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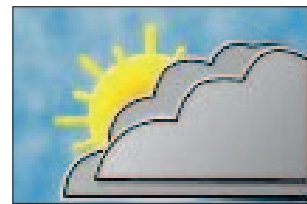
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## Council OKs budget, 6-1

Three individuals appointed to Moore Development For Big Spring board

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved the first reading of its 2007-2008 budget on a 6-1 vote Tuesday evening, moving forward with the creation of a new narcotics task force within the local police department.

**"Even the people who addressed the council said they don't like their taxes going up, but they want to see a drug task force."**

—Mayor Russ McEwen



The council — with the lone dissenter — gave member Greg Biddison its nod to the fiscal plan,

which is based on a tax rate of \$1.02 per \$100 valuation, approximately 5 cents over the city's roll-back rate of 97.7820 cents per \$100 valuation.

"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 tax rate we're looking at to cover the budget is \$1.022762 per \$100 valuation," City Finance Director Peggy Walker told the council.

Mayor Russ McEwen said he feels comfortable moving forward with the

budget and the narcotics task force.

"I feel very good about it. We're in a position where we want to do everything we can to reduce or eliminate the drug traffic in Big Spring, and we had some testimo-

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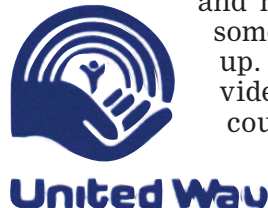
## United Way a 'bargain,' Seliger says

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Local United Way campaign directors unveiled a new executive director and a new goal at their kickoff luncheon Tuesday.

Longtime Big Spring resident Jan Hansen was introduced as the interim executive director for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, and officials announced a goal of \$305,000 at the luncheon, held at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Pointing to just one of the agencies supported by the local United Way — Victim Services of Big Spring — keynote speaker State Sen. Kel Seliger threw a spotlight on the



types of services provided by the agencies.

"When an abused woman has had enough, where does she go? Who does she call?" he asked. "Because of United Way, she can pick up a phone and make a call and someone will show up. She will be provided shelter, food, counseling and safety."

Other agencies helped by the United Way include the Red Cross, Boys Club, Boy Scouts, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Isaiah 58, North Side Community Center, Salvation Army, West Side Community Center,

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State Senator Kel Seliger talks about the importance of victim services within a community during Tuesday afternoon's United Way luncheon. The local charity announced its goal for this year's fund-raising campaign is \$305,000.

## Hansen to take UW reins

Agrees to serve as interim director

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

It seems quiet retirement doesn't agree with Jan Hansen.

Lifetime Big Spring resident Hansen, who has lent her services to such community activities as Keep Big Spring Beautiful and Pops in the Park, signed Hansen up for extra duty when she agreed to become interim executive director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

She replaces Tim Larson, who resigned after less than three months as executive director.

"United Way has seen its share of changes and I



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## Enrollment on the rise at Big Spring ISD

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

First day attendance at Big Spring Independent School District campuses has surpassed projections, officials announced. Increased enrollment will be one of the topics discussed when BSISD trustees hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said 3,774 students were in attendance the first day of school Monday, a sharp increase from the 3,623 enrolled at the same time last year.

**"We have students transferring in from other districts this year, and we don't have as many students transferring out. So that is a source of increased enrollment, as well."**

—Michael Downes, superintendent



And that figure is bound to increase in the near future, Downes added.

"Normally, we'll reach peak enrollment somewhere between the fourth and sixth weeks," Downes said.

After a 15-year decline in

enrollment, BSISD figures have been experiencing a modest rebound the last two years. The main reason, Downes said, is increased attendance in the lower grades, particularly kindergarten.

Downes noted that 328 children

attended kindergarten classes Monday, a figure that increased by 12 the following day and is expected to peak around 360.

In fact, space is getting at a premium at BSISD elementary campuses — all elementaries are within 100 students of the maximum enrollment allowed by state law, with Kentwood just 14 shy of the cutoff limit.

Other factors are contributing to increased enrollment, he noted.

"We have students transferring

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# Sports

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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:

**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.

### Forsan season passes available

Forsan ISD is selling Football Family Season Passes until Sept. 7.

The passes are good for any junior high, junior varsity or varsity home game and covers all immediate family members.

The cost is \$40. Tickets may be purchased through the superintendent's office from 8-12 and 1-4 Monday through Friday.

Contact Judy Park at 457-2223, ext. 2, with any questions.

### Howard College schedules Battle of the Cheerleaders

Howard College is the place to be Sept. 15.

The Battle of the Cheerleaders will take place at 5:30 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

All area high schools have been invited to compete. There will be both cheer and dance competitions.

Top cheer, dance and mascot awards will be presented.

Admission is free for the public, who is invited to stick around after the Battle for a community pep rally.

All area schools and communities are invited to participate. Each school will be given the opportunity to recognize their student athletes.

A spirit stick will be awarded to the community/school showing the most spirit.

### QB Club meeting set for Monday

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

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

### Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

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

While there will be no more early registration dates, a late registration day will be Saturday.

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# Cards shut out maligned Astros

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — New manager. Same old floundering Houston Astros.

Chris Duncan shook off an August slump with a three-run homer and an RBI single and the St. Louis Cardinals ruined Cecil Cooper's managerial debut with a 7-0 win over the Astros on Tuesday night.

Phil Garner was fired on Monday and replaced by Cooper after Houston limped to a 58-73 record. But the Astros looked

just as bad with Cooper in charge, plagued by mediocre pitching and feeble hitting.

"This wasn't what I planned," Cooper said. "We were all excited. This kind of takes the steam out of it."

Duncan, meanwhile, snapped a 28-game home run drought with a three-run drive into the upper deck in the first inning off Houston starter Woody Williams (8-13). Duncan was hitting just .167 with only three RBIs this month before Tuesday's outburst.

He's worked with hitting coach

Hal McRae in recent days and worked out the glitches in his swing.

"I was just jumping at it too much," Duncan said. "Hal just asked me to stay back a little more, stay behind the ball. I started seeing the ball better. My pitch selection's gotten better. Maybe I can get something started."

Rick Ankiel and Aaron Miles added RBI doubles for the Cardinals, who've won six of their last eight and got back to .500 for the first time since they were 6-6 on April 16. Earlier this

month, the defending World Series champions were eight games under .500 and eight games out of first place earlier this month.

"That's really the highlight of the day," La Russa said. "To finally get there, we ought to enjoy the moment. That's really special for this team."

St. Louis starter Braden Loooper (11-10) pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing only four hits with four strikeouts.

Loooper has won five of his last nine starts.

# Lady Steers fall in straight sets to Lady Bobcats

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

No matter how good or bad a team might be, every now and then, it will come across another team that just overwhelms it.

This was the case for the Big Spring Lady Steers' volleyball team Tuesday, when they fell to San Angelo Central's Lady Bobcats — 25-12, 25-12, 25-12. The loss drops Big Spring's record to 3-13.

Leading the Lady Steers in kills was senior Callie Partee and junior Hali Torres with three each. Senior Jordan Chesworth set up most of Big Spring's points with 16 assists and senior Clarissa Carrisalez contributed with 15 digs.

The Lady Steers will see their next action at the Seminole Tournament starting Friday and continuing through Saturday. Their first opponent will be the Monahans Lady Lobos with the match set to begin at 11 a.m. Friday.

Against Central, Head Coach Amanda Whitaker said the team was keeping up with the Lady Bobcats for half of each set, but seemed to convince themselves that they weren't supposed to win the game.

"We didn't believe that we could beat them," Whitaker said. "We were playing point-for-point through half of the match, but we'd just lose our focus and our confidence each time. Not all of the team showed up to play tonight from a mental standpoint."

"Central is a very good program and they have a very good coach," she continued. "But just because they're a ranked 5A team doesn't mean we should bow down like we did in this match. About half the team allowed themselves to get overwhelmed by the competition."

The Lady Steers will continue to face top competition this season, when they face the Lady



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull  
Big Spring's Whitney Lewis attempts to spike the ball past teammate Whitney Worthan during Lady Steers practice. The Lady Steers fell to San Angelo Central — 25-12, 25-12, 25-12 — in San Angelo Tuesday.

Lobos Friday. Monahans is currently ranked fourth in the state in Class 3A.

"They're going to be a challenge for us, but I think we can handle them," Whitaker said. "We have the ability to keep up with these top tier teams. Monahans got hammered by Central similar to the way we did. I think it will be an interest-

ing matchup." The Lady Lobos aren't the only state-ranked team that Big Spring could have cross its path this weekend at the Seminole Tournament.

Hereford's Lady Whitefaces — No. 4 in Class 4A — and Canyon's Lady Eagles — No. 3 in Class 3A — will also be competing.

"We continue to test ourselves. We just have to keep improving with each game," said Whitaker. "That's how it is in every sport. Just try to keep getting better."

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# Cowboys consider options if Newman's not ready

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer



MCT photo/Khampha Bouaphanh/Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Dallas Cowboys defensive back Terence Newman (41) tips a ball away from Seattle Seahawks receiver D.J. Hackett during action in the NFC Wild-Card game Jan. 6. Newman has an injured heel that could keep him out of action for a while.

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys aren't concerned. Yet. Still, they are wary about how their revamped defense will handle an injury to their best cornerback Terence Newman since they already are without one of their best pass rushers, Greg Ellis.

Ellis' status remains a mystery, except that he likely won't be around for a while as he recovers from a torn Achilles' tendon. But the Cowboys have been bracing for it since draft day when they made linebacker Anthony Spencer their top pick.

Filling in for Newman is not as simple.

"We definitely need him on the field," Anthony Henry said Tuesday. "He's our top corner."

