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Commissioners eye tax rate, bond issue

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to hold a public hearing concerning the proposed tax rate — which is 6.38 cents over the rollback rate — and call for a bond election in November to finance a new jail facility during a special meeting Tuesday morning.

Commissioners voted unanimously last week to move forward with a tax rate that

includes a 6.38-cent increase over the rollback rate, thanks to ongoing tax litigation with Alon USA, owner of the Big Spring Refinery.

According to Commissioner Bill Crooker, Alon USA's ongoing law suit concerning its tax appraisal values from last year — coupled with expected litigation concerning this year's values — has made it necessary for the county to go above the rollback rate of 42.3974 cents per \$100 valuation.

The proposed rate of 48.787 cents per \$100 valuation is identical to the rate used last year, according to County Auditor Jackie Olson, and is expected to generate approximately \$700,000 in additional funding, which when coupled with more than \$300,000 in budget cuts, will barely make up the shortfall created by Alon USA.

"This will just cover that," said County Judge Mark Barr. "This will give us \$1.2 million to operate on from October

until the tax money begins coming in. It's not going to help with any of the other shortfalls we've had to look at during these budget sessions."

The refinery, which filed a lawsuit over increased appraisals in 2006, will likely do so again this year to contest an appraisal of \$320 million on its property and taxable goods, according to Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District.

Until litigation is settled, the

refinery will pay taxes only on what Alon officials described as the "uncontested appraisal amount" of \$80 million, according to Commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

Commissioners are also expected to call for a multi-million dollar bond election in November during the meeting, a project that has hinged on final project cost projections for more than a week.

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Relying on community assistance

Herald Staff Report

Ever wonder how the Big Spring Symphony manages to put on a performance series each year while charging patrons just \$15 to \$5 a concert? The truth is, it doesn't.

When the four-concert series begins at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium, it will be funded from a variety of sources — mostly from generous citizens.

Ticket sales contribute just 10 percent to the symphony's operating budget each year. The rest comes completely from community support.

"We are very grateful to the Dora Roberts Foundation for their annual support, but we also need the support of other donors in order to



Graumann

Symphony this week

Thursday — Symphony start up dinner, 6:30 p.m., Big Spring Country Club. Tickets are \$8.95. RSVP by calling 267-7210.

Saturday — "Great Classics," at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Features John Giordano as guest conductor and 15-year-old pianist Sijing Ye of China. Tickets are available at various locations: \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.

present our four-concert, regular season offering," explained Keith Graumann, symphony director and conductor.

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IS IT GOOD, MOM?



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Young Tyler Grove apparently takes an interest in what his mother, Michelle, is having during the City of Big Spring Employees Appreciation Luncheon, held Friday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Bush visits Iraq

By **DEB RIECHMANN**
Associated Press Writer

AL-ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AP) — President Bush made a surprise visit to Iraq on Monday, using the war zone as a backdrop to argue his case that the buildup of U.S. troops is helping stabilizing the nation.

The president secretly flew 11 hours to Iraq as a showdown nears with Congress over whether his decision in January to order 30,000 more U.S. troops to Iraq is working.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates arrived ahead of Bush, and convened a meeting with the country's top political leaders to highlight Bush administration hopes for prodding Iraq into a "bottom-up" approach to national reconciliation.

Gates conferred with senior U.S. officials, including Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker, before opening a session with Prime

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Felix becomes Category 5 hurricane

By **MARGARET WEVER**
Associated Press Writer

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — Felix rapidly strengthened into a dangerous Category 5 hurricane and churned through the Caribbean Sea on a path toward Central America, where forecasters said it could make landfall as a "potentially catastrophic" storm.

Felix was packing winds of up to 165 mph as it headed west, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. It was projected to skirt Honduras' coastline on Tuesday before slamming into Belize on Wednesday.

"As it stands, we're still thinking that it will be a potentially catastrophic system in the early portions of this week, Tuesday evening, possibly affecting Honduras and then toward the coast of Belize," said Dave Roberts, a hurricane specialist at the center in Miami.

Honduras issued a hurricane warning for parts of the country, including sections of the border with Nicaragua, and a hurricane watch remained in effect for other areas and one was issued for parts of the Honduras-Guatemala border. Along the northern coastline, hoteliers

said, tourists were still lounging by the pool and enjoying the sun.

In Belize, residents stocked up on water and food, and nailed boards over windows to protect against the hurricane's howling winds. Many who lived in low-lying areas were seeking higher ground.

At 5 a.m. EDT Monday, Felix was centered about 275 miles south-southeast of Kingston, Jamaica, and 490 miles east of Cabo Gracias a Dios on the Nicaragua-Honduras border. It was heading west at about 21 mph, the hurricane center said.

On Sunday, Felix toppled trees

and flooded some homes on the Dutch islands of Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire in the southern Caribbean. Heavy rains and winds caused scattered power outages and forced thousands of tourists to take refuge in hotels, but residents expressed relief it did far less damage than feared as the storm's outer bands grazed the tiny islands.

"Thankfully we didn't get a very bad storm. My dog slept peacefully through the night," said Bonaire medical administrator Siomara Albertus, who waited out the storm in her home with her Labrador retriever.



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IN BRIEF

Forsan season passes available

Forsan ISD is selling Football Family Season Passes until Friday.

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 holding cheer camp

Howard College is holding a mini-cheer camp Sept. 15 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration starting at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25.

Campers need to bring a lunch, water bottle and tennis shoes and will get a chance to meet the Howard College cheerleaders.

All registered participants will perform in the Battle of the Cheerleaders at 5:30 p.m.

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 of 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.

Area high school sports calendar

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

Tuesday
Big Spring Tennis at Snyder, 4 p.m.

Thursday
Big Spring Volleyball at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.

Friday
Big Spring football at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football vs. Seagraves, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma football vs. Roscoe, 7:30 p.m.

Grady football at Whiteface, 7:30 p.m.

Stanton football vs. Whiteface, 7:30 p.m.

Sands football at Wilson, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Big Spring volleyball vs. Wink/Andrews, 10 a.m. at Howard College

Big Spring cross country at Plainview.

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Steers start cross country season with win

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — Big Spring's boys cross country team started the 2007 season in the same manner they ended last season. Winning.

The defending Class 4A state champion Steers opened their season at Abilene Christian University's Cross Country Classic Saturday at Sherrod Residential Park in Abilene. Big Spring dominated the field, taking first place as a team with all seven runners finishing in the top 20.

The Steers registered a low score of 32 to bring home the first-place trophy. Teams are

given points based on where individual runners finish. For example, first place would get one point; second place would receive two points and so on. The lowest score wins.

Zack Dawson — last year's third-place finisher at the state meet — won the classic, finishing the 3-mile course in 15:29.70. Jordan Valle claimed second place with a time of 15:41.29. Both times are considered elite according to Head Coach Randy Britton.

Senior Jessie Sanchez finished seventh in the field with a 16:55.58. Shane Allen took ninth place, giving the Steers four run-

ners in the top 10. Sammy Segundo rounded out the scoring for the Steers, coming in 13th.

The Steers last two runners — Daniel Segundo and Kade Parker — finished 18th and 19th, respectively, serving as buffers between Big Spring and the rest of the field.

Lubbock Coronado finished second and Odessa Permian took third.

Big Spring had all seven of their runners across the finish line before another school had four runners finish the race.

The Lady Steers were led by what Britton calls the outstanding performances of Esther

Tobar and Catherine Leubner. Tobar finished third in the 2-mile course with a time of 12:30.49 with Leubner just behind here in fourth place at 12:37.10.

The two runners led Big Spring to a sixth-place finish. Britton says that both runners were in mid-season form.

Mistie Aguilar finished 26th for the Lady Steers with Crystal Torres (60th) and Kalina Fletcher (68th) rounding out the teams overall score.

Britton raved about both teams' performance.

"I am very pleased with both teams' performance and attitude," he said.

Surprise: Appalachian State steals NCAA spotlight



MCT photo/Duane Burleson
Appalachian State Mountaineers' quarterback Armanti Edwards (14) dives over Michigan Wolverines' linebacker John Thompson (49) and cornerback Brandon Harrison to score their fourth touchdown of the game during the second quarter of a college football game Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Mountaineers upset the Wolverines 34-32.

If someone told me before Saturday that a North Carolina college would make big news this weekend, they probably would've meant Butch Davis making his coaching debut at the University of North Carolina.

However, Davis' debut was overshadowed — as was every other major story in the first week of college football — by Division I-AA Appalachian State's Mountaineers and their 34-32 victory over fifth ranked Michigan.

The two time defending DI-AA national champion Mountaineers showed that they can compete with the elite of DI-A by topping a Michigan Wolverines team that many believed would compete for a Big 10 conference title. The upset is being billed as the biggest of all time.

It was just last season that a DI-AA team defeated a DI-A school when Montana State narrowly defeated my beloved Colorado Buffaloes.

