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Council set to OK tax hike

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to give final approval to its 2007-2008 budget Tuesday night, as the council moves forward with a financial plan that includes a 5-cent tax hike over the rollback rate. Two weeks ago, the council — with member Greg Biddison the lone dissenter — approved first reading of the fiscal plan, which is based on a tax rate of

\$1.02 per \$100 valuation, approximately 5 cents over the city's rollback rate of 97.7820 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate includes an additional 7.32 cents to fund a new six-man narcotics task force to be created within the Big Spring Police Department, and while the 5-cent hike could trigger a citizen-backed petition — forcing the city to get voter approval to go above the rollback rate — Mayor Russ McEwen said he

feels comfortable moving forward. "I feel very good about it. We're in a position where we want to do everything we can to reduce or eliminate the drug traffic in Big Spring, and we had some testimony from our police chief tonight that says when we have a presence it has an effect on the drug trafficking," said McEwen. "So it's a very good thing. Even the people that addressed the council said they don't like their taxes

going up, but they want to see a drug task force." The tax increase didn't set well with Biddison, however, who said the rate — which includes an additional 30.14 cents for bond projects approved by voters last year — is simply too high. "I voted against the budget because we went above the rollback rate for the drug task force," said Biddison. "I still believe we could have worked it into the budget somewhere

instead of raising taxes. This tax rate is very high for a community this size, and I just hope we can make it." City Finance Director Peggy Walker said the tax hike would translate to a tax bill increase of approximately \$100 for the average valued home. "The average home owner is paying \$237 per year based on this year's tax rate," said Walker. "With the proposed

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READYING FOR FLIGHT



Bucky Garner of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association fuels his radio-controlled airplane before takeoff during the Don McKinney Float and Fly Saturday morning. The event concluded Sunday at Comanche Trail Lake.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Registration deadline just a month away

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area residents planning to cast a ballot in the November election will need to register to vote by the Oct. 9 deadline, according to local election officials.

According to Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom, the deadline to register to vote in the November general election is Oct. 9.

"The registration deadline for any election is 30 days prior to the election day," said Bloom. "This year the deadline actually falls on a weekend — a Saturday — so the deadline would normally be extended to the following working day, which is a Monday, to get voter registration cards in. But since that Monday is Columbus Day, the deadline will move back another day to Tuesday."

Bloom said voters that currently hold a yellow voter registration card will be able to use them in the November election since they are good until the end of December.

"If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to



do is come by the office," said Bloom. "They can fill out the voter registration card and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election."

"For those that can't get out, they can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process."

Area voters will have more than a dozen state constitution amendments to vote on, but Howard County residents are likely to zero in on this election season's hot topic — a \$11.57 million bond election to finance the design and construction of a new jail.

Howard County commissioners recently adopted the order calling for the bond election, which will be the court's second attempt in the

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VOCAL TRASH COMING

Vocal Trash will perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The group delivers a blend of oldies, rock and roll and contemporary beats designed for the entire family.

Vocal Trash has played around the nation — including a previous performance in Big Spring

The concert is sponsored by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau and Howard College.

Come early and join Howard College in presenting the Battle of the Cheerleaders at 5:30 p.m. and a Community Pep Rally at 6:30 p.m.

NETWORKING SEMINAR

A Business to Business Networking Seminar will be conducted from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Workforce Network.

Topics of discussion will include:

- What is the Workforce?
- Jobs in Texas
- What can the Workforce Network do for me and my business?

The seminar is free and refreshments will be served. The Workforce Network is located at 501 S. Main, on the second floor of the post office. Tuesday's seminar is put on by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Business Development Committee.

AROUND TOWN

Big Spring High School will host Meet the Teacher Night today. The event will include a parent informational meeting in the BSHS Auditorium, 707 East 11th Place, at 6:30 p.m. Parents can meet their child's teachers following the meeting.

Hangar 25 Air Museum is sponsoring Memorial at the Mall, a brief ceremony honoring local men and women lost in the 9/11 attacks and to the war against terror.

The ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in front of the yellow ribbons at the Big Spring Mall. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.



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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Tennis Boosters meeting

The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. today in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring tennis players from junior high to varsity are invited to attend.

Howard College cheer camp set

Howard College is holding a mini-cheer camp Saturday 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 Saturday.

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.

Area high school sports calendar

Here's a look at this week's area high school varsity sports calendar:

Tuesday

Big Spring volleyball vs. Lubbock Coronado, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring tennis at Midland High, 4 p.m.

Friday

Big Spring football vs. Hereford, 7:30 p.m.

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

Coahoma football vs. Ballinger, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Garden City football vs. Midland Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Grady football at New Home, 7:30 p.m.

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

QB Club meeting set for today

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.

Cowboys outscore Giants, 45-35

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — For all the talk about how much better the Dallas Cowboys' defense is supposed to be under Wade Phillips, those offensive holdovers made sure the coach had a successful debut.

Tony Romo, a Pro Bowl quarterback still without playing a full season; Terrell Owens, the NFL leader in touchdown catches; and Marion Barber, who scored the most TDs in the NFC — all came up big again in the

Cowboys' 45-35 season-opening victory over the New York Giants.

"Put up 45 points every week? That's unrealistic probably," said Romo, who threw four TDs and ran for another. "At the same point, we'll sure as heck try."

They may have to for the injury-plagued defense that gave up 438 yards and a lot of big plays Sunday night against the Giants, who got within a field goal after trailing by 16 in the fourth quarter.

While it wasn't the kind of

defensive performance envisioned by Phillips, or anybody else, the Texas native wouldn't let it dampen his debut replacing Bill Parcells.

"We had 10 more (points) than they did. You've got to play good enough to win. That's what we did," Phillips said. "We need to establish win at home, play tough at home. We did that."

Already without cornerback Terence Newman (lingering foot problem) and linebacker Greg Ellis (Achilles' tear), the Cowboys lost another starter. Nose tackle Jason Ferguson tore

his right biceps muscle in the first quarter and is likely done for the season.

With Romo and Co. clicking, the Cowboys still got an opening win — and a one-game jump in the NFC East.

Romo threw for a career-high 345 yards. Barber turned an early fourth-and-1 run into a go-ahead 18-yard TD run and Owens, shut out before halftime, scored on two of his three catches.

"The first half was sort of like a matinee. ... The second half I

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Lady Steers drop two in dual match

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

It might not have been labeled as homecoming, but after spending close to a month on the road as the visitor or in volleyball tournaments, Big Spring's Lady Steers finally got to play the role of the home team.

Unfortunately, the results were similar.

The Lady Steers hosted both Wink's Wildcats and Andrews' Mustangs in a dual match at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday. Despite having a substantial lead in almost every set, Big Spring dropped both matches.

"We didn't have a closing mentality," said Lady Steers' Head Coach Amanda Whitaker. "These are two more games we should've won and we couldn't do it."

The Lady Steers opened against Wink, losing 25-23, 24-26, 25-23, 25-23.

"It's all concentration and focus that is missing for us right now," said Whitaker. "Wink's a very good team and we showed we can play with them. They're ranked third in Class 1A. We played well though. We blocked a lot of shots and that was nice to see."

Callie Partee led the Lady Steers with 12 kills and eight blocks. Amanda Claxton had seven kills and Hali Torres picked up five kills.

Clarissa Carrisalez led with 21 digs and Baylea Fox contributed 13 digs. Jordan Chesworth accounted for 37 assists.

The Lady Steers fell to Andrews in their second match of the day — 25-15, 25-23, 25-20.

"We worked very well

together, especially in the last two sets," Whitaker said. "We just aren't clicking at the end of sets."

Partee led with nine kills with Whitney Worthan and Macy Graves contributing five kills each.

The Lady Steers get to stay home and play host to Lubbock's Coronado Lady Mustangs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the junior high gymnasium. Coronado (12-10) had won nine of their last 11 matches heading into the weekend.

Whitaker says the Lady Steers have been working hard in practice in order to be better prepared for every match.

"We keep playing better and better as the season goes on," Whitaker said. "District starts in a week and I think we'll be ready to contend when it comes. We've been working on a lot of different game situations every day in practice."

"We need to keep being excited about playing and competing," she continued. "We can't go out on the court fearful that we're going to lose. If we have fun in the game then our play is going to be better. We could've beaten 10 to 15 of the teams we've played, but I don't know that we believed we could win those matches. It's time to go out, be ready to win and believe that we can win. Having that attitude can turn this season around for us."

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Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Baylea Fox prepares to serve in the Lady Steers volleyball match against the Andrews Mustangs Saturday. The Lady Steers lost the match after falling to Wink's Wildcats earlier in the day.

Weekend wrapup: Texas fans' needn't worry, McCoy is the man

It's time to give credit where credit is due.

I definitely did my doubting about the Texas Longhorns' chances for this season after they laid an egg against Arkansas State.

Their lackluster performance was enough to put a lot of doubt into the minds of even the soundest of Longhorns' fans. That doubt will now turn into confidence as Texas punished a very good TCU team, 34-10.

After the first half, I thought the game was going just how I expected it to, with TCU dominating defensively. However, Colt McCoy showed why Texas Head Coach Mack Brown has so much faith in the sophomore quar-

terback. McCoy was being pounded from every direction by the Horned Frogs' defense, but found a way to consistently produce in the second half. He had the play of the game when he avoided TCU pressure from up the middle, rolled out to his right and threw a 33-yard touchdown strike to Nate Jones that was just out of the reach of a Horned Frogs' safety.

