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Big Spring man killed in mishap

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — A 29-year-old Big Spring man was pronounced dead Friday evening at the Colorado City Airport after being struck by the prop of his plane.

According to local law enforcement officials, Brad Dockrey was in between crop dusting runs and making repairs to

his aircraft when the accident occurred. "It was approximately 8:15 p.m. Friday," said Eric Foerster, Colorado City Police Chief. "He had landed to pick up some more pesticide and was in between runs. There was another aircraft in front of him, so he was making some adjustments or repairs to his aircraft when the accident occurred."

Foerster said Dockrey, who was a Colorado City native, was struck by the

prop of the plane.

"It originally came in as a medical call," said Foerster. "Justice of the Peace Kay Richmond was called to the scene of the accident, where Dockrey was pronounced dead and transported to the funeral home."

"He was struck in the head by the prop, and the cause of death was likely head trauma. No autopsy has been ordered and his death has been ruled

accidental. It's just one of those unfortunate accidents. Everyone around here knew Brad and really liked him."

Dockrey was a crop duster and an airplane mechanic. Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Nelda Franco, center, and her father, Fidel Saldivar, right, talk with customers during the Farmer's Market event Saturday morning in the Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

Council sets hearing on new tax rate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to hold a public hearing concerning its proposed 2007-2008 tax rate during a regular meeting Tuesday, as the council prepares to move forward with its fiscal plan for the coming year.

The effective tax rate for the 2007-2008 tax year has been established at 65.9102 cents per \$100 valuation, according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, thanks to slightly higher than expected certified values.

"With the addition of debt service for the bonds that were approved by the voters, which is 30.14 cents, and the increase to cover the new narcotics task force, which is 7.32 cents, the revised tax rate we're looking at to cover the budget is \$1.022762 per \$100 valuation," Walker told the council earlier this month.

The proposed rate of slightly more than \$1.02 — which includes the creation of a new six-man narcotics task force within the Big Spring Police Department — would put the city approximately 5 cents over the rollback rate, which could trigger a rollback election if citizens petitioned for it,

according to Walker. A successful rollback election would force the city to go with a tax rate of 97.78 cents per \$100 valuation.

The average value of a home in the city of Big Spring is estimated at \$37,165 — up considerably compared to last year, thanks to higher valuations, according to Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua.

Walker said the tax hike would translate to a tax bill increase of approximately \$100 for the average valued home.

Tuesday's meeting will be the first time the council is expected to entertain an official vote on the tax rate, having only performed an informal poll of the council members Aug. 14. That informal vote drew only one dissenter, as Councilman Greg Biddison said the rate is simply too high.

"I agree that we have a drug problem here. Everyone does," Biddison said at the time. "But if the state couldn't afford a narcotics task force, how can we? I really feel like we need to look somewhere else to find the funding for it instead of raising taxes another 7 cents."

"I just want to see if we

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City cleanup can be expensive

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area property owners with weedy, overgrown lots may want to think twice before leaving the clean-up to the city of Big Spring, as liens and interest accumulate quickly, according to city officials.

Todd Darden, director of public works and assistant city manager for Big Spring, said property owners who allow their lots to fall out of compliance with municipal ordi-

nances can expect to see a hefty bill if they don't take care of the problem themselves.

"There are three basic types of violations we see on a regular basis," said Darden. "High weeds, accumulated items in public view and substandard structures. These ordinances are part of the city's health and safety code."

"The city is only required to send one written notice per calendar

year. In the event the property owner does not comply, city crews can go on their property and correct the problem, after which the cost of the clean-up is filed as a lien against the property."

Darden said the lien, much like a mechanic's lien, accumulates interest until it's paid in full.

"The fee includes the use of the equipment and labor, as well as a 15 percent administrative fee," said Darden. "On aver-

age, a weedy lot will cost anywhere from \$45 to \$75 an hour — depending on the equipment needed — and will take anywhere from two to four hours."

"The cost for substandard structures can go a lot higher," he added. "In that case, the property owner has three options. They can secure the structure, bring it into municipal compliance or tear it down. If the city

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Gonzales resigns as attorney general

By **MATT APUZZO**
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Alberto Gonzales, the nation's first Hispanic attorney general, announced his resignation Monday — ending a nasty, monthslong standoff over his honesty and competence at the helm of the Justice Department.

Republicans and Democrats alike had demanded his resignation over the botched handling of FBI terror investigations and the firings of U.S. attorneys, but President Bush had defiantly stood

by his Texas friend until accepting his resignation Friday.

"It has been one of my greatest privileges to lead the Department of Justice," Gonzales said, announcing his resignation effective Sept. 17 in a terse statement. He took no questions.

Bush planned to discuss Gonzales' departure at his Crawford, Texas, ranch later Monday.

Solicitor General Paul Clement will be acting attorney general until a replacement is found, said administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid pre-empting the

announcement.

Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff was among those mentioned as possible successors. However, a senior administration official said the matter had not been raised with Chertoff. Bush leaves Washington next Monday for Australia, and Gonzales' replacement might not be named by then, the official said.

"Better late than never," said Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, summing up the response of

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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

Here's a listing of this week's area high school varsity sports calendar:

Tuesday

Big Spring volleyball at San Angelo Central, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Big Spring football at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma football at Reagan County, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football at Kermit, 7:30 p.m.

Grady football vs. Sanderson, 7:30 p.m.

Stanton football at Grape Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring volleyball at Seminole Tournament. First game vs. Monahans, 11 a.m.

Saturday

Sands football vs. Spur at the Jayton Classic, 1:30 p.m.

Garden City football vs. Calvert in Hico, 1:30 p.m.

QB Club meeting set for today

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.

While there will be no more early registration dates, a late registration day will be held Sept. 1.

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.

Rangers' Young sits out games

ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers shortstop Michael Young wasn't in the starting lineup Sunday night because of muscle soreness in his back that has bothered the four-time All Star for more than a week.

Young will get an extended break since the Rangers have a day off at home Monday after the series finale against AL wild-card leader Seattle.

"We've got two days, no need to push that," manager Ron Washington said.

Cowboys no longer perfect with Phillips

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

Wade Phillips had his concerns before the Dallas Cowboys played their first preseason road game. Now the coach has some things to address.

A mistake-filled performance in Houston only substantiated Phillips' worries — and created a few questions with only one game left to get things in order before the regular season begins.

"It was disappointing, but we can learn from it and that's what we're going to do," Phillips said

after Saturday's 28-16 loss to the Texans.

These Cowboys (2-1) aren't perfect under Phillips, no matter how well they played against Super Bowl champion Indianapolis and Denver — two victories that created an air of optimism around a team that hasn't won a playoff game in 10 seasons.

Playing for the first time in a hostile environment, the Cowboys struggled mightily.

After Dallas failed to get a first down on the opening possession, Houston had a 91-yard punt

return for a touchdown. The Cowboys had three penalties in a five-play stretch their next possession, including consecutive false starts, and had two turnovers.

The running duo of Julius Jones and Marion Barber combined for 16 carries and 48 yards rushing for Dallas. Jones caught four passes for 16 yards, one yard more than Barber had on his lone catch.

"We had been cruising through the preseason, controlling other teams how we wanted and we had to face a little adversity,"

receiver Patrick Crayton said.

"The best thing is that the mistakes we made are correctable mistakes," said Tony Romo, whose last pass was intercepted. "As long as it's not a consistent mistake or if the team is not consistently messing up, you'll be OK, because you can fix those things. This is the time of year to do it. We don't want to be doing it next month."

Romo was 14-of-22 passing for 197 yards with two touchdowns. His interception came on a badly

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Lady Steers pick up three tournament wins

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — One win can be the turn of a season. It can boost a team's confidence, allowing a struggling team to take off on a winning streak.

Big Spring's Lady Steers didn't find just one win in the Nita Vannoy Volleyball Tournament in San Angelo this weekend, they found three.

"The girls played with a lot more confidence and just went out and had fun," said Lady Steers Head Coach Amanda Whitaker. "Getting a taste of winning should help us a lot down the road."

Tournament play didn't start on a high note for the Lady Steers as they were swept by Springtown's Lady Porcupines — 25-11, 25-12 — in their first match Friday.

Callie Partee led Big Spring with six kills, but it was a match dictated by a massive amount of errors, according to Whitaker.

"We had more errors than anything in this match," she said. "We didn't come out very focused. I told the girls that they just needed to try and have more fun in the next game."

The advice worked. The Lady Steers responded in their second game, defeating the Water Valley Lady Wildcats — 20-25, 25-22, 25-17.

As was the case for ever tournament game the Lady Steers would play, Partee led with 14 kills and added three aces. Hali Torres added seven kills and Clarissa Carrisalez was responsible for 15 digs. Jordan Chesworth initiated the scoring with 31 assists.

Big Spring continued its winning ways in the final tournament game Friday, topping San Angelo Grape Creek's Lady Eagles — 26-24, 18-25, 25-21.

Partee picked up another 17 kills, but the most encouraging

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Callie Partee attempts to spike a ball over the net in Lady Steers' practice Wednesday. The Lady Steers won three games in the Nita Vannoy Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Padilla, Sosa drive Rangers past Mariners, 5-2

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Sammy Sosa's 605th career home run was his first in a month, and Vicente Padilla allowed only one run pitching into the seventh inning as the Texas Rangers beat AL wild-card leader Seattle 5-3 on Sunday night.

