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Area man dies in accident

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Snyder man was crushed to death in an oilfield accident in the Vincent area north of Big Spring early Monday morning after being caught in a cable, according to law enforcement officials.

Roger Igelhart, 39, was pronounced dead at approximately 12:15 p.m. by Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green, several hours after the accident that claimed his life, according to Sheriff Dale Walker.

"The victim was working with West Texas Energy Services on Rig No. 2 near County Road 53 and FM 846," said

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Rudi R. Rodriguez, TexasTejano.com president and founder and creator of the A Tejano Son of Texas Traveling Exhibit, talks with Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, right, and Debbye ValVerde, director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, during a special viewing of the moving Tejano-dedicated exhibit Monday afternoon.

Toasting Tejano heritage

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area residents got the chance to step back in history and take a look at the role Tejano settlers played in Hispanic heritage Monday afternoon, as the A Tejano Son of Texas Traveling Exhibit opened at the Howard College Hall Center for the Arts.

The exhibit chronicles the life of Tejano Pioneer Jose Policarpo "Polly" Rodriguez, a legendary figure in Texas history whose life saw him take the paths of a surveyor,

"It's like that old saying goes. A man or woman without a history is like a tree without roots. It dies."



Rosales

U.S. Army scout and guide, Texas Ranger, successful rancher, justice of

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Answer for Forsan blowing in the wind

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — The growth in the wind turbine industry may soon mean more money for Forsan Independent School District.

School trustees are looking favorably at signing a tax limitation agreement with Duke Energy in which the company would construct a 51-turbine wind farm in the district in return for a temporary cap on its property tax valuation.

The deal, similar to one being explored between



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Big Spring ISD and Invenergy Co., was tentatively approved during the FISD trustees' meeting Monday evening. Under the agreement, Forsan officials would agree to cap the wind farm's valuation at \$10 million for 10 years, although the company will pay full taxes on the debt service valuation. In addition, the company will agree that the tax money it saves under the agreement will be split

with the district. FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said preliminary estimates show the deal would add about \$300,000 annually to the district's coffers.

"At this point, we don't see any down side to the deal," Johnson said.

Final agreement is pending the completion of an economic impact statement, which should be completed within the next few months, Johnson added.

In other business Monday, trustees

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From left, Janell Davis, Sue Bagwell and Kay Smith admire "Ascension," a painting by Bagwell on display at Heritage Museum Saturday. The museum is hosting "Arting Around," an exhibit of work done by members of the local Caboose Watercolor Society.

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HIGH PRESSURE RESCUE

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — A fearful feline that was stuck in a tree for a week, clinging to branches several stories high, was finally blasted to safety with a high-pressure fire hose.

Volunteers with an outstretched sheet made the save as the cat — soaked and hungry but unharmed — was hosed out of the tree by firefighters Sunday night.

"Everyone was cheering," said artist and animal rescuer Greg Speirs, who was among about 50 people assembled beneath the willow tree.

The cat had previously ignored people who banged cans of cat food and climbed ladders that were just out of reach. It took two shots with the hose to do the trick.

GOD THE DEFENDANT

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The defendant in a state senator's lawsuit is accused of causing untold death and horror and threatening to cause more still. He can be sued in Douglas County, the legislator claims, because He's everywhere.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers sued God last week. Angered by another lawsuit he considers frivolous, Chambers says he's trying to make the point that anybody can file a lawsuit against anybody.

Chambers says in his lawsuit that God has made terroristic threats against the senator and his constituents, inspired fear and caused "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants."

MOORE SETS MEETING

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. will meet Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room to discuss a number of routine items, as well as welcome new board members Glenn Fillingim, Keith Ledford, M.D. and Glynna Jones Mouton.

Included in the meeting agenda are consideration of financial and investment reports for August, election of officers and committee chairs and a director's report for 2006-2007.

The board is also expected to meet in executive session and consider a resolution for outgoing board members Mike Niklasch, Raul Marquez and Richard Steel.

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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 Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting Monday 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.

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit sports briefs.

Two Howard teams honored for academics

By ERIC RODEWALD
Special to the Herald

More than just athletics is emphasized at Howard College. This was made evident when two Hawks teams — the baseball and women's basketball programs — were honored as two of the National Junior College Athletic Association Academic Teams of the Year.



Linen



Gilyard

The Howard College women's basketball team was named a NJCAA Academic Team of the Year for 2006-07 with a

cumulative team grade point average of 3.32. Howard had the fifth highest team grade point average for NJCAA Division I women's basketball teams in the nation according to the special academic issue of the NJCAA Journal.

Individually, Howard's Nicole Linen of El Paso (Andress High School) was in an elite class, being one of only 15 NJCAA Division I women's basketball players named Distinguished Academic All-American

with a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA. Linen topped the list of 26 Western Junior College Athletic Conference athletes that were honored as NJCAA Academic All-Americans as the only athlete in the conference with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

In addition, Linen received the highest academic award among students at Howard College for the 2006-07 academic year, earning the Howard College Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year. The Howard College graduate is continuing her basketball career at Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie.

Also being named as

NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans from Howard College were Kim Gilyard of El Paso, (J.M. Hanks High School) and Laryssa Hise of Aspermont. Gilyard and Hise — with cumulative GPA's of 3.85 and 3.83, respectively — were among 33 NJCAA Division I women's basketball players who were national recipients of the NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American Award which is awarded to student-athletes with a cumulative grade point average ranging from 3.80-3.99.

At Howard College, Gilyard earned WJCAC Honorable Mention All-Conference in 2005-06 as a freshman and received

the 2006-07 American Legion Citizenship Award at Howard College that is awarded each academic year to the top female student on campus. Gilyard is a junior at the University of Houston.

Howard's Carole Bapoo from Yaounde, Cameroon earned status as a NJCAA Academic All-American for her 3.62 cumulative GPA. Bapoo, now a junior, is attending and playing basketball for Houston Baptist University.

NJCAA Academic All-Americans are awarded to student-athletes with a cumulative GPA ranging from 3.60-3.79.

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Lady Steers open district play tonight



Big Spring's Callie Partee jumps to bump a serve from a Lubbock Coronado player in a volleyball match played Sept. 11 at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium. The Lady Steers open district play tonight when they host Plainview's Lady Bulldogs at approximately 7:30 p.m. at the junior high.

Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Buffaloes cross country brings home 21 medals

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald
HAMLIN — It appears that Forsan struck gold in Hamlin.

The Forsan Buffaloes' cross country teams participated in a meet last Saturday at Hamlin, claiming 21 medals and three team championships.

Coach Robert Hillger praised all his runners for their efforts and was very happy with the results.

"They all ran great and are working to improve their times every week," Hillger said. "I am very proud of our team champions this week, in particular the varsity boys. We are fighting the injury bug with those guys and with four of our top runners out, the rest of the team really stepped up to win."

In the high school boys' division, the Buffs claimed the top spot overall with Jake Rhoton placing second, Evan Burton fourth, Richard Nelson fifth place, J. P. Barber sixth, Zach Dykes eighth and Eric Ochoa 10th. Forsan's top five finishers contributed points to the team's overall score, giving them the meet's low score of 25. That's just 10 points away from a perfect score of 15.

The junior boys division was also won by the Buffaloes with Elgen Suazo, Kyle Stevenson

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Redskins thwart last minute Philadelphia drive, win 20-12

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — If Jason Campbell becomes a star in the NFL, he might pinpoint Monday night's win as the start of something great.

Showing the poise of a veteran, the third-year quarterback in his ninth pro start converted several big plays and got plenty of help from Clinton Portis, Chris Cooley and an opportunistic defense in Washington's 20-12 victory over the Eagles.

The surprising Redskins, coming off a 5-11 season, are 2-0 and tied with Dallas atop the NFC East, which Philadelphia was expected to dominate.

But the Eagles are 0-2 and their offense, other than the dynamic Brian Westbrook, has been far too spotty.