McCoy has not been without his critics. Unfortunately, he has the dubious distinction of following up Vince Young, whom most Texas fans will forever consider the greatest quarterback — and some might argue greatest player — in school history.

McCoy is a winner though and has the composure of a champion. He's the type of player



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Texas Christian University defender Steven Coleman (4) can't catch Texas running back Jamaal Charles (25) on a 39-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Texas defeated TCU, 34-13, at Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium in Austin Saturday.

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Obituaries

Wynelle Hale



Wynelle Hale, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Medical City in Dallas. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at First United Methodist Church.

She was born May 2, 1927, in Howard County to Mae Ellen and Arthur Franklin. She worked a number of years in Civil Service, including Selective Service, Webb Air Force Base and the Veterans Administration Medical Center. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford Hale of Big Spring; one daughter, Donna Atkins and her husband, Richard, of Big Spring; one son, Terry Hale of Las Vegas, Nev.; and three grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, Arthur W. Franklin.

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

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the mid 80s. Light and variable winds becoming northeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

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

Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

Saturday — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Lottery

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

41-34-7-37-8-48

Estimated jackpot: \$24

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

20-24-17-16-22

Next Cash Five drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 5-4-3

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 2-1-6

Take Note

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOST MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT**, Monday, Sept. 10. The evening will include a parent informational meeting in the BSHS Auditorium, 707 East 11th Place, at 6:30 p.m. Parents can meet their child's teachers immediately following the meeting. Opportunities to win door prizes will take place throughout the evening.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** for David English of Snyder, who was recently injured on the job in Big Spring and is in critical condition at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Donations can be made at American State Bank, 1411, S. Gregg St., Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• **SELESTINO HERNANDEZ**, 22, of 307 San Jacinto, was arrested Saturday on six local warrants.

• **SAMANTHA PAYNE**, 23, of 1509 Stadium, was arrested Saturday on a local capias warrant.

• **DENISE DEANDA**, 35, of 604 Abrams, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants and a charge of forgery.

• **JAMES HAYES**, 45, of 602 Holbert, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession and public intoxication.

• **JIMMY SANCHEZ**, 30, of 1810 Old Mill Road, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and driving while license invalid - enhanced.

• **CHRIS BURTON**, 24, of 2503 Langley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JULIE ANN MINCE**, 35, of 504 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **PABLO MONTEZ**, 28, of 2902 E. Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Sunday and held for immigration.

• **LEVI PATRICK CARTER**, 29, of 1411 E. 15th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **JOHNNY BARRAZA**, 39, of 429 Westover Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **DOMINIQUE WILLIAMS**, 18, of 1309 Baylor, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Goliad.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 200 block of Marcy.

- in the 100 block of Ninth Street.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 2000 block of Fourth Street.

• **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Gregg Street.

• **FORGERY** was reported:

- in the 200 block of Marcy.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 1200 block of Donley.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 1000 block of 11th Place.

- in the 2600 block of Langley.

- in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Owens.

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

- in the 300 block of Golf Course.

Fire/EMS

- in the 1400 block of Sycamore.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1800 block of 15th Street.

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of N. Birdwell Lane. Service refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported during the Coahoma football game. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Settles and Stadium. Service refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused.

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

• **TRAUMA** was reported near the intersection of Highway 33 and Longshore Road. Service refused.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Douglas. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. Service refused.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Sheriff's report

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

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

• **JUAN DELOSSANTOS**, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of no safety belt and failure to appear.

• **FRANCISCO RENE GUERRERO**, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention and bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **VINCENT EARL PARRAMORE**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information.

• **PABLO MORENO**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

• **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA**, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal trespass.

• **BILLY MANN KIRK**, 61, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **BOBBY JOE HUTCHESON**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• **MICHAEL NEAL BIRMELIN**, 27, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under the age of 15 years, no insurance, no driver's license and displaying a canceled license plate.

• **GARY JOE FLORES**, 41, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOSHUA HERNANDEZ**, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, unlawfully carrying a weapon, driving while intoxicated and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• **ANTHONY STEPHEN MELTON**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JENNY MARIE HAMILTON**, 32, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ZACHARY SCOTT LYON**, 31, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under the age of 15 years (two counts).

• **JESUS ENRIQUE GARCIA**, 34, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to identify - giving false information and driving while intoxicated - third or more offense with open container.

• **JUAN ZAMBRANO GARCIA**, 74, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHN DAVID WILLIAMSON**, 17, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving under the influence by a minor and minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

• **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.

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got my chance to shine," Owens said. "Me wanting the ball, I was starting to be impatient. But I knew we had another half."

Eli Manning threw for 312 yards and four TDs, keeping the Giants close until the end — when he watched the final series from the sideline because of a bruised throwing shoulder.

"I didn't want to go in there and make anything worse, land on it or get hit on it and make something where I miss next week," Manning said.

The Giants have more pressing injury concerns after sack leader Osi Umenyiora and new starting running back Brandon Jacobs left the game with knee injuries.

Dallas had its own problems early, with Romo and Owens seemingly out of synch on several plays before connecting on two straight to get in the end zone on the first drive after halftime. An 18-yard gain on a crossing route was followed by an acrobatic one-handed catch on which T.O. managed to get both feet in.

Owens had another highlight-worthy TD catch early in the fourth, a 47-yarder that put the Cowboys up 38-22.

New York cut the gap to a field goal after two quick TD passes by Manning, a 9-yarder to Derrick Ward and his third to Plaxico Burress.

That came after Romo threw an interception, which he made up for with a game-clinching 51-yard TD to Sam Hurd with three minutes left.

Umenyiora landed awkwardly while making a tackle on the

Giants' first defensive stand early and while X-rays showed no break, further tests were planned upon returning to New York. Jacobs has an MCL injury, though the extent of the injury wasn't known.

Michael Strahan didn't start after sitting out the entire pre-season while contemplating retirement before joining the team only a few days ago. He still played plenty, and had five tackles with no sacks.

New York started strong, with Manning throwing a 60-yard TD pass to Burress on the third snap. Dallas was down 6-3 and facing fourth-and-1 from the New York 18 when Phillips opted to go for a first down rather than a short, tying field goal. Barber shook a defender at the line, bounced outside, shoved away another defender and then dived headfirst into the end zone.



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Dallas tight end Jason Witten (82) is tackled by Giants safety Gibril Wilson in the first quarter as the New York Giants faced the Dallas Cowboys Sunday in Irving. The Cowboys won 45-35.

WRAPUP

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that can throw two interceptions in a game, forget about it and return to lead the team on a game winning drive.

Several Texas fans are quick to doubt McCoy. They saw his weak game against Arkansas State and immediately forgot about the 29 touchdowns and 2,570 yards he threw for as a redshirt freshman. He's not Vince, therefore he can't be the answer.

If Longhorns' fans are waiting for the next Vince, then they'll be waiting for a long time. Young was a once in a lifetime player. They don't make dual threat quarterbacks with the capability that he had.

The Texas faithful need to live with what they have. McCoy is going to serve them well.

Now last week, I wrote the comment that Texas is the third best team in

the Big 12. I'm still standing by this. I like both Texas A&M and Oklahoma more.

However, it's not because of quarterback play.

The Texas defense worries me greatly. Their pass defense was one of the worst in the nation last season. Now they have three new starters in the defensive backfield just starting to gain experience. They're yet to be tested this season. If TCU had the ability to attack the Longhorns deep, that game would have been a much scarier affair.

Texas also lost their top two pass rushers last season and linebacker Sergio Kindle is a head case that can't stay on the field long enough to be a difference maker.

Losing coordinator, Gene Chizik won't help matters either. All of these factors still put them behind the Sooners and Aggies in my estimation.

However, Texas has been good at proving me

wrong so far this season. Their win over TCU killed my BCS buster prediction for the Horned Frogs.

Thanks a lot, Colt McCoy.

LSU 34, Virginia Tech 7

My mother evidentially taught me to do things right and well because when I decided to make wrong predictions, I really went all out.

Not only was my BCS buster prediction blown up this weekend, but my National Championship prediction went out the window as well.

How good is LSU's offense? I rank Virginia Tech's defense among the best, but LSU moved the ball down the field flawlessly. The Tigers just have too many weapons.

Early Doucet is considered the best wide receiver prospect in the country, but he isn't even leading the team in receiving. I've been slow to come around on LSU, but maybe it's time I come around to considering them as the top team to challenge USC for the national title.

I just have difficulty picking an SEC team to run the table in the toughest conference in college football. I would've never picked Florida last season for the same reason.

However, the Tigers do appear to be in a league of their own in the conference after the second week of the season.

There's still more than two months left in the regular season though.

Texas A&M 47, Fresno St. 45 3 OT

I have made no secret about who I think will win the Big 12 this season. It's about the only pre-season prediction I have still standing. Of course, league play is yet to start. Check back with me in a few weeks.

As of now, my love for the Aggies' running game — notice I didn't say 'my love for the Aggies' — is enough to make me believe in them as Big 12 champs.

Despite my constant hype of them, I am not an Aggies' lover. Anyone who takes me as one is gravely mistaken. I was raised better than that. My dad and granddad wouldn't have let me support the Aggies.

The backfield trio of Stephen McGee, Jovorskie Lane and Mike Goodson is the most lethal in the country. They drove the Longhorns crazy last season and I expect them to have a similar effect this season.

That said, their performance against Fresno State was disheartening. The score should've been 33-0 at the half, but was instead 19-0. There was a lack of killer instinct in the Aggies.

Every team needs something work on in the early season. The Aggies have found their area of

need.

It's not a quality that is taught in practice. It has to be a mentality that is instilled in a team over time.