Padilla (4-9) won for the first time since June 15, retiring 18 of 19 batters after Ichiro Suzuki led off the game with an infield single. The right-hander then gave up three straight singles and a run to start the seventh.

Sosa has become a part-time player while the Rangers evaluate younger players, but the 38-year-old slugger hasn't forgotten how to do his trademark hop. He bounded out of the batter's box in the first after hitting a 430-foot drive that ricocheted off a wall at the back of the lower seating section in left field, making it 2-0.

Ian Kinsler led off the Texas first with a single, moved up on Brad Wilkerson's sacrifice bunt and scored in front of Sosa, who started for only the 10th time in the last 26 games. Sosa's last homer was July 27, but he has 17 this season.

Seattle still has a two-game lead

in the wild-card race over the New York Yankees, who lost 5-4 at Detroit on Sunday. But the Mariners slipped two games behind the Los Angeles Angels before going home for a three-game series against the AL West leaders that begins Monday night.

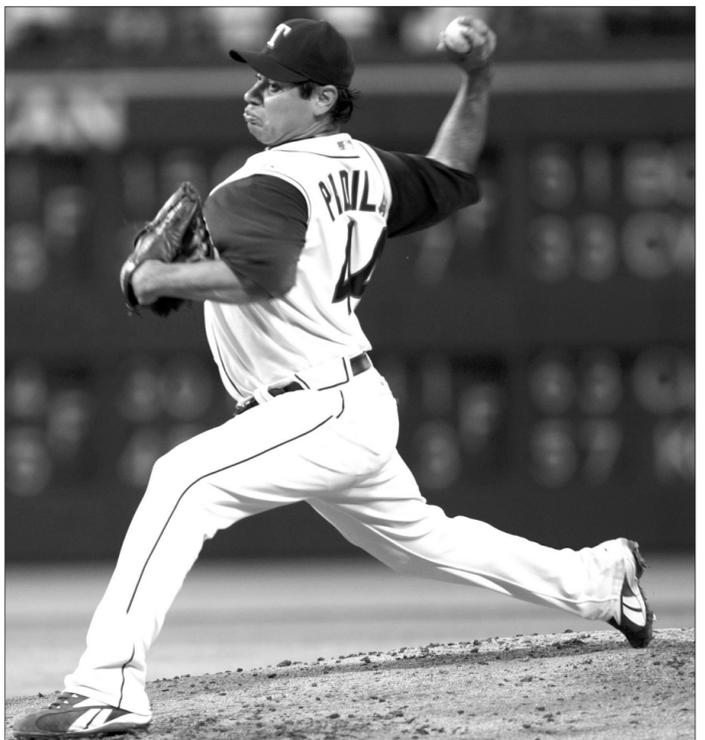
Seattle scored twice in the ninth off Rangers closer C.J. Wilson, pitching in a non-save situation. The Mariners had three straight two-out singles, the last a run-scoring hit by Kenji Johjima before a wild pitch allowed another run.

Jarrod Washburn (9-11), who has won only once in his last nine starts, allowed three runs and six hits over six innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Ian Kinsler went 3-for-4 for the second straight night after a 3-for-30 slump and scored three times for the Rangers. Brad Wilkerson had a double and an RBI triple.

Suzuki's majors-best 47th infield hit, his fifth in the four-game series, was a hopper that shortstop Ramon Vazquez fielded. Vazquez made a desperation throw that never had a chance to get the speedy leadoff hitter.

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MCT photo/Jeffery Washington/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers pitcher Vicente Padilla works in the first inning against the Seattle Mariners Sunday at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The Rangers won 5-2.

Obituaries

Brad Dockrey

Brad Dockrey, 29, of Big Spring, formerly of Colorado City, died Friday night in an aviation accident in Mitchell County.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Aug. 27, 2007, in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City with the Rev. Dr. Ted Spear and the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating. Burial will be in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born on April 12, 1978, in Colorado City to Bruce and Marsha Beights Dockrey. He married Donna Sue Fite on April 28, 2007, in Big Spring. he was a crop duster and an airplane mechanic and was a member of the College Baptist Church in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Dockrey of Big Spring; his parents, Bruce and Marsha Dockrey of Colorado City; paternal grandparents Charles and Betty Dockrey of Colorado City; two sisters, Jody Chaney and husband, John, of Colorado City and Jamie Hammond and husband, Kyle, of Forney; two nephews, Jaxon Hammond and Seth Chaney and several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, A.M. Beights Jr. and a cousin, Cliff Beights.

Paid obituary

June Rhoades



June Rhoades, 64, of Temple, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at Scott & White Hospital in Temple. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 21, 1942, in Howard County to Mamie and Audice Metcalf. She married Bill Rhoades, Sept. 5, 1963, in Big Spring. She lived most of her life in Big Spring, moving to Temple eight years ago. She was a homemaker, but had also worked a number of years at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital. She was by nature a caregiver. She was a member of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Rhoades of Temple; one daughter, Lawana Stevens and her husband, Jay, of Moffat; one grandson; one step grandson; one brother, Bill Metcalf and his wife, Charlene, of Moffat; two half sisters, LaPearl Papps of Tulsa, Okla., and Lillian Parker of Longview; and a number of nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Jesse "Tuff" Metcalf and Carl "Toby" Metcalf; one sister, LaVerne Bragg; and one half brother: Jerry Metcalf.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Midland 79705.

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

Take Note

• **MARANATHA BAPTIST ACADEMY** still has openings in kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information, call 263-7696 or come by 903 Johnson St.

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

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF ALBERT "BERT" CARRILLO**, who was killed in a traffic accident near Fort Stockton. The fund has been set up at the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union to help offset burial expenses. The Credit Union is located at 1110 Benton. Call 263-8393 for more information.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN CREATED** to help Garland and Malynda Helmstetler raise the \$25,000 needed for medical treatment that the family's insurance will not cover. Malynda, director of Mobile Meals, has been diagnosed with breast cancer that cannot be treated by radiation and chemotherapy. Doctors have told the family she should begin treatment on Aug. 1 so that the cancer does not spread to other organs. Donations may be made payable to Malynda's Cancer Fund at the Federal Employees Credit Union located on FM 700.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs around 90. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Friday — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday night — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• **ENRIQUE MAYERS III**, 29, of 2600 Crestline Road, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.

• **DANIEL VIERA SR.**, 20, of 1607 Oriole, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.

• **RANDI JO HAIR**, 34, of 511 Goliad, was arrested Sunday on six local warrants.

• **DWAYNE EUKEL**, 53, of 1106 Lamar, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **KIMBERLY JAMES**, 18, of Snyder, was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to identify and minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **LESTER DUFFER**, 27, of 5511 Midway Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.

• **JUAN E. MUNOZ**, 51, of 1807 Winston, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAVID YBARRA**, 20, of 103 N. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **ENETERO LOZANO**, 30, of 446 Armstrong, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **STEVE RODRIGUEZ**, 25, of Sand Springs, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **EDUARDO GONZALES**, 23, of Coahoma, was arrested Sunday on four local capias warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 800 block of Marcy.

- in the 200 block of Marcy.

- in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 1100 block of Gregg Street.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• **BURGLARY OF A COIN OPERATED MACHINE** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 2500 block of Hunter.

- in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

- in the 2600 block of Cheyenne.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported:

- in the 1600 block of FM 700.

- in the 1500 block of FM 700.

• **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 1200 block of Michael.

- in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3300 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1600 block of Harding.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Wilson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of Driver Road. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2200 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-16-23-26-45-53.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$18 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-14-24-28-34.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 8-8-9

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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.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CASSIE RENE EMERSON**, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of terroristic threats.

• **AMANDA CHRISTINE WINKLER**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE JR.**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• **MICAH LEVI PEARSON**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **JUAN MANUEL GARCIA**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention (two counts), motion to revoke probation on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• **VIVIANA SARMIENTO**, 24, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT TREY TERRY**, 19, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ESQUIVEL ARTURO ALVARADO**, 36, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of tampering with governmental/school records, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **MACIAS GUSTAVO ARENAS**, 47, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of tampering with governmental/school records and failure to identify - giving false information.

• **LAURA LOUISE PARTLOW**, 25, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, transporting a deadly weapon, no driver's license, failure to maintain a single lane of traffic, failure to signal and aggravated assault against a public servant.

• **EMETERIO MILTON LOZANO III**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

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Jay Hendrix of KOSA-TV news in Odessa speaks at the Meet the Steers event held Saturday at Memorial Stadium. All Steers football players from junior high to varsity were introduced to the public.

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sight in the results from this game was the play of junior Andrea Claxton, who played in her first games of the season at the tournament after being injured in the preseason. "Andrea played very well. She had no problems with the injury at all," said Whitaker. "Her presence on the court was a nice emotional life for us."

Claxton and Torres each had 8 kills in the match. Carrisalez dug out 13 balls, helping Chesworth earn 36 assists.

The Lady Steers would start play Saturday with a loss to district rival San Angelo Lake View's Lady Chiefs — 23-25, 25-19, 25-22.

The Lady Steers would rally to score nine consecutive points, winning the first set despite being down 23-16. Unfortunately, a bit of controversy and a Lake View rally would cause Big Spring to falter in the second set.

The Lady Steers were accused of an illegal substitution during the second set, but the coaching staff didn't agree with the call. Play was stopped for about 10 minutes as Big Spring's coaches and the officials debated the call.