However, no team ranked in the top 25 has ever lost to an opponent of a lower division — until Saturday that is.

Usually in games as close as this one, it's the higher ranked team that comes up with the big play to win the football game. That wasn't the case in this one. Instead, App. St. blocked a Michigan field goal on the last play of the game

to clench their upset bid.

The question now is whether Appalachian State is that good of a team or is Michigan that bad of one. Personally, I think Michigan is still a viable opponent in the Big 10 and will compete with Wisconsin, Ohio State and Penn State for the conference title. That would mean that the Mountaineers are simply that good of a team.

I can't say that I've seen many of their games, but after this victory, anything but another national championship in DI-AA should be considered a disappointment for the Mountaineers. A possible move into the more competitive DI-A could be discussed as well.

Schools moving into the largest division of college football have experienced mixed results in the past 10 years. There are the disasters that are Florida International and Florida Atlantic that are just happy to win a couple of games a season, but there are also great success stories.

The University of South Florida moved into DI-A seven seasons ago and claimed victories over the Big East elite schools — Louisville and West Virginia — in the past two seasons. The Bulls are considered a sleeper pick with the potential of winning the conference this season.

Marshall's Thundering Herd is another great example of a team moving into the higher division and finding success. In their nine seasons as a DI-A school, the Herd has made seven bowl appearances.

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Mustangs, Bearkats find opening win elusive

Herald Staff Report

JAYTON — It doesn't matter how good or bad a football team might be, turning the ball over will always cost it a game.

For Sands' Mustangs, six turnovers dictated their season-opening 52-30 loss to Spur's Bulldogs Saturday at the Jayton Six-man Classic.

Despite out gaining the Bulldogs 387 to 326 in total offense, the Mustangs' mistakes were more than they could overcome.

"We looked like an inexperienced football team," said Head Coach Wayne Henderson. "We moved the ball just fine, but mistakes cost us the game. We're yet to understand how to make adjustments on the fly."

Spur took advantage of the Mustangs' inexperience early, breaking away for two long touchdown runs in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs would add to their lead early in the second quarter, scoring two more touchdowns of 22 yards and 35 yards

through the air.

Down 26-0, the Mustangs finally responded. Johnny Rogers hooked up with Jesus Gomez for the first of their two touchdown connections on a 54-yard pass. Gomez kicked the extra point, making the score 26-8.

Sands continued to cut into Spur's lead when Rogers found Gabe Guillen for a 44-yard touchdown pass a few minutes later. Gomez's extra point would trim the lead to ten at halftime.

Both teams went scoreless in the third quarter, but it appeared that Sands had the momentum heading into the fourth. However, Rogers would throw an untimely interception that Spur returned for a 50-yard touchdown.

The Bulldogs would take their lead to 38-16 before the Mustangs would make one last bid at a comeback.

Rogers found Gomez for their second touchdown, bringing the lead to 38-24 after a Gomez extra point. Then, Daniel Armendariz broke loose for a 22-yard score,

but the point after touchdown would fair, leaving the Mustangs down 38-30.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs returned the ensuing kickoff for a 50-yard touchdown, essentially putting the game out of reach for Sands. Spur would add another score to reach the 52-30 final.

Rogers was 9 of 18 passing with three touchdowns and three interceptions. Gomez had five receptions for 122 yards and two touchdowns.

Sands will hope to rebound on the road against Wilson's Mustangs (1-0) Friday.

"Every mistake we made against Spur is very correctable," said Henderson. "We just have to work harder to fix the problem."

Calvert 71, Garden City 26

HICO — Garden City's Bearkats found themselves on the wrong side of the 45-point mercy rule Saturday in their season opener against Calvert's Trojans in the Six-man Super

Saturday in Hico.

Calvert ended the game with 7:53 left in the fourth quarter after a Travis Walker 35-yard run extended the score to 71-26.

The Bearkats got on the board first courtesy of a Nick Sanchez 40-yard pass to Jake Schwartz. However, Calvert would score five times in the opening quarter, including two defensive touchdowns and three touchdowns by Wendell Green.

Already leading 34-12 heading into the second quarter, Green would add another touchdown in both the second and third quarters, giving him half of Calvert's 10 scores.

Schwartz and Sanchez hooked up again late in the third quarter for a 44-yard touchdown pass. Sanchez would throw for a third touchdown, finding Wade Jansa for a 31-yard score.

Sanchez finished his first career start at quarterback with 197 yards and three touchdowns on 7 of 15 passing.

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Obituaries

Joy Isbell Tindol



Joy Isbell Tindol, 72, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, in Midland. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Chaplain, officiating. She was born March 24, 1935, in Wolfforth to Hattie and Thurston Isbell. She married Troy Tindol on March 13, 1954, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1997. She worked with her husband in their contracting business and was also a homemaker. She was a devoted wife who followed and supported her husband in his endeavors. She devoted her life to her family's well being. She lived in Howard County for 18 years, moving from Odessa. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by three daughters, Toni Bowden and her husband, Kent, of Midland, Joni Corless and her husband, Robert J., of Bakersfield, Calif., and Jerri Tindol of Big Spring; and four grandchildren, Brian Hildebrand of Houston, Christa Hildebrand of Denton and Keverly Corless and Joel Corless, both of Bakersfield.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Melani Corless. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Lavern Long



Lavern Long, 85, of Big Spring was called home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1921, in Howard County and married Omer Ray Long on March 23, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 1976.

Lavern enjoyed spending time with her family and liked reading and playing bingo. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend and will be missed by all who knew her. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church where she was very active.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Delton Long of Mahtomedi, Minn., and Vernon and Diana Long of Strawplains, Tenn.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Norma and Al Keeton of Canyon Lake and Marlene and Raymond Rigoli of Buchanan Dam; seven grandchildren, Randy and Kristi Long of Mahtomedi, Minn., Ronnie and Selina Long of Manor, Alan and Mystie Rapp of Haltom City, Shane Rapp of Canyon Lake, Julie and Matt Weller of Buchanan Dam, Stephanie and Brian Mock of Austin and Codie Long of Orlando, Fla.; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721-1448.

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

Paid obituary

Veda Rose Nichols



Veda Rose Nichols, 91, of Big Spring died on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on Dec. 13, 1915, in Estancia, N.M., and married Charles A. Nichols on October 3, 1931, in Texarkana. He preceded her in death on March 21, 2001.

Mrs. Nichols was a longtime resident of the Fairview Community until moving to Big Spring in 1964. She was a homemaker who loved her family and pets. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, horseback riding, waterskiing, fishing and hunting. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Jerry Burchell of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Keith Burchell of Big Spring and Vicki Archer and husband, Greg, of Midland; and one great-granddaughter, Kristen Richards of Indianapolis, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Willis Smith and Curtis Smith.

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Paid obituary

R.C. Vest Jr.

R.C. Vest Jr., 83, of Carrollton died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 6 a.m. today:

- **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 30, of 1810 Old Mill Road, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant and a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **BRIAN G. DAVIS**, 22, of 610 E. 15th Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **RICARDO M. CASTILLO**, 28, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 30, of 1810 Old Mill Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Goliad.
 - in the 3500 block of Highway 80.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1600 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
 - in the 3300 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 1900 block of Wasson.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 1000 block of Nolan.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Gunter.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Sixth Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 17th Street.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 800 block of Seventh Street.

Take Note

• **THE SENIOR CENTER AT 1901 SIMLER** is going to have a pottery class starting Sept. 6. The group will meet each Thursday at 10 a.m.

• **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.

• **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.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

- TUESDAY**
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
 - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
 - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
 - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
 - Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Tonight — Increasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

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

Thursday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Friday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

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Saturday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Sunday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

10-35-45-47-49-52

Estimated jackpot: \$21

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-9-15-29-37.

Number matching five of five: None.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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

2-6-8

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 6-0-5

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NCAA

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It's not out of the question that App. St. could find the same success. Whether they do or not, they have the public's attention at least for one week.

More observation's from this weekend's football action...

Georgia Tech 33, Notre Dame 3

Notre Dame is one of the more overrated teams in the NCAA. Georgia Tech is one of the most underrated. That was shown clearly in this game.

The 30-point loss is the worst opening season loss in Notre Dame history.

It was easy to see this coming. The Irish lost a ton of offensive weapons and Charlie Wise can't decide who his quarterback of the future should be.

Realistically, the Irish could be 0-5 before they find a victory.

Their loss along with Michigan's really puts a damper on their Sept. 15 matchup.

The Yellow Jackets have a very strong defense and a great running game. They'll make a run at the ACC title and a BCS game.

Tech's Tashard Choice is the best running back that the average fan doesn't know about.

Virginia Tech 17, East Carolina 7

It was more than just a football game in Blacksburg, Va. Sports can heal. It's a way to take your mind off of troubles and place your emotions in something hopefully positive.

The emotions of this game were very well publicized. The tragedy that occurred at Virginia Tech a few months ago might be old news as far as the nation is concerned, but it's still fresh on the minds of the Hokies' fans and students.

