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They're baaaack!

Lawmakers return to face Iraq, home mortgage and children's health issues

By JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press Writer
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Like many schoolchildren, members of Congress were due back at their desks Tuesday after a summer break. Unlike the students, lawmakers will immediately face major tests: on Iraq, children's health care, a home mortgage crisis and the budget.

Republicans returned relieved that Idaho Sen. Larry Craig decided to resign at month's end rather than prolong a scandal over his arrest in a men's room sex sting.

Democrats, meanwhile, were divided over the next step to take on Iraq. This month could be pivotal to the mission's future.

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House and Senate hearings on Wednesday and Thursday will examine reports detailing intractable problems in Iraq's political situation and security forces.

Iraq's political situation and security forces. Next Monday, lawmakers are to hear long-awaited testimony from Gen. David Petraeus, the top military commander in Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador to Baghdad Ryan Crocker.

President Bush is expected to use Petraeus's report to boost the argument that his strategy of increasing U.S. troop

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READ ME A STORY



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 As her students circle around her, Kentwood Elementary first grade teacher Glenda Hendrickson reads a story this morning.



U.S. Navy photo/Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kerryl Cacho
 Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Brian Delos Trinos draws a picture of a ship for a local student during a community relations project at Delap Elementary School in support of the Pacific Partnership mission.

Navy improves U.S. image by offering medical care, other help to poor nations

By AUDREY McAVOY

Associated Press Writer

MAJURO, Marshall Islands — Hellynty Phillips' 6-year-old daughter Marian had a piercing earache, but her family couldn't afford to pay \$5 for her to see a doctor.

So Phillips turned to doctors and nurses visiting her tiny Pacific island nation on a 10-day humanitarian mission organized by the U.S. Navy. For free, they diagnosed Marian's ear infection and gave

her ear drops and Tylenol.

Such scenes are being repeated across the Pacific and Latin America this year as the Navy deploys two ships to nearly 20 poor nations to treat ailments and repair infrastructure.

Behind the bandages and new school roofs is the hope patients and nations receiving care will become better friends of the United States.

Military commanders also hope the assistance will bolster weaker nations plagued by poverty and unemployment,

preventing them from becoming breeding grounds for extremist ideologies and terrorists.

"It's part of raising the bar throughout the region, raising the prosperity," said Adm. Robert F. Willard, Pacific Fleet commander, during a visit to the Marshalls, a former U.S. territory, to see the work on the ground. "There are real strategic benefits to what we're doing."

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'FRIENDS' SEEKS BOOKS

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

Books should be brought to the library during normal business hours.

The book sale will be held Sept. 14 through Sept. 16 in the library basement.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the library. Its most recent project has been the summer reading program. For more information on the book sale, contact the library at 264-2260.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Library should stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 annually.

TRUCKERS HELP OUT

BIGGS, Ore. (AP) — Three commercial truck drivers put on the brakes to help police stop a man who led authorities on a high-speed chase for more than 50 miles.

The truckers pulled alongside each other and slowed to about 5 mph, forming a rolling roadblock. The fleeing driver stopped and fled on foot but was quickly captured. Trucker Edwin Beach said he had heard police radio traffic and said, "OK, where's the high-speed chase at?" He coordinated with two other drivers over CB and placed his truck in the middle on Interstate 84. "We were all kind of laughing because he was running down the freeway," said Beach, of Kelso, Wash.

SHARK RESCUED

NEW YORK (AP) — When a Coney Island lifeguard spied a shark near an upset group of swimmers, he did what he thought was right: He rescued the fish.

Marisu Mironescu, 39, said he was prompted to action Monday after seeing about 75 to 100 people circling the 2-foot sand shark off the beach and "bugging out."

"They were holding onto it and some people were actually hitting him, smacking his face," said Mironescu. "Well, I wasn't going to let them hurt the poor thing."

He grabbed the largely harmless shark in his arms and carried it, backstroking out to sea, where he let it go.

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Sports

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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 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.

Area high school sports calendar

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

Today
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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Harrell shines in Tech's blowout of SMU

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Texas Tech has proven in recent years that it can keep its offense chugging even when changing quarterbacks. Turns out, coach Mike Leach can plug offensive linemen and receivers into his system just as seamlessly.

Quarterback Graham Harrell welcomed four blockers and a trio of pass-catchers to the starting lineup by completing a career-high 44 passes for 419 yards and four touchdowns in a 49-9 victory over SMU on Monday.

Redshirt freshman Michael Crabtree announced his arrival with 12 catches for 106 yards, including touchdowns of 42, 2 and 1 yards. Senior Danny Amendola christened his starting debut with a 49-yard TD reception and finished with 10 catches for 149 yards.

"In this offense, you are going to put up big numbers, especially if you stay consistent and get the ball in the playmakers' hands," said Harrell, who threw 59 passes. "We came out and executed. That's what we do at Tech, we execute and make plays."

Harrell is Tech's first incumbent quarterback since Kliff

Kingsbury was in charge from 2000-02. The junior's poise and accuracy kept the Red Raiders from missing last year's starting receivers, who left with a combined 504 catches and 7,014 yards.

He went 6-for-6 on the opening drive, then capped it with a 1-yard TD plunge. His next two TD drives went 95 and 88 yards, and he converted on six of his first eight third-down tries. He topped his previous high in completions (42) during the third quarter, then called it a day after a touchdown early in the fourth made it 42-6.

"We had some opportunities

defensively to get them off the field on third downs and we couldn't just quite get enough pressure on him," SMU coach Phil Bennett said.

The new line boasts four guys who are 6-foot-7, with all five topping 300 pounds. They were solid enough to keep Harrell from getting sacked and helped the Red Raiders average 4.4 yards per run, albeit on only 18 carries. Shannon Woods led the way with 45 yards, including the final two touchdowns.

"A lot of people said they're inexperienced, but they are a

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Lady Steers look to brighten season's fortunes

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

For Big Spring's Lady Steers, the 2007 season to this point has been a roller coaster ride that hasn't peaked nearly as high and as often as the team would like it to.

However, the Lady Steers might be coming to a part of their schedule that could produce better results.

After playing some of the top teams from Classes 3A to 5A, the Lady Steers finally meet up with schools that they played well against last season.

On Thursday, Big Spring will travel to face Odessa Permian's Lady Panthers then play a dual match at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum against the Andrews Mustangs and Wink's Wildcats.

"We played very well against all three schools last season," said Lady Steers' Head Coach Amanda Whitaker. "Hopefully, we'll have some confidence going into the matches because of that."

Big Spring didn't get a chance to see its confidence rise at the Seminole Tournament Friday and Saturday, though, as they dropped all five matches they played.

The Lady Steers opened the tournament Friday with Class 3A's third-ranked Monahans Lady Lobos. The Lobos swept Big Spring in straight sets — 25-6, 25-19.

"We were in the first game more than the score

would suggest," said Whitaker. "We were rallying with them on every point. It wasn't like they were dominating us at the net or anything. We rallied for a while, but we couldn't get the point."

"I was very proud of the team in the second set," she continued. "We started winning some of those rallies and kept up with them until the end of the match. We worked a lot harder in that second game."

The result of the Lady Steers' next match against San Angelo's Lake View Lady Chiefs wasn't so much about the score, but instead how the Lady Chiefs schemed against Big Spring.

Lake View started throwing three blockers in front of the Lady Steers' leading scorer Callie Partee. The move slowed down Big Spring's offensive attack.

"That move really frustrated Callie. She had a tough time scoring," said Whitaker. "Eventually, she adjusted to it some, but it still slowed us down a lot. It's something we're probably going to see for the rest of the season."

To combat the attention being put on Partee, Whitaker hopes that some of the other team members can step up. Sophomore Macy Graves and junior Andrea Claxton are two of the players she is targeting.

"Macy has improved 100 percent from where she was last year. We're going to give her more opportu-

nities to contribute," said Whitaker. "Andrea is a very solid player and should be able to take off some of the pressure on Callie."

Whitaker also plans to give freshman Valerie Ross more opportunities to contribute as the season wears on.

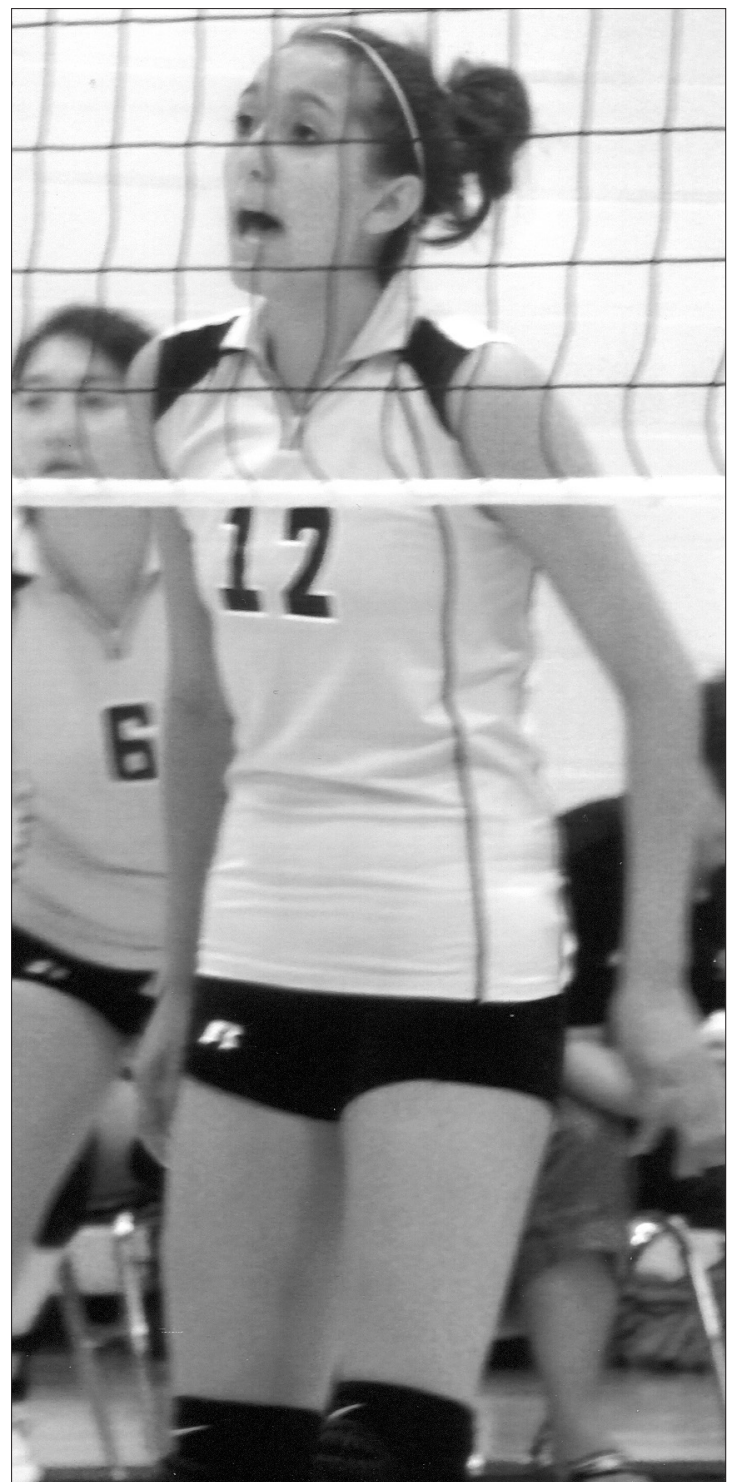
The Lady Steers have several seniors on the team, but there is an insurgence of younger players mixed in.