I'm not the type to backtrack on my opinions easily. I'll stand by this one, but I'd be lying if I didn't say I wasn't nearly as sure about my pick following this weekend's action.

Romo delivers, but defense needs work

The big question about the Cowboys' season was supposed to be which Tony Romo would show up to lead the team. Was it the guy that set the NFL on fire, winning five of his first six starts. Or was it going to be the guy who finished the season 1-3 and botched a snap on a field goal, keeping the Cowboys from winning their first playoff game since the 90s.

Five touchdowns and 345 yards later, there is little doubt about which quarterback he is.

Will he still have some tough stretches? Yes. Every quarterback has a tough game or two. However, Romo is a gun-slinger with incredible instincts. He reminds me of Brett Favre in the way he seems fearless on the football field.

The problem for the Cowboys Sunday night was on defense. Three things stand out as issues Wade Phillips — a supposed defensive genius — needs to address.

A no name running back gave them fits. Derek Ward — an undrafted free agent cut

from the Jets last season — beat Dallas' defense up averaging 6.8 yards a carry.

The Cowboys' secondary couldn't cover a paraplegic let alone Plaxico Burress. Burress torched Jacques Reeves and Anthony Henry for three easy touchdowns. Terrance Newman is in-extendable to this team. Henry should've been replaced this season. It baffles me that the Cowboys haven't addressed this position with a higher draft pick. Also, many Cowboys fans will want to blame Roy Williams for Burress' last touchdown. It wasn't his fault, though. Reeves should've at least attempted to slow down Burress at some point during his route. Instead, he played scared. Hopefully, Newman's foot injury won't be a lingering one.

The secondary wasn't helped any by the complete lack of a pass rush for most of the game. The Cowboys registered one sack. Phillips is supposed to be genius about getting pressure on the quarterback. However, Eli Manning never felt rushed. He sat back and picked about a depleted secondary all day. Giving up 438 yards of total offense is inexcusable and the Cowboys will not find consistent success if the trend continues.

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What inspired Crawford to play the king of spades seemingly from out of the blue? Actually, it was an easy play; he had a sure thing going for him regardless of who had the queen of spades.

The clue that led to the spade return came from both the bidding and the opening lead. West's deuce-of-clubs lead, indicating a four-card suit, marked declarer with three clubs. Furthermore, systematically, South's bidding guaranteed five hearts and four diamonds (or, possibly, four hearts and five diamonds). This left South with at most one spade.

The king-of-spades return was therefore sure to work out successfully regardless of South's actual spade holding. That his singleton spade happened to be the queen served merely to dramatize the correctness of Crawford's play.

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Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be September 10, 2007 which means protests should be received by September 25, 2007. Protests must be sent to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12987, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6818). #5503 September 3 & 10, 2007

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon goes about her business in Virgo, quiet but not unnoticed.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Over the past month and a half, eclipse energy has empowered sweeping life changes. Finish up loose ends, and send a final farewell to everything you want to leave behind — tomorrow's a new day. Tuesday's early morning solar eclipse in Virgo is visible from South America.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's not being broke that's a fearful thing but fear of being broke. It's more productive (and lucrative) to remember that you've always made due and to fling yourself into your projects with reckless abandon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Loved ones need you to listen closely. Put aside your insecurities, and give yourself and your ears over to the information coming at you. Doors and hearts open to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). On your quest for love, you may overlook the buried treasure in your own back yard. Those familiar to you adore you. How adored? Plan special interactions with your nearest and dearest — you'll find out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're so confident. This is proven by your

Tomorrow's Horoscope

ability to listen to just about any school of thought without losing your cool. To each his own! Now that's true sophistication of thought.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can't tell from whence your next fabulous idea will spring. Snub snobbery. Pay attention to amateurs. Assume everyone — yes, everyone — has something important, even essential, to contribute.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Without excess emotional baggage, you'll be able to embrace the opportunities of the day. Now, how do you get rid of the baggage? Take control of your mind. Tell yourself simply to drop that garbage at the curb.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Stars favor you as you dance through precarious lines of reason and whimsical patterns of thought. Being sure is so dull. Insatiable questioning leads to enlightenment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You conveniently forget all of the gaffes and slights made by someone you, for the most part, like very much. That's called friendship. Others extend you the same courtesy in the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's more fun to hang around people who are very much like you than it is to rub shoulders with the people who are like you aspire to be. However, the latter is more profitable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to stand out and blend in all

at the same time. In a weird way, you do it. And, better still, you're paid for this amazing ability. Tonight offers an intriguing introduction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today is a study in ordered chaos. It's all too much to absorb at once, so take notes. Later, reviewing some of the details of this madness will bring beautiful inspiration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You stumble across a piece of loaded information. Should you discuss it with the people involved or keep it to yourself? There's no rush. Let the omens guide you. Then follow their wisdom.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: Your Sun Sign and Your Health. According to traditional astrology disease, or "disease," was evaluated according to temperament and the overabundance or absence of an element in a person's natal chart. For good measure, replacing the missing element or swinging in the opposite direction of the problem seems, well, logical. Does it pan out for your sun sign?

SAGITTARIUS: Think temperance. You love to indulge and indulge others. And when you're going to extremes, there's no stopping you. Gluttony was one of the supposed seven deadly sins, but its heavenly counterpart is abstinence — your key to healthy moderation. Occasionally restraining from wild parties, manic gym workouts and even

self-help book binges keeps you in check. **CAPRICORN:** Nose to the grindstone, when you neglect your pleasure for work, your body suffers. If that sounds dry, understand that "dry" describes your temperament, in which moisture, heat and air are all balanced. Your body temperature runs cool, so spend some time in fresh air and sunshine. Moisturize dry lips and skin. Calcium keeps bones strong for all that heavy lifting you do. Health-promoting qualities worth cultivating are faith, love and happiness.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Does an inner sense of self-doubt and uncertainty plague self-deprecating Hugh Grant? Virgos have the tendency to play down their attributes while holding themselves to incredibly high standards of perfection. If this seems like a recipe for self-immolation, unrelenting nitpicky behavior is really just a thwarted expression of Virgo's humility and grace. Perspective is a curative for Hugh.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My 88-year-old mother is living with my son and his wife. Mom's mind is good and she is very healthy, although she has used a walker since her partial hip replacement last year.

The problem is, Mom has to have everyone's attention on her all the time. She thinks she is the most important person in the family and we have to accommodate her. But she's impossible to please. She bumped her back a while ago and did nothing but complain. When she was alone in a room, she was absolutely fine, but as soon as anyone walked in, she would start to moan and groan.

Mom complains endlessly about my daughter-in-law but takes full advantage of her hospitality. The other day, my daughter-in-law went to check on her and saw through the crack of the door that Mom was sitting up in her bed reading. As soon as my daughter-in-law knocked, Mom stashed the book and pretended to be asleep.

I have tried to talk to my mother about her demanding behavior, but there is no getting through her thick head. My son doesn't know what to do with her anymore, and no one else wants her to live with them. What do you suggest? — Burned Out in California

Dear Burned Out: If Mom is financially solvent and can get around with a walker, she does not need to be living with her grandson. It's time for the family to get together and talk with Mom about an apartment, retirement home or assisted-living facility. She could be much happier where she has friends and activities — and a whole new audience to impress.

Dear Annie: Please settle a dispute between my husband and me.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Several weeks ago, I surprised him with a 50th birthday party. It was very low key and in our backyard.

Several of his friends gave him gifts. I handed him the addresses and thank-you notes for him to write out. He stated that since he is now 50, he doesn't need to write thank-you notes, and furthermore, he didn't ask for any of the gifts. He said it was enough that he thanked everyone in person for coming.

I believe that you are never too old to write a thank-you note, and since he didn't open the gifts in front of anyone, thanking them for coming isn't sufficient. I feel bad about this since I initiated the party, but I have no intention of writing his notes myself. Please advise. — Wife of Stubborn 50-Year-Old

Dear Wife: Being gracious has no age limit, and being 50 does not entitle your husband to be rude. Of course he should write notes to every person who was thoughtful enough to bring him a present, but your husband is lazy and doesn't want to bother. He's not 6 years old, even if he acts like it, so say nothing more. His friends will think he is lacking in manners, and they will be right.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Torn in Michigan," who couldn't deal with her husband's children after

her own child had died. She was considering divorce. Your answer — to stay put and seek help — was right, but could have been stronger.

Depression is an elusive enemy. Remind your readers that the first therapist and the first medications may not be the right ones. Keep looking. Otherwise, that grief can turn to poison, wounding all who are close to you.

I suffer from recurring depression. The first time, I worked for two years in therapy, rearranging the mixed-up furniture of my life. The second time, antidepressants were available, but even five years later, my daughter remembers how hard it was to be mothered by a woman who was so distant from grief. I am grateful I knew where to find help so I could get back to her — and myself. — Been There in Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Cambridge: Thank goodness you recognized your illness and didn't give up. We hope "Torn" is listening.

Dear Annie: I am in my late 40s and one of the oldest of eight siblings. When even a few of us get together, there can be a lot of people and small children running around.

The last time we got together at my house, no one watched the children, who proceeded to shake my newly planted trees, spill tea all over the patio, help themselves to what was in my fridge, cut in line to get refills on what food they wanted before everyone else had firsts, crawl up on the table, etc.

I talked to a couple of my brothers and told them I would not be hosting a get-together like this again. It was not fun. Instead, it was a lot of work, and at the end of the day I felt like the Big Bad Wolf. Should I have handled it differently? — Exhausted

Dear Exhausted: Kids who don't behave and whose parents don't supervise them are no pleasure to be around. We're only surprised it took you so long to reach your limit. In order not to create hard feelings, it might be better to say you can't handle the chaos and mess anymore, rather than tell them their children are undisciplined wild animals.

