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Council set to OK \$1.02 tax rate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to snap a lid on its annual fiscal planning Tuesday evening, as the council members are expected to consider final reading of the 2007-2008 tax rate.

The council voted 5-1 in favor of the proposed tax rate — which is \$1.02 per \$100 valuation, approximately 5 cents over the city's rollback rate of 97.7820 cents — two weeks ago,

with councilman Greg Biddison the lone dissenter.

"I've been thinking about it a lot, and it's just bad timing," said Biddison following last week's meeting. "We're trying to get people to come into town — retirees and businesses — and they are going to look at that tax rate. To me, I think we may be shooting ourselves in the foot a little bit. I know stuff goes up, but it's the same old budget we've always had. That's how I feel about it."

The rate includes an addition-

al 30.14 cents for bond projects approved by voters last year, as well as a 7.32 tax hike strictly for the creation of a narcotics task force within the Big Spring Police Department.

Mayor Russ McEwen said he supports the tax rate, as well as the creation of a new narcotics task force, which local law enforcement officials are hoping will help fill the void left by the West Texas Narcotics Task Force, which closed-up shop when state funding ran out several years ago.

"It's very difficult because you don't want your tax rate to be high," said McEwen. "However, the majority of the tax increase came from the bond issues that passed, and the tax payers basically said to us they want to do these projects and we're willing to have our taxes raised to do that. The thing to remember is that only 7 cents of that tax increase is going to the drug task force, and we feel like that's worthwhile."

McEwen said he expects the

task force to be up and running as soon as possible.

"The drug task force will be in operation as soon after Oct. 1 as we can get it up and running," said McEwen. "We're going to instruct the chief to get going with this — to get the equipment, to get the personnel, which is the key — as soon as possible. We want good, quality people who can make the cases that can be prosecuted and do a good job with it."

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Nix plays important fair board role

Well-known musician helps find, invite fair's entertainment offering

By **NANCY KOGER**
Special to the Herald

When people hear or see the name Jody Nix, they think of western swing or The Stampede, but one important title he holds is that of board member on the not-for-profit Howard County Fair Association.

A graduate of Coahoma High, Nix lives in rural Howard County and feels a keen sense of pride in his hometown and county.

Since he was asked by another board member to join the fair board 12 years ago, Nix has been a hard-working and enthusiastic member of the group. He may be found before and during the fair — which opens Wednesday and runs through the weekend — hoeing, mowing, moving tables or fetching ice for vendors.

His designated function on the board is that of finding and inviting entertainment, a job for which his experience in the music business makes him a natural fit.

Nix feels that a county fair is good for the community.

"It brings agriculture and country ways,

exhibits and people together," he said. "It gives everyone a chance to look at what we grow and what we do around here."

Because of his travels and contacts around the country, Jody has been able to bring such outstanding musicians as the fiddling Quebe Sisters, Gene Watson and Red Stegall to the local fair, which competes with the South Plains Fair in Lubbock on a fairly small budget basis.

The entertainment lineup for the 2007 fair offers a variety of music. Entrance to the entertainment tent is included in the ticket to the fair.

It begins on Wednesday night with Jody and his Texas Cowboys: Robert Weeks on fiddle, Larry Nix on bass, Johnny Cox on steel guitar, Dixie Hankins on drums and Jody on vocals and fiddle. Weeks, who has won many country fiddling contests, often adds a jazz flavor to the accompaniment, as well as occasionally providing vocals. Each of these musicians is a talent in his own right. They will have a show at 7 p.m. and one at 9 p.m.



Courtesy photo
Howard County native Jody Nix is well known to local residents as a professional musician and owner of The Stampede. Fewer are aware of the important role he plays as a member of the Howard County Fair Association Board, a position he's held for a dozen years now. Not surprisingly, his primary responsibility on the board is to find and invite entertainers for the annual fair. This year's fair begins Wednesday at the fairgrounds.

Thursday at 7 p.m. will be Gospel Night, including a group from First Baptist Church directed

by Mark Couch, Terry Webb from Coahoma, Bob and Marla Rainwater and others from around the

county and area. This has proven to be a favorite of fairgoers in past years.

The 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

shows Friday night are ones that audiences all See **NIX**, Page 3A

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Large item pickup set for District 6

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area residents hoping to get rid of large, cumbersome items littering their property will get one last chance Friday, as the city of Big Spring prepares to wrap up its annual Large Item Pickup program with a sweep of District 6.

Targeting the city district represented by Councilman Greg Biddison, pick ups are expected to begin Friday morning, according to Todd Darden, assistant city manager and director of public works.