"The stoppage of play kind of affected us," said Whitaker. "We were up by 10 points, but we lost our momentum and Lake View had a server come up that we couldn't get off the line."

The kills over this match were more spread out among the team with Partee leading again with 10. Torres added 8, Claxton contributed with 7 and Baylea Fox had 5. Chesworth served two aces.

The Lady Steers would respond to the controversial loss with their most dominating performance

COWBOYS

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underthrown deep ball to Terrell Owens, whose only catch was a slant pattern on which he sprinted past three defenders for a 35-yard TD.

Dallas' restructured, more aggressive 3-4 defense also had its problems. The first-teamers gave up a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter after not allowing any the first two games. The Texans ran for 142 yards.

"This is something we definitely needed to see. We needed to see how we would react," nose tackle

of the tournament, smashing Colorado City's Lady Wolves — 25-17, 25-22.

Partee added another 12 kills to her tournament totals and Carrisalez had 15 digs.

Unfortunately, Big Spring was knocked out of the tournament in its sixth game, falling to Grape Creek's Lady Eagles — 21-25, 25-13, 25-20 — despite having defeated them the previous day. Whitaker says that exhaustion and a crowd cheering against them finally got to the Lady Steers.

"I think we just got tired. Six games in two days is not easy," she said. "It's also hard when there's a crowd against you. It's very difficult to walk into a gym with a rowdy crowd cheering for you to lose."

Partee spiked another 10 kills to go along with four blocks and two aces. She ended up with 69 kills overall in the tournament. Macy Graves contributed with 3 kills.

Whitaker felt that the strong tournament showing was just what the Lady Steers needed to boost their morale.

"There are positives and negatives in us playing the bigger schools," she explained. "A positive is that it's top competition that can better prepare us for a tough district season. A negative is for us to lose our confidence. We gained some of that back in this tournament. We were in all of our games except for the first one. We had a shot at winning almost every match."

The Lady Steers will go back to playing bigger schools when they face San Angelo Central's Lady Bobcats Tuesday. The Class 5A Bobcats were the winners of the Vannoy Tournament, beating the Monahans Lady Lobos — 25-16, 25-18.

"We played well against Central last year," said Whitaker. "We can beat them. We just have to

believe that we can."

The Lady Steers will play in another tournament starting Friday in Seminole. The Vannoy runner-up Lobos will be their first opponent.

Jason Ferguson said. "We need to see how we will react after a loss." The Cowboys have a short week before playing their preseason finale Thursday night at Minnesota. The regular season opener is Sept. 9 at home against NFC East rival the New York Giants.

"We are good, and we know we have a good team, and it's going to require a little more work," Owens said. "This one game doesn't make our season, nor should it make their season. At the end of the day, we're still 0-0. We still need some work. We'll work on that get the kinks out. We just made too many mis-

take."

Extra points: Veteran kicker Martin Gramatica sustained a strained right hamstring on a kickoff right after missing an extra point. Gramatica said he "just felt something weird, not really sure exactly." Rookie Nick Folk converted his extra point and kicked a 23-yard field goal making him 3-for-3 (with a 52-yarder) in preseason. ... LB Kevin Burnett didn't play the second half after injuring his left ankle. ... The first roster cut down day is Tuesday, when the Cowboys have to be down to 75 players. They have to set their 53-man roster by Saturday.

Big Spring's freshmen win one in Snyder Tournament

SNYDER — Big Spring's Lady Steers' freshman team came away with one win in four games in the Snyder Tournament Saturday.

They lost the first game to the host Snyder Lady Tigers — 25-17, 25-17. Big Spring played point for point with Snyder until late in each set. Alesha Young, Elle Torres and Patricia Morales led the Lady Steers offensively and defensively.

Big Spring rebounded to win their second match over Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs — 25-18, 20-25, 25-22. Coach John Sparks felt that the team played a complete game and battled from start to finish. He noted that Belle Feaster, Gabby Fiero and Theresa Turner battled hard to the finish.

The Lady Steers couldn't build on that winning effort, however, and dropped their third match to the Lady Tigers — 25-21, 17-25, 26-24 — and their last match to the Lady Mustangs — 25-14, 17-25, 25-13.

"We played with great confidence in the third game against Snyder," said Sparks. "The girls really played their hearts out."

Ashley Saiz and Opal Gonzales played well coming off the bench.

Taryn Kennedy, Fierro, Torres and Feaster led the Lady Steers in their final game, but the team simply ran out of gas.

"We were tired from a long day of playing," noted Sparks. "The team learned what it takes to compete. We have to continue to work hard and continue to strive to be winners."

LLWS title stays in Georgia

By GENARO C. ARMAS

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SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Dalton Carriker couldn't believe it. He had just hit a home run to win the Little League World Series.

"I almost fainted," the 12-year-old shortstop with braces said after his eighth-inning blast gave Warner Robins, Ga., a thrilling 3-2 win over Tokyo on Sunday to win youth baseball's biggest prize.

"Wow, I never thought this could happen," Carriker said.

His dramatic homer over the right-field wall off Japan's Junsho Kiuchi gave the United States three straight Little League championships.

"USA! USA!" cried the Georgia-partisan crowd as dozens of fans waved American flags. Columbus, Ga., won the crown last year, and Ewa Beach, Hawaii, in 2005.

"I'm very honored to be

associated with these young men," an emotional manager Mickey Lay said. His eyes welled with tears during a post-game news conference.

"There are only several times in your life, when people come into your life and touch you emotionally," he said, "and they get into your heart and never leave."

Jubilant Georgia players hugged Carriker as he reached the plate following the homer. Lay lost his hat after joining the team in celebration following a tense game marked by excellent pitching.

Georgia reliever Kendall Scott struck out 10 and allowed one hit over five-plus innings to quiet Japan's bats after Georgia fell behind 2-0 early.

Scott had watched Japan's impressive hitters throughout the tournament.

"Going out there today, throwing the ball, I was

scared to death on the first pitch," he said.

Scott left the game in the top of the eighth, with Zane Conlon getting the last out.

That set up Carriker's homer. He was hitting .769 in the World Series entering Sunday's game, but was 0-for-2 with a walk when he came up in the eighth.

He said a little prayer before settling himself in the batter's box.

"God, please give me the strength to get a hit and help my team out," Carriker said in recounting his prayer.

There was no doubt about his opposite-field shot off Kiuchi, which easily cleared the right-field fence 225 feet away from the plate.

Warner Robins kept the trophy in the state.

The previous two Georgia teams to advance to South Williamsport also won the title, including Columbus last year and East Marietta in 1983.

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Padilla, making only his third start since a nearly two-month stay on the disabled list because of right triceps irritation, didn't give up another hit until Ben Broussard reached on a slow dribbler in the fifth that third baseman Travis Metcalf couldn't pick up cleanly.

Seattle started the seventh with three straight singles, Adrian Beltre's run-scoring hit chasing Padilla after he threw 61 of 87 pitches for strikes. Frank Francisco then retired the only three batters he faced to get out of the seventh.

Kinsler had a leadoff double in the sixth and scored on a sacrifice fly by Marlon Byrd to make it 3-0. Byrd added another sacrifice fly in the eighth after Wilkerson's triple.

Notes: Sosa is fifth on the career homer list, and second among active players behind Barry Bonds' 761. ... Vazquez started for Michael Young, the four-time All-Star who took a night off because of muscle soreness in his back. ... Country music singer Charley Pride, a regular at Rangers spring training, was at the game and featured during a "Kiss Cam" segment. He was shown on the screen smooching while his song "Kiss An Angel Good Morning" played.

Red Sox 11, White Sox 1

Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen has his favorite to win the AL pennant — and after this past weekend, it's not much of a surprise.

David Ortiz hit a two-run homer, and J.D. Drew and Bobby Kielty ended long homerless droughts to back Julian Tavarez's first win since late June as the Boston Red Sox polished off a four-game sweep of Chicago with an 11-1 victory Sunday.

"I think Boston is the team to beat in the American League," a morose Guillen said after his team was outscored 46-7 in the series.

The Red Sox scored at least 10 runs in each game, only the fourth time that has happened in a four-game series since 1900, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The St. Louis Browns did it in 1920 and 1922, and the Colorado Rockies in 1996.

Boston's run total in the series was the most for the franchise since it scored the same amount against the Browns in 1949.

The Red Sox have won four in a row, improved baseball's best record to 80-51 and increased their lead over second-place New York to 7 1/2 games in the AL East. The two teams play a three-game set at Yankee Stadium beginning Tuesday night.

"We can't look ahead," catcher Jason Varitek said. "We have to play like we've been playing."

While the Red Sox have returned to their 2005 form, when they ended the season tied atop the AL East, the White Sox are looking nothing like the club that won that year's World Series.

The loss dropped the White Sox to 18 games under .500 for the first time since 1989. The only team in the majors with a worse record is Tampa Bay, which visits U.S. Cellular Field on Monday for a makeup game.

"I think if you try, you can't play on this (terrible) level that we do," said Guillen, whose team has lost five straight. "We caught those guys when they were playing well and they caught us when we were playing bad."

Tavarez (7-9), who has shuffled between the rotation and the bullpen, was making just his second start since the beginning of August, but struck out seven and handcuffed the White Sox to two hits in six innings. He was 0-5 in his last seven starts, going back to June 25.

