

Sports

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IN BRIEF

Forsan season passes available

Forsan ISD is selling Football Family Season Passes through 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 cheer camp set

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:

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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Rangers finally take one from Royals

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Ian Kinsler was caught stealing two innings earlier, but that didn't change his approach on the front end of a double-steal in the seventh.

Kinsler raced home with the go-ahead run on a throwing error after stealing third, and the Texas Rangers held on for a 9-8 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

Kinsler had three hits and two RBIs for Texas, which won for the eighth time in the last 10 games.

With the game tied at six, the Rangers executed the double-

steal with Kinsler on second and Michael Young on first. Kinsler scored when catcher Jason LaRue threw wildly past third baseman Alex Gordon for an error.

"You can't be scared of getting thrown out," said Kinsler, who had 17 straight successful steals before he was caught on consecutive attempts. "I felt I could make it. You're not going to steal a base if you don't try."

Royals manager Buddy Bell said his team made several mistakes on the double-steal.

"First, a good throw and (Kinsler) is out," Bell said. "Second, we can't allow the ball

to go into left field. Third, we've got to pay more attention to the runner. So you can't blame just one guy."

Jason Botts, who had three hits to tie a career high, drove in Young from second with a single off Leo Nunez (2-3) later in the seventh to give Texas an 8-6 edge.

Botts started the night in a 4-for-32 slide that sent his average to .202.

"He needed a game like this," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Tonight he showed some bat speed. It's good for his confidence."

John Rheinecker (2-1) pitched a

perfect seventh to pick up the victory, and C.J. Wilson yielded a run while getting the last two outs for his 11th save in 12 chances.

Mark Grudzielanek's eighth-inning RBI single off Frank Francisco pulled the Royals within one, but Joaquin Benoit got Ross Gload to ground into an inning-ending double play with the tying run on third.

Marlon Byrd's sacrifice fly in the eighth extended Texas' lead to 9-7.

"That run we gave up there in the eighth, that was the toughest

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Texans expect to win Sunday

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — There's something new at Reliant Stadium these days.

It's not a player, coach or fancy piece of equipment, but an attitude.

These perennial losers, who have never even posted a .500 record, have always wanted to win. But for the first time in a long time — maybe ever — these Texans expect to win.

It's hard to say what precipitated this change. Maybe it is new quarterback Matt Schaub, who teammates say is the kind of leader former QB David Carr never was. Or it could be that the Texans are buying into coach Gary Kubiak's plan more in his second year.

Either way, things have definitely changed in Houston. Many were shocked when the Texans became the first team to score on the Dallas Cowboys starters in a 28-16 preseason win. But the Texans weren't.

"It's something that we expect to do," Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson said. "I think we surprised a lot of people. Everybody else seemed surprised about it. When you walk around, a lot of people seem surprised, but we're not surprised by it."

Cornerback Dunta Robinson, in his fourth season with the team, believes the addition of veteran talent has helped change the mind-set. Besides Schaub, the Texans added four-time Pro Bowl running back Ahman Green and physical linebacker Danny Clark.

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Steers travel to Central Friday



Herald photo/Ken Hollandsworth

Big Spring Steers quarterback Nathan Doporto (left) drops back to pass as running back Monte Anderson (3) sets up to pick up a biting Odessa High defender. The Steers dropped their season opener to Odessa, 41-6. They'll hope to rebound from the loss Friday when they visit San Angelo Central's Bobcats.

Cowboys' optimism could give way to concern

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — A different sense of anticipation is surrounding the Dallas Cowboys this week.

Sure, the optimism has flowed freely since Wade Phillips took over as head coach and quarterback Tony Romo got an entire offseason to prepare as the starter.

Phillips, a proven defensive coordinator and a Texas native, brought an attacking 3-4 defensive scheme to a unit already filled with talented defenders. Romo is a Pro Bowler with only 11 career starts after waiting 3 1/2 years to finally throw his first NFL pass.

Those facts alone have led to plenty of super predictions after four seasons with Bill Parcells.

But this is finally the week of the season opener — and that changes everything.

Concerns are suddenly magnified. Stark reality can quickly replace the rosy optimism that only got fueled by decisive preseason victories over Super Bowl champion Indianapolis and Denver.

(Overlooking the preseason losses at Houston and Minnesota is easy, considering how much more serious the Texans took that game, and only a handful of starters even played against the

Vikings).

Heading into Phillips' real debut at home Sunday night against NFC East rival New York Giants, there are already a few potential problems:

- There are missing pieces on defense, with the status of starters cornerback Terence Newman (right heel) and linebacker Greg Ellis (Achilles' tendon) uncertain for the opener and maybe longer, especially Ellis.

For a restructured defense that puts a premium on attacking offenses, Newman and Ellis — or at least their positions — play key roles. Ellis hasn't practiced at all and Newman missed the final three preseason games with a pesky partial tear of tissue in the base of his foot.

Newman knows he may be bothered by the foot all season, but wants to play. And if he's not ready, Jacques Reeves gets to begin his fourth season with only his second career start, his first since his rookie year.

First-round draft pick Anthony Spencer, who didn't have a sack in the preseason, will debut as a starter. Ellis hasn't even practiced in the new scheme, though Phillips insists the veteran would know what to do.

Backup linebacker Kevin

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MCT photo/Michael Ainsworth/Dallas Morning News

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo makes a completion to Sam Hurd during the first quarter of NFL preseason football against the Denver Broncos at Texas Stadium in Irving on Aug. 18.

Obituaries

R.C. Vest Jr.



R. C. Vest Jr., 83, of Carrollton, formerly of Stanton, died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007 at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Midland.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Hill County and married Anita Webb Dec. 21, 1943, in Midland.

He was a lifelong resident of the West Texas region. He had built a career selling farm equipment both in the United States and overseas and had held the patent on a new type of hitch. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanton and a longtime member of the Stanton Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Anita Vest of Carrollton; two daughters, Sherry Cox and Susan Morris and husband, Greg all of Carrollton; four grandchildren, Chris Cox and wife, Ruthye of Midland, Jason Cox and wife, Stacy of Stanton, Michael Morris and Emily Morris both of Carrollton; three great grandchildren; one brother and one sister.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Compton Vest III; his parents and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Frank Rogers

Frank J. Rogers, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

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

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

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

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

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

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

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

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

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

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES** are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Police blotter

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

- **RICHARD DALE SPIVEY**, 27, of 1710 Highway 350, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant.
- **RENEA GORDON**, 20, of 1105 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- **ROGER LEE EDWARDS**, 51, of 807 E. 16th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **MARK W. EDWARDS**, 49, of 809 E. 16th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- **CHRISTOPHER L. FAIR**, 33, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault Class C/family violence and criminal mischief.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1100 block of Benton.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 300 block of Third Street.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 300 block of Third Street.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 300 block of Third Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

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.

- **DENNIS JOHN POLING**, 19, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of minor in possession and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **MICHAEL CARDONA**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **SONIA GAMEZ**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of insufficient funds - check.
- **JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR.**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for theft, bondsman off bond for resisting arrest, search or transportation, bondsman off bond for bail jumping and failure to appear and a charge of resisting arrest.
- **NATHANIEL JAMAL AUSBIE**, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence.
- **CHAD WARREN**, 28, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces less than four ounces.
- **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND**, 18, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of S. Main Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1300 block of Virginia. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease)**, a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

• **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• **AA open discussion meeting** from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• **Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

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

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• 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 is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- **AMBUCS** meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$17 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$12 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 3, 6, 11, 42 and 46. The Mega Ball number was 38.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 15-18-21-23-33.

Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-9.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph in the morning becoming light and variable.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

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

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

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Correction

A headline in Friday's edition of the *Herald* incorrectly read 'Ledford to head Sen. Heflin's local office when state gives OK.' The headline should have read 'Ledford to head Rep. Heflin's local office ...' as Joe Heflin is a state representative and not a state senator.

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Burnett (ankle) is also hurt.

• Add to Newman's uncertainty the unexpected release of veteran Aaron Glenn, and the Cowboys have big questions at cornerback.