Henry takes over that title until Newman returns from a slight tear in the tissue that runs across the base of his foot. He's missed the last two

preseason games and will skip the preseason finale Thursday night against Minnesota.

While Newman hopes to be back for the opener Sept. 9 against the New York Giants, he said Monday he can't plant his foot and "it's something that's probably going to be bothering me all year."

Aaron Glenn started for Newman the last two games and gave up a touchdown pass in the most recent game. Entering his 14th season, Glenn is better suited as a third cornerback — except the Cowboys don't really have anyone else to join Henry in the starting lineup.

Jacques Reeves and Nate Jones are going into their fourth year without having distinguished themselves as anything more than backups. The other candidates are Joey Thomas, a former third-round pick by Green Bay who was out of the NFL last year; seventh-round pick Alan Ball; and

Quincy Butler, an undrafted rookie who has hardly played this preseason because of an injury.

"None of them stepped up as far as somebody to come in and play if (Newman) were out," coach Wade Phillips said. "But they're going to play some more this game so they have another opportunity. They're getting ready to play and show what they can do, that's what I challenged them with."

Phillips said he wanted the cornerbacks fighting for jobs to show "I'm ready to play in the NFL" during Saturday's game at Houston. It didn't happen.

"We're going to look at everybody and see if somebody can come in and play efficiently for us," Phillips said. "That's what we didn't get from anyone last game."

This could be the price the Cowboys pay for not having done much to

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## Obituaries

### Robert 'Bob' Kelso



Robert "Bob" Kelso, 74, of Garden City died on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at the Home Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Howard Stovall officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1933, in Heidenheimer and married Jayne Miller on Feb. 21, 1954 in Bloomington, Ill.

Bob served 21 years in the United States Air Force. He was a longtime resident of Garden City. He received his master's degree in education in 1980 from UTPB. He taught two years and was elementary principal for 18 years with the Glasscock County ISD.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garden City and taught the Adult Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his wife, Jayne Kelso of Garden City; one daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Robbie O'Daniel of Coahoma; three sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Jean Kelso of Big Spring, Ken and Kim Kelso of Santo and Billy and Shanda Kelso of Post; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Joyce Kelso and Wayne and Linda Kelso, all of Temple; an aunt, Norma Lee Sablach of Rogers; his step-mother, Norma Jean Kelso of Round Rock, and a step-sister, Kay Norton of Round Rock.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland 79705; Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, Suite A, Big Spring 79720; or the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705.

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

### Jack H. Kuhlman

Jack H. Kuhlman, 85, of Lenorah died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at a local nursing home. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

### Billie E. Herzog

Billie E. Herzog, 78, of Stanton died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at the Stanton Care Center.

Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

### Juanita Rodriguez-Whately

Juanita Rodriguez-Whately, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at her residence.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Ray Anderson

Ray Anderson, 88, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, in a Tulsa, Okla., hospital.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

• **TIMMY WAYNE ROGERS**, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault-family violence.

• **VANESSA DAWN HOLLIS**, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.

• **FRANCES BLOOMFIELD**, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a violation of parole - blue warrant.

• **TIFINIE VANDERBILT**, 23, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (indictment), aggravated kidnapping (indictment), failure to appear - burglary of a habitation, bail jumping and failure to appear and bail jumping and failure to appear - possession of a dangerous drug.

## Police blotter

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

• **JAMES HAWTHORNE**, 18, address not provided, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of forgery.

• **JASON LESLIE MURRY**, 17, of 508 Donley, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of forgery.

• **ESMEREJILDO BALDERAS JR.**, 34, of Kingsville, was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and a local warrant.

• **RAUL PINEDA FLORES JR.**, 27, of 509 S. Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.

• **MARTHA M. MARTINEZ**, 44, of 1512 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday and held for immigration.

• **GUADALUPE R. GARCIA**, 36, of 1307 Stanford, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JIMMY F. MASSINGILL JR.**, 40, of 3617 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JESSE PAUL SILVA**, 43, of 1313 Lindbergh, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 2500 block of Wasson.

- in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.

- in the 2500 block of Langley.

- in the 1300 block of Austin.

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

- in the 500 block of 17th Street.

- in the 4800 block of Highway 80.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of San Antonio.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 1300 block of Lindbergh

## Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2100 block of Sherrod Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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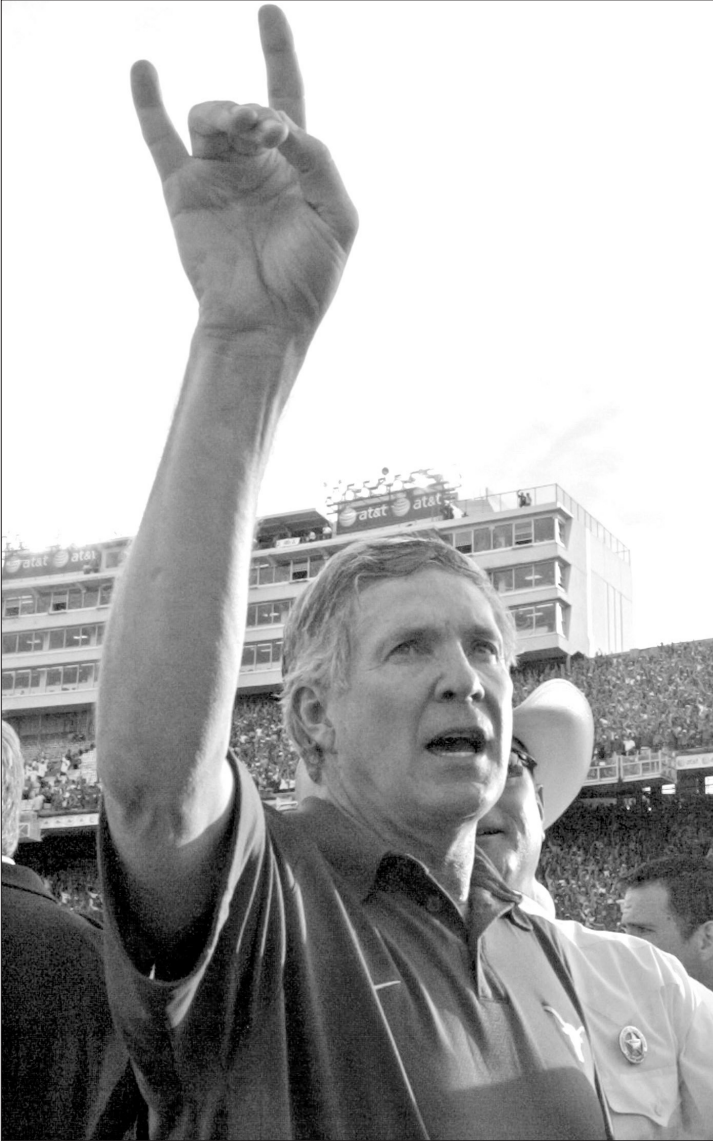
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# Longhorns reward Brown with raise



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Texas head coach Mack Brown sings the school song after the Texas-Oklahoma College Football game at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas Oct. 7, 2006. Texas rewarded Brown with a contract extension Tuesday.

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Going into his 10th season at Texas, Mack Brown has experienced the full range of highs and lows at a school where the pressure to win would wear out many coaches.

The highs? The 2005 national championship (of course), Ricky Williams winning the 1998 Heisman Trophy and the run of victories over Michigan, Ohio State, Oklahoma and Southern Cal in a 21-game winning streak. And don't forget Bradford Hermes.

Who? Hermes was a deaf walk-on defensive back and one of the special behind-the-scenes stories to Brown's nine-plus seasons in Austin. Brown says he'll never forget the lesson the player taught the coach about persevering in a world stacked against you.

In 2001, Hermes asked Brown to let him play his senior season. The coach, who earlier tried to discourage Hermes because he thought he might get hurt, let him get on the field for three games that year, one snap in each on

special teams.

Through a sign language interpreter, Brown had asked Hermes how he would know when the play was over. Hermes told Brown he would stop hitting opponents when they stopped hitting him.

"It showed me that just because someone does something different it doesn't mean it can't be done," Brown said.

Brown was hired to do something different at Texas: win a national title. And it took awhile to do it, longer than many fans wanted to accept.

That brings up the bad times. The five consecutive losses to Oklahoma. Losing the Big 12 title game to Colorado in 2001, a defeat that kept Texas from playing for the national title.

The Sooners hung embarrassing losses of 63-14 in 2000 and 65-13 in 2003. The second came just as a future superstar named Vince Young was taking over at quarterback.

"At some point there's a pride factor that kicks in," Brown said. "It didn't look like we were making the progress I knew we were making."

No days were darker

than Feb. 26, 2001, the day defensive lineman Cole Pittman was killed in a single-car crash as he drove back to school from his family home in Shreveport, La. Pittman's death was a devastating blow for a coach who works hard to create a family atmosphere in his program and provide a home away from home for his players.

It also forced him to be a leader not just on the football field, but in his players' lives as well. The day Pittman was to be buried, Brown told his wife, Sally, he didn't know how he'd be able to handle the day.

She scolded him, telling it was a great day to be a football coach. What he said and did that day would help heal his team's wounds and help them learn how to deal with tragedies in life.

"Instead of 'Poor me, I have to go do this,' it just flipped to, 'How can we help? What can we do?'" Brown said.

Brown got a raise Tuesday that will push his annual salary over \$3 million by next season. He'll also get \$3 million in bonuses if he's still coaching Texas through 2009.

Is he worth it? Athletic director DeLoss Dodds always says Texas pays coaches "market value," and Brown's record says he should be near the top.

Even if he was a little late delivering one, UT's national championship was its first outright title since 1969.

