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Moore says thank you to directors

Parker elected board president, McLellan chosen vice president

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Members of the Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors said good-bye to a pair of former directors Wednesday, and welcomed three new ones aboard.

The board — which includes newly appointed members Glenn Fillingim, Keith Ledford, M.D., and Glynna Jones

Mouton — approved a resolution thanking former members Richard Steel, Raul Marquez and Mike Niklasch for their labors over the past several years.

“It was a great experience. I think the Moore Board still has to play a vital role in the economic health of our community,” said Steel. “I think we’ve had a good past few

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Former members of the Moore Development Board of Directors Richard Steel, right, and Raul Marquez accept plaques commemorating their service from Moore Board Vice President Larry McLellan during a special ceremony Wednesday evening at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room. Former board member Mike Niklasch, who was unable to attend the meeting, was also honored.

On hold

College officials waiting for word from Austin on financial impact

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College officials may be working their way out of a million-dollar fix.

College administrators have been keeping a close eye on developments in Austin since Texas Gov. Rick Perry vetoed a portion of a funding bill that effects how much the state contributes to community college employee group health insurance payments.

Perry has long advocated proportionality, an idea in which the state pays for college employees' benefits at the same ratio used for paying salaries. In other words, if the state pays for 50 percent of a person's salary, it should contribute 50 percent of the money for health insurance costs.

If Perry's original action stands, it could end up costing Howard College more than \$1 million, HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said recently.

However, Sparks and other community college leaders have been heartened by recent behind-the-scenes negotiations between representatives for Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, as well as various state representatives and senators to resolve the issue.

Those efforts, Sparks

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Sparks

Mustangs ready for Roundup in Ackerly

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

ACKERLY — It's not homecoming — it's Roundup.

Sands High School's alternative to its once-every-three-years

homecoming is being celebrated this week with a variety of events leading up to Friday's clash between the Mustangs and the visiting Loop Longhorns.

“Every three years, we have a big homecoming celebration ...

and we plan a lot of activities for the exes,” Sands Principal Zelda Bilbo said. “In between, we have Roundup.”

One of the biggest highlights of any Roundup is the crowning of the queen prior to Friday's

game. As in past years, each SHS class nominated a queen candidate. They are:

• Senior class nominee is Melony Ruiz, daughter of Chris

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HERALD file photo

Dr. Bill Welsh leads the Humanities course at Big Spring High School.

Popularity of Humanities course continues to grow

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

You may have taken the course. Your son or daughter may have studied it. Even your grandchild may have studied the Bible at Big Spring High School.

“There has been a Bible presence on the campus that has continued through all these decades. I think this shows its value and that the students appreciate that we have it here,”

If you would like to contribute, send donations to the Howard County Bible Class Fund, P.O. Box 2609 Big Spring 79721.

said Dr. Bill Welsh, current instructor for what is known informally as the “Bible Class.”

For 68 years, a course on biblical history, its characters, proverbs and psalms has been offered to Big Spring students who have indicated a desire to learn. And the

interest is apparently growing.

“From our program here, Forsan and Coahoma have started Bible classes. Schools all over the state have been contacting us for information about our pro-

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MARCY FREEDOM WALK

Friday at 8:30 a.m., Marcy Elementary will be culminating Freedom Week with a Freedom Walk around the school's campus.

Wearing our nation's colors, all students and staff will be participating in the walk and parents are invited to attend.

In their Social Studies classes, the students have been studying American history and the privileges Americans have to live in a free country.

At the end of the walk, students will gather around the hardtop on the south side of the building for a short program that includes the fourth grade classes singing a patriotic song.

POW/MIA CEREMONY

Vietnam Veterans of America will sponsor a recognition day for our nations prisoners of war and missing in action from all American wars at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Friday at 6 p.m.

The VVA has been holding the ceremony since the construction of the Big Spring Memorial, which is located near the foot of Scenic Mountain, near the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus. Don Boling, a member of the VVA Chapter 379, said the ceremony isn't just about remembering, but about making sure those who serve in the military today don't face the same perilous circumstances as their predecessors.

UW DINE OUT DAY

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is asking for the public to participate in Dine Out Day for United Way. Each Friday, a different restaurant agrees to donate a portion of their sales to United Way.

This Friday, K.C. Steaks and Seafood, N. Service Road I-20 W., is participating.

Last year, the program was a successful fun-raiser for both the restaurants and the United Way, according to Ken McIntosh, chairman of the Dine Out Day event.

If a local restaurant wishes to participate and has not been contacted, they are asked to contact McIntosh at 517-4821 as soon as possible.

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Sports

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Senior night for Steers on Friday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club and Big Spring High School Athletics is encouraging the public to attend Friday night's Steers game against Abilene Wylie as all senior football players and cheerleaders will be recognized before the game.

Game time is slated for 7:30 at Memorial Stadium.

Ragball tourney to benefit Relay for Life

The Lady Steers Softball Field will play host to a ragball tournament benefiting the Relay for Life Sept. 29-30.

Teams must be made up of five girls and five boys. Cost is \$10 a person.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. on the 29th. The first game will be played at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Angel at 264-4108.

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.

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.

Area high school sports calendar

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

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.

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports brief.

Steers focused on Abilene Wylie

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

It was this week in the 2006 football season that marked the lowest point of the year for Big Spring's Steers as they were humiliated by Abilene Wylie's Bulldogs, 52-14. The Steers were down 52-0 before they got on the scoreboard.

"What I saw of last year's game was a nightmare," said Head Coach Mike Ritchey. "We have to get out there and just play our game. We want to continue to improve and in doing that then we can prevent what happened last season from happening this year."

However, Ritchey and the rest of the coaching staff isn't using last season's loss as a motivator.

"We don't throw last year's result in the faces of the athletes," Ritchey said. "Our kids are proud and they have no desire to be beaten like that. It doesn't take us telling them about last year's game for them to want to get on the field and win. I feel like if we can play our best game then it'll beat their best game."

"We're not dreading this game," he continued. "We're excited to play Abilene Wylie. We feel like they can be a mea-

suring stick as to where we are as a team right now. They're a great program and would probably contend for a district title if they were in our district. We don't fear them, though."

The Bulldogs are coming off of a tough 29-23 loss to the ninth-ranked Graham Steers. However, they held a 13-0 lead in the first quarter, despite not registering a single first down.

Wylie has depended heavily upon its defense, which has forced eight turnovers in three games this season. Last week, the Bulldogs picked off Graham quarterback Case McCoy — younger brother of Texas Longhorns' quarterback Colt — four times.

Wylie is just another playoff team on the Steers' challenging schedule so far this season. Ritchey feels that the team is still focused despite the rough 0-3 start.

"Our players have a short-term memory," he said. "We're looking ahead and moving on. Our goal at the start of the season was not to have a certain record at this point. Our goal was to keep improving and keep preparing well. The three losses aren't weighing heavily. We've got a lot

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Herald photo/Ken Hollandsworth
Big Spring Steers' running back Monte Anderson turns the corner on a sweep in the Steers 35-13 loss to Hereford last week. Big Spring looks to get on the winning track when it hosts Abilene Wylie at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Area roundup: Grady looks to stay perfect

Garden City visits Abilene Christian

Herald Staff Report

LENORAH — Last week was supposed to be the toughest challenge of the Grady Wildcats' football season to date, according to the Head Coach Joe Helms. However, the Wildcats traveled up to New Home and left with a 64-0 victory in a game that was called at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule that governs six-man football.

"We expected a bigger challenge, but we played our best game of the season," Helms said. "We forced a lot of turnovers in the second quarter and just broke New Home's spirits."

The Wildcats' (3-0) path to the playoffs leads them to a visit with Trent's Gorillas (2-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday night. Last season, Grady dominated the Gorillas, 59-14.

Part of the appeal in playing at Trent is the new turf that was laid down on the football field this season.

"You don't see a lot of fields with turf on them at our level," Helms explained. "That new stadium has drawn a lot of attention

and we're looking forward to playing on it."

However, fancy field aside, there is a football game to be played. The Wildcats have arguably been the most impressive team in a district that features four teams — Grady, Garden City, Rankin and Fort Davis — in the top 20 of the Division I six-man rankings.

Powering Grady has been a defense that has surrendered just 14 points in three games — an incredibly low amount of points for a six-man team. The Wildcats are led defensively by Roy Rodriguez, who Helms calls his best defender.

Meanwhile, the offense has racked up 160 points, being led by sophomore Dylan Cox and senior Tommylee Rivas. Last week, Rivas accounted for six touchdowns, throwing for four scores and running for two.

Trent is coming off of a 48-0 loss to Roscoe Highland. However, they posted at least 30 points in their two games prior to that, including a 30-26 win

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler
Grady Wildcats' quarterback Dylan Cox runs past a Sanderson defender during action from Aug. 31. The Wildcats look for their fourth victory of the season when they visit Trent Friday night.

Sands prepped for home defense against Longhorns

By Brandon Hallford

Special to the Herald

ACKERLY — What if?

For only containing two words, that question summarizes last week for both the Sands Mustangs (1-2) and the Loop Longhorns (0-3).

What if the Mustangs had played up to their capabilities against the underdog Westbrook Wildcats?

What if the Wildcats had not changed up their defense scheme and stayed with the larger pass rushing attack instead of relying on their speed to throw the Sands attack into a state of confusion?