Nate Jones, like Reeves a fourth-year starter with only one start, suddenly has a bigger role in pass situations and Evan Oglesby joined the team only this week after being claimed off waivers from Baltimore.

• Glenn's departure not only eliminated a nickel corner, but took away a 14-year pro and locker room leader who didn't fit Phillips' criteria when the final 21 cuts were made.

"We gained a lot from him being here certainly," Phillips said. "Because they were around him in the meetings. They saw how a real

pro acts and how a real pro gets ready to play."

Particularly angry about Glenn being cut was four-time Pro Bowl safety Roy Williams, whose locker was next to Glenn's.

• Romo goes into the season without one of his primary coaches, with new quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson serving a five-game NFL suspension.

Wilson was suspended for using a banned substance in an effort to cope with the diabetes he's lived with for more than 20 years and can't be around the team again until Oct. 9.

New offensive coordinator Jason Garrett already had a direct involvement with the quarterbacks, but Wilson's absence comes after the preseason when they had already worked out their game-day operations. Garrett will get help from offensive assistant Wes Phillips, the 27-year-old son of the head coach who

was coaching quarterbacks at Baylor last season.

• Terry Glenn, a 1,000-yard receiver the past two seasons, didn't play any preseason games in Garrett's offense after arthroscopic surgery Aug. 1 to remove loose cartilage from his knee. Plus, he's 33 and going into his 12th NFL season.

Glenn was back on the field Monday, but didn't take part in team drills.

(Notice that there hasn't been any mention of the other 33-year-old starting receiver, which in this case is a good sign. Terrell Owens is a happy camper and ready for his second season in Dallas).

With all the questions, the games start to count Sunday night.

By Monday morning, there will be a renewed optimism for a five-time Super Bowl champion, or more questions for a team that has gone a franchise-worst 10 seasons without a postseason victory.

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one of the night," Bell said.

Brad Wilkerson and Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered to key a five-run first inning for the Rangers, but the Royals rallied from a five-run deficit to tie in the fifth of a game played in steady rain.

Jason Smith hit a three-run homer and matched a

career-high with four RBIs, and Mike Sweeney had three hits for the Royals.

Billy Buckner, making his first major league start, had a wobbly first inning when he walked Frank Catalanotto leading off.

Kinsler followed with an RBI double, extending his hitting streak to 10 games.

Botts' double knocked in Kinsler, then Wilkerson's drive just cleared the left field wall

for his 20th homer, a two-run shot for a 4-1 lead. One batter later, Saltalamacchia belted his sixth homer for the Rangers and 10th of the season.

Kinsler's RBI single in the second extended the Texas advantage to 6-1.

The Royals rallied with three runs in the fourth and two in the fifth against Rangers starter Kevin Millwood.

Smith's three-run blast in the fourth, his fifth of the season, made it 6-4.

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QB Club meeting set for Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting

at 7 p.m. today at the Athletic Training Center. Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or Frank Stiles at 270-3041 for more details.

Big Spring Boxing Club seeking site

The Big Spring Boxing Club is seeking a building

to be donated so that they can get started with their program.

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2004 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Dark Red w/Tan Leather, CD Player, Heated Seats, Like New, Low Miles. Was \$15,995 **NOW \$14,995**

2004 Ford Mustang V6 Convertible - Black w/Tan leather, CD Player, Like New, One owner, Only 19,685 Miles. Was \$18,995 **NOW \$17,995**

2004 Ford Thunderbird Convertible - Silver w/Black Leather, Loaded, One Owner, 2 Tops, Only 20,800 Miles. Was \$27,995 **NOW \$26,995**

2004 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Lt Tan w/Tan Leather, Loaded, CD Player, Nice Car. Was \$15,995 **NOW \$14,995**

2003 Mazda MX5 Miata Convertible - Silver, Fully Loaded, Leather, Local One Owner w/40,200 Miles. Was \$17,995 **NOW \$16,995**

2003 Ford Taurus SES - Light Blue, w/Cloth, Extra Clean, Automatic, All Power. Was \$10,995 **NOW \$9,995**

2003 Honda Civic LT - Gold w/Cloth, Like New, Low Miles, Automatic, All Power. Was \$13,995 **NOW \$12,995**

2003 Ford Escort ZX2 - Black w/Cloth, Automatic, All Power, Great Gas Car. Was \$9,995 **NOW \$8,995**

2002 Honda Accord Special Edition Coupe - White, All Power, Local One Owner w/64,000 Miles. Was \$14,995 **NOW \$13,995**

2002 Lincoln Town Car Cartier - Silver w/Black Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/39,000 Miles. Was \$17,995 **NOW \$16,995**

2002 Ford Focus ZX5 - Silver, w/Cloth, Automatic, All Power, 39,000 Miles. Was \$11,995 **NOW \$10,995**

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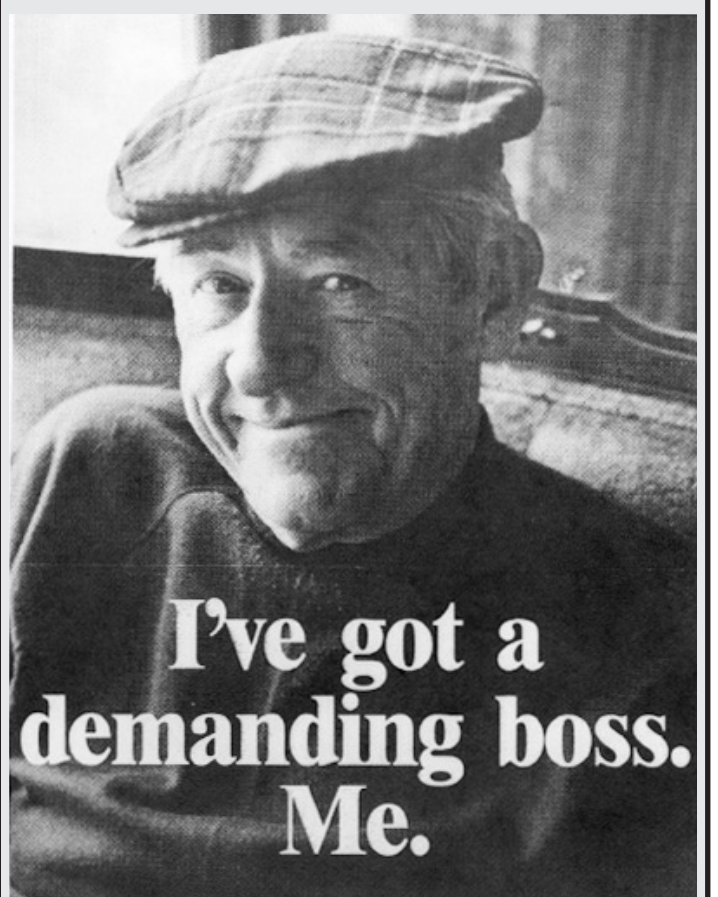
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Whether it's a comforting or annoying thought, there are always at least two sides to every story — often more.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

As Mercury moves into diplomatic Libra today, peace talks and negotiations are on everyone's lips. For this queen of feedback, informed decisions are made by soliciting the helpful opinion of a second or third party.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To you, objects are not just lifeless things. Certain objects even seem imbued with a magical power. They almost beg you to care for them, love them. And when you do, they seem to give back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a quality that inspires others. It benefits you to spend time with the kind of people who are always looking to get inspired. You could even wind up an unsuspecting muse.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have the sneaking suspicion that someone's friendship comes with an agenda.