"We have a nice mix of young and old on the team," said Whitaker. "The challenge has been for the girls to feel more comfortable playing with each other. We still need to develop our chemistry."

The Lady Steers also lost to Lubbock Trinity to end their first day. Their last tournament match pitted them against Lake View for the third time in a week. Unfortunately, it had a similar result with the Lady Steers up early, but unable to close the match against the Lady Chiefs.

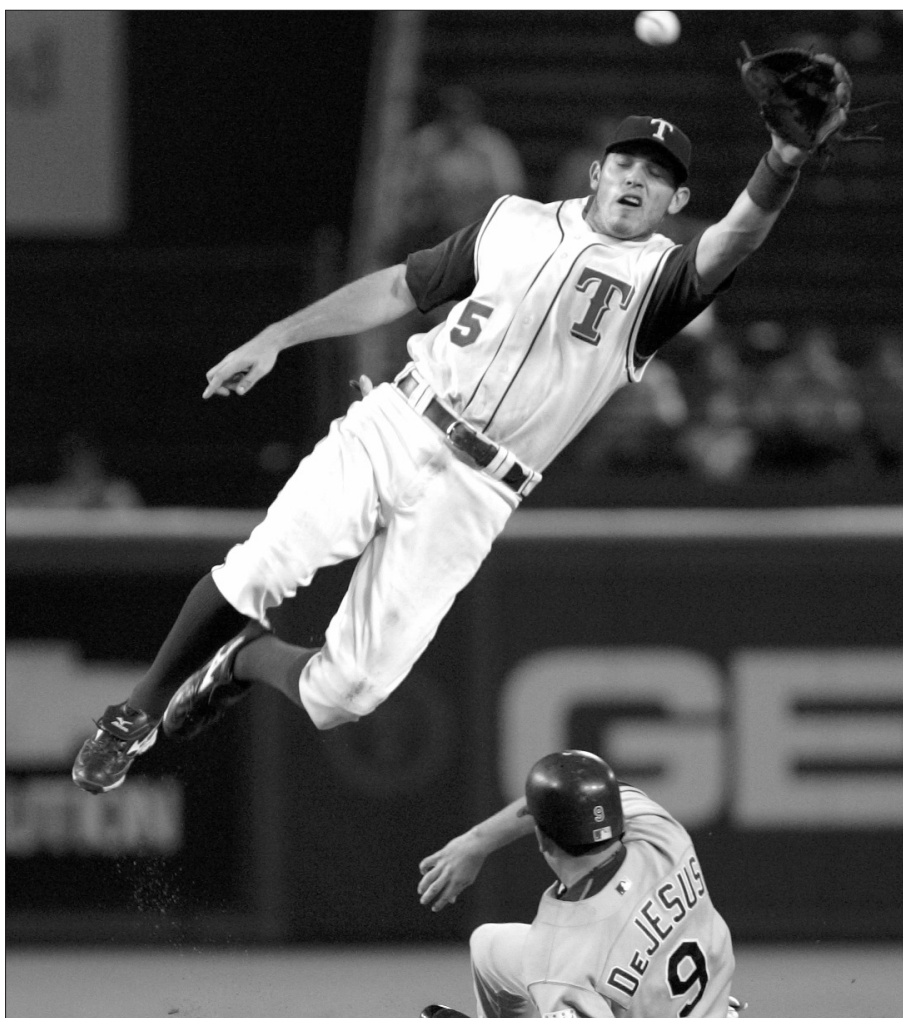
"We've really got to get out of this landslide of losing," said Whitaker. "We've been very competitive at times, but we need to learn how to win matches. I'm not sure that we understand how to do that yet. Hopefully, that can change this week."

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



Courtesy photo
Big Spring's Hali Torres yells instructions to her teammates during the Lady Steers match against San Angelo Lake View Saturday in the Seminole Tournament.

Streaking Rangers slowed by Royals, lose 8-1



MCT photo/Richard W. Rodriguez/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
The Texas Rangers' Ian Kinsler (5) leaps to make a catch as Kansas City Royals baserunner David DeJesus successfully steals second base at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington Monday.

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Zack Greinke's making the most of his second chance in the Kansas City Royals' rotation this season.

The 23-year-old right-hander allowed five hits in five shutout innings for his first win as a starter since April, and the Royals beat the Texas Rangers 8-1 on Monday night.

Featuring a fastball in the mid-to-high 90s, Greinke (6-5) struck out four without a walk in his 10th start of the season.

Greinke, who opened the season in the rotation before being moved to the bullpen in early May after a series of ineffective starts, hadn't won as a starter since April 10 at Toronto.

"My stuff's a lot better," Greinke said. "People say confidence can bring success, but you have to do good first in order to get confident."

Manager Buddy Bell moved Greinke back into the rotation on Aug. 24.

"Maybe we should have done it sooner," Bell said. "The kid keeps throwing good. He maintained his stuff the whole time. He's where we wanted to take him, and I thought he had a little bit left at the end."

Ross Gload homered, and Alex Gordon had three hits and four

RBI's for the Royals, who matched a season high with 16 hits. Gordon is 6-for-14 with three homers and seven RBIs in his last three games.

Mark Teahen, activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game, had three hits, including an RBI single in the ninth.

With one more win, the Royals would avoid their fourth straight 100-loss season.

Kansas City has 16 runs in the last two games, and the Royals could have scored even more against the Rangers but they stranded a season-high 16 runners.

"It was one of our better games in just about everything," Bell said. "We left a lot of guys on base, but it was nice to see us keep scoring. We had pressure on them all night long, and their bullpen has been good all year."

Gload hit a solo homer in the eighth off Mike Wood to make it 5-0, and Gordon's two-run single later in the eighth off Wood stretched the lead to 7-0.

Michael Young's RBI single in the eighth off Joel Peralta ended the Royals' bid for their sixth shutout of the season.

Texas had won seven of its previous eight, the Rangers' best

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Obituaries

Celia 'Mary Lou' Fierro



Celia "Mary Lou" Fierro, 75, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ruth Salazar presiding. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with the Rev. Richard Regan presiding, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Simmons and the Rev. Cynthia F. Harvey. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 10, 1932, in Big Spring to Natalia and Federico Everett. She married Agustin "Gus" Fierro Sr. in 1947 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 2004. She was a homemaker and had also worked a number of years at the Town and Country Store on Wasson Road. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Mrs. Fierro is survived by one son, Agustin Fierro Jr. of Big Spring; one daughter, Cynthia F. Harvey and her husband, Dean, of Houston; three grandchildren, Matthew Martinez and Jordan Martinez, both of Midland, and Elizabeth Grace Harvey of Houston; one sister, Natalia Martinez of Big Spring; one brother, Manuel Puga of Odessa; one brother-in-law, Jimmy Fierro of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Martha Martinez, in 2005.

The family wishes to extend their appreciation to the staff of Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for their loving care.

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

Paid obituary

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 6 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- **MARCUS GRAVES**, 22, of 1700 Johnson, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants.
- **SHANE BRIM**, 34, of 206 Leatherwood, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **STEVE SALINAS**, 37, of 1402 E. 14th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 2600 block of Wasson Road.
 - in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1600 block of FM 700.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of N. Highway 350. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Duncan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Dow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2800 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Airport. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Randolph and Gunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of W. Highway 80 and Airbase Road. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-25-29-33-34.
Number matching five of five: 1.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-9-15-22. Bonus Ball: 30.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BARNEY DODD**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for credit/debit card abuse.
- **CHRISTINA MARTINEZ**, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- **JACK DANIEL PAREDEZ**, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - family violence.
- **JULIA AGUINAGA CRUSES**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ROBERT FRANCO JR.**, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- **TERRENCE A. YOUNG**, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana and a motion to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **RONALD LEE SIMONEK**, 52, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
- **MICHAEL SCOTT MILLER**, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **JOSE EXCEL GARCIA**, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a Tennessee warrant for statutory rape.
- **KEVIN DWAYNE RODGERS**, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- **CRUZ CASTILLO**, 37, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance, failure to appear - non-payment of child support and driving while license invalid.
- **CODY BYRON WALDROP**, 19, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of minor driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility and minor in possession of alcohol.
- **MALCOLM TYRIM IRVIN**, 18, was arrested

Saturday by DPS on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage, possession of drug paraphernalia, minor in possession of alcohol and leaving refuse on the highway.

