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FREEDOM WALK



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Marcy Elementary students showed off their best red, white and blue side during their Freedom Walk this morning. The event was held to commemorate Celebrate Freedom Week, an observance recently authorized by the Texas Legislature. More on the Freedom Walk will be featured in this weekend's Herald.

Search continues for SWCID provost

Officials say they are in no rush

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

In searching for a new provost at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, officials say speed isn't necessarily of the essence.

SWCID, the largest community college for the deaf in the United States, has been without a chief administrator since Ron Brasel retired earlier this summer after more than 20 years at the helm.

Since that time, SWCID has almost been run by committee. Javier Flores, Howard College's execu-

"This is a very important decision and we want to make sure we have the right person for the job."



Sparks

Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Vice President Terry Hansen and Dean Dr. Amy Burchett.

"We meet as a group with the SWCID administrative staff every Friday and go over the issues at that time," Sparks said. "But Javier deals with most of the daily issues."

Sparks said the college has received eight applications for the provost position, but said naming Brasel's replacement will be a painstaking process.

"Individuals with the

tive dean of students, has been handling day-to-day operations in consultation with other HC officials, including President

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Flowers for the fair

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital's greenhouse had humble beginnings — an alternative environment for therapy while providing lifetime skills.

Hospital officials say it has grown to be one of the most desired therapy programs for patients and has evolved into an economical way to landscape the hospital grounds.

Now the plants that have thrived under the patients' attentiveness



Courtesy photo

Big Spring State Hospital Greenhouse Supervisor Raymond Ontiveros tends to some of the plants that will be available for sale at the Howard County Fair.

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Memory Walk organizers hoping for record crowd

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will take to the streets of Comanche Trail Park Saturday in hopes of funding a cure for the dreaded disease, as the group holds its annual Memory Walk.

According to statistics released by the Alzheimer's Association, more than five million Americans are now living with Alzheimer's disease



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and someone new is added to those ranks every 72 seconds.

The number one risk factor for Alzheimer's is age, according to association officials, and experts predict the toll of Alzheimer's disease alone could be as high as \$400 billion by the year 2030 —

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Sands Roundup Court

Courtesy photos

Sands High School will crown its annual Roundup Queen during ceremonies at 7 p.m. prior to tonight's Sands-Loop football game in Ackerly. Queen nominees are, from left, senior Melony Ruiz, junior Brittini Blagrove, sophomore Kimberly Wigington and freshman Meagan Yarbrough.



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HE'S A TEETH THIEF

YORKTOWN, Ind. (AP) — A man accused of snatching another man's false teeth straight from his mouth during a fight has been charged with robbery.

Robert Henry Stahl, 62, was charged Thursday in Delaware Circuit Court with felony robbery and battery causing bodily injury, a misdemeanor.

Billie Townsend, 56, told police he went to a bar on July 27 to pay Stahl money he owed him, then Stahl asked him to go outside and started punching him repeatedly.

During the fight, Stahl allegedly put Townsend in a headlock and removed his false teeth. "He said, 'You ain't getting these back,'" Townsend told police.

POW/MIA TRIBUTE SET

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 today 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 the men and women that serve in the military today don't face the same perilous circumstances as their predecessors.

SWCID CEREMONIES

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf invites everyone to its opening ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday in the Maddux Student Center Auditorium.

During the week at lunch, there will be SWCID Bingo, Wheel of Fortune Bingo and Quiz Bowl. There will be basketball and volleyball tournaments going on each evening in activity center.

SWCID students will be attending four elementary schools Tuesday. West Texas Deaf Association will be hosting a hot dog supper from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. outside the activity center. After the hot dog supper, everyone is invited to the auditorium for a film festival SWCID students put together.

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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

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

TODAY

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.

TUESDAY

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.

Steers' Senior Night at tonight's game

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.

Permian Basin Play Day results

The following are the results from the Permian Basin Ladies' Play Day held at the Big Spring Country Club Thursday.

First flight

1st Gross - Trina Albright, 77, Green Tree CC

2nd Gross - Barbara Hester, 82, Ranchland Hills CC

1st Net - Judy Hilliard, 70, Green Tree CC

2nd Net - Mary Robinson, 72, Ranchland Hills CC

Putts - LaNell Guelker, 31, Andrews CC

Second flight

1st Gross - Tammy DePauw, 91, Big Spring CC

2nd Gross - Mary Brown, 93, Green Tree CC

1st Net - Margaret Lange, 71, Green Tree CC

2nd Net - Linda DeWaters, 75, Big Spring CC

Putts - Connie Fowler, 30, Big Spring CC

Third flight

1st Gross - Patsy Sharpnack, 96, Big Spring CC

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Coahoma welcomes bye week

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — For Coahoma's Bulldogs, it's safe to say that an 0-3 start to the 2007 football season wasn't what they had in mind. However, it has happened and the only way to change it is to improve during the district season.

The Bulldogs open District 5-2A play with a visit to Merkel's Badgers Sept. 28, following a bye

this week. Last season the Badgers dropped Coahoma to 0-4, following a 26-14 win on the Bulldogs' homecoming.

However, Merkel has also opened the season 0-3 and return just three starters from last season's team. The Badgers will represent a great change from what Coahoma has faced thus far.

The Bulldogs opened with a Reagan County team that fielded 18 returning starters, then faced a Roscoe team ranked second in

the state's Class 1A poll. Ballinger also proved to be too much as the Bulldogs have had difficulties adjusting to a new style of offense.

Injuries have also plagued Coahoma with starting quarterback Donnie Garcia being the most notable player to miss time. He broke his foot on the Wednesday before the Bulldogs' matchup with Roscoe, leaving sophomore Josh Paniagua a short amount of time to learn a

good portion of the offense.

Coahoma's starting center Blaine Henderson broke a rib during the Roscoe game, leaving an already inexperienced offensive line in need of a leader.

However, having a bye this week allows the Bulldogs to heal, hopefully getting their starters closer to returning.

Containing dual threat quarterbacks has also been a problem

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Steers' spotlight: Strong-side linebacker Justin Amaro

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

For a player as passionate about football as Big Spring's Justin Amaro, there is nothing harder than being forced to watch a game from the sidelines because of injury.

"I've never missed a game because I was injured before so this is going to be really tough," said Amaro, a senior at Big Spring High School and a 2-year football letterman. "It's been hard to watch practices this week. I don't know how I'm going to handle not being able to play in the game. I really want to get out there and play."

Amaro is the Steers' second-leading tackler at strong-side linebacker and also serves as second-team running back. However, he sprained his right knee during last week's game against Hereford. Amaro didn't even realize he was hurt until after the game.

"I remember catching a screen pass and taking a shot in the knees when I got tackled," he recalled. "Maybe that's when it happened. I kept playing because it wasn't hurting. My adrenaline was pumping so I just didn't feel it. After the game, it started to hurt and turns out that I sprained it."

Head Coach Mike Ritchey acknowledges the huge loss that not having Amaro on the field is for the team.