In 1997, the season before he took over, season ticket sales generated about \$8.2 million. By 2006, that figure had reached \$26.8 million. The school is in the middle of a \$170 million renovation at Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium that will add 47 luxury boxes and push attendance to more than 90,000 next year.

"I'd say that before he got here, the program was a mile wide and an inch deep," Dodds said. "Now it's a mile wide and a mile deep."

It's been interesting watching Brown evolve with his program.

The first season was all fun. Williams' run to the Heisman made him a Longhorn icon before his drug problems in the NFL tarnished his image. Texas won nine games, beat Oklahoma and Texas

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**COUNCIL**

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ny from our police chief tonight that says when we have a presence it has an effect on the drug trafficking," said McEwen. "So it's a very good thing. Even the people who addressed the council said they don't like their taxes going up, but they want to see a drug task force."

One of the issues raised during a public hearing concerning the budget was the desire to earmark or designate funds raised by the 7.32-cent tax hike strictly to the narcotics task force, an idea McEwen said he supports but simply can't enact.

"Tax dollars go into the general fund," said McEwen. "All we can say is it's our intention to use those for the drug task force, and I can assure you that's what we're going to do. That being said, we can't specifically say part of the general fund is going to go specifically (to one project) and put it in the form of an ordinance or anything else. Like I said tonight, I'm going on record saying these dollars will be used over here, and if we don't use them for that, call me to task."

Concern was also expressed over the proposed tax rate, which Biddison said was his reasoning for voting against the budget.

"I voted against the budget because we went above the rollback rate for the drug task force," said Biddison. "I still believe we could have worked it into the budget somewhere instead of raising taxes. This tax rate is very high for a community this size, and I just hope we can make it."

McEwen said the majority of the tax hike is a result of the bonds — \$9.2 million in street improvements and slightly more than \$5 million for a sports complex — which were approved by voters in 2006.

"You would rather your taxes be low, but the majority of our tax increase was due to two bond issues that were passed by the citizens of Big Spring," said McEwen. "They said they wanted to see their streets improved and want to provide a great complex for our youth, and that's the majority of the taxes. The drug task force is a small portion of it. The rest of it is the things people voted on."

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.

The council also made appointments to the Moore Development for Big Spring board of directors during the meeting.

Former board member Glenn Fillingim was appointed to the unexpired term left by former board member Mike Niklasch, who recently resigned to move to Florida.

"I feel like it's important we appoint someone who already has experience on this board, and Glenn has served on it in the past," McEwen told the council. "If we appoint someone with no experience, then approximately 60 percent of the board will be brand new, and that could make things tough."

The council voted to fill the expired board positions formerly held by Raul Marquez and Richard Steel with local physician Keith Ledford, M.D., and Glynna Jones Mouton.

Those appointments will take effect Sept. 1.

Also during the meeting, the council approved:

- Final reading of 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 effective date of the proposal by Atmos Energy Corp. West Texas Division to implement interim grip rate adjustment for gas utility.

- The 2007-2008 budget for Moore Development Inc.

- 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.

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

**Take Note**

• **THE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE AT THE SPRING CITY SENIOR CENTER** has been temporarily cancelled. The center will be doing extensive work on the dance floor and it will be unusable until that work is completed. Regular Friday night dances will resume as soon as possible. Center officials say they appreciate the public's patience and understanding during the process.

• **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 Helmstetter 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.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at

267-2713. A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

**Lottery**

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$325 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$250 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 37, 40, 48, 53 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 44.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-9-11-18.  
Number matching five of five: 1.  
Prize: \$25,074.  
Winning ticket sold in: Big Spring.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
4-2-9

**Weather**

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s.

**HANSEN**

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want to announce another one," said Franklin Weber, president of the United Way board of directors.

"Jan understands the non-profit world. She is involved in a lot of different activities, such as Pops in the Park," Weber said. "We just think she

can do a great job."

Hansen, who also serves on the board of the local Chamber of Commerce and with the American Heart Association, said she was happy to lend her services to the United Way.

"I've always enjoyed supporting the United Way," she said. "It is definitely a worthwhile endeavor ... I just felt there was a need and it was something I wanted

to try."

Hansen is no stranger to United Way, having served as chairman of different campaign divisions for several years, so she knows the type of people she will be working with, she said.

"United Way has had good leadership in the past," she said. "The committees are already in place and the people know what their jobs are."

To help Hansen get her

feet on the ground, former executive director Cynthia Scott, who was replaced by Larson, has agreed to assist for the next few weeks, Weber said.

Hansen recently retired after a 37-year career with TXU Electric Delivery. Recently, she served as an administrative assistant for Moore Development and a member and past president of the Downtown Lions

Club. While Hansen said she would "wait and see" about seeking the United Way post permanently, Weber said he would be happy to name her to the post full time.

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West Side Day Care Center and the YMCA.

Seliger said UW helps finance agencies that provide a variety of social

and community services at rock bottom prices.

"\$305,000 is the biggest bargain in social services you'll ever see," Seliger said. "If these agencies didn't provide these services, who would? The taxpayers, that's who ...

and we'd have to raise taxes a lot more than \$305,000 to provide those services."

This year's campaign chairman, Jesse Mendoza, said the drive was already off to a good start, saying that more

than \$30,000 had been collected before the campaign officially began.

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**BSISD**

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Ain from other districts this year, and we don't have as many students transferring out," he said. "So that is a source of increased enrollment, as well."

Downes also expects a

surge in high school enrollment as students transfer in to take advantage of the new program in which all high school students receive a laptop computer to help in instruction.

"We will see some increase in enrollment this year and even more next year," he said.

It is a problem that

Downes admitted is nice to have.


"The community should be extremely excited about the enrollment growth and local population growth," he said. "It helps local businesses and provides optimism for the future of Big Spring."

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:


- Final approval of a budget and tax rate for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

- Personnel issues.
- Sale of district property.

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**BROWN**

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A&M and won the Cotton Bowl. The city even held a downtown parade.

Things got a bit nasty after the first whipping by Oklahoma and Brown's sensitive side started to show more often than not. It seemed to get worse every time the Sooners won and Texas didn't win a Big 12 title.

Brown admits he was too sensitive to handle some of the criticism that comes at a place where fans are so passionate about football.

But he has learned to grow tougher skin and handle the obstacles the job can throw at him. This summer, he stamped out a developing crisis before it spiraled out of control.

After a series of summer arrests of his players, Brown didn't retreat to his office and criticize the media. Instead, he met face-to-face with reporters to announce that two key players, linebacker Sergio Kindle and defensive end Henry Melton, were suspended for the first three games as punishment for drunk-

en driving arrests.

A third player, freshman defensive tackle Andre Jones, is suspended indefinitely while facing a felony burglary charge.

Brown admits he never thought he'd be here this long.

He used to think five years might be the limit but that he and Sally have come to love the university and the program, its tradition, fans and pressure.

His greatest feeling wasn't standing on the Rose Bowl field after beating Southern California. It came later when the team met President Bush at the White House.

"Standing at the White House with the kids, with the president, and all your friends who have pulled for you for so long," Brown said. "To see the satisfaction in an entire state, that's what will always be with me the rest of my life."

Brown can't contemplate leaving.

"We've had a blast," he said. "There have been some tough days. This place will make you stronger or it will move you out."

**Sharapova dominant at U.S. Open**

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — The lady in red shanked a backhand wide, prompting Maria Sharapova's opponent to leap in the air and pump her fist and smile as though she'd won the match — or, indeed, the U.S. Open championship itself.

Uh, not quite. That little celebration by 51st-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy was for winning one game Tuesday night, allowing her to narrow the dressed-for-success Sharapova's lead to 6-0, 5-1.

"I win one game, I'm happy," Vinci said. "6-love, 6-love? No. 6-love, 6-1? OK."

A few minutes and one hold of serve later, Sharapova's 50-minute day was done, and she was into the second round at the tournament where she produced her second Grand Slam title a year ago.

"There's no way to get rid of the memories when I walk on the court and

feel the vibe," the second-seeded Russian said, 600 crystals on her red dress sparkling in the Arthur Ashe Stadium lights. "Every corner I turn here, I get goose bumps."

Andy Roddick might very well have similar sentiments as he walks around the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. He did, after all, win the 2003 U.S. Open for his only major title, and he won his first-round match Tuesday night, following Sharapova on court and beating Justin Gimelstob 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-3.

The 30-year-old Gimelstob is retiring, and Roddick hugged him at the net afterward. Gimelstob knelt down to kiss the blue court after his last U.S. Open match, then held court for a while, conducting a post-match interview with Roddick for the fans.

"We're going to miss one of the funniest guys on tour," Roddick said.

They're pals and engaged in a bit of levity in the second set, with

Gimelstob arguing good-naturedly with the chair umpire about whether he should have a first serve or a second serve after fans interrupted play by applauding a group of military members in the stands.

After a lengthy delay, Gimelstob wound up double-faulting.

"You go on for an hour," Roddick shouted, "then you do that?"

Sharapova, meanwhile, compiled 15 winners before Vinci hit her first and finished with a 30-3 edge in that category during the 6-0, 6-1 victory. It was part of a mini-parade of past champions in first-round action, including victories for Martina Hingis, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Lleyton Hewitt.

Sharapova's been on the wrong end of some routs at Grand Slam tournaments this year, including against Serena

Williams in the Australian Open final and against Venus Williams in Wimbledon's fourth round. And Sharapova, whose breakthrough came with the 2004 Wimbledon title at age 17, has been dealing with shoulder problems much of 2007.