"We just didn't adjust well at all," Mustangs head man Wayne Henderson stated when asked about last week's 41-32 loss to Westbrook. "They put their faster kids on the line and we just couldn't do anything about it. We are a young team and we are just going to have to work harder this week to make sure that we improve. We cannot let the same mistakes cost us again. If we do that we should be alright."

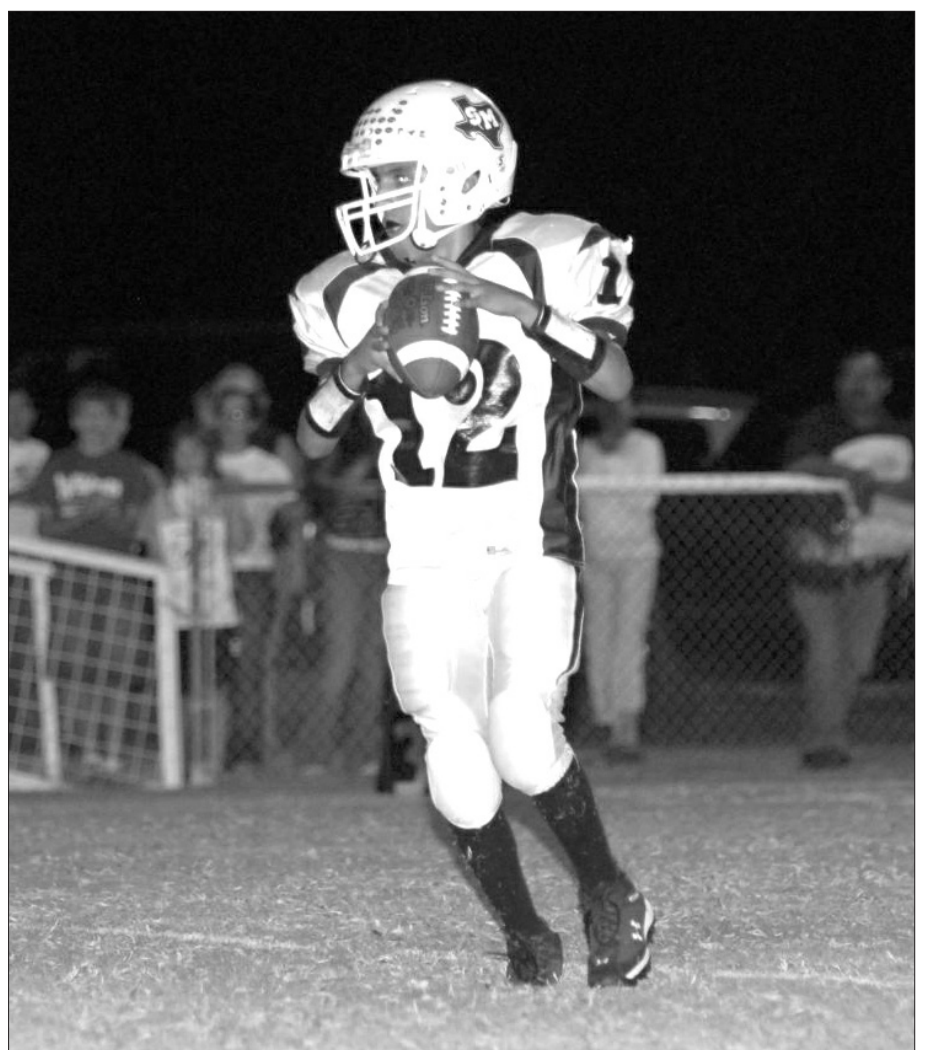
Defensively the Mustangs must shore up some holes that allowed the Wildcats to outgain them 377-284 in total yardage.

"We just didn't play well," Henderson said. "They threw something at us that just confused us. We are going to have to be more alert this week to what is going on or we could be in trouble again. Loop is a better team than their record indicates. They have been in every game this year. We can't take the fact that they are 0-3 for granted. If we do, we will be in trouble."

The Longhorns come into this week's game reeling from a 67-53 loss to Southland.

"They showed what they are made of in that game last week," Henderson said of the Longhorns. "At one point it was a 40-0 game and 47-7 at the end of the third and they just did not quit. A few breaks and they very well could have pulled that game out. If they had played the entire game like they did the fourth quarter, they probably would have blown Southland out."

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler
Sands' quarterback Johnny Rogers looks down field for an open receiver in the Mustangs 41-32 loss to Westbrook last week. The Mustangs host Loop's Longhorns at 7:30 p.m. Friday for their annual homecoming event.

Obituaries

Florence Margaret (Harvey) Jackson



Florence Margaret (Harvey) Jackson, 89, of West Lafayette, Ind., formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, in West Lafayette. Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service with the Rev. Harold Conrad officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson, Ind. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at the funeral home. Mrs. Jackson was born on May 29, 1918, in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada. She married V. Ward Jackson Sr., former chaplain at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, on Sept. 12, 1942. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1997.

She was a schoolteacher, church secretary and she participated in numerous church activities and held many positions. She was a pastor's wife and mother. She enjoyed making candles, writing and reading.

Survivors include four children and their spouses, Vernon Ward (Nancy) Jackson of West Lafayette, Ind., James Herbert Jackson of North Port, Fla., Darlene and Donald Freeman of Springfield, Mo., and Mary Sterrett of Anderson, Ind.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Taylor) Harvey; brothers Herbert A. and William H. Harvey; and a grandson, Scott Freeman.

E-mailed condolences may be sent to RJFuneralSvc@aol.com

J.B. Cushing

J.B. Cushing, 84, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, in a North Richland Hills hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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.

• **A FUNDRAISER FOR HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** will be held Saturday at 408 NE 11th. The menu is brisket, chicken and sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, beans and bread for \$6.50. Chocolate cakes and lemon pies are available for \$6.25. Call 263-5261 to order or for more information.

• **KIDS KLUB DVD ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** for \$20. Partial proceeds of these DVDs will benefit next summer's Klub program. Supplies are limited. For more information, call 264-1999.

• **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. 14 at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St. The benefit is to raise funds for B. Michael Brown, who has been diagnosed with 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 call 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.

• **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.

• **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.

Police blotter

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

- **HENRY C. HERNANDEZ**, 27, of 710 E. 15th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 2500 block of Fairchild.
 - in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

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.

- **JAMIE DE ANN DANIELS**, 29, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance, failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility and no valid inspection certificate.
- **JEREMY MYERS**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **OILIVIA TALIETHA BALLIN**, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance and charges of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, theft and bail jumping - failure to appear.
- **AMBER RENEE RAMIREZ**, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Courtney Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. No patient found.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

• 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 Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

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

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
• 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.

SATURDAY
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph.
Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds around 10 mph.
Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph.
Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 90. South winds around 10 mph.
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 with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.
Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.
Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-12-14-19-21.
Number matching six of six: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-15-23-25-33.
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-0.

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Bengals Jaguars
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Pigskin Pics Football Contest



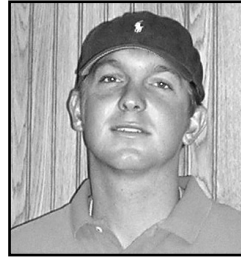
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Pigskin Picks Entry Form

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MOORE

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years and I think there are some exciting projects on the horizon. I feel like the future is bright for Big Spring, and it was an honor and a privilege to serve the community of Big Spring and I really appreciate the opportunity.”

Marquez said his time on the board marks a special chapter in his life because he feels like he was able to better the community.

“To me, this has probably been one of the greatest experiences of all the organizations I’ve participated with,” said Marquez. “Only for the reason you’re able to do things for the community, especially with money from the community that they entrust to you to make decisions with. It’s been one of the greatest things for me to be able to be on the Moore Board, to be able to make decisions for the community and for the betterment of the people in the future.”

Steel left the newest board members with some sound advice.

“Keep an open mind about any project that may come to the board,” said Steel. “You never really know what some project may bring to the community unless you fully understand it and take a look at it. You have to be willing to give your time and be dedicated to the task at hand, the board and to the com-

munity of Big Spring.”

Also Wednesday, Moore Executive Director Terry Wegman gave the board a brief outline concerning the role the economic development corporation is playing in ongoing negotiations between the county’s taxing entities and prospective wind energy companies.

“We serve as the liaison for tax abatements between the windmill companies and the taxing entities,” said Wegman. “This isn’t costing Moore Development anything, but it’s a position we’ve always served in.”

“There is considerable action going on right now with the wind energy market. Some of it is from companies that are really pushing to move forward with projects, while others are more like brokers that are just trying to get the numbers right before going out for investors.”

Wegman said he couldn’t put a solid price tag on the negotiations at this point, however.

The board — Fillingim was unable to attend — also elected officers for the coming year. Frank Parker will serve as the board’s president, with former president Larry McLellan serving as the vice president. The board also gave Fillingim the nod to serve as secretary treasurer.

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News briefs

Rev. Jesse Jackson disputes newspaper report that he criticized Obama for ‘acting white’

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Jesse Jackson was quoted as saying Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama was “acting like he’s white” for not speaking out more forcefully about a racially charged schoolyard beating in Louisiana.