Ask the questions that will lead to the answers that can confirm or deny your inkling.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know that inside each task you're given is the exercise that will build your talent. So saying yes again is a sure way to allow your gift to increasingly reveal itself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're like a sponge, eager to learn. You give generous credit to others for their teaching contribution. Don't forget to give yourself credit, too — after all, you're the one who did the work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your perspective is altered, perhaps through travel, so that you see your own heart as though it were someone else's. Now it's more clear than ever what you prize most.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is always your preference to make others feel completely at ease whenever possible. Such aspirations may not be possible now, but you can try — and others truly are grateful for your effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of pushing yourself to get more of what you think you need, go the opposite way. Do very little. Then you'll have the space to consider which actions are their own rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though you have a dim outline of a future in mind, you're willing to let go of it, believing that there might be something even better coming once you relinquish your desire to control the uncontrollable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's impossible for you to hold onto your moods now. Good and

bad ones pass by with equal alacrity. Your love remains a constant, though, and others have come to depend on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're probably wondering just where you stand in a few key relationships as you alternate between fitting in and not fitting in. People admire you for both states of being. Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Do something nice for someone without him or her knowing it — a sort of reverse practical joke. Watch the ripple of excitement you start with this, in yourself and the object of your sweetness.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: Your Sun Sign and Your Health. Good health is a blessing. It's also within your control. In fact, you are the only one in charge of your health — not your doctors. The Virgo sun empowers every sign to observe his or her daily habits. Are you getting enough sleep? Eating too many sweets? Maybe the only thing between you and fantastic health is some self-observation and sun-sign research!

GEMINI: Always on the run, sometimes you forget you have a body. Huh? Most of your disease comes from your inattention to body basics: healthful eating,

exercise and sleep. Despite being so (mentally) active, many of you rarely exercise! Easily bored Geminis should try circuit training for variety. Also, you need more sleep than other sun signs, so get your beauty rest to stay fresh, young and alert.

CANCER: Your emotional symptoms quickly translate into physical ones, so stabilizing your feelings helps you sensitive crabs stay strong. Food directly affects your emotions more than you realize — sugar, yeast and refined products can actually cause physical and emotional repercussions. Having down time, talking to an accepting confidant or counselor, and journaling help you keep emotions in check. See what's up for Leo and Virgo next.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: No one sign can list its claim to fame as "health expert," although Virgo gets darn close — Virgos intuitively connect complex systems of mind and body as a specialty. That's why "Loveline's" Dr. Drew Pinsky and other Virgos make exceptional physicians, healers and advisers — practical advice goes a long way toward healing rifts of mind, body and spirit.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My daughter is a single mom, and I know she's tired when she comes home from work. According to my 12-year-old grandson, she eats in front of the TV and spends very little quality time with him. She doesn't allow him to walk home from school as she is fearful some evil will befall him. He doesn't even know how to cross the street by himself.

When my grandson visits, he refuses to eat many of the foods set before him. I've tried to discipline him when he's with us, and he responds well, but as soon as his mom returns, he reverts to being a mama's boy. He's doing poorly in school as well, having to repeat classes every summer.

It's been years since my wife and I have been to our daughter's home. The last time, it was filthy and in total disarray. I'm afraid for my grandson.

We've talked to our daughter, but she won't listen to us. When confronted with her shortcomings, she becomes disgruntled and cries. Should I report her to the authorities for abuse? She's the youngest child and was shown a lot of love. How should I proceed? — Concerned Grandfather

Dear Grandfather: The fact that your 12-year-old grandson is a mama's boy doesn't make your daughter guilty of abuse. And no mother would respond well when lectured about her shortcomings. You should be more concerned that her house is filthy and her son is doing poorly in school. It could indicate that your daughter has a medical or psychiatric problem. Instead of chastising her, tell her you love her and want to help. Suggest she get a complete checkup and that she discuss her son's academic difficulties with the school counselor. Try to be emotionally supportive so she feels comfortable talking to you and is more receptive to your advice.

Dear Annie: My husband and I attended my nephew's high school

graduation party and were snubbed by my cousin's daughter. When I asked her mother what the problem was, I was told "Madeline" is mad because when she graduated, we didn't attend her party and never gave her a gift.

Are we expected to give a gift for a graduation or any occasion if we aren't in attendance? I always thought if you don't go to the party, you're off the hook.

Two years ago, my son celebrated his confirmation, and the only gifts came from grandparents. None of his aunts and uncles sent anything, and my son didn't stop speaking to them. Is my cousin's daughter right? — Concerned in Pennsylvania

Dear Concerned: No. You should not be snubbed because you didn't send a gift. It shows terrible manners and misplaced values. However, we also aren't crazy about the attitude that if you missed the party, you're "off the hook." When it comes to gifts for close relatives or friends, you should want to wish them well, which may include a gift whether or not you attend the festivities. We hope you at least sent your cousin's daughter a card or note.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

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JAIL

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- \$9 million for general construction.
- \$142,000 for furniture, fixtures and equipment.
- \$754,500 for architectural and engineering services.
- \$675,000 for construction manager fees.
- \$150,000 for bond underwriting and attorney fees.

Heffelfinger explained the furniture, fixtures and equipment line item would include items such as a specialty file system, appliances, mattresses and linens, a phone system, electronic monitoring system, audio/visual systems and software, among other items.

"Will this plan allow us any wiggle room?" Barr asked Heffelfinger.

"I've never busted a budget on any of the jails I've built, and I don't plan to start now," said Heffelfinger. "I feel like we have everything in line at this point. You charged me with making sure we had everything covered, and I feel like we've done that."

Heffelfinger said the budget also covers costs for a third-party analysis of the land being considered, which is located on W. Highway 80 near the Mc Mahon-Wrinkle Airport.

"We don't want a situation where we go ahead and build this thing just because someone tells us the land is OK," said

Heffelfinger. "We want to have a team come in and do a complete analysis. We know there are problems with the soil out here in West Texas, and that's something we're preparing for."

Before the first brick can be laid, however, county officials will have to convince local voters to give the project a thumbs-up during the November election.

The commissioner's court placed a similar bond election on the November 2006 ballot, asking voters to approve a bond for slightly more than \$10 million to finance a 144-bed jail, which was voted down by more than 60 percent. According to Sandra Bloom, elections adminis-

trator for Howard County, 2,618 votes were cast in favor of the 2006 bond, while 3,949 ballots were cast against it.

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

Officials with TCJS have told county commissioners if the court doesn't pass the bond — or find another avenue of financing a new jail facility — the existing jail will be shut down, possibly throwing the county "into bankruptcy," according to Barr.

Commissioners also held a public hearing on

the proposed tax rate of 48.787 cents per \$100 valuation, a 6.38-cent increase over the rollback rate of 42.3974 cents.

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

The refinery, which filed a lawsuit over increased appraisals in 2006, is expected to do so again this year to contest an appraisal of \$320 million on its property and taxable goods handed down by the county

appraisal district. Until litigation is settled, the refinery will pay taxes only on what Alon officials described as the "uncontested appraisal amount" of \$80 million.

County budget cuts have led to the elimination of several county jobs, which include two full-time positions and one part-time position from the sheriff's office budget, two full-time positions and one part-time position at the county library, two full-time and one part-time position from the county's road and bridge department, one full-time and one part-time position from the maintenance department and a single part-time position with the District Clerk's office.

LAPTOPS

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August.

But Tuesday belonged to the students.

"When they announced we were going to get the computers, I could think of some good points and bad points about the idea," senior Brittany Smith said. "But I think it's going to be really good for us. It's a lot better than I thought it would be."

Students were given an orientation as to the "care and feeding" of the laptops prior to receiving their computer, said Thomas Owens of the BSISD Technology Department.

"Most of the questions had to do with what they can or cannot access when they take their com-

puters home," Owens said. "And the answer is: Whatever they can access at school, they can access at home. And what is blocked to them at school will be blocked at home."

Students will not be allowed to use the computers for Internet chatting, message boards, blogging, online services like MySpace or to download pornography or other objectionable material.

On the other hand, if they want to download their favorite song from iTunes or other acceptable Internet content, that's fine with administrators.

Students weren't the only ones peppering school officials with questions. The school held two parent orientations in the past few weeks, and BSISD Principal Bruce Wilson said adults had just as

many questions as their children.

"There were a lot of questions about finances, concerns about who would pay for repairs or damages, how to upgrade the computer, things like that," Wilson said. "They also asked if their children have to accept the computers (yes) or if their children have to take the computers home at night (no)."