Dear Annie: This is for "Torn in Charlotte, N.C.," whose husband lets his mother scratch his back. I can assure her there isn't anything sexual going on here. We have a 25-year-old son who wants his back scratched the minute he walks into our home. He says he loves my nails, his sister's nails, his father's nails, his girlfriend's nails, and he'd love the mailman's nails if he could get away with it. It makes him happy and doesn't cost a dime.

If she is uncomfortable about it, she could say something, but she should be happy his mother can still do something loving for her son. At 35, many have lost a parent and would give anything to have them back. — Happy Mom in Michigan

Dear Happy Mom: We heard from plenty of back scratchers and those who love them. Our thanks to all who wrote.

Confidential to Eric and Naomi: We wish you a lifetime of love and happiness.

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Neighbors say police came to home of shootout suspect

By **BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press Writer

ODESSA — The wife of a man accused of killing two police officers and critically wounding a third had called police to the house several times before when he'd get drunk "and a little pushy", a neighbor said Sunday.

Larry White, 58, is an avid hunter who likes guns and often drinks beer during the day, next-door neighbor Raymond Graham said Sunday. "I can't believe he snapped," he said. "Something made him tweak." Investigators say a woman called authorities around 6:15 p.m.

Saturday. When police arrived, she came out and told officers her husband had hit her, Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said. Police couldn't enter the house through the front door. When they tried to go in the back door, a man began firing at them. He then came out of the house and continued

shooting before retreating back inside, Mange said. It wasn't immediately clear how many guns he had or what kind they were, but the wounded officer was shot with buckshot. Graham said police had been called to the home at least three times in the past 10 years. "But all the previous

times it was nonviolent," he said. "Never anything involving gunfire. He'd get drunk and he'd get a little pushy." White's wife, Judy, could not be located to comment Sunday. The couple have no children, Graham said. The Whites' one-story house appeared untended and in disrepair in an oth-

erwise pleasant, well-kept neighborhood. Graham said that before any shots were fired he overheard Judy White tell Cpls. Arlie Jones, 48, and John "Scott" Gardner, 30, that she had locked her husband's guns in the trunk of her older model Mercedes Benz inside the couple's garage last weekend.

DEADLINE

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past year to gain voter approval for a new jail.

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.

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.

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 county officials.

For more information, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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

Amendment propositions to be on ballot

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The hot topic on many Howard County voters minds heading into the November election may be the multi-million-dollar jail bond, but Lone Star ballot casters will have 16 constitutional amendment choices to make as well.

Among the propositions are:

Proposition 1 - HJR 103
Provides for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university.

Proposition 2 - SJR 57
Provides for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose.

Proposition 3 - HJR 40
Authorizes the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised

value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year.

Proposition 4 - SJR 65
Authorizes the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment.

Proposition 5 - SJR 44
Authorizes the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of

Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into.

Proposition 6 - HJR 54
Authorizes the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner.

Proposition 7 - HJR 30
Would allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property.

Proposition 8 - HJR 72
Would clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds.

Proposition 9 - SJR 29
Authorizes the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence home-

steads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled.

Proposition 10 - HJR 69
Would abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals.

Proposition 11 - HJR 19
Would require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other non-ceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes.

Proposition 12 - SJR 64
Would provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement

projects.

Proposition 13 - HJR 6
Authorizes the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case.

Proposition 14 - HJR 36
Would permit a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term.

Proposition 15 - HJR 90
Would require the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer.

Proposition 16 - SJR 20
Would provide for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas.

COUNCIL

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rate they would be paying \$338, an increase of approximately \$101 a year. The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 is looking at an increase of \$275."

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

"Tax dollars go into the general fund," said McEwen. "All we can say is it's our intention to use

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

The council is expected to hold a public hearing concerning the tax rate during the meeting, as well as hear first reading of an ordinance adopting the tax rate for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Also on the meeting agenda are:

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

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

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

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with the Heritage Museum for historical

preservation and restoration projects including operation costs of museum.

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

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

- First reading of an

ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article 3 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinances by amending Sections 16-70(A), 16-70(B), 16-70(C) and 16-70(D), increasing the monthly life line rate and water consumption rates.

- First reading of an ordinance amending the purchasing procedures manual by amending Sections 4.04 and 4.06 regarding purchasing dollar limits, formal bid requirements and competitive quote requirements.

- Consider appointments to the Civil Service

Commission, including one regular term and an unexpired term.

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

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OUR VIEWS

Let's all fly the flag on Tuesday

Once again, it's time to fly the flag ... here in Big Spring and Howard County ... and all across America. And it's time for all of us to not only show our patriotism, but to also remember the thousands who died six years ago in the attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

Furthermore, we should fly our flags tomorrow to remember the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who sacrificed themselves in thwarting terrorists who skyjacked their plane that day.

We, like a great many others, believe an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office and business in the United States tomorrow.

And we encourage every individual to make it their duty to display an American flag on this sixth anniversary of our country's worst tragedy.

We will not only do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, but also for those who today are doing their duty, fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following Sept. 11, 2001, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism.

Sadly, those flags seem to have all but disappeared.

Our patriotism has always pulled us through some tough times for our nation and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

So, regardless of your political affiliation or lack of same. Pro-war or anti-war. Pro-life or pro-choice. None of that matters ... it really doesn't.

What matters is that we all remember those who lost their lives six years ago on what has now become Patriots Day by flying the red, white and blue.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we have Your word, Lord, we are good to go with it.

Amen

Voting machines can save democracy

When Congress returns to Washington after Labor Day, it will have the opportunity to pass a crucial but relatively unknown bill that would help restore faith in the building block of our democracy — elections. But if Congress doesn't act, around 41 million Americans in 13 states and the District of Columbia will cast their votes for president and Congress next year on paperless electronic voting machines.

These machines do not generate a paper record that voters can use to verify their votes and that election administrators can use in the event of a recount, or even to audit the electronic vote tallies. The last two presidential elections have been famously plagued with voting irregularities, and last year paperless voting machines ate 18,000 votes in Sarasota County. Incidentally, the declared margin of victory for the Congress member who now represents that county was 369 votes.

These problems were hardly confined to Florida in 2006. Issues like machine breakdowns and vote flipping, where a vote for one candidate is tallied for another, were reported around the nation.

Fortunately, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and Rep. Rush Holt (D-N.J.) have re-crafted a solid election reform bill — the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007 — that would address voting

machine security problems head-on. Most importantly, the bipartisan bill, cosponsored by 224 members of the House of Representatives, would require that votes in federal races in 2008 and beyond be cast either directly on paper or on machines that produce paper records that voters can verify in a private and independent manner. In other words, there would be a voter verified paper record that was accessible to all voters for every vote cast.

The Hoyer-Holt bill would make these paper records, not the voting machine totals or anything else, the basis of any future recount. Since voting machines have broken down in previous elections, the bill would require election officials to have emergency paper ballots on hand.

Perhaps most importantly, it would also mandate random audits of voting machines, to ensure that the tallies are accurate.

You might be wondering, if voting machines have been such a problem in the past, why not get rid of them entirely? This is neither practical or prudent. As a civil rights organization, People for the American Way believes that the right to vote must be protected for all voters. Thus, we respect those in the disability rights and minority language communities who believe that the accessibility features in many voting machines — e.g., the option for a visually impaired voter to plug in headphones to have the ballot read — make these machines indispensable and would scuttle any bill that banned them.

But the right to vote privately and independently should not be negotiable.

The Hoyer-Holt bill has generated some anxiety among local election officials — who are ultimately responsible for implementing the reforms — but over a matter of months, the legislation has been amended to address some of their concerns. Specifically, the bill authorizes full federal funding for the required improvements, sets a reasonable timeline, and provides needed flexibility for implementing the requirements.

Florida has already blazed the path for the rest of the nation. A bipartisan effort, led by Republican Gov. Charlie Crist, mandated most of the Hoyer-Holt reforms in a matter of months.

Florida is the obvious place to start, but we need to get these reforms in place nationally as soon as possible. Unless new legislation is approved and the necessary funding is appropriated, millions of Americans will vote next year on voting machines that have no paper record and cannot be verified by voters.

The Hoyer-Holt bill is our best, and only, shot at changing the unacceptable status quo in time for the 2008 election.