"It's a widely used program. We're

trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get these large items to our landfill," said Darden. "This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

"To be placed on the pick up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up. If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items."

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24

hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill.

"There's no charge to use the program," said Darden. "Some of the more typical items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses. Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up. We can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals

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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

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

TUESDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Estacado, 2 p.m.

Big Spring cross country at Lubbock Invitational

Big Spring swimming vs. Abilene High & Abilene Cooper Double Duel at YMCA

Big Spring tennis vs. Lake View, 10 a.m.

SEPT. 25

Big Spring volleyball at Wolfforth Frenship, 7 p.m.

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

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.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports brief.

Cross country teams find top finish elusive

Herald Staff Report

COLLEGE STATION — Sometimes it takes a wake-up call for a championship team to take that next step into elite form.

Big Spring cross country Head Coach Randy Britton is hoping that his team received its wake-up call Saturday at the A&M Invitational.

It was an unfamiliar finish for a boys' cross country team that has grown accustomed to finishing on top of the leader board, but for the first time this season, the

Steers didn't grab the top spot. Instead, they finished eight among 15 competing schools. The girls' team finished ninth among 19 teams.

"This will hopefully be a wake-up call for the boys' squad," Britton said. "We should have finished higher in the field."

The Steers' top five runners combined for a score of 211, substantially behind winner The Woodlands, which finished with a score of 52.

This was also the first meet that the Steers didn't finish 1-2 indi-

vidually. Zack Dawson turned in the top time for the Steers with a 16:04.7, which was good enough for seventh. Jordan Valle nabbed 15th with a time of 16:15.1.

Shane Allen finished 66th, Kade Parker took 74th and Jessie Sanchez grabbed 108th to round out the Steers' scoring. Daniel Segundo finished 110th.

Britton was pleased with the Lady Steers' performance, who fielded just enough runners to carry an official score.

"I was very pleased with the girls' efforts," Britton said.

Highlighting the Lady Steers' ninth place finish were Esther Tobar and Catherine Leubner with each finishing in the top 10. Tobar finished the 2-mile course in fifth place with a time of 12:21.9. Leubner finished just four seconds behind her in sixth.

Mistie Aguilar finished 41st, Crystal Torres finished 121st and Kallina Fletcher took 164th to round out the Lady Steers' team score of 267.

Both teams will compete in the Lubbock Invitational Saturday.

Weekend wrapup: Franchione's seat is flaming hot

I'm baffled.

The Texas A&M Aggies have had top 25 recruiting classes every year

that the Dennis Franchione has been head coach there and they still cannot live up to expectations.

Two seasons ago, the Aggies looked like a Big 12 title contender with senior Reggie McNeal at quarterback. However, the Aggies finished 5-6 after dropping the last four games of the season.

Franchione's seat rightfully got hot. It was hot for parts of last season too, but he cooled it off substantially by upsetting the hated Texas Longhorns and the team finished 9-4. That drove expectations high for the 2007 season and even prompted this writer to predict the Aggies to be Big 12 champs in the pre-season.

However, after Thursday's 34-17 drubbing by the Miami Hurricanes, I'm considering a reversal of my prediction. My reversal has less to do with the fact that the Aggies lost the game and more to do with the way they lost the game.

Quite honestly, this was one of the worst coaching performances I've ever personally witnessed. Franchione, or whoever did the playcall-

ing, is responsible for this loss.

Miami and new Head Coach Randy Shannon did a wonderful job of taking the Aggies completely out of their game plan. It was a pathetic showing.

My reasoning for picking the Aggies to succeed in the Big 12 in the first place was based upon their three-headed option attack. Quarterback Stephen McGee is the brains of the operation. Running back Mike Goodson in the smaller, big play runner and fellow back Jovorskie Lane, who tips the scale at close to 300 pounds, is the road grater.

However, the coaching staff, not the Hurricanes, severed one of those heads. Jovorskie Lane touched the ball twice for two yards. There is no excuse for this. Lane had no touches in the first half of the game.

Instead the Aggies tried to beat a fast Miami defensive unit around the corners on the outside. Logic says that when that doesn't work, then it's time to give Lane — affectionately called Hamburgler by his teammates — the ball on the inside.

Well, the Aggies did try to run inside. Only it wasn't Lane that they were giving the ball. Instead, they tried their luck with the much smaller Goodson between the tackles. Or they attempted quarterback draws up the middle with



JONATHAN HULL



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas A&M's head coach Dennis Franchione (right) won't have anyone to blame but himself if the Aggies duplicate their Thursday performance against the University of Miami, Fla. in Big 12 conference play.

