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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

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

TUESDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Plainview, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring tennis at Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring football vs. Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.

Sands football vs. Loop, homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

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

Garden City football at Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Kermit, 12:30 p.m.

Big Spring cross country at A&M Invitational at College Station.

Big Spring swimming hosting Black & Gold Duel at YMCA.

AUG. 25

Big Spring volleyball at Frenship, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring tennis vs. Abilene Wylie in Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

AUG. 28

Big Spring football at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football vs. Irion Co., 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma football at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.

Stanton football at Anson, 7:30 p.m.

Garden City football vs. Lorenzo, 7:30 p.m.

Grady football vs. Water Valley, 7:30 p.m.

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

Disc golf tourney set for Sept. 30

The 15th Ever DiscOver Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been set for Sept. 30 at Birdwell Park.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. before the tournament. It is limited to the first 90 players and two rounds of 18 holes will be played.

Fees vary from \$15 to \$45 depending on division.

Contact Greg Brooks at (432) 528-5076 or e-mail him at gbrooks@apex2000.net for more information.

Quarterback Club meeting today

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring football players from junior high to varsity are encouraged to attend and help support the Steers' football program.

Two Coahoma men compete at raceway

Ray Lee and Brandon Truitt, both of Coahoma, competed in a street race Saturday at the Desert Thunder Raceway in Odessa.

Lee won the race, finishing the course in 9.01 seconds and reaching 80 miles per hour.

Truitt finished the course in 9.88 seconds, traveling at 72 miles per hour.

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Steers two-for-two in defending state title

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — It was the same ol' song and dance for Big Spring's cross country Saturday, meaning there was another first-place finish.

At the West TX Micro-Graphics Cross Country Meet in Lubbock, the defending state champion Steers once again dominated the boys' field, winning the meet with a low score of 45.

Six of the Steers' runners finished in the top 20 at the meet, although it was a different name running across the finish line first.

Junior Jordan Valle claimed first place by a little more than 10 seconds over teammate Zack

Dawson — last season's third place finisher at the state meet.

Their 1-2 finish marks the second time that they have claimed the top two spots on the leaderboard this season, although it was Dawson's name at the top last time.

Valle finished with a time of 15:41.21 with Dawson coming in at 15:51.46.

Big Spring had another blue ribbon handed out at the meet, when Esther Tobar put up a winning performance in the girls' division. She finished the 2-mile race with a time of 12:06.96, beating Kayla Hendrix of Frenship by eight seconds.

Catherine Leubner wouldn't

finish too far behind, taking fourth place with a time of 12:17.37. However, only one other runner finished in the top 25 for the Lady Steers — Mistie Aguilar (25th, 13:33.13) — keeping the team from finishing in the top three.

Lubbock Coronado placed first with Lubbock Monterey and Sundown finishing second and third.

In the boys' division, the Steers put a lot of distance between themselves and second place finisher Lubbock Coronado with all six runners finishing before Coronado could get a fourth runner across the line.

However, Coronado did have

three runners finish before Shane Allen completed the race in 11th place with a time of 17:11.81, making him the third Big Spring runner across the finish line.

Sammy Segundo (15th) and Kade Parker (16th) finished within five seconds of each other, completing Big Spring's five runner score of 45. Daniel Segundo came in 18th, serving as a buffer between the other teams' runners.

The win makes Big Spring two for two in meets for the 2007 season as they defend their state title. The Steers' next test is Saturday at the A&M Invitational at College Station.

Lady Steers lose tough battle with Lubbock



Herald Staff Report

GREENWOOD — It was the toughest battle of the season for the Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball. Unfortunately, they once again fell just short of gaining a victory.

The Lady Steers played a dual match with Lubbock High's Lady Westerners and Midland Greenwood's Lady Rangers Saturday in Greenwood. Big Spring and the Lady Westerners took the court first and didn't relinquish it for 2 1/2 hours.

The two squads battled through a five set match with Lubbock claiming victory in the end, winning 25-22, 25-27, 8-25, 29-27, 15-13.

"This was the hardest we've played all season," said Lady Steers' Head Coach Amanda Whitaker. "We played extremely hard, but just couldn't close out the match again."

Callie Partee led with 21 kills, 11 digs, eight aces and six blocks. Whitaker raved about Partee's performance.

"I was very proud of Callie," Whitaker exclaimed. "She'd been pretty frustrated by the attention teams were giving her with blockers. This was a great game for her. She led us in everything, but assists. There's no doubt that she'll be one of the top hitters in our district."

Senior Hali Torres added nine kills and five blocks and Jordan Chesworth contributed 49 assists and five aces. Whitney Worthan tabulated seven kills with Andrea Claxton putting down six kills.

Unfortunately, the Lady Steers couldn't build off of the tough game as Whitaker says they looked tired against Greenwood.

"We didn't have the same energy in the second game," she explained, "but a long match like

Big Spring's Andrea Claxton bumps a serve during volleyball action Sept. 11 as teammate Callie Partee watches. The Lady Steers open district play against Plainview Tuesday in the Big Spring Junior High's gymnasium.

Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

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Weekend wrapup: Big Ten football adopts new motto

Big Ten's football conference has recently established a new slogan.

"Overrated!"

It's a slogan obviously not fashioned by any of the Big Ten officials, but instead by the teams playing within the conference.

While most of the sport media world prefers to concentrate on the debacle that is Notre Dame Football this season, I personally can't help but notice how this historically great conference has slipped to a bottom tier league within Division IA football.

Judging this entire conference as underrated isn't totally based upon Michigan's loss to Appalachian State, although it does start there. It's been two weeks since the greatest upset in college football history, but things have only gotten worse for the Wolverines, who were preseason favorites to be conference champion.

Forget about them pounding Notre Dame. There was no doubt that the Irish were in worse shape than Michigan

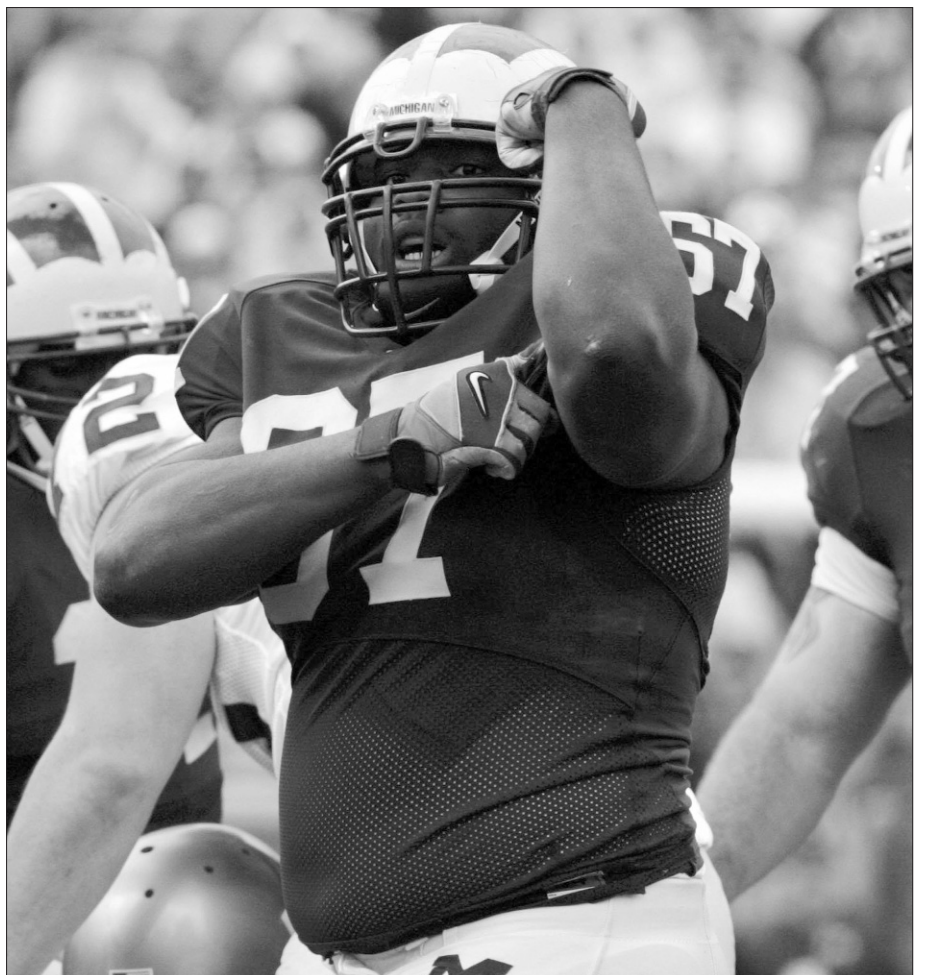
heading into the game. Notre Dame has the worst offense in Division I football. They're mismatched by average teams this season.

The upset by Appalachian State and the routing by Oregon are much better indicators of what type of team the Wolverines are. However, the pain doesn't stop with Michigan. It goes from top to bottom.

Let's start with the bottom and work our way up. In major conferences such as the Big Ten or Big 12, even the lower echelon teams should be able to beat mediocre teams in conferences such as the Sun Belt. This isn't holding true for the Big Ten as several of the conference's cellar dwellers dropped games to much inferior teams.

- Florida Atlantic 42, Minnesota 39 — The mighty Owls of Florida Atl. embarrassed the Golden Gophers. Just how good are the Owls? They haven't had a winning season since becoming a D-IA program and have never won a non-conference game — until Saturday. They aren't even considered as a contender in the Sun Belt conference — considered the worst D-IA conference in the nation.

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MCT photo/Eric Seals/Detroit Free Press

University of Michigan's Terrance Taylor shows off his muscle after getting a sack on Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen during the first half of their 38-0 win over Notre Dame in Ann Arbor, Mich. Saturday. Unfortunately, the Big Ten hasn't flexed a muscle nearly as big as Taylor's this season.