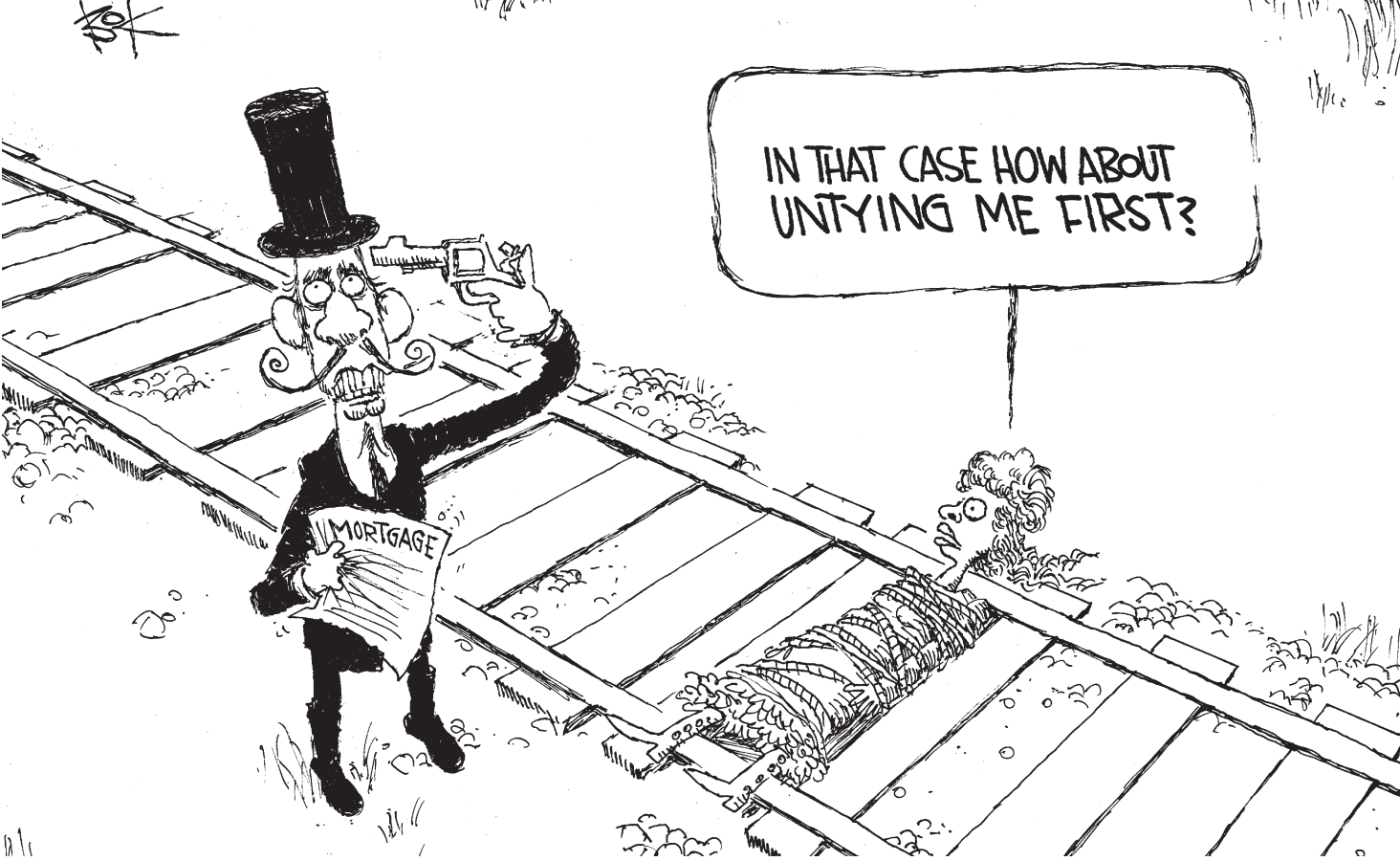
It would be a terrible mistake to do nothing when we have a practical solution before us.

Congress should pass this bill with haste.

Ralph G. Neas is president emeritus of People For the American Way, www.pfaw.org.

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Electric power to the people

In case you've been spelunking for the past five years, you may not realize that our nation has a couple of serious problems with electricity. The first is that making it tends to heat up the planet. This in turn melts ancient ice caps, which raises the level of the ocean, one day bringing tidewater to somewhere between Davenport and St. Paul. In the process Florida, Holland, and Bangladesh will go the way of Atlantis.

The other problem is who should actually make the electricity and sell it. The Enron debacle hinted that our present system might be flawed. Likewise, whenever our own state legislature even raises the issue, the Capitol is suddenly so flooded with dark-suited lawyers and lobbyists that it looks like a Brooks Brothers outlet.

This sartorial onslaught is always a sure sign that money is on the table. Lots of money. Oil, gas, coal and uranium companies spend profusely whenever their God-given right to wallow in the subsidized electricity market is called into question. Similarly, power generators and distributors pour forth like hornets when anyone stirs their nests by suggesting that government itself might be a reasonable substitute for their comfortable cartel.

In our feckless little state, with the highest electric rates of all, the House Republican leader has been

moved to term any dabbling in public ownership of electricity as "socialism." This is a concept to which he evidently does not subscribe. Heaven forbid.

Meanwhile socialist hotbeds like Cleveland, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Sacramento and other similar people's republics have been blithely making their own juice for many decades and selling it more cheaply to their citizens than do the corporations. Such public owners are also more hospitable to schemes for small-scale local generation and incentives to reward renewable energy producers. Corporations understandably are not thrilled at this kind of grassroots competition.

Nonetheless, it's coming. A heartwarming story by the Associated Press reported on the hot battle between two neighboring giant Texas ranches over whether one of them may install a humongous wind farm. Surprisingly Texas, ever versatile, already produces more kilowatts from wind than any other state. One day, though, it probably will be upstaged by the Dakotas, known as the Persian Gulf of wind power. Maybe that explains why so many folks move away — lots of bad hair days.

But electricity remains a rotten business. The biggest federal subsidies go to nuclear, with coal, oil and gas following along. Renewables get peanuts. Regulatory authorities also are keyed to corporate welfare. As are state legislatures. Issues like whether, where, and with what fuel, power plants get built are

typically not publicly debated decisions. They're private profit decisions, with sainted non-profit agencies trying valiantly to fight off the worst ones.

Public policy formation though, being critical to our lives, ought to be in public hands. So many of our power decisions now lie in the hands of the generating cartel and Wall Street hedge funds that we have good reason for deep concern. And since wind and sun don't require an endless stream of expensive fuel, it comes as no surprise that those big domestic investors are sticking with fossil fuels. That's where the money is. Indeed the biggest investor in subversive wind power in this country comes not from America at all, but from Spain.

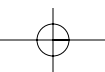
As citizens, unless we generate our own juice we're simply corks bobbing on the fickle ocean of corporate whim. The General Assembly met this year with orders to "do something" about this, but basically, it failed. In many states like ours, it's the same.

The deregulation genie is out of the bottle and it's nearly impossible even for lawmakers to put it back. The only permanent cure is local, homegrown bootstraps power.

Luckily, that's the best angle on controlling global warming as well.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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Recognizing the signs of suicide

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald

Health education campaigns hammer home what to do when someone suffers a heart attack, but the emergency care for someone threatening suicide should be just as well-known, mental health advocates say.

"Suicide attempts are a loud cry for help and how we respond as concerned friends and loved ones can make a huge difference in recovery," said Shelley Smith, LMSW, West Texas Centers CEO. National Suicide Prevention Week is observed Sept. 9-15, and it's a good time to educate the public on the signs of suicide, Smith said.

Actual suicide attempts must be attended to



Smith

immediately by contacting a medical professional. People who have attempted suicide must be taken to the emergency room or transported by medical personnel depending on his or her condition.

If someone is threatening suicide or looking for ways to hurt him or herself or openly writing about death, a mental health professional should be contacted for further instruction, Smith said.

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides a 24-hour, 7-day a week mental health crisis hotline staffed by mental health professionals who are trained in crisis counseling.

"Calling the hotline should be your first step," Smith said. "They are the most qualified, they are always available, and they can stay with you every step of the way

assisting you as you assist your loved one."

The Crisis hotline number is 800-375-4357.

The National Mental Health Association recommends if you think someone is suicidal to:

- Trust your instincts that the person may be in trouble.
- Talk with the person about your concerns, which includes a great deal of listening.
- Ask direct questions without being judgmental. Determine if the person has a specific plan to carry out the suicide. The more detailed the plan, the greater the risk.
- Get professional help, even if the person resists.
- Do not leave the person alone.
- Do not swear to secrecy.
- Do not act shocked or judgmental.
- Do not counsel the person yourself.

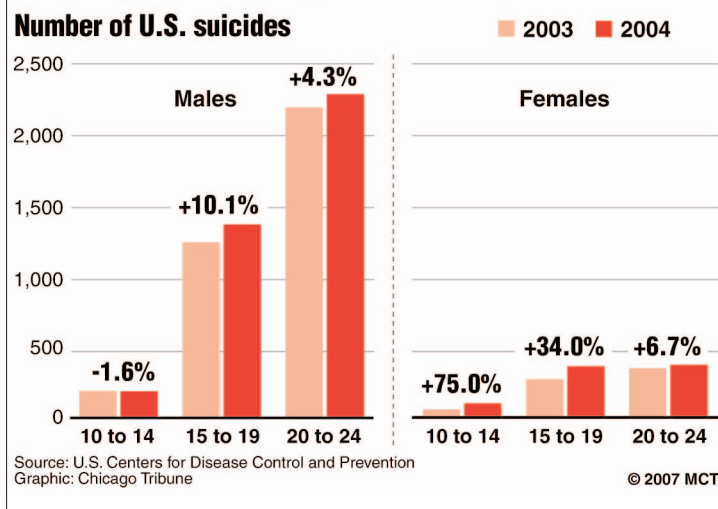
The West Texas Centers for MHMR Mental Health Crisis hotline is also for people who have questions regarding suicidal tendencies, such as those exhibiting signs of:

- Hopelessness
- Anxiety or agitation
- Increased drug or alcohol use
- Withdrawing from friends, family or society
- Dramatic mood changes
- No reason for living

"Many people have thought about suicide at one time in their lives," Smith said. "Many people who do follow through on their thoughts of suicide feel like their problems are inescapable and that there's no way out. As friends and family members we need to be in tune with their needs but sometimes we aren't aware that they are feeling that way or they keep

Youth, young adult suicide rate

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Graphic: Chicago Tribune



it hidden.