"How many pitchers can you start, put in the bullpen and let them sit for two weeks, and then have a legitimate chance to throw six innings?" manager Terry Francona said. "That doesn't happen very often."

Drew hit his seventh homer in the second to give Boston a 1-0 lead.

It was his first homer in 51 games, ending the longest drought of his career.

"In that situation, I was trying to slow things down a little bit and get a good pitch to hit," Drew said. "I got a ball out over the zone and was able to hit it out."

Ortiz's 24th homer capped off a four-run fifth inning as the Red Sox ended Javier Vazquez's perfect month. Kielty added a two-run shot in the sixth, his first since last Sept. 19.

"It's embarrassing to lose four games, especially the way we've been losing," said Vazquez (11-7), who had been 8-1 over his last 12 starts. "It's not even funny."

Tigers 5, Yankees 4

At Detroit, Curtis

Granderson led off the first inning with an inside-the-park homer, and Bobby Seay (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings of relief to pick up the win.

Phil Hughes (2-2) lost for the first time since his major league debut on April 26. He allowed five runs and four hits, walking one and striking out six.

Angels 3, Blue Jays 1

At Anaheim, Calif., Kelvim Escobar (15-6) recorded his career-high 15th victory, Garret Anderson homered and the Angels beat the Blue Jays to earn a split of the four-game series.

Francisco Rodriguez pitched a perfect ninth for his 33rd save in 37 chances.

Dustin McGowan (8-8) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out six and walking none. The loss was the right-hander's second to Escobar in a span of 11 days.

Indians 5, Royals 3, 11 innings

At Kansas City, Mo., Travis Hafner and Victor Martinez singled home runs with two out in the 11th inning as the Indians rallied past the Royals.

Joel Peralta (1-3) was charged with the loss while Rafael Betancourt (3-0) struck out three in two perfect innings to pick up the victory. Joe Borowski got his 37th save in 42 chances.

Twins 11, Orioles 3

At Baltimore, the Twins beat Erik Bedard (13-5) to end his nine-game winning streak and complete a season's sweep of the Orioles.

Rondell White homered for Minnesota, backing a strong performance from Scott Baker (7-6), who allowed seven hits and three runs, two earned, in six innings.

Devil Rays 7, Athletics 4

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Carlos Pena hit two homers, and Joel Guzman had a two-run triple during a three-run fifth inning as the Devil Rays beat All-Star Dan Haren (14-5) and the A's.

B.J. Upton also went deep for the Devil Rays, who won the final three games of the four-game series for their first three-game winning streak since June 9-12.

Andy Sonnanstine (3-9) won for the second time in his last three starts.

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Legals

Public Notice
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating

The Big Spring Independent School District's Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 5:15 P.M. on September 13, 2007, in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas.
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Big Spring Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.
#5490 August 27, 2007 & September 3, 2007

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Effective September 1, 2007
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Irene Dominguez, Director
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The full moon lunar eclipse is in Pisces is tomorrow, and the moon is heavenly disappearance lends human visibility into the realm of the infinite, especially regarding questions of belief and faith. The Virgo sun reminds us to help the unrecognized among us. She's the Mother Teresa of the zodiac, whose birthday is remembered today.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're vigilant about improving your attitude — not because it makes you a better person but because you realize that blaming life circumstances only keeps you from your dreams.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You deliver the goods like clockwork — precisely, if not a bit automatically. Put some heart into work this afternoon, when a little extra show of passion will earn you the respect you deserve.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a drama in the morning, which keeps everyone on his or her toes! On the bright side, it's nice to know that people around you care enough to get excited when things don't go their way.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Live and love by your principles. Your integrity doesn't go unnoticed. Powerful friends want your assistance. You may feel obligated, but give favors only if you are genuinely moved to do so.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Would you crumble without your defenses? Maybe not. It's more likely that you're holding onto a certain coping mechanism out of habit. And now is the perfect moment to let go.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At work you can expect a clash of personalities. With diplomacy, you'll prevail. Tonight is ideal for reviewing your finances and making a different plan. You're poised to make a bundle.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

There's a bit of thrilling chemistry going on. When a certain someone walks in the room, you're downright combustible! By taking care of yourself, you send a message to the universe to do the same.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Find a project to conquer — a place to let loose the nervous energy you've been building up and, finally, glow with a sense of accomplishment. Capricorn is impressed with you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a star on the social front, and must say "no" to some offers in order to handle business. Tonight, air your feelings — in a polite and appropriate way, of course.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Shiny things are often just reflecting the brilliance of some other source, like the sun. But they still get the attention. You're more interested now in going straight to the source of origin.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In theory you would like to have as many choices as possible. But in reality, too many choices will suck the joy out of decision-making. There's magic in threes.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is scientific proof that goldfish have memories from longer than three seconds before. And those who think that you, dear fish, won't hold a grudge may have another thing coming!
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born on May 1, 1970, and have been told I have an unusual and not particularly advantageous chart. Over the past two years, I've experienced professional and financial setbacks, a badly broken heart, and disillusionment with grad school, friends, and even myself. I need to snap out of it but can't seem to find the motivation to move on. I'm stuck!"
Taurus, you want to find firm footing, but it's time for not knowing.

You'll be feeling this strongly until early 2009, when Neptune transits your chart ruler, Mercury. Accept uncertainty, and endeavor forward. When confusion strikes, entertain it with an imaginative response, like: "iOK, disillusionment, what do you say?" Maybe you've let others influence your schooling, or maybe you never really liked those friends, anyhow. Well, how about that! Be open to the mystery of your mind, especially new interests you'd never considered. Instead of making a rash decision or uprooting your life, marvel, question and persist with what you've started.
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State mascot hailed in book for surviving 55 million years

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Bill Klemm's expertise in the brain capacity of animals doesn't keep him from marveling at the staying power of one of nature's more dunder-headed species.

"I have an enormous respect for something that's lasted for 55 million years," said Klemm, a retired Texas A&M University professor of neuroscience and veterinary biosciences and author of "Dillos," an entertaining and informal new book looking at the official state mascot of Texas.

"We know they're dumb," Klemm added. "But they're smart

enough to live in the South."

Dasyus novemcinctus, the cat-sized, nine-banded species of the mammal known for its coat of armor, has been proliferating in much of the southeastern United States since making its way from Mexico 150 years ago.

A year in the making, "Dillos" shows Klemm's academic pedigree with a detailed index and 11-page source list. But a mere glance at the cover quickly dispels any notion this is a dry textbook.

After all, how many textbooks feature a color photo of roadkill on the cover?

"I was driving my grandkids," Klemm said. "We saw this fresh road-

kill. I went back home and got the camera."

The image is all too familiar to folks in Texas and throughout the South: a motionless armadillo on its back on the pavement, legs up, tail outstretched. Klemm said armadillos foolishly leap as a vehicle approaches.

For a motorist, there's a distinctive thump reverberating from the undercarriage.

For the armadillo? "Looks like a concussion," he proffered.

In the book, Klemm offered a look at prehistoric armadillos and recipes for cooking one you might find munching on insects in your garden or digging up your grass.

"Catch them by the tail," he advised. "They

really don't bite. They don't have good teeth. But they do have big claws."

While he acknowledged he never ate one, he said others have described the meat as like greasy pork.

Make sure it's well cooked. Armadillos are known for carrying diseases that don't infect them, which Klemm says should be of interest to scientists and fodder for future study.

Klemm opens with a description of the back porch of his home in the country outside College Station. He sits on a swing at sunset to "enjoy the sights, sound and smells of summer."

"One of these sounds emerging from the din of crickets is a shuffling of the leaf mulch that I'd put

in the flower bed last winter," he writes. "The rustling grows louder, and I suddenly realize: it's that damn armadillo, tearing up the flower bed again."

His gardening woes aside, Klemm clearly admires the armadillo, describing it as an "evolutionary superstar" and "animal version of a Bradley tank." He points out images of the animal show up everywhere from Mayan culture to pop culture and suggests that given its incessant devouring of insects, it may be responsible for heading off locust plagues.

"They mind their own business and shove dirt up their nose every day," he said. "As long as there

are insects ... as long as there are cockroaches, there will be armadillos.

"Well, they are stupid," he added. "Let's not go overboard."

J. Stephen McCusker, director of the San Antonio Zoo, touted the book an easy interesting read "that allows you to put your arms around this wonderfully weird creature."

Dewey Kraemer, an A&M researcher involved in cloning the first white-tailed deer, characterized the book as "appropriate for everything from the classroom to the coffee table."

Klemm sees the animal, despite being nearly deaf and blind and somewhat dimwitted, surviving another 55 million years.

GONZALES

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many in Washington to Gonzales' resignation.

Republicans reacted cautiously.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who offered only muted support for the attorney general when some Republicans called for Gonzales' resignation, on Monday largely blamed his troubles on Democrats.

"It is my hope that whomever President Bush selects as the next attorney general, he or she is not subjected to the same poisonous partisanship that we've sadly grown accustomed to over the past eight months," McConnell, R-Ky., said in a statement.

Gonzales, the former White House counsel who served more than two years at the Justice Department, announced his departure at the Justice Department. He reflected on his up-from-the-bootstraps life story, the son of migrant farm workers from Mexico who didn't finish elementary school.

"Even my worst days as attorney general have been better than my father's best days," Gonzales said.