"Justin is a great defensive player," Ritchey said. "He flies to the ball and makes a lot of tackles. He's great at getting to the football and making big plays for us on defense. We're going to miss him a lot. He's a leader on the field."

Amaro is one of three team captains along with Matt Casteneda and John Smith. Unfortunately for the Steers' defense, Casteneda will join Amaro on the sidelines with a broken hand. However, Ritchey says that both players'

presence will be felt from the sidelines.

"Both guys are great vocal leaders," Ritchey said. "They'll be on the sidelines with their emotional spirit cheering their team along. This could be the start of good coaching careers while they're having to sit out."

Amaro doesn't take his responsibilities of being team captain lightly, despite being injured.

"I still have a responsibility to my teammates to cheer them on and be there for them if they need me," he said. "I want to be on the field, but I know I can help them still on the sidelines."

Amaro isn't the biggest player on the team — weighing a mere 150 pounds — however, his speed and desire make him a great asset defensively.

"I'm not big, but I think it's an advantage," said Amaro, who led the Steers in tackles against Hereford. "I think I surprise a lot of people with the way I play. I have the desire to be on the field. I want to get to the ball and hit people. I think I'm one of the hardest hitters on the team."

Amaro is used to having big games against Hereford. In last season's playoff matchup with the Whitefaces, Amaro shined defensively, recording three sacks. However, he didn't see much playing time for most of the season and is enjoying his senior year much more.

"I didn't get to play a whole lot last season, but this season my playing time has increased a lot," he said. "I think we're a better team this year. We play together more. We back each other up. There's no bickering about who the star is. We just want to be a great team and we're not as worried about being great individually."

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Herald photo/Ken Hollandsworth
Big Spring's Justin Amaro runs the ball during a scrimmage against Wichita Falls Hirschi Aug. 18. Amaro is the Steers' second-leading tackler this season, but will miss tonight's game against Abilene Wylie due to a sprained knee.

Forsan taking advantage of off week to get healthy

By **JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — After a disappointing start this year, the Forsan Buffaloes enter the bye week and for Head Coach Tommy Thompson, it could not have come at a better time.

"The open week is perfect this year," said Thompson. "We came through the preseason banged up by injuries. Now we get a chance to heal the bumps, bruises, strains and sprains."

The Buffs' next opponent — Irion County's Hornets — is also enjoying an off week to prepare for the District 16-1A opening showdown Sept. 28.

"We traded films last week with Irion County so each side gets a full two weeks to prepare," Thompson said. "That is an advantage and should make for a great game to open district with."

Forsan set out this season with a district title as one of their goals. With the preseason and non-district schedule behind them, the wins and losses start to matter even more.

"Saying we are excited about the district part of our season is an understatement," said Thompson. "Practice is over. Our non-district games are over."

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback
Forsan's Jace Sandridge (40) wraps up a Seagraves ball carriers as teammates Ryan Flores (42) and Anthony Neighbors (70) pursue to help. The Buffs have started the season 0-3 despite being the preseason district favorite. They play Irion County Sept. 28 following a bye this week.

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J.B. Cushing



J.B. Cushing was born in Ennis on Jan. 7, 1923, to Joe and Beulah Cushing. He passed from this life Sept. 20, 2007, at the age of 84 years.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Cushing of Saginaw; one daughter, Sandy McDonald and her husband, Don, of Ruidoso, N.M.; one son, Joe Cushing and his wife, Kathy, of Saginaw; two step-children, Austin Hale of Chicago, Ill., and Toni Stovall of Odessa. Surviving grandchildren are Kevin McDonald and his wife, Nathalie, of Houston, Greg McDonald and his wife, Apryl, of Midland, Nicole Blythe and her husband, Chance, of Waxahachie, Toby Cushing and his wife, D'Anne, of Denver, Colo., Seth Stovall and his wife, Megan, of Westbrook, Erin Stovall of Colorado City, Brian Murff and his wife, Shelly, of Carthage and Coy Murff of Carthage; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

J.B. was affectionately known to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren as "Granddaddy." He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Freda Cushing.

J.B. Cushing married Freda Hatcher Oct. 22, 1942. J.B. served honorably in the United States Army during World War II. He spent the majority of his military career in action in the European Theater. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Upon honorable discharge from military service, J.B. completed his education and spent a lifetime involved in teaching school and serving in school administration. J.B. and his family taught or were associated with the Ozona, San Angelo Lake View, Zephyr, Loraine and Big Spring school districts during his career. He had a great love for all of his students, teachers and colleagues and was known for his constant good humor. J.B. retired from the Big Spring Independent School System in 1985. J.B. married Bonnie Hale of Big Spring on Sept. 18, 1999. They resided in Big Spring until 2004 when they moved to Saginaw.

J.B. was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring and attended the Lake Worth Church of Christ in the Saginaw area. J.B.'s positive Christian influence will be missed by his family. We were blessed with a "great" granddaddy.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay and Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Austin Hale, Seth Stovall, Toby Cushing, Kevin McDonald, Greg McDonald, Chance Blythe and Ben Hatcher.

The family will receive friends at Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, 2007.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Helen Ezell

Helen Ezell, 76, of Colorado City died Wednesday morning at her residence. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at Oak Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Jackie Brem officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Ezell was born April 14, 1931, in Howard County to Nobel Edward and Nellie Ryder Walker. She was a longtime resident of Colorado City and a member of Oak Street Baptist Church.

She married Charles Ezell on Sept. 22, 1947, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 2004.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda Mathis of Colorado City and Charlsa and husband, Phil Hall, of Colorado City; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Niki McGuire and Venita Gannan.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lance Walker; her step-mother, Ruby Walker; a son-in-law, Dale Mathis; and a step-brother, Stanley Tabor.

Kiker-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

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

Monday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

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

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

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the

lower 80s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

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

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

- **RAY JOHN M. ZAPATA**, 26, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant and a local capias warrant.
- **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 23, of 406 State, was arrested Thursday on two local capias warrants.
- **JOSE A. MELENDEZ**, 24, of 711 S. Aylesford, was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct - language.
- **JASON LESLIE MURRAY**, 27, of 508 Donley, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SELESTINO HERNANDEZ**, 22, of 307 San Jacinto, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRIAN T. MEIBORG**, 20, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Friday on a local citation.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of Johnson.
 - in the 1500 block of Wood.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of Sixth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 600 block of Second Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 800 block of Eighth Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.
- **HENRY CLAY HERNANDEZ**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **STEPHEN KYLE GAY**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of accident involving damage to a vehicle and driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
- **FRANK LEE JACKSON**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **LARRY JAMES STERLING**, 49, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of obstructing a highway passageway.
- **PAULA ANNE DIXON**, 46, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

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.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-10-13-34.
Number matching five of five: 1.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-21-35. Bonus Ball: 16.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
1-6-21-35. Bonus Ball: 16

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TODAY
• Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• 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.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Highway 350 and Aspermont. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Morrison. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Hurricanes blow past A&M, 34-17

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Graig Cooper's first taste of prime time was something to remember.