- **BRENDA JUNE SMITH**, 43, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **MELISSA ANN PUGA**, 39, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **TABOR ROSHIER GRIFFIN**, 44, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and public intoxication.
- **PRESTON WAYNE SAVELL**, 27, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHARLYN GRIGGS**, 45, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MISTY GAYLE MARTIN**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief and a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and assault causing bodily injury.
- **BRIAN GLENN DAVIS**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ERNEST J. TAGGART**, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, driving while license expired and no seat belt.
- **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.
- **KENDRA ILENE PERRY**, 22, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **STACEY JO VAUGHN**, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ROBERT LEON REID**, 52, was arrested Sunday by

Bulletin Board

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TODAY

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

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 blue-bonnets, 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.

DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **THOMAS HENRY COX**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of injury to the elderly with intent to cause bodily injury and hindering officers from discharging official duties.
- **TRINITY LEWIS OWEN**, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and no liability insurance.
- **TAMMY LOCKHART COKER**, 30, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GARY WINDELL GUTHRIE**, 49, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JASON LEE BULLARD**, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **VICTOR MANUEL DEHOYOS**, 26, was arrested Monday by the DPS on a charge of theft.
- **MARIO MATOS**, 44, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication (two counts).
- **MISTY MICHELLE BAKER**, 26, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and no liability insurance.
- **JAMES ARTHUR WHITED**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **DAVID M. FLORES**, 24, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **DENNIS JOHN ROLING**, 19, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of minor in possession and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

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RANGERS

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stretch of the season. But they were only able to get one runner as far as third base against Greinke, who's been considered a star of the future since the Royals drafted him with the sixth overall pick in 2002.

"Greinke is a great talent," Texas' Ian Kinsler said. "He's up there at 96, 97 (mph). He's got good stuff."

Kansas City had nine runners against Rangers starter Kameron Loe, who left after three innings due to a sore right elbow. Loe (6-11) walked the bases loaded in the first and Gordon's two-out, two-run single gave the Royals a 2-0 lead.

Loe said the elbow problems contributed to his first-inning wildness, and could cause him to miss a start.

"I've been battling it the last couple of starts," Loe said. "It's a sharp pinch before I release the ball on certain pitches. It

comes and goes. It definitely contributed to the walks in the first inning. I tried to give us some innings but I couldn't go any further."

Kansas City made it 4-0 with a two-run fourth off reliever Scott Feldman on Gload's run-scoring single and Billy Butler's RBI groundout.

Loe allowed two runs and five hits, struck out three and walked four.

Notes: Greinke was on a tight pitch count and was removed after 82 pitches (55 strikes). ... Texas had a season-best five-game home winning streak snapped. ... Loe's four walks were all in the first inning. He threw 68 pitches, 38 strikes. ... Loe has lost five of his last six decisions. ... The Royals have won five of seven from the Rangers this season. ... Kansas City's David DeJesus had two stolen bases to give him nine for the season, a new career high.

Mariners 7,

Yankees 1

Roger Clemens' elbow

redeem himself one snap after a lob was knocked from his hands in the back of the end zone.

"If they call my number three times, they can expect three touchdowns," Crabtree said. "I could've done better with the yardage, but it was a real good game. ... I look at Graham, and he looks at me, and we have that connection. We just go from there."

Crabtree initially was ruled out of bounds inside the 1 on his long touchdown, but it was fixed by a replay. During the review, the Tech fans who made up the vast majority of the crowd of 26,969 whiled away the time with the call-and-response chant "Raider! Power!" as if they were back in Lubbock. It was just another example of how Tech dominated in every facet for a 12th straight win over SMU. The Red Raiders won last year's opener 35-3.

The Mustangs came in with high hopes on building off last year's 6-6 season, and they actually held in pretty well early. But after scoring two field goals to Tech's two early touchdowns, SMU couldn't recover from Crabtree's TD just before

forced him out of the opener of the New York Yankees' big three-game series against the Seattle Mariners.

Ichiro Suzuki had three hits to equal another record, Clemens left early and the Mariners beat the Yankees 7-1 Monday.

Clemens (6-6) allowed five runs and eight hits in four innings, then went for an MRI exam.

"First three innings it was a manageable situation for him and then it started to tighten up," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Hopefully it's just something that needs a little rest."

Suzuki homered in the third inning to reach 200 hits for the seventh consecutive season, tying the AL mark held by Wade Boggs (1983-89) and moving within one of the major league record held by Willie Keeler (1894-01).

Seattle ended a nine-game losing streak and trimmed New York's wild-card lead to one game. The Mariners won for the first time since beating Texas 4-2 on Aug.

24. "I can sleep tonight," manager John McLaren said. "That's a start."

Felix Hernandez (11-7) allowed five hits over seven innings, improving to 5-1 in his last eight starts. The age difference between Clemens (45) and Hernandez (21) was the largest between opposing starters since Florida's Charlie Hough (46) matched up against San Francisco's Salomon Torres (22) on April 16, 1994.

New York's Mike Mussina pitched 3 2-3 innings in his first relief appearance in 499 regular-season games, setting the major league record for most starts to begin a career before a relief appearance.

"I might be pitching Roger's turn the next time," Mussina said, "but we'll wait and see."

Red Sox 13,

Blue Jays 10

Daisuke Matsuzaka (14-11) nearly gave away a 10-1 lead at Fenway Park, allowing seven runs —

also made kicks of 35 and 36.

"It's my job to get them ready to play and we weren't ready to play to the level we had to be to play a team like Texas Tech," Bennett said.

Justin Willis, the Conference USA freshman of the year last season, was 15-of-33 for 138 yards with two interceptions. He also was the leading rusher with 40 yards.

TECH

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huge unit," Harrell said. "They are going to get better and they did a really good job."

Harrell frustrated the Mustangs no matter what they did, beating blitzes by hitting his safety valve — like Amendola on his touchdown — and patiently finding his third, fourth or fifth passing option when the defense drifted back into coverage. Eleven players caught passes for Tech, including three first-timers.

"A lot of his passes he was just throwing them up and somebody was there," SMU linebacker Wilton McCray said.

Crabtree redshirted last year because the Red Raiders were set at receiver. His first game, and first start, came in his hometown of Dallas and he made it memorable with plenty of highlights: a 1-yard touchdown pass with 2 seconds left in the first half, dazzling open-field running and a nifty move to kick the pylon as he crossed the goal line on his long TD, and the 2-yarder to

BRIEFS

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halftime that made it 21-6.

The Mustangs gained only 37 yards in the third quarter, offsetting it with 39 yards in penalties. That included a false start while a coach was giving an audible that looked like the chicken dance. SMU wound up punting on its first three drives of the second half, followed by consecutive turnovers. The skid ended with a 37-yard field goal from Thomas Morstead, who

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which matched his major league high — and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Mike Lowell hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs for the Red Sox, who opened a seven-game lead over the second-place Yankees. Lowell is 10-for-16 with eight RBIs in his last four games.

After the Blue Jays scored eight times in the sixth, Boston bounced back with three runs in the bottom half on Jason Varitek's RBI single, Coco Crisp's run-scoring sacrifice bunt and Jason Frasor's balk. Jonathan Papelbon got his 32nd save.

Jesse Litsch (5-7) gave up seven runs and seven hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Angels 9,

Athletics 5

Ervin Santana (6-2) pitched two-hit ball over 6 1-3 scoreless innings for his first win since June 9. He had been 0-6 with an 8.28 ERA in his prior nine starts

Gary Matthews Jr., Jeff Mathis and Garret Anderson homered for the Angels, who maintained a 6 1/2-game lead over second-place Seattle in the AL West.

Chad Gaudin (10-10) allowed seven runs — six earned — and eight hits in five innings. The visiting A's are 14 games out of first, matching their largest deficit this season.

Indians 5,

Twins 0

C.C. Sabathia (16-7) gave up six hits in eight innings to help visiting Cleveland extend its AL Central lead over the defending division champs to 10 1/2 games.

That's the biggest deficit for third-place Minnesota during this disappointing year in which Johan Santana (14-11) lost all five starts against Cleveland.

Sabathia, who bested Santana for the second time in a week, gave up six hits and one walk while striking out six. Minnesota has been blanked a big-league high 13 times.

Devil Rays 9,

Orioles 7

Carlos Pena hit his team-record 35th homer, a tiebreaking two-run drive in a three-run seventh that helped Tampa Bay overcome a 4-0 deficit.

Pena's drive off Jim Hoey (1-4) struck an overhanging catwalk and gave Tampa Bay a 6-4 lead. Pena's total is one more than Jose Canseco (1999) and current Orioles designated hitter Aubrey Huff (2003) hit for the Devil Rays.

James Shields (11-8) gave up four runs — one earned — and seven hits in seven innings for the Devil Rays, who have won nine of 11.

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
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♠ 6
♥ K J 4 3
♦ K J 8
♣ K Q J 5 2

WEST
♠ J 9 8 3 2
♥ A 10 9 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 6

EAST
♠ K 7 5 4
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 5 2
♣ A 10 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10
♥ Q 8 6
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ 9 7 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♥ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — three of spades.

Notrump contracts generally feature a race between the defenders and declarer for the establishment of tricks. That is why the opening leader so often starts with his long suit.

The defenders, having the opening lead, thus get the jump on declarer in the race to build up tricks. This advantage is usually offset by the fact that the declaring side has more high cards, but if the defenders have enough high cards and a long-enough suit, the tempo they gain will often make the difference between the success and failure of a contract.

The battle is often touch-and-go because of the timing factor. Also, the declarer may have a choice of which of two suits to establish, and if he chooses the wrong one, he may lose the race.