Bush steadfastly — and at times angrily —

refused to give in to critics, even from his own GOP, who argued that Gonzales should go. Earlier this month at a news conference, the president grew irritated when asked about accountability in his administration and turned the tables on the Democratic Congress.

"Implicit in your questions is that Al Gonzales did something wrong. I haven't seen Congress say he's done anything wrong," Bush said testily.

Gonzales, 52, called Bush on Friday to inform him of his resignation, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity to not preempt Gonzales' statement. The president had Gonzales come to lunch at his ranch on Sunday as a parting gesture.

Gonzales, whom Bush once considered for appointment to the Supreme Court, is the fourth top-ranking administration official to leave since November 2006.

Donald H. Rumsfeld, an architect of the Iraq war, resigned as defense secretary one day after the November elections. Paul Wolfowitz agreed in May to step down as president of the World Bank after an ethics inquiry. And top Bush adviser Karl Rove earlier this month announced that he was stepping down.

Reacting to Monday's developments, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said that Gonzales' department had "suffered a severe crisis of leadership that allowed our justice system to be corrupted by political influence."

Gonzales could not satisfy critics who said he had lost credibility over the Justice Department's handling of warrantless wiretaps related to the threat of terrorism and the firings of several U.S. attorneys.

As attorney general and earlier as White House counsel, Gonzales pushed for expanded presidential powers, including the eavesdropping authority. He drafted controversial rules for military war tribunals and sought to limit the legal rights of detainees at Guantanamo Bay — prompting lawsuits by civil libertarians who said the government was violating the Constitution in its pursuit of terrorists.

There were indications that the development came suddenly. Bush normally handles Cabinet resignations with efficiency, only allowing news of them to leak when a successor has been chosen and appearing with both the person departing and the replacement when the public announcement was made. That was not to be the case this time, the

official said.

"Alberto Gonzales was never the right man for this job. He lacked independence, he lacked judgment, and he lacked the spine to say no to Karl Rove," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

"This resignation is not the end of the story. Congress must get to the bottom of this mess and follow the facts where they lead, into the White House," Reid warned.

The flap over the fired prosecutors proved to be the final straw for Gonzales, whose truthfulness in testimony to Congress was drawn into question.

Lawmakers said the dismissals of the federal prosecutors appeared to be politically motivated, and some of the fired U.S. attorneys said they felt pressured to investigate Democrats before elections. Gonzales maintained that the dismissals were based on the prosecutors' lackluster performance records.

Thousands of documents released by the Justice Department show a White House plot, hatched shortly after the 2004 elections, to replace U.S. attorneys. At one point, senior White House officials, including Rove, suggested replacing all 93 prosecutors. In December 2006, eight were ordered to resign.

In several House and Senate hearings into the firings, Gonzales and other Justice Department officials failed to fully explain the ousters without contradicting each other.

During his congressional testimony, Gonzales answered "I don't know" and "I can't recall" scores of times and even some Republicans said his testimony was evasive. Bush, however, praised Gonzales' performance and said the attorney general was "honest" and "honorable."

U.S. attorneys serve at the pleasure of the president, and can be removed. But congressional Democrats said politics played an unusually critical role in the ouster of several prosecutors.

In 2004, Gonzales pressed to reauthorize a secret domestic spying program over the Justice Department's protests. Gonzales was White House counsel at the time and during a dramatic hospital confrontation he and then-White House chief of staff Andrew Card sought approval from then-Attorney General John Ashcroft, who was in intensive care. Ashcroft refused.

The White House subsequently reauthorized the program without the department's approval. Later, Bush ordered changes to the program to

help the department defend its legality. The domestic surveillance program was later declared unconstitutional by a federal judge and since has been changed to require court approval before surveillance can be conducted.

Similarly, Gonzales found himself on the defensive in early March for FBI's improper and, in some cases, illegal prying into Americans' personal information during terror and spy probes. On March 9, the Justice Department's inspector general released an audit showing that FBI agents, over a three-year period, demanded telephone and Internet companies to hand over their customers' personal information without official authorization.

The damning audit also found that the FBI had improperly obtained telephone records in non-emergency circumstances, and concluded that it underreported to Congress how often it used national security letters to ask businesses to turn over customer data. The letters are administrative subpoenas that do not require a judge's approval.

Gonzales declared himself upset and frustrated over the findings. But lawmakers said they had begun to lose confidence in him.

COUNCIL

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can do a little bit to keep it (the tax rate) as low as we can. When we first started looking at the bond issues, the Standard & Poors recommendation that came out said we were already tax burdened in this community and at a point where we didn't need to go higher. The bonds are a done deal, however."

In addition to the tax rate, the council is also expected to hold a public hearing concerning the 2007-2008 budget.

Also on Tuesday's agenda is:

- Final reading of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance including a zone change from agriculture to planned development for the Avalon Subdivision.

- First reading of a resolution suspending the Sept. 25, 2007, effective date of the proposal by Atmos Energy Corp. West Texas Division to implement interim grip rate adjustment for gas utility.

- Public hearing concerning a zone change for the northwest corner of Scurry and the FM 700 N.

Service Road.

- Presentation of the 2007-2008 budget for Moore Development Inc.

- Annual tax report.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Big Spring Victim Services to fund the provision of rape counseling and victims services.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with the Heritage Museum for historical preservation and restoration projects including operation costs of museum.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with the Heritage Museum for operation of the Potton House.

- First reading of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for a zone change from retail to light commercial for property located at the northwest corner of Scurry and the FM 700 N. Service Road.

The council is also expected to review and make appointments to the board of directors for Moore Development and the Permian Basin Airport Board.

The meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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has to go in and take care of it, you're looking at anywhere \$175 to \$500 an hour. Again, that depends on what type of equipment and materials are needed."

Darden said accumulat-

ed items entail materials that are left in public view, including appliances, furniture and the like.

"The items have to be in public view, and that doesn't mean someone standing on top of their vehicle," said Darden.

And while a lien against the property may not seem pressing, Darden

said it can become a major problem if the owner ever decides to sell the land.

"The lien will stay there, attached to the property, until it's taken care of," said Darden. "And the longer it goes unpaid, the more interest it will accumulate. Something that started out as nothing more than

a \$45 lien can get very expensive fairly quickly."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

It's again time to prepared for our county fair

There's nothing more traditional than a county fair and that's especially true where the Howard County Fair is concerned. And with this year's fair rapidly approaching, organizers are already hard at work making sure traditions such as the queen contest go off without a hitch.

This year's fair is scheduled for a Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 26-29, run. And the Howard County Fair Queen Contest is always kind of a start to the festivities.

The queen contest, according to Howard County Fair Board member Nancy Howard, is always fun and offers girls an opportunity to take the classes offered.

The contest is open to all girls in high school who are unmarried and are not mothers. A \$35 entry fee, the same as last year, is required, but contestants may solicit sponsors to offset that cost. In fact, a contestant must have a sponsor to compete.

Applications are available at Posey Cotton Co. office at 601 Scurry Street and the Howard County Extension Office in the courthouse. They are also available online at www.howardcountyfairoftexas.com. They must be turned in to the Extension office by 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10.

The contest is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Dora Roberts Community Center. At 9 a.m. that same day, the contestants attend classes that provide them instruction in make-up application, runway presentation, self-esteem and the interview process.

Each girl competes in two divisions — denim/casual wear and formal wear. Lunch is provided for all contestants the day of the event and prizes are awarded to the winners. A gift bag is also presented to the each contestant.

For more information, contact Howard at 353-4448. It's also time to be renting exhibit booths for the fair.

Booths measuring 8x10 are available with an electrical outlet. A table with two chairs is available for rent for \$10. And since there is almost always a waiting list for booth space at the fair, it's advisable for those planning to have a display at the fair contact Howard as quickly as possible.

Howard is also the contact for those interested in the Children's Fair designed for students in pre-kindergarten through the fourth grade. This year the Children's Fair theme is "It's a Jungle Out There." Classroom or individual projects can be entered, with the contestant choosing the medium or material for the project. Each student who submits a project will receive a ribbon.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our ability to communicate show Your love, Lord, for others.

Amen

JOURNEYS OF A FORMER REPUBLICAN

Maybe it's time to get a new license plate holder. I was attending a worship service at my parents' church in a staunchly red state in the South. When I exited my car in the parking lot, she was lying in wait for me. This woman, disturbed and disturbing, also parking her car, read my holder that said, "Proud Democrat," and half-asked and half-accused me, "Is that your political affiliation?"



CYNTHIA HALL CLEMENTS

"Yes," I replied, walking quickly to the church building, sensing trouble and trying to avoid it. A glance at her minivan revealed the numerous anti-choice stickers plastered on it, which worried me more.

"I used to think Rudy Giuliani was a Democrat," she said, following me, persisting in her monologue. "Then I found out he claims to be a Republican even though he supports abortion," she continued.

Really, does anyone just talk about the weather anymore?

The clincher came as I was beating down the church doors, and she knew her time to evangelize was running short. "He's (referring again to Giuliani) just a baby killer and so are you," she blurted out and started to chant, a little too loudly for my liking, "Baby killer, baby killer" while trailing behind me.

Her parting shot as I was fleeing into the sanctuary (See the irony there?) was, "And the Bible doesn't say anything about global warming, and Democrats (said in

complete contempt, like "murderer") like you are responsible for spreading the myth of global warming."