The only downside — for the students, at least — is that the orientations and long lines delayed some of them from receiving their computers Tuesday. BSISD Principal Bruce Wilson said the handout would be completed for sophomores and freshmen today.

Aside from the delays, the only thing that surprised Owens was the higher-than-expected

number of students waiting for computers.

"We planned for that, but it was still something of a surprise," he said. "But every student will get a computer."

BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said the district set aside 1,102 laptops for students, with 36 more held in reserve as spares. With 1,093 students enrolled at high school as of Tuesday — and more expected — Downes said officials were prepared to pull the trigger on buying more

computers, if necessary.

"If we have to purchase more, we will," Downes said. "If enrollment numbers warrant expanding the project, we will."

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Celia "Mary Lou" Fierro, 75, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 2:30 PM Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Frank J. Rogers, 84, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

SYMPHONY

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very exciting year lined up. I am really looking forward to it," said Keith Graumann, Big Spring Symphony conductor and director.

Of Giordano, Graumann said, "He has had a very colorful and interesting career, working with many of the world's premier orchestras and artists. This is a great opportunity to for those who have never had the opportunity to visit with the maestro to do so."

On Saturday, Giordano will lead the symphony in Lizst's "Piano Concerto No. 1," Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances" and Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite." Sharing the spotlight will be, 15-year-old pianist Sijing Ye of China. She won the 2007 Aspen Piano Concerto Competition, and, in fact, is the youngest winner in the history of the competition.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Season tickets are available at First Bank of West Texas, Fayes Flowers, Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the *Big Spring Herald*. Season tickets are \$50 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$15 for students.

The rest of the symphony season includes:

— "A Symphonic Christmas" Dec. 15, featuring The Coahoma Choir Kids under the direction of Sandra Wallace.

— "Bringing Europe to America" Feb. 9, 2008, featuring the music of Antonin Dvorak with Symphony No. 9, Op. 95 "The New World," and guest violoncello Jeffrey Lastrappes.

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OUR VIEWS

Now's the time to contribute to United Way

It's time. That's right, it's time for all of us to do our part in helping reach the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's 2007 fund-raising campaign goal of \$305,000.

Clearly an ambitious task, United Way officials increased this year's goal of \$305,000 in response to the growing needs of 15 member agencies.

Last year's campaign managed to reach and just surpass its \$300,000 goal — thanks to a great deal of hard work on the part of a great many people, and the kind and generous hearts of Howard Countians. But now we need to do that again, and the only way that's going to happen is if each one of us remembers that we need to do our part for those less fortunate here in our community.

Agencies that receive funds from the United Way are the West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Northside Community Center, Victim Services, The Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, Isaiah 58, CASA of West Texas and the YMCA of Big Spring.

Remember, the donations or pledges you make to the United Way don't leave our community. Every dollar raised by this year's campaign will be used to help a friend or neighbor needing a hand.

That's why it's so important that our focus be on reaching that goal, so those agencies will be able to better serve the public.

Obviously, that's where we all come in. The United Way's campaign can only be successful if each of us does his or her part.

Over the years, Howard Countians have proven they're capable of opening their hearts to the less fortunate — even those thousands of miles away. We believe you will again.

As we have continually noted at this time of year, none of us needs to give until it hurts, but simply what we can honestly afford. If we do, raising \$305,000 won't be such a tall order.

More importantly, buy funding these agencies, all our lives will be richer.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we say yes to You, Lord.

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Lawyer becomes the accused

For more than 10 years, ever since Florida attorney Magda Montiel Davis was caught on video kissing Fidel Castro and expressing admiration for the Cuban dictator, she has been persona non grata in Miami's Cuban-American community.

And now that she could possibly be disbarred for allegedly fabricating evidence and asking a witness to commit perjury in a Cuba-related child custody case, Miami Cubans are prematurely popping the champagne bottles they had reserved to celebrate Castro's much-anticipated death. They say it couldn't have happened to a more deserving Castro-lover.

"You are my teacher," Montiel Davis told Castro when she attended a 1994 conference in Havana.

And now it may turn out that she really learned from her so-called "teacher."

Castro, himself an attorney, has made a mockery of the Cuban judicial system. And Montiel Davis is apparently trying to turn an American court into a three-ring circus.

This student has learned well. In a Miami-Dade County Courthouse, Montiel Davis is one of two attorneys representing Rafael Izquierdo, a Cuban farmer trying to regain custody of his 4-year-old daughter in order to take her back to Cuba.

It's a case that evokes strong passions in South Florida, because it reminds Cuban-Americans of the custody battle over Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy incomprehensibly sent back to the Communist island with his Castro-manipulated father by the Clinton

administration.

In this case, the girl came to the United States in 2005 with her mother, Elena Perez, who later lost custody of her daughter and teen son after trying to commit suicide. (Her son's custody is not in dispute because he has a different father.)

Attorneys for the Florida Department of Children and Families have argued that the girl's father is unfit to raise the child because he failed to protect her from her unstable and abusive mother.

They want the child to remain with a South Florida foster family that has cared for her for the past 18 months.

During the course of the trial, the mother, who wants the child to go with her father, had testified that Izquierdo had sent her several letters from Cuba, inquiring about the child's welfare.

But then, the *Miami Herald* reported, during intensive cross-examination the sobbing mother dropped a bombshell that could cost Montiel Davis her license to practice law in Florida.

"I tried to twist things around to favor the father," Perez said.

"The letters [from Cuba] do not exist." She added they were fabricated by Montiel Davis, and that the lawyer and Izquierdo asked her to commit perjury by testifying that they were legitimate.

When Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Jeri B. Cohen, who is presiding over the case, asked the distraught mother why she was changing her story and admitting she lied, Perez said her own lawyer told her it is illegal to lie under oath, and "that the name of the crime is perjury and that it conveyed time in jail."

The mother argued that her lies really didn't matter, because "pieces of paper do not show who he [Izquierdo] is. He's a good

father."

But to Montiel Davis, it could really matter.

While the controversial lawyer denied the fabrication, the judge said she would let the Florida Bar Association decide what to do with the allegations against Montiel Davis.

"It is very serious, if it's true, for his [Izquierdo's] lawyer," the judge said.

In Miami's Little Havana, that was enough to begin the celebrations and the calls for a bar association investigation of Montiel Davis. After all, this is the lawyer Cuban-Americans love to hate.