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Howard's bull riders highlight opening rodeo performance



Courtesy photo/Richard Kinsey
Howard College freshman steer wrestler Bubba Broussard (right) leaps from his horse to catch a steer as fellow freshman teammate Adam Sawyer helps control the path of the steer.

By ERIC C. RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

PORTALES, N.M. — The Howard College Rodeo team started the season off with some good performances at the Eastern New Mexico University rodeo held this past weekend in Portales, N.M., according to Howard College head coach Greg Kernick.

"I was very pleased with the way we performed all weekend," Kernick stated. "Portales is usually the first rodeo of the year and compared to past performances I thought we did really well for the first outing of the season."

As a team the women placed fifth overall and the men were 10th in the team scoring.

According to Kernick, the Howard bull riders had the best performance of the weekend with freshman Cody Samora of Cortez, Colo. finishing second overall with a combined score of 164. Samora scored a 76 in the first round for seventh place and won the short round with an 88.

Freshman Brian Allison of Boynton Beach, Fla. scored a 72 in the first round, finishing just out of the top ten to advance to the short round. Sophomore Jamon Turner of Aurora, Colo. has been plagued by injury and did not score in the first round.

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Obituaries

Victoria Cantu



Victoria Cantu, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Minister Carlos Payen officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. Prayer services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Oct. 8, 1925, at Ozona to Ramona and Pedro Mendez. She moved to Coahoma in 1946 from Ozona. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Maria Tellez and her husband, Pedro, of Brownwood and Josephine Gutierrez of Big Spring; five sons, Augustine Cantu and his wife, Rita, of Stanton, Domingo Cantu Jr. of Coahoma and Pete Cantu, Manuel Cantu and Tony Cantu, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Santos Mendez of Big Spring and David Mendez of Coahoma; one sister, Suzanna Mendez of Big Spring; 31 grandchildren; 73 great-grandchildren; and 35 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Domingo Cantu, on Nov. 2, 1994; one daughter, Ramona Cantu; and one son, Joaquin Cantu.

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

Terry Landers

Terry Landers, 50, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at his residence. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born Oct. 8, 1956, in Granbury to Betty and Thurman Landers. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy and was a truck driver.

He is survived by two children, Nathan Landers of Granbury and Jenifer Landers of Fort Worth, and two brothers, Tim Riley of Granbury and Mike Landers of Rowlett.

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

Dylan DeLeon

Dylan DeLeon, 1 month, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Grantham

James Grantham, 68, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Walter R. Little

Walter R. Little, 62, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the 174 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of State and Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of State and Wood. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4900 block of Wason. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and Jeffrey Road. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of N. First Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

Police blotter

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

- **STEVE HILDEBRAND**, 39, of 1300 Wright, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- **VINCENT MCVAE-HILL**, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **MICHAEL ALLEN GARZA**, 24, of 706 Bell, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana.
- **VANESSA MARTINEZ**, 23, of 805 Willia, was arrested Sunday on three local capias warrants.
- **ANTONIO JOE FLORES**, 27, of 1212 16th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of hindering the official discharge of an officer's duties.
- **DARNICE VALENTINE**, 21, transient, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- **RICARDO ARGUELLO**, 23, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on three local citations.
- **ANDY OLIVARES**, 24, of 614 Linda Lane, was arrested Sunday on a local citation.
- **SERGIO GONZALES**, 26, of 210 Avenue A, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 600 block of 17th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the area of Avenue C.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 4000 block of Parkway.
 - in the 1400 block of Runnels.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1400 block of Stanford.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JESUS ALBERTO NAJARA**, 19, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.
 - **RAY JOHN-MANUEL ZAPATA**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
 - **TIFFANY MARIE ACOSTA**, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
 - **DOMINGO GUERRA JR.**, 55, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
 - **GUADALUPE CANALES**, 23, was arrested Friday by DPS on a judgment for driving while license invalid.
 - **JAMES EARL WHITE**, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and no valid inspection certificate.
 - **WILLIAM CODY BOYD**, 32, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
 - **GILBERT J. MUNOZ**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and possession of a controlled substance.
 - **RENE MEDINA**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check and ride not secured by a safety belt.
 - **JEFFREY SCOTT COMO**, 44, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license - suspended out of state and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
 - **VINCENT EDWARD MCVAE JR.**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended - enhanced.
 - **MICHAEL ALLEN GARZA**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **VICTORIA HANNABASS**, 18, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Weather

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

Tonight — Increasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Light and variable winds becoming northeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Bulletin Board

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

- 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.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Take Note

• **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.