Wednesday’s (Columbia) *State* newspaper said Jackson made the comment about Obama and the Jena, La., case after speaking Tuesday at Benedict College, a historically black school. “If I were a candidate, I’d be all over Jena,” Jackson said in his remarks after the speech, according to the published account.

“Jena is a defining moment, just like Selma was a defining moment,” Jackson said. In 1965, demonstrators were attacked by police with billy clubs during a peaceful voting rights march in Selma, Ala. “Bloody Sunday” shocked the nation and helped bring attention

to the voting barriers that kept blacks from the polls.

Jackson later told the newspaper he did not remember making the “acting like he’s white” comment about Obama, who is black.

On Wednesday, the civil rights activist said in a statement that he was “taken out of context.” It said he commended Obama “for speaking out and demanding fairness on this defining issue. Any attempt to dilute my support for Sen. Obama will not succeed.”

Bin Laden to declare war on Pakistani president in upcoming video

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden will release a new message soon declaring war on Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, al-Qaida announced Thursday.

The announcement of the upcoming message came as al-Qaida released a new video in which bin Laden’s deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, boasted that the United States was being defeated in Afghanistan, Iraq and other fronts.

ROUNDUP

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Ruiz Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Anderson. She will be escorted by Thomas Pena, son of Janie Pena and Donald Pena.

• Junior class nominee is Brittini Blagrove, daughter of Stan and Carla Blagrove. She will be escorted by Seth Fry, son of Randy and Leigh Ann Fry.

• Sophomore class nominee is Kimberly Wigington, daughter of Bobby and Carla

Wigington, who will be escorted by Reuben McMorris, son of Ray and Amy McMorris.

• Freshman class nominee is Meagan Yarbrough, daughter of Monica and Tommy Staggs and Mark and Tiffany Yarbrough. She will be escorted by Landon Parker, son of Steve and Amy Parker.

Sands students have marked Roundup Week with a variety of “dress-up days” at the school, ranging from patriotic red, white and blue garb on Monday, pajamas on Tuesday and dressing as historical characters today.

Friday, the school’s drama club will host a spaghetti supper from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$6 for adults.

The Roundup Queen will be crowned at 7 p.m., with the game between Sands and Loop beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the school at 353-4888.

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said, may soon bear fruit.

“I’m not privileged to all the information yet, but we know that a number of people have been meeting on devising a new option

to this issue,” Sparks said. “I think the governor and others involved in these negotiations are interested in a restoration of funding that won’t end up being detrimental.”

Sparks said she expects the end result of those negotiations to be a com-

promise in which some sort of proportionality funding formula is adopted.

Whatever decision state officials make, it will have to come soon. Howard and other state community colleges are looking at an October

deadline for instituting increases in tuition and fees — the obvious avenue for making up the funding shortfall.

Sparks said in August that the college will raise tuition by at least \$2 a semester hour starting next spring. The exact

amount of the tuition hike won’t be known until a clearer picture emerges from Austin.

“Other community colleges went ahead and made those decisions in the summer,” Sparks said. “We decided to wait until we had more defi-

nite information ... We just wanted to wait and see if we need to address that with an even larger increase.”

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COURSE

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gram,” said Welsh. “When I started, there were five (public) school districts offering this in Texas. Now there are more than 50.”

Welsh has been teaching for 12 years, first at Midland Christian, and now the past nine at Big Spring. His background is diverse. He attended a Baptist seminary and is a Church of Christ minister.

“I really enjoy doing it. Each year we have more students sign up than we have room for. It’s very popular,” said Welsh.

The course is called Humanities and not Bible Study, but that’s not an attempt to hide anything or mislead anyone, Welsh said.

“It’s done that way to promote diversity, not cover anything up. By doing it this way, if there is a desire to offer another course on another religion, there would be that opportunity to do so.

“I think the biggest key for parents to know is that their kids aren’t being coerced to become part of a particular denomination or religion. That’s not the purpose. It’s a love of reading the Bible and studying the Bible. It’s history and literature. It’s fun.”

Students attend an hour-long class daily. Three are offered at Big Spring, two at Forsan and one at Coahoma.

In Welsh’s classrooms, the first semester concentrates on the Old Testament and each day begins with scripture from the Book of Psalms.

The second semester, classes read a portion in Proverbs daily and study New Testament history — the gospels and Book of Acts.

“We stay away from theology,” noted Welsh.

“The study of the Book of Proverbs is something that any student can get involved in. They (the proverbs) are excellent. It is not the focus of our day, but it is how we start each day,” he added.

While classes are held at the high school and some district-owned supplies are obviously used, materials and salaries are funded through private donations. This year, some \$38,000 is needed to fund the courses at the three school districts.

Park Wheat is the instructor at Coahoma High School. Craig Felty leads the class at Forsan

High School. The Howard County Bible Class Fund Board solicits the public, businesses and corporations for their monetary support.

Welsh’s students are taking advantage of one new teaching tool at Big Spring High School though — the new laptop program is ideal for the Bible Class, their instructor said.

“I have the students take all notes on their computers. We do a lot of biographies and I have

them do those on their computers. We are getting a lot of use out of those,” Welsh said.

Mail donations to the Howard County Bible Class Fund, P.O. Box 2609, Big Spring, 79721.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

I saw a lady training a seeing-eye dog this past week. The trainer showed remarkable patience with the young puppy and gently encouraged obedience. As I watched, I thought of many life lessons.
Inattention to detail today can result in future injury. Choices made by one person influence other people. Learning is a process. Teaching requires diligence and patience. Eyesight is taken for granted. Instruction is more than griping about improper behavior. Building trust takes time. Following instructions is based upon faith in the instructor.
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HC rodeo season begins this weekend

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

The Howard College rodeo team begins its season Friday at the Eastern New Mexico University Rodeo in Portales, N.M. that runs through Saturday evening.

Howard College Head Coach Greg Kernick begins his ninth season in charge of the Hawks, optimistic that they will be able to send a handful of athletes to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) at the end of the season.

"We definitely have a lot of talent, both boys and girls," Kernick stated. "We've got a lot of depth, almost too much and that could hurt us in the team standings."

The abundance of talent presents the coaching staff with a bit of a dilemma each week as Kernick must designate who will compete for Howard in terms of scoring team points. All participants who are competing will be eligible to earn individual points in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Region. In order to qualify for the CNFR, a Hawk athlete must accumulate enough points throughout the season to place in the top three of the Southwest

Region.

"There will be some weeks that our off team will beat the team we have competing for our team total and such is life, but that's a good thing because they are still earning individual points in order to advance to the next level," Kernick said.

Some familiar faces return to the Hawk lineup that came up just short a year ago from qualifying for the CNFR and hope to make the trip this year according to Kernick.

One of the top female returners is sophomore Cassidy Ogden from Gail who has an opportunity to once again be very successful in barrel racing.

"Cassidy has an outdoor horse this year as well as the indoor horse she had last year," Kernick said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how that gels together."

Sophomore Jamon Turner, of Aurora, Colo., placed in the top five of the region standings last season, winning the bull riding at Texas Tech University's Rodeo last year. Despite battling some injuries of late, Kernick expects Turner to "cowboy up" this weekend at Portales.

"Jamon Turner is back as one of the top bull rid-

ers (in the region), but is a little injured this week," Kernick stated. "He probably won't be one hundred percent, but I'm sure he'll give it a go."

With Howard being a junior college, Kernick will see some familiar faces as many former Hawk athletes will now be saddling up for four-year schools such as Tarleton State, Texas Tech and other NCAA Division I and II schools.

"We've pretty well filled Tarleton State's team with nine or 10 of our kids," Kernick said proudly. "That's a good thing though because we enjoy watching these kids advance to the next level."

Look in the Herald every day for stories on all of the 2007-08 Howard Hawks' athletic programs.

STEERS

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of fight left in us."

"District season is in a few weeks and no one in our district has stepped up and claimed it for their own," Ritchey continued. "Our thought is why not us? Why can't we be the team to step up and say this district is ours? There's a lot of games left. We've got to just keep playing hard. We're going to take pride in continuing to fight hard."

The Steers will, however, be without two of the team's three team captains, losing both Matt Casteneda and Justin Amaro to injury in last week's 35-13 loss to Hereford.

Casteneda broke his left hand on the first play of the game, but continued to play after having a splint placed on it. He's expected to miss at least a month of action.

Amaro — the team's second-leading tackler — has a sprained knee and could miss the rest of the non-district schedule.

"Losing Matt and Justin hurts because they are great team leaders," Ritchey said. "These are

key losses, but it gives the opportunity to some younger players to get some playing time."

Casteneda and Amaro will join Jimmy Watson as starters, who must watch games from the sidelines due to injury. However, Ritchey says that their presence will definitely be felt.

"Matt is a great indicator of the heart of this team," Ritchey said. "He broke his hand on the first play and competed well through it. He's one of the biggest and most experienced players on the team. He's a huge loss to us, but we have to have someone step up and do a little extra this week. Justin and Jimmy are also great leaders. All three players will start a little bit of a coaching career on the sidelines. They're leaders and the younger players look to them for advice."

Offensively, the Steers hope to build off of the balanced attack they showcased last week.

"Wylie is strong, fast and has great players," Ritchey noted. "We had a lot of success running and throwing a lot last week. How we attack Wylie will depend on how they play us. Whether

they play us with seven in the box or they lay back to cover the deap ball, that will dictate how we scheme offensively. We feel like we have a double threat on offense."