No signs of that Tuesday, although she did double-fault twice on match point in the final game. Otherwise, about the biggest problem Sharapova had was when she missed a sip of water during a changeover and spilled a spot on her custom-made outfit.

Even Vinci took note of the getup, saying: "It's difficult to play against her. Strong player. Nice girl. She has a nice dress."

"It's red this year, like the Big Apple, in honor of the city," Sharapova told

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**BRIEFS**

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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 through today.

A coaches meeting is also scheduled for Thursday. Teams begin practice Tuesday.

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

**Big Spring Boxing Club seeking site**


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**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker  
*A Very Delicate Decision*

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A J 10 8 4  
♥ K Q 10 2  
♦ Q 7 5  
♣ 6

**WEST**  
♠ 7 5  
♥ 7  
♦ K J 8 3 2  
♣ Q J 9 8 4

**EAST**  
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♥ 8 5 4  
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**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 9 3  
♥ A J 9 6 3  
♦ A 10  
♣ A 10

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
4♠ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♠ Pass 5NT Pass  
6♦ Pass 7♥ Pass  
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A delicate approach is required to arrive at the best contract in this hand. At stake is a grand slam. It hinges on whether the final contract is seven hearts or seven spades.

If the right choice is made, North-South score 2,410 points, while the wrong choice results in a deficit of 100 points. The enormous swing involved rests on selecting which suit should be trump; five spades opposite four, or five hearts opposite four.

Superficially, it appears not to matter which suit is trump in such a case. And in most hands, this would be correct. But in the present hand, all the chips ride on the decision made.

South's jump to four spades involves a principle of bidding that is sometimes misunderstood: namely, that this is a closeout bid. On the contrary, the jump to game by the opening bidder after a new-suit response is a strong bid suggesting slam possibilities. North's subsequent bidding was based on this principle.

The critical point in the bidding is reached when North, through the use of Blackwood, learns that South has three aces and a king. Once North determines to bid a grand slam, the selection of the trump suit becomes the key issue. He knows South has four spades. He also knows South has more hearts than spades, since he opened the bidding with one heart.

North sees that if he bids seven spades, he will be able to discard one of his diamond losers on South's fifth heart. But this, he notes, still leaves him with a second diamond loser.

North also notes that if the contract is seven hearts, dummy's fifth spade will take care of one of South's losers. This will become a critical factor if South's distribution is 4-5-2-2. North therefore concludes that the discard that can be obtained in seven hearts might be far more valuable, and so chooses hearts as the proper denomination.

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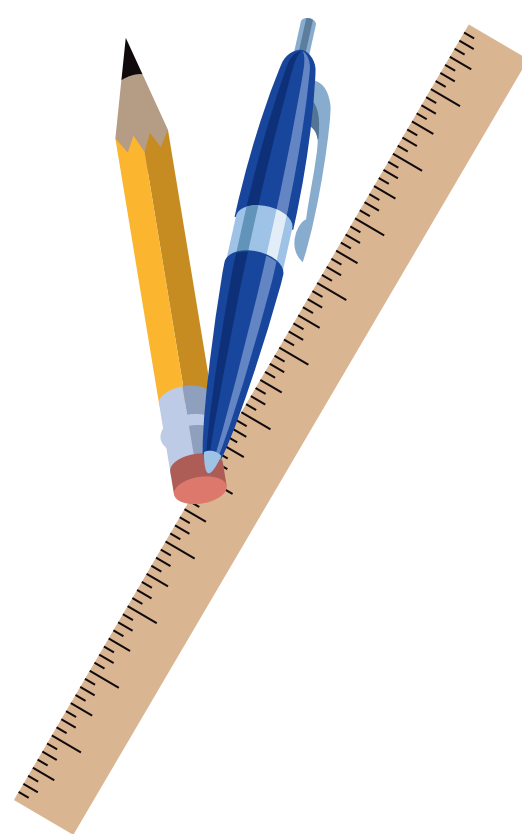
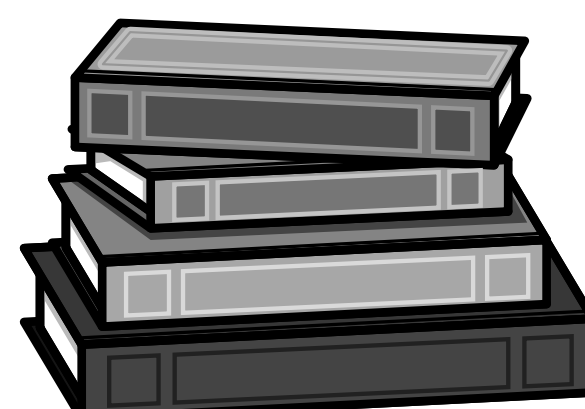
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# Byrd's hit leads streaking Rangers over White Sox, 4-3

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — With the Rangers and White Sox looking ahead — to next year — Wes Littleton impressed Texas manager Ron Washington.

Littleton worked out of a bases-loaded, nobody-out jam in the eighth, and Marlon Byrd hit a tiebreaking single in bottom of the inning to send the Rangers to a 4-3 victory over the White Sox for Texas' third straight win on Tuesday night.

"He stood up like a man," Washington said. "He got us two ground balls to get out of the inning. He kept his composure. He made pitches when he had to with his sinker. He did exactly what you're supposed to do. He didn't panic."

Ian Kinsler and Gerald Laird homered for the Rangers, who have won five of their last seven.

Chicago's Jim Thome homered to move within six of becoming the 23rd player in the 500 club and went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks. Paul Konerko also connected for the White Sox, who have lost seven in a row on the road.

Littleton (1-1) pitched one inning of relief for the decision, getting Juan Uribe to ground into a forceout at the plate, and rookie Danny Richar to ground into an inning-ending double play.

"It's the same situation whether you're up one run or 27, I'm thinking no runs," said Littleton, thinking back to last week's blowout of the Orioles. "No matter how many runs you're up you have to make pitches. I just wanted to slow the game down. I needed ground balls."

Littleton got a three-inning save in the Texas Rangers' modern major league record 30-3 rout at Baltimore last week.

With the score tied at 3, Michael Young led off the Texas eighth with a single and moved to second on Mike MacDougal's wild pitch. Byrd followed with a single up the middle off MacDougal (1-4) to score Young from second.

"I fell behind 0-2 quickly," Byrd said. "I just tried to battle. I got a good pitch that I put in the right spot."

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen has seen his team fail to come through with the big hit all season, and he saw more of the same in the top of the eighth.

"That's why we lose games," Guillen said after the White Sox were beaten for the 14th time in their last 17 games. "We have the bases loaded, nobody out, and we have the worst at bats. You need the best at bats you can get. When you don't score in that situation, the other team is going to take advantage."

Joaquin Benoit pitched the ninth for his second save in six chances.

Konerko was in a 2-for-2 slump before sending Kason Gabbard's 2-2 pitch into the Rangers' bullpen for his 27th homer of the season and a 2-0 lead in the first.

Thome's 22nd homer, a 422-foot solo blast off the back wall in the Texas bullpen in the third, was the 494th of his career to extend Chicago's lead to 3-0. That moved Thome out of a tie on the all-time list with Lou Gehrig and Fred McGriff and into sole possession of 23rd place. Next up for Thome is Eddie Murray with 504.

Kinsler's third-inning bases-empty shot, his 17th of the season, pulled Texas within 3-1.

Laird's eighth homer, a two-run blast in the fourth, tied it at 3.

Gavin Floyd gave up three runs and six hits over six innings for the White Sox.

"Floyd attacked the strike zone and kept us in the game," Guillen said.

Gabbard allowed three runs and four hits in 4 2-3 innings. He was making his sixth start for the Rangers since he was acquired in a trade with Boston on July 31 that sent Eric Gagne to the Red Sox.

Notes: Texas 3B Travis Metcalf strained his left hamstring while running out a bunt attempt in the seventh. He was replaced by Ramon Vazquez. ...

Floyd was making his fifth start of the season for Chicago. ...Thome's two walks give him 1,444 for his career, tying Eddie Matthews for 20th on the all-time list. ...Benoit had his first save since April 28 against Toronto, and third of his career. ...The Rangers held the White Sox scoreless on three hits after the third inning.

Angels 10, Mariners 6

The New York Yankees made up some much-needed ground in the AL East, and the Seattle Mariners looked like they were about to do the same in the West, too.

That was before the Los Angeles Angels scored four runs in the eighth inning on the way to a 10-6 win Tuesday night that extended their lead over Seattle to four games.

The Mariners, who go on a 10-game road trip to Cleveland, Toronto, New York and Detroit after Wednesday's series finale, missed a chance to make up ground on Los Angeles.

The Mariners (73-57) rebounded from Monday's 6-0 loss to Los Angeles by taking a 5-0 lead in the first inning off Ervin Santana. But the Mariners couldn't close out Los Angeles.

But Kendry Morales had three hits, including a homer against Jeff Weaver and a double off rookie Brandon Morrow (3-3) that put Los Angeles ahead 7-6 in a four-run eighth.

Vladimir Guerrero, who had four hits and drove in three runs, is batting .509 this season against the Mariners and has 62 RBIs in 67 games against them.

He added a two-run single off Rick White and Maicer Izturis singled in a run as Los Angeles won for the 10th time in 14 games this season against its closest rival.

"We have to get them tomorrow. That's all there is to it," Mariners manager John McLaren said.

Yankees 5, Red Sox 3

New York capitalized on its opportunity. Playing the first-



MCT photo/Jeffery Washington/Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Texas Rangers Kason Gabbard pitches against the Chicago White Sox at Rangers Ball Park in Arlington Tuesday. The Rangers won 4-3.

place Red Sox for the first time since June 3, the Yankees got another strong start from Andy Pettitte and a home run from Johnny Damon to win 5-3.