Portis and Cooley each scored touchdowns and Shaun Suisham made two field goals. Washington's defense stymied every Eagle except Westbrook,

who rushed for 96 yards and caught eight passes for another 66 yards.

Westbrook's work wasn't enough to get Philadelphia into the end zone, however, as an array of blitzes and some hard hitting by the Redskins' secondary kept Donovan McNabb off-balance much of the night.

McNabb has lost six of his last seven starts and is 9-12 since the Eagles lost the Super Bowl to New England in January 2005.

Campbell didn't have gaudy statistics, either, but he kept the Redskins on the move when it counted with sharp passes and timely third-down conversions.

After Suisham's third field goal, a 37-yarder, put Washington on top 13-6, David Akers matched it with a 26-yarder later in the third quarter.

Then Washington's mastery on third down — it went 8-for-15 — helped it to the winning score, a 6-yard run by Portis early in the

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MCT photo/Rob Kandel/Allentown Morning Call

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb (5) gets sacked by Washington Redskins linebacker Marcus Washington (53) during first half action at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia Monday. The Redskins won 20-12.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Perkins



Elizabeth Perkins, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 28, 1927, in Gonzales. She was a homemaker and a housekeeper. She lived most of her life in Big Spring and was a Baptist.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Hill of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Hester Carter; two sisters, Roxie Fanner and Rosie Wood; a brother, William "Dusty" Wood; and a grandson, Kenneth McVea.

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

Take Note

• **AN INFANT CPR PROGRAM, TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND EXPECTANT PARENTS**, will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday 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 bluebonnets, with proceeds going toward the Boyce Hale Scholarship — a \$500 scholarship presented to a Forsan High School senior. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at 264-2546 or go by Professional Pharmacy at 1000 Main St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

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Police blotter

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

- **DARIUS POWELL**, 34, of New Orleans, La., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Princeton.
 - in the 800 block of 18th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of Second Street.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1300 block of Princeton.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

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.
- **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 30, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole - driving under the influence.
- **KATHY TURNEY**, 54, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- **JAMIE LEE ATKINSON**, 39, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- **ROY LEE METCALF JR.**, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- **NATASHA R. SMITH**, 46, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the area of County Road 52 and Highway 846. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of Sgt. Paredez. Service refused.

Support Groups

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 Ministries, 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.

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TODAY

- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

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

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

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

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

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-15-27-31-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 18-19-22-30. Bonus Ball: 1.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$1,000,000
Winning ticket sold in: Odessa.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-2.

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The 2006-07 Howard Hawks women's basketball team was acknowledged as a Team of the Year for their academic success.

HOWARD

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The Howard College baseball team was named a NJCAA Team of the Year for 2006-07 with a cumulative team grade point average of 3.32. Howard had the third highest grade point average in the nation among baseball teams with Daytona Beach Community College of Florida and Mississippi Delta Community College finishing first and second

respectively with averages of 3.49 and 3.40, according to the special academic issue of the NJCAA JUCO Review. Fellow Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball team, Western Texas College was tied for fourth nationally. The highest finish among WJCAC teams was Western Texas College's softball team, finishing second in the nation with a team average of 3.58. Darton College of Georgia edged out the Westerners with a 3.59.

Other WJCAC teams honored for their academic excellence were: Western Texas College, women's basketball, 3.19; Frank Phillips College women's basketball, 3.17; and Frank Phillips College men's golf, 3.13. A total of 26 WJCAC athletes were honored as NJCAA Academic All-Americans. Only sophomores are eligible to receive Academic All-American status and each student-athletes' grade point average is cumulative.

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and Ty Johnson finishing in the top three spots respectively. Dillon Bagnall placed eighth and Bryson Willis took 10th, giving them a team score of 24. In the girls divisions, the Forsan junior varsity squad took the team championship with Caitlin McCain placing first overall and Kay'C Stanley taking third place. Coming in fifth was Kevy O'Brien while Shelby Clark finished in

sixth place. Chelsie Clay took first place in the 7th-grade girls division with Madison Churchwell finishing eighth. In 8th-grade girls running, Lindsey Heckler and Stevie Wilson came in fourth and sixth respectively. "This is the first time this year that someone came home with a gold medal for winning their division," said Hillger. "Coming home with three first place finishes Saturday was outstanding."

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fourth period. Campbell calmly found Cooley for 9 yards on third-and-8, and hit Todd Yoder, Cooley's backup, for 18 on third-and-10. Philly lost safety Brian Dawkins, its defensive leader, with a neck injury on the play that moved the ball to the Philadelphia 6. Portis wound up with 69 yards rushing and Campbell added 39 to go with his 209 passing. As did Washington's

hard-hitting defense, led by safeties Sean Taylor and rookie LaRon Landry, and a pass rush that got to McNabb three times and pressured him all game. The Eagles lost their opener at Green Bay in great part because Greg Lewis and J. R. Reed fumbled attempting to field punts. That cost Philadelphia 10 points and prompted the Eagles to bring back Reno Mahe, their regular punt returner in recent years. He had no trouble catching the ball Monday night. Suisham's 35-yard field goal as the first period

ended gave Washington the lead, but the Eagles came back for two field goals by Akers, from 24 and 39 yards. Westbrook set up the first by gaining 42 yards on two runs, and William James' interception at the Washington 39 led to the other kick. Other than Westbrook, Philly's offense was pretty much a washout, and that gave the Redskins a chance to grab a halftime lead. Campbell led a 73-yard drive in the final 1:43, highlighted by his 17-yard run to the Eagles 18. Following a strange sequence that began at

the 1 — the Redskins spiked the ball on first down, yet wound up with a delay of game on the next play, then consecutive motion penalties on guard Jason Fabini — Campbell floated a perfect pass to Cooley in the left corner of the end zone with 9 seconds left for a 10-6 lead. Though he finished 28-for-46 for 240 yards, some of McNabb's misguided passes weren't close to the target. McNabb, who missed the final six games of last season with a knee injury, looked rusty and uncomfortable at times.

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News in brief

Ex-boyfriend charged in strangling of North Texas student

DENTON (AP) — A man has been charged with murder for allegedly choking to death his ex-girlfriend, a 21-year-old senior at the University of North Texas, police said.

Sean Kresse, 24, was being held Tuesday in the Denton County jail with bond set at \$200,000, a jail official said.

Authorities found the body of Lorena "Lori" Sandoval in her Denton apartment Friday night after responding to a 911 call from Kresse's mother. Police said Kresse had called his mother in Fort Worth for help, and she attempted CPR on Sandoval before calling police.

Police said they were still investigating the circumstances of Sandoval's death.

Sandoval, who grew up in El Paso, was a business entrepreneur major and would have graduated in May, said her friend Eva Martinez.

Judge rejects Baptist seminary's motion to dismiss lawsuit

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a lawsuit against Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and its president can go forward.

The seminary had filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, filed by former professor Sheri Klouda, who alleges she lost her tenure-track position because she is a woman. Gary Richardson, Klouda's lawyer, said the seminary's lawyers tried a number of arguments, including separation of church and state, in an attempt to get the lawsuit thrown out.

"I don't think they left anything out in their efforts to try to get the case dismissed," Richardson told *The Dallas Morning News* in a story published online Monday.

Officials at the seminary declined to comment.

Emergency room doctors resigning from Harlingen hospital

HARLINGEN (AP) — Sixteen emergency room doctors have announced plans to leave a South Texas hospital over concerns that the hospital's performance measures are jeopardizing their incomes and patient care.

The doctors, operating as a partnership called Valley Emergency Physicians LLP, notified Valley Baptist Medical Center-Harlingen this month of their intent to resign in December.

"We just couldn't come to terms (with hospital administrators) on what we wanted," said Dr. Michael Mohun, Valley Baptist's chief of emergency medicine. "We had an incredible group of doctors, and it truly is unfortunate."

The physicians group worked for 15 years at the hospital, which is the advanced trauma center for Cameron and Willacy counties. The hospital said it intends to find doctors who share its vision for patient care.