I wanted to respond, "Madam, I work as a writer and a law clerk for a judge. I'm in law school full-time. I'm raising my elementary-aged son. I don't have time to investigate the scientific research on global warming and indoctrinate the mass public on the alleged fable of it all, according to you." Common sense and concerns for my personal safety prevented me from arguing with her, though.

Many years ago, in a place called "Naïveté", I was a Republican. I talked like a Republican—spewing phrases like "personal responsibility," "fiscally conservative policies" and "limited government." I worked for a Republican, the House Majority Leader in a state legislature, supporting his efforts to cut concurrently social services for poor and taxes for the rich. I was politically confused, obviously, and then I ran into real life. I discovered real life wasn't pretty white people living in pampered suburbia.

Real life looks like the middle-aged African American gentleman my dad met in a coffee shop conversation recently. Fellow veterans, they were sharing their military experiences, when this man told my dad a little about his present financial distress.

He has a large amount of unsecured consumer debt, larger than his income from his military retirement. This man decided to go back to work full-time to try to eliminate some, and eventually all, of his credit card debt but has not been able to do so yet. With late fees, surcharges and interest, he

falls further behind each month. Muchas gracias to President George W. Bush and a Republican Congress, a little law called "Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005" hinders this African American man from just declaring bankruptcy and erasing his debt. So my dad's new friend pays credit card bills every month and skimps on frivolities like prescriptions and food.

And what was this man's supposed sin that plunged him so deeply into debt? Booze, gambling, drugs? Nothing so scandalous, he had some unexpected and substantial medical expenses. I can hear the "bootstrap" crowd — as in "pull yourself up" — now, simultaneously urging this man to pay off his debt but also scorning him for having it, as in "not me, I wouldn't be there."

And there's reason why I'm not a Republican anymore, "except for." Except for a good health care plan — which, thankfully, my provider hasn't cancelled yet — and some personal savings — which I haven't had to liquidate for a life emergency — I could be this man.

I don't have all the answers on global warming, reproductive rights, or the presidential candidates, but real life teaches me "except for."

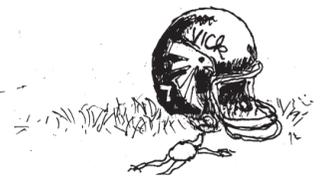
After all, it's a short ride from suburbia to the slums, but a much longer one the other direction.

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Candidates and the defense budget

You don't have to look too far outside your backyard to understand that America's national priorities are deeply skewed.

And it's fashionable for the current crop of presidential candidates traipsing around Iowa to echo this sentiment, saying they'll adjust the federal budget so that our country's real needs get the funding they need.

But it's rare to see a presidential candidate — or any politician for that matter — get to the heart of what really ails America's national budget.

And that is, the tax dollars that are poured down the drain at the Pentagon.

That's why it was so heartening to see Sen. Christopher Dodd's response to a question by MSNBC's Keith Olbermann in the August 7 Democratic debate in Chicago:

Olbermann: Obviously, in the light of what happened in Minnesota last week, maintaining infrastructure requires spending, and how tax dollars are spent is a matter of priorities.

What should we not build, what should we not be funding to see to it that our bridges and our tunnels and our mines are properly maintained?

Dodd: Getting our country back to work begins by cutting the

funding for the war in Iraq. Spending \$12 billion every month, spending \$2 billion every week, has got to stop if we're going to have a different set of priorities in our country. I happen to believe that we need to look at our defense systems and decide which defense systems we need in order to face the threats that we face in the 21st Century. Looking at some of these programs out there, such as the Star Wars program — the missile defense system — I think, frankly, we need a different set of priorities. We ought to be investing in the bridges and the highways and the water systems, the safe drinking systems in our country here.

Sen. Dodd is absolutely right. Just by cutting obsolete Cold War weapons, America can save over \$60 billion annually, according to defense analysts on both sides of the aisle. These weapons include Star Wars, thousands of useless nuclear bombs, and fighter jets and submarines designed to fight the collapsed Soviet Union. And as the collapsed bridge in Minnesota so aptly symbolizes, there are lots of ways to spend the money wasted at the Pentagon.

Take schools, for example. They are crumbling around the country, just like our bridges. It's widely known that public schools require over \$100 billion in upgrades and renovations, just to bring them up to modern standards. The health insurance mess is also well known. Over 45 million Americans lack health insurance,

including 9 million kids, turning our country's emergency rooms upside-down into clinics for the poor.

The list of problems at home goes on and on, including potholed highways, deficit spending, faulty sewer systems, and a looming energy crisis—not to mention global warming.

Add to this the problems abroad, where millions of children die of starvation each year.

With all this as a backdrop, and even if you exclude funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Congress allocates over half its discretionary budget to the Pentagon, where much of it is wasted. That's what Senator Dodd and the other presidential candidates should be talking about in Iowa.

We need a strong military — we have one — that's obvious, but we also need a healthy and well educated population, a vibrant economy, a realistic foreign policy, a sensible homeland defense and a well maintained national infrastructure of highways, bridges, water supply, sewer systems and power supply.

These are the elements of national security.

Vice Adm. Jack Shanahan, USN Ret., is head of the Military Advisory Committee of Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities — www.bsip.org — and former commander of the U.S. Second Fleet.

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Science Matters

Living with 'germs'

Our bodies and surroundings are covered with bacteria, microbes and viruses, mostly harmless and sometimes beneficial; a few can cause diseases and are called "germs."

Where they are most concentrated



At home

The bathroom is often washed with strong detergents; 80 percent of food poisoning starts in the kitchen

In the office

The workplace is crowded and highly contaminated; cleaning is essential for good health



Eek! It's E. coli!

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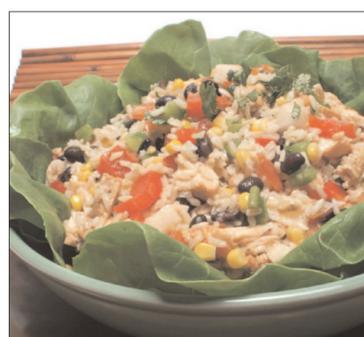
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Beat the summer heat with a cool salad

With beans and corn, lime and salsa, fresh cilantro and the exotic touch of jicama, this summer salad has a definite hint of Mexico. Thanks to the high fiber of the corn, beans, brown rice and jicama, this dish will stick to the ribs and keep you satisfied. Whole grains, like brown rice, are digested more slowly and steadily than refined grains and tend to keep you feeling fuller longer. You'll also get considerably more dietary fiber, magnesium and vitamin E than is provided by white rice, along with phytochemicals that help control cholesterol and may prevent the proliferation of cancer cells.

If you're not familiar with jicama (HICK-kama), now is the time to try this quirky latecomer to the American market. Jicama is a root vegetable that is a staple in Mexican food. It's sold as street food in South America, with a squeeze of lime and a bit of fiery chili powder. It is a white-fleshed tuber that looks like a turnip, has a thin brown skin and tastes something like an apple. By itself, it's actually a bit bland, but that allows it to be used in a million different ways. It tends to take on the flavor of whatever you cook it with or dip it in. In this dish, it adds a fresh crunchy texture and is an excellent conduit for the spicy dressing.

Serving bite-sized pieces of meat in a salad such as this one is a good way to keep your meat portion down while eating larger quantities of vegetables and grains. The more you think of plant foods as your mainstay and meat as a side dish or a condiment that adds flavor, the better.



Bean, Corn and Pepper Salad with Chicken

- 1 1/2 cups cooked brown rice
- 3 cups cubed cooked skinless chicken breast
- 2 ears corn, boiled and kernels cut from the ears
- 1 can (15.5 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup jicama, peeled and diced
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. freshly squeezed lime juice, or to taste
- 3/4 cup chunky salsa
- 3 drops hot pepper sauce, or to taste (optional)
- 2 to 4 Tbsp. water
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Green leafy lettuce leaves
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro or flat leaf parsley, loosely packed, for garnish

In a large bowl, combine the brown rice, chicken, corn, beans, bell peppers and jicama. Gently toss until well mixed and set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the olive oil and lime juice until well blended. Mix in the salsa and hot pepper sauce, if using. Add enough water to thin the consistency so the dressing can be thinly drizzled over the salad. Drizzle the dressing over the chicken mixture and toss to coat the salad ingredients evenly.

Cover the salad and refrigerate for 1 to 3 hours so the flavors can meld. Bring the salad to room temperature and check the seasonings before serving. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Drain off any excess dressing. Place the salad in a serving bowl lined with lettuce leaves, sprinkle the top of the salad with cilantro and serve.

Makes 6 servings.

— American Institute for Cancer Research.

Nutrition Wise

Q: What foods contain carbohydrates?

A: Carbohydrates include both sugars and starches. Sugars are found in sweeteners like sugar, honey, corn syrup and the products that contain them, such as cookies, candy and soft drinks. Fruits, juices and milk products also contain natural sugars. Starches are found in grain products, such as bread, cereal, pasta and rice, and dried beans. Vegetables concentrated in



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starches include potatoes, corn, peas and winter squash. Most vegetables, however, contain only small amounts of carbohydrates. Nuts and seeds contain modest amounts of carbohydrates. As you can see, foods with carbohydrates range from items that have no real nutritional value (except calories) to plant foods loaded with vitamins, minerals, fiber and phytochemicals. Since we need carbohydrates to fuel our bodies, a plant-based diet can build energy levels while improving our health. If you are diabetic, you need to regulate your intake of carbohydrates throughout the day. If you are trying to control your weight, keep in mind that eating more calories than you burn – no matter what the source – can defeat your efforts. You should be particularly careful about eating too many nutrition-poor carbohydrates, like cookies and soft drinks.