Obituaries

Joyce Davis



Joyce Davis, 75, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, in Midland. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born July 15, 1932, in Pensacola, Fla., to Zara and Oral Smith. She was a longtime Howard County resident and was a member of Midway Baptist Church. Her first love was her family and her church, followed by her dogs, Luke and Kimmie. Her hobbies were reading, painting and flowers.

She is survived by two sisters, Lois Langford and Florence Parker, both of Pensacola, Fla.; one son, Frank Gainus of Lubbock; two daughters, Frances Woodard and her husband, Jesse, and Lori Goodloe, all of Midland; four grandchildren, Jay Gressett, Mindy Hoffman and her husband, Brian, and Richard Goodloe, all of Midland, and Jeff Gressett of Lubbock; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jay Gressett, Jeff Gressett, Richard Goodloe, Brian Hoffman, Jesse Woodard and James Langford.

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

Paid obituary

Joseph Peyton (Pete) Minter

Joseph Peyton (Pete) Minter was born on June 29, 1919, in Clarksville to John Peyton and Fannie Coates Minter. He passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, surrounded by his family at his home.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Lois; his parents; and three brothers, J.W., Dane and Bud Minter.

Pete and Lois were married on May 22, 1941, in Lamesa. They moved to Seagraves from Sands in 1945 and had resided there until moving to Midlothian in 1995 to be near their children and their families.

He was affectionately called "Papa Pete" by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pete was a devoted Christian and a member of the Church of Christ.

Pete worked and retired from the Colombian Carbon Plant in Seagraves. He loved the outdoors. He loved to bird hunt and his favorite was fishing with his grandsons. He was blessed with big hands and a bigger heart. Pete liked everyone and enjoyed talking and visiting as long as anyone wanted to. He loved his family and friends as well. His amazing and outgoing personality cultivated life long friends whom he considered family. Never was a family member or friend ever in doubt that they were loved and cherished by him.

He is survived by sons, Ronnie Minter and wife, Charla, Dennis Minter and wife, Glenda, Gary Minter and wife, Rhonda, and Keith Minter, all of Midlothian; 13 grandchildren, Rusty Minter, Dusty Minter, Kelly Draxlir, Lance Reed, Wade Minter, Dionne Zchieschie and Greg, Austin, Brent, Matthew, Jenny, Chris and Seth Minter; numerous great-grandchildren; a sister, Juanita Williams of Aztec, N.M.; a brother, I.D. Minter of Farmington, N.M.; and many nieces, nephews and loving friends.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at Midlothian Funeral Home with burial set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Midlothian Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Brent Henry

Brent Henry, 28, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• **AN INFANT CPR PROGRAM, TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND EXPECTANT PARENTS**, will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Sept. 22, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. The training will be held in Room 215 on the second floor. There will be no charge to parents who deliver at SMMC. For all others, there is a \$10 fee. For more information or to register, call Doris Bergerson at 268-4820.

• **THE ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ fellowship room in Big Spring. A barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$11 a plate and includes dessert and a drink. RSVP by calling (432) 213-4452.

• **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.

• **A BENEFIT DINNER, DANCE AND AUCTION** will be held Oct. 14th at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St. The benefit is to raise funds for B. Michael Brown, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and has no insurance. Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the auction will be held at 1 p.m. and a dinner will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact Ann Briscoe at 816-5988, 264-8048 or 270-4156.

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

Police blotter

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

- **REUBEN CURTIS INGRAM**, 24, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **ERINEO SANCHEZ**, 32, of 813 W. Sixth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.
- **JOHNNY FAZ**, 20, of 1009 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on six local warrants.
- **DAWSON COLE**, 46, transient, was arrested Saturday on a local citation and a charge of public intoxication.
- **TANYA MARIE PEREZ**, 29, of 300 Tulane, was arrested Saturday on three local capias warrants.
- **JUAN M. RODRIGUEZ**, 18, of ValVerde Drive, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 17, of 801 Anna, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication, minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and disorderly conduct - fighting.
- **JOHN ANTHONY MIER**, 19, of 1603 Runnels, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication, minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and disorderly conduct - fighting.
- **EMILIA ALVAREZ**, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on two local capias warrants.
- **SHERRIE A. THOMPSON**, 22, of 1506 Kentucky Way, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant and a charge of evading arrest.
- **TANDI JO BARBEE**, 25, of 5822 Ranch Road, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- **VANESSA ANN VALENCIA**, 22, of 1014 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on two local capias warrants and two local warrants.
- **KATHY ONEIL TURNEY**, 54, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- **SELESTINO HERNANDEZ III**, 22, of 307 San Jacinto, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **SHENIQUA JOHNSON**, 18, of California, was arrested Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 2500 block of Hunter.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1400 block of U.S. Highway 87.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 800 block of Sixth Street.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1300 block of Princeton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of Hilltop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near Exit 191 of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 8500 block of Lee Kirby Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 11000 block of Longshore.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Monticello Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3800 block of Connaly. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of 11th Street and Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Alsbrook. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lap Blanket Drive

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

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

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Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BEN JOSEPH GARZA JR.**, 27, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and no driver's license.
- **ISABEL RENE DELEON**, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **KIMBERLY DENISE JAMES**, 18, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- **ROMESHIA FRANSHA HOLDER**, 17, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- **ANGELINA ANITA MARTINEZ**, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to identify - giving false information, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **DEANNA C. AVERY FORD**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, unrestrained child under 4 years of age, no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear.
- **BILLY WAYNE HALLFORD**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **JOSEPH DON SAVELL**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **BRADY CHANNING TIMMINS**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ELIJAH ALDRIDGE**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **ISRAEL VASQUEZ HERNANDEZ**, 51, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear and no liability insurance.
- **CAITLIN CHRISTENE MCCAIN**, 17, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **BRANDON ROBERT MORROW**, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **KY LEE HOFACKET**, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JUAN MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
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Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tonight — Increasing clouds. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

Lottery

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

16-17-21-28-41-52
Estimated jackpot: \$26 million
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

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

36-14-22-17-33
Next Cash Five game: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 4-6-1

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 6-9-2

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Area under-varsity roundup: Big Spring junior high teams remain undefeated

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring 7th Grade A team 6, Sweetwater 0

Running back Michael Oliva scored the game's only touchdown on a 28-yard stretch play to the left side. The coaches praised the play of wide receiver Mark Torres and quarterback Jerrod Doporto, who connected several times on long gains through the air.

Big Spring 7th Grade B team 14, Sweetwater 12

The Steers won the game on an 80-yard touchdown run by Ransom Parks with 26 seconds left in the game. That score was Parks' second of the game.

Big Spring 8th Grade A team 20, Sweetwater 6

Lee Garcia scored on a 28-yard sweep to the left. Sergio Garcia scored on a 25-yard quarterback keep. Sergio also threw for a touchdown to Toby Rogers on a 15-yard hitch. The coaches praised the play of the entire offensive line, especially Alphonso Hilario, who was starting his first game at center. Defensively, Seth Trevino made key stops.

Big Spring 8th Grade B team 14, Sweetwater 12

Brandon Cordero scored all of the Steers' points on two 10-yard quarterback keeps. Defensively, Gilbert Hinojosa picked off a pass and took it back 30 yards to set up one of Cordero's scores.



Big Spring's Lee Garcia tries to push past a Sweetwater tackler during the 8th grade A team's game against the Mustangs Thursday at Memorial Stadium. The Steers won 20-6.

Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

All of Big Spring's junior high teams will host Abilene Wylie Thursday.

Hereford 28, Big Spring Freshmen 20

LUBBOCK — Quarterback Dennis Merworth scored on touchdown runs of 60-yards and 1-yard to lead the Steers' offen-

sive attack. Merworth also threw for a touchdown, connecting with Devonte Anderson on a 50-yard scoring strike. Mike Minifield intercepted a pass to lead Big Spring defensively.

Hereford 28, Big Spring junior varsity 6

Tavian Parnell connected

with his brother Xavian for a 15-yard touchdown pass for the Steers' only score. The coaches praised the play of the secondary, including both Parnell brothers, Tyrone Clemons, who had an interception, and Steven Estes.

The Steers' defensive backfield didn't allow Hereford to complete a pass the entire

game.

Forsan junior high 18, Stanton 6

The Forsan's junior high opened up their 2007 season Thursday night with a win over the Stanton Buffaloes, 18-6.

Offensively for Forsan, Ty Johnson led the way scoring twice on touchdown runs of 65-yards and 85-yards. Johnson also got in on a third score by throwing a 32-yard touchdown to Elgen Suazo.

Stanton's only score of the night came through the air on a 38-yard pass late in the second quarter.

Defensive standouts for Forsan included Max Pappajohn and Patrick Robles from their linebacker positions.

Stanton junior varsity 28, Forsan 0

The Forsan and Stanton junior varsity squads met Thursday in Forsan with Stanton proving to be too much, taking the 28-0 win.

Forsan coach Brad Batla said they had some good things happen, but mistakes were too much to overcome.

"Our defense played pretty well led by Zane Herrin, Aaron Johnson and Cameron Churchwell," said Batla. "We hurt ourselves more than anything, and just couldn't get it going on offense. We are going to have to find something that works for us and utilize our talents."

Cowboys' defense forces five turnovers in 37-20 win over Dolphins

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — The Dallas Cowboys' two-game point total is their highest since 1971, so forgive new head coach Wade Phillips for gloating.

"How 'bout the defense?!" Phillips exclaimed.

Dallas did plenty of scoring again Sunday, but this time with help from their defense. Five takeaways helped the unbeaten Cowboys defeat the Miami Dolphins 37-20.

The ball-hawking delighted Phillips, the former San Diego defensive coordinator who was a little chagrined to win the opener 45-35 over the New York

Giants.

"Five turnovers — how about that?" he said. "That's the kind of defense we have."

The Cowboys have won their first two games for the first time since 1999, when they started 3-0 but finished 8-8.

