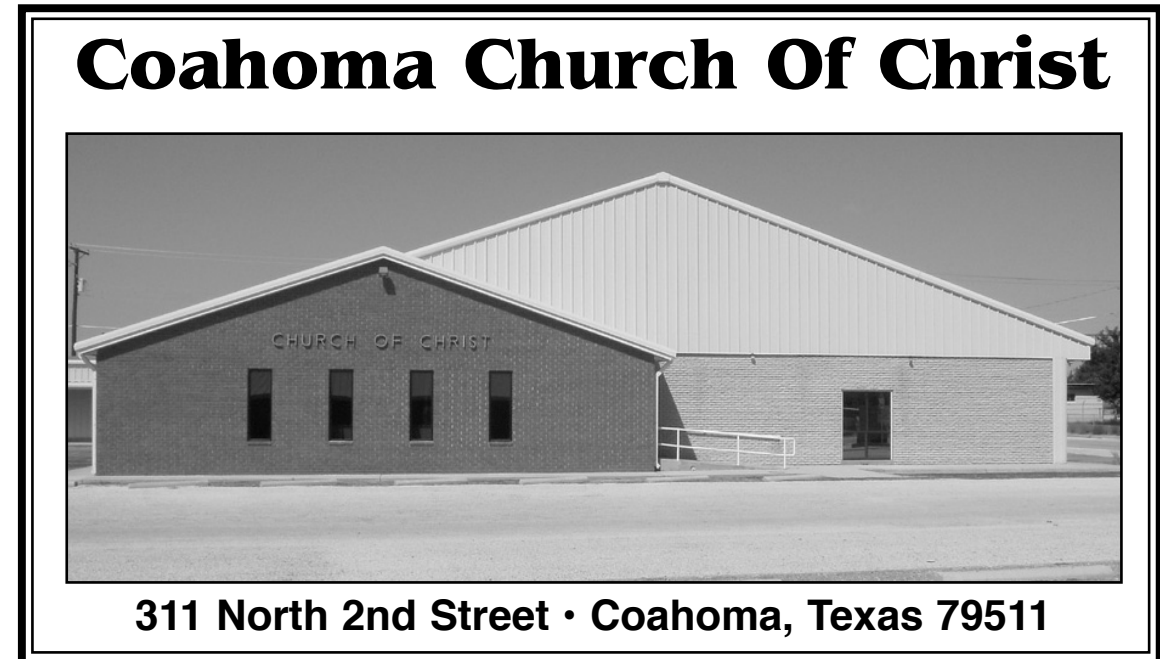
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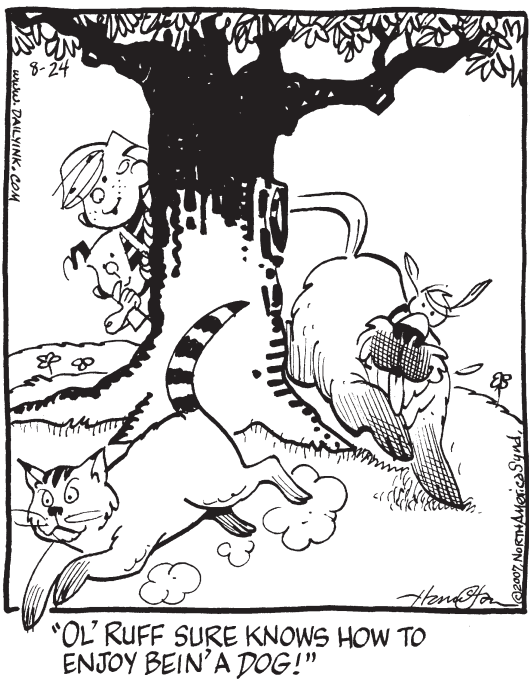
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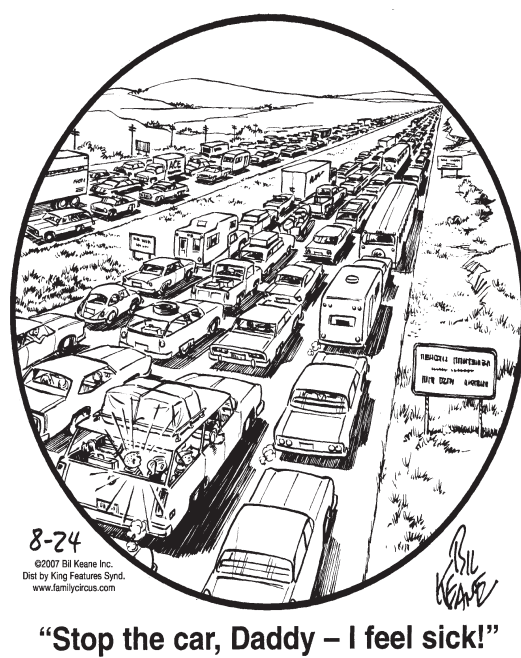
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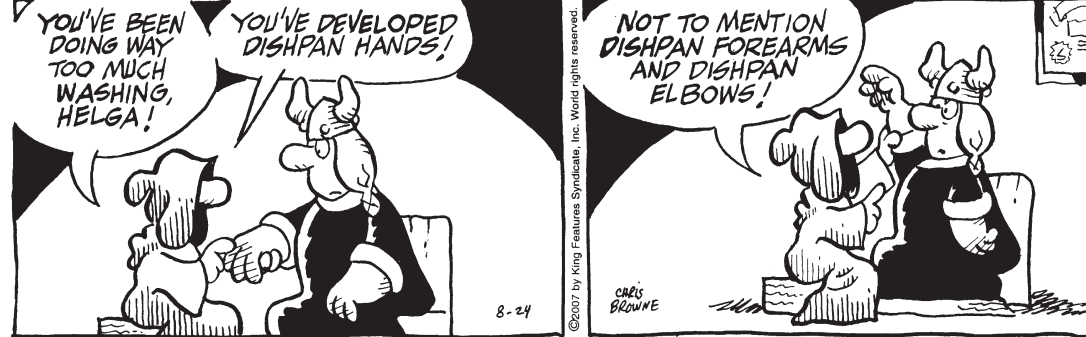