Defensively, the Steers' focus will be on stopping a Wylie rushing attack that has racked up 505 yards in three games. The Bulldogs have used a 2-back system featuring Cameron Rogers (176 yards) and Bailey McGee (112 yards). Quarterback Jared Wallace is also just as much of a threat with his legs as he is with his arm.

"We want to stop them from running the football," Ritchey said. "We want to make them a one-dimensional team. That's going to be key. They run the football very well so slowing down that attack is important."

Big Spring's confidence is high despite a myriad of injuries and the rough start to the season.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we have some kids that can step in and fill some voids for us," Ritchey said. "It's hard to say how players will respond until we get them in there, but we like our team and love our effort."

Crossroads district standings

District 4-4A					District 16-1A				
Team	W	L	PF	PA	Team	W	L	PF	PA
1. Frenship	2	1	48	47	1. Christoval	2	1	79	112
2. Lake View	1	1	44	67	2. Eldorado	1	1	38	26
3. Big Spring	0	3	26	87	3. Bronte	1	1	41	47
4. Plainview	0	3	33	72	4. Irion Co.	1	2	42	99
5. Estacado	0	3	57	76	5. Miles	1	2	40	114
Friday's games: Abilene Wylie (1-2) at Big Spring; Plainview at Wichita Falls Rider (2-1); Frenship at Hereford (3-0); Lake View at Midland Greenwood (2-1); Caprock (1-2) at Estacado.					6. Sterling City	0	2	17	59
					7. Menard	0	3	41	92
					8. Forsan	0	3	26	97
					Friday's games: Harper (2-0) at Eldorado; Bronte at Winters (1-2); Gorman (3-0) at Sterling City.				
District 5-2A					Six-man District 1 Div. 1				
Team	W	L	PF	PA	Team	W	L	PF	PA
1. Stanton	2	1	89	60	1. Grady	3	0	160	14
2. Colorado City	2	1	27	34	2. Fort Davis	3	0	203	92
3. Stamford	2	1	67	77	3. Rankin	3	0	190	74
4. Haskell	1	1	72	40	4. Garden City	1	1	98	96
5. Hawley	1	1	38	39	5. Sands	1	2	116	99
6. Anson	1	1	32	28	Friday's games: Loop (0-3) at Sands (Homecoming); Grady at Trent (2-1); Garden City at Abilene Christian (1-1); Rankin at Sanderson (0-3); Fort Davis at Sierra Blanca (2-1).				
7. Coahoma	0	3	27	126					
8. Merkel	0	3	28	73					
Friday's games: Hawley at Rotan (1-2); Roscoe (3-0) at Anson; Quannah (2-1) at Haskell.									

AREA

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over Westbrook in week 1.

Garden City at Abilene Christian

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Bearkats bounced back from an unfamiliar trouncing by Calvert in zero week with a convincing 72-25 win over Midland Trinity last

Friday.

The Bearkats (1-1) will try to build momentum off of that win at 7:30 p.m. Friday night when they visit Abilene Christian's Panthers.

Last season, the Bearkats pounded the Panthers, 66-16, ending the game with 5:47 left in the third quarter. However, Garden City returns just two starters from last season's state quarterfinalist team.

Running back Bo

Eggemeyer — a second-team all-state selection in 2006 — is coming off his second 100-yard performance, giving him 257 yards for the season. Eggemeyer racked up 138 yards on the ground against the Panthers last season.

The Panthers (1-1) are hoping to rebound from a close 37-34 loss to Lorenzo last week. They did, however, put up 90 points in a win over Dell City two weeks ago.

SANDS

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The Longhorns face the same problem with experience that the Mustangs do with only four seniors on the roster.

"They are extremely

fast and that, as Westbrook showed, can be a problem for us," Henderson noted. "This should be a very good game. It always is when these two teams get together. We are just going to put all the distractions behind us and play our game. If we do

that, we will be alright."

As if the Mustangs didn't already have enough to contend with, this week is roundup — Sands' version of homecoming. With the rich history that they have in the six-man wars, the expectations will be high.



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OUR VIEWS

Please include POW/MIA event in Friday plans

Tomorrow will be POW-MIA Recognition Day and locally, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 379 will conduct an observance at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, giving residents a chance to remember those who should never be forgotten.

Members of the local VVA chapter conduct a ceremony at the memorial on National POW/MIA Recognition Day each year to recognize the major sacrifice prisoners of war and service men and women listed as missing in action made for our nation and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

Friday's ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m., and as always, the general public is encouraged to attend.

According to Clarence Hartfield Jr., one of the ceremony's organizers, the local VVA members have been holding the observance ever since the Vietnam Memorial was built. And in recent years, the group has also been honoring not only the POWs and MIAs, but also paying tribute to the soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

VVA member Don Boling notes that the ceremony isn't just about remembering, but also meant to make sure that men and women serving in today's military don't have to face the same situations their predecessors had to face.

As Boling noted, Friday's ceremony will be an opportunity to "gather to honor those men and women that served our nation in the most difficult of circumstances and unimaginable conditions as prisoners of war," as well as a time to "remember those that have not yet come home and could still be prisoners in a foreign land."

We encourage everyone to take some time out of their evening activities Friday and join us at Hangar 25 and the Vietnam Memorial.

Lest we forget.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we go with what You want for us, Lord.

Amen

Shifting debate concerning Iraq

I am constantly amazed that in the ongoing debate over the Iraq War the central question that ought to drive our decision is seldom considered. We focus on the difficulties in staying the course and achieving the mission, but rarely discuss the consequences of abandoning it. This is sheer insanity.

Following Gen. David Petraeus' congressional testimony and based on his recommendations, President Bush outlined his plan to reduce troop levels in Iraq to their pre-surge levels by next summer. Quite predictably, Democrats immediately proclaimed their opposition to the plan.

In the face of this impressive report and Gen. Petraeus' stellar reputation for competence and good character, I can think of only a few reasons Democrats would remain in obstruction mode.

Sadly, Democrats have boxed themselves into a defeat scenario, having placed every single one of their eggs in that basket since before the 2006 elections.

If they suddenly begin supporting the war effort they'll be wiping those eggs on their faces and admitting the error and unfairness of their ongoing criticisms of President Bush. They will also be placing themselves in other boxes: the dog houses of MoveOn.org, Daily Kos and other rabid antiwar groups pulling their puppet strings of failure.

Their suggestion that Gen. Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker are dishonest mouthpieces for the administration is nothing more than a case of psychological projection of their own predicament.

It was hard not to be persuaded

by the sober, balanced testimony of these two gentlemen — so much so that even wobbly, reluctant Republican Senators have returned to supporting the mission. But Democrats, led by Senator Harry Reid and the slew of Democratic presidential candidates, remain wholly intransigent in their opposition.

The surge has yielded significant military successes, beyond our rosier expectations. The Democrats' goal post-shifting response is that despite any military gains, we are making no progress politically.

But many believe the government is making progress, though not nearly as much as would occur absent the underlying climate of violence. Military progress is an essential predicate to political progress, and we are establishing that predicate. In addition, as General Petraeus noted, it's not an insignificant "political" development that local tribes have begun to turn against Al Qaeda in support of our troops and the new government.

Establishing a new republican government would take significant time even if the process weren't impeded by war. Just think of the staggering arrogance of Democratic lawmakers in castigating the Iraqi parliament for failing to achieve consensus in a fraction of the time it took the new American government to become stabilized.

This is even more apparent considering their own unwillingness to support their commander in chief during war.

Apart from rank partisan calculations, another possible reason Democrats stand willing to forfeit our gains is they don't believe in our mission. They don't believe it is a just war, that it is part of the war on terror or that Al Qaeda in Iraq is part of Osama's Al Qaeda. They believe our continued pres-

ence in Iraq is detrimental to Iraqis and our national security.

Considering the gravity of the stakes involved, I wish our national debate would finally focus on the validity of this set of assumptions. Instead of couching the debate only in terms of the difficulties involved in persevering, why can't we also ponder the importance of the mission and the unthinkable, inevitable horrors should we withdraw? A fair hearing on these questions might just move people in droves to the side of staying the course and winning this war that we simply cannot afford to lose.

We should discuss whether it's reasonable to conclude Iraq is not part of the war on terror in light of the facts that:

- Al Qaeda and the terrorist states of Iran and Syria are the primary instigators of ethnic violence and chaos there, and videotapes indicate Osama and/or his disciples retain a laser focus on Iraq.

- If we withdraw in humiliation and dishonor to ourselves and in betrayal of the Iraqis, many of whom are just now turning the corner by trusting us and working with us against Al Qaeda, Al Qaeda's cause will be energized and its recruitment will skyrocket.

Which makes more sense: trusting the judgment of military commanders closest to "conditions on the ground" in Iraq and with no political ax to grind, or that of partisan armchair generals on the left aisle of the Senate with little to no expertise and no constitutional authority to act as mini-commanders in chief?

Which position do you suppose Osama is rooting for?

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Can't get there from here anymore

*Yes, there's bother,
And some pain;
But save the planet,
Ride the train.*

Some plants, imitating lemmings, commit suicide. Given half a chance, these plants' genetic survival instinct will lead them to overpopulate their pot, plot, or lot and crowd each other to death. Their learning curve is famously flat.