"You can't crown us champions right now," said Ken Hamlin, whose 35-yard interception return set up a field goal. "It's only the second week of the season."

Short-handed because of injuries to three starters, the Dallas defense nonetheless intercepted Trent Green four times and recovered a fumbled snap. Dallas came from behind twice and nursed a 20-13 lead

early in the fourth quarter, then sealed the win with two touchdowns in the final 4:01.

Anthony Henry had two interceptions, and Hamlin and Roy Williams added one apiece, while the Cowboys committed no turnovers.

Elusive Tony Romo threw for 186 yards and two scores and ran for 36 yards. He put Dallas ahead 30-13 with four minutes left by throwing a 34-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-5 to Terrell Owens, who celebrated by leaning against the goal post and holding the ball to his face as if videotaping with it.

That was Owens' way of poking fun at the spying scandal involving New England coach

Bill Belichick.

"It was all in good fun," Owens said with a grin. "I hope they don't give me a hefty fine like they gave Belichick."

Owens did receive a 15-yard penalty for "using the goal post as a prop."

"He knows that we can't have those types of penalties," Phillips said. "I'm sure he'll apologize to his teammates."

Miami fell to 0-2 for the third time in four years, and new coach Cam Cameron is off to a rough start in his bid to end a franchise-record five-year playoff drought.

"If you've been in this business long enough, you've been in this position before,"

Cameron said. "I know I have."

The Dolphins' ineptitude included their punt team, which committed penalties on consecutive plays, negating a 53-yard net kick with the second flag. The subsequent punt was returned 49 yards by Patrick Crayton, and three plays later, a scrambling Romo hit Tony Curtis with a 2-yard touchdown pass to put the Cowboys ahead to stay, 17-13.

Dallas mounted a pair of 12-play scoring drives in the first half, each lasting more than six minutes. Rookie Nick Folk was perfect, making field goals of 26, 28 and 47 yards.

Defense did the rest — with help from the Dolphins.

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• Duke 20, Northwestern 14 — Apparently Northwestern didn't want the only record that they claim to be broken. The Wildcats hold the record for most consecutive losses by a D-IA school with 34. The Blue Devils were on a 22-game losing streak — until Saturday. At least the Wildcats have a legend that will continue to live on in the record books.

• Iowa St. 15, Iowa 13 — Iowa St. lost to a lower division team — Northern Iowa — the previous week. It only makes sense that they can still be a team from the Big Ten this year.

Even teams taken to be contenders for the conference title other than Michigan have had their share of lulls. Ohio St. had a difficult time separating from Akron last Saturday. Wisconsin has had scares from UNLV and, if you can imagine this, D-IAA's The Citadel in the past two weeks.

However, something can't be overrated unless it is already being valued higher than it should be. The Big Ten fits that description as well with three teams — Ohio St., Wisconsin and Penn St. — ranked in the nation's top Ten in both the Associated Press and Coaches polls.

It's only right that the conference lives up to its new motto.

Texas 35, UCF 32

I heard several times

during this game from a particular Texas fan that Colt McCoy is the problem for the Longhorns. I frankly don't understand this. If the Longhorns are upset this season, it's because of the defense, not McCoy.

Had TCU or UCF been able to put together a consistent passing attack then Texas would have a loss on their record. The way Oklahoma is playing right now should have the Longhorns scared. They aren't equipped to stop the Sooners' offensive attack.

McCoy has done nothing, but win. He's a fierce competitor and his play has been key to Texas avoiding early season upsets. Texas fans need to get over the fact that he's not Vince Young.

It's similar to the Chris Simms/Major Applewhite debate a few years ago. Believe this; McCoy is much more like Applewhite than he is Simms.

Cowboys 37, Dolphins 20

While the defense's performance was more encouraging than last week's pathetic showing, the Cowboys still picked up little to no pass rush on Dolphins' quarterback Trent Green.

I expected more from a scheme that was supposed to take advantage of the athletes Dallas had in their front-7, especially since they were playing a Miami team that surrendered 41 sacks last season and did nothing to significantly improve its offensive line. However, it had to be

encouraging for fans and coaches alike to see Anthony Henry making some big plays on defense like he did two seasons ago. Henry's must continue to make his presence felt if the Cowboys are to contend in the NFC, especially if Terrence Newman remains sidelined with a foot injury.

Patriots 38, Chargers 17

Forget spygate. The Patriots are a great football team.

Yes, it was offensive that they recorded the Jets' signals. However, it's offensive only because it was done with technology.

Teams have stolen signals for several decades. They've just always done it the old fashioned way — by intercepting and interpreting them over the course of the game without the use of any technology.

Regardless of what happened, the Pats dominated one of the premier teams in the NFL Sunday night. The offseason additions of Randy Moss, Adalius Thomas and former Texas Tech Red Raider Wes Welker has paid dividends already this season.

They were Super Bowl favorites before the spying scandal and should remain that way after it.

As for the Chargers — Super Bowl contenders in their own right — General Manager A.J. Smith might start second guessing some of the coaching moves he made this offseason.

However, the man is too prideful and arrogant

to admit that letting Marty Schottenheimer go after Wade Phillips and Cam Cameron had already accepted head coaching jobs with other teams.

Norv Turner is a fine offensive mind, but he has never shown himself to be a great head coach. However, it's not fair to put the blame of the

Bolts not showing up Sunday night squarely on his shoulders.

Instead, the blame should lie with Smith. It's hard to shake up an entire coaching staff and expect to have the same 14-2 success like San Diego had in 2006.

There's too much talent on the team for them to not reach the playoffs,

however, this team took a step back from being Super Bowl contenders with all the coaching changes.

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what we played with Lubbock will do that."

The Lady Rangers defeated Big Spring in straight sets — 25-17, 25-23, 25-19. Partee again led with nine kills and eight blocks. However, the Lady Steers accounted for several errors and 18 missed serves.

"It's hard to say anything other than we were

tired," Whitaker said. "We do a lot of conditioning in practice, but that first game drained us. We have had some good practices lately though and there is a definite improvement on the court. I've been emphasizing that they have to practice as hard as they play. It's starting to show up in games."

The Lady Steers kick off their district schedule hosting Plainview's Lady Bulldogs at approximately 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in

the Big Spring Junior High's gymnasium. The junior varsity and freshman teams will play before the varsity at 6 p.m.

"We're on the same level with Plainview," Whitaker said. "They return most of their players from last season. We've got to keep playing hard like we did on Saturday. We're playing a lot better of late, but now we need to get a win to reward our hard work."

BSYSA Scores and Standings

Once a week, the Herald will try to list the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association's standings and scores. The BSYSA has four divisions — U6, U8, U10 and U12 — and 26 teams playing in the 2007 season. Almost 300 kids are playing.

Here are the standings through Sunday Sept. 16 and the scores from games played Saturday Sept. 15. (Note: Three points are awarded to a team for a win, one point is given for a tie and no points are scored for a loss.)

U6 Standings

(Note: No score is kept during the U6 games. However, the following teams played each other Saturday.)
Da Shockers v. Flash; Darts v. Lil Monsters; Lightning v. Tidal Wave; Shooterz v. Red Hots; Hurricanes v. Gold Diggers.

U8 Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
1. Wildthanz	3	0	0	9
2. Kids in Black	2	1	0	6

3t. Steers	1	1	0	3
3t. Attack	1	1	0	3
3t. Sidekicks	1	1	0	3
4t. Hornets	0	2	0	0
4t. Rugrats	0	2	0	0

Saturday's results: Attack 8, Hornets 0; Sidekicks 1, Dirt Devils 0; Wildthanz 4, Kids in Black 2; Wildthanz 4, Steers 3.

U10 Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
1. Timberwolves	3	0	0	9
2. Storm	2	0	0	6
3. Dragons	1	2	0	3
4. Tornados	1	3	0	3
5. Ballhawks	0	2	0	0

Saturday's results: Dragons 5, Tornados 2; Timberwolves 8, Ballhawks 0; Storm 7, Dragons 1.

U12 Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
1. Hurricanes	3	0	0	9
2. Royals	1	2	0	3
3. Tornados	0	2	0	0

Saturday's results: Hurricanes 9, Royals 0; Royals 5, Tornados 2.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Woman arrested after house fire

HALTOM CITY (AP) — Police have arrested a woman after she and her three young daughters were burned in a house fire.

The mother, identified by neighbors and relatives as Alysha Green, 29, of Haltom City, was hospitalized and taken into custody Saturday on three charges of injury to a child/serious bodily harm, Haltom City police said. But police would not confirm initial reports from fire officials that the woman doused the children with gasoline.

The young children were taken to a Dallas hospital. Sgt. Terry Stayer, a Haltom City police spokeswoman, said detectives weren't prepared to say how the fire started.

Board to consider Christmas Mountains bids

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Land Board is set to consider six bid proposals, ranging from \$10,500 to \$652,000, for 9,270 acres of state-owned wilderness property in West Texas.

The top two bidders said in their proposals that they would allow either no public access or only tightly controlled visits to the Christmas Mountains near Big Bend National Park.

Conservation groups have opposed selling the land, which they argue was donated to the state so it would

be protected for public use. Opponents of the sale include the Conservation Fund, which acquired the land with a grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation and donated it to the state.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson declined to comment on the bid proposals, which state officials will consider Tuesday.

Patterson has defended the sale, arguing that the land office can't manage the land and that state and federal parks agencies have declined to take over the property.

Dallas DA says DNA clear 1982 rape convict

DALLAS (AP) — A man convicted of rape and burglary could be exonerated after spending 25 years in prison based on new DNA testing that cleared him of wrongdoing, Dallas County authorities said.

The district attorney's office said DNA evidence proves Steven Phillips did not commit the 1982 crimes. He was convicted in two separate trials of sexually assaulting and burglarizing a woman.

The DA's office said it will work with Phillips' lawyers to have his name cleared. But Phillips would not be released from prison unless he's cleared of another sex crime from the same time period.