Cooper scored twice, Kyle Wright threw for 275 yards and two touchdowns and the Miami Hurricanes stymied No. 20 Texas A&M's high-powered offense in a 34-17 victory — just the second in their past nine games against ranked opponents.

Wright completed 21 of 26 passes, finding the freshman Cooper with one scoring throw and Chris Zellner with another. Sam Shields had six catches for 117 yards for Miami, which had three scoring drives take a combined 1 minute, 9 seconds and made their final Thursday night game at the venerable Orange Bowl one to cherish.

The Hurricanes, who are 10-0 on Thursdays at home since 1986, are leaving for Dolphin Stadium next season.

"It was a Thursday night game, prime time, so the nation got to come out and see what we really have as a University of Miami football team," Hurricanes coach Randy Shannon said.

The Aggies (3-1) entered averaging 46.3 points, scoring at least 38 in every game. Those numbers plummeted against

the Hurricanes (3-1), who held a 402-240 edge in yards and led 31-0 entering the final quarter.

Stephen McGee had a 1-yard touchdown run with 8:03 left for Texas A&M, and backup quarterback Jerrod Johnson threw a 33-yard scoring pass to tight end Martellus Bennett with 5 seconds left.

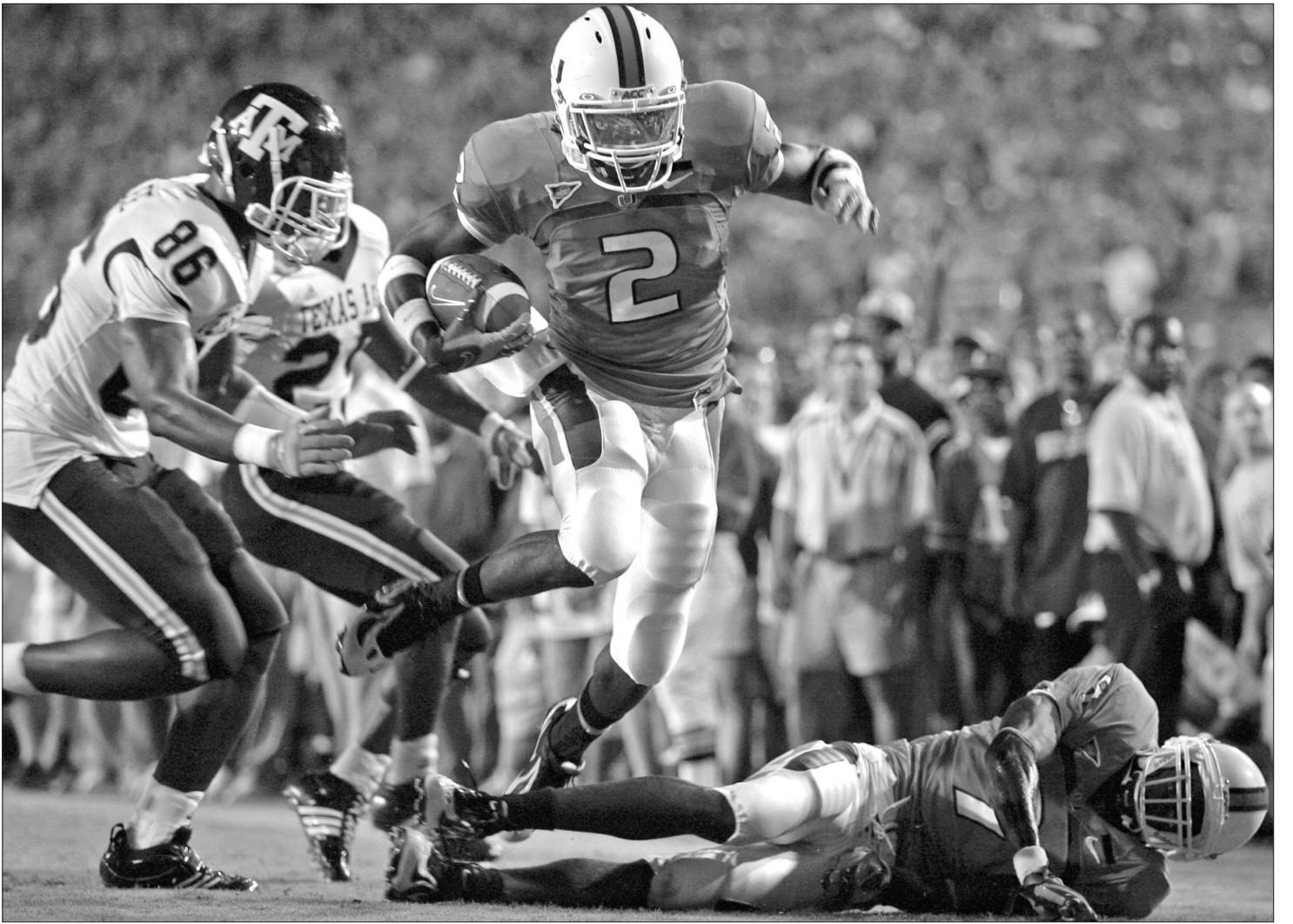
Texas A&M's three leading rushers — McGee, Mike Goodson and Jorvorskie Lane — came into the game averaging a combined 235 yards, a big reason why the Aggies' were ranked fifth nationally in rushing offense with nearly 300 yards.

That trio rushed for 21 yards in the first half and 69 for the game. Lane had no carries in the first half, and the Aggies didn't get on the board until Matt Szymanski's 32-yard field goal with 11:40 left.

The Miami mood was so joyous that university president Donna Shalala was posing for photos with smiling guests on the sideline as the clock ticked down.

The Hurricanes held the Aggies to 38 yards in the first half, taking a 24-0 lead. Miami scored 10 points off three Texas A&M turnovers in the final 3:40 before halftime.

Miami opened with an 18-play, 80-yard drive, with Wright going 5-for-5 on third downs, and took



MCT photo/AI Diaz/Miami Herald

Miami running back Graig Cooper (2) avoids Texas A&M defensive end (86) Amos Gbunblee after leaping over teammate Lance Leggett at the Orange Bowl in Miami Thursday. Miami defeated A&M 34-17.

a 7-0 lead when Cooper took a direct snap and rumbled 7 yards for a score.

The direct snap, a new Miami wrinkle for this game, also had a role in the Hurricanes' second score.

Miami got inside the Texas A&M 10 on a fortunate bounce; Wright's pass hit off Darnell Jenkins' hands, caromed off Aggies linebacker Mark Dodge, and landed on Jenkins — who made the catch on the ground.

It was that kind of night for Miami.

"This is the best feeling in the world," Cooper said.

Wright was spread right like a wide receiver on third-and-2 and fourth-and-1 plays inside the

Aggies 5. Javarris James took both snaps, eventually got the first down, then scored from 1 yard for a 14-0 lead.

Miami ran off the field celebrating at halftime, and never had a reason to stop in the second half.