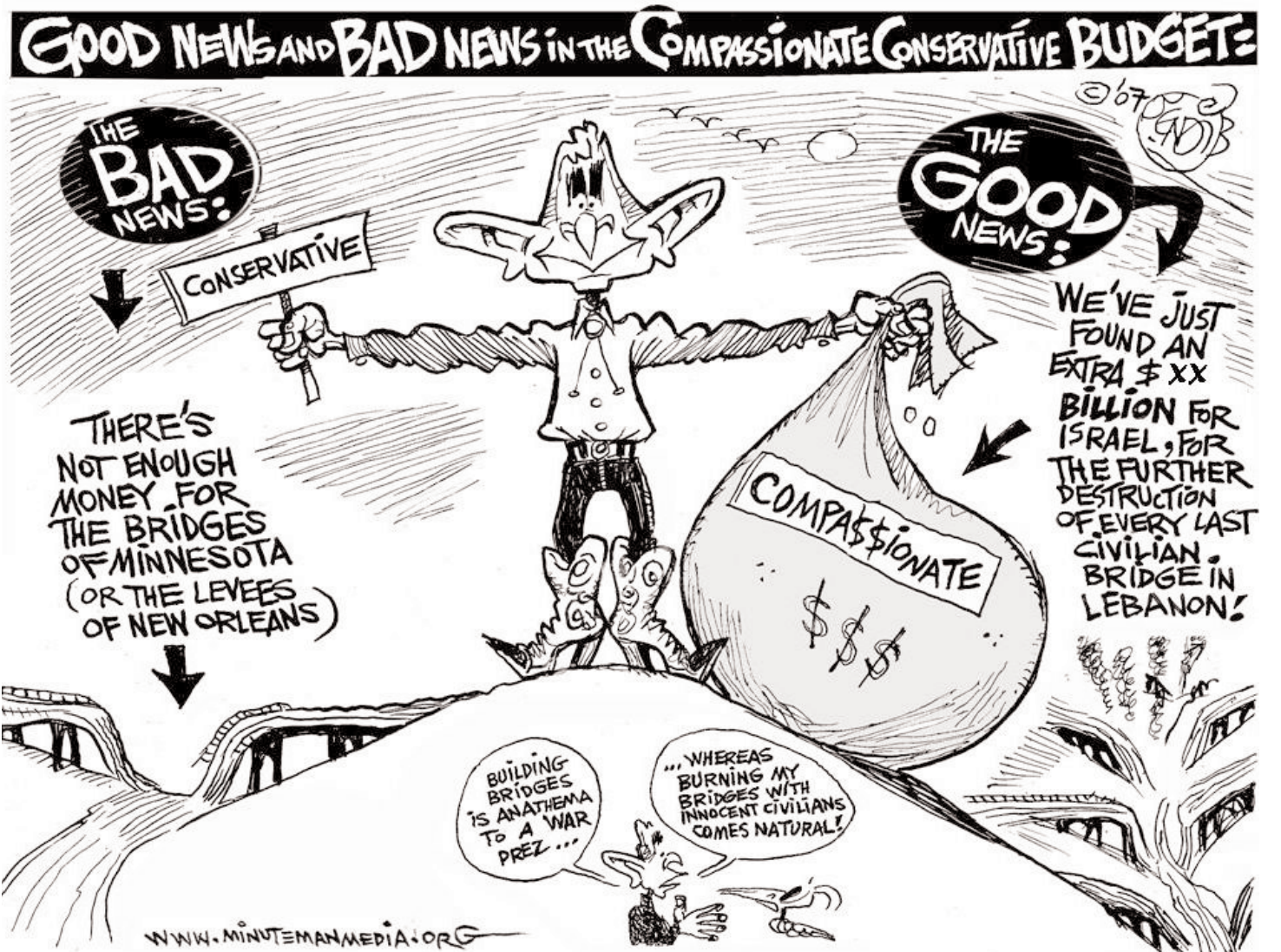
Many believe Montiel Davis is acting as an agent of the Cuban government and that, as in the Elian Gonzalez case, Izquierdo's trip to Florida has been financed and manipulated by Castro's Machiavellian regime.

They say that Izquierdo fathered his 4-year-old daughter during an adulterous relationship with Perez, because he is already married and has another 6-year-old daughter in Cuba.

In South Florida, bloggers are anxiously anticipating not only Castro's demise, but also the disbarment of Montiel Davis, who is reportedly writing a book titled "The Kiss," about her affectionate encounter with the dictator and how it made her an outcast among her fellow Cuban-Americans.

"Anyone who considers Fidel Castro a great teacher must be a devout student of murder, torture, emasculation of human rights, a complete disregard for the dignity of man," wrote a blogger on a *Miami Herald* web page. "Being proud of kissing a man like Castro is like being proud of kissing Stalin, Hitler, or Satan himself."

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Some words from a funny man

I first met Lee Bartlett when he was chief of police in Brownfield. It was in the '70s and my hair was longer than it is now and I had a beard. He was familiar with my radio program and quickly said yes when I told him I was in town and wanted to interview him. When I walked into his office, I thought he was going to arrest me for not having a fresh haircut and shave.

He lives in Gatesville now and while I was there the other day, I called and asked him to come down to the *Gatesville Messenger* for a visit. I hadn't seen him in 30 years. The first thing he said when he got to the paper was, "I see you've shaved."

Lee Bartlett was making humorous speeches back then and he still does them occasionally when they don't interfere with his golf game.

"I play every day I'm able," says Lee, "and I'm able most every day. We warm up for our golf game by playing dominoes first. That loosens us up."

He is a popular figure around Gatesville and I can understand why. He is friendly-looking and loves to talk. He's happy and he's funny.

After he left Brownfield, he ran an ambulance service in Lamesa, then moved to Gatesville and sold tires. He says selling tires is sort of like police work. "You're still dealing with the public and they're usually upset about something."

His speaking experiences started with talking to youngsters about safety. Then he joined Toastmasters. The local club entered him in a contest and he won the highest award Toastmasters gives. That speech was about the adventures of a rookie policeman. After that, he had all the free speeches he wanted. He made lots of speeches while doing police work. He'd make talks and throw people in jail. "I've probably enjoyed making

people laugh as much as anything I've ever done in my life," he said. "I think that's what's wrong with the world now. We don't laugh enough. We need to laugh at ourselves more."

Lee is nearly 70 now and still gets calls to speak. He has appeared at podiums all over Texas and New Mexico and never got paid for a speech, even though people have offered him money.

"I figure if God gave me the talent to make people laugh, I didn't need to get paid for it," he said. "If there's 40 or 400 in the audience and they're all smiling and laughing, that's better than money any day. I use lots of one-liners and sometimes pick on people in the audience. I might get serious for about 30 seconds at the end. But I never did think being serious was good for you. I think most people go to a banquet to eat, drink and laugh. I don't talk about the government or current events. I don't have anything dirty. You might call my speeches homespun. I tell 'em four out of five people suffer from diarrhea. Does that mean there's one who enjoys it?"



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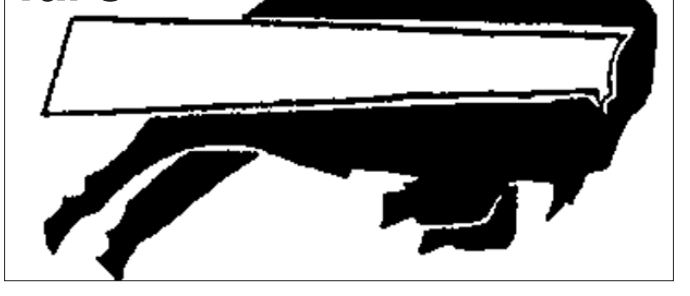
Homecoming festivities under way at Forsan

Forsan will celebrate homecoming this week. The 2007-08

Homecoming Court consists of Freshman Duchess Erica Garrett, Sophomore Duchess Shelby Jones and Junior Duchess Monica Garza.

Nominees for homecoming queen are seniors Tara Kuykendall, Kaela Strickland, Rowena Suazo and Rachael Wheeler. The queen will be crowned during half-time activities of Friday

Buffalo Tails



night's football game. Homecoming days are the following: Tuesday,

Pajama Day—"Make them see Zzzs;" Wednesday, Super Hero Day, "We

will save the day, in a Superhero kind of way;" Thursday, Rock Star Day, "Rock their socks off;" and Friday, Black and White Day, "All I see is Black and White."

The Homecoming Dance will follow the game from 10 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person and Forsan students and their dates will be admitted. The dance is for Forsan students, eighth through 12th grades. Dates from another school must be

signed up in the office.

Class Favorites were named last week. Sixth grade favorites are Ali Knight and Tyler Evans; seventh grade favorites are Leah Lloyd and Jansen McDonald; eighth grade favorites are Ambra Hill and Peyton Parker.

High school favorites are freshmen Erica Garrett and Steven Johnson, sophomores Shelby Jones and Evan Burton, junior favorites

Melanie McDonald and Jeremy Freitag and senior favorites Kaela Strickland and James Marlow.

Forsan CX debaters will attend a clinic in Midland on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Forsan parents will be able to view grades on the Internet when the system is in place. Check the web page for details. The address is www.forsan.esc18.net.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Opening statements begin in BP lawsuit

GALVESTON (AP) — It was the deadliest petrochemical industry accident in more than a decade, killing 15 people and injuring more than 170 others. The force of the blast shattered windows and walls miles away.

Now nearly 2 1/2 years after an explosion ripped through BP PLC's Texas City plant, a jury was set to hear evidence in the first trial stemming from the accident.

Opening statements were set for Wednesday in the trial of five lawsuits filed by four injured contract workers and the estate of a fifth contract worker whose suicide is being blamed by his attorneys on emotional trauma from the blast. About 1,350 of the thousands of lawsuits filed since the accident have been settled.