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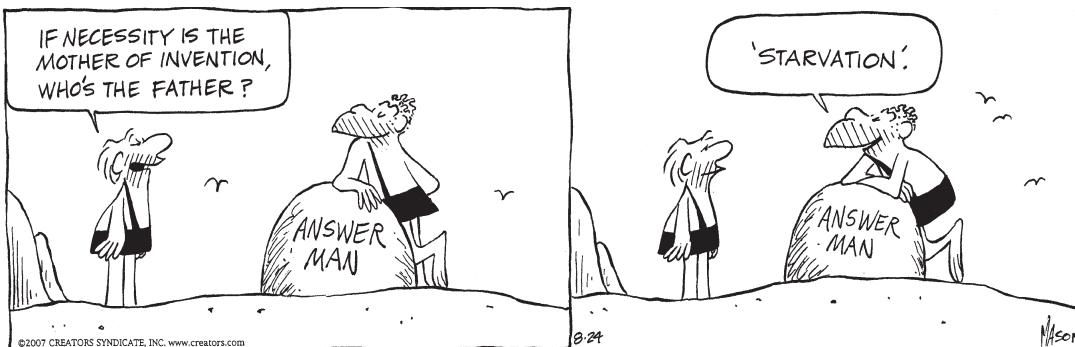
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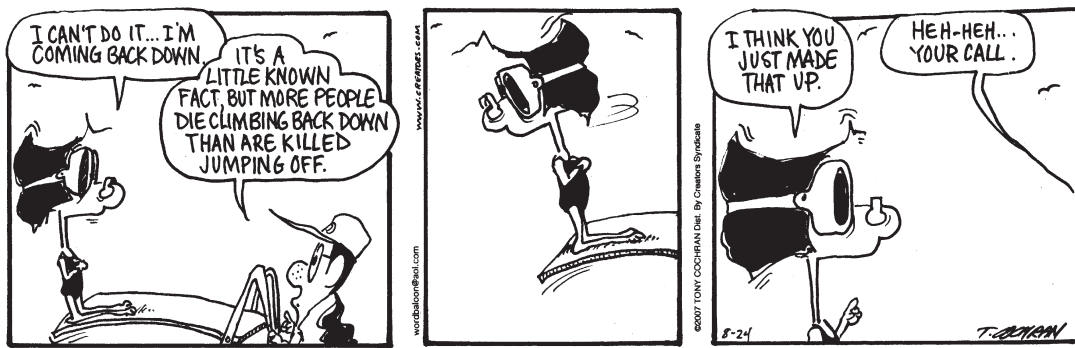
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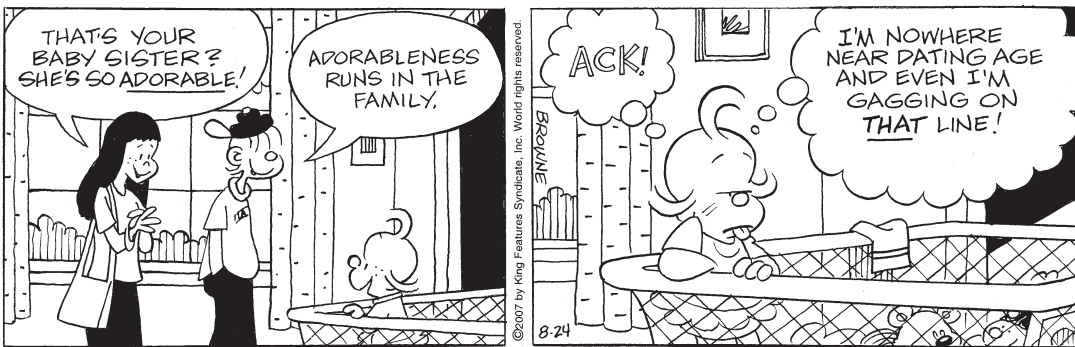
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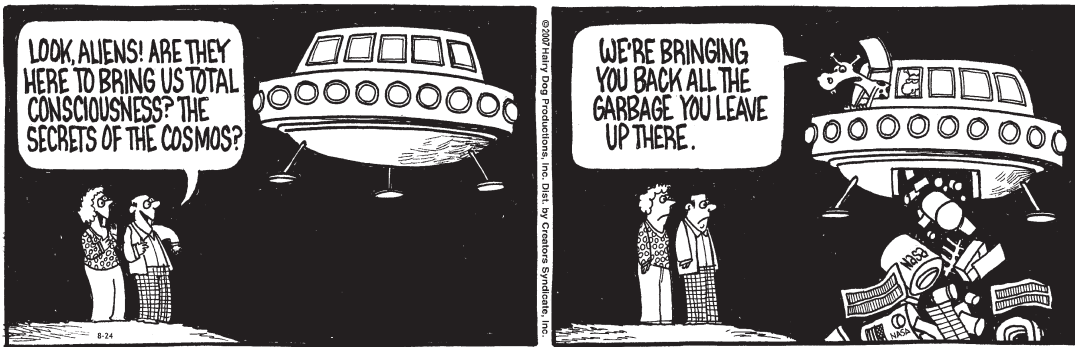