People are only a little better: The British first dealt with overpopulation through primogeniture and war: Give all the land to the first son so as not to overcrowd the countryside, and then send the second one off to fight. That not only winnowed their own population, but other nations' as well.

The Chinese adopted a more direct approach, limiting the number of children. Easter Islanders never did figure all this out and overpopulated themselves to death. Now modern man has grudgingly figured out that auto transportation is one of the things that is killing us, though unlike an overcrowded farm or apartment, it doesn't pain us from moment to moment.

But gridlock does. From I-5 on one coast to I-95 on the other, plus growing congestion in between, we adopt personal strategies to best survive the crush. These even sometimes involve trains or buses.

Nonetheless, given half a chance, we will cheerfully revert to the car the moment we can, and scorch the planet some more.

That's the suicidal part. Unfortunately, the current flurry of excitement for trains, buses and bikes isn't about global warming; it's about convenience. And who knows, if the state can get enough other drivers onto mass transit, then there may again be room on the road for me. Failing that, I'll ride the train myself and grouse about the inconvenience the whole way. But whenever I do get to drive, it will be in a car reflecting my elevated status and psyche. CO2 be damned.

Similarly destructive is commuting to jobs in hard-to-reach places. Not long ago I met a woman who commutes from Staten Island, N.Y., to Stamford, Conn. I kid you not. No public transit for that run. No affordable place to live in Stamford, either, or enjoyable pedestrian-style neighborhood. So why not drive? It's only an hour each way, on a very good day.

Our housing rules and personal life preferences are similarly self-destructive. By dividing ourselves into rich towns and poor towns, business towns and residential towns, we guarantee that most of us will commute. There go the glaciers.

Stores are part of our self-destruction, too. At a recent meeting in St. Louis, a colleague asked where he could fill a prescription. The hotel clerk apologized that there were no more drug or grocery stores left in downtown St. Louis. Driving was it. All the

stores are out on the strip.

It becomes tempting to emulate the Chinese. They solve problems in a very direct way. But wait! While Beijing may have summoned the courage to tell families to limit children, even it has yet to summon the courage to tell them to limit driving. That could foment another revolution!

Then there's the profit angle. Transit is a loser. We have to pay taxes to get it, so if we don't use it ourselves, why support it? Especially when there are oil companies and car companies spending fortunes to get us into the latest Himalaya 8 for that rugged drive to work over unpaved forest trails.

Global warming though, like overpopulation, is a great stimulus for London-style central city transit and for tolls.

It supplies one more good argument for action on the floor of every legislature. That's because now, in addition to not being able to drive anywhere from here anymore, we know that we're frying poor Burkina Faso by even trying.

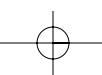
This may not persuade us to take the bus ourselves, but it may soften us on agreeing to pay for one for other people.

Thus, public transit seems likely to prosper a bit in ridership, but not much in global climate control.

The lemmings must be laughing.

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Aggies prep for primetime showdown with Hurricanes

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione started hearing his players talk about facing Miami several months ago during spring practice. The Aggies meant no disrespect to any other opponent, but this was the nonconference game that stood out from the rest.

Now with Montana State, Fresno State and Louisiana-Monroe out of the unbeaten Aggies' way, that prime-time matchup with the Hurricanes is finally here.

"Coach said it best," Aggies defensive back Devin Gregg said. "It can be exposure, or we can be exposed."

The 20th-ranked Aggies haven't started 4-0 in consecutive seasons since the early 1940s. They'll get a chance to change that Thursday night, when they visit unranked Miami (2-1).

It's the first meeting between

the teams since 1944, and the Aggies' first trip to Florida since 1968.

"This is a big game for us, but you've got to play every game like it's a big game," Miami defensive end Calais Campbell said. "It'll be on national TV and all the people who do the little rankings and stuff will be watching, so we've got to go out and make a statement."

While Miami has won its last 10 games on Thursday nights, the Hurricanes are 1-7 in their last eight matchups against ranked opponents and 9-8 in their last 17 games overall.

Coach Randy Shannon said neither the bright lights of Thursday night nor Texas A&M's ranking should provide his team with extra motivation.

"There's no such thing as a statement game. Every game is," Shannon said. "Every game's got to be a statement game. You've got to be prepared and ready to play at all times. If you don't, somebody's going to

sneak up on you and beat you." The way the Aggies run the ball, they don't sneak up on anyone.

Bruising 268-pound tailback Jorvorskie Lane already has seven rushing touchdowns, one shy of Rutgers' Ray Rice and West Virginia's Steve Slaton for the major college lead. His backfield mate, Mike Goodson, has rushed for 247 yards through three games, and quarterback Stephen McGee is the multifaceted type that often gives Miami fits. He's run for a team-best 263 yards, plus thrown for 428 more.

"Their schemes are what they're going to be," Shannon said. "It's nothing sophisticated. They're going to come in and try to run the football and get you on a play-action pass — same thing we do, try to get a cheap one on you in some way, form or fashion. It should be a good game."

In many years, this would be a strength-against-strength

matchup, since Miami has perennially been difficult to run against.

But the Hurricanes yielded 159 yards rushing against Florida International in a 23-9 win last week, so they clearly had some things to correct in a short week to prepare for the Aggies' three-pronged attack.

"Up to this point, they're definitely going to be the most athletic defense we've seen," McGee said. "You set their record aside and their one game against Oklahoma (a 51-13 loss two weeks ago) aside, and talent-wise they're going to be as good as probably most teams we're going to play this year."

He meant on the defensive side of the ball. Offensively, the Hurricanes are still a work in progress, as Shannon likes to say.

Quarterback Kyle Wright will make his second start of the season for Miami, which is averaging nearly 23 points per game so far — not entirely bad,

but not even half of what Texas A&M is scoring this year.

If recent history is any guide, teams have to be able to put up some big numbers to have a good chance of beating the Aggies. Over its last 20 games, Texas A&M has allowed 28 or more points nine times. The Aggies are 2-7 in those games, 10-1 in all others.

But the stat Franchione talked about this week was A&M's 5-0 record in regular-season road games last season — and how he hopes some of that success carries over into the Aggies' first road trip of 2007.

"When you go play a tradition-rich program like Miami in the Orange Bowl, if you are able to play well and get a victory, it does reinforce an attitude that you can go anywhere and beat people and play well on the road," Franchione said. "I think this team carries that feeling with them."

Twins complete series sweep of Rangers, win 4-2

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Matt Garza and his Minnesota teammates pondered ways for the young right-hander to snap his winless streak at the Metrodome.

"We were joking about it before the game: Maybe we should wear our road uniforms," Garza said.

Even after allowing a leadoff home run, Garza managed to churn out six-plus strong innings for his first career home win

as the Twins beat the Texas Rangers 4-2 on Wednesday night.

Jason Kubel and Michael Cuddyer each homered for the Twins, who completed the three-game sweep of the Rangers in a series between two teams long out of the pennant race.

In his second season with the Twins, Garza (4-6) set a very unimpressive franchise record with his 0-10 record in 11 starts at home. His record is now

1-10 with a 5.91 ERA. But it's a step in the right direction for the 23-year-old who's still trying to prove that he belongs in Minnesota's starting rotation.

"We don't have to talk about that anymore, and that's a nice thing for Matt," manager Ron Gardenhire said of Garza's home woes. "He's got a big smile on his face."

Garza didn't make the team out of spring training, but the Twins are hoping he can become a cornerstone as the team tries to gain back its play-off-contending form of the last five years.

"It's coming along. It's a learning process. Sometimes it's taxing. Sometimes it's reward-

ing," Garza said.

He looked to be in for another rough night when Frank Catalanotto led off the game with a shot to the right-field seats. But the 23-year-old settled down, retiring 12 straight at one point. It didn't hurt either that Minnesota's four runs was the most support Garza has received at home in his career.

Garza lasted 6 1-3 innings, allowing six hits with no walks and five strikeouts.

He wore down with one out in the seventh after Garrett Jones misplayed David Murphy's single in left field, allowing Jason Botts to score and pull Texas to 3-2. Garza left to a standing ovation and Glen Perkins struck out

pinch-hitter Sammy Sosa and Travis Metcalf to end the threat.

Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 34th save in 38 opportunities.

With the loss, the Rangers clinched their third straight losing season.

Manager Ron Washington was surprised at his team's lackluster situational hitting during the Rangers' 2-8 road trip, which followed a five-game winning streak.

"Hopefully we get back to Texas, back to home cooking, back to their own beds, back to their families, and hopefully for the seven games at home we can pick it up again," Washington said. Rangers starter Vicente

Padilla (6-10) was allowed to pitch while Major League Baseball reviewed his appeal to a seven-game suspension for throwing at Nick Swisher in Oakland on Sunday.

If it was indeed Padilla's final game of the season, it wasn't one to remember. He strayed from his usual strength — his fastball — in favor of off-speed pitches that didn't quite hit the mark. Padilla didn't preserve his team's first-inning lead for long, walking two batters in the first before Justin Morneau's two-out single scored Jason Bartlett.

Minnesota scored a run on one hit in each of the first three innings to take a 3-1 lead as Padilla struggled with his control.