The strong effort by Pettitte (12-7) came on the same night manager Joe Torre told struggling pitcher Mike Mussina that he would be passed over for his next scheduled start Saturday against Tampa Bay. The Yankees will call up touted prospect Ian Kennedy from Triple-A to pitch against the Devil Rays in the middle of a pennant race.

Boston came to town with an eight-game lead over New York in the AL East and a chance to open a nearly insurmountable cushion. But the Yankees beat Daisuke Matsuzaka (13-11) for the first time and rebounded from a 2-5 trip that ended Monday night with a 16-0 loss at Detroit.

"It's a situation now like we're in the playoffs," Derek Jeter said. "We need to get some wins."

The Yankees moved to within a game of Seattle for the wild card.

## OPEN

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the crowd, before gathering her patent leather racket bag and black jeweled handbag and heading to the locker room.

"Put on a nice outfit, and some makeup, and you're the bomb," Sharapova noted later.

Sharapova's good feelings from her U.S. Open title are still fresh, but it's been a decade since Hingis won the tournament. This year, Hingis took a stroll around the new workout room and simply had to smile while scanning the enlarged photos decorating the walls.

There among the posters of previous champions is one of Hingis, clutching her 1997 silver trophy, a different player and a different person.

"I'm like, 'OK, I look really young.' Short haircut, all that. It's been 10 years," she said. "Sometimes it feels like yesterday, sometimes like a lifetime."

Hingis was willing to reminisce a bit after beating Mathilde Johansson of France 6-0, 6-3. Others winning Tuesday included a man many consider a likely future Grand Slam champion, No. 3-seeded Novak Djokovic, and No. 6 James Blake. The day's biggest early surprise came when No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova, a past U.S. Open quarterfinalist, was

eliminated by 50th-ranked Julia Vakulenko of Ukraine 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Hingis might face Kuznetsova in the fourth round, but that's a little far to look ahead these days for the 26-year-old who used to be called "The Swiss Miss" — in the long-ago days when she was atop the rankings and won five Slams. The days before she missed three years' worth of majors because of foot and leg injuries. The days when Tuesday's opponent would see Hingis on TV.

"Everybody was watching her," the 22-year-old Johansson said.

Hingis returned to the circuit full-time in 2006, reaching two major quarterfinals. But her

hip came out of alignment a few months ago, and that and back problems limited Hingis to a 4-4 record from the start of April until arriving in New York.

"I used to recover faster when I was younger," she said, then compared her old self to the Energizer Bunny, before adding: "It's not like that anymore."

It's been only about half as long since Hewitt won his title at Flushing Meadows in 2001, a triumph that helped him become, at 20, the youngest man to end a year ranked No. 1.

And yet for Hewitt, who like Hingis is seeded 16th at this Open, it probably feels at least as far away. Nonetheless, the 2002 Wimbledon champion fig-

ures there will be another title somewhere down the road as a reward for his always-churning legs and his zipping ground-strokes.

"I believe that, yeah, it's in me, that's for sure. I think I'm good enough," Hewitt said after easing past Amer Delic of the United States 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. "That's what my goal is. That's what you keep striving toward, working for. Hopefully it will be around the corner."

Said Delic: "I mean, the guy's good."

Blake agreed, saying: "Lleyton is playing some of the best tennis in the world right now. He's got to be in the top five contenders for this title."

## COWBOYS

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address the position this past offseason. Another clunker outing by the backups and Dallas may have to turn to the waiver wire for leftovers off other rosters.

"Our guys not only are competing against guys on our team but they're also competing on someone that might be out there. That's why this game is so important, especially for guys that

haven't had much playing time," he said.

The bigger issue for Phillips is how this might change his scheme.

Phillips' 3-4 defense is based on putting a lot of pressure on the quarterback. Doing so effectively requires good pursuit up front and good one-on-one coverage in the secondary.

Missing Newman or Ellis makes it tougher. Being without both really fouls things up.

Newman is considered the caliber of cornerback who takes away an area

of the field because quarterbacks see him there and figure they're better off picking on someone else. Ellis has led the team in sacks six times and was tied for the lead when he went down in November, despite having been moved from defensive end to linebacker. He got good news in a second opinion Monday from Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala.

"The show still goes," Glenn said. "If they're able to play, that's great for everyone. If not, shoot, we've got to continue to

go. We've got other players here who have to play. The mind-set of the guy who is playing there has to be, 'I've got to play and I'm going to play well.'"

Extra points: OT Pete Lougheed was released Wednesday, putting the Cowboys at the 75-man roster limit. Another 22 guys must be cut by Saturday when the limit drops to 53. ... DT Marcus

Smith was "banged up" during practice. "He was carted off, so it's not a minor thing," Phillips said, without giving any more details. ... Newman's absence also affects who returns punts.

For now, Phillips said the duty belongs to WR Patrick Crayton, who is sure handed but not as elusive as Newman. "We're still looking at a

lot of people," Phillips said, "but I don't feel comfortable with anyone else yet." ... K Martin Gramatica likely won't make the trip to Minnesota because of injury, giving rookie Nick Folk the chance to handle all field goals and kick-offs. ... LB Kevin Burnett had bone chips arthroscopically removed from his foot Tuesday.



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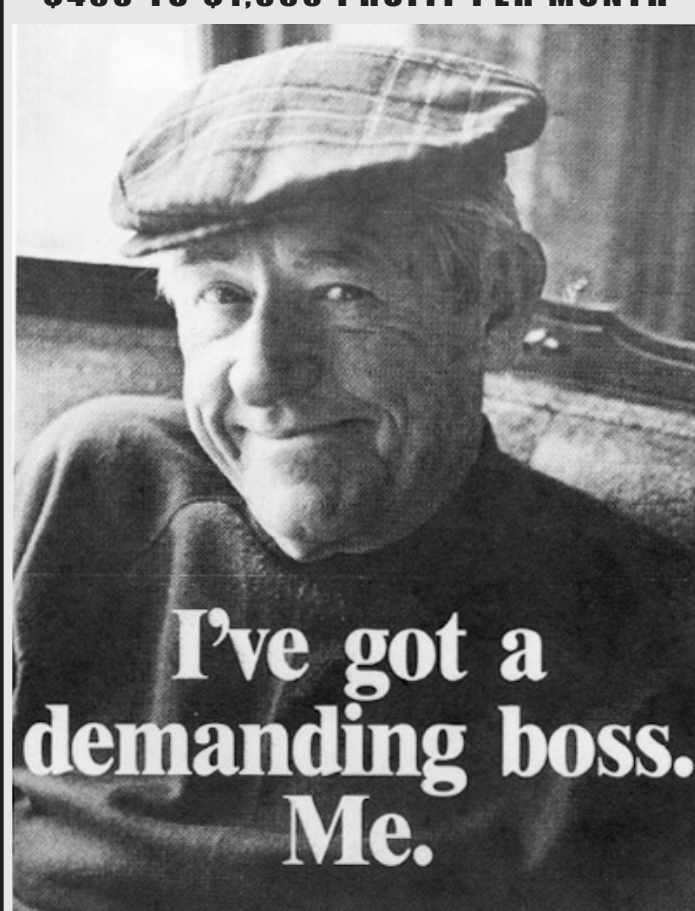
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Advertisement for Sealed Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS** Yesterday's emotional rollercoaster reaching for the safety bar. As the coaster slows to a roll, Moon shifts from Pisces to Aries. Getting onto the next thing too soon may lead to vertigo! Instead, ease into things delicately, addressing the small shifts and changes that occurred during the ride. This will reset your sense of balance.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Negotiations are going down. Usually you're the one to start things. But now you're better off to let the other party attempt to convince you of the rightness of their stances. Silence is not only golden, it's lucrative.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're prone to huge enthusiasm. So what if the subject of your attention wouldn't cause the same response in most other people. You're seeing something unique and soon your passion will catch on.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A series of pivotal moments keeps you adjusting your emotional balance. This is not a time to answer questions definitively. Leave wiggle room. You'll be changing your mind frequently.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Dare to endorse the very thing about yourself that you once tried to hide. Your worst weakness can be turned around to become your greatest strength. Honesty is irresistibly attractive.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You thought you knew what you were good at, but some of your talents are so obvious that you're not seeing them at all. Be shameless. Ask people around you what you are providing for them that they find valuable.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're looking at the kind of problem that can't be solved by money and stuff. Let others know what the real solution is — love, of course — and show them how to apply the remedy too.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can fly without a motor — then again, that's really called gliding. Find your motivation or remind yourself what it is. Fuel your desire so that you have the gumption to really go somewhere.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The essential ingredient in your relationships now is a high level of communication. For you to perpetuate and protect what you have, you must know what the other person is thinking. Talk it out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone wise and objective will help you look at your own existence and improve your ability to confront where you are. Capricorn or Pisces is well suited to the task.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's nothing highfalutin about trying to evolve, though some of your old friends may not understand. You're path feels so right, it's like a primal imperative. You're a hunter of ideas, gatherer of allies.



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I am a Scorpio, born Nov. 17, 1979. I have found love with an unlikely astrological match, a Sagittarius. I've had many devastating relationships in my past, including a messy divorce. Although things with my man seem very promising, I have a nagging worry that it can't last. I try to stop thinking this way, but I can't help it. I'm a very ambitious person, but I'm in a negative rut right now, and I'm afraid that our astrological incompatibility will ruin this relationship. I've looked at our chart, and it looked surprisingly good despite our sun signs being not particularly compatible. Still, I worry. Can a relationship like this last?"