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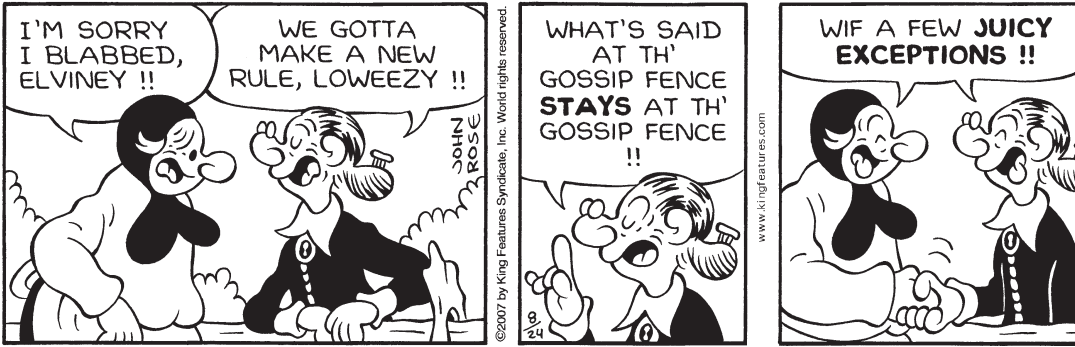
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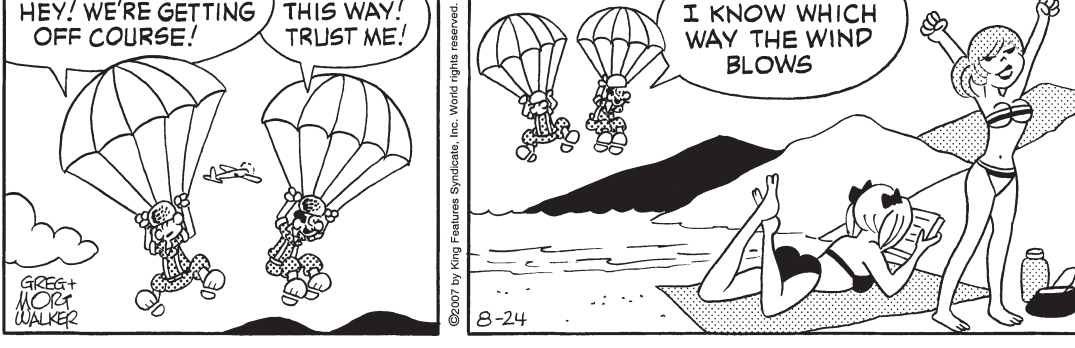
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2007. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage and dozens of deaths.