Goldman family seeks items at center of dispute that led to Simpson arrest, lawyer says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If the Goldman family has its way, it may soon own the sports memorabilia that O.J. Simpson is accused of committing armed robbery to recover for himself.

Since winning a multimillion-dollar settlement against Simpson in Ron Goldman's death, the family has waged a decade-long campaign to track down and claim Simpson's assets.

That effort hasn't stopped with the NFL star's arrest following a confrontation with memorabilia collectors in a Las Vegas hotel room. On Tuesday, the family plans to file request in Superior Court to obtain ownership of the sports memorabilia seized.

David Cook, an attorney for Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, said he believed Nevada authorities would turn over the items with a court order after Simpson's criminal case finishes. The items include Simpson's Hall of Fame certificate, a gold Rolex watch and

the suit Simpson wore on the day he was acquitted, Cook said.

"Assuming that this case is resolved one way or another, at the end of the case, the stuff will never go back to Mr. Simpson," Cook vowed. "He's going to walk out of Clark County empty-handed."

U.S. airstrike kills a Taliban commander behind kidnappings

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. airstrikes targeting a meeting of Taliban leaders killed a high-ranking commander involved in the kidnappings of 23 South Koreans two months ago, Afghan officials said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, NATO reported that another of its soldiers had died in an explosion in Afghanistan, where violence has soared this year amid a Taliban-led insurgency.

Mullah Abdullah Jan, the Taliban commander of Qara Bagh district in Ghazni province, was among 12 killed in the strike on a mud-brick housing compound overnight in neighboring Giro district, said Ghazni provincial police chief Gen. Ali Shah Ahmadzai.

The U.S.-led coalition said "several" suspected militants were killed and four detained during an operation in Giro that included gunfire and airstrikes, but it could not immediately confirm that Jan was killed.

Jan was the fifth Taliban commander allegedly involved in the abductions who has been reported killed in recent days, and believed to be the highest-ranking one eliminated so far.

China, Russia spying on U.S. at nearly Cold War-levels, chief says

WASHINGTON (AP) — China and Russia are spying on the United States nearly as much as they did during the Cold War, according to the top U.S. intelligence official.

Mike McConnell, the director of national intelligence, says in testimony prepared for a Tuesday congressional hearing that a law passed last month expanding the U.S. government's eavesdropping power is needed to protect not just against terrorists but also against more traditional potential adversaries, such as those two Cold War foes.

"China and Russia's foreign intelligence services are among the most aggressive in collecting against sensitive and protected U.S. systems, facilities and development projects, and their efforts are approaching Cold War levels," McConnell says in his testimony. "Foreign intelligence information concerning the plans, activities and intentions of foreign powers and their agents is critical to protect the nation and preserve our security."

The new law will also enable the intelligence agencies to identify "sleeping cells" of terrorists in the United States, according to McConnell's statement to the House Judiciary Committee.

Federal Reserve expected to cut a key interest rate to deal with recession risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — A serious bout of financial market instability has dramatically changed the debate at the Federal Reserve from worries about inflation to concerns about the possibility of a recession.

The Fed is widely expected to cut its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, on Tuesday for the first time in four years.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, facing his first major test since taking over from Alan Greenspan in early 2006, has been sending signals that he is prepared "to act as needed" to cushion the impact on the economy from the market turmoil.

A change in the funds rate, now at 5.25 percent, is reflected immediately in banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans. The prime rate is currently at 8.25 percent.

VICTIM

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Walker. "The crew was at the drilling rig and they were pulling some pipe out when one of the hands (Igelhart) got his

arm caught in the cat line, which is a large cable or chain. The cat line pulled him into what is basically a large pulley, which crushed the man to death."

Walker said the accident occurred at approxi-

mately 10 a.m.

"Igelhart was killed instantly," said Walker. "It was a really bad accident. They had to bring in a new crew, which took several hours, to get the victim out of the cat line. It's a really bad accident."

EXHIBIT

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the peace and Methodist minister.

"We are just ecstatic at Howard College to be hosting Rudi Rodriguez and the exhibit he developed from his research. It also kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month and the celebration here at Howard," said Javier Flores, dean of students at the junior college. "And it provides us with some information we didn't realize was there. Rudi and his group have actually started a Tejano History Month in September. So we're just delighted to have him, and we hope our students and community members come out and enjoy this, and we're very, very happy to have him at the beautiful Hall Center."

The opening of the exhibit attracted attention from League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), as the organization's national president Rosa Rosales attended the celebration.

Rosales said educating the Hispanic community on its Tejano roots is vital to the survival of the culture.

"It's very, very, very important," Rosales said firmly. "It's like that old saying goes. A man or woman without a history is like a tree without roots. It dies. Your history, your legacy is so important for the young Latino children to know about the rich history of Tejano here in the state of Texas."

"We're always working in the larger cities," she added. "So it's always important to give attention to the LULACers and the Latino community, especially during the celebration of Latino heritage

this month, in the smaller cities."

Among those in attendance was Big Spring City Council member Manuel Ramirez Jr., who said the potential for an exhibit like Rodriguez's is impressive.

"The potential impact for an exhibit like this is phenomenal," said Ramirez. "There are a lot of Tejanos living here in Big Spring, and they need to take pride in their heritage. I really hope people in the community show up here at the college to see the exhibit. It's very educational."

Ramirez said it's important for Hispanics to be in touch with their history and culture.

"An exhibit is one thing, but the people are something else," said Ramirez. "The latest statistics show that by 2010 the Hispanic community is going to be the majority. So I hope they will show what they need and show what they want, and exhibit pride. Show your pride in the community, here in Big Spring, first and foremost. Second, be proud of your Hispanic heritage. That you will take to your grave."

Debbie ValVerde, director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said she plans to purchase a copy of Rodriguez's book, based on the life of "Polly" Rodriguez, and hone-up on her Tejano heritage.

"It educates all of us, including the Hispanic people," said ValVerde. "Some of us are not aware of our past history, and this just brings it to the forefront for us to learn, and I'm really happy to see it come to Big Spring. I plan to buy a copy of the book and learn more about my heritage, and that's what it's all about."

Rodriguez said plenty of time and effort went into

researching the project.

"It took about 3,000 hours, 15,000 miles and plenty of research in the Texas archival centers, such as the general land offices, state library and other archives," said Rodriguez. "We did research in Mexico, half-a-dozen county courthouses — Bandera, Medina, you name it. The research part was quite intense, and that's where the hours and the travel come in."

"From conception to end, the exhibit took about six months to complete. There was a lot of editing, and we had to try to decide which photos and documents to use. We're very pleased with the results and it's been traveling now for almost four years. It's been in the state capital. We were very honored to have our exhibit displayed there, and it's made quite a voyage since."

In the end, however, Rodriguez said the payoff comes when his research translates into higher learning for members of the community.

"It's really hard to put it into words," said Rodriguez. "For us, it's really been our primary goal, to bring awareness and education and elevate the Tejano experience. So many people say, 'Gosh, I didn't know there were Tejano Texas Rangers.' Whether it's a little fourth grade student or a senior saying, 'Wow, I'm glad that you did this,' it's really moving for us."

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Joyce Davis, 75, died Sunday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Elizabeth Perkins, 81, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Terry Landers, 50, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Brent Henry, 28, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

FISD

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approved a bid from Rayco Construction to build a concession stand for the school's athletic complex.

The project is estimated to cost the district \$150,000, a considerable savings from the previous low bid of \$300,000, Johnson said.

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OUR VIEWS

Memory Walk needs our all; money, effort

One step at a time. That's the way the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is doing its part in the fight against Alzheimer's, as it makes final preparations for the annual Memory Walk on Saturday.

The vast majority of the money raised by the annual event, which includes both a 1-mile walk and a 2-mile jaunt, stays where its needed most — right here at home.

"The money we raise each year stays right here in Howard County," explained Nancy Jones, coordinator of the event for the Alzheimer's Association and a director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. "It goes to help the families that are dealing with the disease and offers them the education and group services they need. It funds the different services the Alzheimer's Association provides. A percentage of the money is also used to help fund research on the disease."