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News briefs

Victoria principal fired for not disclosing prison stint

VICTORIA (AP) — The Victoria School Board voted Thursday night to begin the process of firing a high school principal because he failed to disclose that he served time in federal prison.

Michael Maples, principal of Memorial High, is accused of lying on his employment application by answering that he had not been convicted of a crime.

He was suspended without pay and the board gave notice of its intent to fire him.

Maples had been suspended with pay since Sept. 7, when the district learned of embezzlement allegations against him by the Oklahoma City school district. The FBI is investigating claims that Maples embezzled \$32,000 from that district, the Victoria Advocate reported in a story for its Friday editions.

Maples, who was a first lieutenant in the Army, was convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer. He was found guilty of attempting to steal merchandise and/or insurance proceeds worth almost \$22,000, willfully and unlawfully altering a public record between, and wrongfully wearing unauthorized decorations, badges and awards, according to a general court martial order obtained by the Advocate. The infractions took place in 1989 or 1990.

Janet Wray, public information officer at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas, said Maples was incarcerated

in the disciplinary barracks from December 1990 to December 1991. He was dismissed from the Army in February 1992.

Clay Cain, attorney for the Victoria school district, said the district conducts background checks on every job candidate through the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"I can't imagine a more reliable source than the Texas DPS," Cain said. "Apparently those convictions don't always make it into that system."

Maples was also certified to teach in Texas by the State Board of Educator Certification, which also conducts a background check, officials said.

Mom accused of burning kids charged

FORT WORTH (AP) — The woman accused of dousing her three daughters with gasoline and setting them on fire was charged Thursday with capital murder.

Alysha Green's 3-year-old daughter Ariania died after being removed from life support Tuesday, three days after the fire at their home in Haltom City, a Fort Worth suburb.

Her two older daughters, 5-year-old Alexandria and 7-year-old Adamiria, remain hospitalized but their conditions were not being released.

Prosecutors said they have not decided whether to seek the death penalty against Green, 29.

PROVOST

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experience necessary in this area are few and far between," Sparks said. "We are conducting a nationwide search and it is a difficult process finding a pool of qualified candidates."

"This is a very important decision and we want to make sure we have the right person for the job," she added. "We are looking for an individual who has a comprehensive understanding of deaf culture and education."

Sparks added there is no timeline to naming a replacement.

"We had hoped to have a replacement by the fall semester, but we'll continue the search until we find the appropriate person," she said. "We are

going to be diligent and make sure it's the right person."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Brent Henry, 28, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Memorial Services will be at 3:00 PM Sunday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Amarillo.

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BSSH

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have gone beyond the borders of the hospital.

"When Channel 7 (KOSA-TV) did the spot on our greenhouse, the product that Raymond (Ontiveros, greenhouse director) and his assigned therapeutic workers produced were so beautiful we got requests from the public," BSSH Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

As the public requested the plants, hospital administrators could not

find a suitable method to put it into the public's hands without risking the hospital's confidentiality and privacy concerns, according to Josh Preston, rehab coordinator.

"We limited most of the plant sales to hospital employees or used it on campus for landscaping," Preston said.

When the Howard County Fair advertised booth space, Moughon saw an opportunity to sell the plants in a public area to people who wanted them and give employees an opportunity to talk to fair visitors about the

many aspects of hospital operations.

"The fair seemed like a great public event to use to sell some of the products," Moughon said. "And the proceeds go directly to support the therapeutic work program for patients by purchasing supplies."

The fair will be Sept. 26-29.

Various plants, plant arrangements, herbs and patient artwork will be offered for sale for competitive prices, Preston said.

"The horticulture program would not be successful without our

employees," he said, "but much of the credit, if not most, goes to our patients who really enjoy spending time in the greenhouse in therapy. It has grown due to client interest. Our clients have pride in their work and work very hard toward beautifying the BSSH campus. Additionally, the clients find it self-rewarding to have the opportunity to plant trees and care for our landscape."

"Many of the patients have told me that they enjoy it for the exercise it provides, self-esteem and self-gratification, and it clears up stress."

The fair is open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

WALK

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enough to literally bankrupt the Medicare system.

Nancy Jones, local coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association and director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), said the money raised by the annual trek — which includes both one and two mile walks on a "flat path" — stays where it's needed most — at home.

"The money we raise each year stays right here in Howard County," said Jones. "It goes to help the families 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."

Jones said the event managed to raise approximately \$19,000 last year, a number they are hoping to top this time around.

"Last year was kind of a low year for us. We only had about 250 walkers participate in the fundraiser," said Jones. "We're hoping to get back up to about 400 walkers this year, which is how many we had the year before last. We're hoping to raise about \$22,000 this year."

The event — which will begin at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park and is being coordinated by local residents Cindy Lopez and Rebecca Peacock — will

get under way at 9 a.m. with registration set from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m.

"We have to main courses we'll walk," she said. "The long course is about two miles, while the short course is about a mile. Of course, that doesn't mean anyone has to walk any particular distance. We have some people that come out and support by just walking a short distance. It's all for a good cause."

Jones said the Alzheimer's Association

has a couple of new surprises for walkers this year.

"Southwest Tool and Higgonbotham Bartlet both donated the materials for special signs to be set up along the course," said Jones. "Each of the signs will contain statistics concerning Alzheimer's that I think people are really going to find interesting."

"We're also going to have a memory garden. Forget-me-nots that are being sold for \$1 each will

be put together in a little paper flower garden. They will be in honor and memory of those who have suffered with the disease."

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The City of Big Spring City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 25, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street.



Herald photo/Bruce Schooler
Coahoma Bulldogs' quarterback Josh Paniagua passes during Coahoma's game against Ballinger Sept. 14.

BULLDOGS BUFFS

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for the Bulldogs with all three opponents this season revealing that weakness. Merkel provides more relief in that they don't field a quarterback known for his running ability.

However, the Bulldogs are young in the secondary and every opponent has passed for well over 200 yards.

There have been bright spots for the Bulldogs though.

In particular, the running game has produced significant results with junior tailback P.J. Daylong leading the way. Fullback Corey Roberts has also made the most of his carries, leading Coahoma in scoring.

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Now every game is for a district title. The guys are excited and the staff is excited. It is Friday night football at its best."

Although the Buffs have opened up 0-3, Thompson is still encouraged and says he would not have done anything different to this point.

"I would not change anything about how we have approached the season so far," Thompson said. "It has been interesting and we have struggled in certain facets of the game. But most of the mistakes in our losses are coming from our inability to stay focused and that is something that can be changed."

Thompson cites fumbled snaps, missed assignments and penalties as big issues that have taken the Buffs out of contention in the first three games.

However, Thompson is pleased overall with how his team continues to have a never-say-die attitude and with how they are beginning to feel at ease with the offense and defense.

"The kids are great. They are making strides each week," Thompson said. "They have kept their heads up and understand the reasons we have not played as well as we are capable. They see the mistakes on film and then

they work well with each other to correct those problems. They are a great group to coach."