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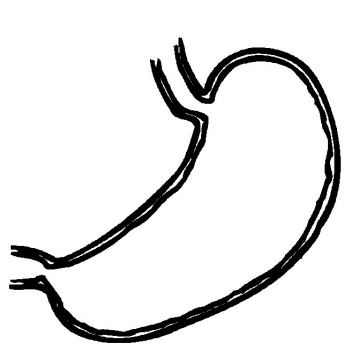
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Upping the Odds

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A 10 8 7 5
♣ A 3

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

EAST
♠ J 10 5
♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J 6 4
♣ 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 3
♥ A K J
♦ 2
♣ K Q J 10 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♣ Pass
5 NT Pass 6 ♣ Pass
6 ♣

Opening lead — five of hearts.

The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge contains a 55-page section on card combinations, listing the proper percentage plays in nearly 700 common combined holdings. Included with each combination is the probability, stated in percentages, of how often the recommended play will succeed, depending on how many tricks declarer needs to obtain from the suit.

One of the combinations is featured in today's hand. When the deal was played in a tournament, South reached six spades as shown, and West led a heart. Declarer took East's queen with the ace, crossed to the ace of clubs and led a spade to the queen, losing to West's king. South still had to lose another spade trick to East and finished down one.

Declarer's line of play left something to be desired, since it did not make provision for the possibility that East might have been dealt the jack and ten of spades. In essence, South would have succeeded only if East had held two or three spades including the king, about a 34 percent chance. Whenever West had the king, finessing the queen was certain to lead to defeat.

Instead, declarer should have begun by leading a spade to the nine. In the actual deal, the nine would have lost to the king, after which South would have had the rest of the tricks. If the nine lost to the ten or jack, the queen could be finessed on the next round, thus retaining the possibility of making the contract if East had the king.

The recommended play would have given declarer two chances instead of one to make the slam. His combined probability of success, according to the Encyclopedia, would be exactly 52 percent.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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GARAGE SALE: Saturday 8am till noon, 5th & Austin St. Too much to list.

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Garage Sales

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F-150 Harley-Davidson adds supercharged edition to lineup

This isn't your average, run-of-the-mill half-ton pickup truck. But for consumers who insist on a heavy dose of substance to go along with style, this is exactly what the doctor ordered. Yes, I'm talking about the perennially popular F-150 Harley-Davidson special edition pickup, which Ford now offers with an optional SALEEN supercharger that jacks up performance to 450 horsepower and 500 foot-pounds of torque for the rear-wheel drive performance pickup.

This is the same twin-screw supercharger as the one featured in the Shelby GT-500 and features a dual-stage water-to-air intercooler to increase efficiency and add performance by cool-

ing the intake air. Yes, I got to spend a week behind the wheel. Yes, it absolutely, positively lives up to expectations. And yes, I'm still smiling.

ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

The F-150 Harley Davidson Super Crew 4X2 is available in Ebony Black or Dark Amethyst — both with lots of chrome and custom Harley-Davidson graphics. Not only does it contain all of the styling and up-level features consumers have come to expect from Ford's special co-branding with the famed Milwaukee motorcycle manufacturer, it has all of the performance one would expect from a Ford SVT high performance vehicle. For those who miss the Ford SVT Lightning, the supercharged Harley



The 2007 Ford F-150 supercharged Harley-Davidson limited edition pickup.

truck nicely fills the void. This bad boy goes 0-60 faster than you can think it. The F-150 Harley-Davidson pickup is powered by a 5.4-liter V-8 engine and is mated to a four-speed automatic transmission. The limited edition model has a base price of \$37,210 including \$925 destination and delivery. The SALEEN supercharger option adds \$6,500 to the base price. Since Ford began the co-branding partnership with Harley-Davidson in 1999, more than 60,000 Ford Harley trucks have been sold. The supercharged option was just made available this summer and is an absolute must for collectors and performance enthusiasts. While the supercharger delivered performance on



demand, what impressed me most is how well heeled this vehicle is in everyday urban driving situations. While it has more than enough power to compete at the track on Saturday night, I also found it well suited for the routine commutes to work, picking up the kids and going to the store. Unlike a lot of high-

performance vehicles, this truck is capable of daily work. That said, you do have to monitor the speedometer because it gets up to the legal speed limit in a hurry if you have a heavy foot. For those in the market for a niche performance vehicle, the F-150 supercharged Harley-Davidson pickup is an

absolute must. *Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 15 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto Writers Association and the Midwest Automotive Media Association. Comments may be sent to Neal at neal.white@waxahachiedaily.com.*

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ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY
On the 13th day of September, 2007, Kind of Animal: 6 Goats Breed: Spanish Goats & Long hair billy goat Color: 1 white billy goat, 1 white nanny goat, 2 black & white nanny goats, and 2 tan nanny goats. Size: Medium sized billy goat & smaller nanny goats Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics, under skin chip information, Goats were spray painted with red paint & all of the goats have horns. And on the 13th day of September, 2007 I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of the estray but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray, is not determined by the 12th day of October, 2007, said estray will be sold at public auction/ Sheriff's Sale at 500 N. Birdwell Lane. Witness my hand this 14th day of September, 2007. Jesse Metcalf Deputy Sheriff of Howard County Texas #5516 September 20, 2007

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

If the Virgo sun is the nutritionist of the zodiac, matching bottom lines to resources and waistlines to calories, the Capricorn moon is the personal trainer. In today's perfectly compatible pair, efficiency meets rigor for feats of productivity. They're softies, too. Never wasteful in thought or action — now, isn't that the true meaning of consideration?



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you reach out to others and ask for help, you immediately feel better. It may wind up that you don't even need the help you ask for — you just need to know that you're not alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Partners will be exceptionally understanding. However, they will also want to be extremely well informed as to your feelings and decisions — even the ones that don't involve them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A rift in your life is on the mend. But don't keep peeling off the bandage to check on it. Once you've done your part, you can relax and let life's process do its

Tomorrow's Horoscope

part. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Revamp your spending plan. Actually, for many Cancers, it's been so long since that plan was addressed, it's as if it was never vamped to begin with. Seize this chance for a new start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Withdrawing from your regular social activities gives you the rest and perspective shift you need to truly appreciate the network you've built (and see where the holes are that you can fill in later).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're tougher than usual. Pity to anyone who snakes out of an agreement with you now! Costly favors are asked of you, too. Say no early on — it's much easier that way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you listen carefully, you can hear a loved one's faint, subliminal cry for help. Your inner superhero emerges to save the day. Pay no mind to former limitations. They're exactly that — former.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're entitled to change your mind, which you'll do repeatedly as you keep adjusting your priorities. Hopefully, you are inching yourself ever higher on the list.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The planets favor your vigilant and realistic approach to getting what you want.

Make sure you have a successful plan. Ask for the opinions of those who've maneuvered the route before.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Community concerns wind up being your concern sooner or later, so you may as well get involved now. In general, opportunities to take on more responsibility are extremely lucky.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are glimmers of something new on your career horizon. Make efforts to catch that promising trickle of money, but also know that this stream should be followed to the river, where the real payload is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Take a sideways look at the way you travel in the world. It's time to gussy up your mode of transportation, whether it's your shoes, your attitude or your jet plane. Whatever gets you there should get you there in style.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: After quitting a job I was dissatisfied with because of office politics, I began to write a novel about — what else? — office politics (smile). I have written 100 pages in less than four weeks. Do I have any chance of becoming a successful writer? I don't need to be superrich; I just want to be able to live

comfortably doing something I love. I was born on May 4, 1974.

If you like spending hours at a time alone in your head everyday, congratulations, you're a writer. Office politics, I love it! With the popularity of the television show "The Office," your subject is in tune with the times. With mental Mercury joining your Taurus sun, you're a natural communicator. An integral part of your life purpose is expressing yourself. Jupiter, the planet of publishing, helps you out in a big way, putting you in touch with the best people to publish your book. In other words, write down what you have to say, and lucky connections will match you to an audience. On the topic of success, I'll paraphrase Stephen King: If you can pay a bill with the money you earn from writing, I'll call you talented.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Horror of horrors, what's going on inside the head of Virgo Stephen King? **Mercury, the writer, is joined by macabre and imaginative Neptune.** King says that when he begins a story, he never knows where it will end. The narrow focus of his Virgo sun can be counted on to see the trees despite the forest, and by keeping his mind on the "seed" of a story, a magnificently terrible tale grows. If you would like to

Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Recently our daughter moved to our town. She is divorced and has two children. We provided for them for six months and never asked for any money. We wanted her to have her own place, so we bought an older home with the agreement that she would pay us only the amount of the monthly mortgage.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

We filled out regular rental forms, which she signed, stating that the only ones living in the house would be her and her two children. The very first day she moved in, she had a guy stay overnight. Sometimes he stays several days at a time.

Should we ask that he pay the difference between what we are charging her and what we would charge someone else to rent the house? My daughter says she can do whatever she pleases because she is paying what we agreed on. But we never agreed she could have a guy living there. Please give us your advice. — New Mexico

Dear N.M.: If the lease states that she cannot have anyone else living there, it doesn't mean you can charge more rent. It means you can evict her for violating the lease. However, we don't believe you want to throw her out. And frankly, you shouldn't be overly involved in her relationship choices. She's a grown woman and she is going to have boyfriends, some of whom will spend the night. Instead, try impressing upon her the poor example she is setting for her children

your response to "Torn in Michigan," regarding the loss of her daughter. I, too, am a grieving mother who lost my oldest son at the age of 19. I hope "Torn" will contact Compassionate Friends as you suggested. I found them very caring. It makes no difference how the child died or at what age.