"It's important for West Texas Centers as the mental health authority to educate the public on the signs of suicide, and we are using this week which is National Suicide Prevention Week as an opportunity to inform the

public."

West Texas Centers serves 2,000 people a month through mental health or mental retardation services in 23 counties in rural West Texas. Mental Health Centers can be found in 15 of those 23 counties.

A healthy, low-calorie dessert — with chocolate!

For food-lovers in general (and chocoholics in particular), this week's dish is a dream come true: an elegant, healthy dessert that includes chocolate. Although deceptively rich, these meringue tartlets are actually low-calorie and, consequently, low-guilt. Do note, however, that this recipe is a bit more time-consuming than most. Be sure to begin at least a day before you plan on serving.

The sweet winter pears featured in this recipe are harvested in September. While all varieties are delicious (and nutritious), for cooking we recommend Bosc — light brown and gold with an elegant tapering neck — or Anjou pears — plump, oval and light green when ripe. These are firmer varieties and hold up best to heat. And, although ripeness matters less when selecting pears for cooking, firmer fruit may require a longer simmering time and an extra touch of sweetener.

While the presentation of this dish is particularly striking, the recipe is also packed with nutrients. One medium pear contains roughly 5 grams of fiber and just 100 calories.

In addition to their sophistication, these meringues are a surprisingly healthy end to a meal. They provide a low-calorie, low-fat protein source — egg whites. Do remember, when making meringues be sure to use the whites only. If any yolk accidentally slips into the bowl, you'll need to start over, as they won't stiffen properly otherwise. Also, no short cuts on time. If the meringues are taken out of the oven prematurely, they will not get crisp.

Lastly, while this recipe calls for minimal chocolate, the rich, dark chocolate used here imparts maximum flavor. In addition, research has shown that compounds in cocoa, called flavonoids, impart important antioxidant benefits. The higher the cocoa content, the more



beneficial the effect. And, you guessed it — dark chocolate has a much higher cocoa content than white or milk chocolate. When shopping, look for dark chocolate labeled "60 percent cocoa" or higher.

Meringue Tartlets with Pears and Shaved Chocolate

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup orange juice without pulp

- 2 cloves
- 4 ripe pears — Bosc or Anjou varieties (peeled, halved and cored)
- 1 Tbsp. plus 1/4 cup sugar, divided
- 4 large, room temperature egg whites
- Dash of cream of tartar
- Dash of salt
- 2 Tbsp. plus 2 tsp. shaved chocolate, from a good-quality dark chocolate bar

Preheat oven to 250

degrees. Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large baking pan, combine water, orange juice, 1 Tbsp. sugar and cloves. Add pears. Poach pears in the oven until soft. Remove pears from liquid and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the egg whites, cream of tartar and salt. Beat with an electric mixer at medium speed until the eggs are frothy

(about 1 minute). With the mixer at high speed, add the remaining 1/4 cup sugar, one tablespoon at a time. Beat for roughly 6 minutes or until stiff, glossy peaks form.

Drop the meringue onto the prepared baking sheet in eight 3- to 4-inch-diameter rounds, smoothing the edges. Bake for 1 hour. Turn the oven off, but leave the meringues in the oven for about 12 hours. Do not open the oven door.

When ready to serve, gently peel the meringues off the parchment paper.

Place each pear half in a bowl and top with one meringue. To garnish, shave chocolate from the side of the chocolate bar using a vegetable peeler. Note, it may help if the chocolate bar is cold, so refrigerate for several minutes prior. Garnish each meringue with 1 teaspoon shaved chocolate.

Makes 8 servings.

—From the American Institute for Cancer Research

Nutrition Wise: Legumes and protein water drinks

Q: Are green peas also known as legumes?

A: Botanically speaking, yes. Legumes are a class of vegetables that includes peas, beans and lentils. These plants grow as vines or bushes, developing pods that contain edible seeds. Legumes can be eaten as whole, fresh pods (like green beans), fresh seeds (like green peas) and dried seeds (like black-eyed peas and kidney beans). All are healthful food choices. But when people usually speak of legumes, they only mean dried legumes. From a nutrition perspective, dried legumes are different. They are an excellent alternative protein to meat. Dried legumes include kidney, garbanzo, pinto and black beans, as well as split peas, lentils and soybeans. These dried foods contain about twice as much protein, fiber and iron as an equal portion of fresh green peas. Because the differences are so great, most nutrition experts consid-

er green peas and green beans vegetables and only refer to the dried forms as legumes.

Q: How do protein water drinks help with weight control?

A: There's really no evidence that they do. Protein tends to help keep hunger satisfied, although generally solid food or soup is more effective at staving off hunger than liquids. Having a portion-controlled food or drink that provides a small amount of calories can help with weight control by avoiding two problems: 1) choosing a snack with too many calories and 2) getting too hungry from avoiding a snack and then overeating at the next meal. However, you can avoid both of these problems in a variety of ways. A piece of fruit provides portion-controlled energy and filling fiber, as well as a host of vitamins and health-protective phytochemicals.

Following it with some water, tea or coffee may allow that fiber to be even more filling. A container of yogurt, a piece of string cheese or a one-ounce sleeve of nuts supplies hunger-satisfying protein and a variety of nutrients.

For that matter, a large coffee or tea with a half-cup of skim milk contains about the same protein and calories as a popular commercial protein water beverage, for much less money. Also, read labels carefully: when a beverage or food is part of an overall recommended approach to weight loss, it may be other steps in the program (such as eating smaller meals) that produce the advertised weight loss rather than the "special" food or drink.

Q: What is the latest understanding of the safety of aspartame?

A: In one of the most recent studies, researchers fed various doses of aspartame (marketed as NutraSweet and Equal) to rats and found that the highest dose increased risk of leukemia, lymphoma and breast cancer.

However, that dose (100 milligrams per kilogram of body weight) would equal 36 cans of diet soda a day for someone who weighs 150 pounds, and 12 cans a day for a 50-pound child. Some people are worried about a tendency in that study for increased risk at even 20 mg per kg of body weight, but those results were not "statistically

significant," which means that the slight increase could just as likely be due to chance. A study of over half a million people by the National Cancer Institute found no cancer link with amounts of aspartame found in about 18 cans of diet soda.

The upper limit of safety, called the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI), is set at 50 mg per kg body weight in the United States. That figure corresponds to about 6 cans of diet soda per day for a 50-pound child and 18 cans for someone who weighs 150 pounds. Of course, aspartame can be found in a variety of foods.

As with any part of our diet, moderation is the best policy. Most of us can make changes to our eating habits that will have much more cancer-prevention benefit than worrying about moderate use of aspartame-sweetened foods.

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

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Artifacts pulled from cornerstone of San Antonio chapel

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word are putting on display photographs, a 2-ounce vial of holy water and other artifacts discovered by workers renovating a century-old chapel.

A construction worker found the artifacts in a decaying time capsule inside a small niche of a 200-pound granite cornerstone of the Chapel of the Incarnate Word, which was built in 1906-07.

Sister Helena Monahan, the religious congregation's superior general, said the artifacts provide an unusual glimpse of life in the first decade of the 20th century.

"To hold, or to be close to, a letter written more than a century ago that's still legible — and the constitution and catalog — brings you face to face with the realities of that time in a way nothing else can," she said.

Houston not liable for traffic light that fell on family's car

HOUSTON (AP) — A family who was the unlucky victim of a falling traffic signal won't get any car repair help from the city because state law exempts traffic signals and lights from liability, officials said.

The city of Houston rejected a claim for reimbursement submitted by Lei Zheng and his wife, Hua Yang, stemming from last year's freak accident. Yang and her 4-year-old son were on a shopping trip when the signal fell through the windshield of their Volkswagen Passat. Neither was seriously hurt.

The couple's insurance company paid their claim and they had the car fixed. But the couple wanted the city to reimburse their insurance deductible and some out-of-pocket medical expenses, totaling less than \$2,000.

The city notified Zheng that it was immune from such claims.

"I feel quite astonished because it is totally unfair," said Zheng, 35, a biochemistry teacher at the University of Texas Health Science Center. "From the police report, it is clear that it was not our fault. We didn't do anything other than drive on the street."

Harlan Heilman, a manager in the city's claims office, said the city is prohibited from making payment in such cases.

"These things happen on occasion. Like any other (governmental) entity, we have to follow the law. The state Legislature is the body that addresses

this issue," Heilman said.

Traffic lights and signs are specifically exempted from liability, with the intent to keep the city from being responsible for accidents that result from a signal going out or a stop sign being knocked down.

Charles "Rocky" Rhodes, professor at South Texas College of Law, said the law probably covers the case of the falling signal as well.

"As a practical matter, governmental entities are hesitant to pay for things when they don't have to," Rhodes said. "The general rule is you cannot sue the state, even if it hurts you."

Governments are not always immune. State law allows for claims if the government was negligent or failed to address a known problem.

Cleanup under way following Brazos County pipeline break

MILLICAN (AP) — Crews worked Sunday to clean up gasoline that spilled from an Exxon Mobil pipeline ruptured by a construction worker removing dirt for a nearby highway widening project.

Friday's accident prompted the evacuation of about a half-dozen homes and the closing of Texas 6 in southern Brazos County for about seven hours.

Brian Dunphy, public affairs adviser for Exxon Mobil, said Sunday a temporary clamp was placed on the pipeline and it was back in service. A permanent repair will be made soon.

Remediation work also had begun. Dunphy said temporary dams on a nearby creek helped contain the gasoline although some became mixed with water in the creek. That gasoline was being cleaned up Sunday.

Dunphy said once that work was completed, soil affected by the leak would be excavated.