That percentage is important, because recent progress in research on Alzheimer's shows just how much can be accomplished with the money raised.

There are a lot of new drugs out that are used to treat the Alzheimer's, including different drugs for the different phases of the disease. Plus, researchers have also been able to identify some of the genetics that factor in the disease, which also promises new avenues for treatment.

Those who want to participate in the Memory Walk can sign up until the very last moment.

A year ago only about 250 people took part in the walk and Jones admits that was somewhat disappointing for organizers. They would like to see the number of participants back to about 400 — the level it attained the year before — which would go a long way toward reaching the group's goal of raising \$22,000.

Registration is set for 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. The walk gets under way at 9 a.m.

And don't worry if you feel you can't walk an entire mile or two. While many will be walking the main courses, Jones said that doesn't mean anyone has to walk any particular distance.

More importantly, you can offer a financial pledge to someone already registered to walk.

Remember, it's all for a good cause. We should give it our complete support.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We have what it takes, Lord, when we have You.

Amen

Sympathy scarce for Craig, Gonzo

I've been meaning to feel sorry for poor Larry Craig, the gay-bashing Idaho senator turned gay-bashee, but I haven't had the energy.

Every available ounce of compassion lately has been occupied feeling sorry for Alberto Gonzales, our Attorney General turned Attorney Second-Lieutenant, and I'm a quart low on sympathy right now.

Poor, poor Alberto whose life story reads like something out of an old daytime radio soap opera.

Remember "Our Gal Sunday?" It asked the timeless question: "Can a poor orphan girl from a little mining town in Colorado find happiness married to a wealthy and titled Englishman?" (As it turned out, she could, but only with great difficulty.)

Well, Gonzales' life story is a lot like that, except he is the son of a migrant worker and his wealthy English lord was a wealthy American from a family of political Brahmins.

Did he find happiness? I'll let you be the judge. Despite:

- Giving the president legal excuses for subverting the Constitution of the United States...
- Larding the Justice Department with lawyers whose main qualifications were political and religious...
- Attempting to use the Justice Department to influence elections...
- Lying to Congress on a scale

not seen since Richard Nixon's Attorney General John Mitchell went to the slammer for trying to cover the sins of his employer...

In short, despite his resume as a practically perfect political flunky with no regard for the solemn obligations of his office, he was left at last naked to his enemies and he left office in disgrace with his boss's hollow words of praise ringing in his ear.

That is a cruel fate, even for a soap opera star.

To be fair, the word is that he was not forced from office by Mr. Bush but rather by the Republican political establishment that viewed his continued public presence as yet another stone around their candidates' already stone-laden necks in the 2008 elections.

In accepting his resignation, President Bush said: "It's sad that we live in a time when a talented and honorable person like Alberto Gonzales is impeded from doing important work because his good name was dragged through the mud for political reasons."

Funny, that's what the U.S. attorneys said when Gonzales fired them for not following political orders.

Moral: When you live by political expediency, you die by political expediency.

The case of Sen. Larry Craig was similar in that he was advised to resign by a terrified Republican establishment, but also very different. Craig was accused of making a coded homosexual overture to an undercover police officer in a public restroom. After his arrest, he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in order to make the whole thing go away. Bottom line: It didn't go

away. Despite his denials of being gay or having done anything untoward, his Republican buddies — the very same ones who had cheered him on for his sponsorship of anti-gay legislation — turned on him in a blink. He was stripped of his committee assignments and told he wasn't welcome anymore. (Perhaps his colleagues were fearful that people might think — Horrors! — that it's possible to be Republican and gay.)

Mitt Romney — who is either against being gay or all right with it, depending on the office he's running for — had recruited Craig to his presidential campaign but now thinks he's "disgusting." A real standup guy, that Romney.

Craig said he would resign, then had second thoughts and no wonder. Never before had an important senator fallen so far, so fast for so little reason. His offense, according to police records, consisted of tapping his foot (possibly a homosexual signal, possibly not) and brushing against a police officer's hand.

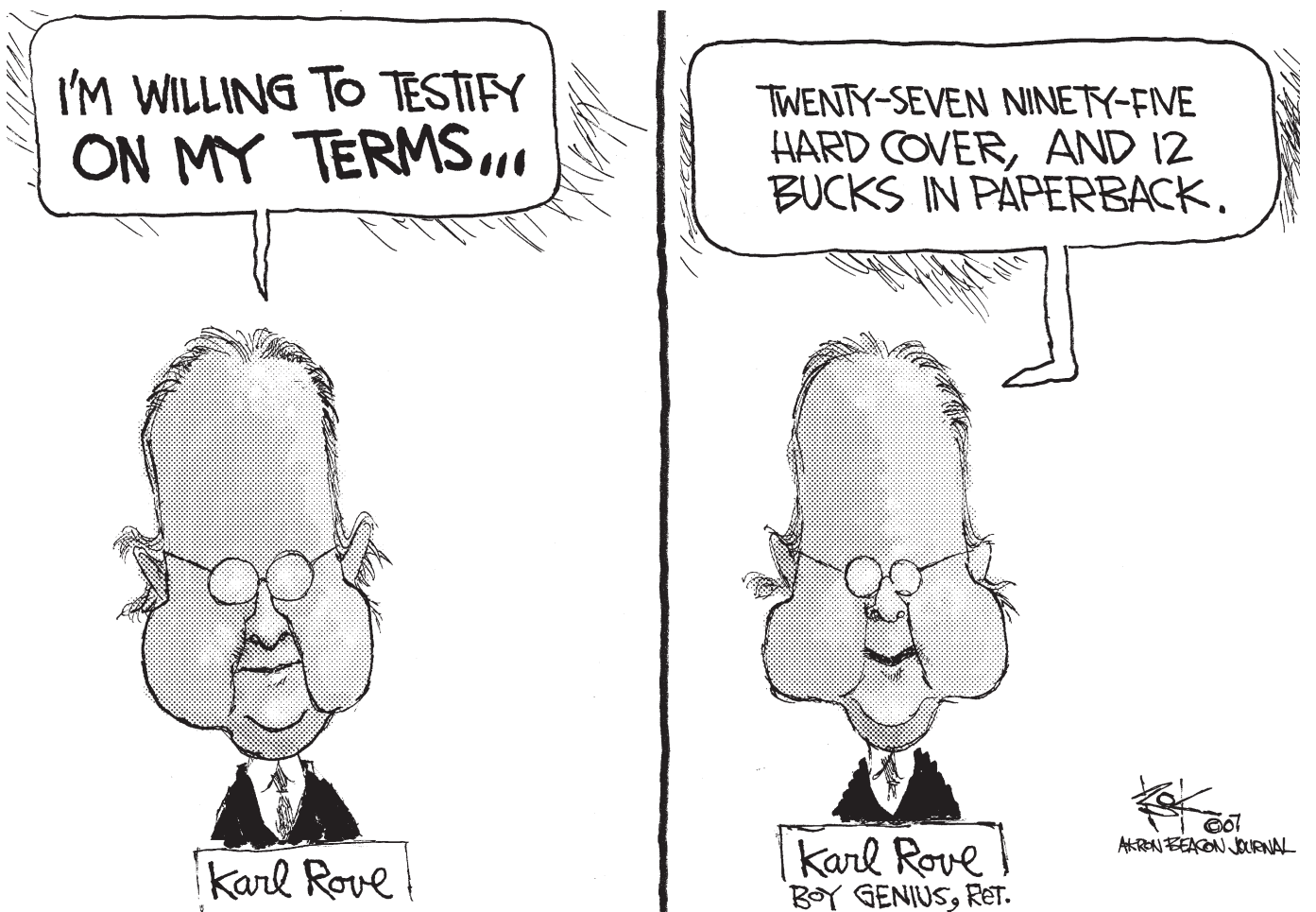
They had better evidence than that when they convicted the Salem witches.