Let the worry pass. Since last fall, Saturn has been breathing down the neck of your sun, reading you the negative script of everything you've encountered. What he's really saying is: It's time to cut your losses and move on. Muster up and practice positive thinking by thanking the heavens for what you've learned. Can you say, "I'll never make that mistake again?" Come October, you're feeling stronger.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: I'm a 38-year-old woman and was widowed a year ago. I have two children, ages 8 and 5. I was happily married to the most wonderful man, but my husband died from complications following surgery. He was 44 and a terrific father and a loving husband.



**KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR**

Since my husband's death, my children and I feel robbed of having such a loving person in our lives. I work full time, teach catechism once a week and take care of the children. Every day is such a struggle for me. I'm extremely tired. I have thyroid disease and don't get enough rest. I do get some help from my family — without them, I would be lost. I also take the children to a local grief support program called SandCastles ([www.aboutsandcastles.org](http://www.aboutsandcastles.org)).

Even though I try to stay strong, especially for the kids, I'm getting burned out. I'm very lonely. My husband was my soul mate. People have tried to tell me to get counseling, but why bother? It won't change anything. It's hard knowing I'm still young and will have to live the rest of my life without my loving companion.

Please tell me there is something to look forward to in life, because right now, I'm really hurting. — Robbed in Michigan

Dear Michigan: We know the pain seems insurmountable and unending, but life is not static, and things do change and can even get better over time. If grief support is helping your children, why can't it help you? Talking can facilitate healing,

especially within a group that understands your loss. Your children deserve a mother who is emotionally whole, so we hope you will make every effort to get the help you need. Please talk to someone at your church about a referral.

Dear Annie: I work in retail. Please tell your readers that it is not OK to lick their fingers and count out money. I've seen both men and women do this.

Why would they think someone would want to touch money that has their spit on it? Is there a polite way to bring up this nasty habit? Or should I just refuse the money? — I Don't Want It in Kentucky  
Dear Kentucky: We don't recommend telling people you don't want their money. They might assume their purchases are free. But we certainly understand why you don't want to handle currency that has someone's saliva on it. Keep a damp sponge handy, and offer it to any customer who starts licking his or her fingers in preparation for touching their cash. And for those customers who think this is the best way to separate your money, please think again.



# EDITORIAL

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

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## OUR VIEWS

# Victim Services is now seeking new volunteers

**E**mpathy. Sometimes that's all the victim of a crime needs — the simple touch of a hand and or an attentive ear while one relates an emotional experience can make all the difference in the world.

The bottom line is that a person's life can change in an instant and someone needs to be there for the victim.

That's what Victim Services volunteers do and they are an invaluable resource for our community.

Volunteers for the non-profit, independent program serve victims of all crimes and their families, offering assistance in finding financial help, counseling programs and much, much more on occasion.

More than anything else, Victim Services volunteers simply offer the message that someone cares at a time when it is desperately needed.

The organization is now accepting applications from volunteers interested in completing its 40-hour training session. The next sessions will be held in October, but it's not too early to let staff members know you're interested in being an asset to your community.

Volunteers must complete an interview and screening process, be able to work as a team member, accept supervision, have the ability to empathize with others, have good listening skills, maintain confidentiality, complete the training sessions and commit to two 12-hour shifts per month.

At present the organization's five-county area — Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin and Mitchell counties — is served by just eight volunteers, four staff members and an intern.

That's simply not enough to do the job that needs to be done.

In fact, that's woefully short of the number of volunteers the agency needs.

If you believe you have what it takes to be a Victim Services volunteer, we encourage you to step up and be counted.

Anyone interested can call Linda Perez at the Victim Services offices at 263-3312.

We're betting your life will never be the same.

More importantly, as a volunteer, your being there for someone else during a time of crisis will likely change that person's life as well.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we take charge of our personal life, Lord, by including You.*

Amen

# Running for president of flip-flopers

**R**udy Giuliani and Mitt Romney are not only competing to see who takes the hardest line on immigration, but who can be the biggest hypocrite.

The two leading contenders for the Republican presidential nomination are trying so hard to please the GOP's immigration-obsessed conservatives that they are denying they were both immigrant-friendly as mayor of New York City (Giuliani) and governor of Massachusetts (Romney).

In 2006, both Giuliani and Romney spoke favorably about a comprehensive immigration reform bill that would have given illegal immigrants a path to U.S. citizenship.

But now that they are running for president, they are trying to remake themselves as immigration hardliners, thrashing similar legislation that went before Congress this year.

During the past few weeks, they both have been talking tough about illegal immigration, spewing a lot of cheap rhetoric without offering reasonable solutions for what do about the 12 million undocumented immigrants who are living here already.

When Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., praised Sen. John McCain's courage for confronting such a tough issue and criticized Giuliani and Romney for failing to come up with a way to fix the nation's broken immigration system, he took a beating from conservatives. They argued that as chairman of the Republican National Committee, Martinez had no right to take sides.

But Martinez obviously was looking beyond the GOP primaries

and realizing that some of the leading Republican candidates are undermining the party's chances of winning the general election.

As a Latino, Martinez knows many of his fellow Republicans are alienating many of his fellow Latinos and other immigrants, and he knows that without a good chunk of the Hispanic vote, Republicans are destined to lose the White House.

"Presidential contests are about leadership," Martinez said. "It's about leading on the tough issues."

He is right.

By flip-flopping on such an important issue, Giuliani and Romney are showing that they lack the fortitude and leadership qualities to be president.

As much as they try to run away from their records of compassion for illegal immigrants, they can't do it — not when there is ample evidence they have become immigration hardliners because it is politically expedient — at least before the GOP primaries.

If one of them gets the Republican nomination, surely we will see that nominee flip back to a much more moderate mode — although it probably will be too late to win support from pro-immigrant voters.

For now, Romney accuses Giuliani of making New York City a haven for illegal immigrants because Giuliani followed a policy, started by one of his predecessors, by which city employees were not required to report illegal immigrants to federal authorities.

Giuliani says when Romney was governor of Massachusetts, he did nothing about three "sanctuary" cities that had even more liberal policies.

In fact, those were the right policies to protect the American public.

They made illegal immigrants feel that they could report crimes

without getting arrested. They kept undocumented students in school and out of trouble. They allowed illegal immigrants to seek medical attention, without fear of being reported, instead of spreading communicable illnesses.

Romney claims he tried to deal with sanctuary cities by deputizing Massachusetts State Police to enforce federal immigration laws. But everyone knows he did that on his way out of the governor's office — after he decided to run for president as a conservative instead of the moderate he had been on immigration and several other issues.

Heck, Romney even had illegal immigrants mowing his lawn. Now he claims he didn't know his landscaper hired illegal workers. It's hogwash.

Giuliani now wants us to believe he went after illegal immigrants when he was mayor. But he can't run away from the many statements he has made in their defense.

"If you come here and you work hard and you happen to be in an undocumented status, you are one of the people who we want in this city," Giuliani told The New York Times in 1994.

No amount of backpedaling will change their records. Romney is a well-established flip-flopper, and instead of blasting him for it, Giuliani is emulating him. Yet the key question of what to do with 12 million illegal immigrants remains unanswered by these two masters of double talk.

It's time for the American people to join Sen. Martinez in challenging the top GOP contenders: Will the real Rudy Giuliani or Mitt Romney please stand up?

You're in the race for president. It's time to show some real leadership.

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The people who depend on the Big Spring Refinery are many. They include students at the county's schools, students at Howard County College and employees of all the organizations that keep the county running.

The other people who depend on the Big Spring Refinery include us, the 170 hard-working Alon employees. It also includes refinery retirees. And it includes the stockholders, many of whom live right here in Howard County. We are Alon. Being called a wolf in sheep's clothing in the Herald's Sunday editorial is an insult and a betrayal to these people who have long served this community.

It's time that the community hears the facts.

The fact is that we agree that the Big Spring Refinery should pay its fair share of taxes. And we agree that we should pay more taxes than we have in the past. We should pay much more.

How much more? And what is fair?

Fair is paying what other refineries like ours are paying. Refineries whose communities have come together to decide what is fair and appropriate for all stakeholders.

We reviewed the 23 refineries in Texas, and found the four refineries our size that had reached agreement with their tax appraisal authorities. The data showed that a three-fold increase in our historical valuation would put the Big Spring Refinery on par with comparable refineries with which we compete. This value came out to \$152 million.

The chief appraiser flatly rejected this logic, insisting we be valued at \$320 million, a six-fold increase and more than twice the value of comparable refineries. This would put us in a truly unique tax category.

Not fair. And certainly not competitive.

So we appealed to the Appraisal Review Board. The issue was very nearly resolved there. One of the three board members did in fact vote for our proposal. After much discussion, the board voted 2-1 for

the \$320 million record valuation.

So now our search for fairness may have to go to district court. This could be drawn out and costly. Legal counsel and consultants might be happy, but not the county, not the school districts, not the college and not us.

The good news is that it doesn't have to be this way. We can, as a community, resolve the valuation issue and thus help resolve the financial challenges at the school district, the college and Howard County. And it is not too late.

Other community leaders in Texas have seen fit to come together with refineries and decide what is a fair value.

So can we.

JOE CONCIENNE  
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# 'Best and Worst Travels'

**M**y friend Ramon Carver of Salado has been involved in theater all his life. He is a graduate of Yale University's drama school. He has written plays that have been produced Off-Broadway and in Hollywood. He was head of the drama department at San Angelo State for years. In Salado, he does a thing called living room theater where folks get together and have a reading of a play he has written. He does this twice a year. I think he's busy. He says it just goes with living in a small town and having fun.

Ramon loves to relax. On a recent trip to Salado, I interviewed him about his latest book. During the interview he kept slouching so far down in his chair I was afraid he might fall asleep. Or fall out of the chair.