Authorities weren't sure how much gasoline spilled from the pipeline before it was capped Friday night.

"What made it so dangerous was the amount of product in the air — the risk was that those vapors could ignite," Chuck Frazier, emergency management coordinator for Brazos County, said in a story in the Bryan-College Station Eagle. "But everyone from the firefighters and law enforcement to the company officials — everyone did their jobs well and there were no major problems."

State officials closed a three-mile stretch of Texas 6 because of fears that a motorist might throw a cigarette out the window and ignite the fumes. Crews from Exxon Mobil poured foam on the gasoline to suppress the vapors.

The rupture occurred when an independent contractor hit the line while using a "scraper" to gather dirt a few

hundred yards from the construction site.

Arlington cyclist dies after being struck by police car

ARLINGTON (AP) — An Arlington bicyclist died Sunday morning after a police car struck him from behind, authorities said.

Ut Van Ly, 43, wasn't wearing a helmet, reflective gear and didn't have a rear light when he was knocked from his bike Saturday night, police said. The officer apparently didn't see Van Ly, according to the police report.

Van Ly died at 4:18 a.m. at a Fort Worth hospital, where he had been taken with head injuries.

Lt. Blake Miller said Officer Patrick Yeats has been placed on routine administrative leave for three days while police investigate the incident.

Yeats has been with the Arlington Police Department for eight years.

Privately owned road loses its impact to heavy traffic

IMPACT (AP) — A patched, faded road built more than 40 years ago to carry liquor customers from dry Abilene to this tiny incorporated city is now closed to the public — and some drivers are not happy.

Signs posted at either end say, "Road closed to thru traffic," and "Notice:

Impact Drive is a privately owned and maintained road." A locked metal gate prevents passage on the west side.

Jack Sharp, who owns the private road with his wife, closed Impact Drive a few months ago because they were fed up with the high volume of traffic, litter and what they suspect were drug dealers. They say they cannot afford liability for the road and patching potholes.

Some residents who live in the area have contacted the Taylor County Central Appraisal District to ask if closing the road is legal, said Richard Petree, chief appraiser. He said his office can't offer an opinion on the matter.

Impact Drive connects to Birchwood Street, which is in the Abilene city limits.

Sharp said he has the legal right to close the road that goes by his home and nondenominational church, Living Word Harvester Church. The Sharps bought 20 acres of Impact — including the road — from the city's founder, Dallas Perkins, about three years ago.

The whole city of Impact only has 47 acres and 37 people. It is not in the Abilene city limits.

Impact was incorporated in 1960 to sell liquor to residents of Abilene, which was dry at the time. Impact Drive was paved in 1963 with proceeds from liquor sales.

The need for Impact dried up in 1978, when Abilene went wet.



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Arab-Moslem Fanaticism and Intransigence

Are they the root cause of Mid-East turmoil?

For the last six decades, the world has been convinced, mostly because of unrelenting Arab propaganda, that the conflict between Israel and the "Palestinians" is the root cause of the constant turmoil in the Middle East and that Israel should make "concessions" to the Arabs. But is that the real reason for the turmoil and for the violence? Or is there another much deeper, more fundamental reason behind it?

What are the facts?

Islam's hatred against the West. Americans are reluctant to criticize or even to discuss the religions of others. We consider it a personal matter. But the hatred of the Muslim-Arab world against the West, especially against the United States (the "Great Satan") and Israel (the "Little Satan"), can only be explained by comprehending the psychology and the principal religious tenets of Islam. Islam is a world-wide religion, but it originated in Arabia and it survives in Arabia in its purest form, unaffected by any outside influences. The policies of the Arab countries are dominated by Islam. Islam believes itself to be

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in possession of the holy truth, in the name of which any act of violence is permitted and encouraged. It is only with that understanding that the acts of savagery, the suicide bombers in Israel, the bombing of the World Trade Center, and other acts of murderous fanaticism all over the world can be explained.

Rise and decline of the Arab Muslims. For the first six centuries after the Muslims spilled forth from Arabia, they conquered much of the world. The Arab Muslims did in their ascendancy give rise to a substantial civilization. But, beginning with their expulsion from Spain, a long decline set in that lasted until the early 20th century. That decline was the more bitter, because it was inflicted by the despised "infidels." It was something that had to be remedied by whatever means. Injured pride had to be salved; the enemies who caused this humiliation and this injury had to be destroyed.

Acts of terror in the United States, Argentina, England, and Israel have sobered many who had believed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to be the cause for the unrest in the Middle East. The fact is that war is endemic in the Arab world and that the Muslim Arabs have been waging war against each other and against their non-Arab neighbors for centuries. But, as much as the Muslim Arabs hate each other, most of them are united in their greater hatred against the "infidel Jews" and their tiny country, and they have built vast war machines for the ultimate "jihad" to nuke the Jews, to poison them by chemicals or biologicals, or to chase them into the sea. The focus on the Palestinian-Israel conflict plight is designed to divert attention from the many domestic and inter-Arab problems, and to direct the Muslim-Arab frustration against Israel, the "infidel Western outsider." The suggestion that Israel divest itself from its historic heartland, the 2,362 sq. mi. "West Bank," and from the Golan would lead to strategic suicide. The real cause of the never-ending turmoil in the Middle East is the unremitting desire of still most of the Arab-Muslim states to destroy Israel, their inability to come to terms with its very existence. That hatred and that intolerance are fueled by Arab-Muslim fanaticism and intransigence and unwillingness to accept diversity in the region. Only when that will be overcome can peace and tranquility finally come to the Middle East.