The Buffs have taken a hit lately with key players being out due to injuries, but Thompson is hopeful the bye week will get some guys back on the field.

"James Marlow should be back from his ankle injury," said Thompson. "And Ryan Flores will return, but will have to play with a cast. It will be a huge lift to get those two guys back on the field. Having them back will give us more depth and confidence on both sides of the ball."

BRIEFS

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2nd Gross - Rosie Aguilar, 98, Sunset CC
1st Net - Carolyn Abney, 73, Andrews CC
2nd Net - Carol Ramsey, 77, Sunset CC
Putts - Georgia Bentley, 35, Sunset CC

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.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

1. You are South, and the bidding has gone:

| South | West | North | East |
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| Pass | 1♥ | Dble | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| ? | | | |

What would you now bid with:
♠K7653 ♥842 ♦73 ♣J63

2. You are South, and the bidding has gone:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♦ | Pass |
| 5NT | Pass | ? | |

What would you now bid with:
♠Q74 ♥KQ2 ♦85 ♣AKQJ9

3. You are South, and the bidding has gone:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠ | 2♦* | Pass | 3♦ |
| Dble | Pass | | |

*pre-emptive jump-overcall
What would you now bid with:
♠K742 ♥Q852 ♦8 ♣J1053

1. Four spades. You don't have much of a hand, and partner's three-spade bid is not forcing, but you should nevertheless bid four spades. Essentially, partner is saying that all he needs from you for a game in spades is one trick or a bit of distribution. Your five spades to the king, doubleton diamond and jack of clubs are more than enough to justify a four-spade bid. Partner may have

something like:
♠AQ92 ♥J♦AKJ84 ♣AQ4

2. Seven hearts. Partner is trying for a grand slam, since he could have ended the auction by bidding six hearts over five diamonds; therefore, his five-notrump bid, asking for kings, guarantees your side has all four aces. There is no good reason to respond six hearts, announcing two kings, since partner might pass and easily wind up with 13 tricks. Instead, you should reason that he will almost surely take all the tricks with the aid of your solid club suit. Partner's hand might look something like:
♠A9♥AJ7653♦AJ4♣73

3. Four diamonds. Partner's double is for takeout, and, considering your previous pass, you have a far better hand than he has a right to expect. You should therefore feel confident that there's a game somewhere (possibly even a slam), but you're not in position to judge whether the best contract lies in hearts, spades or clubs.

Instead of trying to guess which suit is most likely to produce the best game contract, you can force your partner to make the choice by cue-bidding the opponent's suit. This asks him to bid a four-card major if he has one (he almost certainly has), but even if he lacks a four-card major, he will then have a sufficient number of clubs to enable him to rebid that suit, and you can then raise him to game.

Tomorrow: Raising the percentages.
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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Howard College for its Battle of the Cheerleaders and to Coahoma and Forsan yell leaders for taking home awards.

- Also, congratulations to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau for hosting Vocal Trash that same evening for a return trip to Big Spring.

- The Antique Automobile Club of America members on their marvelous Grand Old Tour held here last weekend.

- Rudy Rodriguez, Texas Tejano.com president and founder; Rosa Rosales, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens; and Stephanie Ramirez, local LULAC public relations coordinator, on bring the acclaimed A Tejano Son of Texas Traveling Exhibit to Howard College. It will be on display through Oct. 15, at the Hall Center of the Arts on campus.

- Marcy Elementary on celebrating a Freedom Week this past week, ending with this morning's Freedom Walk around the campus. Great job, everyone!

- Mike Niklasch, Raul Marquez and Richard Steel, outgoing directors on the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. Board of Directors, and to incoming directors Glenn Fillingim, Dr. Keith Ledford and Glynn Jones Mouton.

- Local law enforcement officers, EMS, firefighters and others who took time to pay tribute to Odessa Police Department officer Abel Marquez, who died in the line of duty recently.

- Howard College, reporting a record 3,405 students enrolled on its campuses this year. Excellent!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When it's time to make a change, Lord, please show us the way.

Amen

One who took a leap of faith

When the sun finally came up it proved to be a beautiful Tuesday morning.

Cool fall air and not a cloud in the sky. The morning commute to downtown Manhattan seemed a little more pleasant than usual. Jonathan Briley walked into the World Trade Center that fateful day looking up as always. I think about him.

The son of a Baptist pastor, Jonathan grew up working on his daddy's P.A. system. His interest in music and speaking eventually landed him a job at the famed restaurant Windows of the World as the sound engineer. Anytime there was a conference or a celebration, it was Jonathan's job to set up and run the sound equipment.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the restaurant was holding a breakfast for 16 members of the Waters Financial Technology Congress, and 71 other guests. It was a day Jonathan had to be there early. About 20 minutes after he arrived, American Airlines flight 11 slammed into the North Tower just a few stories beneath him.

Eating in that same restaurant was Alayne Gentil, 44, a senior vice-president of the Fiduciary Trust and mother of two. As the room began to fill up with smoke she called her husband.

"Smoke is coming in from everywhere, Jack." She labored to tell her husband. "Guys are breaking the windows."

"Honey, go to the stairs and get out of there."

"We can't," she responded, "it's too hot in the stairs. Like an oven."

Cameras and History

So many terrible things happened that day we will not forget. Some, we will want to.

As the estimated 1,000 people trapped on floors 100 through 107 began trying to move away from the inferno, New Yorkers looked up with their hands over their mouths.

A photojournalist named Richard Drew lived close to the towers. Richard was already no stranger to history. He had been one of only four photographers in the room when Bobby Kennedy was assassinated nearly forty years earlier.

At 9:41 a.m., 56 minutes after the ordeal had started; Richard pointed his I-lens upward and caught a man falling. He took 12 pictures of Jonathan Briley as he plunged 1,300 feet to Church Street below.

The Falling Man

It's believed that Jonathan is the famous "falling man." The picture seen by millions throughout the world of a person headed straight down completely vertical, almost casual.

His arms are by his side; his left leg is bent at the knee and his white jacket billowing free against black pants. In the one famous picture he perfectly splits the towers. The north tower is to his left and the south tower to his right. It's an amazing photograph and one most of us wish we hadn't seen.

Jonathan was asthmatic and the toxic fumes forced him outside for almost an hour before he took flight. I think he thought it better to die flying than to die choking. In a place where every option had

been taken away from him he somehow mustered the courage to step out of the heat and into the hands of God.

In one of many interviews, Jonathan's elder sister, Gwendolyn, says, "When I first looked at the picture... and I saw it was a man like him, tall and slim, I said, 'If I didn't know any better, that could be Jonathan.'"

When asked if his apparent jumping collided with their Christian theology, she said something I think is quite brilliant. "Let me tell you how much Jonathan loved God," she said. "He trusted him so much that he jumped 105 stories expecting God to catch him."

To Gwendolyn there was victory for her brother even in this tragedy.... especially in this tragedy.