Today's hand features just such a situation. South got a spade lead and won East's king with the ace. He played a club to the jack, and East took his ace and returned a spade. The ten lost to the jack, and a spade continuation established West's suit.

Declarer now could cash only eight tricks. When he later led a heart, West grabbed the ace and cashed two spades to defeat the contract one trick.

Actually, the contract was a certainty from the outset with correct play. South should have attacked hearts before he touched the clubs.

At trick two, he should enter dummy with a diamond and lead a low heart toward his hand. If East has the ace, he cannot afford to play it because that would give South his ninth trick (three hearts, four diamonds and two spades). East would therefore have to play low, allowing declarer to win with the queen. South can then force out the ace of clubs to assure nine tricks.

If West has the ace of hearts (the actual situation), the queen would lose, but West could not make a damaging spade return since declarer's Q-10 would be in full command of the suit. Regardless of what West returned, South would have ample time to tackle the clubs and make at least four notrump.

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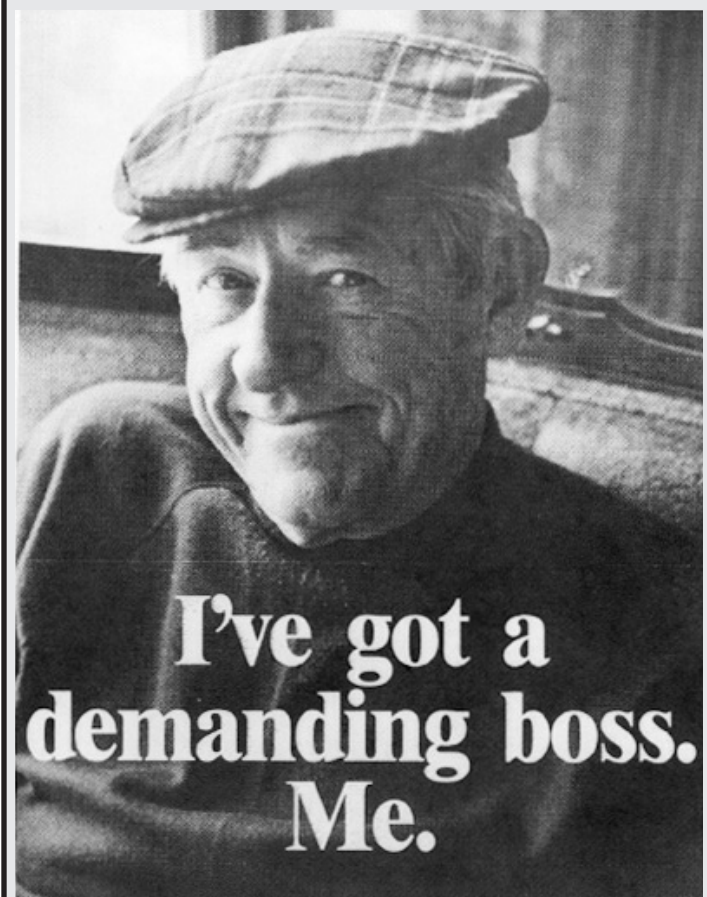
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so power through today's mental demands by feeding the Gemini moon and Virgo sun your favorite vitamin-fortified cereal. The word "cereal" originates from Ceres, the Roman goddess associated with Virgo and agriculture, who holds a staff of wheat — symbolic of her ability to provide.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You understand how to make others feel cool and young. That's why you'll be presented with invitations. People ask you to help them out with highly personal choices, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've probably heard that it's a mistake to meet one's icons. Well, heads up — you'll likely be in a position to make such a meeting extremely possible for yourself. Should you refrain? Nah! Go for it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Fair-weather friends get a bad rap. So, they're still friends, right? Good for a few laughs? And the cosmic weather, being fair enough right now, supports all the fun you're bound to have.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People seem intent on getting answers from you — the kind of answers you really haven't a clue about how to give. Just nod energetically or gaze knowingly. Wordless answers are so often accurate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to be understood and adored —

not possessed! Luckily, when you assert your independence, others will get it right away and back off. Sagittarius relationships are good for work and pleasure alike.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You politely disregard what anyone says about your love life. The reality of relationships can only really be known by the people who are in them. However, don't disregard what you know in your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you hold someone in high esteem, thinking is not the same thing as loving. Bring a relationship out of your head and into your heart. Then act on the resulting impulse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If it looks like hard work, you don't back off. The merits of your vigorous efforts far outweigh the momentary muscle ache involved. Take two aspirin, and you can cash your check in the morning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your life is so much more manageable if you can integrate the different parts of it, especially your relationships. Soon, it's not "work friends" and "family friends" but just "friends."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The stars deliver a lesson in partnership. Now you know what you're willing to do and what you're not. When you're easygoing about it all, others follow suit. Be that kind of Pied Piper.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The best way to get things done now is not to do it all yourself but to delegate, cooperate and use others to make you accountable. All in all, it's a harmonious, energetic and creative

day. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Seize the chance to dazzle the public with your erudite thoughts. You probably don't even think you have any interesting knowledge on the subject at hand, but that's where you're wrong! Just open your mouth and see.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: Your Sun Sign and Your Health. As the sun moves through Virgo and summer releases into fall, we're focused on productivity. Schedules increase, and signs of stress can appear out of the blue. Without a doubt, prevention is the best medicine — and astrology can help. Like an expert homeopath, your sun sign points to potential health challenges and creates a custom-tailored prescription! **ARIES:** It's all in your head. Under stress, you're prone to tension headaches. Whether it's from unexpressed or sublimated anger, in all disease, inflammation and pain are your key culprits. Acupuncture may not appeal to you at first — needles to get rid of pain? But this ancient science directs your abundant chi (energy) into its proper channels, releasing opiate-like pain relief throughout your body. (SET ITAL) Ahhh. (END ITAL) **TAURUS:** You can blame sluggish metabolism for low energy, weak immunity and extra pounds. Have your thyroid gland checked by your doctor. Oh, and get regular hugs. Huh? As the sensualist of the zodiac, your body needs lots of cuddling and pampering to stay healthy and happy. Not only is it great for your health, it's great for your relationships, too.



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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My parents, who are in their 80s, decided to sell my nephew a piece of property for much less than its value. They chose to bypass their children and other grandchildren. The "chosen grandchild" then harvested resources from the property so it ended up costing him next to nothing. It was a huge gift.

When we asked my parents about the fairness of this, we were told that the daughters didn't count because they didn't carry the family name, although this didn't explain skipping over my brother and his other sons. My parents could have sold the property on the open market and given all their grandchildren a gift, while still having enough money to help them in their later years. Now we have to listen to them crying about the high cost of medicine and health care.

It has been over a year, and I am still struggling with this. I realize the property was theirs to do with as they pleased, but how could they not realize how much this would hurt the rest of us? They really don't think they did anything wrong. Did they? How can I get past this? — Ignored

Dear Ignored: Parents often don't understand that children equate such gifts with how much they are valued within the family. Those who are overlooked feel unloved, and ignoring the female members makes them feel like second-class children. This is hurtful and thoughtless, not to mention sexist and biased. You can do nothing about this gift



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now, but you can explain to your parents how it makes you feel when they so blatantly favor one grandchild. They do not owe anyone an inheritance, however, so try to forgive them.

Dear Annie: My boss has a constant habit of chewing gum with her mouth open. She also pops the gum with every chomp. When I'm around her, I can't seem to focus on anything else.

I can't really avoid her, especially since I'm relatively new and need her guidance. She's a great person to work for, but I just can't get past the gum popping. It's like nails on a chalkboard and makes me sick to my stomach.

Other than this, the job is great. I don't know how to say anything without offending her. Can you help? — Close Your Mouth, Please

Dear Close: Your boss may be using gum to give up another bad habit, such as smoking. You can say, "Carol, I'm sure you don't realize how loud the gum-popping is." Otherwise, you're just going to have to put up with it. If it's not against company policy, try headphones or a desk fan to dampen the sound.

News in brief

Report: Contractors neglected security advice

HOUSTON (AP) — Senior managers for defense contractor KBR rejected the advice of their own security advisers in April 2004, ordering their truck drivers to speed through a five-mile combat zone in Iraq to deliver jet fuel to the U.S. military, according to a newspaper investigation.

At least six civilian drivers and two U.S. soldiers died following that decision, raising anew questions about the military's reliance on civilian contractors in war zones.

The families and some survivors of the doomed convoy are suing the Houston-based company and are requesting a federal investigation of KBR's role in the incident.

The *Los Angeles Times* reviewed e-mails cited in a May 22 letter the plaintiffs' lawyers sent to the Justice Department. The newspaper also interviewed KBR truck drivers and former military officials and reviewed internal memos, e-mails, court-sealed depositions and an Army report about the deaths.

KBR attorneys and company officials declined to comment to the *Los Angeles Times* and requested the newspaper "refrain from publishing" the material under court seal.

Texas A&M plans med school in Round Rock

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas A&M Health Science Center's College of Medicine will start offering training and clinics in Round Rock next year, a development that supporters hope will eventually lead to a four-year medical campus in the Austin suburb.

The Texas Legislature appropriated \$9 million this year for the training program, which will start in fall 2008 with third-year students.

A&M is also expanding its medical campuses in Bryan-College Station and Temple. The school's goal is to double its production of doctors to about 200 per year, said Nancy Dickey, president of the Health Science Center and vice chancellor for health affairs.

Musician Carter Albrecht shot dead by girlfriend's neighbor

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas musician Jeffrey Carter Albrecht, who was a member of the band Edie Brickell & New Bohemians, was shot to death early Monday morning after trying to kick in the door of his girlfriend's neighbor, police said.

The neighbor, who has not been identified, was asleep in bed when he awakened around 4 a.m. to his wife screaming that someone was breaking into the house, according to a police report. The neighbor yelled through the door for Albrecht to leave and then fired his handgun through the door.

Albrecht was struck in the head and died at the scene, police said.