Q: When choosing a frozen meal is there an upper limit on sodium I should watch for?

A: If frozen meals don't say reduced-sodium or healthy, they often contain 700 to 1,800 milligrams (mg) of sodium. Try to stick to meals with 500 mg or less. If you don't need a tight limit, you might be able to meet recommendations with up to 800 mg in a meal if the rest of your day's choices are pretty

low in sodium. The total recommended daily sodium limit is 2,300 mg for most adults, or 1,500 mg for those who are salt-sensitive (those with high blood pressure, and many African American, middle-aged and older adults). It's the daily total that counts, so if you eat a lot of high-sodium snack foods, high-sodium processed foods, or restaurant food you need to stick to lower limits than if the frozen meal is your sodium splurge. You also need to consider if the frozen dish is your whole meal or what other foods you will add. Serving fresh vegetables or fruits with the entrée will add very little sodium, but if you plan to add bread or a salad containing regular salad dressing, those foods will add to the meal's sodium tally, too.

Q: How do the special nut oils I see in gourmet shops rate nutritionally?

A: All oils contain the same 120 calories and 13.6 grams of fat per tablespoon. One of the main differences between oils lies in the types of fat they contain. Cholesterol-raising satu-

rated fat tends to be low (1 or 2 grams per tablespoon) in all the nut oils. Macadamia and sweet almond oils contain mostly monounsaturated fat, generally considered the healthiest type of fat. Sesame seed oil is a mixture of monounsaturated and polyunsaturated oils. Polyunsaturated fat is considered relatively healthy as it does not raise blood cholesterol. Pumpkin seed and walnut oils are high in polyunsaturated fat, some of which is omega-3 fat (like that in salmon and fatty fish). Overall, when used in limited amounts to avoid excess calories, all these choices can add interesting flavor to a healthful plant-based diet. Some oils can be used in stir-frying or other cooking, while others are meant to be used only in salad dressings, for dipping or sprinkled on grilled meat or veggies after cooking. Since nut oils are expensive, it's good that just a little bit is needed for flavor.

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♥ A Q J 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 10
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 8 6
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♦ 7 4 3 2
♣ A J 10

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1♥ — 4♠ Dble
Opening lead — king of hearts.

The final of the 1995 Women's Knockout Team Championship in New Orleans came down to a clash between a United States squad and a visiting team from China that had previously won four Far Eastern bridge titles.

Today's deal produced a huge gain for the Americans, who won the match by more than 100 IMPs. The bidding shown occurred at the table where the mother-and-daughter pair of Gail Greenberg and Jill Blanchard were North-South for the U.S.

Blanchard ruffed the opening heart lead and led a diamond. West thought long and hard about whether to win this trick. She thought it might be vital to return a spade to prevent

declarer from ruffing a diamond in dummy, and was not sure East would have a spade to return. At length, she put up the diamond king, but East overtook with the ace and returned a trump.

Declarer finessed, losing the queen to the king, at which point the defense could have cashed three diamond tricks to secure a two-trick set. But West returned a heart, ruffed by Blanchard, who drew West's remaining trumps while exhausting her own. It now remained for declarer to guess the club position.

Blanchard deduced from the early play that East had started with the A-Q-J of hearts and A-Q-J of diamonds. If East had held the club queen, she would have opened the bidding with one club to show 16 or more points in accordance with the Precision System the Chinese were using. So Blanchard knew West had the club queen, but the suit would block if she led the ace followed by the jack and West covered.

Displaying nerves of steel and absolute confidence in her own judgment, Blanchard led the ten of clubs and let it ride when West played low. The ace of clubs followed by the king then gave her 11 tricks for a score of +690.

At the other table, the U.S. East-West pair played four hearts doubled, making five for +990. This result, combined with the +690 at the first table, gave the Americans a 17-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: Good things come in small packages.
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Team searches Texas Tech archives for answers

By MARLENA HARTZ

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
LUBBOCK — One-thousand, eight-hundred people. A group of that size dwarfs many others: Entire classes of high school graduates, crowds that pack concert-halls, populations in some small towns. That many American soldiers never came home from the Vietnam War and their bodies were never recovered from the Southeast Asian countries in which they fought. Decades later, their fates remain a mystery. The quest to bring closure to the families of the some 1,800 soldiers still listed as missing in action has brought a team of researchers to the Texas Tech

Vietnam Center for the second time. "It's important to remember the people who gave their lives in service to our country. If you value human life, every person's story deserves to be told," said the leader of the team, James Coyle. Coyle is a researcher with an arm of the Department of Defense, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, that exists to account for all Americans missing as a result of the nation's military conflicts. He's also a Vietnam veteran. He and three others have recently spent two weeks pouring over documents housed at Tech's Vietnam Center, an archive for millions of docu-

ments tied to the conflict, including government records, photographs and letters penned by military personnel. "It's a ... different war from the one I have seen," reads an archived letter from one soldier to his parents. "I can feel the ground shake at night from the bombing raids up north." Another soldier, in December 1969, assured his father he and his comrades ate turkey on Thanksgiving Day. Coyle has found major clues, not in these letters, but in personnel files of soldiers kept by the military and warehoused at the center. Stashed on microfilm and in cardboard boxes, he's found full lists of personnel that served in various units, a roster of soldiers who were

treated at an unnamed hospital in Vietnam and a host of other clues. So far, he and his team have surveyed 1,680 collections of material at the center and uncovered 58 items they can use as clues to find the remains of MIA soldiers or determine their fate. In addition, they've uncovered five documents that can be applied to the highest profile MIA cases in which the soldiers involved were last reported to be alive. "I can't even fathom it _ to not know what happened to a loved one," Vietnam Center Director Steve Maxner said. "There are all these questions that leave those families with that small bit of hope that their family member may have survived.

The torture they must go through..." The team of researchers wrapped up Aug. 25 at the Tech Vietnam Center. But their work will be far from done. Fueled by new clues, including where certain soldiers were stationed and when, the researchers plan to petition the Vietnamese government for more information. Typically, they visit the southeast Asian country three times a year, said Coyle, who was been searching for MIA soldiers for 21 years. Since the Vietnam War ended, Coyle has seen the number of MIA soldiers who served in the Vietnam conflict whittled from about 200,000 to today's number, approximately 1,800.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Bodies of 4 homicide victims found in Austin-area home

AUSTIN (AP) — Officers checking on a house northwest of Austin discovered four slain bodies inside, a sheriff's spokesman said. Travis County Sheriff's spokesman Roger Wade said early Monday that the deaths were ruled homicides, but the manner of death was still under investigation. Officers found the bodies Sunday evening in the home in a Jonestown subdivision, about 15 miles northwest of Austin. The people were pronounced dead at about 8:30 p.m. Wade did not have information on the identities, age or gender of the dead. He said it has not been determined when the people died. Authorities had not announced any suspects in the case. A faded white 2001 model Saturn station wagon was missing from the residence. The car had a Texas license plate number Y43-ZWV.

Federal trial questions detention of immigrant children at facility

DALLAS (AP) — A trial set to open Monday questions whether the federal government broke court-sanctioned rules by detaining immigrant children in a former central Texas prison while their families await decisions on immigration cases. Testimony and evidence presented in Austin will scrutinize the T. Don Hutto family residential facility, a former prison in Taylor that houses families seeking asylum or awaiting deportation or other outcomes to their immigration cases. Advocates contend conditions at Hutto don't comply with Flores v. Meese, a federal settlement agreement that calls for immigration authorities to house children in nonsecure, licensed programs such as shelters or foster homes. Hutto houses some 400 illegal immigrants and asylum seekers — half of them children. None of those at the facility have criminal records or violent histories. Yet current and former Hutto detainees allege they live under prison-like conditions.

First lady cancels trip to Australia, citing pinched nerve in her neck

CRAWFORD (AP) — Laura Bush has canceled plans to accompany the president on next month's trip to Australia, citing a pinched nerve, her office announced Sunday. President Bush is due to arrive in Sydney on Sept. 4, three days before he participates in the Sept. 7-9 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation annual leaders summit being held there, according to Australian Prime Minister John Howard. Bush is to have bilateral talks with Howard and take part in a state visit to Australia before the start of the summit. Mrs. Bush's press secretary, Sally McDonough, said in a statement that the first lady informed Howard's wife, Janette, on Saturday by phone that she regrets she will not be coming on the trip. Mrs. Bush injured a nerve in her neck and shoulder earlier this year while hiking and has been treated with physical therapy since, McDonough said. Her doctors have strongly advised her to not travel overseas, saying such long flights could aggravate the problem and cause complications, she added.

Dallas soccer league formed to combat 'cheese' heroin

DALLAS (AP) — A youth soccer league created this summer to stem the popularity of a dangerous heroin mix known as "cheese" has grown to include 112 teams, the league's director said. The Tex-Mex Soccer Children's League, which involves more than 1,800

children and parents, most of them Hispanic, represents how a sports program can be used as an effective tool to fight against the drug, director Andres Vidales said. "The primary focus is the eradication of this drug," Vidales said Sunday during a rally that brought players and their parents to the parking lot of Thomas Jefferson High School. Cheese, usually black heroin mixed with Tylenol PM tablets ground into a powder, has claimed the lives of at least 23 area teens since January 2005. The tan powdered mixture sells for as little as \$2 a dose. The drug has killed at least three students at Thomas Jefferson, on the city's northwest side, and school district police have arrested more than 70 students on possession charges.