No matter what terrible thing we are facing today, it pales compared to what Jonathan faced. Whatever tough decisions, I hope we have the courage to trust God when nothing else makes sense. Jonathan Briley and his sister Gwendolyn preach to me.

They help me.

I believe the next time we see Jonathan; he won't be falling at all. He'll be risen.

Now that's a picture I want to see.

1 Corinthians 15:54

"So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. E-mail him at FFTB@OpenDoorMinistries.org.



More corn, bigger dead zone

This summer, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that U.S. farmers have planted a post-World War II record amount of land with corn to meet the growing demand driven largely by increased ethanol production. A few weeks later, researchers from Louisiana State University reported an all-time record for the size of the dead (hypoxic) zone in the Gulf of Mexico. Is there a connection?

Well, yes. We know the amount of algal growth leading to low oxygen levels, and subsequent fish and shrimp decline, in the Gulf of Mexico is directly related to the amount of nitrogen going down the Mississippi River.

And we know that much of this nitrogen comes from the fertile farmland in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois, the heart of the Corn Belt.

Corn prices reached as high as \$4 a bushel this spring, and are at about \$3.40 a bushel now, still a profitable margin. The anticipation of continued high prices has increased the incentive to move land into corn.

This year, the amount of land planted in corn has increased a whopping 18.5 percent, from 78.3 million to 92.9 million acres. These acres come from soybean, Conservation Reserve Land and grasslands.

More often than ever, corn is

being planted on the same land each year, eliminating the time-proven rotations of the past and requiring more nitrogen use.

This shift toward greater corn acres will greatly enhance nitrogen flow into the Mississippi River. Yet Gulf Coast and Midwest scientists who have been studying the causes of hypoxia and developing models to predict its behavior in the gulf have called for a 50 percent reduction in nitrogen runoff — in order to reduce the dead zone to the level it was about 20 years ago. Clearly, current bio-fuel policies are pushing the Gulf in the wrong direction.

It is possible that a perfect storm of farming practices and climate change-driven events have caused the record level of hypoxia this year. Last winter was warm and wet, causing nitrogen in crop residues, animal manures and applied fertilizer to be more rapidly converted to the soluble nitrate form. Many farmers applied their nitrogen in the fall in anticipation of greater corn acres. And heavy spring rains accelerated its leaching into the Mississippi River and the Gulf. This was reflected in the high levels of nitrate in Midwest rivers this spring.

Farmers believe increased ethanol demand will keep corn prices high for years to come. So, unless there are major policy changes, it is likely we will see increased corn land and higher use of nitrogen fertilizer for the foreseeable future.

The fertilizer needs for a corn-based ethanol system undercut

some of the potential energy gains. That is because nitrogen fertilizer, made from natural gas, requires a lot of energy — up to 29 percent of the energy use in agriculture. Since most corn crops are fertilized with about 150 to 200 pounds per acre of nitrogen fertilizer, it takes between 30 and 40 gallons of diesel fuel equivalent just to fertilize the crop.

There are good alternatives, such as organic farming or long-term rotations, to reduce the use of nitrogen for growing high yields of corn. But right now, these more eco-friendly options do not provide the vast amounts of corn needed to fill the increased demand of the ethanol boom.

We need policies to encourage a new world of energy-producing cellulose crops as an alternative to corn. These perennial crops could provide feedstock for biofuels, clean water and healthy soils. Congress must look at biofuel issues as it finishes writing the 2007 Farm Bill.

If incentives for growing corn could be reduced, cellulosic ethanol support could be enhanced and support for more sustainable forms of agriculture could be provided, we could assure a healthy landscape and rural economy — and a healthy Gulf of Mexico.

Dr. Dennis Keeney is a senior fellow at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy and former director of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

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Rolling Red Raiders face reeling Cowboys

By MURRAY EVANS
Associated Press Writer
STILLWATER, Okla. — Considering both Oklahoma State's recent history of success at home against Texas Tech and the Cowboys' current circumstances, they have reason to be glad it's the Red Raiders who will visit Boone Pickens Stadium on Saturday.

With the Cowboys reeling after a disappointing start that included a lopsided loss to a supposedly outmanned Sun Belt Conference foe, and Texas Tech posting its usual big offensive numbers, Oklahoma State — which has won three of its last four games against the Red Raiders in Stillwater — is looking for any advantage it can find.

Oklahoma State offensive coordinator Larry Fedora summarizes the team's feelings bluntly: "The only way to get that taste (of losing) out of your mouth is to win Saturday."

After losing 41-23 at Troy, Oklahoma State (1-2) would seem to be at a critical juncture of its football season.

A win over Texas Tech would at least temporarily soothe a restless fan base and give the Cowboys an early leg up in the always-competitive Big 12 Conference South Division race.

"It's tough when you play a team and they're coming off a big loss like that because they always want to get back out there on the field and prove that they can play, so it will be a little tougher," Texas Tech cornerback Chris Parker said. "We've just got to go out there and try to take that tempo away from them."

Texas Tech (3-0) enters on a roll after wins over in-state rivals Southern Methodist (49-9), Texas-El Paso (45-31) and Rice (59-24).

The Red Raiders feature the top pass-catch combo so far this season in the Bowl Subdivision (formerly NCAA Division I-A), quarterback Graham Harrell and freshman wide receiver Michael Crabtree.

Harrell leads the nation in total offense, averaging 432.7 yards per game, while Crabtree is tops nationally in receptions per game (with 38 in three contests), second in receiving yards per game (179.3) and third in scoring (16 points per game). At 51 points per game, the Red Raiders are sixth nationally in scoring offense.

Led by Crabtree and Danny Amendola, who has 26 catches for 289 yards and two touchdowns, the Red Raiders' receivers are proving

wrong preseason prognosticators, one of whom rated them as the eighth-best unit in the conference.

"I think they've performed pretty well for the eighth-best receivers in the conference," deadpanned Texas Tech coach Mike Leach. "I think over time they might be the eighth-best receivers in the country."

That wouldn't seem to bode well for Oklahoma State, which is coming off one of its worst defensive performances in recent years, having surrendered 562 yards to a Troy squad that runs an offense similar to the one employed by Texas Tech.

"We've got to do a better job as players and as coaches to make sure that we're in the spots that we need to be in, playing our responsibility and making sure we put our kids ... in the right situations," Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Tim Beckman said.

"We've got to coach them better. It's a family thing. It's not the kids' fault. It's not my fault. ... It's all of our faults and we've got to get it corrected."

Offensively, the Cowboys also have significant issues.

They must replace injured center David Washington, a three-year starter, and starting tail-

back Dantrell Savage could miss a third straight game with a nagging groin injury, meaning his backup, Keith Toston — who has lost six fumbles in 15 career games — might start.

At quarterback, sophomore Zac Robinson will make his second career start after supplanting another longtime starter, junior Bobby Reid, before the Troy game.

Still, if recent history is a gauge, Texas Tech could be the ideal visitor for the Cowboys, who are averaging 43.3 points in their past seven home games. In 2005, the Cowboys went 1-7 in league play during coach Mike Gundy's first season but beat then-No. 13 Texas Tech 24-17.