On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, an event that symbolized the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

In 1572, the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1814, British forces invaded Washington, setting fire to the Capitol and the

White House, among other buildings.

In 1857, the New York branch of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Co. failed, sparking the Panic of 1857.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., making her the first woman to fly solo non-stop from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Sterling Hall in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fasnacht.

Today's Birthdays: Former education secretary Shirley Hufstедler is 82. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 73. Composer-musician

Mason Williams is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 65. Rock musician Ken Hensley (Uriah Heep) is 62. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 58. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 50. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 49. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 47. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 45. Rock singer John Bush is 44. Actress Marlee Matlin is 42. Country singer Krystyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 37. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 34. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo is 34. Actor Chad Michael Murray is 26.

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| 17 Athenian marketplace | 7 Rail rider |
| 18 Over, in Heidelberg | 8 Sub in a tub |
| 19 Supreme Norse god | 9 Grew dim |
| 20 Free-for-all | 10 Tennis attire |
| 22 Leave one's seat | 11 Corn expert |
| 23 Get the fare down | 12 Prime partygoers |
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| 30 Best | 25 State rep. |
| 32 Signs of hunger | 26 Church recess |
| 33 Turn toward midnight | 27 Receipt stamp |
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| 37 Big beef purchase | 29 Candles representation |
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| 39 Lost Dutchman, for one | 31 Agenda component |
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| 41 Power source | 35 Start a pot |
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| 43 Maroon | |
| 45 Stumble | |
| 46 Cry on the set | |
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| 49 Toad feature | |
| 50 Politician, periodically | |
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| | 42 Plain |
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| | 45 Monastery address |
| | 46 Open-eyed |
| | 47 Sing in the snow |
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Church News

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday is designated as Rally Day for Sunday school. Everyone is invited to come for a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m.

At worship a Noisy Offering will be received to help alleviate hunger locally and around the world.

Anthems for Sunday will be "I Will Extol Thee," a setting of Psalm 145 by Warren Angel, and "Give Thanks to the Lord" by Hal Hopson.

September 2 will be a regular Communion Sunday; the sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.

Lectionary for the day is Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

Mt. Bethel Church

You are invited to share in our 35th Annual Women's Day, Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Speaker for the hour will be the Rev. R.T. McNeil of St. James Baptist Church in Odessa. Our theme is "Send Me," scripture from Isaiah 6:8.

On Saturday, we invite you to share in our workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and get a blessing as our keynote speaker Minister Sandra Green of Community House of Hope in Colorado City addresses our annual theme.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Bible study at 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 6 p.m. Youth Ministry meets each Sunday at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us for Sunday school 10 a.m., morning service and children's church at 11 a.m., and evening service at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. Wednesday evening service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

We will be having Cowboy Church on

Sunday, Sept. 9. A chuck wagon meal will follow the service. Please join us for this special service.

Salem is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway and pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters. For further information, call 394-4655.

First United Methodist Church

Dr. Shane Brue will begin a series titled "Back to the Church." This Sundays sermon, "It Is Good for Us to Be Here," is based on Luke chapter 9 verses 28-36. Services of worship are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. with mid-week Bible study at noon Wednesday in Garrett Hall.