I don't like Larry Craig and I certainly wouldn't vote for him, but the case against him is tenuous at best. On the other hand, when you live by gay-bashing, you die by gay-bashing. It's only fair.

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Court's wrong turn on equality

The July 28 Supreme Court decision to strike down voluntary school integration plans in Louisville and Seattle, will erode gains in racial equality won through landmark court cases and the struggle by Americans of all races in the Civil Rights Movement. The action by the conservative five-justice majority assaults both the spirit and intent of the Warren Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education desegregation ruling, which had a domino effect of undoing legally sanctioned racial apartheid in all aspects of American life.



MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Although lower courts had upheld both Louisville's and Seattle's voluntary plans, which achieved diversity using race as one of the criteria for school placement, the High Court ruled both plans unconstitutional. Chief Justice John Roberts, joined by Justices Scalia, Thomas and Alito, said boards of education cannot take the race of an individual student into account to help foster racial integration of schools. Writing for the majority, Roberts stated, "To achieve a system of determining admission to public schools on a nonracial basis is to stop assigning students on a racial basis." The practical implication of Robert's reasoning is that if Americans were only "colorblind"

in implementing social, economic and political policies, the problem of racial bias would go away. This is naive at best. As a society, we are not at the point where we can rely on individuals to make color-blind decisions on a range of matters.

Justice Stephen Breyer was right in his dissent to call this ruling a radical step away from settled law. Writing on behalf of himself and Justices Stevens, Souter and Ginsburg, Justice Breyer asserted that race-conscious considerations can be valuable tools in "eradicating earlier school segregation, bringing about integration or preventing retrogression."

The Court's ruling will now throw many school districts and local communities into confusion, stripping many of the tools used for decades to implement voluntary antidiscrimination measures. It also will open the door to re-litigation of other established integration plans.

The legacy of 250 years of slavery and a century of segregation laws are still with us. We simply have not come far enough that we can dispense with any remedies to end discrimination.

In America, where nearly all of us are descended from people who came to these shores from other lands, many in desperation and many in chains, laws that protect minorities are as vital as our founding principles, however poorly honored in practice.

Racial, ethnic and cultural diversity are essential elements of our

national character as is the equal protection of the law guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment — a more solid bedrock of America's quest for justice for all. The idea that we no longer have to take affirmative measures to preserve civil rights is no more valid than the idea that we no longer have to take strong measures to uphold the First Amendment or any of our liberties.

There have been numerous challenges to our rights of free speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of the press over the last 200 years. Just as those fundamental, charter freedoms require preservation, so do the protections of racial equality arising from the 14th Amendment, the Brown decision and the Civil Rights Acts.

I am appalled that Chief Justice Roberts suggested his ruling was faithful to the heritage of Brown.

Roberts got it wrong. Brown was crafted to eliminate racial separation. The Roberts court overturned school integration plans that sought to achieve racial diversity in the classroom.

It is my hope that those who now sit on the Supreme Court will commit themselves to advancing justice and building bridges between those of different racial and income groups — not burning those bridges.

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Bird Poop:**Hummingbirds receive warm respite from 'blue norther'**

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When removing feeders for the season, it is more important to consider the welfare of the hummingbirds, such as this female black-chinned, than our pleasure in having them entertain us.

Before the first day of autumn, the forecast promised a change in the weather. Expecting the typical gusty winds, dust and sweater weather, everyone looked forward to fall. With 90-degree temperatures, the bright, sunny day gave no indication of what was to come.



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Toward evening, dark, threatening bluish-gray clouds stretched across the horizon. After dark, with winds punishing the trees and howling around doors, the forecast changed.

The "blue norther" was much more than the weatherman had promised. The temperature was 29 degrees by midnight. At 8 the next morning, the reading remained the same.

Having planted cactus

and desert foliage in March and April, we grew concerned about the continued cold. Able to cover the smaller plants, we could only hope the large scrubs and trees were established enough to weather this early wintry assault.

By evening, the temperature had never risen above freezing. Another extremely cold night was due. While having breakfast the next morning, the phone rang. A janitor for an elementary school had found a hummingbird. Alive, but unresponsive, the bird was being kept in the office until we could arrive.

One glance inside the box made us grateful for nature's ability to save its own. Having been cold long enough, the black-chinned hummingbird had become torpid. This means of hibernation created lower respiration and circulation rates, and spared the hummer a loss of vital body fat. Once offered a constant, warmer envi-

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Parent's Corner:**Remember to tell those 'special' people how you feel**

One day Mrs. Hill, an elementary teacher, asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down.



DARRELL
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It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers. That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper and listed what everyone had said about that individual. On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. "Really?" she heard whisper. "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" and, "I didn't know others liked me so much," were most of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter; the exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another.

Several years later one of the students was killed in Vietnam and Mrs. Hill attended the funeral of her former student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by

one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. Mrs. Hill was the last one to bless the coffin.

As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her.

"Weren't you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. She nodded: "Yes." Then he said, "Mark talked about you a lot. You really touched his life."

Most of Mark's former classmates attended the funeral. Mark's mother and father waited to speak with his teacher.

"We want to show you something," his father

said, taking a wallet out of his pocket "They found this in Mark's possession when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it."

Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. Mrs. Hill recognized the papers as the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

"Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it." All of Mark's former

classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home."

Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album."

"I have mine too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary"

Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me at all times," Vicki said.

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bedtime story

Tomorrow's Horoscope

We can do almost anything with our minds. Dream, go back and forth in time, enjoy altered states, even have conversations with people we've never met! As Neptune cracks open the planet of consciousness, Mercury, a little wider, our imaginations spark ideas about what we have the power to influence and create in our world.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ah, progress! Finally, you're beginning to see it. And it's so much easier than it once was for you. Maybe it's because your purpose is more pure now — you're not doing it for "them" but for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Caution! Warning! Your mood is dangerously close to becoming way too

serious. Try to see what's laugh-out-loud ridiculous about your situation. Actually, it won't be hard to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're used to keeping an enormous amount of information in your brain, but enough is enough. Time to download it in a journal or organize it onto cards — whatever it takes to make room for the new.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your success depends on preparation. You apply great amounts of self-discipline while getting ready for show time so that when you perform, you'll be free as a bird.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're the leader today. Not officially, but you are driving the action with that subtle, genial way you have of taking charge. Tonight is relaxing, especially if you're around a Libra.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not what you say or how you say it but when you say it that

matters. Timely words can mend a relationship. In financial matters, time is on your side as well. Tune in to that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are being hounded for payment — this could be monetary or a favor that may cost you some time. Either way, it is time to stop avoiding the situation. Take care of the debt ASAP so you can get on with life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In order to improve your talent, you must surrender the need to come across well. You can't control how you are observed, but you can decide that it doesn't matter to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're tough when you have to be — and you "will" have to be — and merciful when it counts. You could be promoted because you do the work that's called for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The longest trip you've ever taken was nothing compared to the

journey you're about to take. Expect false starts and practice runs. All of it is helping you get ready.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't help but be introspective. The more profound quandaries of life take hold — like being all grown up and still wondering what you're supposed to be like when you're grown up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Time is supposed to keep everything from happening at once. Today, it doesn't seem to be doing its job. But no matter. In the resulting excitement, you could get a hundred things done before noon.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: I was born May 28, 1965, and my boyfriend was born Nov. 1, 1968. I know our horoscopes are not necessarily compatible, but I love him despite his jealousy issues, and he loves me despite my inability to understand them. Do you see us

being able to overcome those issues, or will they drive us nuts forever? I want very much for us to be able to work this out, and so does he.

Jealousy is as natural to Scorpio as blue is to the sky. You wonder why. Every scorpion feels life so deeply — life's passions and inevitable betrayals. In the emotional life of a scorpion, this soap opera happens so fast and furiously, you're probably only seeing the half of it. Can you handle the intensity? Life with Scorpio is thrilling and exhausting, satisfying your Gemini sun's need for constant stimulation without becoming too wrapped up in the drama yourself. But your detachedness can be a liability. You need to reassure your scorpion that you honor his loyal, dark heart by neither blowing off his strong emotions nor playing on them by, say, flirting with someone else. Take his feelings seriously.