Leach said he would not remind his players about the 2005 game because he wanted them to "just play the next game. The last time we were in Stillwater, we didn't play well. We underachieved. So we hope to play well this time."

Oklahoma State also won a 51-49 shootout between the teams in 2003 and prevailed 41-21 in 1999.

The Red Raiders won the 2001 game in Stillwater 49-30 and haven't lost at home to Oklahoma State since the formation of the Big 12.

Orioles drop Rangers, 6-3

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — That miserable day in August can finally be put behind the Baltimore Orioles. This time, they had the big scoring outburst against Texas — even if it was only one inning.

Playing against the Rangers for the first time since allowing an American League record 39 runs in a doubleheader on Aug. 22, Baltimore used a five-run 10th inning for a 6-3 victory Thursday night.

On the same day Trembley got a contract extension through 2008 and the interim tag removed from his title, the Rangers became the first team in 110 years to score 30 runs in a game.

Texas set an AL record in a 30-3 rout in the opener of the doubleheader at Camden Yards, then won 9-7 to complete the sweep.

Starting with that sweep, the Orioles lost 22 of 28 games.

Plus, Baltimore had scored only one run its previous two losses to the New York Yankees — and were still scoreless against Texas until

Miguel Tejada's pinch-hit RBI single in the ninth.

Nick Markakis scored the go-ahead run on an error in the 10th inning.

While shortstop Michael Young spun and made a nifty stop of the grounder up the middle, Markakis beat the strong throw for a leadoff infield single. After going to second on a wild pitch by John Rheinecker (3-3), who didn't retire any of the three batters he faced, Markakis scored to break a 1-1 tie when first baseman Brad Wilkerson couldn't field Aubrey Huff's grounder.

Melvin Mora added an RBI single and Roberts hit his 12th homer off Wes Littleton, but the Orioles had to hang on as Fernando Cabrera gave up two runs in the 10th.

Jamie Walker (2-2), the fifth of six Baltimore pitchers, struck out three in 1 2-3 innings.

The Orioles tied the game in the ninth when Mora led off against reliever Joaquin Benoit with a double, the first extra-base hit of the game for either team. Roberts, pinch-hitting, advanced him with a grounder before Tejada's single.

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#5499 September 14 & 21, 2007

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ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
#5523 September 21 & 23, 2007

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Today, we've got ringside seats to two distinctly different influences. Mars and Pluto evoke the strong, certain energy of a great heavyweight, Muhammad Ali, who promised and delivered a fight to the finish. Venus and Neptune hover nearby, lending the heavy-hearted with supernatural grace befitting a truly great contender.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The small miracles continue. Ask friends for their stories of wonder and you'll get an earful. This renews your hope that there's a situation out there custom fitted for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Expanding your awareness of the world is lucky. Set out with no other agenda except to soak in something new. No matter which direction you go, you'll wind up at the same place — your destiny.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's more support for your ideas than you previously thought. A silent partner is featured — someone is at least pulling for you behind the scenes. It's good to know you're not alone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While others exaggerate the problem at hand, you minimize it. That's what makes you so attractive to potential clients, colleagues, romantic hopefuls and Sagittarians.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your motivation wanes, but muscle up and do it anyway. Higher ups are

watching your every move. It's how you perform when you don't feel like performing that counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Something may be important without having to be serious. Today, the role whimsy, mischief and laughter can't be underestimated. Something wonderful comes out of all your clowning around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Deals will be presented to you. Be wary of any situation in which it's more about the money than the work. Tonight is like a fast car — take safety measures, and then have a blast.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your communication skills are put to the test. Be thoughtful! Loved ones need to see, touch and feel your love. Tonight, the stars throw in a little extra competition, which brings out your very best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every right comes with a responsibility. Every privilege comes with a caveat. Today, it's about exercising your rights and using your privileges in ways that others can admire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tasks that used to go quickly seem to be taking longer. You may obsess over a project, but doesn't mean it will turn out better. In fact, the opposite may be true. You might want to consider relaxing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Feb. 18). Though you can appreciate a well-told story as heartily as the next person, what you really need right now are the facts. Ask direct and pointed questions and all will be revealed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're thorough, paying attention to the details, especially legalities. Look at how much your plans are really going to cost — slightly more than you thought. A course correction keeps it all in line.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Saying "I love you" disarms all defenses. Willingly surrender control to the one you love. TAURUS: Reach out to the people who need your help and you receive a full heart. GEMINI: Grow up and down. Color inside the lines, and discover your sense of playful whimsy still intact. CANCER: Meditating on past relationships breathes new life into the present. LEO: Let your companion show you something new; restlessness is replaced with making it up as you go. VIRGO: You have immediate needs. Get in touch with the people who support yours. LIBRA: You gotta be you. This only comes as a shock to loved ones if you're trying to live their lives and yours. SCORPIO: Love is fertilized by past lessons. If one happens to repeat, you're turning it into a

future strength. SAGITTARIUS: Insure future wishes-come-true by harmonizing yours with your partner's. CAPRICORN: Your ability to provide has a trickle-down effect. What you're giving others is the beautiful ability to respond to their worlds. AQUARIUS: Patiently wait for the fruit of your relationship to ripen. Let the process be organic. PISCES: Share your most embarrassing, intimate moment and you two grow closer. COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Students of love observe the ordered progression of signs to conveniently pick up love lessons from the one that follows. The scales pry open the scorpion's mystery with logical debate, sensing there's something precious to learn. With Scorpio, 'tis true. The scorpion has mastered the scales' precarious balancing act, now diving deeper into trust and intimacy. Together, they soar on the wings of love. If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. © 2007 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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#5520 September 21 & 28, 2007

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I was married to "George" for 10 years, and we had three kids. The marriage ended eight years ago, and George has since remarried. We share custody of the kids, who are now pre-teens, but they physically reside with me.

George is a daredevil and tries enticing the kids into doing dangerous things. He has put them on a riding lawnmower and a homemade go-kart (which has broken down a few times), and they have ridden in the back of a pickup (with no seat belt, cover or protection). George is often careless, and I feel so helpless.

When I voice my concerns, George and his wife attack me, saying, "You just don't want the kids to have any fun" or "You are overprotective." They think I'm trying to control them. If the kids don't participate, George makes fun of them. My kids also have told me that George and his wife say nasty things about me to them, although George denies it and says the kids are liars. Then when the children go for visitation, they are punished and yelled at because they told me what happened.

I don't think I'm overprotective. I think I'm just realistic about the dangers. I fear for the kids' physical safety and mental health when they are in George's care. How do I get it through my



KATHY MITCHELL
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ex's head that I am not the enemy and he needs to be more careful with the children? — Concerned Mom

Dear Concerned: George is an idiot, and he's not going to listen to anyone. It's time to talk to a lawyer. If George is endangering the children's lives, you may need to revise your custody agreement so he sees them only under supervision. He won't like it, but someone has to put those children first. Start keeping a diary of dates, times and places involving reckless behavior so you have a record to bring to court.