The neighbor believed a burglar was trying to break in, Dallas police spokesman Sgt. Gil Cerda said. The case is under investigation and no arrests have been made.

AT&T new service giving parents control of who kids call and when

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It may be something of a teenage nightmare: limits on when a wireless phone can make and receive calls and to whom, restrictions on text messages and talk time, and set allowances for ring tones and other downloads — all at a parent's fingertips.

AT&T Inc., the nation's largest wireless carrier, will launch a service Tuesday giving parents that kind of wide-ranging control on almost all of its 63.7 million subscriber lines.

"We were certainly hearing from parents who were dismayed at overuse of text or phones," said Carlton Hill, vice president of voice products for AT&T's wireless unit and the mother of two teenagers. "We want to find a way for kids to use phones without having to take the phone away."

Category 5 Hurricane Felix slams ashore in Honduras

LA CEIBA, Honduras (AP) — Hurricane Felix roared ashore early Tuesday as a fearsome Category 5 storm — the first time in recorded history that two top-scale storms have made landfall in the same season. The storm hit near the swampy Nicaragua-Honduras border, home to thousands of stranded Miskito Indians dependent on canoes to make their way to safety.

Felix was the first of two major storms expected to make landfall on Tuesday: Off Mexico's Pacific coast, Hurricane Henriette churned toward the upscale resort of Cabo San Lucas, popular with Hollywood stars and sea fishing enthusiasts.

On the Nicaraguan coast, 2,000 people were evacuated before the hurricane blew roofs off homes, blocked roads and knocked out telephone service, said Nicaragua's Civil Defense chief, Rogelio Flores.

But many other Miskito Indians refused to leave low-lying areas and head to shelters set up in schools. The newspaper *La Prensa* reported that 20 fishermen were missing.

Communication to the area was largely cut off.

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strength has improved security in Iraq, and that an abrupt reduction would be a disaster.

The same report will also be cited by anti-war Democrats who say military success has little relevance given the failure of Iraqi politicians to stop sectarian fighting and create a viable government.

Those clashing views could come to the House and Senate floors in September in debates over the Pentagon's budget or a separate White House request for \$147 billion in emergency spending for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Democrats, who control both chambers, say votes will come with strings attached. Just what strings could depend on positions Bush takes following the Petraeus report.

Some Democrats insist on a definite withdrawal date, possibly by next spring. Others are searching for more modest steps that would not face a presidential veto.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said in a statement that he remained "absolutely committed to changing course in Iraq and bringing our troops home."

Many Republicans said through spring and summer that they wanted to hold off until September and the Petraeus report before acting to change policy.

"Now that time has come," Reid said, adding he is "willing and ready to help my Republican colleagues keep their word" by looking for bipartisan solutions to Iraq.

The first order of Senate business will be a vote on former Rep. Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, to take over as White House budget director. Nussle's nomination has been caught up in Democratic anger over the president's threat to veto most of the spending bills Congress is advancing for the new fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Bush claims they spend too much.

The House has passed its appropriations bills but the Senate has completed only one. Up first in the Senate are budgets for veterans, foreign aid

and transportation programs.

The House Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing Wednesday on the subprime mortgage crisis and options for preventing a flood of homeowner foreclosures.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said he was heartened by Bush's support last Friday for several Democratic-backed steps to help homeowners.

Since Bush adviser Karl Rove left and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced his resignation, "many of us have been wondering, is the president about to change course, to move to the middle of the road, to work with Democrats," Schumer said. "This is the first really concrete action we have seen where the president is indeed moving to the middle."

Still, there are many issues to fight about.

Democrats have been criticized by many of their supporters for letting Bush push them last month into temporarily expanding the government's ability to eavesdrop on suspected terrorists without warrants.

That authority expires in six months. When it comes up for renewal, Democrats want to narrow the circumstances in which spy agencies can skip getting warrants from a special court.

House and Senate negotiators also hope to develop a final version of legislation that would add millions of children to a popular health insurance program. The White House threatened to veto both chambers' bills, which include big tax increases on tobacco products to pay for spending increases the White House says are unacceptable.

House-Senate negotiations will also resume on proposals to improve drug safety, reduce college costs and make the country more energy independent.

A Senate bill, facing a veto threat, calls for a 40 percent increase in average auto mileage to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. The House version doesn't address automobile fuel economy, but would require electric utilities to produce at least 15 percent of their power from renewable energy sources, an idea left out of the Senate version.

NAVY

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Willard told sailors such missions would become an annual event for the Pacific Fleet and a core part of the Navy's operations in coming years. U.S. commanders in the Middle East and elsewhere also are considering using the humanitarian ships to help boost security in their regions.

On Majuro Atoll, Phillips and her daughter Marian visited a makeshift clinic that one of the USS Peleliu's medical teams set up under tents on a converted tennis court.

Chinilla T. Pedro, who interpreted for Phillips and others seeking care, said some learned of the services by word of mouth.

"At the beginning today, they were kind of shy. They were coming around asking us what is going on? Do we have to pay \$5? We said no, treatment is free here, so slowly they started coming around," Pedro said.

Such clinics generally serve several hundred people per day. Those needing operations are referred to the Peleliu, where surgeons can repair hernias and perform cataract surgery.

The amphibious assault ship also has construction engineers on board to do infrastructure repairs. One team on the remote atoll of Arno Arno in Marshalls worked to replace the roof on a schoolhouse for 80 students in grades 1 through 8.

At the end of the Peleliu's five-nation tour this month, its 180 doctors, nurses and other professionals will have treated some 30,000 people. Its infrastructure pro-

jects in the countries visited — the Philippines, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and the Marshalls — are expected to affect the lives of 100,000 people.

Navy sailors have long done community service in their various ports of call in both rich and poor countries. But sending ships on monthlong missions takes military humanitarian work to a new level.

The strategic potential of such deployments dramatically came to light when the U.S. Pacific Command sent ships and planes to deliver food, tents, and medical care for victims of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami.

The assistance lifted U.S. approval ratings in predominantly Muslim Indonesia to 38 percent in 2005 from just 15 percent two years earlier, according to a poll by the Pew Global Attitudes Project.

Indonesian opinion of the U.S. declined again last year, with the Pew poll showing only 30 percent of respondents had a favorable view of the U.S. But the rate was still above its low.

The Pacific Fleet followed up last year by dispatching the USNS Mercy hospital back to Indonesia's tsunami-ravaged Aceh province.

The white-hulled vessel also stopped in places

unaffected by the giant waves, like the southern Philippines, where U.S. forces are helping the Philippine Army fight insurgents linked to al-Qaida.

This year, the Navy sent the Atlantic Fleet's hospital ship, the USNS Comfort, on a four-month, 12-country voyage to Latin America. The trip including stops in Colombia, Ecuador and Nicaragua. It's expected to treat some 85,000 patients with free vaccinations, eye care, surgeries and other procedures.

Willard said Central Command leaders — who oversee the U.S. military in the Middle East and Central Asia — want to run a similar mission in their area, as do officials at the European Command, which has responsibility for Europe and Africa. Each mission costs an average of \$20 million, the admiral said.

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OUR VIEWS

NIE program still needing readers' help

The Big Spring Herald's Newspapers In Education program has set a goal of being to reach as many students as possible this year, following Publisher Ron Midkiff's decision to make sure the program was reinstated following a one-year hiatus.

That's a lofty goal, but there are plenty of reasons to have such high ambitions for our NIE program.

As we have noted before, this will be a wonderful year to use newspapers in classrooms. This fall will mark the true start of the 2008 presidential campaign and you can bet the Herald's pages will have more in-depth coverage than young people will learn from the electronic media. What's more, the Herald's coverage of Howard County commissioners placing yet another jail bond issue before voters will be an opportunity for teachers to give students exposure to governmental activities that affect their lives directly.

In other words, the newspaper can be an important tool teachers have at their disposal.

To do that, however, they and we still need help.

Simply put, placing newspapers in classrooms isn't something we can handle alone. Furthermore, it's not something just two or three businesses can handle. We need all of Howard County's help.

In other words, it's going to take a lot of us pitching in to make the NIE program truly effective.

During the 2005-2006 school year, 50 teachers signed up for the program and we delivered more than 1,000 newspapers to classrooms each Tuesday. Sadly, there were not enough sponsors to keep the program operating through the end of the school year.

The 2006-2007 school year was even worse and a decision was made to end the program.

However, that's something we find unacceptable. And we aren't willing to let that happen again.

That's why requests for sponsorships are being sent to Big Spring and Howard County businesses.

We're hoping the community supports this effort, because we need all the help we can get.

At the very least, we hope to receive pledges for \$10,000 — the money needed for the program to be successful at last year's coverage levels.

However, we've made a decision here at the Herald that regardless of what financial support we receive from the community, we're going to provide teachers with newspapers for use in the classroom. But we, like any other business, have limited resources.

In other words, even the smallest of donations is appreciated.

Those interested in contributing to the program at any level can contact Circulation Manager Robert Smith, who coordinates the project, by calling 263-7331, ext. 244. He can also be contacted for more information by e-mail at circulation@bigspringherald.com.

Teachers wanting to use the newspaper as a teaching tool in their classrooms should also contact Smith.

While we freely admit we want young people to become newspaper readers, enhancing our business in the future, our commitment to the NIE program is much more than just trying to create future subscribers.

We are convinced newspaper readers are the best-informed segment of our society. By helping create a life-long habit of newspaper reading through NIE, we help make sure that tomorrow's citizens are both well educated and well informed.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are on the top of our game, Lord, when we have You on our side.

Amen

Bookless versus clueless

When a new Associated Press-Ipsos poll found, as reported by the Associated Press, that "liberals read more books than conservatives," the president of the Association of American Publishers promptly shoved her foot in her mouth.