East Carolina did two things that will be positive for Virginia Tech in the long run.

• They made a monetary donation to the school's memorial fund.

• They challenged the Hokies on the field, providing the team with a test that will better prepare them for LSU next week.

While Tech's offense struggled for consistency, the defense showed why they are tops in the nation. They were put on a spot to make a big play and produced points, following a Victor Harris 17-yard touchdown run. It was a game changing play that placed momentum in the Hokies' favor.

I picked Virginia Tech to make it to the BCS Championship Game against USC in my pre-season bowl predictions. That selection had nothing to do with the tragedy and everything to do with their top tier defense and explosive running back Brandon Ore.

LSU will be favored next week, when the

Hokies visit. One team will leave the game with their apparent national title dreams shattered. My bet remains that it will be the Tigers, who will suffer that setback.

Texas 21, Arkansas St. 13

The Texas Longhorns are one of the most overrated teams in the nation right now. I felt that way before this game.

I've heard Big 12 and national championship predictions for them that are incredibly far fetched.

The Longhorns were out gained offensively and were fortunate to escape with a victory. The only statistical category they led in was penalty yards.

This team is going to struggle defensively. The pass defense was one of the nation's worst last season, but could be worse this season with close to no experience in the secondary. The team's top two pass rushers also moved onto the NFL. It seems that a new player is being suspended each week, which is taking its toll on the line-backing corps.

My biggest reason for not buying into Texas' chances is the loss of defensive coordinator Gene Chizik, who took over head coaching duties at Iowa State this season.

Big 12 title? Try being the third best team in the conference behind Oklahoma and Texas A&M and being even par with Oklahoma State.

Texas Tech at SMU, 3 p.m. today

The Bowden Bowl featuring Florida State and Clemson is getting prime time treatment by ESPN tonight, but the most entertaining and surprising game of the night could be the appetizer.

I know several Texas Tech fans won't like reading this, but the Red Raiders are going to have their hands full with the SMU Mustangs.

Tech has a quarterback — Graham Harrell — finally returning to their system, but feature new faces at nearly every other position. The Mustangs return experience and feature a signal caller of their own — Justin Willis — that knows how to win football games.

Both were Texas high school stars with Harrell winning state championships on his way to becoming the most prolific passer in the state's history.

Willis played for Denton Ryan and led SMU to a 6-6 record, making the Mustangs bowl eligible for the first time in more than 20 years.

They didn't get a bowl bid, but will contend for one again this season. I think Tech will pull out the win, but it won't be a blowout like most want to believe.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

Blalock hits grand slam to lead Rangers over Angels

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Hitting a go-ahead grand slam in his first game since May 16 wasn't quite on a par with his homer that won the All-Star game in 2003. But Hank Blalock's teammates celebrated in the dugout as though it were Game 7 of the World Series.

Blalock stunned reliever Scot Shields with a drive into the in the right field seats with one out in the eighth inning, leading the Texas Rangers to an 8-7 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday night.

“When Hank hit that home run, I pretty much felt that we were going to win that game,” Rangers closer C.J. Wilson said after his second shaky save in two days. “It was so deflating for them to see Shields come in and just kind of fall apart like that, because he’s such a consistent guy.”

Shields (3-5) gave up a leadoff single to Michael

Young, then walked Brad Wilkerson and hit Frank Catalanotto with a pitch before Blalock connected for his fifth career grand slam and first this season.

Blalock, a two-time All-Star, had been limited to 39 games this season because of a condition called “thoracic outlet syndrome” which affects the nerves that pass through the shoulder into the neck.

He had surgery May 21 to remove a rib, which helped alleviate the problem.

“I felt weird up there the first time,” Blalock said, “but I think what helped me was that I got to see a lot of my pitches my first couple of times up and see some different stuff.”

Technically, Blalock has four home runs in his last five games — with quite a bit of separation between the last two.

“It was my fourth at-bat, so I was able to get some of the rust out before that,” Blalock said. “To be

able to contribute like that after not being able to play for 3 1/2 months, that was really exciting for me — not as exciting as the All-Star home run, but it was a close second.”

Shields retired one batter and was charged with all four runs. Since the All-Star break, the Angels' set-up man has a 10.00 ERA.

“I didn't get the job done,” Shields said. “I couldn't throw strikes, I couldn't throw my breaking ball, and that's what I get. The breaking ball was the right pitch to throw to Blalock, but I couldn't afford to get behind 3-2, so I tried to

throw some low fastballs and get a double play.”

Teammate Garret Anderson doesn't agree that Shields' 317 appearances and 498 2-3 innings pitched since the start of the 2003 season have caught up to him.

“There's no answer to that,” Anderson said. “You can't say that kind of stuff. It's a theory. It's not fact. I mean, everybody has their struggles. None of us are immune to tough times on the field. You've just got to be mentally strong, keep moving forward and not worry about what's happened — because you can't change that.”

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AREA

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Garden City's all-state running back Bo Eggemeyer finished with 100 yards and one score

on 18 carries. His touchdown came from three yards out in the first quarter.

The Bearkats have a bye week and then return to the field against Midland Trinity's Chargers at home on Sept. 14.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker There's Got to Be a Better Way East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♠K 7 3 ♥9 2 ♦A 10 5 ♣A K Q 10 8 WEST ♠J 10 4 2 ♥K J 8 5 4 ♦J 3 ♣9 6 EAST ♠A Q 10 7 6 3 ♥K Q 9 8 2 ♦7 4 SOUTH ♠A Q 9 8 6 5 ♥7 6 4 ♦J 5 3 2 The bidding: East South West North 1♥ 2♠ 3♥ 4♠ 5♦ Pass 5♥ 5♠ Pass Pass Dble Opening lead — Jack of diamonds. Some deals seem so cut-and-dried to declarer that he scarcely pauses to think before starting to play. This can be a dangerous and costly practice, as evidenced by today's exhibit. After making a pre-emptive two-spade overall, South wound up in five spades doubled and was delighted by the dummy his partner tabled. Certain he was about to make his contract with an overtrick, he put up the ace of diamonds and led a spade to the ace. When East showed out on the first spade, declarer suddenly realized he was in deep trouble. He did the best he could by playing the K-Q of spades and conceding a trick to the jack in hopes the defenders would try to cash a heart before taking two diamonds. In that case, he could ruff the heart and dispose of his third diamond on dummy's fifth club. But West returned the three of diamonds after winning the spade, and East had no trouble diagnosing the situation. Since West had led high-low in diamonds, indicating a doubleton, East knew declarer had started with three cards in the suit. So after taking the second diamond, East played another diamond to set the contract one trick. South should have recognized at the outset the danger posed by a 4-0 spade division — certainly a strong possibility on the bidding — and stopped to consider what he could do to counter that threat. Had he done so, he might have found the solution. The winning play is simple, but not obvious. All South has to do is refuse to take the first diamond trick! If West started with a doubleton diamond — a virtual certainty given the bidding and opening lead — the contract is assured. Assuming West continues with a diamond, declarer takes the ace and plays four rounds of trump. West wins the fourth spade but cannot return a diamond, and South is home.

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Big Spring Boxing Club seeking site

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

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

Contact Willie Jenkins at 267-5822.

BUSH

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Minister Nouri al-Maliki, President Jalal Talabani, and other top Iraqi officials from Baghdad.

Bush and his national security team flew direct-

ly to this air base in a remote part of Anbar province, bypassing Baghdad in a symbolic expression of impatience with political paralysis in the nation's capital. The gesture underscored the U.S. belief that the spark for progress may come at the local level.

Next week, Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador in Baghdad, testify before Congress. Their assessment of the conflict, along with a progress report the White House must give lawmakers by Sept. 15, will determine

the next chapter of the war.

The United States cannot sustain the troop buildup indefinitely. And with Democrats calling for withdrawals and a rising U.S. death toll that has topped 3,700, the president is hardpressed to give Iraqi Prime Minister

Nouri al-Maliki's much more time to find a political solution to the fighting.

Bush stopped in Iraq ahead of his visit to Australia for an economic summit with Asia-Pacific leaders. The trip was a closely held secret for obvious security reasons.

The president was scheduled to leave for Australia on Monday, but Air Force One took off from Andrews Air Force Base Sunday evening instead.

He was joined by his top advisers, including National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley.

SYMPHONY

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"The Big Spring Symphony Guild also provides great support, particularly through their sales of advertising for the concert programs. Graumann pointed out

that donors who have given to Pops in the Park should keep in mind that they have not given to the symphony, but rather to the July 4th Foundation, a separate entity.

"Pops," because it is a free event, is not part of the symphony's concert series. However the symphony does have a num-

ber of categories for giving.

The Sustainer category is for those giving \$10,000 or more. Benefactors give between \$1,000 and \$9,999. The Patron category is from \$500 to \$999 while the Sponsor category is from \$200 to \$499, Graumann said.