All women of the church and their visitors are reminded of the Brown Bag Luncheon and get together next Monday at Comanche Trail Park. Bring a sack lunch and drink. Children are welcome and there are plenty of play areas nearby. This informal meeting will begin at 11:30 and end at 1 p.m.

The ringing of school bells signals the return of several programs at First Methodist. Watch for news about Kids Club and enrollment in the fall session at Children's Day Out. You are also reminded of the opening of the Children's Clothes Closet, especially for pre-school and school age children in need of clothing for the fall.

Plans are well under way for this year's Lord's Acre." Mission Possible 2007." The highlight of that day begins just after noon when the auctioneer takes the opening bid at our Talents and Treasures auction. The beautiful items, creative gifts and donations of talents is amazing. Beautiful, well-loved family heirlooms go to the highest bidder while catered meals, fishing trips, and stacks of wood draw good-natured and highly profitable bidding. Mark your calendars for Oct. 6.

There is always something going on at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring and we invite you to join in the fun and worship

the Lord at First United Methodist Church.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

The Angel Food Ministry of North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will have delivery for the August orders between noon and 2 p.m. Saturday. Please note the change in delivery time. Also, please bring a box about the size of a large laundry basket to pick up your order. September order forms will be available at that time.

As we look ahead to fall, we begin to plan for projects like the Annual Stew Supper and the Howard County Fair. The county fair will be Sept. 26-29 and North Birdwell will have a booth again this year to distribute literature and give away bibles and prizes. Be sure to attend the fair and make a special effort to stop by our booth. We will also be set up to take orders for Angel food boxes to be delivered in October. The date for the stew supper will be announced later.

Remember, you are invited to attend and to participate in any services or activities provided by North Birdwell UMC. The church is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane. Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes are provided for all ages beginning at 10:30 a.m. Attend the church of your choice Sunday.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Blessings to you and your family. If you do not currently have a church home we invite you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. A nursery is provided. Mid-week services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

If you need a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-8214.

Children's church services are during Sunday morning worship for ages 4-9 years. Suffer the little children.

The Senior Saints will have a fellowship and game night next

Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

For more information, call 267-7157.

Friends of Unity

The 30-day prayer vigil before the World Day of Prayer on Thursday, Sept. 13, continues. The affirmation for this day for concentrated prayer is "We are peacemakers, one in the love of God. With hearts united, we establish harmony in our lives and in the world."

The center has been closed for a week while friends have been on mission to New Mexico and South Texas. It will reopen Tuesday the Wednesday 5:30 p.m. prayer and study group will meet.

Catholic Mass of Celebration

To commemorate the arrival of the Catholic faith to the Big Spring area 125 years ago, Bishop Michael Pfeifer will join Catholics from Big Spring's four area churches Sunday for a Mass celebrating the significant occasion. Pfeifer will preside over a 10 a.m. Mass at the Big Spring High School Auditorium. Parishioners from Big Spring's St. Thomas, Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart churches as well as St. Joseph in Coahoma have worked together in the planning of the anniversary.

"A group of Carmelite missionaries settled in Stanton shortly before this date 125 years ago and began going out by train to the nearby towns on the railroads, and the reason we have chosen this date is because we offer as evidence that on this date in the Stanton record book, is the recording of a baptism that took place in Big Spring, and for us to baptize makes the church," said Fr. James Plagens, of Sacred Heart and St. Thomas, who, along with Fr. Richard Regan, have coordinated much of the planning of the event. "Celebrating this anniversary is a significant step in the efforts of these four churches to come together and be one Catholic faith community for the

Digging for treasure

"Just one more stop at Wal Mart, and I'll be ready," I told myself. But by the time I got to the church for Fun Day, the sun was already high in the sky and the temperature was rising. With both hands full of sacks, I hurried across the playground to the green turtle sand box I had agreed to fill with



BONNIE WHEAT

treasure. Several young excavators were already digging, but they had not uncovered any treasure because it was all still in my shopping bags.

Ripping open a package of toy frogs, I shooed several kids away with the promise that they could dig for treasure as soon as I got it buried. All the kids scattered happily and left me getting sand under my fingernails by myself except one little tyke named Madison who wasn't as easily convinced. While the other children played,

Madison watched me claw in the sand like a dog with a new bone to be buried. She never said a word; she just watched.