Ramon has traveled far and wide and writes about his experiences in a series of travel books. His lat-

est is titled "Best & Worst Travels." In it he explains that successful travelers enjoy comfort, safety, good company, good weather, good food, good beds and a means of controlling heat and cool.

This book is really a journal of his trips to places around the globe.

Since Ramon is curious about nearly everything and appreciates the opportunity to do things and go places, he writes with a sense of humor.

"Great expectations when traveling are usually the source of my greatest disappointments," he writes. "I'm like the guy in a New Yorker cartoon studying a brochure telling his travel agent: 'I am so looking forward to this. I can't wait to be disappointed.'"

He says you set up for reasonable travel expectations in three old-fashioned ways: acquire information, save a pot full of money and cross your fingers.

Ramon wants his readers to know that this is not a "how to" book.

It's a "how I enjoyed myself and sometimes didn't" sort of book. He

says the key to successful travel is to enjoy yourself.

Go somewhere different. See and do something unusual. Meet interesting people.

He talks about poor PA systems on ships that crackle and break up the Captain's messages (which are in English, but with such a heavy accent they sound like another language).

He writes about his good experiences in a grand style, but his mis-adventures are more fun to read.

That's usually the case. We seem to talk about the bad times more than the good times. He does mention his thrill at seeing the Great Wall of China for the first time ("we were told sticky rice holds the wall together") or the amazing King Tut's tomb in Egypt.

Ramon doesn't just write about far away places. He talks about adventures in the Big Bend of Texas: "At Terlingua's Starlight Theater/Bar (mostly bar) I enjoyed Mexican beer and dinner and introductions to local characters, many of whom could win prizes like weirdest, strangest or biz-zarest."



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The daughter of James Lee Burke, Alafair Burke has her father's touch in writing about believable characters and stories. In "Dead Connection," murder coupled with an internet dating service collide. Detective Ellie Hatcher is selected to run the case.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

### Regional/Biography

• "Memorias: A West Texas Life" (B GUE S). Salvador Guerrero's family came from Coahuila to West Texas by the way of the Mexican Revolution and the economic opportunities of the cotton field. This memoir, recounts his experience as a barrio citizen of Bulto Prieto in San Angelo, a soldier in World War II and post-war activist.

He settled in Odessa and pursued careers in broadcasting and politics. Guerrero served several years as a county commissioner and was very active as a Democrat. This is not a stiff, stilted recounting of a hard life; rather it resonates with the passion he had for life and the opportunities in the United States.

### New Fiction

• "Kidnapped" by Jan Burke. A new Irene Kelly mystery is in (location: Fiction). When Kelly profiles missing children, she expects many tips. What she gets is murder.

• "Dead Connection"

• "Labyrinth" Kate Mosse has written what the Washington Post calls a "women's" adventure story because, presumably, it showcases a strong female cast or, rather, a cast of strong females. Two heroines, separated by 800 years, who find themselves pitted against a pair of glamorous, green-eyed female villains.

As for the adventure bit, Mosse clearly warmed to her task, packing the novel with swordfights, sieges and massacres. At its heart is a hunt for the Holy Grail across the ruggedly beautiful Cathar country of southwest France.

• "The Lady in Blue" In Javier Sierra's new book, destiny propels an agnostic journalist to rediscover his faith in this intriguing paranormal puzzler about a mysterious bilocating lady in blue. 1629, Sister Maria Jesús de Ágreda appeared more than 500 times to the Jumano Indians of New Mexico and converted them to Christianity — without

ever leaving her monastery in Spain. Albert later stumbles on Ágreda's monastery in Spain, while in Los Angeles, Jennifer Narody, a former U.S. intelligence agent working on a secret project for the Vatican, deals with unusual dreams and receives a startling stolen religious text.

Some "fun" books are: "Shoe Addicts Anonymous," by Beth Harbison's; "Patty Jane's House of Curl," by Lorna Landvik; and "Drop Dead Beautiful," Jackie Collins.

• "Category 7" by Bill Evans and Marianna Jameson. From Kirkus Reviews: Take a healthy dose of the paranoid scenarios from 24 and governmental intrigues from The West Wing, then spike them liberally with the atmospheric minutia that armchair meteorologists know and love.

What emerges might be strikingly similar to this clever debut from TV meteorologist Evans, here teaming with romance novelist Jameson to spin a fictional take on long-whispered conspiracy theories about weather as a clandestine weapon.

• "Remembrances and Celebrations: A book of Eulogies, Elegies, Letters and Epitaphs" (920.02 HAR J). Have you been asked to speak at a funeral or memorial service and have no idea what to say? Then this book may help. Edited by Jill Harris, it will prove to be inspirational in composing your remembrance of a loved one.

• "Brothers: The Hidden History of the

Kennedy Years" (973.922. TAL D) by David Talbot is the story of Jack and Bobbie Kennedy. It starts with JFK's assassination and ends with Bobbie's. Talbot is an excellent writer and if you enjoy reading about the Kennedy's, this you should check this book out.

• "Merle's Door: Lessons From a Free Thinking Dog" (636.709 KER)

I have had dogs as pets and cats as pets and I have to say that I somewhat prefer dogs. Ted Kerasote has written "Merle's Door: Lessons

From a Free Thinking Dog."

In a review from Amazon.com, it is written: "Good relationships are built on mutual respect, and this relationship was better than most. This book is the story of that relationship. These two were the best of friends, and this account of their life together shows how each

grew and learned from the other. Love, patience, and understanding are evident throughout the book." The reviewer is speaking of Ted and his dog, Merle's thirteen-year-long life together. It is quite a book.

—Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library. Contact her at 264-2260.

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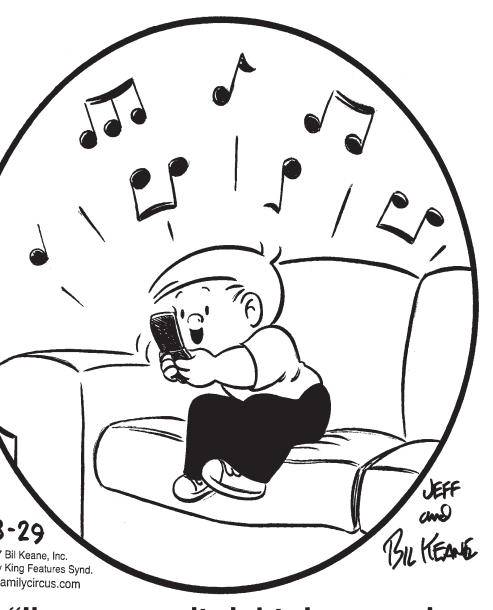
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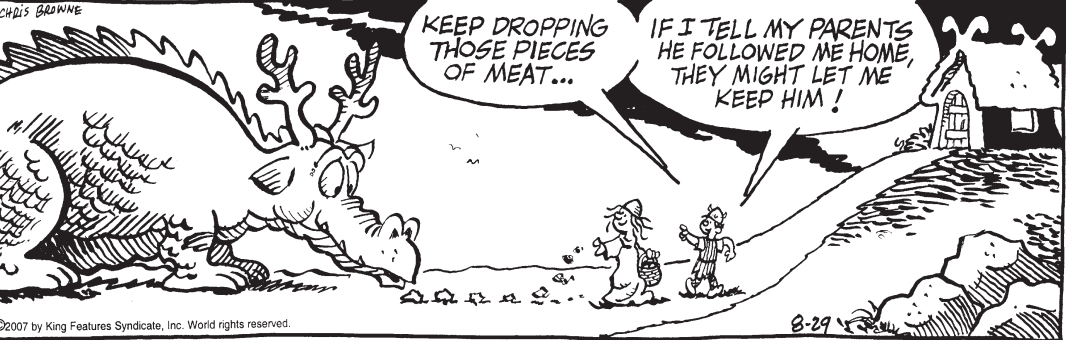
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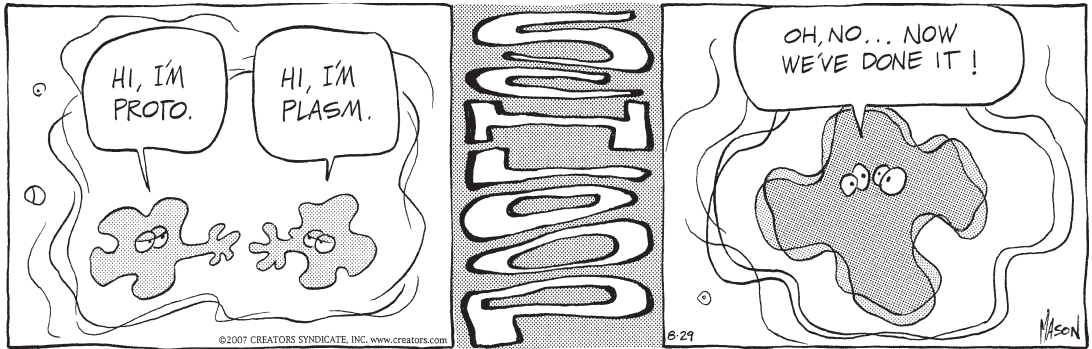
"I'm gonna sit right down and text myself a letter ..."