Pat Schroeder, the former Democratic congresswoman from Colorado, proclaimed, "The Karl Roves of the world have built a generation that just wants a couple slogans: 'No, don't raise my taxes, no new taxes.' It's pretty hard to write a book saying, 'No new taxes, no new taxes, no new taxes,' on every page."

She also told AP that liberals "can't say anything in less than paragraphs. We really want the whole picture, want to peel the onion."

Maybe you shouldn't pay any attention to me. According to Schroeder, as a conservative, I've got a bumper sticker for brains. Silly me, I looked into the poll — which liberals have hailed as proof of their intellectual superiority — and there's not a lot there in "the whole picture." The poll found that among people polled who read at least one book in the last year, liberals read nine books and conservatives read eight.

When I called Michael Gross, associate vice president of Ipsos public affairs, to find out more about the Ipsos poll, he told me the one-book difference "is within the margin of error, it's not a sta-

tistically significant difference."

The poll also found that moderates who said they read at least one book a year, on average, read five books a year. By Schroeder's lights, moderates must be really simple-minded sloganeers.

As a conservative, I am not proud to read that 34 percent of conservatives — as opposed to 22 percent of liberals and moderates — said they had not read a book within the last year.

Then again, because the poll did not ask people if they read newspapers or magazines, Gross noted, "I don't think it says anything about people's general level of information."

Then there's the quality issue. A person could read nine romance novels in a year and qualify as Aristotelian by Schroeder's logic.

The sad news in the poll was the finding that one in four adults admitted to not having read a book in the last year. Those adults are missing out.

Which makes one wonder: Why did Schroeder, who is supposed to champion books, choose to alienate one-third of the American public, those who self-identify as conservatives? She adds new meaning to the phrase "peeling the onion."

In her rush to brand the right as a bunch of illiterates, Schroeder had the poor sense to go after an avid reader, Karl Rove, who has been winning a heated competition with Bush as to which of the two can read the most books. Rove recently told Rush Limbaugh that he beat Bush last year. The Score: Rove, 110 books; Bush, 94.

If Schroeder really wanted to show how big-picture her thinking is, she might have pointed out the

Rove-Bush book competition as an example of what conservatives can do. That is, she might have tried to promote book sales.

Instead, she fed into all the happy snipes some nine-book Democrats throw at GOP — most notably the president's — intelligence, or lack thereof.

Yes, Bush is so dumb he graduated from Yale, earned an MBA from Harvard, was an F-102 fighter pilot — and was elected Texas governor and U.S. president twice. All his critics should be so stupid.

You see, the Bush-is-dumb crowd is busy looking at the whole picture. Forget the accomplishments; what's important is how Bush mispronounces "nuclear."

There is no happier liberal conceit than the notion that lefties are sophisticated thinkers, while conservatives are pea-brains. So eager are Dems to believe those self-laudatory stereotypes that Schroeder glommed onto the poll results without understanding what they were. And were not.

Let me note that both parties have their share of pinheads — partisans who not only do not think, but also do not want to.

But in her zeal to brand conservatives as bookless simpletons, Schroeder reveals herself to be rather uncurious about the details of the AP-Ipsos poll.

While she berated conservatives for buying into slogans, she flaunted her prejudices. Her idea of thinking in paragraphs: not letting facts get in the way.

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Who, what and when

Who's on first?

Who.
What?

What's on second.

The calendar for next year's — or is it this year's — presidential primaries and caucuses resembles nothing so much as a comedy routine.

Iowa is determined to have the first caucus. New Hampshire law says they're supposed to have the first primary. But Michigan wants to move up its contest to Jan. 15, which would force New Hampshire to move a week earlier, which would leave Iowa competing with the Rose Bowl, which just wouldn't do.

One pundit has suggested that in this scenario the only reasonable date for Iowa is Dec. 17, but the problem there is the Democratic Party rules say that every stage of the process has to occur in the calendar year of the election, so a Dec. 17 Iowa caucus would be in clear violation of party rules. Of course, Iowa has never been about delegates, but about expectations and momentum, so it almost doesn't matter what the party says if everyone is still playing.

Bill Richardson and Joe Biden are making noise about skipping Michigan if it tries to move ahead of New Hampshire, but does anyone care if they do? As the Iowa straw poll amply demonstrated, what matters is whether one of the top contenders refuses to play, not whether one of the second-tier candidates does. Romney got precious little out of his expensive Iowa win and I haven't noticed a big or even small boomlet for Huckabee since his second-place finish, because Giuliani and McCain announced early enough

that they weren't playing and thus lost nothing by losing.

Meanwhile, Arizona announced this week that it had moved up its contest to Feb. 5, so that candidates would pay attention to the state, and to the issues like immigration and water that are critical there. In between, of course, paying attention to the issues that are critical in Michigan, South Carolina, Florida, Illinois and New York.

Candidates used to describe the nomination process as a marathon. This year may more closely resemble an avalanche, with states toppling any semblance of a carefully calibrated calendar willy-nilly.

It's true that more people are paying closer attention earlier in the process than in past years. But it's also true that no one is going to want to see a politician's ad in the middle of "It's a Wonderful Life." Santa Hillary? I don't think so. No Santa Rudy, either.

The problem is that no one is really in charge. The parties are supposed to set the rules, establish what is known as the "window" for presidential selection contests, and refuse to recognize the delegates selected by states outside that window. It is also true that it doesn't matter what the party says if the candidates choose to compete in a contest.

Some years ago, then-Democratic National Committee Chair Chuck Manatt tried to rein in Iowa and New Hampshire from pre-empting the rest of the nation by insisting they hold their contests within the "window" — rather than, as they did and still do, before it opens. The party chairs in those two states realized it didn't matter what the rules said if the candidates and the media trucks came anyway. And since no major candidate wanted to antagonize the people who were determined to go first, come you-know-what or high water, each major candidate agreed, in back-door deals, to cam-

paign in the state whether or not the Party was planning to recognize its delegates. Manatt was forced to back down.

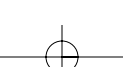
A few years earlier, Wisconsin insisted on holding an "open" primary, open to voters of either party, notwithstanding party rules that limited participation to "bona fide Democrats." Two months before the convention, the Supreme Court upheld the right of the parties to set their own rules for delegate selection without regard to conflicting provisions of state law. So did the Party refuse to seat the "illegally" chosen Wisconsin delegation? Of course not. Who would they seat instead? And besides, why would the Democrats want to offend everyone in Wisconsin, an important general election state, by refusing to seat delegates who had been elected according to state law? Four years later, Wisconsin was granted an official exemption to the rule.

Politics is not about law, but about politics. Cramming the calendar, according to the conventional wisdom, or frontloading, as we "rules junkies" used to call it, makes it more difficult for a lesser known, or insurgent, candidate to do better than expected in an early state and then capitalize on the momentum, raise new money and start winning in states where he has yet to set foot. Jimmy Carter ran on a three-state strategy in 1976, with the expectation that momentum from early wins could, with time, carry him the rest of the way, and it did.

But the one rule everyone who's been involved in this game respects most is the rule of unintended consequences: Often, what happens is exactly the opposite of what all the smart people are planning for and expecting.

What will happen?
Who knows. Ask him.

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Bird Poop:

Young American Kestrel's care shuts down motel

"Small but clean," was the description Ray used to describe the motel. When our Border Patrol friend called to ask if we would like to see the other Big Bend, we knew he would introduce us to a part of Texas few experience. Still exploring the vast, arid country



BEBE McCASLAND

some 25 years later, we were using the same unpretentious lodgings offered by the home-owned stopover. The motel's one room combination of lobby, check-in, local museum and gift shop was filled with local color. Shelves of pottery, racks of southwestern attire and regional books competed with the table covered with artifacts from the area. Navigating through this visual clutter, we finally reached the registration counter. After the usual greeting, "Back again," we quickly

caught up on the latest happenings in town and headed for our room. During the years, friendships with local characters had produced invitations and access to open country and ranch land that would otherwise be off-limits. As our knowledge of the surrounding mountainous country grew, so did acquaintances. We were grateful for each trip's experiences. Returning just before dark one evening, we encountered a locked door when trying to enter the lobby. Since normally the office would be accessible through the late evening, we wondered about the change. Heading to breakfast the next morning was an opportunity to stop by the lobby and ask about the early closure. As the older lady touched her cheek, then her chest, she sighed, "It was loose in here. Can you imagine catching a bird in all this stuff!" She started to laugh. "The two of us were over and under tables. We locked the door so nobody would let it out."

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Courtesy photo

The most common of North American falcons, the American Kestrel is nearly a foot long. With a wingspan of nearly two feet, the bird is an adept hunter of insects and small mammals.

Parent's Corner:

Remembering an old pickle jar of coins

It is always interesting to reach back into memory and come up with stories that lie dormant in the secluded areas of your brain. Some stories bring smiles while others jerk a tear or two. Such was my thinking when I recently read the following story:



DARRELL RYAN

When I was a kid my dad had a pickle jar sitting on the floor beside the dresser in his bedroom. When he got ready for bed, he would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar. I was always fascinated by the sounds of the coins as they were dropped into the jar. As the jar filled, the jingling sound gradually muted to a dull thud. I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar and admire the copper and silver circles that glistened like a pirate's treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window. When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank. Going to the bank was always a big production. Dad would place the neatly stacked coins between us in a small cardboard box. As we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the textile mill, son. You're going to do better than me. This old mill town's not going to hold you back." Then, as he slid the box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank toward the cashier, he would grin proudly "These are for my son's college fund. He'll not have to work at the mill all his life like me."

We would always celebrate each deposit by

cone. I always got chocolate. Dad always got vanilla. When the clerk at the ice cream parlor handed Dad his change, he would show me the few coins nestled in his palm. "When we get home, we'll start filling the jar again." He always let me drop the first coins into the empty jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, we grinned at each other.

"You'll get to college on pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters," he said. "But you'll get there. I'll see to that." The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom, and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed.