Support Groups

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

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

- Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

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"Remember...you deserve the best!"

Cowboys smother Bears as Romo, offense rolls

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Tony Romo did all he could to erase those lingering doubts, to show that he is an elite quarterback and not a one-year wonder.

Romo passed for 329 yards after a rough start, Anthony Henry had two interceptions for the second straight week and the Dallas Cowboys made a big statement, beating the Chicago Bears 34-10 on Sunday night.

The Cowboys showed just how serious a contender they are in the NFC during the second half, outscoring the Bears

31-7. Dallas is 3-0 for the first time since 1999.

Romo again showed that last season's rise from obscurity to the Pro Bowl was no fluke, going 22-for-35 with two touchdowns and an interception. He did all that despite passing for just 17 yards in the first quarter.

Romo led the Cowboys on an 89-yard touchdown drive to start the second half, breaking a 3-3 tie. And he put the Cowboys ahead for good, 17-10, with a 10-yard touchdown pass late in the third period that capped a 91-yard drive.

Henry added a 28-yard interception return early in the

fourth quarter to make it 27-10, and Marion Barber scored from the 1 after breaking off a 54-yard run.

It was a terrible night all around for the Bears (1-2).

The defending conference champions lost four Pro Bowl players to injuries: linebacker Lance Briggs (groin), cornerback Nathan Vasher (groin), defensive tackle Tommie Harris (knee) and guard Ruben Brown (ankle).

Rex Grossman had another rough outing, completing 15 of 32 passes for 195 yards. He threw three interceptions, did not have a touchdown and was sacked three times — twice by

DeMarcus Ware. That's why Grossman heard more boos from the home crowd.

If he's worried about his job security, Grossman wasn't letting on.

"I'm going about my business and not worrying about the things that I don't control," he said.

Coach Lovie Smith continued to support the embattled QB.

"Rex Grossman is our quarterback," Smith said.

Not that Grossman had much help.

Bernard Berrian caught six passes for 73 yards, but dropped a potential touchdown pass in the first half.

Cedric Benson ran for 46 yards on 16 carries, and the Bears could only muster 239 yards against the 25th-ranked defense. They fumbled three times and lost one, and have 11 turnovers in three games.

Brian Urlacher had two sacks, but the Cowboys finished with 431 yards. After scoring a combined 82 points in the first two games, Dallas perked up in the second half to add to its total.

By the time it was over, Terrell Owens had eight catches for 145 yards. He moved past Michael Irvin into 14th place on the NFL's career list with 12,044 yards and became the 14th player to pass the 12,000-yard mark.

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McGee.

No success was found and the Aggies were held to 98 rushing yards, averaging just three yards a carry. Fullback Chris Alexander had more carries than Lane did. For him to be an omission in the game plan is inexcusable.

Lane was the hero of the Aggies' overtime victory over Fresno State two weeks ago. He's a fan favorite and had this game been played in College Station, Franchione would have been thoroughly booed for his play calling.

The loss was demoralizing and Franchione deserves to be fired, if he repeats this performance against Oklahoma and Texas.

Actually, he shouldn't even look that far ahead. The Aggies host a Baylor team next week that came within 10 points in 2006 and 3 points in 2005 of upsetting the Aggies. The Bears did pull off the upset in 2004.

The way A&M has played against a less talented Baylor team the past three seasons is a great example of the underachieving the Aggies have done under Franchione.

Oklahoma St. 49, Texas Tech 45

Don't feel bad Tech fans.

Yes, you were clipped by an Oklahoma State team that lost to the sarcastically mighty Troy Trojans two weeks ago, but the Cowboys are a different team at home.

Boone Pickens Stadium is one of the toughest and most underrated venues for visiting teams in the country. The Cowboys' faithful are well organized in their cheers and definitely

have an effect in a game.

Places like Kyle Field, the Big House in Ann Arbor, Mich., the Orange Bowl in Miami and The Swamp in Gainesville, Fla. are well noted for the home field advantage they provide for the hosting teams. However, since 2002, the Cowboys have posted a home record that rivals any other Division I school.

Oklahoma St. is 25-9 — 37-29 overall — at home since 2002 and has victories over four teams that were ranked in the top 20 at the time of their games. Eight of those 25 wins came against eventual bowl teams.