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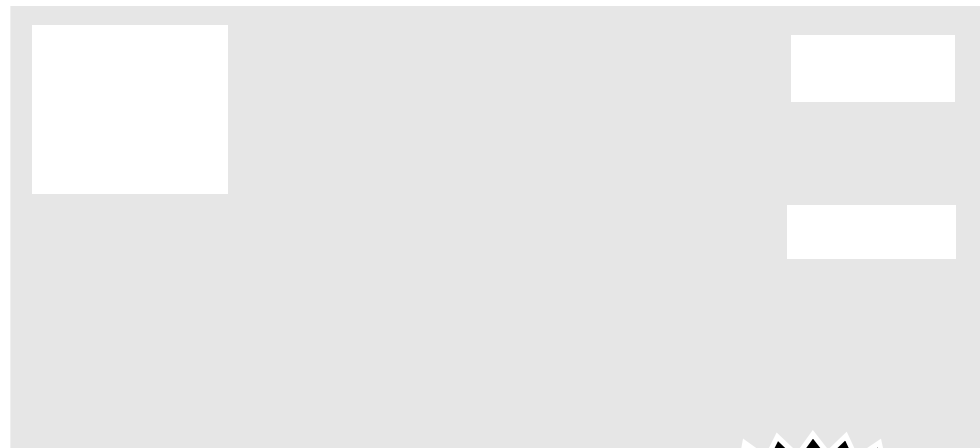
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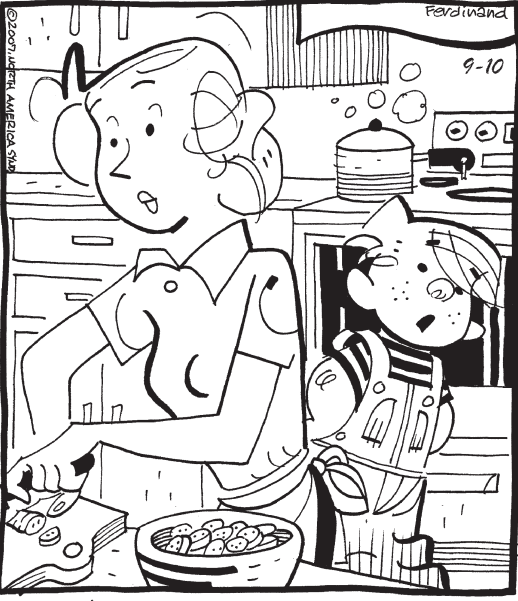
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6:30	News (CC)	Jeopardy!	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons	News	Dame Chocolate	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	Van Impe Pres	News-Lehrer	Survivorman		CSI: Crime Scene	Law & Order	Live (CC)	Han. Montana	Football Live	NFL Football:	Star Trek:
7:30	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Amar sin Limites	Prison Break (CC)	How I Met Old Christine	Madre Luna	Thank God You're Here	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel	Antiques Roadshow	Lobster Wars	Movie: Wyatt Earp	CSI: Crime Scene	The Closer (CC)	Access	Movie: Twitches	Series of Poker	Ravens at Cincinnati	Star Trek: Enterprise
8:30	Fat March (CC)	Billy Graham Special (CC)	Destilando Amor	Prison Break (CC)	Two/Half Men	La Esclava Isaura	Heroes (CC)	Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	History Detectives	Lobster Wars		Movie: Die Another Day	The Closer (CC)	Top 25 Special (CC)	That's-Raven	Series of Poker	Bengals (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise
9:30	Supernanny (CC)	Supernanny (CC)	Cristina	TMZ (CC)	King of the Hill	CSI: Miami	Amor Mio (CC)	Dateline NBC (CC)	My Boys	The Blitz: London's	Lobster Wars		Saving Grace (CC)	Comicview (CC)	That's-Raven	Tonight (CC)	NFL Football: Arizona	Star Trek: Enterprise	
10:30	News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Sex and-City	Update/Israel	Longest Night	Lobstermen:		The Closer (CC)	Take the Cake	Zack & Cody	The Contender	Cardinals at San Francisco	Movie: Ghost in the Shell	
11:30	The Insider	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	Reno 911! 70s Show	Letterman	IAI Rojo Vivo!	Late Night-	Movie: Without a Paddle	Uri Harel	Tavis Smiley	Lobster Wars	Movie: Midnight	The Closer (CC)	Hell Date	Replacements	Baseball	49ers (CC)	(CC)	
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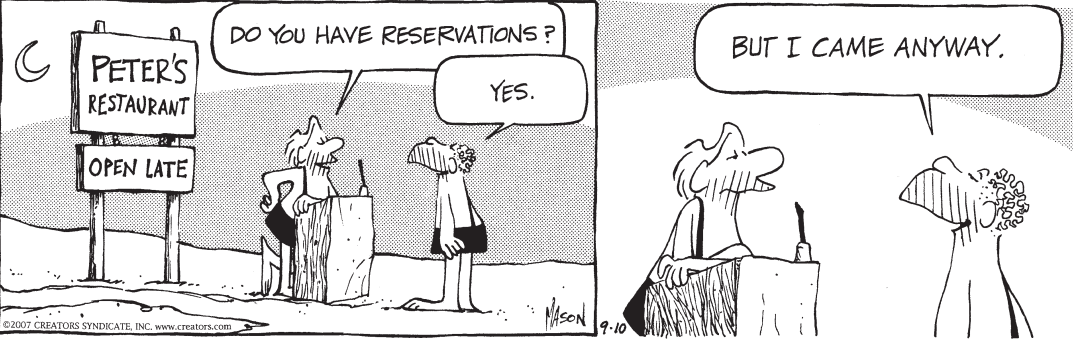
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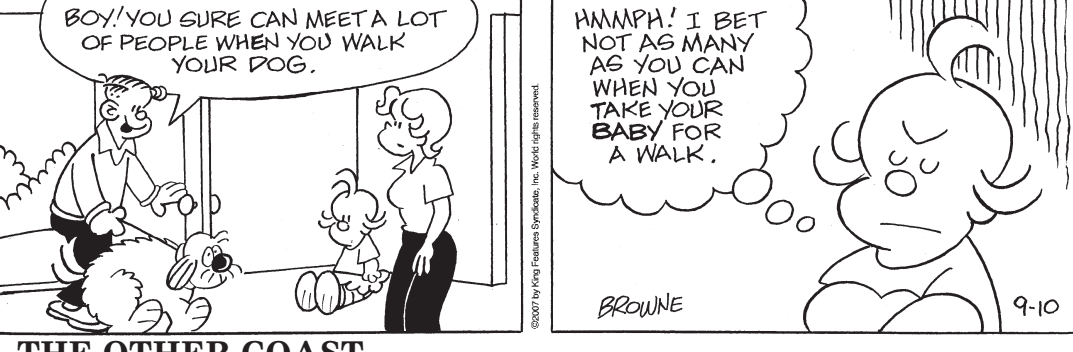
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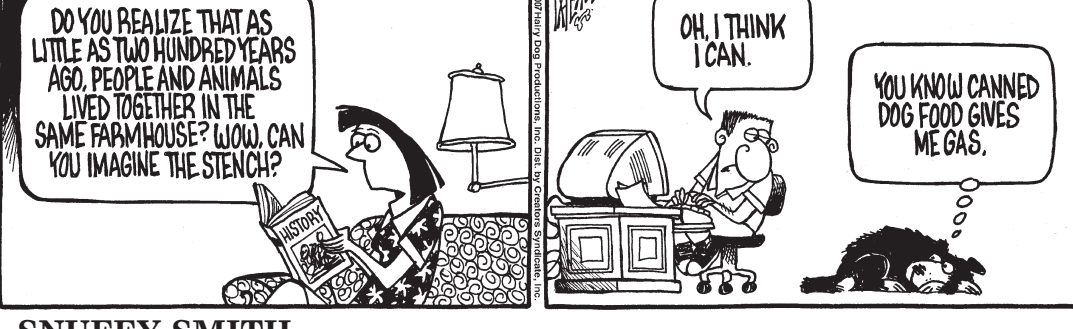
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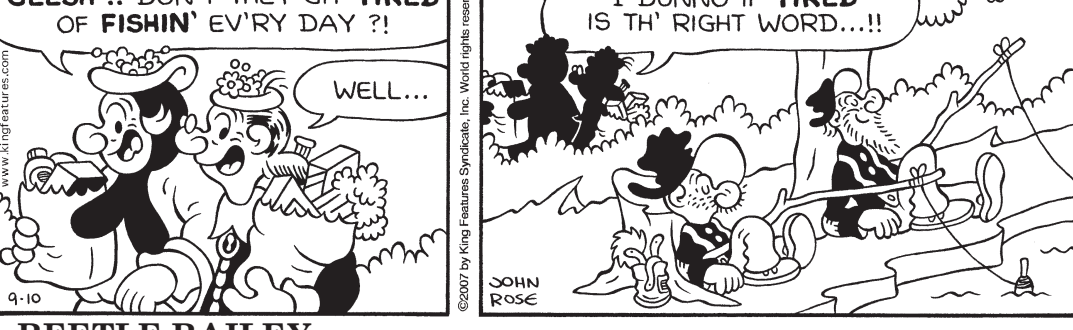
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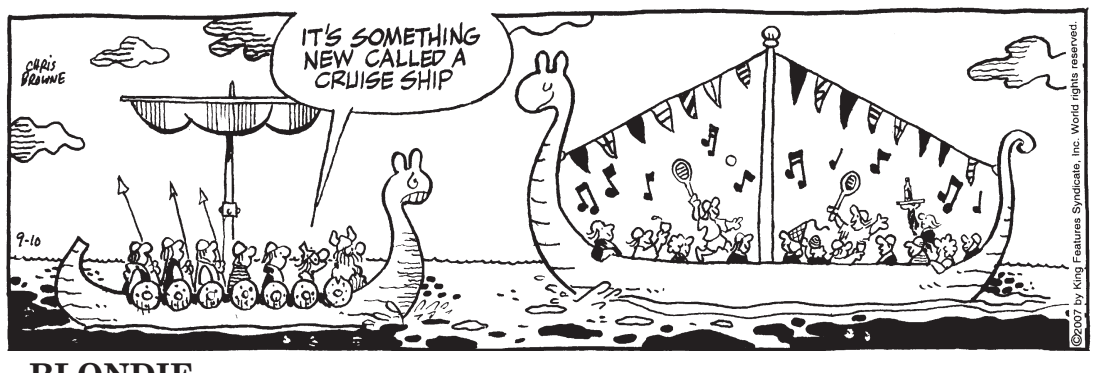
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 2007. There are 112 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 10, 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.
On this date:
In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.
In 1846, Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing machine.
In 1907, 100 years ago, the first Neiman Marcus department store opened in Dallas.
In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long,

"The Kingfish" of Louisiana politics, died in Baton Rouge two days after being shot.
In 1939, Canada declared war on Nazi Germany.
In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis (he was executed by firing squad in October 1945).
In 1963, 20 black students entered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.
In 1977, convicted murderer Hamida Djandoubi, a Tunisian immigrant, became the last person to date to be executed by the guillotine in France.
In 1987, Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami, where he was welcomed by President Reagan as he began a 10-day tour of the United States.
In 2003, Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, 46,

was stabbed in a Stockholm department store; she died the next day.
Today's Birthdays: Golfer Arnold Palmer is 78. Actor Philip Baker Hall is 76. Country singer Tommy Overstreet is 70. Actor Greg Mullavey is 68. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 67. Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 65. Singer Jose Feliciano is 62. Actor Tom Ligon is 62. Actress Judy Geeson is 59.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 British fellow
- 5 Hidden stockpile
- 10 Surrounded by
- 14 Ear part
- 15 False name
- 16 Competing team
- 17 Sceptic's remark
- 18 Finger or toe
- 19 Was sure of
- 20 Law enforcement vehicle
- 22 At the present time
- 23 Spud
- 24 Tart-tasting
- 25 Drops, as prices
- 28 Party planner
- 31 Wipe the chalk from
- 32 Pulls with force
- 34 Circus routine
- 35 Winery tub
- 36 Pie serving
- 37 Female deer
- 38 And so on: Abbr.
- 39 Hula-skirt material
- 40 Play segment
- 42 Brought back to the payroll
- 44 Divvied up
- 45 Read, as a bar code
- 46 "And Jill came tumbling ___"
- 48 Saw socially
- 50 Highway barrier
- 54 Radiant quality
- 55 Backyard barrier
- 56 Capital of Norway
- 57 Guys-only party
- 58 Poker-pot fees
- 59 Lean slightly
- 60 Wish earnestly
- 61 Bird houses
- 62 Talk back to
- 9 Superlative suffix
- 10 Infix to dinner
- 11 Telepathic one
- 12 Creative thought
- 13 Like grass in the morning
- 21 Show concern
- 22 Prepare, as a salad
- 24 Shoe bottom
- 25 Crowbar, e.g.
- 26 Make a speech
- 27 Band on a timepiece
- 28 Affectionate embraces
- 29 Tea biscuit
- 30 Knight's horse
- 32 Lettuce unit
- 33 Classifieds, for example
- 36 Small songbird
- 39 Class reunion attendee
- 40 Storage building
- 41 Vegetable-soup
- 43 Glacial era
- 44 Emphasize
- 46 Family members
- 47 Aspect
- 48 Short race
- 49 Coupe or sedan
- 50 Hackman of Hollywood
- 51 China's continent
- 52 Misfortunes
- 53 Real estate parcels
- 55 Ceiling appliance

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