One additional piece of advice I would like to give "Torn" is that everyone mourns differently and understanding that makes living a bit easier. I also sought help from my family doctor, who prescribed medication to get me through some very hard times. We just passed the 14th anniversary of my son's death, and although difficult, with the help of my friends and family, we move on. My son is never forgotten, yet I am once again a happy wife to my husband and mother to both of my sons, Chris in heaven and Jeremy on earth. — Charlestown, Ind.

Dear Charlestown: We know it must have taken a great deal of strength to write this letter. Please know it surely will help others who are facing such a terrible loss. Bless you.

Dear Annie: My husband spent 25 years in the military, and we tried to make love every night he was home. We were married for over 47 years. He was my husband, best friend and lover. We talked about everything and set aside time for family. When the children grew up and left home, we still made a point of taking time to talk. Our lovemaking stopped only when my husband's cancer made him too weak to do anything but hold me and kiss me and tell me he loved me.

A good marriage is based on mutual respect and wanting the best for your spouse. It's a two-way street. Marriage is never perfect, and it is not 50-50. My husband never did housework, but I never changed the tires

or took care of the yard. Making love to someone you truly love is not a chore, but something I looked forward to. My husband died in January and my world ended. My advice is to love completely and enjoy every minute you have. — Arkansas

Dear Arkansas: We appreciate your sharing your beautiful love story. We send our deepest condolences.

Dear Annie: My mother, who is elderly and cannot drive, employs a taxi driver named "George" on a regular basis. George is in his 30s and married with children. He has befriended my mom, calls her on her cell phone to chat when she's out of town visiting my sister, and has even taken her with him on a family vacation.

I just found out George was named executor for the estate of an elderly man who is another customer of his. George will inherit \$1.5 million when this man passes away.

Does George sound like a con man who knows how to get elderly people to sign over their money to him, or just a friendly guy to whom people want to leave their life savings? I'm worried about my mother and not sure what to do. Am I worried over nothing? — Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned: No. Taking Mom on vacation is plenty unusual, and although it's possible George is just a great guy, it pays to be careful. First check to see if George has a criminal record. Then, no matter the results, explain to Mom that it's time she spoke to a lawyer about updating her will and assigning someone to make health care decisions for her should she become unable to do so herself. Offer to set up the appointment and accompany her. Too many children are reluctant to bring up end-of-life subjects, but these matters should not be left until it's too late to arrange them properly.

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► News in brief

Both sides rest in Holy Land Foundation case

DALLAS (AP) — After two months of testimony and three days of lawyers' closing arguments, a jury began deliberating Wednesday whether leaders of a Muslim charity spent years helping needy people or secretly financed Middle East terrorism.

Prosecutors said the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development used charity as a cover to funnel millions in illegal aid to groups controlled by the Palestinian militant group Hamas.

Holy Land and five of its former leaders are not accused of violence. Rather, prosecutors have pieced together documents and videotapes that they say show a careful and secretive plan to bankroll social services that helped Hamas gain support from Palestinian civilians and recruit suicide bombers.

Convicted killer in triple slaying to die Thursday

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A man who pleaded guilty to a triple slaying where two of the victims were injected with cleaning fluid before they were fatally stabbed was set for execution.

Clifford Kimmel, 32, faced lethal injection Thursday evening — the 25th this year in Texas —

Air quality concerns shutter school

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston school district is temporarily relocating students and teachers from a middle school where more than 22 staff members have fallen ill in the last four weeks, a school official said Wednesday.

District officials plan an "invasive systems study" of Francis Scott Key Middle School to determine whether air quality issues are to blame for the severe headaches,

for the torture and fatal stabbings during a 1999 robbery in San Antonio.

His plea, as his capital murder trial was getting under way, left a Bexar County jury with only a decision whether he should spend life in prison or die for the deaths of Rachel White and Susan Halverstadt, both 22-year-old topless dancers, and a friend of theirs, Brent Roe, 29.

Jurors chose death. An accomplice, Derek Murphy, received a life prison sentence.

Aldrin's notes on handwritten card offered by auction

DALLAS (AP) — A handwritten card containing a Bible verse that Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin planned to broadcast back to Earth during a lunar Holy Communion service is among items offered this week in a space-related auction.

Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, was asked not to read the verse publicly because of a legal challenge NASA faced from famed atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair. He instead recited the verse during a private service with a communion kit furnished by his church, Webster (Texas) Presbyterian.

Affidavit says Dallas man reported stabbing wife

DALLAS (AP) — A man

charged with stabbing his wife and her two young sons called 911 to say he had killed them, according to an arrest warrant affidavit released Wednesday.

"My name is Robert Sparks and I just killed my wife and the two boys. You need to get over there fast," Sparks said during the Saturday morning call.

After giving the home's address and his name again, the caller said: "I left two girls in the closet."

Emergency personnel arrived Saturday to find 30-year-old Chare Agnew and her sons — 10-year-old Raeqwon Agnew and 9-year-old Harold Sublet — stabbed to death in their Dallas home.

Agnew's two teenage daughters were found bound and gagged in a closet. They were taken to the hospital and then released.

Sparks, 33, had fled the home and was on the run for several days. He was captured Tuesday night.