It's a shame that Graham Harrell's 646 passing yards and five touchdowns and wide receivers Michael Crabtree's — 14 receptions for 237 yards and three touchdowns — and Daniel Amendola's — 14 receptions for 233 yards and a touchdown — huge days for Tech are wasted.

Packers 31, Chargers 24

Ironically enough, Brett Favre's tying of Dan Marino's passing touchdowns record is a subhead to the fact that the Pack upset what is supposed to be one of the NFL's best teams in the Chargers and have started the season 3-0.

I don't think Favre would have it any other way. This was evident when the Packers scored their final touchdown of the game to go up 31-21 with less than a minute left.

Green Bay had the ball on the 1-yard line, following a Nick Barnett interception return. Favre could've called his own number and thrown a fade pass to Donald Driver or a crossing pattern to Bubba Franks in order to break the record. Instead, he stuck with the original play call and handed the ball

off to rookie running back Brandon Jackson who plunged into the end zone.

Again, Favre could've sulked that he didn't get to break the record in front of his home crowd, but instead he celebrated a touchdown that essentially locked up a victory.

It's unfortunate, however, that Favre will not break the record at Lambeau Field as the Pack will visit Minnesota Sunday.

There's one thing that is tragic to report from this game though — the fact that Favre's record tying touchdown strike was not nationally televised. We'll cut into other games and programming to broadcast Barry Bonds breaking the all-time home run record, but not for Favre tying Marino's record.

I understand that Bonds' record is more illustrious, but it's not like the all-time passing touchdowns record isn't important. Hopefully, the NFL and Fox and CBS networks will get this worked out and will televise every one of the Packers' offensive drives nationally on Sunday until he breaks the record.

On a note of interest, Big Spring's Franks caught touchdown No. 419. That's got to be like coming up one number short of winning the lottery.

Cowboys 34, Bears 10

If Cowboys' fans weren't thinking Super Bowl before this win over the Bears, most of them are definitely screaming it now.

The way Dallas' offense wore down the touted Bears' defense had to

impress just about anyone.

Usually, an offensive coordinator would be heckled for abandoning the running game as early as Jason Garrett did. However, depending more on the arm of Tony Romo to soften up the Bears' defense was the smartest coaching move that Garrett could've made.

Chicago had shut down Ladinian Tomlinson and Larry Johnson — the two most productive backs in the past two seasons — in its first two games of the season.

Dallas was finding it difficult to run the football early as the Bears used an eight man front to keep Julius Jones and Marion Barber from finding much room.

However, that opened up great one-on-one situations for Terrell Owens on the outside. The attention that Owens and the running game were getting then opened up the middle of the field for Jason Witten.

In turn, the success the Cowboys found in the passing game made room for Jones and Barber to operate. In short, Dallas has too many weapons offensively and it will take a great defensive game plan to slow it up.

There is still one huge worry on offense though and I put a huge emphasis on the word huge.

Flozell Adams is the worst starter on the offense and possibly the team. The Cowboys were fortunate last night that Romo was able to escape the pocket as much as he did because Flozell was consistently beaten by the faster Mark Anderson.

He doesn't fair well against quicker defensive

ends and he's probably the most penalized offensive lineman in the NFL. He was called for 25 yards worth of penalties Sunday night and his mistakes were responsible for ending two promising drives.

Flozell's an overrated player with a big contract.

Hopefully, Jones will

RODEO

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Kernick said that Turner will likely miss the next couple of rodeos while he gets healthy.

In the breakaway roping, Megan Schrock of Rock Springs, Wyo. and Kelly Hanley of Littleton, Colo. tied for third and fourth overall. Hanley split for fifth and sixth in the first round with a time of 3.0 while Schrock was seventh in 3.1. In the short round, Schrock had the edge with a 2.4 compared to Hanley's 2.5.

In the steer wrestling, freshman Calvin Brevik of Durango, Colo. recorded a time of 5.8 which was good enough for a split of ninth and 10th to qualify for the short round, but Brevik was unable to record a time Saturday night.

KC Curtis of Monroe, Utah was 11.8 in the tie down roping just missing the cut-off of 11.2 to move on to the short round.

In the team roping, freshman Ryan Finch of Cottondale, Fla. teamed up with Chance Hampton of Riverton, Wyo., finishing fourth in the overall

decide he needs some of his contract in order to pay Romo the money he deserves and Flozell will be cut.

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average with a 21.3. They were fifth in the first round with a 7.6 and fourth in the short round with a 13.7.