The 12-person panel of eight women and four men was chosen on Tuesday after three days of jury selection. Four alternates were also chosen for a trial that could last two months.

Woman sentenced in dismemberment case

AUSTIN (AP) — A woman was sentenced to five years in state prison for evidence tampering in connection with the death and dismemberment of a 21-year-old woman found in a bathtub near the University of Texas campus.

Laura Hall, who had faced up to 10 years in prison after being found guilty Friday, also received a one-year sentence in county jail for hindering apprehension.

Prosecutors accused the 24-year-old of helping cut off the hands and head of Jennifer Cave, who was shot and stabbed in August 2005. Colton Pitonyak, a Little Rock, Ark., native who was a UT student, was convicted of killing Cave and sentenced to 55 years in prison.

Cave's mother addressed Hall in court Tuesday, telling her, "If there is a hell, I hope you burn in it."

Hall's father tearfully asked the jury to give his daughter probation.

Co-op to buy power from proposed plant

WACO (AP) — Brazos Electric Power Cooperative Inc. has agreed to buy more than 40 percent of the power generated at a proposed Central Texas coal-fired plant in a deal that will enable developers to break ground on the project later this year, officials said.

The Waco-based electric co-op said Tuesday that it plans to purchase 375 megawatts of power from Dynegy Inc.'s Sandy Creek Energy Station, a 900-megawatt plant to be built near Riesel, 15 miles southeast of Waco.

Environmental groups, including some neighbors of the proposed site, said the plant is unnecessary and would be an environmental mess.

But Clifton Karnei, executive vice president and general manager of Brazos Electric, said the plant will diversify the co-op's fuel sources and help meet its members' demand for power, which is growing by about 200 megawatts a year.

Southwest increases fares, others follow suit

DALLAS (AP) — U.S. air carriers increased fares on Tuesday after Southwest Airlines boosted its one-way ticket prices by as much as \$10 over the weekend, cit-

ing higher fuel costs.

Southwest hiked fares by \$1, \$3 and \$5 in select short and medium-haul markets. The \$10 one-way increase is in markets of more than 1,250 miles, including Albuquerque, N.M., to Baltimore, the company said.

"It is a small increase to mitigate cost," said Whitney Eichinger, spokeswoman for Dallas-based Southwest.

It was the low-cost carrier's fourth fare increase this year, and other airlines quickly followed suit.

Medical examiner: Inmate's death homicide

HOUSTON (AP) — The death of an inmate who was arrested by Pasadena police for public intoxication has been ruled a homicide caused mainly by trauma to the lungs with rib fractures, the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office said.

Pasadena police have said Pedro Gonzales, 51, tripped and fell as two officers escorted to him a patrol car on July 21. A witness to Gonzales' arrest called 911 to report what she perceived to be police brutality.

The ruling of homicide means Gonzales was killed by an act of others, but it doesn't necessarily mean foul play was involved.

Greg Cagle, an attorney for officers Jason W. Buckaloo and Christopher S. Jones, could not be reached for comment Tuesday. The officers have said Gonzales resisted arrest.

Gonzales was found dead in a Pasadena Jail cell about five hours after his arrest.

Norman Ray Giles, an attorney for the city of Pasadena, said he could not comment on the cause of death because he has not read a full autopsy report.

Joe Owmbly, head of the police integrity unit of the Harris County District Attorney's Office, said the case may be referred to a grand jury later this month.

"The medical examiner's ruling basically gives the cause and manner of death, but our investigation determines whether there was justification for a homicide," Owmbly said.

The FBI's Houston bureau has also launched a preliminary investigation.

Medical examiner spokeswoman Beverly Begay said the primary cause of death was blunt trauma to the lungs. A secondary cause was complication from liver disease caused by long-term alcohol consumption.

Gonzales refused medical treatment at the scene but was treated by medics after he collapsed while being booked into the jail, police have said. The department said Gonzales signed a medical refusal form at the jail and declined further treatment before he was found dead.

Clyde "Jay" Jackson, an attorney for Gonzales' widow, said the homicide ruling is cause for concern.

"You expect the police to protect you from a homicide, not to commit a homicide," Jackson said.

Son killed when car crashes into father's truck

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 20-year-old man was killed when he crashed into his father's pickup truck at an intersection about a mile-and-a-half from the family's home, authorities said.

James Daniel III, of Godley, died Friday at the scene of accident in Johnson County, said Trooper David Riggs of the Texas Department of Public Safety. His

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Avoiding a Guess

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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♦ Q 10 4
♥ K 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 6
♣ K Q 10

WEST
♦ A J 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A 8 7 4 2

EAST
♦ K 5
♥ J 10 7
♦ 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 6 5 3

SOUTH
♦ 9 8 7 6 3
♥ A Q 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ J

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal occurred in a 1996 regional knockout team contest. Both South players arrived at four spades after similar auctions, and both Wests led the ace and another club. The two West players apparently had the same hope: that their partner would hold no more than two clubs and that a club ruff could be negotiated after West regained the lead with the ace of spades.

At the first table, the declarer won the club continuation with dummy's queen, discarding a diamond from his hand. He then misguessed by crossing to his hand with a diamond in order to lead a spade toward dummy.

West, Mike Kamil, was quick to seize this opportunity. He rose with the spade ace and returned his remaining diamond, taken by South in his hand. When declarer next led a second spade and finessed dummy's ten, East, Mike Becker, won and returned a diamond for Kamil to ruff, defeating the contract.

At the second table, the declarer, who shall remain nameless out of simple modesty, foresaw that the opponents might maneuver a ruff in whichever red suit he elected to play at trick three. So, rather than try to guess which suit it might be safe to cross to his hand with, he ruffed the queen of clubs at trick two!

This apparent extravagance paid maximum dividends. After trumping his own trick, declarer led a spade toward dummy, finessing the ten and losing to the king after West followed low. South won East's diamond return with the ace, and a second spade lead picked up West's jack to secure the game.

father, 61-year-old James Daniel II, suffered a punctured lung and broken ribs.

The elder Daniel had stopped at a stop sign while on his way home. He eased into an intersection of two roads to get a view past weeds that were blocking his view, Riggs said.

Mother of paralyzed teen sues over beer sales

DALLAS (AP) — A woman whose 15-year-old daughter was paralyzed in a single-car accident that killed three other teens has sued a North Richland Hills convenience store over its alleged sale of alcohol to minors.


Kim Tidwell's lawsuit alleges that Glenview Quick Mart didn't check the minors' identification before selling them beer.

Tidwell's daughter, Paige Owens, was one of two survivors in the Aug. 4 accident in Wise County. Three teens, age 17, 16 and 14, were killed.

The Department of Public Safety said it's waiting for results of toxicology tests to determine if alcohol or drugs were a factor in the crash.

"Selling to such young, young kids is something you just don't hear of," Tidwell's lawyer, Clay Miller, said in a story posted Tuesday on The Dallas Morning News Web site.

A spokesman for GQ Enterprises Corp., the store's owner, could not be reached for comment.



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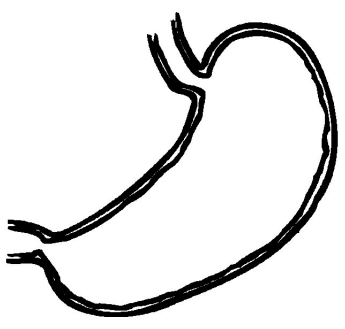
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Why not check this out? At the library

I am running a little behind today (Tuesday) so any book reviews are courtesy of Amazon.com.

Inspirational

"It's All About Him: Finding the Love of My Life" (B JAC D) is not about her husband, Alan Jackson, but rather Denise Jackson rediscovering her heavenly father. Denise has written an inspirational book that gives the reader an all-access look into one of country music's most famous couples: Their love story, struggles, dreams, success, the near-failure of their marriage, and the rediscovery of their faith and how that has dramatically shaped their lives. P.S. If you haven't gotten Alan Jackson's "Precious Memories" album, then you are really missing some great hymns that many of us have grown up singing.