Edwin Flores, a member of the Dallas school board, said the district is increasing security this school year and adding more educational programs about cheese. Carlos Quintanilla, an activist who has worked to raise awareness about cheese, said there will be "zero tolerance" for the drug. "We are not going to allow, accept or permit that one more child dies from a cheese heroin overdose," he said. Luis Islas said the soccer league is a good experience for his 5-year-old son, Luis Islas Jr. The elder Islas participated in a soccer league when he was a boy in Monterrey, Mexico. "This is a good thing," Islas said in Spanish. "This keeps them away from drugs and temptation."

Houston police officer wounded in shooting at restaurant

HOUSTON (AP) — A University of Houston Downtown police officer was struck by a bullet while sitting in a restaurant after someone fired multiple rounds near there — possibly while driving on a freeway, Houston police said Sunday. The officer, who was taken to a local hospital in stable condition, was struck while he was eating at the restaurant at about 1:10 a.m. on Sunday. Houston police are asking for help in identifying a suspect wanted in the attempted capital murder of a police officer. The suspect is believed to have been traveling in a silver or gray four-door 1993-1994 Isuzu Rodeo with tinted windows.

Four horses die in El Paso traffic accident, two survive

EL PASO (AP) — A truck pulling a horse trailer collided with five parked cars, killing four race horses, El Paso police said. The driver and two horses survived. Police said they believed that a medical condition suffered by the driver, Ramon Rivera, 32, of San Elizario, may have contributed to the Saturday night accident on U.S. 54 about a mile south of the Texas-New Mexico border. The truck swerved to the side of the road and hit the cars that were parked off the roadway. The trailer flipped onto its side, killing one horse instantly. Two horses were rescued. One horse had to be euthanized by a veterinarian and two died as authorities tried to rescue them.

Customs agent sues after mistake filled shift leads to demotion

McALLEN (AP) — A border customs supervisor demoted for a blundering shift that included a stolen car slipping through a checkpoint and releasing detained foreign travelers waiting on background checks has filed a lawsuit claiming he was unfairly stripped of his title. Rolando Cano, who also watched as a fugitive escaped from custody and ran back to Mexico that same night in June 2003, doesn't dispute the many lapses in the lawsuit filed in federal court. But in court filings, the 51-year-old maintains that he can only be held responsible for his actions and not the

errors of his employees. His suit names Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and seeks \$3.3 million in damages. "I am not a baby sitter," he told a review board. In the suit, Cano states he was unfairly demoted based on his race and ethnicity. U.S. Customs and Border Patrol

officials said the only reason for Cano's demotion was his "complete lack of supervisory direction and oversight." According to court records, among the mistakes by customs agents at the Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge that night were releasing four East Indian nationals before background checks had been completed.



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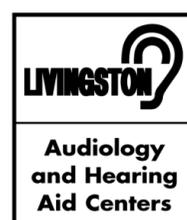
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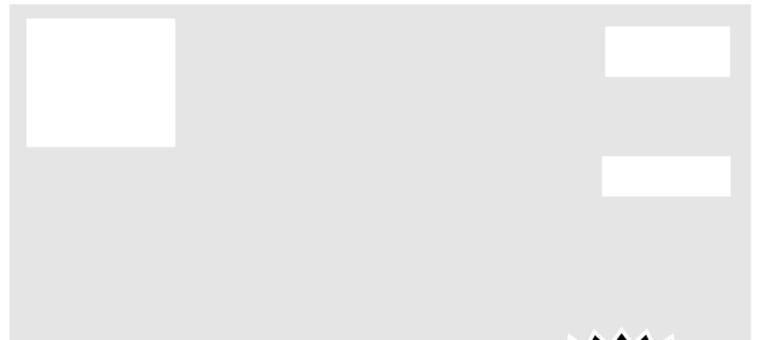
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7 :30	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Amar sin Limites	Prison Break (CC)	How I Met Old Christine	Madre Luna	Thank God You're Here	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Charles Scott	Antiques Roadshow	Tuna Wranglers	Movie: Scent of a Woman (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order Hell Date (CC) (DVS)	Hell Date Baldwin Hills	Movie: Ice Princess	Announced (CC)	NFL Preseason	Star Trek: Enterprise
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10 :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias 12 Corazones	News Tonight Show	Sex and-City Seinfeld (CC)	Update/Israel Y. Salamanca	Charlie Rose (CC)	Wildcatters		Cold Case (CC)	Take the Cake (CC)	Zack & Cody Han. Montana	Basketball: FIBA Americas	SportsCenter (CC)	Noein (CC) Tokko (CC)	
11 :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risala	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Show	El Rojo Vivo!	Late Night- Conan O'Brien	Matrix Reloaded	Update/Israel Curt Landry	Sign Off	Tuna Wranglers	49 (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn. (CC)	The Closer (CC)	Hell Date Jamie Foxx	Replacements Kim Possible	Championship -- Teams TBA	NFL Live Baseball	Street Fighter Street Fighter
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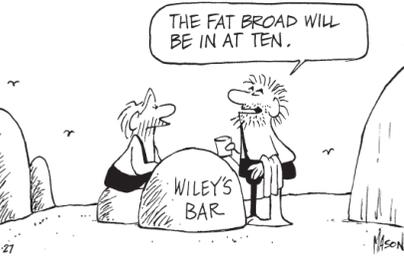


"The leaves are starting to change colors. Who wants to play football?"

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"I'D LIKE SOMETHING COLD AND LOADED WITH RUM."



"THE FAT BROAD WILL BE IN AT TEN."

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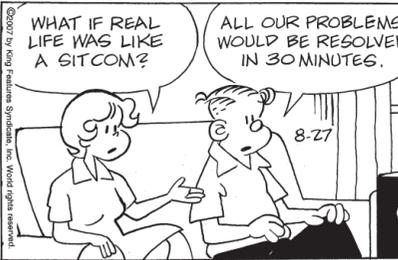


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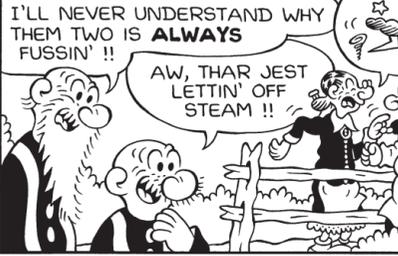


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date:

In 1770, German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was born in Stuttgart.

In 1859, Col. Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, near Titusville, Pa.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.

In 1894, Congress passed the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act, which contained a provision for a graduated income tax that was later struck down by the Supreme Court.

In 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills; he was 32.

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83 almost a year after being overthrown.

Today's Birthdays: Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 80. Actor Tommy Sands is 70. Bluegrass singer-musician J.D. Crowe is 70. Musician Daryl Dragon is 65. Actress Tuesday Weld is 64. Rock singer-musician Tim Bogert is 63. Actress Marianne Sagebrecht is 62. Actress Barbara Bach is 60.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Guys-only party
- 5 Rodeo rope
- 10 Con game
- 14 Coupe or sedan
- 15 Hunter constellation
- 16 Make simpler
- 17 Long-division word
- 18 Rural water sources
- 19 Suffix with "major"
- 20 Fanciful sleeping place
- 22 High-class tie
- 23 Fishing vessels
- 24 Old Iranian ruler
- 25 Cairo's country
- 27 Protective shoreline structure
- 30 Rabbit relatives
- 31 Hitchhiker's digit
- 33 Very small
- 34 Airport landing stat.
- 35 Miss of fiction
- 36 Rural hotel
- 37 Wet ground
- 38 Thaws
- 39 Rock-concert groups
- 41 Unique
- 43 Pulls suddenly
- 44 Bygone days
- 45 Scenic sights
- 47 Approximately
- 49 Powerful ocean surge
- 53 Hawaiian necklaces
- 54 Difficult puzzle
- 55 Wicked
- 56 Copenhagen citizen
- 57 Courtroom event
- 58 Thorny flower
- 59 ___ and crafts
- 60 Restless
- 61 Did laps in a pool
- DOWN
- 1 Go yachting
- 2 Sandwich fish
- 3 Business-letter abbr.
- 4 "Farewell!"
- 5 Like 1% milk
- 6 "You ___ kidding!"
- 7 Farm storage buildings
- 8 Real-estate sign
- 9 Light-switch settings
- 10 Playground fixture
- 11 Get some sleep
- 12 Concerning
- 13 Run into
- 21 "I dropped it!"
- 22 Moby Dick pursuer
- 24 Highway hauler
- 25 Completely consume
- 26 College-average component
- 27 Lather
- 28 Advances, as money
- 29 Camera part
- 30 Skirt borders
- 31 Spill the beans
- 32 Top tune
- 35 Furnace output
- 38 Atomizer output
- 39 Cry loudly
- 40 Responds to
- 42 Brings about
- 43 Every 12 months
- 45 Drop in on
- 46 Creative thoughts
- 47 Alan of M*A*S*H
- 48 Winnie-the-Pooh, e.g.
- 49 Shredded
- 50 Declare openly
- 51 Traveler's document
- 52 Pertaining to grade school: Abbr.
- 54 School support org.