Then you'll earn his trust.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: When he described himself as a "260-pound Woody Allen," Virgo actor James Gandolfini identified his Virgo sun's self-questioning and obsessive tendencies. With his Venus in Leo, Tony Soprano bared a heart riddled by complex emotions to America. Indeed, Tony's soul-searching became a national pastime. This year, James lends his thug charm to new compelling characters.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Five years ago, my husband was in an accident. He was seriously hurt and since then has become addicted to prescription painkillers. When the refills run out, he gets so sick he can't get out of bed. He sleeps all day and can't work until he gets his meds. He has a temporary job right now, but has called in sick so many times, I'm sure they will fire him.

I am so tired of being the one who keeps this family going. I can't count on him making much money, but when he does, he thinks it's his money to spend on his own personal things. He doesn't believe he should have to pay any bills. Also, there is a problem in the sex department. His meds make it impossible. He's like a roommate who keeps us in debt with doctor bills.

I have tried to leave him, but I feel guilty because I know no one else will take care of him. His family disowned him because of past problems, and if I leave, I know he will kill himself. He has told me he would and I believe him. What should I do? I can't live like this anymore. My son and I both deserve better. — Hopeless

Dear Hopeless: This

must be terribly difficult and frustrating for you. First, you or your husband should speak to his doctor about his possible addiction and his suicide threats.

His symptoms without the meds could be due to withdrawal, or it could be that he is in such severe pain that there should not be a gap between refills. He also may be depressed. His doctor should be able to refer him to a pain management program that includes physical therapy and treatment for depression. Ask what exercise he can do — this can help lift his mood as well as help his pain. You also can contact the American Pain Society (ampainsoc.org), 4700 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60025 or the American Pain Foundation (painfoundation.org) at 1-888-615-PAIN (1-888-615-7246).

Dear Annie: My husband's elderly mother



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

just called us. She has been sending his teenage children for birthdays and holidays. For the past three years, since my husband's divorce, the kids brought these checks to their mom's house, saying they had accounts there. Evidently my mother-in-law is in no financial position to replace the checks (over \$300) at this time. We agreed that my husband will buy something for the kids "from Grandma," and any money sent in the future will not travel to the ex-wife's house.

My question: How do we teach the kids that what their mother did was not good manners without trash-talking her? We don't want the kids to think this sort of behavior is OK. — Appalled in Atlanta

Dear Appalled: Leave

Mom out of it. The kids should have cashed those checks, should have written thank-you notes to Grandma and should have apologized for being irresponsible with the money. Let them know "their" behavior was not OK.

Dear Annie: I spent five years going to marriage counseling, trying to make things work with a woman who had cheated on me and virtually abandoned our daughter. I grit my teeth every time you tell readers, "Seek marriage counseling." I wish someone had advised me early on, "Get out of the marriage, she isn't worth it." I eventually did. — Happily Remarried in Vermont

Dear Vermont: Counselors aren't omniscient, and counseling is not intended to save your marriage or end it. It is supposed to help you work through problems and reach conclusions. It apparently took you five years to determine that she wasn't "worth it," but at least you have the satisfaction of knowing you gave it your best shot, and, especially when there are children involved, this can provide peace of mind.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell

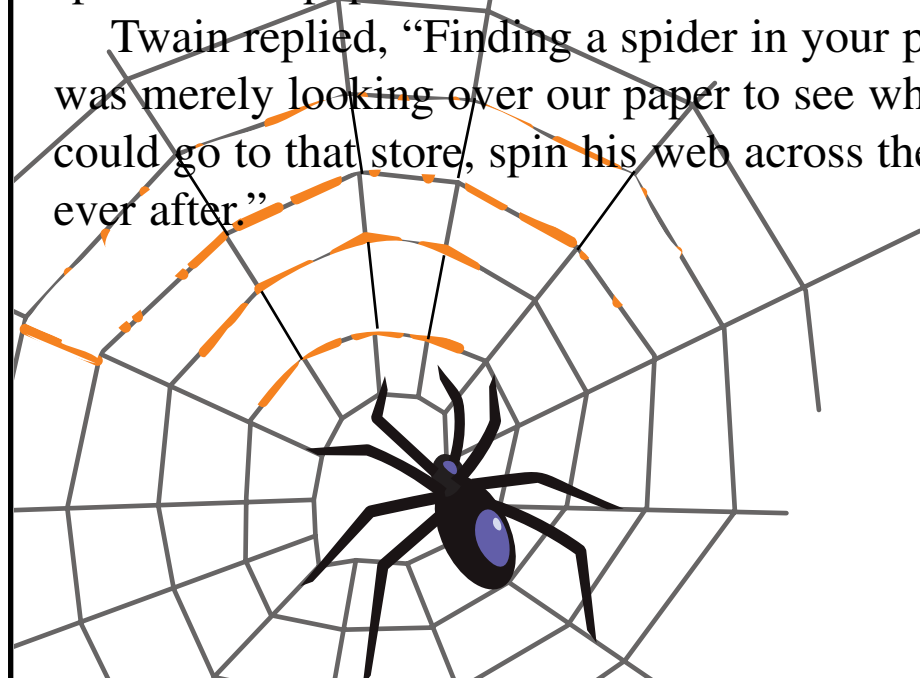
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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Laura on Life:

Lone daughter of five children provides sanity

Out of five children, I only have one girl. She is the reason that I'm not stark raving mad. Of all the humanoids living with me, she's the only one who doesn't act like an animal.



LAURA SNYDER

While her brothers are busy laughing about some joke that had something to do with a bodily

function, my daughter is trying to dress my cat in a tutu. She says that the cat is a girl too, and she should dress like one.

Her brothers find great pleasure in trapping insects and throwing them into spider webs. My daughter brings creepy crawlies into the house and make a bed for them out of her Polly Pocket furniture. She says that she doesn't want them to get too cold outside.

While her brother practices his drum, pounding away at his practice pad like a demented cave-man, my daughter sits at

her keyboard and tries to produce a song that fairies can dance to. She says it has to be soft and beautiful so the fairies won't be afraid.

The boys think it's cool to wear jeans and tee shirts that say something like "Pull My Finger!" My daughter has nothing but pastels and sparkling things in her drawers. Her favorite shirt has two little girls holding hands, and embroidered above them are the words "Best Friends." She says that those two little girls are her and a friend she hasn't seen in over a year.

When the boys play, it always involves some form of chaos: An earthquake, a tsunami, a war, an alien invasion. My daughter will be in her bedroom "feeding" her baby dolls. She'll eventually tell the boys to be quiet because the "baby" needs to take a nap.

The boys ignore her, of course. The only person in the house that realizes the importance of her "baby" needing a nap is me. So I come to her rescue and allow her to use my bedroom for her baby's nap.

Somehow she recognizes that even her daddy

wouldn't understand because, after all, he is a male, too. He's simply a taller one. So, if he came in the room where the "baby" was sleeping, she'd wave him away with a finger to her lips.

This little lady has to contend with the boys forgetting to lift the lid or flush the toilet. She has to deal with the repetitive noises that flow constantly from her brother's lips and the condescending tone they

use with her as if she's the stupid one.

No matter how many times her brothers burp in her face, spit watermelon seeds in her hair, use her ribbons for fishing lures, or put their rusty bottle cap collection in her new purse, she seems to take it in stride. Of course, if they get too bad, she has a pretty spectacular left hook, too. I never said

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ronment, the bird would revive and be able to continue its southerly migration.

With lunch came a distraught message from the opposite part of town.

Concerned about her hummingbirds, a homeowner had found a black-chinned as she refilled her feeder. Soon, it joined our first guest.

Mid-afternoon produced yet another report and delivered was a black-chinned found inside a garage.