When the last plastic designer ring and all my other dollar-store trinkets were buried, I gathered up the cardboard and plastic wrappers and headed toward the trash can. But as I glanced back, there was Madison sitting right in the middle of the sand box, digging with both hands.

I'm not sure who enjoyed digging for treasure more, Madison or me. She found the treasure I had buried, and I treasured her delightful enthusiasm. Jesus said, *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.* (Matthew 7:7 KJV) Perhaps God would be delighted, as well, if we crawled right up into the middle of His promises and started digging with both hands.

Bonnie Wheat is the pastor's wife at Berea Baptist Church.

Big spring area."

A number of non-Catholic leaders have also been invited to the celebration, though organizers fully realize many will be in worship services at their own churches during that day and time.

"Recognizing that others will be in their own churches, we respectfully ask the prayers of people from other faiths on this special day," Plagens

said.

For more information, contact the Diocese of San Angelo's Director of Communications, Jimmy Patterson, at 432-889-6640.

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Friends of Library holding book drive for upcoming sale

Herald Staff Report

The Friends of the Howard County Library are requesting donations for a book sale.

"We want nice, used books," Howard County Library Hollis McCright said. "We ask that people do not donate Reader's Digest books, National Geographics or magazines."

McCright asks that the donated books be boxed, if at all possible and that they be brought to the library during normal business hours.

The book sale will be held Sept. 14 through

Sept. 16 in the library basement.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the library. Its most recent project has been the summer reading program.

For more information on the book sale, contact the library at 264-2260.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Library should stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 annually, beginning in April. Meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of each month.

Club News

Caboose Watercolor Society

Caboose Watercolor Society met at Brushworks Gallery recently in Big Spring. Five of the six members were at the meeting.

Two upcoming shows at the Heritage Museum were discussed and a Spring 2008 experimental show was planned.

The Heritage Museum will host the Arting Around show Sept. 15 through Oct. 27. A reception will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

The group will also have a Christmas Santa show at the museum during the Christmas holidays.

Sue Bagwell brought some paintings that she shared with the group and explained the process. Some of these were done in a Santa Fe workshop with Mary Todd Beam. Leadia Wood also took the workshop in Santa Fe.



Members and guests of the Caboose Watercolor Society meet to discuss their works and upcoming activities. From left are Estelle Howard, Sue Bagwell and Kay Smith.

Kay Smith shared some of the paintings that she had flipped and painted

new images or something different on, leaving some of the first painting show-

ing. She had the "before" photos and the finished painting.

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to worship together each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in a new Hispanic Ministry, Casa de Restauracion. This service currently meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The Rev. Felix and Marta Torres our the pastors of Hispanic Ministries and you can also hear them each Sunday morning on KBYG from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The Rev. and Mrs. Torres are a highly talented and gifted ministry team and are passionate about serving the Hispanic population of Howard County and beyond with the life transforming message of the Bible. The Torres' would be happy to have you worship with them in Spanish speaking services and Bible Studies.

This Sunday, the Rev. Byron W. Brown, senior pastor, will be preaching in the 10 a.m. worship service. Randy Koonce, worship leader, will be leading the congregation

in exciting praise and worship that will lift our hearts and exalt Christ. Sunday mornings at FCN begin with coffee and donuts in the Commons of the main building for a special "get better acquainted" fellowship time at 9 a.m. It is a place where friends gather to become like family.

Following the Sunday morning service, the Nazarene youth will be hosting a fund-raiser luncheon of baked potatoes, toppings and a soup and salad bar. The youth will be preparing much of the food and serving those who attend. Donations for the luncheon are greatly appreciated and will help them to attend special youth events that are currently being planned.

The Sunday Night Ministry Hour begins at 6 p.m. and is devoted to our in-reaching and out-reaching ministry called Dare-To-Care. This is a special time for the members and regular attendees to pray for special requests that come before the congregation, write notes of encouragement to newcomers to the church as well as those who are shut-ins, to visit recent guests to the church and members of the church, to disciple new Christians, and to make telephone

calls to the people who visit the church occasionally and gather prayer requests. This ministry is making a huge impact on people's lives. For special prayer requests, you are invited to contact the church office at 267-7015. Those needs will be prayed for.

Wednesdays are Family Ministry Nights at FCN and there are great Bible study classes for all ages that begin at 6:30 p.m. A new video-based class led by Pastor Byron Brown is starting called Under Cover. This class will help people to undertake a serious, Holy Spirit led study of God's authority.