Also placing in the team roping was the team of sophomore Clay Norrell of Delta, Colo. and Adam Sawyer of Bassett, Nebr. who split third and fourth in the first round with a time of 5.6. They were sixth in the short round with a 16.5 and finished fifth in the overall average with a 22.1.

Kernick added that weather conditions made it tough on the barrel racers as sophomore Cassidy Ogden's first round run coincided with the rain which contributed to a slower run than usual keeping her out of the short round.

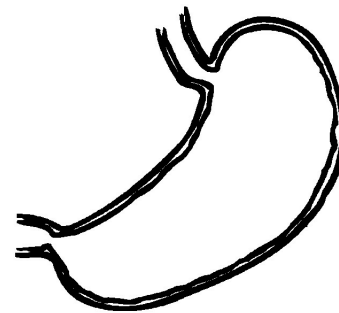
"Overall I'm pleased with where we are at," Kernick stated. "We are looking forward to a successful season if we keep competing like we did at Portales."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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♥ J 3 2
♦ Q J 7 5 4 2
♣ —

WEST
♠ Q 8 5
♥ 9 6 4
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♣ K 10 8 5 2

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♠ 9 7 6
♥ 7 5
♦ A K 10 9 6
♣ J 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 2
♥ A K Q 10 8
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Over the past three decades, Pakistan's Zia Mahmood has firmly established himself as one of the world's best players. He is especially well-known both for his daring and for his uncanny knack of sensing how the opponents' cards are distributed.

Here is an example of Zia in action. The hand occurred at the 1983 World championship in Stockholm, Sweden. Playing against

Indonesia, Zia was South and got to six hearts on the sequence shown.

During the auction, West had repeatedly inquired about the meaning of the North-South bids. In Zia's experience, players don't usually ask such questions unless they hold some high-card values. Since East had very early indicated diamond strength by doubling North's two-diamond response, Zia decided that West (who had later doubled four clubs) probably held both the king of clubs and queen of spades.

Proceeding on this assumption, Zia ruffed the diamond lead, ruffed a club, led a spade to the ace and ruffed a second club. A spade to the king was followed by a third club ruff. Zia then ruffed a diamond and cashed the A-K-Q of trumps.

By this time, 10 tricks had been played. Zia's last three cards were the spade deuce and A-Q of clubs, while West had the spade queen and K-10 of clubs. Exercising his customary good judgment, Zia now extorted with the spade deuce to West's queen, and West's forced club return into the A-Q gave South the slam.

Not surprisingly, Zia was the only declarer in the event to make six hearts. But through the years, the bridge world has learned that results like this are commonplace whenever he is one of the competitors.

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Forsan ISD will hold a public meeting at the beginning of their regularly Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 15, 2007, at the Administration Office located at 411 W. 6th Street in Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Forsan ISD's FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating. #5517 September 24 & October 1, 2007

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Does tranquility in a bottle or beauty in a shade of eye shadow really exist? If the secret to immortality (or any other burning question) is out there, today's meeting of Mercury and Pluto leads the way to it. Follow your love for a good mystery, and prepare to be mesmerized by the multifaceted truths that shape the world's desires.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your job seems to be to make people uncomfortable -- that's not an easy task, true, but it's an important one to be sure. Your unique connection with Virgo or Pisces will be key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're asked to demonstrate your willingness to be a part of something. Perhaps it's a matter of respect -- or maybe it's joiner's mentality that's not coming so naturally to you. Anyhow, if you have to prove it, it's not worth that much.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you're tired, you revert to old thought patterns. That's why it's crucial that you get enough sleep now. You need to be strong enough to conquer what plagued you yesterday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You respond to demands according to the tone of voice in which they are delivered. Happy, cheerful, delicate requests are met with the same. Anything else is ignored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Love is obviously an important part of keeping relationships together. But friendship is a more important part. Let courtesy and goodwill be your romantic compass.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your internal and external lives don't exactly match up. It's a checks-and-balances system that works well. Eventually, both may compromise to agree on one reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everything in the universe is alive. This is not news to you, but you're reminded of the concept often now, which causes you to experience daily events in a more profound way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Mysteries can be fun -- but not when they consume your thoughts