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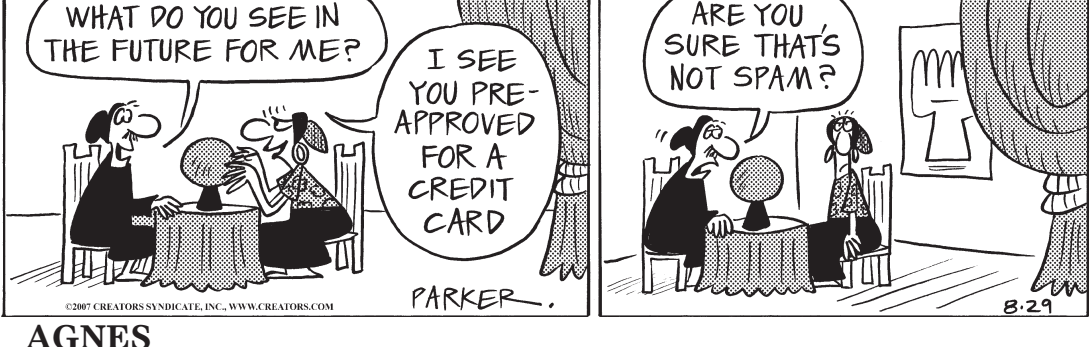
KEEP DROPPING THOSE PIECES OF MEAT... IF I TELL MY PARENTS HE FOLLOWED ME HOME, THEY MIGHT LET ME KEEP HIM!

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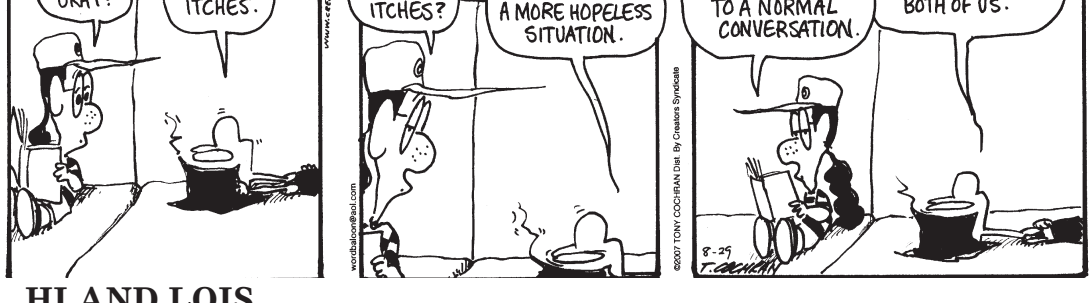
HI, I'M PROTO. HI, I'M PLASM. OH, NO... NOW WE'VE DONE IT!

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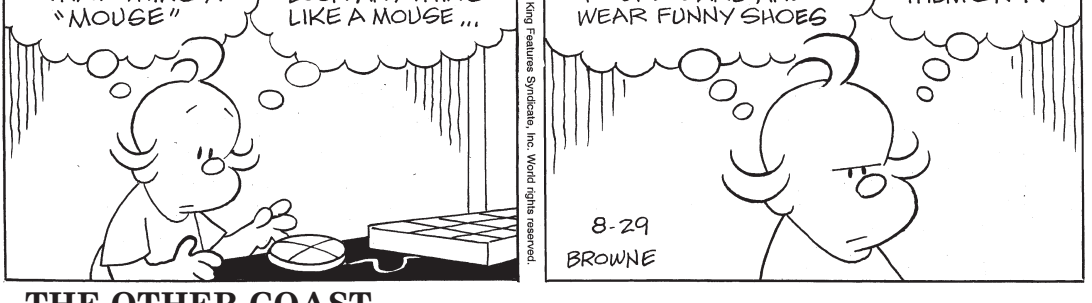
WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THE FUTURE FOR ME? I SEE YOU PRE-APPROVED FOR A CREDIT CARD. ARE YOU SURE THAT'S NOT SPAM?

AGNES



ARE YOU OKAY? NO... MY BRAIN ITCHES. YOUR BRAIN ITCHES? YES... AND I CAN'T IMAGINE A MORE HOPELESS SITUATION. WELL... I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO A NORMAL CONVERSATION. IT SEEMS HOPE HAS ABANDONED BOTH OF US.

HI AND LOIS



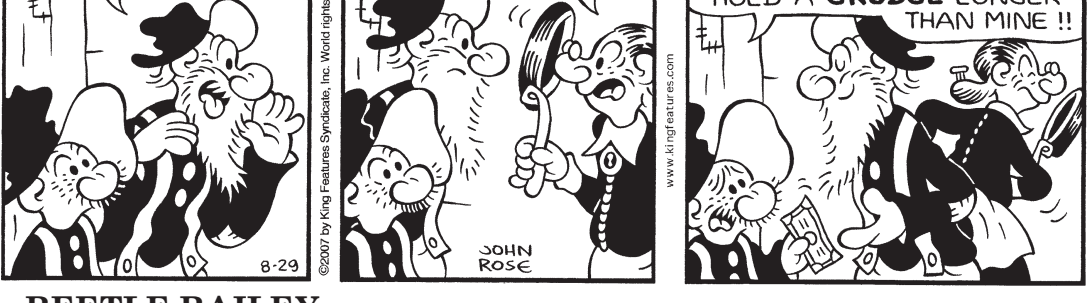
CHIP CALLS THAT THING A "MOUSE" IT DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE A MOUSE... MICE HAVE BIG, ROUND EARS AND WEAR FUNNY SHOES I'VE SEEN THEM ON TV

THE OTHER COAST



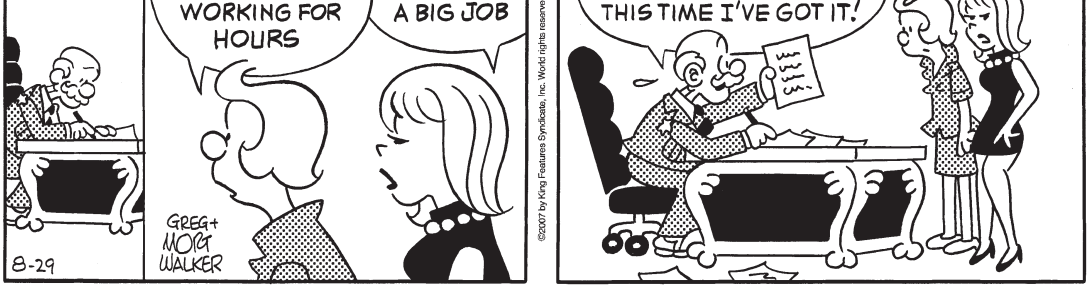
NO, HONEY, I JUST STOPPED OFF FOR ONE BEER AFTER WORK... HE'S LYING! HE JUST GUZZLED TEN MARTINIS! THAT'S THE DRINK TALKING!

SNUFFY SMITH



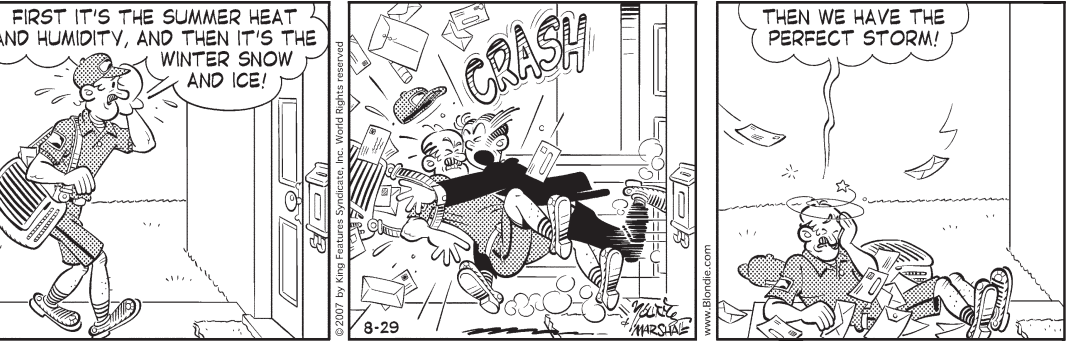
OH, ELVINEY !! WHAT?! YOU WIN !! YORE GAL CAN HOLD A GRUDGE LONGER THAN MINE !!

BETLE BAILEY



THE GENERAL HAS BEEN WORKING FOR HOURS YEAH! HE MUST HAVE A BIG JOB I'VE CHANGED MY SIGNATURE... I THINK THIS TIME I'VE GOT IT!

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2007. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 29, 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa, was murdered on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City at age 76.

In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles ("Pete") Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after eight days in space.

In 1966, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

In 1982, Academy Award-winning actress Ingrid Bergman died in London on her 67th birthday.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Ariz., at age 63.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Lord Richard Attenborough is 84. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is 71. Actor Elliott Gould is 69. Movie director William

Friedkin is 68. Movie director Joel Schumacher is 68. TV personality Robin Leach is 66. Actor G.W. Bailey is 63. Actor Ray Wise is 60. Actress Deborah Valkenburgh is 55. Dancer-choreographer Mark Morris is 51. Country musician Dan Trueman (Diamond Rio) is 51. Singer Michael Jackson is 49. Actress Rebecca DeMornay is 45. Singer Me'Shell NdegeOcello is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Carl Martin (Shai) is 37. Actress Carla Gugino is 36. Rock musician Kyle Cook (Matchbox Twenty) is 32. Actor John Hensley is 30. Rock musician David Desrosiers (Simple Plan) is 27. Rapper A+ is 25.

Answer to previous puzzle

Crossword grid with answers filled in: SAWS, SSTS, LADLE, ETAT, COAT, INOIL, ELLA, ANTE, BAGEL, YAKKINGAWAY, GUS, ASSENT, MAGI, DYNAMO, ONTO, RABBI, OWES, AGIN, OPERA, TAN, SPILL, BEAU, TOIL, PETTY, ERRS, ONTOUR, IHAD, SIESTA, YEN, WOLFINGDOWN, MAGNA, AIDE, ARID, CROOK, GREW, MTGE, ANNIE, SEAS, SAISS

Newsday Crossword

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