Leap Wireless rejects unsolicited buyout offer

DALLAS (AP) — Wireless phone provider Leap Wireless International Inc. said Sunday that it is rejecting an unsolicited buyout offer from MetroPCS

Communications Inc.

Combining the companies would have created a nationwide wireless carrier dedicated to the discount market.

Earlier this month, Dallas-based MetroPCS publicly offered to give investors in regional rival Leap 2.75 shares of MetroPCS stock for every Leap share they own.

At MetroPCS' closing price Friday of \$25.10 per share, that valued the deal at \$69.03 per share, or about \$4.75 billion. MetroPCS would also have assumed \$2 billion in debt.

Shares of San Diego-based Leap closed Friday at \$74.32.

S. Douglas Hutcheson, president and chief executive officer of Leap, said in a letter Sunday to Roger Linquist, MetroPCS chairman and chief executive offer, that the proposal was not in the best interests of Leap and its shareholders and "completely inadequate in a number of critical areas."

Woman killed as flames hit apartments

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman is dead after flames tore through four adjoining apartment buildings just west of downtown Houston before dawn on Monday.

Houston fire officials said the fire was reported about 2:30 a.m. in a 4-unit apartment building. The flames spread quickly to three adjoining quadrangles.

The apartment residents were able to escape, except for the woman.

CHOICE

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appointment of U.S. attorneys," Schumer said, "but he's a lot better than some of the other names mentioned and he has the potential to become a consensus nominee."

In 2005, the liberal Alliance for Justice put Mukasey on a list of four judges who, if chosen for the Supreme Court, would show the president's commitment to nominating people who could be supported by Democrats and Republicans.

Nan Aron of the alliance said the Senate would likely view Mukasey's nomination as a "conciliatory" act.

"He'd be closely scrutinized, but at the end of the day he would probably be confirmed," she said. "It would certainly be a departure for the

Bush administration to send up a consensus candidate."

Bush critics contended the Mukasey nomination was evidence of Bush's weakened political clout as he heads into the final 15 months of his presidency. The president's supporters say Mukasey has impeccable credentials, is a strong, law-and-order jurist, especially on national security issues, and will restore confidence in the Justice Department.

Mukasey has drawn lukewarm reviews from some members of the GOP's right flank. Some legal conservatives and Republican activists have expressed reservations about Mukasey's legal record and past endorsements from liberals, and were drafting a strategy to oppose his confirmation.

William Kristol, editor

of the conservative Weekly Standard, said some of his fellow conservatives are upset that former solicitor general Ted Olson, who represented Bush before the Supreme Court in the contested 2000 election, was not chosen. Last week, some Senate Democrats threatened to block confirmation of Olson.

"There is a case for nominating Olson, and inviting a Senate confirmation fight over issues of legal philosophy and executive power," Kristol wrote in a column posted on the Internet soon after he learned Mukasey was likely Bush's pick. "There is also a case, though, for nominating an attorney general equally as first-rate as Olson, but one who'll be easily confirmed — and who will, I believe, come to judgments similar to Olson's on key issues of executive

power and the war on terror."

Mukasey is not as well-known as Olson in Washington.

"I don't know enough about him, so he has to pass that test for me, go through that filter," Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., another member of the Judiciary Committee, told Fox News Sunday. "Is he going to be the president's guy? ... Or, is he going to stand up and defend the Constitution and be the people's lawyer as well?"

During his 18 years as a judge, Mukasey presided over thousands of cases, including the trial of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, who was accused of plotting to destroy New York City landmarks. In the 1996 sentencing of co-conspirators in the case, Mukasey accused the sheik of trying to spread death "in a scale unseen in this coun-

try since the Civil War." He then sentenced the blind sheik to life in prison.

Mukasey was nominated to the federal bench in 1987 by President Reagan. He was chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York before he rejoined the New York law firm of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler as a partner in September 2006.

He first joined Patterson Belknap in 1976 after serving as assistant U.S. attorney in the criminal division of the Southern District, where he rose to head its official corruption unit.

The Mukasey nomination could be Bush's last major Cabinet appointment.

Friday was the last day of Gonzales' 2-1/2 years at Justice. Solicitor General Paul Clement will serve as acting attorney general

until the Senate confirms Gonzales' replacement.

Gonzales' conflicting public statements about the firings of the U.S. prosecutors led Democrats and Republicans alike to question his honesty. Their charges were compounded by his later sworn testimony about the terrorist surveillance program, which was contradicted by FBI Director Robert S. Mueller and former Justice Department officials.

A congressional investigation into the firings recently shifted its focus onto whether the attorney general lied to Congress. The Justice Department also has opened an internal investigation into the matters.

GOERTZ

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included in their quarterly publication this year.

Goertz said that the other author's description of life in his hometown was so bleak and negative that someone had to set the record straight.

"According to her account, it was almost impossible for anyone from that community to achieve any success in life," Goertz wrote. "Had

she spent more time there and conducted more research, she would have learned how wrong her assessment was."

At its height, Texon contained between 500 and 1,000 people, all working for or connected with the oil company. The company had built serviceable frame houses and provided plumbers, electricians, and carpenters when needed to maintain the dwellings.

The size of the house depended on the number

of children in the family. The company built a power plant to provide electricity.

"Texon offered a quality of life that most towns of its size could not equal," Goertz affirmed, and listed amenities such as a swimming pool, golf course, movie theatre, lighted tennis and croquet courts, library, baseball field, skeet-shooting range, park and picnic grounds. He recalled that all these were free, except for a small fee for the

movie tickets. The community also had medical and dental services.

The sense of equality shared by each member of the community is a remarkable memory, Goertz said. The children attended school in Texon through the sixth grade, then were bused to Big Lake through high school. To transport all of the students, the company bought an extra-large bus, reported to be the largest in the country at that time, from Germany.

To get a full sense of the charm of this unique community, one must read Goertz's paper, or better yet, wait for a further, more extensive edition. Although Goertz has lived in Big Spring for many years, he still visits historic sites in Reagan County and is doing research on Best and Grierson Springs.

He concludes his account saying, "I, for one, consider myself fortunate to have lived in Texon."

REBATES

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to the \$66,858.05 it received in September 2006. So far for 2007, the community named after Gail Borden Jr. — inventor of condensed milk — has received \$845,994.56, up 11.81 percent.

Lubbock, home of Texas Tech University, received \$3,597,173.18, an increase of 8.63 percent when compared to the \$3,311,287.29 taken in during September 2006. For the year, Lubbock has pulled in \$34,890,029.98, up 4.47 percent.

Midlanders enjoyed an increase of 20.84 percent in sales tax revenues, comparing the \$2,729,908.04 received this month to the \$2,259,053.39 taken in for September 2006. For the year, the Tall City has pulled in \$25,253,899.57, up 13.72 percent.

Monahans took a hit

this month, a 6.54 percent decrease in sales tax revenue. The Ward County seat once known as Monahan's Well, received \$106,991.69 this month compared to \$114,484.15 a year ago. For 2007, Monahans has taken in \$1,047,053.73, up 8.32 percent.

Odessa received \$1,789,018.06 this month, an impressive 17 percent increase compared to the \$1,529,034.28 taken in a year earlier. For 2007, Odessa has received \$16,460,430.44, up a healthy 12.28 percent.

Pecos, home of the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame, roped a 79.79 percent increase in revenue this month, comparing receipts of \$148,864.29 to \$82,798.07 a year ago. For the year, the Reeves County popped the \$1 million barrier at \$1,070,067.07, up 45.49 percent.

Recording a 2.36 percent increase comparing last

September to the present was San Angelo. The city received \$1,484,073.13 this month and \$1,449,765.41 in September 2006. For the year, the home of Angelo State University and a Howard College campus has received \$14,043,722.05, up 6.47 percent.

Snyder, of white buffalo fame, witnessed a 26 percent increase when comparing this September's revenue of \$205,975.13 to last September's revenue of \$163,465.31. For the year, the Scurry County seat has accumulated \$1,703,438.80, an increase of 14.07 percent.

Receipts were up 5.42 percent in Stanton. The home of a few old sore-heads took in \$27,405.86 this month compared to \$25,995.55 in September 2006. For the year, Stanton has received \$203,978.82, and revenues are down for the Martin County seat by 16.96 percent.

Finally, Sweetwater, home of the National WASP World War II Museum, received \$205,375.15, up 11.31 percent compared to the \$184,501.83 the city took in during September 2006. For the year, Sweetwater has received \$1,960,041.15,

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OTHER VIEWS

Texas lawmakers missed a chance to stem sad tide

Texas lawmakers missed an opportunity this year to help stem the swelling tide of people losing their homes because they can't afford to pay the mortgage.

The collapse of the subprime mortgage industry continues to have worldwide repercussions as borrowers forfeit on their loans and investors are stuck with a declining asset. Texas is not immune: Foreclosures in the state are the highest they've been in more than a decade.

Nationally, foreclosures are at a record high. More than 5 percent of all home loans are delinquent, and nearly 15 percent of subprime borrowers are behind in their payments.

Though the collapse is complicated, it stems from a simple premise. As mortgages became commodities traded on the open market not deeds held in a banker's safe the standards for home loans fell to ridiculous levels.

Bankers made questionable loans knowing they could sell the mortgage to investors in a matter of days. Investors, thinking real estate would spiral upward in value forever, didn't worry whether the borrower could repay the loan.

Home buyers were enticed with junk mortgages, no down payments and teaser rates that ballooned in a few years. When borrowers couldn't pay, foreclosure notices began to arrive. Congress is considering banning the worst of those practices.

Texas lawmakers could have stepped in and brought a bit of sanity to the risky subprime mortgage market, which was 20 percent of all mortgage loans nationally in 2006. State Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, sponsored a bill to require mortgage counseling for borrowers with shaky credit histories seeking risky home loans.

Certified mortgage counselors or attorneys experienced in home loans would study the loan conditions and counsel borrowers, alerting them to potential problems with repayment. Senate Bill 987 passed the Senate but died in the House, strongly opposed by the banking lobby.