Donors give from \$75 to

\$199 while Friends give from \$15 to \$74.

"There are a number of other ways to support the symphony," he added. "We have several Concert Sponsors each season who typically give from \$1,500 to \$5,000 and who are recognized in all of our advertising. A number of our supporters also

give to the Endowment Fund administered by the Big Spring Area Community Foundation. Doris Munger, a long time orchestra member and supporter, recently donated a Finnish style harpsichord to the Symphony. We will see it used in future concerts.

"As you can see, there

are many ways to support the Big Spring Symphony and we are extremely grateful to all supporters no matter how small or large the gift," Graumann said.

To make a donation, call (432) 267-1626 or mail to Big Spring Symphony Association, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring 79721.

COURT

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The court met with Vince Viaille, senior vice president of investment bankers First Southwest Company, a week ago to discuss adopting the order calling for the election.

Commissioners were forced last week to hold off on a vote to place the issue before voters during the November election, as project architect Jeff Heffelfinger struggled to get the court an estimated cost for a new jail.

"We don't have the price just yet," Barr said early Monday morning. "However, I'm sure Jeff will have us a price before the meeting tomorrow. We'll announce it in court."

If commissioners vote to place the bond on the November ballot, the order will come just one day before the deadline to make the fall election,

according to Viaille.

"Wednesday is the last day to consider placing a bond issue before the voters during the November election," Viaille told commissioners. "So taking that vote Tuesday will put you on the mark."

Viaille, who served as advisor to county commissioners this time last year on a similar bond issue to fund a new jail, said the court can expect to things as it moves forward on the issue: Higher construction costs and higher interest rates.

"Unfortunately, interest rates are higher this time around," Viaille told the court. "You're looking at around 5.5 percent interest on the bond, which will be for approximately 25 years. The current bonds the county has are at 3.5 percent."

"The court would be well advised to ask for more (in the bond) than what you think you'll actually need. If there are any funds left over after construction, those funds

can either be used for software, computers or other necessities for the operation of the jail, or they can be applied to debt service, which will help bring the bond's effect on the tax rate down."

Having already had a similar bond election fail in 2006, commissioners spent a great deal of time during last week's meeting discussing alternative methods of financing with Viaille.

"You basically have four methods you can use," Viaille told the court. "The first is general obligation bonds, which have to be voted on. The second is certificates of obligation, which don't require a vote."

"The third method is tax notes, which can go for a maximum of seven years. However, at the end of that note you have a huge balloon payment, which has to either be paid by the county or refinanced. Bell County went this route, and then refi-

nanced the balloon out over several years, which doesn't require a vote because you're simply refinancing.

"The fourth method, which is by far the most costly, is a lease bond agreement. The problem with this route is you'll pay anywhere from 8 to 9 percent interest on the bond, and if the county should default, they will lose title to the facility. This is a lot more risky."

The use of certificates of obligation, however, could trigger a petition — and subsequently, a bond election — that would once again put the matter in the hands of Howard County voters, according to county officials.

Barr has indicated he will not support certificates of obligation, part of a campaign promise he made before his election

to the county judge seat last year.

The existing county jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November 2006, after the facility's smoke evacuation system failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006.

Officials with TCJS have told county commissioners if the court doesn't pass the bond — or find another avenue of financing a new jail facil-

ity — the existing jail will be shut down, possibly throwing the county "into bankruptcy," according to Barr.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the County Courthouse.

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OUR VIEWS

Celebrating America's workforce

Today, we celebrate one of the most basic components of a successful society — the worker. Great decisions are made by politicians, generals command during wars and scientists explore the mysteries of the universe. But without the "common" working man and woman to drive the gears of society and form the cornerstone of our economy, all the equations and theories don't amount to much.

In recognition of the workforce that fuels this country, the U.S. Congress has set aside the first Monday in September for the observance of Labor Day.

So, what exactly should we be observing today?

George Sand once said, "Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength, his glory and his pleasure." While some would doubtless take issue with Sand's assessment, there is more than a little truth to it.

For many, what we are defined to a great extent by what we do for a living. A great majority of U.S. workers take great pride in their occupations and strive to do the best job possible.

Given those facts, therefore, a day of celebration of our work makes a great deal of sense.

Very few good things come about as the result of random chance or good fortune, but from simple, hard work.

A cure for polio? Jonas Salk worked years on the problem before finding a cure.

Likewise, the Empire State Building and other great structures in this country didn't just appear out of the blue. They were the result of years of labor by America's workers. The examples could go on and on ...

But it is not great accomplishments we recognize today.

No, instead today's celebration is about the simple realization that much of what makes this nation great has been made possible by the work of our people.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we use our heavenly instincts, Lord, for You.
Amen

Real men own handguns

A mong "rich" nations, the Japanese are clearly the wimps. They suffer only 0.07 gun deaths per 100,000 of population per year. The British are four times more violent at 0.30. Contemplate then, the United States. We record 9.42 such deaths per year.

A common explanation for all this killing is America's frontier mentality, heroically rooted in self-defense against bandits and Indians. There is also our good old Constitution, guaranteeing something-or-other about arms to everyone, as we gathered our defense against the hated British.

But the British are gone now, the Indians mostly have been wiped out and the bandits mostly wear coats and ties. Nonetheless, we still love our weapons. Bumper stickers proclaim that we will only get the owner's gun by prying it from his cold, dead hand. Not a bad idea perhaps, but in the meantime murder and accident rates zoom up and down with somebody inevitably ending up dead from every incident. Most of those deaths still come from guns because drive-by poisonings have never really caught on in this country.

In Australia, the big crackdown eventually came after a Virginia Tech-style massacre on Tasmania. Enough was finally enough,

Australia enacted tough gun laws and shootings plummeted accordingly. No such epiphany has occurred here however, and the press periodically thrives on the likes of Cho Seung-Hui. And when reform ultimately is put into place, the media will no doubt one day wax nostalgic for a good old mass murder.

There's not much danger of such reform just yet. Largely, it's law-abiding gun lovers who see to it that our control laws remain loose. Thus, criminals and crackpots retain access to weapons to do their dirty work. (This isn't a sane society we're talking about here.) Cho simply walked into a gun store and walked out with his weapons of choice. Virginia is not exactly a hotbed of gun-crime prevention laws.

Others places are much better. If you want to buy a gun in our state, you need a permit. The trouble is that the streets are filled with "stolen" guns, which the rightful owners somehow neglected to either "protect" or report. Our legislature wisely and belatedly just cracked down on this gimmick. Other states simply turn a blind eye. The federal government, especially the current one, doesn't even care.

Solutions to this violence are politically complex but not administratively challenging. The simplest is to prohibit the private ownership of all handguns the way we currently do for grenades and machine guns. Exceptions would cover inventoried weapons

stored at licensed clubs for target shooting and training.

Short of such a national law, each state might upgrade its licensing apparatus to approximate that of auto registration. People would have to report all transactions or theft within 72 hours, as some states now require. After a free initial lapse, failure to do so earns you a felony. This is far from rocket science. Experts abound who could create a variety of effective regimens from which states could select.

Of course, this suggested state action assumes that presidents and congress members will continue to look upon the gun issue as too hot to handle, a safe guess. That's partly because while the massacres may tend to focus on white victims, day-to-day casualties are mostly black and Latino. This makes good local copy, but fails to excite the network media groundswell needed to shift national public policy.

But at least we can cheerfully report that shooting is down at nearby local banks. Our city has suffered nine bank robberies in recent months, with no shots fired and hardly a weapon shown. Local wags are attributing this notable wave of banking non-violence to a new protocol of honor among thieves.

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Answering the nation's questions

Burning questions of the day:

Q — What will the resignation of Karl Rove from the White House staff mean?

A — That's like asking what it meant when Vlad the Impaler hung up his spike. A lot less looting, pillaging and sacking of cities for one thing.

Q — Was Rove really that important?

A — Yes he was. He was the president's chief political strategist and hit man, no more malign than the rest of the White House crowd but far more effective. He was the architect of the divide-and-conquer strategy that proved so successful over two elections.

Unfortunately, while divide-and-conquer may win elections it is a hell of a way to run a country, which is why we now see the nation in disarray and Mr. Bush's reputation in well-deserved tatters.

So, with no more presidential elections to fix and the White House looking like the orphanage in a Dickens novel, Mr. Rove said he's leaving to spend more time with his family.

His family's loss is our gain.

Q — Do you think Barack Obama has enough experience to be president?

A — No, I don't. Mr. Obama is a bright young man with a relatively short resume, virtually none of it in foreign affairs. He could use

more seasoning. This is a trait he shares, in varying degrees, with Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney and John McCain.

On the other hand, the most prepared man we've ever had coming into the presidency was probably George Bush the Elder — congressman, envoy to China, ambassador to the United Nations, director of the CIA and vice-president. The best you can say about his presidency is that when he got us into Iraq, he had sense enough to get out quickly. Would that his son were as bright.

Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon each came to office having been a congressman, senator and vice-president and each was, in his own way, a disaster. Experience is overrated.

Q — My Daddy says that the Democrats are weak on defense. What do you say?

A — Kid, I'm sorry to break the news to you but your Daddy is an idiot. It sounds as though he voted for Bush twice (three times if he lived in Ohio). Democrats are far too cowardly to be weak on defense.

This is a country that spends as much on "defense" as the rest of the world put together, allies included. Yet its politicians, Democrats and Republicans alike, are always clamoring for more to be spent. It is a country that complains about "waste, fraud and abuse" in government, yet barely responds to the fact that our military establishment is the epicenter of waste, fraud and abuse. It is a country that claims to be peace loving, but has been in virtually

constant warfare for the past 65 years.

Weak on defense? Don't I wish.

Q — Is Barry Bonds' breaking of Hank Aaron's homerun record legitimate?

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Bonds has dominated the steroid era. That's all you can say. In any case, a nation that habitually drugs its children to make them ruly, encourages its women to mutilate themselves in search of youth and whose men extend their sexual lives by chemical means, should not condemn the use of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes.

Personally, if someone offered me a drug that would make me write like Mark Twain, I'd take it.

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Many uses for lasers in dentistry

It seems like lasers are being used all over our bodies these days. Lasers are used from cosmetics to removing tattoos to delicate surgery in many parts of the body. The mouth is no exception as there are now many uses for lasers in dentistry.



DR. DAVID WARD

many colors and wavelengths of light that are not focused. Lasers pass a light beam over and over through a substance that produces a beam of a single wavelength that is intensely focused. Lasers vary widely in their wavelength and power so they can have profoundly different affects — everything from shooting down incoming missiles to doing delicate surgery. In dentistry, there are several types of lasers in use, but all are very low power. The most common laser in dentistry is diagnostic and is called a "Diagnodent." It is used for diagnosing small cavities in the pits and grooves of teeth. At my office, we look at these grooves at 30 times mag-

nification with an intra-oral camera and still have trouble, at times, telling if there is decay deep in the groove. The Diagnodent allows us to "read" what's going on beneath the surface with a laser beam so we can catch these cavities at their earliest stages. There are several different types of lasers to do relatively painless small surgeries on soft tissue (gums, lips, tongue, cheeks). These are used to remove various lumps and bumps and to recontour excessive gum tissue or muscle attachments. The great thing I like about doing these things with a laser is that there is usually no need for stitches and normally very little soreness afterward.

Lasers are great for desensitizing things that already hurt. Good examples are canker sore (mouth ulcers) and sensitive tooth roots. Gentle application of laser energy will actually make these feel better. Some lasers, using water coolant, are used to cut hard tissues (tooth and bone), often without anesthesia. There are still relatively few dentists offering this service because of the extra time required for the dentist and often extra cost for the patient. These laser procedures do work well, but are not very efficient. Treating moderate to severe gum disease (actually called periodontitis as it affects the bone) is a fantastic use for one laser. The Periolas is the only

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Dr. David Ward practices family dentistry in Big Spring. He is past president of the Permian Basin Dental Society. He is also a member of the Texas and American Dental Associations and the Academies of Cosmetic Dentistry and Gp Orthodontics.

Soup makes the most of fall's bounty

September brings change to the air — the summer's end, the beginning of school and the return of seasonal fruits and vegetables. In the fall we welcome the autumnal flavors of pears and apples, the transition from summer to winter squash and the appeal of warm comfort foods. This week's Acorn Squash and Apple Soup makes the most of fall's bountiful harvest. Served with a green salad and a healthy slice of toasted whole grain bread, this soup makes the perfect light dinner for a brisk September evening. Winter squash — which include acorn, butternut and spaghetti varieties — are harvested in early fall. Like their cousin summer squash, they are a healthful and low-calorie addition to any meal. But with a slightly higher carbohydrate content, winter squash pack a bigger fiber punch than summer squash. That's good news for those seeking to

lose weight, as increasing dietary fiber may help curb hunger by making you feel fuller longer. In addition, research shows that high fiber diets are associated with a lower risk of both heart disease and cancer. The leeks and onions featured in this recipe come from the allium family of vegetables, which also includes garlic. These foods contain sulfur compounds that, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research, may play a role in decreasing stomach cancer risk. Moreover, onions boast antioxidants with important anti-inflammatory properties that help fight many chronic diseases. In addition, September also kicks off apple season. Although traditionally used in baked goods, apples add a touch of natural sweetness to any dish. Cooked and pureed as in this soup, apples make a healthy, low-calorie thickening agent — a

better choice than the flour and butter thickeners most frequently used by chefs. Toppings like the chopped fresh mint used here add a touch of color and some intense flavor. For extra crunch, sprinkle a few chopped almonds or walnuts on top of each bowl just before serving.

Acorn Squash and Apple Soup

- 1 medium acorn squash
- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 leek (white part only) rinsed well and chopped
- 1 tart apple (such as Granny Smith), peeled, cored and chopped
- 3 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 Tbsp. minced fresh mint leaves, as garnish
- Milk or additional broth to thin soup (optional)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut acorn squash in half length-wise,



remove seeds and pulp. Set on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until the flesh is tender when pierced, roughly 45 to 90 minutes (depending on size). Remove squash from oven and allow to cool. While the squash is cooling, in a large, heavy pan heat the canola oil over medium-high heat. Add the onion and leek and sauté for about 4 minutes, until the onion is translucent. Add the

apple and cook over medium heat for 1 minute. Scrape out the squash pulp and combine with the apple mixture. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook for 5 minutes, stirring often. Add the broth to the pan, cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for about 30 minutes. Remove the pan from heat and set the soup aside to cool slightly.

In a blender or food processor, puree the soup in batches until smooth. Return soup to pan and heat just before serving. Add milk or additional broth to thin soup, as desired. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish each serving with mint and serve. Makes 5 servings.

—From the American Institute for Cancer Research

NUTRITION WISE: Iron, plastic bottles and Kosher salt

Q: Am I likely to have problems getting all the iron I need as I move to eating meatless meals more often?

A: Not necessarily, as long as you make healthy food choices. All meat and fish, but especially red meat (beef, pork and lamb), provide a particular type of iron called heme iron that is more easily absorbed by the body than the non-heme iron in many other foods. However, absorption of non-heme iron is strongly influenced by factors in our diet that enhance or limit its absorption. One of the most important steps you can take when eating meatless meals is to include plenty of vegetables and fruits, especially at least one that is a good source of vitamin C. This vitamin, along with other compounds in vegetables and fruits, can approximately double non-heme iron absorption. Tea can bind to non-heme iron, blocking its absorption, so many experts suggest waiting at least two hours after a meatless meal before drinking tea. Although iron stores tend to be somewhat lower among vegetarians, studies suggest that incidence of iron-deficiency anemia



KAREN COLLINS
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and other health problems are not any higher among vegetarians that follow a healthy diet. Premenopausal women and teen girls have the greatest iron needs, but they still can enjoy meatless meals. If necessary, iron-fortified cereals or a multi-vitamin/mineral supplement can help.

Q: I heard that freezing plastic water bottles and microwaving in plastic releases dioxins, which are cancer-causing chemicals. Is this true?

A: No. There is a lot of false information circulating about this. There are no dioxins in plastic. Another group of chemicals, called phthalates, is

sometimes added to plastics to make them flexible. However, contrary to circulating myths, phthalates have not been used in making plastic wrap in the United States for quite a few years. According to the American Chemistry Council, a group of phthalate manufacturers, phthalates are not used in any U.S. plastic food containers or beverage bottles. Freezing plastic bottles poses no risk. Plastic containers labeled "microwave safe" are made of plastics that have passed FDA guidelines for safety, even for repeated microwaving. (Plastic tubs for margarine or other refrigerated foods are not includ-

ed in this group.) "Microwave safe" plastic wrap is tested for use in the microwave, though experts recommend following manufacturer's instructions that it cover dishes without coming in contact with food during microwaving.

Q: Is it true that Kosher salt is lower in sodium than conventional table salt?

A: Kosher salt is sodium chloride, with virtually the same amount of sodium in the same weight of table salt. However, table salt is

finely ground in order to dissolve quickly, whereas kosher salt is in larger granules. A teaspoon of table salt holds more salt granules than a teaspoon of kosher salt, making the same volume of table salt higher in sodium. If using kosher salt helps you minimize the amount of salt you add to food, then it can be a helpful tool toward the recommendation that we limit sodium consumption. However, remember that kosher salt is not "lite" salt, which is table salt with less sodium. Since processed food sup-

plies the vast majority of the sodium in our diets, the most important step to limiting sodium consumption is to use less processed food, or look for canned vegetables and sauces with little or no added salt.