Dear Annie: Several neighbors and I frequently share supper. Last week, it was my turn to host, and "Barb" said she had an extra chicken pie. I replied, "Great. Just heat it up at your house." She said it would be too hot to carry, so I offered to pick it up when I came home from work. I added, "Please don't put it in my oven."

These neighbors all have keys to my home and I have keys to theirs. I returned home from work to find the pie heating up in my oven. When the others arrived to eat, I told them, "I thought my house was on fire when I walked in because there was a pie in the oven that wasn't there when I left this morning."

The next morning, I mentioned to "Angela" that I thought it was not right for Barb to do

something I expressly asked her not to do. Angela said they had jointly decided to heat the pie in my oven and thought I would be thrilled they had gotten things ready. Then she went off, saying I was a control freak, so I apologized to all of them.

I still say when I ask them not to do something in my home, they shouldn't do it. Who is right? — Caught With Egg on My Face

Dear Caught: You are. We understand why your friends thought it odd that you were reluctant to have supper warmed up at your house, and you might consider that Angela has a point. However, Barb should not have put the pie in your oven when you expressly asked her not to, and that's the bottom line.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Bullied in the 'Burbs," whose neighbors harassed them. I had a similar problem with a next-door neighbor when my daughters were in elementary school. I feared for my children's safety and contacted the city attorney. He wrote a letter to the neighbor requesting a meeting. When she didn't attend, he sent a more threatening follow-up. We never had any more problems with her. — California

Dear California: Other readers suggested videotaping the offenders for documentation, which is also a good idea. Thanks for writing.

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North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will have a booth at the Howard County Fair, Thursday through Saturday. We will be giving away literature, gift bags, prizes and we will have a give-away each night for a prize with a grand prize given Saturday night. We want to see you there to visit, pick up items of interest and especially to register for the prizes.

You are invited to attend worship services at 2702 North Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study has been temporarily suspended as we prepare to go into a study of the Apocrypha. United Methodist Women meet Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Angel Food Ministry delivery day will be Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you placed an order for September, please make note of the earlier delivery time. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

First Presbyterian Church

The 27th church barbecue was a resounding success; a large number of members and friends enjoyed the cooking Saturday and the bounteous lunch on Sunday. The congregation bid a

fond farewell to the Miles family as they go to their new pastorate in Fort Davis.

The grocery bags handed out Sept. 16 may be returned, filled with groceries, the next two Sundays. Anyone who did not get a bag with the grocery list may pick one up at the church office. This is another project of the Service Committee to help feed the hungry.

The Session met at 6 p.m. Monday. Wednesday evening the Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday Bible study will continue to meet at 5:17, led by Tom Koger. This week, the choir will practice at 5 p.m. Friday.

Friday, Tres Rios Presbytery will hold a Service of Witness to the Resurrection in memory of Charles Hollingsworth, former presbytery executive, at 2 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church in Midland.

The Rev. Craig Meyers will be the guest pastor Sunday. Meyers is the former co-pastor at St. Paul Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, now retired. The anthems from the choir will be "My Jesus, I Love You" by Jeffrey A. Smith, based on a hymn by A. J. Gordon, and "I'll Praise the Lord" text by Paul Wigmore, based on Psalm 34. Lectionary for the day is Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

Women of Worship

First United Methodist Church in Midland, 300 N. Main St., will be holding the Women Of Worship service Friday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. All women of all denominations are invited to attend. The message, "Reaching for the Apple,"

will be given by the Rev. Jan Reed. Scripture lesson is Genesis 3:1-13. Plan on joining us for an enriching evening of fun and fellowship. Child care is provided. For questions, call 682-3701, ext. 226.

First United Methodist Church

Our thanks to the Rev. Dr. Jim Smith of Amarillo for preaching at both services of worship this past Sunday and again this Sunday. Smith recently retired from St. Stephens United Methodist Church where he was senior pastor for 24 years. He is the father of Jill Brue, our pastor's wife.

Services of worship are held at 8:30 and 10:50 each Sunday morning with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Midweek Bible study is held at noon Wednesday in Garrett Hall where a luncheon is also served.

There is still time to join the Beth Moore Bible Study in progress. This series, titled "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place," meets at 9:30 on Wednesdays in the Pathmakers class. For further information, contact the church office or Joyce Choate and Pam Steel.

The Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church will observe the "Heart for the Harvest" celebration Saturday. The gathering will be held from 9:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Abilene, at 202 Butternut.

Our pre-teen group G.I.G. (God Is Good), will have a bowling party Sunday afternoon.

It's countdown for the third annual Lord's Acre scheduled Saturday, Oct.

6. Make plans to take part in the full day of fun that's dedicated to the Lord's work.

Our church buildings are located at Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring. We have a place for you.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Sunday, the Rev. Donita Lea will continue her series reporting on her recent trip to Israel. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by worship services at 11 a.m. All are invited to join us as we worship in song and in scripture and learn more about Israel.

Wednesday, our youth will be meeting for worship and study at 7 p.m. — note the new time to accommodate football season schedules! All youth are encouraged to come as we praise the Lord in song and worship and study.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Blessings to you and your family. If you do not currently have a church home we encourage you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. A nursery is provided. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Children's Church for ages 4-9 is during the Sunday morning worship. For a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

The ladies will be leaving today for a retreat in Fort Worth tonight and Saturday. This retreat is in memory of a dear pastor's wife, Teresa Krieg, who went to be with her Lord Jesus last January. Next Tuesday night, the

Sr. Saints will have a fellowship and game night in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-9 p.m.

For further information call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church News

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Our fall schedule continues with holy communion celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Christian education for all ages starts at 9:30 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmary-sbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

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Our services are at 10 a.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Thursday at the food ministry and clothing ministry. Tuesday night is "The Path," a rehab for any kind of addiction, or just if you are needing a closer walk with God. It starts at 6:30 p.m. with a meal, then a service where the power of God is absolutely tremendous.

Pastor is Mona Lue Tonn. Assistant pastor is John Arista.

Life Church Girl Talk

Are you looking for a way to connect with other Christian women who share similar interests as you? Then you need to join us at our very first

Girl Talk Live at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26.

We're looking forward to an evening of fun in a relaxed atmosphere.

Hope to see you there! Life Church is at 600 East FM 700. Call 263-7714 for more information.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Bring a friend to church and Sunday school Sunday. Our worship services are at 9 a.m.; Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Voters Assembly has been changed to Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. The executive board meets Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

It's Shoebox Missions time. We'll pack on Oct. 18. Please bring your donations of toys, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, any small items that will pack in shoeboxes except liquids, war toys, chocolate candy, etc. Remember to send new, not recycled items. Call the church, ask for LWML for more information.

Don't forget the LWML Zone Rally at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Midland from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Each attendee should bring one piece of their favorite vegetable to make "Rock On" soup.


Also, bring a rock with a scripture verse written on it or attached to it. Include your name.

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