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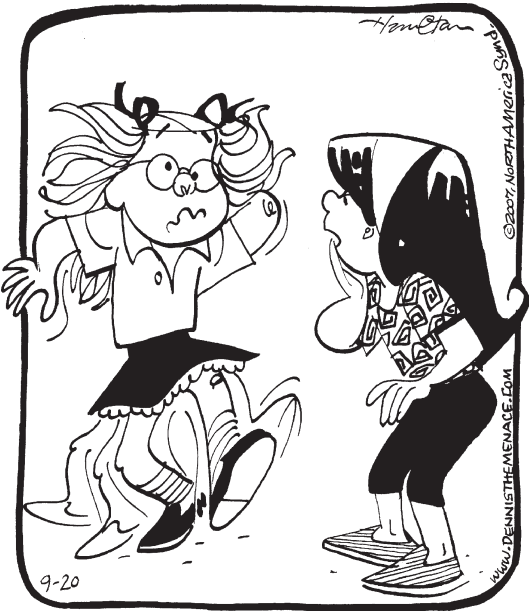
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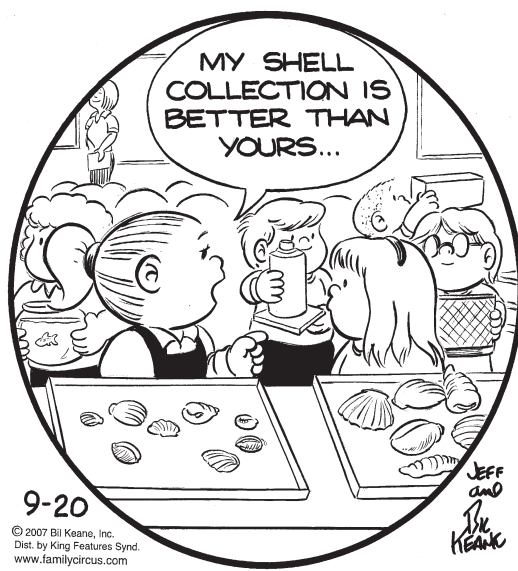
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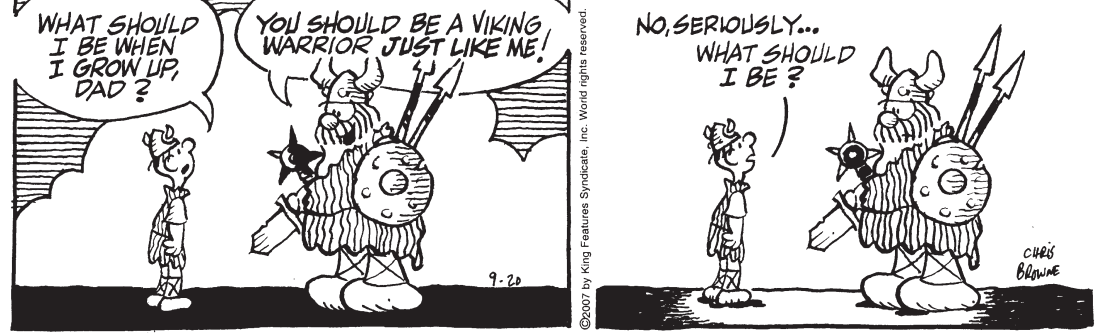
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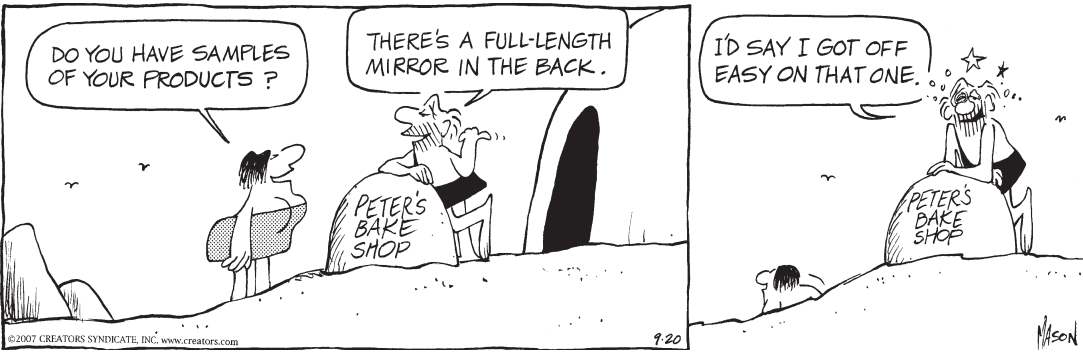
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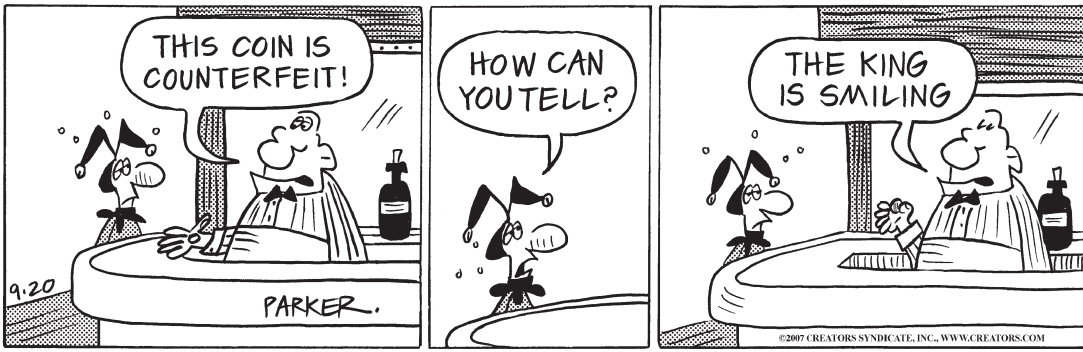
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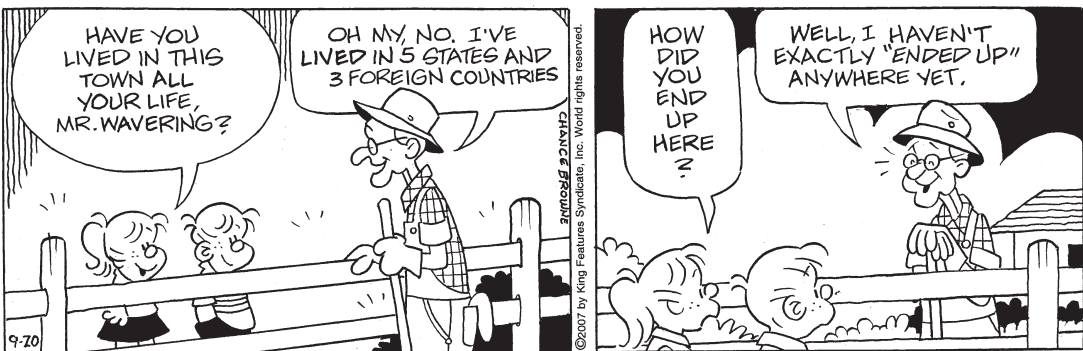
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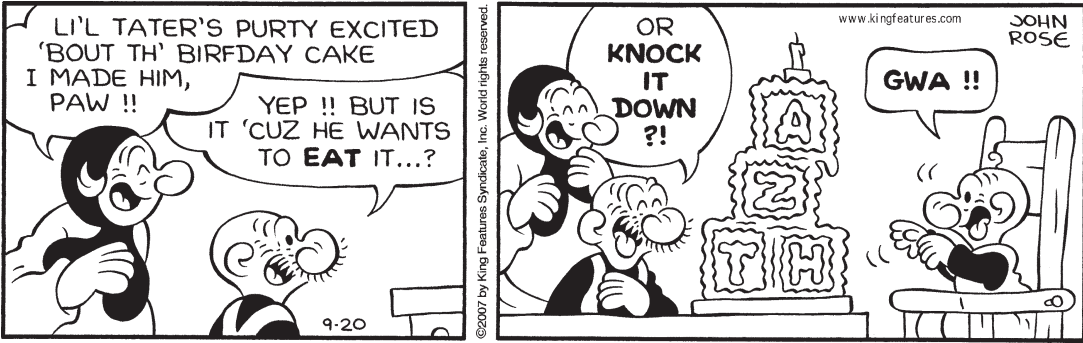
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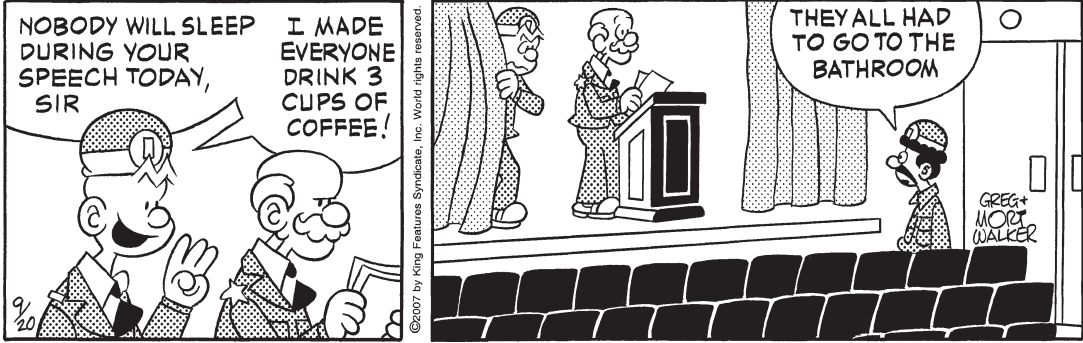
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 2007. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On Sept. 20, 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan and his crew set out from Spain on five ships on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia. (Magellan was killed en route, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)
In 1857, Delhi, India, fell to British forces
In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.
In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding the assassinated James A. Garfield.
In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.
In 1957, Finnish composer Jean Sibelius died.
In 1962, black student James Meredith was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)
In 1967, the Cunard liner RMS Queen Elizabeth 2 was christened by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in Clydebank, Scotland.
In 1973, in their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.
In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people.
One year ago: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez repeatedly referred to President Bush as "the devil" during a speech to the United Nations. The African Union announced it would extend the mandate of a peacekeeping force in Darfur.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Gogi Grant is 83. Actress-comedian Anne Meara is 78. Actress Sophia Loren is 73. Rock musician Chuck Panozzo is 60. Hockey player Guy LaFleur is 56. Jazz musician Peter White is 53. Actress Betsy Brantley is 52. Actor Gary Cole is 51. Actress Kristen Johnston is 40. Rock singers Matthew Nelson and Gunnar Nelson are 40. Rock musician Ben Shepherd is 39. Rock musician Rick Woolstenhulme (Lifehouse) is 28. Rapper Yung Joc is 25.

Thought for Today: "Men hate those to whom they have to lie." - Victor Hugo, French author (1802-1885).

Answer to previous puzzle

Word search grid with words like OPCIT, ELMS, RACE, BORNE, REAL, EWAN, STARE, UNTO, CART, GETUP, THERVER, EST, ODDER, MATURE, SLAVE, ALES, SUAVE, ARF, STANDANDELIVER, TOM, ARISE, NONE, NUTTY, PANNED, GRAIN, CAN, RISE, TOSTARDOM, EPIC, RAIN, HALLS, CODE, AGED, OTTER, ONES, NARY, WHETS

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS: 1 Go separate ways, 5 Health resorts, 9 Speak derisively, 14 History, so to speak, 15 Actress Turner, 16 Wanderer, 17 Section for Masses, 18 Letters on a memo, 19 Singer Baker, 20 Cry on a warship, 23 Throng, 24 Noah's handiwork, 25 Cry out loud, 28 It's west of Que., 29 Wee, 33 "Okay!", 34 Jeweled crown, 35 Gin-joint inventory, 36 Cry from the bleachers, 40 Worker's incentive, 41 Navigator, 42 Got up, 43 Come home exhausted, 45 Cookie Monster's home, 48 Poetic work, 49 NOW project, 50 For rent, 52 Cry from the bus driver, 57 Snake charmer's snake, 59 Lamb's pen name, 60 Take at the arena, 61 Poe's middle name, 62 Rec rooms, 63 Auction advisory, 64 Orange covers, 65 Portnoy's creator, 66 Trawler equipment, 8 Beach shoe, 9 Bite to eat, 10 Bop, 11 What's left out, 12 About 4% of whole milk, 13 Pharmaceutical-regulating agcy., 21 Depends (on), 22 "... he drove out of sight", 26 Eleven, in Lyons, 27 Quilters' convocation, 30 Author Fleming, 31 Capote, to friends, 32 St. Pete neighbor, 33 Start of a street, 34 Factual, 35 Eyre's creator, 36 Cherry or walnut, 37 String quartet, e.g., 38 Quite generous, 39 Yale student, 40 Sis' sibling, 43 "Doctor" of rap, 44 Not for kids, 45 Tickle, 46 "Get lost!", 47 Tension, 49 The American Century author, 51 Choir accompaniment, 53 Spoken, 54 Muffin topping, 55 Hue, 56 Leftovers dish, 57 Dental work, 58 "Go, matador!"

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