AICR's Nutrition Hotline is a free service that allows you to ask a registered dietitian questions about diet, nutrition and cancer. Access it online at www.aicr.org/hotline or by phone (1-800-843-8114) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday-Friday.

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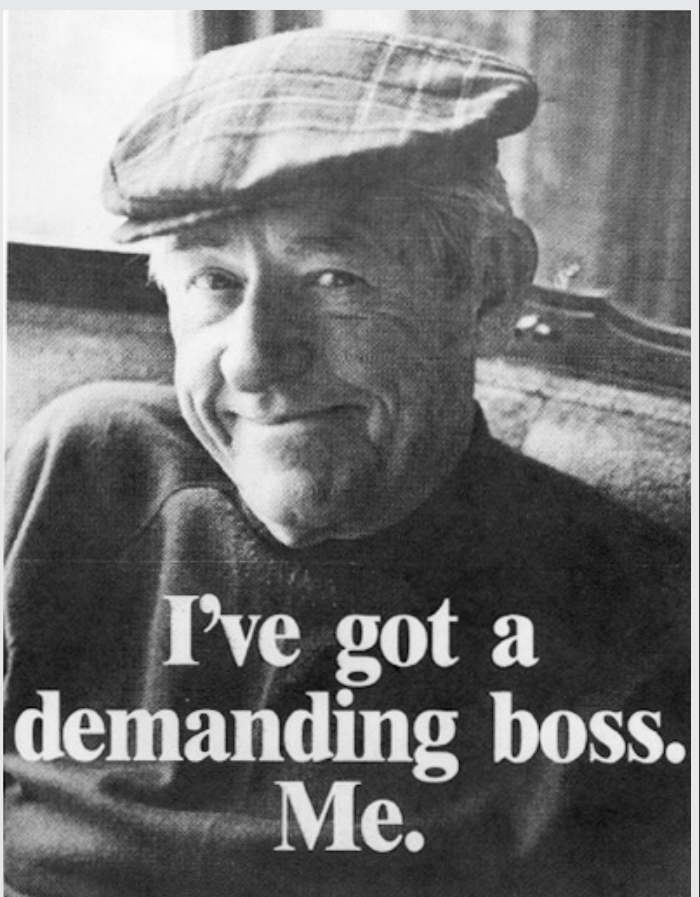
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 TAMI DAVIS
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 #5500 September 2 & 3, 2007.

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 The proposed disposal site is located on Hwy 669-2.25 miles north of Gail, Texas in the Section 19, Block 30, T-5-N, T&P RR Company Survey, Abstract No. A-201, Borden County, Texas. The proposed disposal site is located on real property owned by Borden County, Inc.
 Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be September 10, 2007 which means protests should be received by September 25, 2007. Protests must be sent to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12987, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6818).
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
 At the celestial Labor Day barbecue, frisky Mars in Gemini chases flashy love goddess Venus around the pool, giving a whole new meaning to trivial pursuits. With banter this rich, who needs volleyball? Meanwhile, grillside optimists Jupiter and the sun cook up the fun. There's more than enough cheer to go around.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Let the animal in you out for a run. You can afford to be outrageous, bold and loud. If you're worried what the neighbors will think, don't. They will think, but mostly about their own business.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's always happy news when your horoscope tells you to go shopping — especially for clothes! Consider what Mark Twain said: "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Take advantage of the "anything goes" cosmic climate by making a wild speculation. You very well may find it's closer to the truth than any conclusion drawn from research or reason.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Explore beneath the shyness or the idle chitchat you encounter

now to find the intrigue. It only takes the slightest degree of sincere curiosity to get someone extremely intelligent to divulge his or her secrets to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). With family dynamics as they are currently, the only way to stay sane is to laugh. Find the fun in the situation without making fun of it. True humor doesn't put anyone down.

VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a time and place to be emotionally reserved. This isn't it. Let enthusiasm fly. Go on, jump for joy. There will still be ground beneath your feet when you land.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can take the strain out of a relationship by deciding not to sweat the minor infractions and to forgive the major ones as well. Mercy blesses both the giver and the taker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's a cliché that wisdom often comes from the mouths of babes, or from someone wearing a tattered coat. But clichés become clichés because they are often true — and so it is today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today features the kind of electric and fleeting moment in which you suddenly know everything there is to be known. Then, it's back to your usual state of lavish innocence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your maturity is apparent now as the thoughts you think are so strikingly different from those you thought only one year ago. Something

that seemed so original at the time now feels rather obvious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The spirit of adventure promises no security. If it did, it wouldn't be an adventure. When out to discover new lands, you're sure to lose sight of the shore — it comes with the territory.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some tantalizing bits of experience are so unique to your own tastes that they couldn't possibly be meant for anyone else. But beware of generic and obvious baits of pleasure, which are usually connected to a hook.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: Saturn enters Virgo. The clock is ticking for Saturn in Virgo — for whom there's not a moment to waste. She says: "Someone send me to a time-management seminar, please!" No extra time, money or energy? We'll work with what we have. Virgo keeps the little things running smoothly, and Saturn's visit showcases what's eating away at our productivity on a personal and global level.

When we need a right-hand man, we find him when Saturn's in Virgo. She's the one who keeps your spreadsheets straight; he's the technical support guy, supplying sound logic and technical expertise, exactly and precisely. If it seems everyone's suddenly got microscopic vision, it's because we're

beginning to appreciate the effort it takes to produce quality work. Writers, accountants, health-care workers, systems experts and lifestyle coaches — all are in high demand because we need experts, people! Wonder how it runs? Take it apart and put it back together again. Look under the hood. Just don't cut corners or skimp on the details. Quality counts. Sound like a tedious job? Sign Saturn up. Saturn in Virgo is quality-control, the department inspector and your PDA all wrapped up in one.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Virgo Keanu Reeves avoids media madness by dwelling in as little publicity as celebrity allows. Call him private — reclusive, even — but not shy. The virgin has high standards of behavior in a relationship; when she's crossed, she prefers solitude to disappointment. Still wondering if Keanu mysteriously married his sweetheart? The stars say Keanu's relationship status changes this year.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been married over 25 years and have three terrific children. Three years ago, my wife found out she has cancer. She went through all the treatments, and although the doctors say her original cancer is gone, she still needs to come in for more tests to see if cancer has since developed elsewhere. She won't go.

She seems better mentally and physically, but I'm at my wits' end. There is no sex drive from her whatsoever, and if I mention it or try to initiate sex, she's cooperative, but there is no emotion or sensuality. It's like a chore to her.

I'm a well-known citizen in my town, but it's getting harder to stay married. I'm afraid it will look bad to leave her, and I'm not sure my children will understand. I've met other women and enjoyed the attention. I know I can find someone to satisfy me emotionally and physically.

Our house is clean, there is food on the table, bills are paid, but I'm not happy. There is no time for counseling, plus we're long past talking about her lack of libido. How can I walk away on good terms? — Dilemma in the Midwest

Dear Dilemma: Your wife of 25 years develops cancer, is probably going through menopause, and although you are intimate, she isn't as gung-ho about it as you'd like. You decide to leave because you can't make time for counseling. You're right — it will look bad, and your children will never forgive you.

If you really wanted to save your marriage, you'd make time for counseling, but it's obvious you are only looking for a way out that will not wreck your stellar reputation. So you need to give the impression that you're



**KATHY MITCHELL
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making an effort. Go for counseling. Allow your wife the opportunity to work on this. Marriage is not all about you.

Dear Annie: My mother, 74, lives in another city and delights in criticizing family members, friends and everyone except strangers. Yesterday, while chatting on the phone, she told me my nephew's girlfriend answered questions with "Naw," instead of the proper "No," so she rudely and sarcastically corrected her. Mom said this while laughing and expected me to laugh along.

She has always been like this. No one measures up. We were raised to never criticize her, since the consequence is days of sulking and revenge. Even my long-suffering, spineless father follows this policy. How do we handle her? — Disgusted

Dear Disgusted: People like your mother need to constantly prove their superiority because they are secretly afraid they don't measure up. It's probably too late to change her, but at the very least, when she behaves rudely, you can express your disagreement. If she sulks for a week, so be it.

Dear Annie: I usually love your advice, but the response to "Shutter Shy" was out of line. She said her parents were always pestering her to "show her teeth."

How that woman smiles is nobody's business, and her family is wrong to try and force a change. It would be nice if everyone had a great smile, but spending several thousand dollars on one's appearance isn't always a viable option.

Please rethink this one, Annie. — Lisa in Tennessee

Dear Lisa: We agree that no one should be forced to smile. It looks unnatural. However, we also know that if you are embarrassed by your smile, it can affect everything in your life — including your relationships, your work, your attitude and your emotional health. For those who are content with their smile, it's fine with us. But for those who spend a good portion of their lives wishing it were otherwise, they should know there are options.

Dear Annie: I spent the last two years pining away for an old love, and he finally came back into my life six months ago. Things started out great, but then we started talking about the future.