The church family is making preparations for the Annual Fall Revival coming up Sept. 16-19 with the Rev. Dr. Charles Johnson from Meridian, Miss. Dr. Johnson has been the senior pastor in Meridian for 47 years and is widely sought after as a conference and revival speaker. The community will be blessed to hear his stirring messages and uplifting music. The services will be at 7 p.m. on the weeknights.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster in Big Spring. For more information, call 267-7015. First Church of the

Nazarene exists to "Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World." You are always welcome to attend our services. Sunday morning worship begins at 10 a.m.

Spring Creek Fellowship

This Sunday will be an exciting one at Spring Creek Fellowship. This is promotion Sunday, as our kids promote to their new Sunday school classes. It will be a fun day as we connect to each other in our Bible study groups. We will begin each morning with a fellowship time at Holy Grounds Cafe in our fellowship building. Join us for coffee, donuts and juice at 9 a.m.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. as we praise and glorify our Lord in music, prayer and Bible study.

Stan Hanes, worship pastor, will lead us in a time of great music in worship. Dennis Teeters is our pastor and will lead in worshipping God as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This will be a special time of thanking God for the precious gift of His Son. Sunday evening will begin at 6 p.m. and our student pastor, Chris Tucker, will be preaching. Sunday evenings are a laid back time to fellowship and worship and it would be a great time for you to come and visit us.

Wednesday evenings we have a free potluck dinner that begins at 5:30. About 6:15 p.m., a time of intercessory prayer and a Bible study begins for the adults. Brother Dennis continues to teach through the Old Testament. This week we will continue the study in 1 Samuel.

A worship time for teens is a fun time of live music and Bible study and also begins at 6:15 p.m. Our children are still Kiddin' Around for this week and will begin AWANAS Sept. 9. This will be a time of learning and memorizing God's Word. More on this in the weeks ahead. Adult choir practice begins at 7 p.m.

We would love to have you come and connect with us. You can find the church by going east on I-20 to the Salem exit. Take a left to go under the interstate and another left on the north service road. Spring Creek is on the right just before the on ramp. You can call our office at 714-4584. We are ready to welcome you.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

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

1. ♠ J98753 ♥ 742 ♦ AQ9 ♣ 10
2. ♠ J84 ♥ KJ5 ♦ 963 ♣ KJ98
3. ♠ Q92 ♥ J7652 ♦ 83 ♣ 943
4. ♠ 763 ♥ QJ94 ♦ AJ5 ♣ K84
5. ♠ Q653 ♥ 8 ♦ KQ64 ♣ AQ72

- 1. Two spades.** The most common way of showing strength opposite a takeout double is by making a jump-response. Partner's double indicates at least an opening bid and implies support for the unbid suits. If you were to respond one spade with this hand and also with, say, ♠ J854 ♥ 964 ♦ 1032 ♣ 872, partner could hardly guess which hand you actually held.
- Certainly this hand has the potential for producing a game in spades. While you have only seven high-card points, the six-card suit and singleton club bring your values up to at least 11 points, particularly when partner has more or less guaranteed spade support and is probably short in hearts. Some players might even jump directly to four spades, and they would be right more often than not.
- 2. One notrump.** Here you have more high-card points, but less

chance for game. It is better to bid one notrump than two clubs, as the notrump response indicates some high-card values (about six to nine points), at least one heart stopper and balanced distribution, while two clubs could be based on no points at all.

- 3. One spade.** This is an unpleasant predicament, but you're not responsible for holding a bad hand when partner doubles. It would be wrong to pass, as your hearts are not strong enough to assure defeat of one heart, and equally wrong to bid one notrump, which shows more values. It's no pleasure to respond in a three-card suit, but there's no better bid available.
- 4. Two notrump.** With 11 high-card points, hearts doubly stopped and flat distribution, two notrump (invitational) is the standout response. Change the spade seven to the queen and you'd bid three notrump.
- 5. Two hearts.** This is clearly a game-going hand, as you have an opening bid facing an opening bid. However, you can't tell whether the hand will play best in spades, diamonds or clubs.
- Instead of trying to guess the right suit to bid, you should cuebid the opponents' suit to force partner to make the choice. You plan to raise directly to game in whatever suit partner names.

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