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Biography

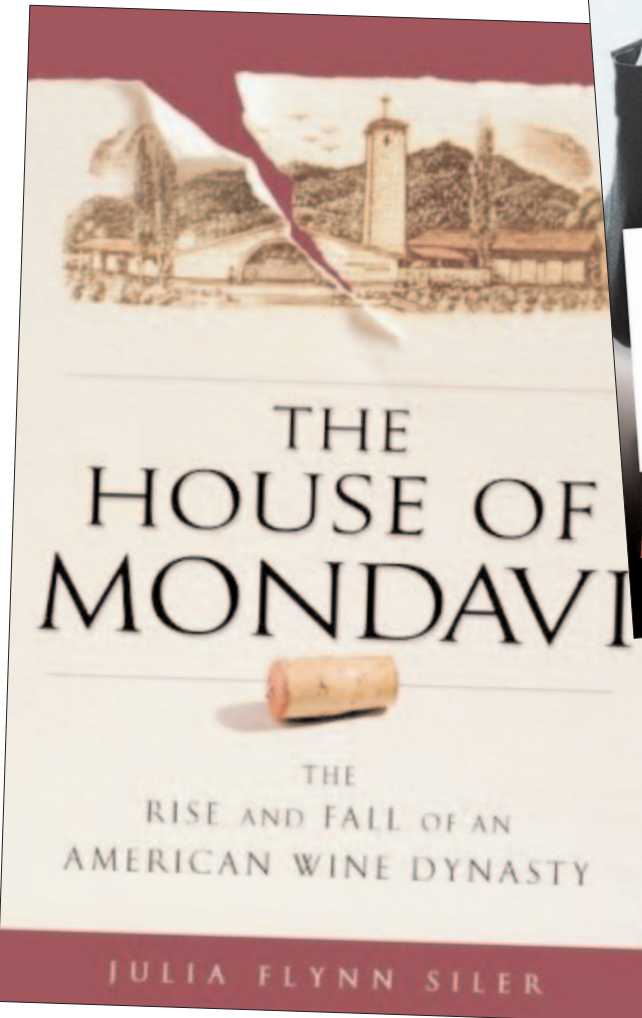
"LBJ: Architect of American Ambition" (B JOH L) by Randal B. Woods. In a review from Booklist: Why, after major works by Robert A. Caro and Robert Dallek, do we need another biography of Lyndon B. Johnson? The answer is that Johnson was so complex that every new biographer willing to do the tough spadework of original research discovers fresh layers of Johnsonian reality to explain, new psychological and political corridors to explore. Woods finds Johnson's key motivation to be largely altruistic, emerging from righteous outrage over the poverty and racism he'd witnessed while growing up in Texas. Woods serves up a Johnson who is less cynical, less self-serving and more heroic and tragic than the man portrayed elsewhere. Woods's Johnson is a man who saw his greatest personal ambitions realized with the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1964, and the Great Society programs. • **"The House of Mondavi: Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty"** (338.766 SIL J). If you are a wine connoisseur, then you may enjoy this book by Julia Siler. Set in California's lush Napa Valley and spanning four generations of a talented and visionary family, "The House of Mondavi" is a tale of genius, sibling rivalry, and betrayal. From 1906, when Italian

immigrant Cesare Mondavi passed through Ellis Island, to the Robert Mondavi Corp.'s twenty-first-century battle over a billion-dollar fortune, award-winning journalist Julia Flynn brings to life both the place and the people in this riveting family drama.

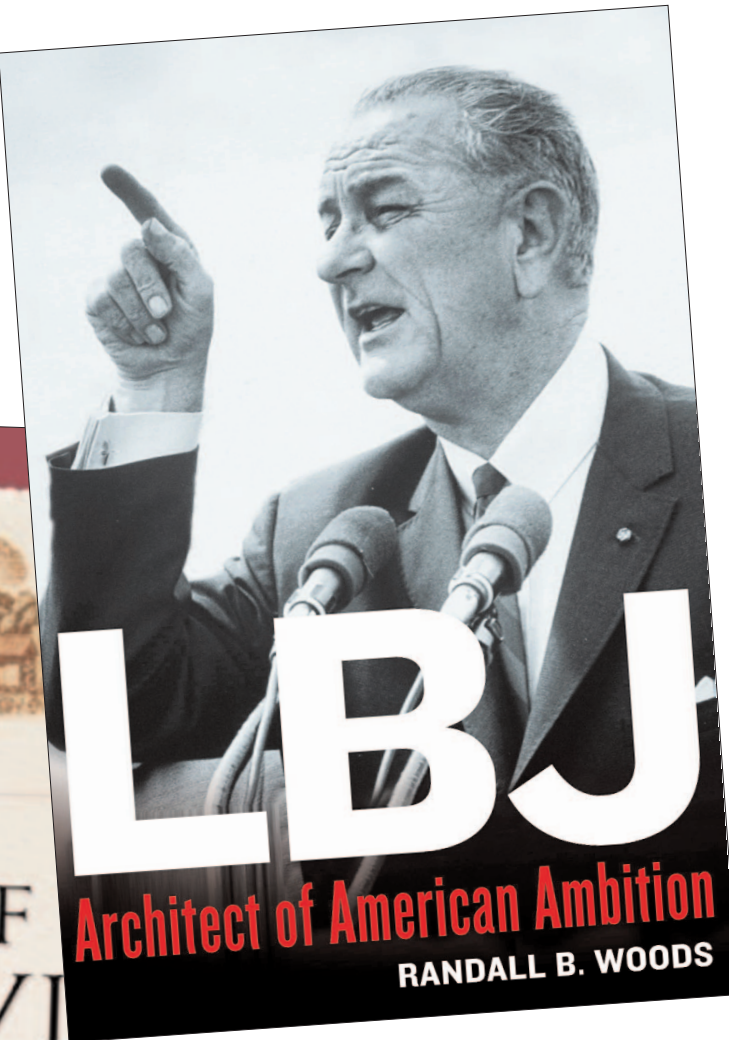
Mysteries

New (or almost new) mysteries that have come in: **"The Judge"** by Steve Martini; a new Deborah Knott mystery by Margaret Maron, **"Hard Row"** and a funny mystery, **"Dead and Berried"** by Karen Mac Inerney. Innkeeper Natalie Barnes is busy trying to keep up with business at her inn, solving a murder or two, and keeping her best friend out of prison. • **"Force of Nature"** Suzanne Brockman always writes a page turner. It is no different with her newest book. Ex-cop Ric Alvarado, after receiving word that Florida mobster Gordon Burns may be working with international terrorists, manages to gain access to Burns' inner circle in this prolific bestseller, Brockmann's enjoyable 11th

Troubleshooters thriller. Alvarado's feat brings him to the attention of Jules Cassidy, a maverick FBI agent and counterterrorism expert derided by fellow agents for being gay. The message of tolerance and the personal issues — Cassidy's relationship with closeted



Hollywood leading man Robin Chadwick; Alvarado's crush on his attractive assistant, Annie Dugan; Cassidy's determined struggle for acceptance and recognition—at times interfere with the terrorist plot in the mix of undercover police work and romance, but roman-tic suspense fans should be well satisfied. Two books dealing with rare gems have surfaced. Judith Gould has written



"The Parisian Affair" (F GOU J) and it concerns emeralds that were supposedly stolen from Great Britain's Royal Family. Dalia Sofer has written of a rare-gem dealer in Iran who has accused as

being a spy by the Royal Guard. **"The Septembers of Shiraz"** is somewhat autobiographical. Sofer's family escaped from Iran in 1982 when she was 10, an experience that may explain the intense detail of this unnerving debut. Nicely layered, the story shimmers with past secrets and hidden motivations. The dialogue, while stiff, allows the various characters to come through. Sofer's dramatization of just-

post-revolutionary Iran captures its small tensions and larger brutalities, which play vividly upon a family that cannot, even if it wishes to, conform.