Some other states have authorized or are considering loan counseling to stall the increase in defaults and foreclosures. Indiana now provides free mortgage counseling and education to homeowners who have defaulted or are in danger of defaulting.

Frankly, that's too late. The counseling needs to occur before the lender traps unsuspecting buyers into risky home loans that may bankrupt them. (Some 2 million homeowners are in danger of losing their homes, according to one estimate.) Maine and Minnesota have passed laws requiring a lender to verify the borrower's ability to repay the mortgage something that was not only a basic business practice once, but common sense.

Now that the subprime disaster is rippling around the world, mortgage bankers may look closer at their borrowers. President Bush is urging the note holders to work with struggling homeowners to help them keep their homes and not default on their loans. That's fine, but home loans should be based on the borrowers' ability to pay and lenders shouldn't be allowed to entice home buyers into risky mortgages that could leave them destitute. Mortgage counseling would help.

Texas lawmakers missed their chance this year to help solve a serious problem gripping the state and the nation. Next session they should write into law protections for their most vulnerable constituents who only want to buy a home they can afford.

As Roger Lowenstein wrote in a recent issue of The New York Times Magazine, "At the very least there should be a clear line between a mortgage company and a casino."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we speak Your mind, Lord.

Amen

Who should officials listen to?

I've had the — at this point you can insert either privilege or curse, they're interchangeable these days — of covering Howard County's struggle to cure its state induced jail woes for almost three years now.

Within that period, I've written about countless arguments among commissioners and local government officials, threats from both local and state authorities to shut down the existing jail because of life threatening conditions and countless suggestions from local citizens on just how the county should go about correcting its dubious situation.

Among those suggestions, we've heard things like:

— Ignore the problem because the state jail commission can't shut down the jail. Personally, I think the contributor of this idea — you know who you are — should be tarred and feathered, but that's neither humane or cost effective thanks to the cost of tar these days. Plus it gives birds a bad name.

— Erect a tent city to house inmates, because if its good enough for those incarcerated in Arizona, by God, it's good enough for us Texans. Of course, never mind the fact that Arizona doesn't even have a commission on jail standards. Go figure.

— Instead of throwing intoxicated lawbreakers in jail — and this is by far my favorite, at least for its entertainment value — take them home and let them sleep it off. And if they write bad checks, put their name and picture in the newspaper and shame them into compliance.

Why, we could make an entire shift in the penal code, making driving while intoxicated simply a ticketed offense and murder a misdemeanor.

Brilliant, right? And who do these suggestions come from? Officials that have been involved in the design and construction of other jails? Experts who have addressed jail overcrowding and the humane

treatment of inmates in other counties and cities?

No. They have come from everyday citizens, just like you and me, who somehow found the time in their busy schedules to make it to a Howard County commissioners meeting and have asked to throw their two cents in.

Is this a bad thing? Certainly not.

Why, the First Amendment guarantees us that right, no matter how silly or inappropriate what we have to say may be. Just keep the comments aimed at an agenda item and you're guaranteed your three minutes in the spotlight, no matter how crowded or dim it may be.

However, the problem begins when our elected officials — these are men and women voters gave their stamp of approval, saying, "Hey, let this person speak for us!" — begin giving these bobbled-brained, yet well meaning speakers more consideration than they require, or for that matter, deserve.

Who should our elected officials be listening to?

Officials with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, as well as architects and consultants working on the project — that's who.

Construction of a new jail should not be a popularity contest. We're looking to build a much needed county facility, not elect a prom queen, people.

County officials have said they are supporting the construction of a 96-bed jail, not because it's the best long-term decision for the county, but because they feel that's what voters will support.

There's certainly some logic intertwined in there — you have to follow what the voters will allow when it's all about a bond election.

However, that same logic turns a blind eye to some very pertinent facts. First, a 96-bed facility will most likely be full within a year of its completion, forcing the county to once again farm its inmates out to other counties, sending thousands of dollars to support people in other communities.

Don't think so? Think again. First, automatically deduct 10

percent of the jail's capacity for state mandated classification space — designed to keep a jaywalker from sharing a cell with a murderer — and you're down to 86 beds.

Friday's head count for the jail was 64 inmates. That leaves 22 open beds.

And now, consider what happens when law enforcement officials, judges and other officials stop probation sentences for boneheads pleading guilty to driving while intoxicated - second offense — that means its their second conviction for driving drunk, just in case you're wondering — and begin putting some teeth back into the judicial system instead of just handing out slaps on the wrists and a friendly "don't do that again."

Also, don't forget Sheriff Dale Walker's presentation concerning the lucrative nature of contracting beds to other counties and the federal government, certainly worth looking at.

In my mind, that puts us at capacity right off the bat. What does that mean? Simple. It means commissioners are going to be forced to come back to the voters with a bond election to add on to the jail long before the 20-year bonds used to pay for the facility are paid off.

Double whammy.

In the end, area voters should trust in the commissioners' ability to make good, long-term decisions — it's worth noting the same voters casting ballots in the November bond election also put them in office.

And when the voters show their trust, commissioners should put their trust where it's needed most — in the architects and state officials that have been through the circus of financing and building a jail many times before. No more egos. No more partisan-esque support or condemnation. No more back alley campaign promises.

Who knows, maybe then we can do what's best for the people that matter the most — the citizens of Howard County.

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New Cold War is all too possible

The Cold War ended in our favor, Americans like to think, more than 15 years ago. However, with the United States busy in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Russia flush with money from high oil prices, the situation could shift in the not-too-distant future.

Nowhere is it written that the United States must remain eternally ascendant. But neither does that mean that the United States should have to rush toward an unnecessary confrontation.

The program that appears poised to do just that is the U.S. missile defense system. Outside of the normal irritants of seeing a country spend billions (over \$100 billion since 1983, and at least half that again through the next decade) for a system that is unproven against a threat that may not exist, this proposed system is needlessly heating up relations between the United States and Russia.

The United States now wishes to extend its missile defense to two sites in Eastern Europe — up to 10 interceptors in Poland and a radar installation in the Czech Republic. Washington argues that these sites are necessary to defend against the Iranian long-range ballistic missile threat, which currently is not present nor is expected to emerge until the middle of the next decade at the earliest.

Talks are currently being held with the governments of the potential host countries, with an official agreement not expected for another

er two years — after the Bush administration leaves office.

Moscow, on the other hand, is furious at what it sees as the United States inserting itself into what used to be Russia's sphere of influence. Indeed, imagine the U.S. dismay if Russia were to deploy missile defense sites in Mexico.

Partially to head off such an affront, Russia has been taking increasingly bellicose steps in its foreign policy since the spring. It has announced that by the end of the year it will stop abiding by the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, which was one of the first agreements signed at the end of the Cold War and vastly limited munitions on both sides of the former Iron Curtain.

Russia has intimated that it may pull out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty, a bilateral agreement from 1987 that was years in the making and eliminated a whole class of nuclear weapons.

Perhaps realizing that, in this case, both carrots and sticks are warranted, Russia has also made a few offers to co-operate with the United States on its missile defense system. Russia's old early warning site in Gabala, Azerbaijan, has been offered to be upgraded to become part of the system; alternatively, a new radar site could be built on Russian soil.

Moscow has also proposed the establishment of jointly run missile early warning centers that could include NATO, with the hopes of eliminating confusion, should either side misinterpret an innocent missile launch as the start of a nuclear exchange. Given that both the United States and

Russia still have 2,000 nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert, increased transparency is always a good idea.

Yet this offer comes with a catch. Russia has stated that its suggestion for cooperation is contingent on the United States halting its missile defense expansion into Eastern Europe and that the United States also stop work on its space-based missile defense program (\$10 million for which was requested in Fiscal Year 2008 defense funds. Overall, the Pentagon plans to spend \$290 million on the project through Fiscal Year 2013). Digging in its own heels, U.S. officials have repeated that, while they are intrigued by the offer to cooperate, no restrictions will be accepted.

It is possible that Russia made its offer simply because it knew that the United States would reject it, or that its goal was to wait out the clock until the next administration comes into office.

Either way, in the meantime, the Bush administration's continued efforts to push for the Eastern European sites are souring relations between the United States and Russia.

If Washington continues forcing this issue, we may discover that no matter who is in office two years from now, the United States and Russia are approaching a new Cold War.

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800-392-8677.

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness. All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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If you have a support organization you would like to make the public aware of, contact the Herald at 263-7331.

The pleasures of pumpkin seeds

By **DANA JACOBI**

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Recently, I prepared a recipe that called for a light sprinkling of pumpkin seeds at the very end, for a bit of crunch. But when the meal was over, I was left with a just-bought bag of pumpkin seeds that was still nearly full. I was determined to do something with them, but since their flavor is rather assertive and slightly bitter, it took me a while to figure out just what. Traditionally, pumpkin seeds serve as a garnish on top of muffins, get combined in trail mix or are sprinkled on soup for garnish. Digging through my cookbook collection for other ideas, I learned enough about pumpkin seeds to really want to use them more.

Pumpkin, sunflower and sesame seeds provide plant sterols that may help lower blood cholesterol levels, along with health-promoting unsaturated fats. But pumpkin seeds offer some unique nutrition, including curcubitacin, a polyphenol phytochemical that in men may play a role in helping to prevent or control an enlarged prostate.

The shelled, dark, olive-green pumpkin seeds sold in stores may be raw or roasted. Most people buy them roasted because they are often pre-seasoned with salt or tamari, but this makes them high in sodium. I prefer toasting the raw seeds myself so I can control the salt; I also happen to think doing it yourself makes them taste nuttier and

sweeter. The seeds puff up as they toast, which is fun to watch, but take care to keep them moving in the pan as they brown and burn easily.