A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had always stood. My dad was a man of few words, and never lectured me on the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowery of words could

have done. When I married, I told my wife Susan about the significant part the lowly pickle jar had played in my life. In my mind, it defined, more than anything else, how much my dad had loved me.

No matter how rough things got at home, Dad continued to doggedly drop his coins into the jar. Even the summer when Dad got laid off from the mill, and Mama had to serve dried beans

several times a week, not a single dime was taken from the jar. To the contrary, as Dad looked across the table at me, pouring catsup over my beans to make them more palatable, he became more determined than ever to make a way out for me. "When you finish college, Son," he told me, his eyes glistening, "You'll never have to eat beans again — unless you want to." The first Christmas

after our daughter Jessica was born, we spent the holiday with my parents. After dinner, Mom and Dad sat next to each other on the sofa, taking turns cuddling their first grandchild. Jessica began to whimper softly, and Susan took her from Dad's

arms. "She probably needs to be changed," she said, carrying the baby into my parents' bedroom to diaper her. When Susan came back into the living room, there was a strange mist in her eyes.

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Laura on Life: Traumatizing those pack rats

Pack-rats have a theory. This is the theory: As soon as you throw something in the trash, you are going to need it. As a result a pack-rat never throws anything in the trash. It's a financial thing. If you throw something in the trash that you might use in the future, that means that you have to buy another one someday. So, for everything you throw in the trash that you might use someday, you are, in essence, throwing away money.



Laura Snyder

That, for most of us hard-working folks is an absolute no-no. Last year, I sold a trombone in a garage sale only to find out my younger son was taking up marching band and needed a trombone. I sold my college text books only to find out I needed them for reference later. I

bought a pink baby blanket when I became pregnant the first time only to have three boys in a row. When I finally gave it away, I had a girl. That is the reasoning behind my house being filled with an amazing array of junk. Stuff I will probably never, ever use again, but there's no telling when the need for something might come up. My husband and I both own a musical instrument. I own a guitar and he owns a banjo. Neither of us has picked up our

instrument in years, yet they sit in a reserved corner of our bedroom waiting for us to notice them and have the time to play them. It hasn't happened. Why don't we sell them or something? I guess we both feel that there will come a day when we will want to play and if the instruments are not there, we will be inconsolable. You can't just run out and buy a new instrument whenever the mood strikes and then sell it when the mood passes, can you? Just how would

that look from a financial standpoint? My husband was cleaning out the basement this weekend. I'm glad that he was doing it, because I don't have as much fortitude for such things. I was trying to clean out desk drawers. My stack of throw-outs was much smaller than his was, so I was not as traumatized as he appeared to be. As I was going through 20 years of tax records, he came in huffing and puffing. "If either of our son's girlfriends becomes preg-

nant, I'm the one responsible," he announced. Being the owner of a very keen wit, I recognized this as a moment of possible life-altering importance. I stopped everything, looked him square in the eyes and said, "Huh?" My wit was functioning perfectly but I thought perhaps my hearing had failed me. "Yeah," he said. "I just threw out our baby crib." Well, yes, using the Pack-rat theory, that would, indeed, make him responsible.

KESTREL

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When asked what finally happened, we were told that she and her husband were so tired they sat down to rest. After several minutes, the bird walked out from under an array of decorative "squaw" skirts. Not moving, the couple waited. It wasn't long before the colorful bird flew to the man's shoulder. As he looked at his wife in disbelief, the bird nuzzled his ear. Slowly, he offered his finger, which the bird accepted as a roost. The man and his feathered friend stared at each other. Rising, he walked across the lobby and into

the adjoining office. Once inside, he closed the door. At last he had the bird contained. Setting the bird on his desk, he backed toward the door and was able to leave the bird in the inner office for the night. Exhausted from the chase, the couple left by another door and forgot they had locked the guests' entrance. For two months, the motel employees had known one of the locals, "Billy Joe," had found a bird. Seeing the nestling on the ground, B.J. had been unable to place it back in the opening where the roof met the eave of a building. The downy hatchling had small shreds of insulation stuck to its feet. Its fall had been broken by

the beginnings of a compost pile. Taking it home, B.J. decided to try and raise what he thought was a baby hawk. Catching grasshoppers and trapping mice occupied the rest of the young man's summer. Soon the bird's white down turned yellowish. Overnight, the tips of feathers started to emerge. As the plumage increased, so did the bird's appetite. Over several more weeks, the markings of its specie were evident. With the growing dependency of the bird and his return to college, B.J. realized he could not keep it. When he asked the couple for help, they encouraged him to bring them the bird. Assured they would contact the game

warden, the young man left his protege with them. Having met the officer off-road as we returned from the Rio Grande the year before, we were able to identify ourselves with the permits we carry for handling wild migratory birds. Once the game warden had checked them thoroughly, he advised the couple to release the bird to us. With the lobby's door locked once again, a young American Kestrel was placed in our carrier for transport to a wildlife center. Even in its first summer, the male falcon had the distinctive markings of its sex and an indication of adult plumage. A delicate looking bird, the smallest of America's

falcons would be an efficient hunting machine in the wild. With its slender, pointed wings, it could hover, fold its flight feathers inward, drop and swoop on its prey with alarming accuracy. Quick footed, the bird's long toes and sharp talons would enable it to snare insects, birds, small mammals and even reptiles at will. As the couple said good-bye to their guest, they commented on the dark markings on the sides of its head. The blue-gray wings and rufous-red back and tail lent to its appearance. To us, the penetrating glance of the falcon's dark eyes demanded respect. Tame and imprinted on people from two months

of captivity, the kestrel would never hunt in the early morning and late afternoons. Built for flight, with extraordinary eyesight, it would be absent from the open fields, the plains and deserts of the Southwest. Laughing at the chase through the long, crinkled skirts that had resulted in our having the bird, we felt sure the kestrel would prefer being with his own species. As we drove home with our additional passenger, we were relieved to know that the falcon would be in an educational environment at the wildlife center. *Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

RYAN

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She handed Jessica back to Dad before taking my hand and leading me

into the room. "Look," she said softly, her eyes directing me to a spot on the floor beside the dresser. To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed,

stood the old pickle jar, the bottom already covered with coins. I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pocket, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a

gamut of emotions choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw that Dad, carrying Jessica, had slipped quietly into the room. Our eyes

locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither one of us could speak. We must never underestimate the power of our actions. With one small

gesture we can change a person's life, for better or for worse. *Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring ISD.*

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I'LL NEVER GO BACK

This is a story about a little piece of wood that was carved into something very special. It started in a country far away from yours and mine. When we finish this story, can you tell me which country it might be? My name is Joey. I was once a little piece of wood. But someone started whittling on me to shape me into something very pretty. I loved that. It even tickled me. Now, instead of being just another little piece of wood, I am very pretty. While he was carving me out of that piece of wood, I thought he was going to be a very nice person. He even whistled when he was making me. I was

wrong! He finally finished carving me on a bright sunny morning. He was very happy. I was very happy, too. He had carved me into a long slender curved piece of art. He called me a "Boomerang." He said my name would be "Joey." I like the name. Don't you? Do you know what a boomerang might be? Will you promise to look in your encyclopedia tomorrow and find me? I knew you would! I can do all kinds of tricks for him, or you. The thing I am most famous for is being able to return to my friends after they throw me. You can throw me very hard and I will come flying back to you. I was so happy at

first. He would throw me up into the sky and I couldn't wait to return right back into his hand. I loved making a very big loop in the sky and coming right back. It was so much fun. Then, one day he did something I did not like. He had thrown me way up in the air just as he had done so many times before. I was sailing away from him and getting ready to make my big loop to return when I almost hit a little bird. I turned very quickly so I wouldn't hit the little bird. I missed that little bird by a few inches. That scared me. It scared the little bird even more! I did not want to harm the little bird. Because I had turned so quickly to miss the bird, I could-

n't go back to the person who had thrown me. I landed quite a long distance from him. He had to come looking for me. When he found me, he was so mad. "Why didn't you hit that little bird like I wanted you to do?" he asked, "You are no good. I will throw you away if this happens again!" After that day, I hoped he would try to throw me away. I will let him. I won't ever go back! I won't make my beautiful loop in the sky. I will just go straight away from him, as fast as I can go. My wish was to be granted very soon. Here comes another little bird. The person is getting ready to throw me at the little bird. He waits until the little bird is close, then closer. He can-

not miss from here. Or, can he? He throws me harder than he has ever thrown me before. I am heading toward the little bird. I make myself turn just a little. I miss the bird. I smile at him. The little bird smiles back at me. Now, the little bird knows to never come by here again and he will tell all his friends. I am still flying away from that person. I will not turn and go back. I am flying faster than ever before. I see myself flying over a big ocean. I need a new place to land now. I see little boys and girls playing in your neighborhood. They look so nice. I land by them. One of them picked me up and asks, "Now where did you