For some reason, "Jordan" always wants to hear that I love him, but he never says he loves me in return. As a matter of fact, he would tell me flat out that he didn't love me. He would get upset any time someone so much as hinted that he might love me even a little bit. Friends suggested that I quit using those words and instead give his typical response, which is, "I care a lot about you."

I tried that, but after two days, we got into a horrendous fight, and he walked out the door. He told me if neither one of us loved each other, maybe we shouldn't be in a relationship. He also took the car we bought together, and I haven't heard from him in three days.

Jordan's cousin told me

that no one has ever loved him unconditionally, and that's why he won't say the words. Part of me says to forget about him and just move on with my life, but the other part of me doesn't want to let go. I am so confused. I can't just turn my heart off. Please help. — California Dreamin'

Dear California: It would be one thing if Jordan had trouble saying, "I love you," but he went out of his way to say he didn't. Jordan may be emotionally needy or totally selfish, but either way, he is not ready for any kind of commitment and may never be. You would be smart to distance yourself and try to get over him. There are better fish in the sea if you are willing to look.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Choking in Memphis," whose aunt wears too much perfume and she thought telling her would strain the relationship. You suggested she say she was sensitive to chemical odors and is asking everyone to wear less around her.

I wish you wouldn't advise your readers to tell lies. It's not necessary and it sets a bad precedent. — Disappointed in Boston

Dear Boston: We have never understood the impulse to be honest when it serves no purpose but to hurt. Should she tell her aunt she stinks? It's honest, but it's not kind. It is hardly a lie to say one is sensitive to odors, when in fact, she is indeed sensitive to the amount of perfume her aunt is wearing. This is compassionate and tactful, and avoids ill will. Our advice stands.

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IN THE NEWS

Britain pulls out from downtown Basra base

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi soldiers hoisted the nation's flag over the Basra palace compound Monday after British troops withdrew from their last garrison in the city, a move that will hand control to an Iraqi force riddled with Shiite militiamen.

A British statement said the operation began at 10 p.m. Sunday "with all British troops arriving at the airport by midday" Monday.

"There were no clashes or attacks on British forces during the operation. The formal handing-over of the Palaces will happen in the near future," British spokesman Maj. Matthew Bird said.

The departure of most of the remaining 500-member British force from the palace left the nation's second largest city without any multinational presence for the first time since the U.S.-led invasion of 2003.

"We told those (militias) who were fighting the British troops that the Iraqi forces are now in the palaces," Lt. Gen. Mohan al-Fireji, the Iraqi commander in the area. He said the last of the British force left about 4:30 a.m.

Rescuers find missing girls; 1 rescued, 1 dead

PHOENIX (AP) — The unmarked mine shaft was so well-hidden, rescuers searching for two missing sisters walked right by it in the darkness.

But in the light of day on Sunday, they were finally able to see the tracks of an all-terrain vehicle leading into the northwestern Arizona mine shaft, a 125-foot vertical drop concealed by brush and devoid of signs or barriers.

When the girls' father yelled into the gaping hole, only one daughter answered.

Rescuers who rappelled to the bottom of the mine found 13-year-old Rikki Howard dead. Ten-year-old Casie Hicks had "major injuries" and was listed in critical condition at a Las Vegas hospital Sunday evening.

"A 10-year-old girl has spent the night at the bottom of a mine shaft, which is the most horrifying thing I can think of," Capt. Greg Smith of the Mohave County Sheriff's Office told reporters.

Lebanese army hunts for fugitives; leader's body found

MOHAMMARA, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanese soldiers searched through devastated buildings and scorched bushes along the Mediterranean coastline in northern Lebanon Monday, hunting for fugi-

tives a day after the army crushed the remnants of a militant group and ended a three-month siege at a Palestinian refugee camp. Meanwhile, the body of the leader of the militant Fatah Islam group, Shaker al-Absi, was identified by his wife at a hospital in the port city of Tripoli, said Nasser Adra, the hospital's director. Two captured militants also identified the body as al-Absi's.

However, Adra told The Associated Press that the

hospital could not officially confirm the identity, which would have to come from judicial authorities after a DNA test.

Al-Absi, a Palestinian linked to the late leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has not been seen or heard from since early in the fighting that erupted May 20.

The army searched Monday for Fatah Islam fighters that may have escaped Sunday's battle at

the Nahr el-Bared camp. Patrol boats were out looking for bodies in the sea.

Dem candidate Joe Biden bets on Iowa to boost candidacy

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, behind in polls and campaign money, is betting the farm on Iowa's leadoff caucuses, hoping a strong showing will rocket him to the top of the

field. If not, Biden admits he'll be an early footnote in the race for his party's nomination.

"I'm counting on Iowa a lot," Biden said in an interview with The Associated Press. "My expectation is that I come in first, second or an indistinguishable third. To tell you the truth, if I don't, then this has been a nice exercise and I'll see you again when you come to visit Washington."

Biden, 64, brings a blue-

chip resume to his second bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. He's represented Delaware in the Senate since 1972, and as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he's in the middle of the debate over the Iraq war. Most polls show that's the top issue with voters, and Biden has been an early and persistent critic of Bush's policy — a strong selling point with overwhelmingly anti-war Democratic activists.

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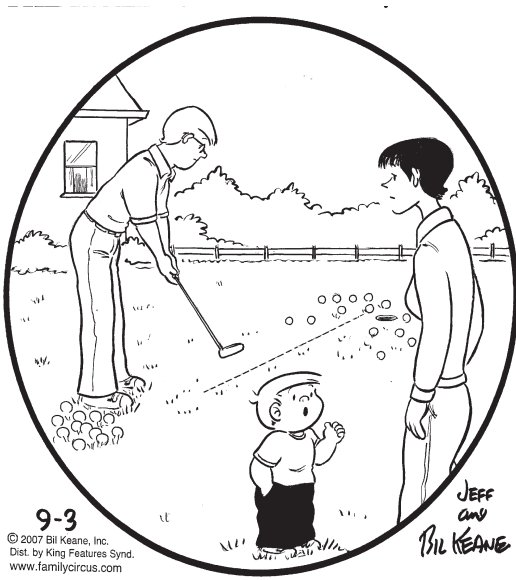
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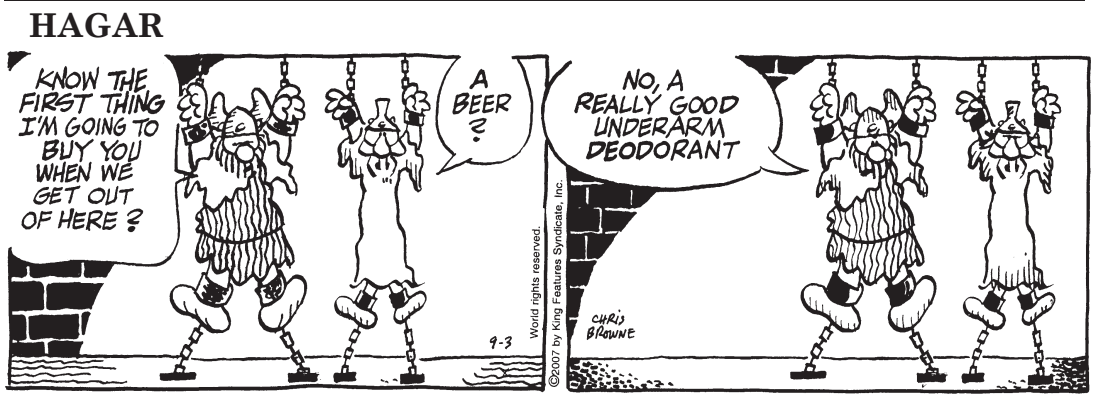
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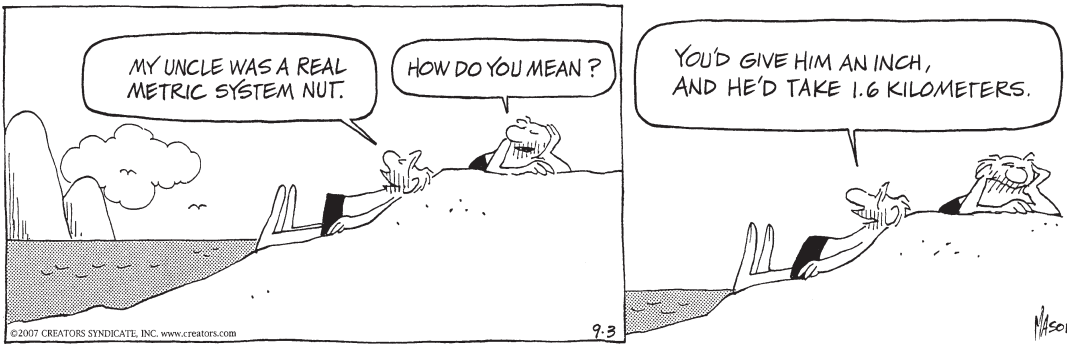