Cruising through cookbooks, I found pumpkin seeds used in various Mexican dishes, particularly in something called pipian sauce; this version includes tomatillos and green herbs popular in Mexico's Puebla region. Although cholesterol- and dairy-free, the oil in the pumpkin seeds makes the sauce lightly rich. I serve this creamy, light green sauce with baked fish or sautéed shrimp. It is also delicious spooned over grilled chicken breast.

Baked Catfish with Mexican Pumpkin Seed Sauce

1/4 cup raw, shelled pumpkin seeds
1/2 small white onion, sliced
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1/4 lb. tomatillos, husked and coarsely chopped
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
1/2 cup lightly packed cilantro
1/4 tsp. dried oregano, preferably Mexican
1/4 tsp. dried thyme
1 (6-inch) yellow corn tortilla, torn in 1/2" pieces
1 cup fat-free reduced sodium chicken broth, divided
1 Tbsp. canola oil
Salt and ground black pepper to taste
Four (4-ounce) catfish filets
Cooking spray
2 cups cooked brown rice



In a dry skillet, toast the pumpkin seeds over medium heat, stirring constantly, until they are golden and many have swelled or popped. Take care not to let them brown. Spread the toasted seeds on a plate and cool.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Place the pumpkin seeds, onion, garlic, tomatillos, jalapeño, cilantro, oregano, thyme and tortilla in a blender. Pour in half the broth, and whirl to the smoothest possible puree, adding more broth if needed. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pumpkin seed mixture, standing back as it will splatter. Cook, stirring occasionally, until it boils and darkens in color, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the remaining broth, reduce the heat, and simmer until there is 1 cup of sauce,

about 8 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Coat a shallow baking dish with cooking spray. Arrange the filets on the pan, coat the fish well with cooking spray and season lightly with salt and pepper. Bake, uncovered, until the fish is opaque in the center and flakes with a fork, about 10 minutes, depending on the thickness of the pieces.

To serve, place a piece of fish on each of 4 plates. Spoon one-fourth of the sauce over the fish. Add 1/2 cup rice alongside.

Makes 4 servings

"Something Different" is written by Dana Jacobi, author of 12 Best Foods Cookbook and contributor to AICR's New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life.

Portion control: Change your thinking or your plate?

According to experts, we have become so accustomed to oversized portions of food and extra-large serving dishes that we can no longer tell how much we are overeating. We may have more success at reducing our excessive portions by reducing the size of our food packages and serving pieces than by trying to figure out a healthy portion size. That's essentially the conclusion Cornell University professor Brian Wansink reaches in a recent analysis published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association on the problem of Americans' extra-large portions.



KAREN COLLINS
MS, RD, CDN

Research from Cornell University and Penn State has repeatedly shown that the larger the amount of food we are faced with — whether on our plate or in serving bowls — the more we will eat. We might not eat everything, but we still eat more than if we started with less. This has been demonstrated in single meals, such as comparing the amount eaten of different size sub sandwiches, and in totals over a period of several days.

For many people, eating more when presented with large amounts of food may be tied to the "Clean Plate Club" phenomenon; we have been taught to view not eating all we are given as wasteful. However, researchers suggest that we may often be unable to even recognize extra-large portions. Studies show that when an equal amount of food is presented on a relatively large and small plate, we see the large plate as having less food than the smaller plate, which seems more full. Studies also show that

we tend to eat in "units." If we buy a package of six cookies or crackers, we usually eat them all rather than leaving part of a package. If a "unit" or package of candy, French fries or soft drinks gets larger, we are more likely to eat the whole container anyway. And food units in the United States — packages in stores and portions in restaurants — have grown dramatically in the last 20 years. For example, a bottle of soda 20 years ago was 6.5 ounces and had 85 calories; today's soda comes in 20 ounce bottles that can contain about 250 calories. Along with calorie consumption, extra large portions can significantly increase the amount of fat and sodium we get.

One way to improve your portion size management is to learn to better judge the amount of food in front of you. Studies have shown that if people practice mea-

suring out different portion sizes, their accuracy can improve. The American Institute for Cancer Research and the United States Department of Agriculture have both developed educational materials to help people learn to recognize serving sizes by comparing food amounts to common objects. For example, three ounces of meat, poultry or fish look like a deck of cards or a tennis ball or a cupped handful.

Because of how our perception of portion size changes depending on the size and shape of the container, Wansink argues that we should pay more attention to our packages, plates and serving bowls. Market research shows that single serving packages are booming in popularity, which may be one step in this direction.

Look around your kitchen at the different

size plates, bowls and glasses you have available. Instead of serving ice cream in two- or three-cup cereal bowls, make half- or one-cup custard cups the official ice cream bowl. With 200 calories per cup in even many healthful cereal choices, our tendency to simply fill a bowl and then eat it all could turn that bowl of cereal into a higher-calorie breakfast than you realize if you use large bowls. You don't have to get rid of those big bowls; large portion sizes are one way to increase the amount of nutrients we get. If you want people to eat more salad, they will do so automatically with bigger salad bowls.

Finally, Wansink's research shows that the more food we have on hand, the more we will

eat. So ignore the "common sense" of grocery store marketing urging you to buy two packages of cookies or chips for the price of one; you may just eat twice as much. If you find it's easier or less expensive to buy large quantities of snack foods (such as nuts or trail mix), you can separate the food into several healthful portions, or take some out and tuck the big package out of sight.

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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Contract Bridge

Famous Hand

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 9 7 3
♥ A J 7 6 2
♦ J 4
♣ Q 3

WEST EAST
♠ K J 2 ♠ —
♥ 9 8 4 ♥ K Q 5
♦ 9 6 3 ♦ K 10 8 7 5 2
♣ 9 7 4 2 ♣ A 10 8 5

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

The bidding:
East South West North
1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♠
Dble 4♣ —
Opening lead — three of diamonds.

This deal from the 1996 Reisinger Teams final in New York City features a brilliant play by Mike Kamil of the winning squad.

Kamil reached four spades after East opened one diamond and then doubled two spades, implying length in the unbid suits. This double, which wasn't made at the other table, played a key role in the outcome.

West led a diamond, and Kamil assessed his prospects. If the spades were divided 2-1, he could not be defeated, as he would lose at most one spade, one heart and one club. But if West had the K-J-2 of spades, the contract appeared doomed. However, Kamil spotted a subtle psycho-

logical ploy that might lure West into a mistake if he held all three trumps. Accordingly, Kamil took East's king of diamonds with the ace and immediately led a low spade toward dummy! This unusual play gave West food for thought.

As Kamil hoped, West had to consider the possibility that East held the singleton ace of spades. This would be consistent with South's spade play, as well as the bidding.

West then tried to visualize how his side might score four tricks. It seemed likely from East's double, which implied length in hearts, that South had only one heart. Declarer was already known, from the play at trick one, to hold the A-Q of diamonds, and he surely had either the ace or king of clubs. If all this were true, the defenders' only hope was to score a club trick and three spade tricks. That was exactly what Kamil hoped West would think.

After agonizing for several minutes, West decided to play Kamil for a hand such as ♠ Q8654 ♥ 3 ♦ AQ5 ♣ KJ108, so he played the deuce on the first spade. One can only imagine West's chagrin when dummy's nine won the trick as East showed out. Kamil then lost a spade, a heart and a club to make his contract. Four spades was defeated at the other table.

Alan Truscott, reporting the deal in The New York Times, labeled Kamil's play a "safety trap." His teammates remember it fondly as the "Kamil Coup."

Tomorrow: First things first.
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As Mick Jagger sang, you can't always get what you want, but sometimes you get what you need. Today, the sun and Mars build desire toward obtaining the unobtainable — err, the hard to get. As we strike out to activate personal goals, Mercury and Venus sing a harmonious



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Legals

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

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're seeing things in the way that only you can. Friends sense that they will get something honest from you, and that's why you'll be asked repeatedly for a response.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The only easy way out is not to go in in the

first place. Consider this before you start a project or relationship — and especially before you sign papers or enter into a deal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're in the new and exciting phase of a personal relationship. Everything seems tinged with possibility. Move slowly, and make no assumptions. Something truly unique is emerging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're building rapport with new people. They may ask your advice, but they really want your corroboration. Find something you can agree upon, and then hit that point home enthusiastically.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's friction between you and a sibling or a person you are similarly tight with. These kinds of relationships are crucial to your development. You can fight, but you know down deep that you'll always belong together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you were unconsciously waiting for someone to anoint you — to tell you that you are very special — you now become conscious of it. The fact is, you are very special with or without the validation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is no time to be volunteering information. You don't even have to answer all

the questions asked of you. Exercise your right to build a mystery. Clothe yourself in intrigue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Surprising moments of self-realization will be included in today's special gift from the stars. You could find them yourself doing something alarming — like quoting your mother.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: I read with great excitement the column in which the 42-year-old woman asked you if she could really make a go of pursuing her dream to be a filmmaker. Forgive me for asking a similar question, but this year, the year I'm turning 50, I have decided to go out on a limb and try my hand at one of MY dreams, stand-up comedy. I was born Aug. 27, 1957, at 5:05 p.m. in Buffalo, N.Y. Do you see the makings of a stand-up comic in my chart?

From what I understand about stand-up, it requires an almighty wit along with the chief traits of timing, fortitude and gumption. Great comic timing requires the mental agility of an athlete and the ability to stay on track when the laughter fades, which means communicating with and winning over your audience. You've got a sixth sense about people; you can read the mood of a room and have

the fortitude to push through awkward moments unfazed. For a sensitive Virgo, you're thick-skinned. You're hilarious because you appear so serious that people don't expect "funny." You relieve them of their expectations, and they're floored. I'm so glad you're going for it. It's never too late to chase your dream!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Can a Virgo really retire? Some say it's impossible for this sign, who thrives on hard work rather than slowing down. Virgo Lance Armstrong tried, but he shows no signs of stopping soon. Rumors of running for political office could prove a strategic move for this athlete, with four planets in the sign of the public servant. This year, the competitor could take on a controversial cause for another fight of his life.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My boss, a 25-ish man, has the foulest mouth I've ever heard. I'm the only female in a small office that includes five other men. I expect to hear some swearing in an environment where we deal with construction workers, but his mouth is almost too much for me to handle. It doesn't seem to matter if it is just a casual conversation, if he's giving me directives or if he's talking on the phone with clients. He cannot get through a sentence without using the most profane words repeatedly.