and distract from your daily doings. Better to put everything on hold and solve the case of the blank) so you can get back to life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your desire of the moment is very much front and center. Whether you're over- or under-indulging, you're compensating for something that happened last week. Once conscious of your true feelings, you regain control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can manage any situation that comes up. You deftly deal with even the wildest of individuals. It's that cool approach of yours -- detached, ordered and reasonable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Odd feelings creep up on you at interesting times. That's not to say you'll be spooked by any of it, but your awareness is definitely shifting. It's like you're observing yourself living.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are capable of handling 10 projects at once. It's especially true of projects that appear to have nothing to do with each other -- at least, on the surface they don't. Actually, they're all parts of the same goal.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm going through a bit of a quarter-life crisis. I currently work as a marketing writer, but I'm also in grad school for professional counseling, and I've taken a sudden interest in cake

decorating. I know you don't necessarily have to wear only one hat, but I really feel I need to commit to a career. The only problem is -- which one? I simply cannot juggle all three of these programs at once anymore. I am distressed and unsure what to do with my professional life. Do you have any suggestions? I was born on March 27, 1982, in Houston, Texas, at 4:10pm."

The cosmic alarm clock is beeping! When you roll out of bed in the morning, you can only wear one outfit and one hat. Wearing it all is just too busy -- and it's driving your uncertainty. As Saturn crosses your ascendant through July 2008, you'll be moving from who you were in the past to who you're becoming. The shift feels dramatic but necessary. Envision yourself seven years from now. Do you see yourself happily opening a bakery or attending psychology conferences? You've reached a threshold. Do field research, and plumb your self-knowledge. Then, make the right choice for you and you alone.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have known "Celia" for five years and love her like a sister. A few months ago, I found out that Celia's husband is having an affair with a former employee. I know he meets this woman at various out-of-the-way places and that he leaves work in the middle of the day to see her on her lunch hour.

We live in a small town, and I'm not the only one who sees what's going on. I imagine Celia suspects more than she is saying and is trying to keep it quiet out of concern for her children.

Celia used to be so energetic and have such a spark for life, but now she seems burnt out all the time. I want her to know that I am here for her, but don't want to embarrass her or lose her friendship. What should I do? — U.S.A.

Dear U.S.A.: Celia is probably aware that her husband is cheating, but for whatever reason, she has chosen not to address it. Please don't force her to deal with this before she is ready. If you want to be a good friend, tell Celia she seems tired and depressed and if she needs someone to listen, you are available. You also might suggest that she seek professional help. The rest is up to her.

Dear Annie: I am a loving caregiver to my brother who is in Hospice. I am his closest blood relative. He is married and his wife lives in the area.

I was at the hospital and noticed a nurse coming from his room. I asked if there was an emergency and was told to "ask his wife." I am at the hospital more than she is. Is it proper for the hospital to defer to the wife instead of blood relatives? It seemed cold and insensitive. — Brother in California

Dear Brother: Even though you are a blood relation, your brother's wife is his legal next-of-kin and apparently the only one authorized to receive his personal information. The next time you speak to her, ask if your name can also be listed on the necessary forms so that you, too, can be regularly updated about your brother's condition. We hope she will agree.

Dear Annie: This is in response to all those wives who don't want sex with their husbands. Their arguments all boil down to the same thing — it's the husband's fault.

I've been married 24 years. I love my wife, but our sex life is very poor. I'd enjoy spending hours of romantic time with her, but she's not interested. I propose intimate getaways, but she won't go. I can't count how many times I have given her hour-long massages from head to toe. She always makes a promise to return the favor, which is supposed to mean sex, but it never happens.

She doesn't like me to hug or kiss her, and she would never initiate contact. The last thing I want is to be "serviced." It is degrading to me knowing she doesn't enjoy it, so I don't, either. It's better to count our other blessings. I have no plans to leave her because of a rotten sex life. She is otherwise a good person.

Both sides have to want and work for change. I have a beautiful image of how intimate and romantic our relationship could be, and I don't understand why my wife wouldn't want that. — Doing My Best

Dear Best: We agree that too many people blame their spouses without looking closely at their own behavior. It's a shame your wife doesn't want more intimacy, but it sounds as if all the sweet things you do are primarily to get sex. When women feel pressured like that, every touch becomes an obligation, and they begin to avoid physical closeness of any kind. Please consider counseling so both of you can express what you need.

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The Lufkin Daily News

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While in the hospital, waiting for either news of hope or news that would bring tears of grief, Tammy Carrington, Jonathan's mother, prepared for the worst. Her pastor rushed to her side, driving from Lufkin to Shreveport to discuss funeral plans and help prepare Tammy for the

possibility of her son's death. The nurses explained to Tammy what Jonathan's last breath would look like and finally Tammy surrendered to God the one thing her heart most desired — her son's life.

"I gave him back to the Lord," Tammy said. "That's when the Lord gave him back to me."