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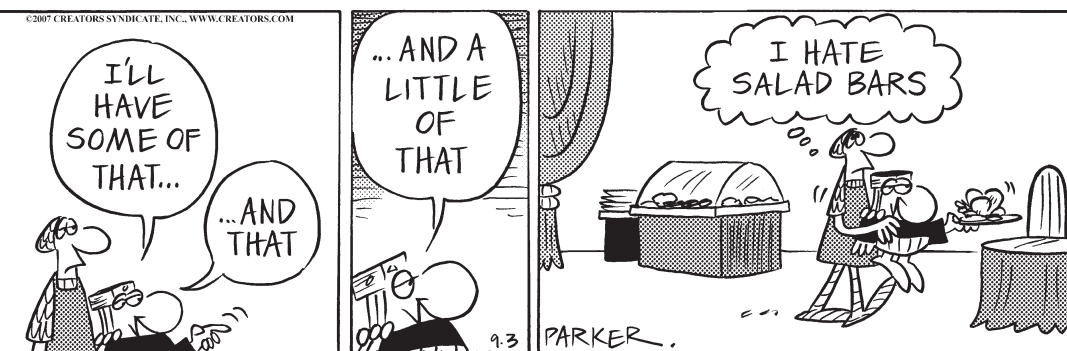
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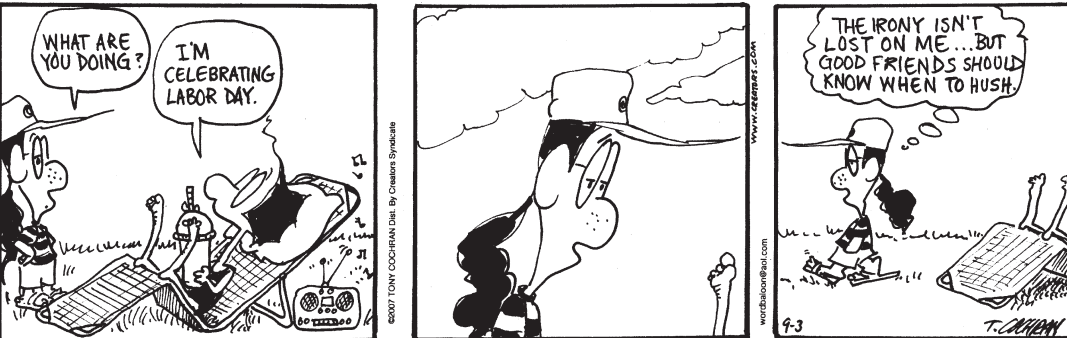
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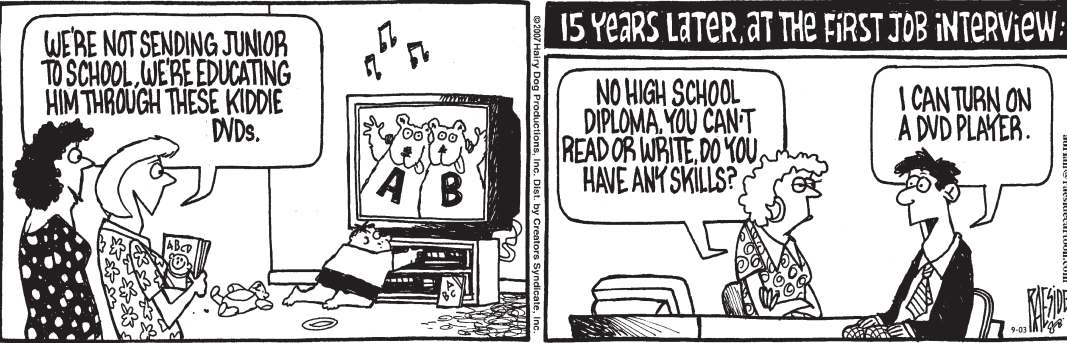
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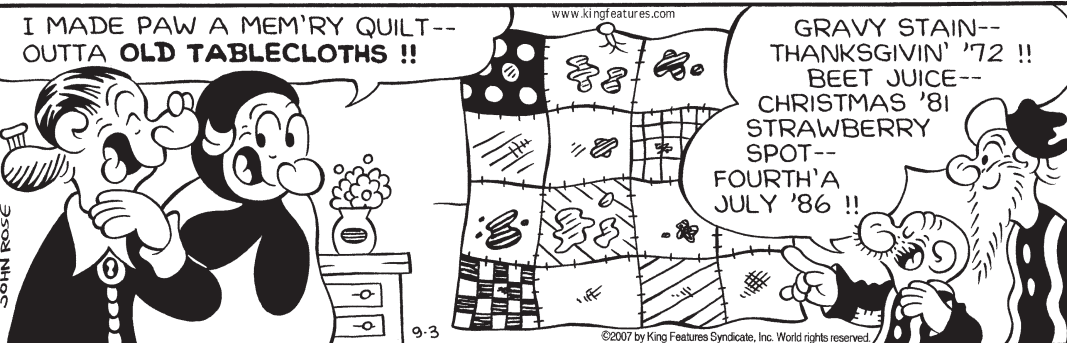
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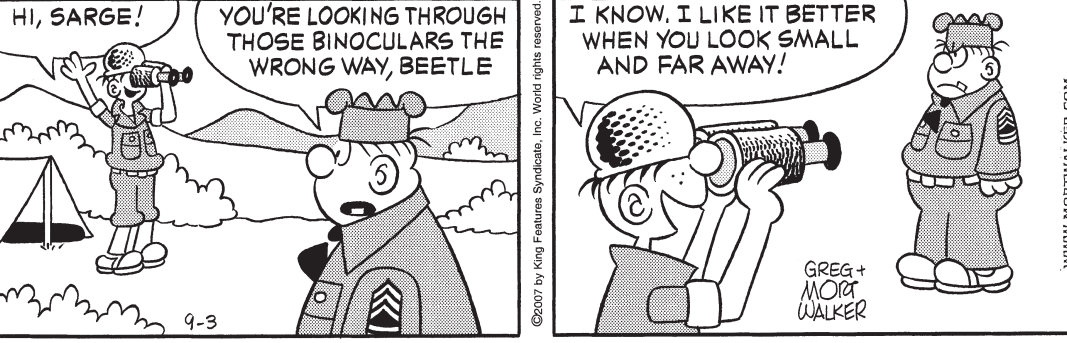
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 3, the 246th day of 2007. There are 119 days left in the year. This is Labor Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris between the United States and Great Britain officially ended the Revolutionary War. On this date: In 1189, England's King Richard I (the Lionhearted) was crowned in Westminster. In 1658, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of the English Commonwealth, died. In 1939, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

In 1943, the British 8th Army invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italy signed a secret armistice with the Allies. In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu was elected president of South Vietnam under a new constitution. In 1967, motorists in Sweden began driving on the right-hand side of the road instead of the left. In 1967, the original version of the television game show "What's My Line?" broadcast its final episode after more than 17 years on CBS. In 1976, the unmanned U.S. spacecraft Viking II landed on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface. In 1978, Pope John Paul I was installed as the 264th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 2004, the three-day hostage siege at a school in Beslan, Russia, ended in bloody chaos after Chechen militants set off bombs as Russian commandos stormed the building; 334 people were killed. Today's Birthdays: Actress Helen Wagner ("As the World Turns") is 89. "Beetle Bailey" cartoonist Mort Walker is 84.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with the solution: PAIRED, MRCOFFEE, RUDELY, ABOVEALL, ATONAL, SILENCED, YOU LAGS, ENDIVE, EBBSS, NOEL, SELES, DATUM, GDAY, RENT, THIMBLE, KEG, ONTOAST, EARFLAP, SAT, SHALALA, APSE, TERI, DAVIS, BLEND, REDS, BATS, BARRIS, NEED, LAP, ONEONONE, DUVAL, TENBELOW, ANEMIA, STEERERS, NETPAY.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS: 1 Annoying one tees, 5 Health resorts, 9 Scarlett of Gone With the Wind, 14 Region, 15 Barn's upper space, 16 Gains altitude, 17 Weight-reducing plan, 18 Skin-care brand, 19 Suspect's excuse, 20 Shipped off, 21 Finest-quality, 23 Supposedly wise bird, 25 "Electric" fish, 26 Wide view, 31 Elapsed, 36 Australian bird, 37 Make into law, 39 Sandwich cookie, 40 Got ready, as for a meeting, 44 Matured, 45 Couches in family rooms, 46 Golf platform, 47 Also-rans, 50 Faraway forts, 52 Ingest, 54 Explosive initials, 55 Mountain-road warning sign, 61 Army "lights out" tune, 65 Largest artery, 66 From the US: Abbr., 67 Spiny houseplant, 68 Substantial, 69 Warsaw native, 70 Toward sunset, 71 Letters before tees, 72 Lose traction, 73 Tree-chopping tools.

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 73 indicating starting positions for words.