I have joked with him about a swear jar, to which he responds, "I'll just put a \$20 in on Monday and that should cover me for the week." I've tried to be more firm, explaining to him how much I detest the F-word, to no avail. Once, I counted, and told him he used that word 17 times while telling a single story. He just laughed and said, "Yeah, that's pretty bad."

I know that his boss has told him to tone it down a bit, but it isn't working. His boss is rarely in our office, so he doesn't hear this nearly as often as I do. I'm not a prude, but I know this is not the right way to conduct yourself in an office setting. The other men in the office swear as well, but none to this extent.

I actually cringe when I see him opening his mouth. It's almost bad enough to make me quit. What do I do? — Tired of the Potty Mouth

Dear Tired: This man has never been taught to express himself properly and doesn't realize how rude and juvenile he seems. Now it's an ingrained bad habit that will take time and effort to correct, but since there has been no consequence for his foul mouth, he doesn't take the criticisms seriously. Speak to him privately and explain that his language is offensive and you'd appreciate it if he'd make a greater effort to keep the swearing to a minimum. If that doesn't work, go over his head and let his boss know that the foul language is interfering with your ability to do your job.

Dear Annie: Recently, new neighbors moved in next door. They're doing a lot to improve the property, which is wonderful. The only negative so far is that

the husband is a cigar smoker.

We spend a lot of time outside on our deck and also keep our windows open a lot, so the cigar smell is very troublesome. Often, he smokes for several hours at an outdoor table that is less than 20 feet from our deck and right outside our guest bedroom windows.

I would like to approach him and see if we can work something out, but we are concerned that doing so will create a major problem. Please help. — Nauseated on Cape Cod

Dear Cape Cod: Unfortunately for you, your neighbor is permitted to smoke within his own property, inside or out. Your best bet is to make friends. Welcome them to the neighborhood. Compliment them on their improvements. Invite them for coffee. Then, later, you can tactfully ask Mr. Cigar to please puff away farther from your deck and windows.

Dear Annie: In a recent response to restaurant owners who were financially struggling, a reader mentioned SCORE. I want to let your readers know that SCORE (score.org) is a nonprofit organization consisting of over 10,000 volunteer retired executives who can give advice on how to start, improve or grow your business. In our chapter, we have retired restaurant owners who have helped people in similar circumstances. By going to the website, they can find a local office for face-to-face counseling. SCORE also offers e-mail counseling for clients who can't make it to one of our offices. — Dennis Peoples, SCORE Counselor

Dear Dennis Peoples: Thanks for giving our readers more complete information about SCORE. We hope interested parties will check it out.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Democrats confident they can pass troop-rest bill

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats are confident they can pass legislation to give troops more rest between Iraq deployments, a measure aimed at pressing the Bush administration to change its war policy.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates called the proposal by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., a dangerous "backdoor way" to draw down additional forces. Gates said he would recommend a veto.

"If we get this next phase wrong — no matter how you feel about how we got to where we are, the consequences of getting this wrong for Iraq, for the region, for us are enormous," he said Sunday.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., responded that shorter breaks were creating an undue strain on U.S. troops and their families.

"They deserve the same amount of time back home as they stay in the field," Reed said.

The comments represented the latest political clash over the unpopular war. President Bush last week announced plans for a limited drawdown but indicated combat forces would stay in Iraq well past 2008.

On Monday, Rep. John Murtha, a Vietnam veteran and war critic, said President Bush remains committed to keeping U.S. troops in Iraq for an indefinite period and Americans don't want that.

"When letters go unanswered, when suggestions go ignored, when the pleas of the public fall on deaf ears, how are the American people expected to continue to support flawed policies and undefined missions?" Murtha, D-Pa., said in remarks prepared for delivery. "Today, we have a clear choice between responsible congressional oversight and this administration's blindness."

The Senate was scheduled to resume debate this week on anti-war legislation, including Webb's proposal to require that troops have as much time at

their home station as they do deployed to Iraq.

Gates was asked in broadcast interviews about recommending a Bush veto should the proposal pass. "Yes I would," the Pentagon chief said.

"If it were enacted, we would have force management problems that would be extremely difficult and, in fact, affect combat effectiveness and perhaps pose greater risk to our troops," he said.

Supporters of Webb's measure say it has at least 57 of the 60 votes needed. It would need 67 votes to override a veto.

A separate proposal by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., seeks to restrict troops' mission to fighting terrorists and training the Iraqi security force.

"The president has dangled a carrot in front of the American people talking about troop reductions," Levin said. "But, again, it is an illusion of a change of course and the American people are not buying it. My colleagues are not buying it."

"I think we have a good

chance of getting to the 60 votes to call for a change in policy. I hope we get there in the next couple of weeks," he said.

If Webb's amendment were enacted, Gates said it would force him to consider again extending tours in Iraq. Military commanders would be constrained in the use of available forces, creating gaps and forcing greater use of the National Guard and Reserve, he said.

"It would be extremely difficult for us to manage that. It really is a backdoor way to try and force the president to accelerate the drawdown," Gates said. "Again, the drawdowns have to be based on the conditions on the ground."

"A unit pulling out would not be immediately replaced by another," he added. "So you'd have an area of combat operations where no U.S. forces would be present for a period, and the troops coming in would then face a much more difficult situation."

Active-duty Army units currently are on 15-month deploy-

ments with a promise of no more than 12 months rest. Marines who spend seven or more months at war sometimes get six months or less at home.

Bush said last week that he approved a plan by Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, to withdraw 5,700 troops from Iraq by the holidays and reduce the force from 20 combat brigades to 15 brigades by next July.

The president has ordered Petraeus to make a further assessment and recommendations in March.

There are about 169,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

Gates on Friday raised the possibility of cutting troop levels to 100,000 or so by the end of next year, well beyond the cuts Bush announced, in what appeared to be a conciliatory gesture to anti-war Democrats and some wary Republicans.

But on Sunday, Gates said he could not say how large the force would be in the coming years, stressing that it would depend on whether the security situation in Iraq had improved.

O.J. accused in Las Vegas robbery, says he was reclaiming memorabilia

By RYAN NAKASHIMA

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — An apparent audiotape of O.J. Simpson's standoff with men he accused of stealing his memorabilia begins with the ex-NFL star demanding, "Don't let nobody out this room. ... Think you can steal my (expletive) and sell it?"

Simpson was arrested Sunday and booked at a county jail on charges connected with what police described as a robbery at a Las Vegas hotel. In an audiotape released Monday by the celebrity news Web site TMZ.com, Simpson is heard shouting questions while other men shout orders to the men in the room.

TMZ said the recording was made on a handheld recorder belonging to Thomas Riccio, co-owner of the auction house Universal Rarities. Riccio did not immediately return a call for comment Monday.

Simpson has said Riccio called him several weeks ago to say some collectors were selling some of his items. Riccio set up a meeting with collectors under the guise that he had a private collector interested in buying Simpson's items.

Riccio told the site he believed Simpson was planning to confront Alfred Beardsley, who was allegedly planning to auction off Simpson memorabilia. The site said the objects of Simpson anger were Beardsley and another collector, Bruce Fromong.

Simpson he was accompanied by men he met at a wedding cocktail party, and they took the collectibles. Fromong said Simpson was the last of the men to enter the hotel room.

"O.J. was the last person I was expecting to see and when I saw him I was just thinking, 'O.J., how can you be this stupid?'" Fromong told CBS's "The

Early Show."

He said Simpson left him a voice mail message after the alleged robbery telling him some of Fromong's things were "mixed up" with his and asking how he could give them back.

"It's like a bad dream," said Beardsley. "I'm sad that O.J. is in custody." Simpson said the dis-

pute was merely a confrontation with no guns. He said autographed sports collectibles, his Hall of Fame certificate, a photograph with former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover and video from his first wedding were all his, and that they were stolen from him and were about to be fenced by unethical collectors.

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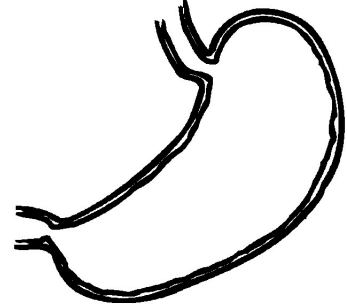