Each of our threesome was going to be surprised when it awoke and found it had company.

By late afternoon, the temperature had finally crept toward 38 degrees. We could not help but think of all the other dormant hummers that hopefully were sheltered until the Canadian front traveled further south.

The warmth of a sunny day would awaken them gradually.

When the media called

about this cold snap and feeders, we stressed that Oct. 1 is an easy date to remember for bringing in the sugar water.

Nature has its own encouragement to migrate for these tiny masters of the air. Plants such as trumpet vine, honeysuckle and red yucca stop blooming. With their natural providers of nectar no longer available, the birds recognize that small insects are also on the decline.

Even though we had experienced a straggler during the first week in November one year, we knew if it found poor accommodations, it would continue its journey.

The next morning the blustery weather was ushered out of our area and temperatures rose rapidly.

Our trio exercised and indicated they were looking forward to their freedom.

With nature beckoning, the frisky hummers, without a pause, disappeared in rapid flight

toward a warmer climate. Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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Contract Bridge article by Steve Becker. Title: 'Contract Bridge First Things First'. Includes bidding information and a small table for bidding results.

RYAN

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Without batting an eyelash, she continued: "I think we all saved our lists."

Upon hearing these words Mrs. Hill's eyes filled with tears.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day and we don't know when that one day will be.

We should always remember to tell the people we love and care for that they are special and important, even though we may never realize the impact that those words will make.

One thing we may know is that each time we bring a light into another person's life we brighten our own.

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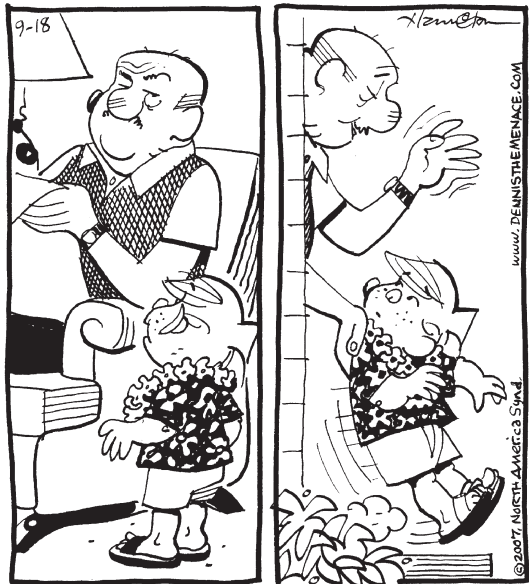
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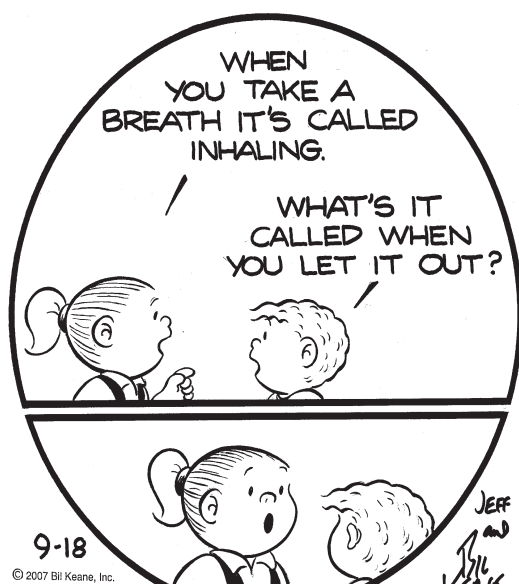
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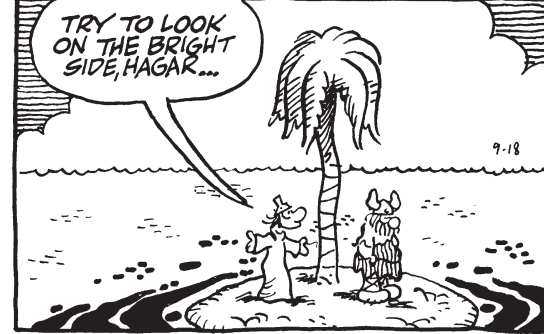
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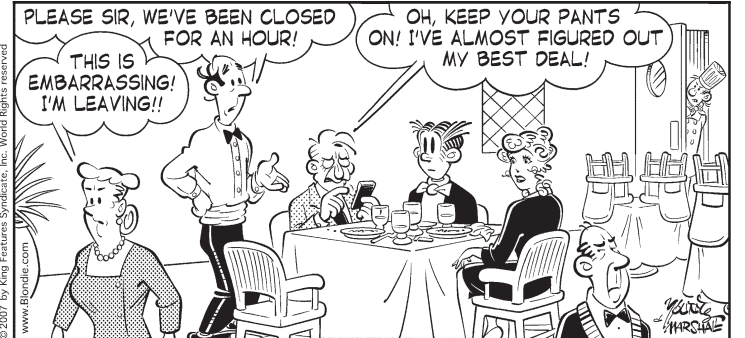
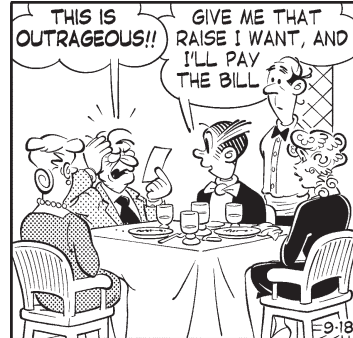
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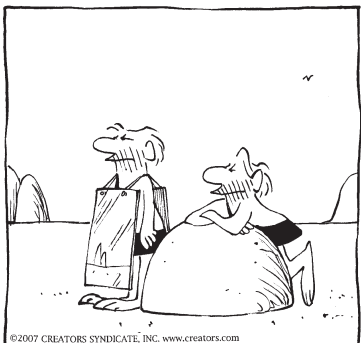
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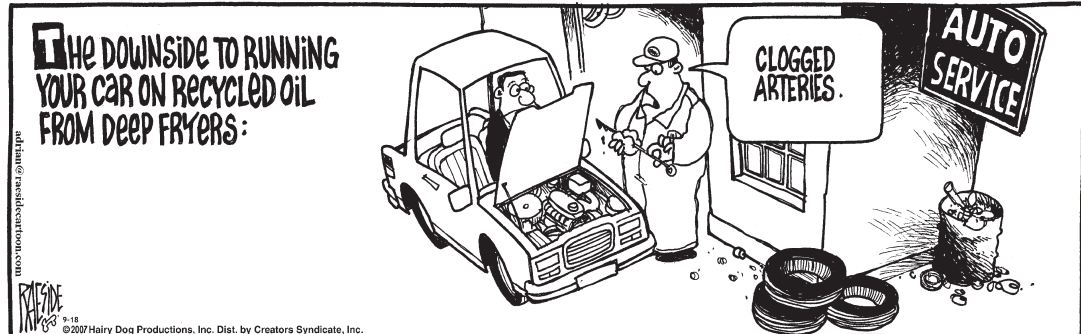
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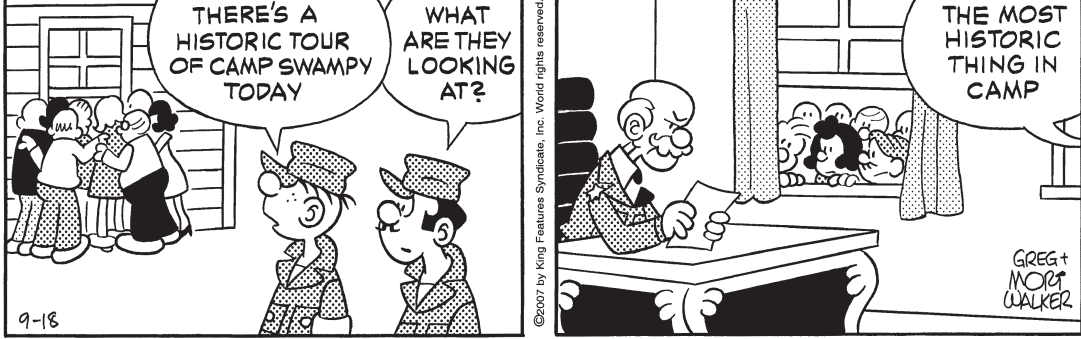
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2007. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 18, 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

On this date:

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1810, Chile made its initial declaration of independence from Spain.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which created a force of federal commissioners charged with returning escaped slaves to their owners.