Romance

"What Every Girl

Wants" Here is a spunky, woman-can-have-it-all, book for you. Kristin Billerbeck, in "What Every Girl Wants", creates Ashley Stockingdale. Ashley is a patent attorney with good looks, a convertible and brains. But at age 31, is she a "has been?" Adopting a new attitude, within days, Ashley has the attention of three men. But (there always is one) is that what she wants? For a fun read, check it out.

Come on down to the Library and see us Saturday! The Library will open its doors at 10 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. Check out the Farmer's Market early, go get a cup of coffee and then check out a book, book on tape or CD or even a movie that you haven't watched. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

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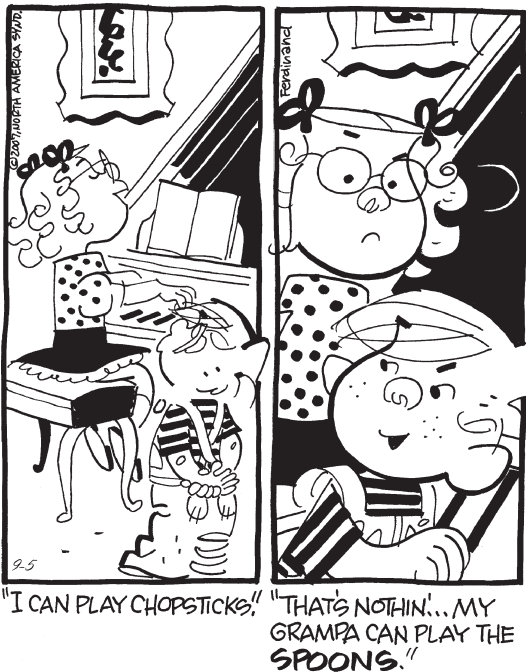
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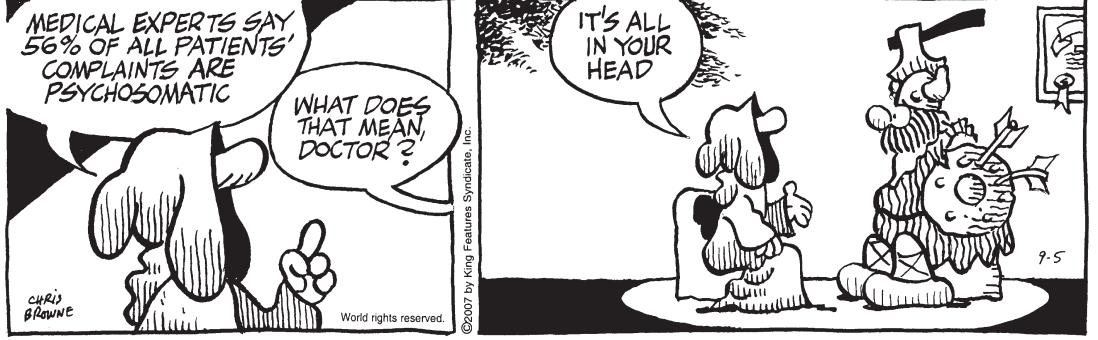
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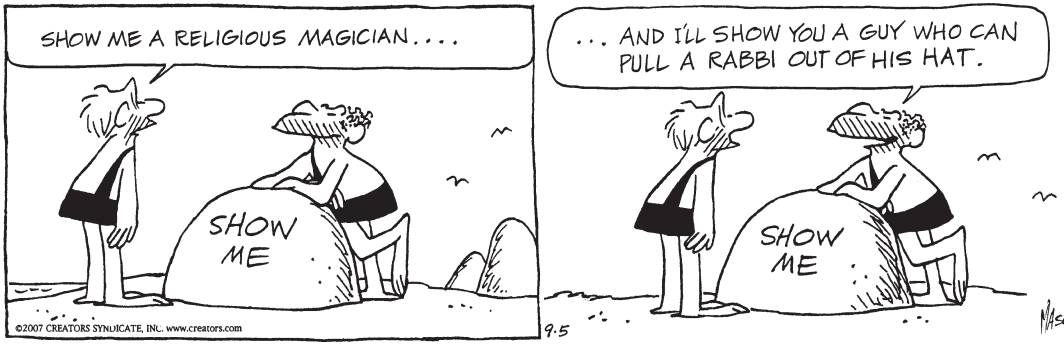
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2007. There are 117 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Sept. 5, 1957, the novel "On the Road," by Jack Kerouac, was first published by Viking Press. On this date: In 1774, the First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia. In 1793, the Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counter-revolutionary activities. In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas. In 1914, the first Battle of the Marne, resulting in a French-British victory over Germany, began during World War I.

In 1939, the United States proclaimed its neutrality in World War II. In 1945, Japanese-American Iva Toguri D'Aquino, suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason and served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Gerald Ford.) In 1972, Arab guerrillas attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the siege. In 1975, President Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif. In 1977, West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer was kidnapped in Cologne by the Baader-Meinhof gang. (Schleyer was later killed by his captors.) In 1977, the U.S. launched the Voyager 1 spacecraft two weeks after launching its twin, Voyager 2. Today's Birthdays: Former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul A. Volcker is 80. Comedian-actor Bob Newhart is 78. Actress-singer Carol Lawrence is 75. Actor William Devane is 68. Actor George Lazenby is 68. Singer John Stewart is 68. Actress Raquel Welch is 67. Movie director Werner Herzog is 65. Singer Al Stewart is 62. Actor-director Dennis Dugan is 61. Singer Loudon Wainwright III is 61. Drummer Buddy Miles is 61. "Cathy" cartoonist Cathy Guisewite is 57. Actor Michael Keaton is 56. Country musician Jamie Oldaker (The Tractors) is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Terry Ellis is 41. © 2007 The Associated Press.

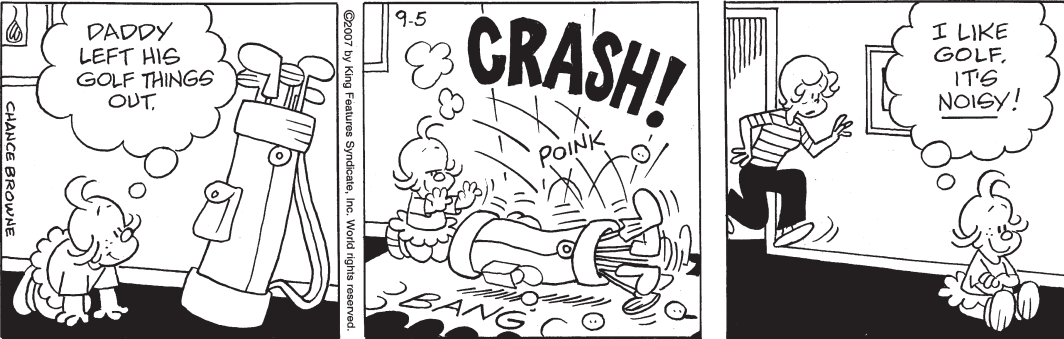
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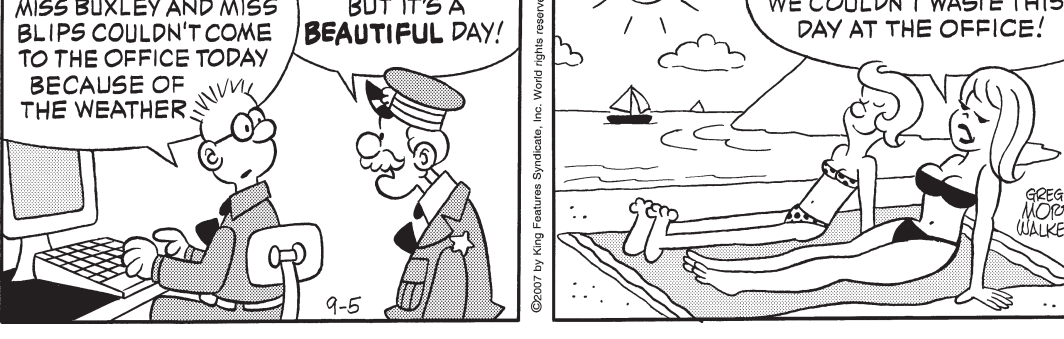
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