come from?" All of the other children came to see me. They thought I was pretty. They would never harm anything. I liked them. We have lots of fun together. We will be friends for a very long time. And one day, one of them will throw me while we are playing. I can't wait to show them I will always come back! Maybe tomorrow one of them will throw me. I hope so. Right now, we are all tired, so "Good Night."
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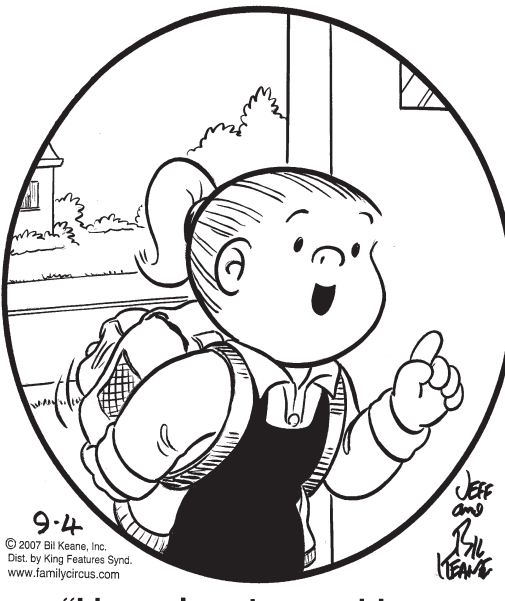
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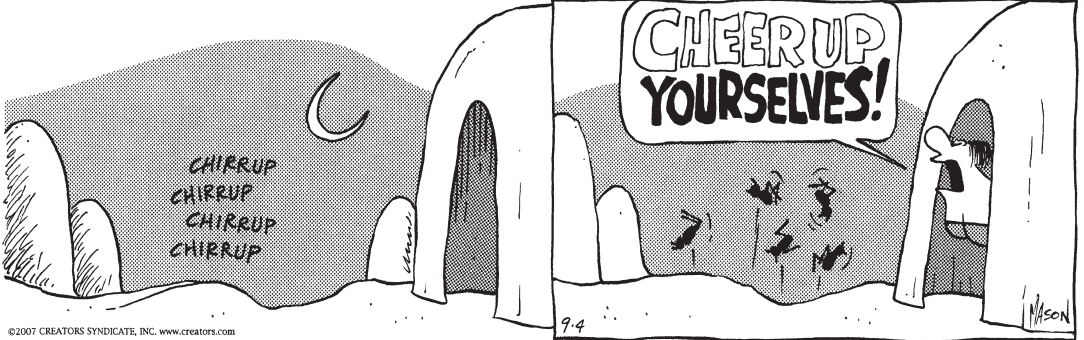
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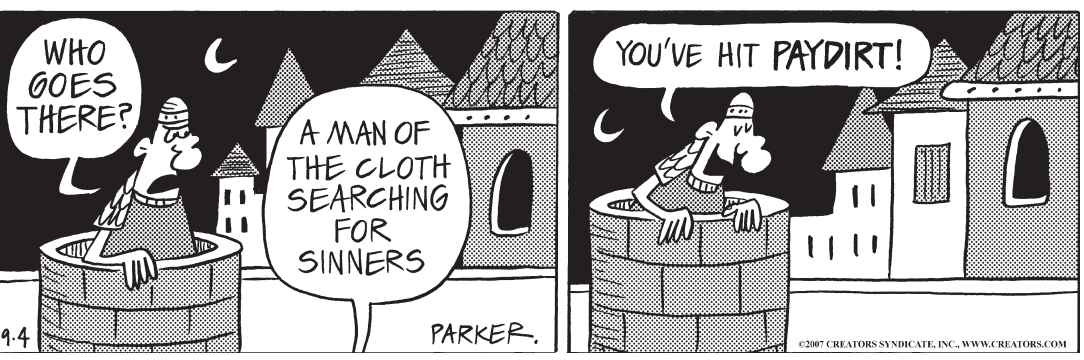
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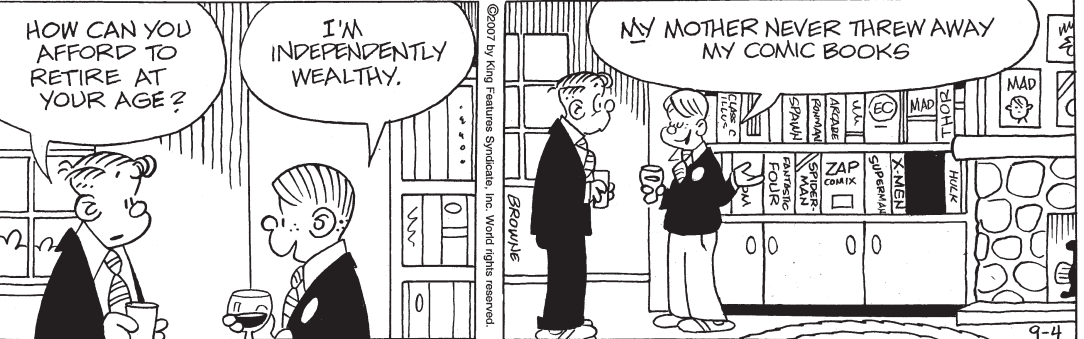
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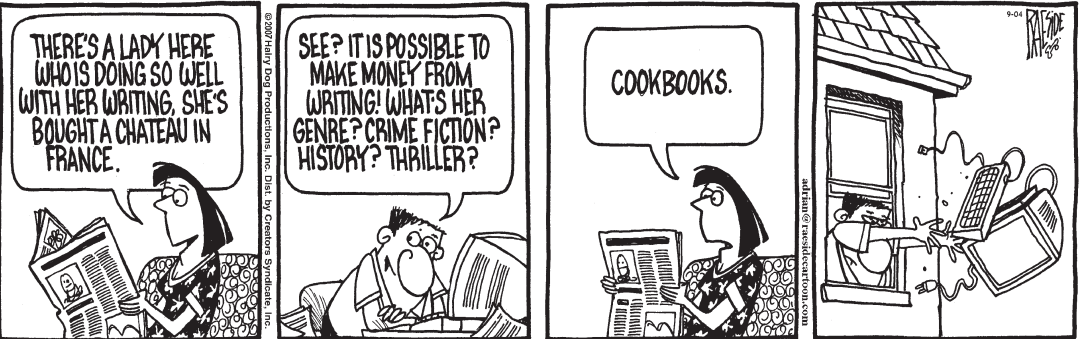
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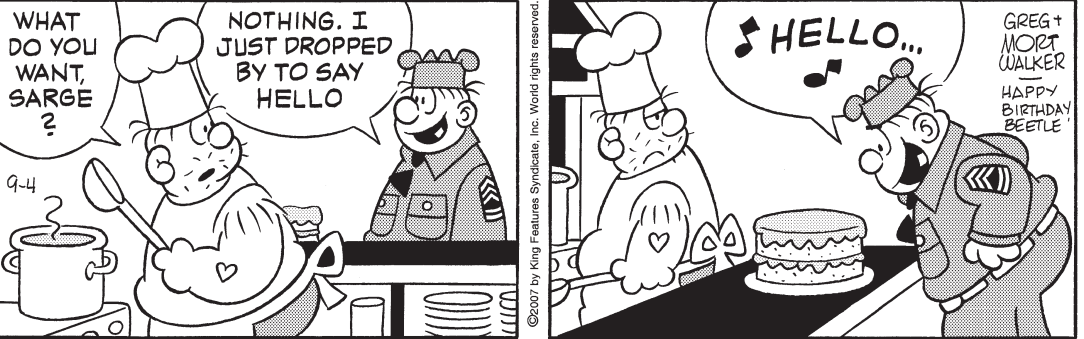
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2007. There are 118 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Sept. 4, 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. (The situation escalated in the coming weeks, with President Dwight D. Eisenhower finally ordering U.S. Army troops to escort the black students into the school and protect them.) On this date: In 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers. In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak." In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the

form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess. In 1907, 100 years ago, composer Edvard Grieg died in Bergen, Norway, at age 64. In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital. In 1951, President Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast. In 1957, Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel. In 1967, Detroit TV station WKBD aired an interview with Michigan Gov. George Romney in which the Republican presidential hopeful attributed his previous support for the war in Vietnam to a "brainwashing" he'd received from U.S. officials there during a 1965 visit — a comment that damaged his White House bid. In 1971, an Alaska Airlines

jet crashed near Juneau, killing 111 people. In 1987, a Soviet court convicted West German pilot Mathias Rust of charges stemming from his daring flight to Moscow's Red Square, and sentenced him to four years in a labor camp. (Rust served about 14 months.) Today's Birthdays: ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey is 89. Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 76. Singer Gerald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 65. Actress Jennifer Salt is 63. Golfer Tom Watson is 58. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPreau is 57.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Football official
- 4 Brazilian ballroom dance
- 9 Groom's companion
- 14 Letter afer kay
- 15 Be of use to
- 16 Baseball great Hank
- 17 Playpen item
- 18 Leaving Las Vegas star
- 20 Likely
- 21 Calendar squares
- 22 Game with kings and pawns
- 23 Uses the microwave, maybe
- 25 Chilled, as champagne
- 26 Author Stanley Gardner
- 27 Rocks that are mined
- 28 Long-term S&L investments
- 31 Adjust, as a telescope
- 33 Golf instructors
- 34 Loafer or moccasin
- 35 On the peak of
- 36 Tilts
- 37 Kitchen-flooring piece
- 38 Unruly event
- 39 Cereal grains
- 40 Mom's sisters
- 41 Sixth sense: Abbr.
- 42 24-karat
- 43 Sicilian volcano
- 44 Work hard
- 45 First New Testament book
- 48 Runs away
- 50 Postage-paid enclosure: Abbr.
- 51 Numero
- 52 Implement with ink
- 54 Tongue-clucking sound
- 55 Proofreader's find
- 56 Well-built
- 57 Pool stick
- 58 board (manicurist's tool)
- 59 Country singer Buck
- 60 Barnyard bird
- 7 Life stories, briefly
- 8 The whole shebang
- 9 Huge parties
- 10 Competed in the Indy 500
- 11 Keogh alternatives
- 12 Dalmatians and dobermans
- 13 U-turn from WSW
- 19 Means of approach
- 24 Blow, volcano-style
- 25 Gets the wrinkles out of
- 27 Make a speech
- 28 Cabinet for fine dishes
- 29 Oaf
- 30 Catches a glimpse of
- 31 Price for a cab ride
- 32 Soul singer Redding
- 33 Oyster product
- 34 Daredevil's feat
- 36 May Alcott
- 40 Goes to, as a concert
- 42 Prose counterpart
- 43 Enter cautiously
- 44 Male operatic voice
- 45 Syrup flavor
- 46 Come next
- 47 Roused from sleep
- 48 Document to fill out
- 49 Entice
- 50 Winter precipitation
- 52 Lawyer's charge
- 53 Prefix for metric

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