In 1851, the first edition of The New York Times was published.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its on-air debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

In 1947, the National

Security Act, which created a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

One year ago: An Iranian-American telecommunications entrepreneur, Anousheh Ansari, took off on a Russian rocket bound for the international space station, becoming the world's first paying female space tourist.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 74. Actor Robert Blake is 74. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 74. Actor Fred Willard is 68. Singer Frankie Avalon is 67. Rock musician Kerry Livgren is 58. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 57. Movie

director Mark Romanek is 48. Actor James Gandolfini is 46. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 45. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ricky Bell (Bell Biv DeVoe and New Edition) is 37. Actress Aisha Tyler is 40. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith is 36. Actor James Marsden is 34. Rapper Xzibit is 33. Actress Alison Lohman is 28. Actors Brandon and Taylor Porter are 14. Actor C.J. Sanders ("Ray") is 11.

Thought for Today: "If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow." — Chinese proverb.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 1 Post-office purchase | 56 Wrestling hold | 9 Thanksgiving entrees |
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| 20 One of a Capitol Hill 100: Abbr. | | 25 Take a stroll |
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Clarissa Flores, left, and other Howard College cheerleaders lead a group of young girls who participated in a "mini camp" earlier in the day through a dance routine during the Battle of the Cheerleaders Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



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Colter Morgan was named Coahoma High School 2007 Football Hero and Kay Sea Spiller was selected Football Sweetheart at halftime of the Bulldog's game Friday night.

Cancer society pushes reforms to help patients

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ATLANTA — The American Cancer Society this week will take its biggest step ever into the politics of health care reform, spending \$15 million in advertising on behalf of Americans with too little health insurance or none at all.

The cancer society — the nation's richest health charity, in both donations and volunteers — traditionally focuses its advertising on encouraging Americans to quit smoking or get a screening test.

But this year's campaign will feature television commercials that portray the challenges of uninsured and underinsured cancer patients, accompanied by a call for people to do something about it.

The change comes after cancer society officials concluded that insurance-related problems have emerged as one of the one of the largest obstacles in their goal to cut cancer death rates by 50 percent and incidence rates by 25 percent from 1990 to 2015.

"We're not going to meet our goals if the health care system remains unfixed," said John Seffrin, the cancer society's chief executive.

Starting Monday, three commercials on network and cable channels will run until Thanksgiving.

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she was a pushover.

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The cancer society is not endorsing any particular reform plan or candidate. Even so, it's an unusually pointed campaign for the philanthropy, and for organizations like it.

The American Heart Association's chief executive, M. Cass Wheeler, envied the group's resources and applauded their new campaign.

"Heart and stroke patients are going to benefit from the good this advertising campaign is going to do," Wheeler said. His organization spends \$10 million each year on advertising, and focuses it on exercise and other prevention measures for patients.

The Atlanta-based cancer society, with 2006 revenues of \$1 billion, has been stepping up its political activity in recent years.

In 2001, it formed a sister organization, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ASC CAN), to lobby and work on government health policy. The Cancer Action Network pushed for legislation that would give the U.S. Food and

Drug Administration the power to regulate tobacco, and last year fought a bill that would have enabled small businesses to form health insurance pools across state lines without guaranteeing coverage of certain cancer tests.

Now it's putting together petitions and voter's guides, organizing political forums and rallies, and in May will begin a nationwide bus tour promoting health care reform.

Despite the fact that many cancer patients are 65 and older and are covered by the federal Medicare program, cancer society officials estimate that at least 55,000 of the 1.4 million people diagnosed with cancer each year have no health insurance.

Hundreds of thousands of others have coverage but end up financially distressed by uncovered bills, they say.

Inadequate coverage is a major impediment to cancer patients getting the medical care they need. Studies show that women with health insurance get annual mammograms at twice the rate as women who don't, and

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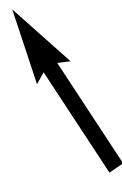
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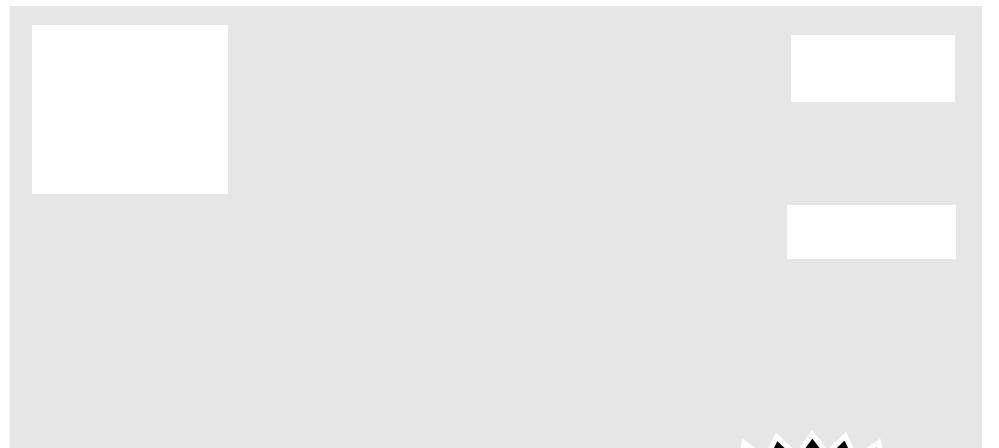
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Coahoma High School's varsity cheerleaders (upper left) perform a routine during the annual Battle of the Cheerleaders at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. CHS won the award for Best Cheer during the competition. The Forsan High School cheerleaders (above right) won the Best Dance award during the event. And at lower left, Forsan Junior High School's cheerleaders perform a yell during the competition at Howard College.

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cancer death rates are higher for people without coverage.

The cancer society joined the heart association, the American Diabetes Association and AARP in leading rallies designed to get the attention of presidential candidates. The rallies were held in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina — four early sites of key presidential primaries and caucuses — and all focused on the general issue of providing quality health care for all Americans.

Others groups have efforts, too.

The American Medical Association recently announced a "Voice for the Uninsured" campaign with advertising in early primary states. Families USA and the Federation of American Hospitals are organizing a series of hour-long presidential forums. The Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease, an 80-organization group formed earlier this year, is placing reform-focused billboards in and around airports and this month used college cheerleaders to voice chronic disease messages outside a presidential candidate debate in New Hampshire.

Some experts predict health reform will be a more potent issue in 2008 than any time since 1992, when it helped carry Bill Clinton to the White House.

Large increases in insurance costs in this decade have caused employers and others to become more interested in systemwide reform, said Ken Thorpe, an Emory University health policy professor.

"Many big businesses have come to the realization they can't solve this problem on their own," he said.

At the cancer society's call center in Austin, Texas, a team of 14 operators have been assigned to take calls from people who are uninsured or underinsured. They form the core of a Health

Insurance Assistance Service, which tries to connect people with coverage programs.

It was through the assistance service that the cancer society found the star of one of its new commercials — Raina Bass, 26, a legal assistant in central Missouri.

She survived ovarian cancer in her teens and became a wife and moth-

er. But in 2005, she woke up with a swollen throat that turned out to be thyroid cancer.

Both she and her husband had health insurance through their jobs, but it didn't cover all her medical bills. Meanwhile, bill collection agencies were calling regularly.

"I should be shouting and jumping that I beat

cancer twice," she said in an interview, but instead often found herself crying about debt and job constraints.

Bass will be at a press conference Monday in Washington when the cancer society campaign is unveiled.

"I am so glad I've been given the opportunity to finally speak out about this," she said.

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