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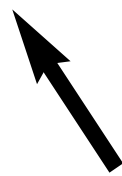
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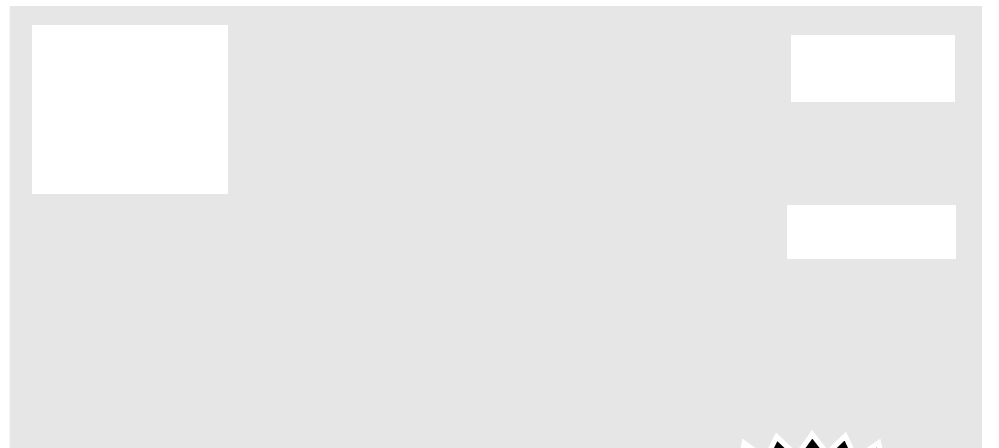
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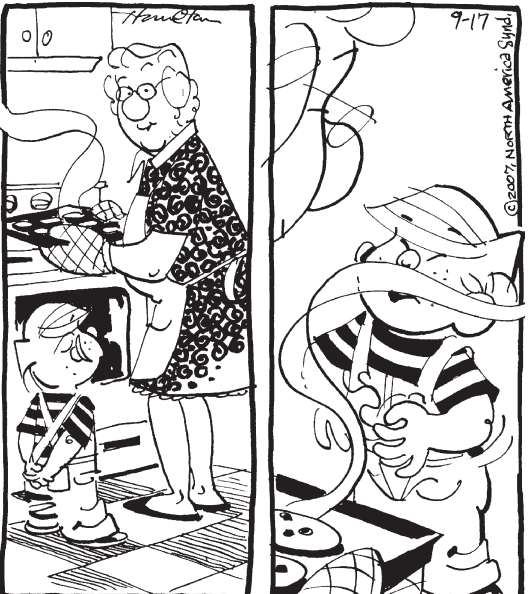
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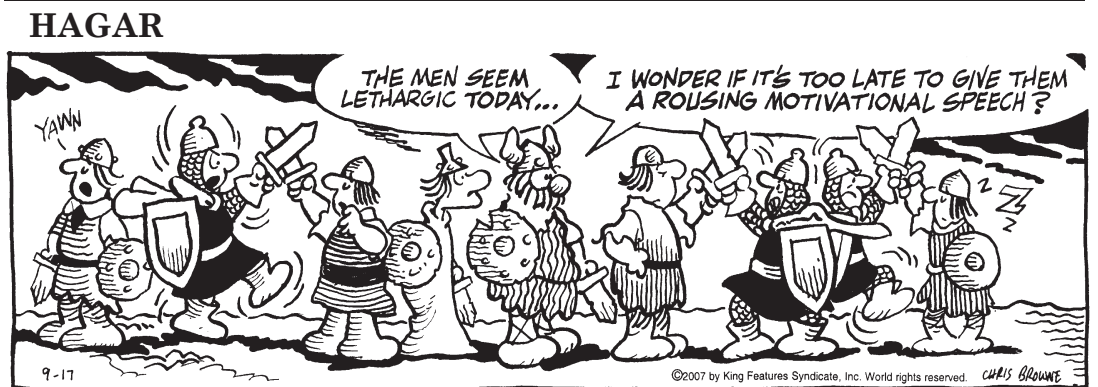
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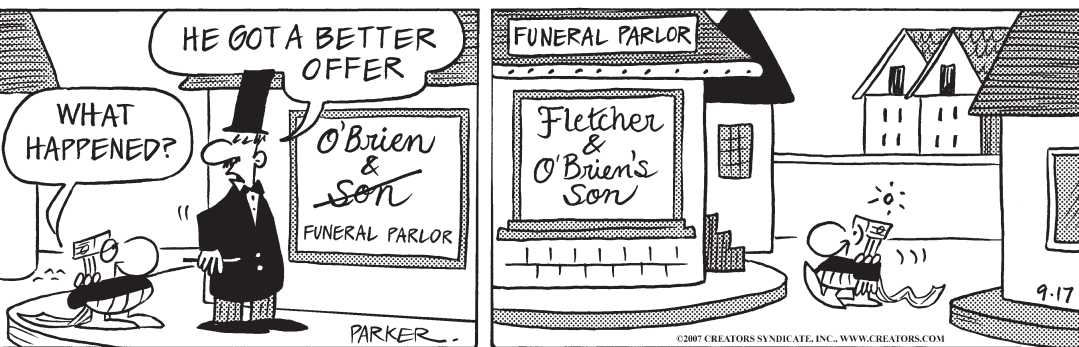


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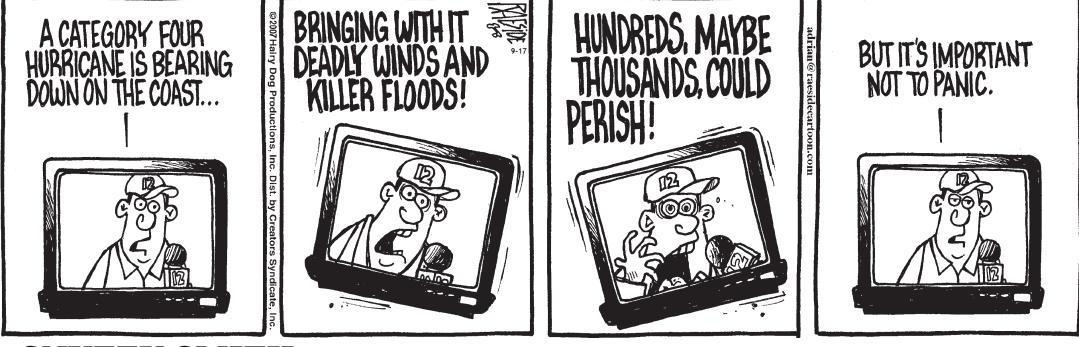
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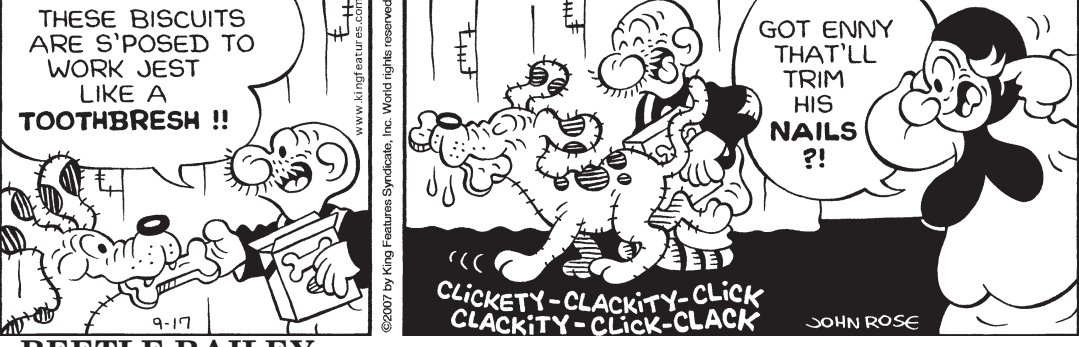
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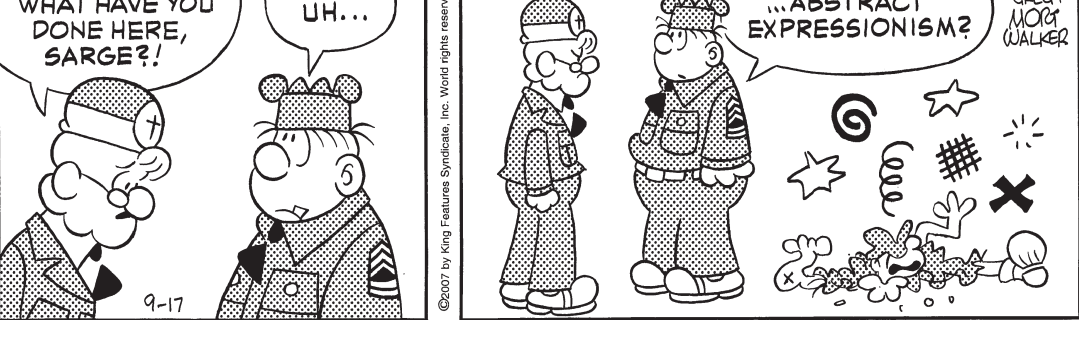
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- 1 Bursts, as a balloon
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- 9 Studies hard
- 14 Neighborhood
- 15 Very frequently
- 16 Capital of Vietnam
- 17 Hope (for)
- 18 Impolite glance
- 19 Gold bar
- 20 Unimportant
- 23 Pluralizing letter
- 24 Sleeper's sound
- 25 Compete in a bee
- 27 Initially
- 31 "Alas!"
- 34 Nightclub routine
- 37 Seize
- 38 Radio studio sign
- 39 Performs as ordered
- 43 Informal eatery
- 44 Spilled the beans
- 45 ___ de Janeiro
- 46 Plumlike fruit
- 47 Shoe liners
- 50 Statement of belief
- 52 Tennis pro Monica
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- 58 The Apprentice boss
- 62 Providence, ___ Island
- 64 Chimney duct
- 65 Ancient Andes settler
- 66 Georgia city
- 67 Right away, in memos
- 68 Golden-___ (senior citizen)
- 69 "Omigosh!"
- 70 Speak in favor of
- 71 Onion relative
- DOWN
- 1 Minor chesspieces
- 2 Hunter constellation
- 3 Green sauce
- 4 African desert
- 5 Painter Salvador
- 6 Designer Cassini
- 7 ___ the line (conformed)
- 8 Emphasize
- 9 Western South American nation
- 10 Jogged
- 11 Very thin spaghetti
- 12 Cow sounds
- 13 Makes use of a sofa
- 21 Racetrack patron
- 22 Pertinent
- 26 Finish a plane flight
- 28 Devotee
- 29 Eisenhower nickname
- 30 Relaxes
- 32 Short skirt
- 33 Therefore
- 34 Finds a sum
- 35 Spiral shape
- 36 Coffee-break time, perhaps
- 38 Most peculiar
- 40 Crystal ball gazer
- 41 Scare word
- 42 Under the weather
- 47 Wedding phrase
- 48 Like skim milk
- 49 Soap opera, for example
- 51 Paradieses
- 53 Sudden forward thrust
- 54 Banquet host
- 55 ___ plug (auto part)
- 56 Fighting force
- 57 Spicy Asian cuisine
- 59 Likewise
- 60 Waikiki feast
- 61 Company division: Abbr.
- 63 Female deer

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