Two hours into what should have been an eight-hour surgery, the doctors came out to Tammy with news they could not explain. The aneurysm in her son's brain had disappeared.

"The doctor came out and said, 'We're done. We can't explain it but the aneurysm is gone,'" Tammy said. "All the other doctors came out scratching their heads saying 'I guess it clotted off.' But we knew what had happened. We'd been praying as hard as we could and even the neurosurgeon knew. He pointed to heaven."

Tammy later discovered

that the local Christian radio station had been broadcasting prayer requests for Jonathan every hour.

Though the aneurysm had disappeared, the damage done to one hemisphere of Jonathan's brain left him severely disabled and in need of constant nursing care. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) provided nursing care for Jonathan for seven years, but when Jonathan's health began to improve the agency decided he was no longer eligible.

A hearing was held, which Tammy and Jonathan won, but since Tammy had to reapply every 60 days for the nursing care and the hearing took longer than 60 days she ended up in a cycle of reapplication and fighting for her son's life at hearings. During this time she was not receiving the care she so desperately needed to keep her son alive and healthy.

Tammy and Jonathan took their case to a federal judge in Lufkin.

"The judge would not hear the case," said state Rep. Jim McReynolds, who has done all he could to help Jonathan and Tammy.

The judge looked at each side's arguments, and without even hearing the case ruled in favor of Tammy and Jonathan.

A bill, which went into effect Sept. 1, was signed by Gov. Rick Perry. The bill, called the Jonathan Bill after the boy who helped get it passed, does several things to help those with disabled children get the care they need, including requiring HHSC to send written notice to a person of his or her right to a fair hearing at least 10 days before Medicaid is terminated or reduced, and care cannot be terminated or reduced until after the fair hearing has taken place.

McReynolds has a passion in his heart for children, but especially chil-

dren like Jonathan. He has formed a bond with the boy and his mother.

"Stones yesterday and flowers today, but children are our future," McReynolds said. "These are my special people; whether they vote for me or not, I cannot forget them."

After many shared tears, McReynolds cheered when the bill passed.

"There are other Jonathans out there that need all the love they can get," McReynolds said. "The bill is symbolic of a victory for a struggling kid."

Tammy couldn't agree more, saying all she ever wanted was to be able to help other parents going through the same thing she and Jonathan have gone through.

"God has used Jonathan's struggles for other kids who can't fight the fight that we did," Tammy said. "For a mother, when a life is taken, you're at your knees and

the only place to look is up. You'll fight tooth and nail for your child's life."

Jonathan has already surpassed anything doctors expected and he continues daily to prove there's always hope.

"We've seen so many miracles with him," Tammy said. "He's a miracle in progress. God's not done."

Jonathan already has better head, trunk and neck control, has begun paying attention to things around him and has even gone from being completely blind to having sight with the help of corrective lenses. Tammy remembers when the eye specialist placed the lenses on Jonathan's face. He didn't fight them at all.

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Terry Landers, 50, died Friday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Ronnie "Andy" Andrews, 66, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Victoria Cantu, 81, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Prayer Services will be held at 7:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dylan De Leon, 1 month, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Grantham, 68, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

COUNCIL

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City Finance Director Peggy Walker said the tax hike would translate to a tax bill increase of approximately \$100 for the average valued home.

"The average home owner is paying \$237 per year based on this year's tax rate," said Walker. "With the proposed rate they would be paying \$338, an increase of approximately \$101 a year. The owner of a

home valued at \$100,000 is looking at an increase of \$275."

The council is also expected to consider the following agenda items during the meeting:

- Presentation for temporary name change from 11th Place to Steer Pride Drive from State Street to Goliad in recognition of 100 years of Big Spring High School football.
- Request for city facility to be used as a community boxing club.
- Emergency reading of an ordinance establishing the fire department pay

scale for fiscal year 2007-2008.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for the renewal of the Downtown Reinvestment Zone.
- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a consultant services agreement for training, analytical and auditing services related to the hotel occupancy tax with MuniServices.
- Emergency resolution authorizing expenditures related to flocculator rehabilitation and raw water

valve replacement for the water treatment plant.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division.
- Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing contracts with vendors who receive annual bid awards for 2007-2008.
- Emergency reading of a resolution approving resolutions to be submitted to the Texas Municipal League.

The council is also expected to consider mak-

ing several appointments to municipal boards and committees during the meeting, as well as meet in executive session to evaluate City Attorney Linda Sjogren and Municipal Judge Tim Green.

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

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PICKUP

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including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree limbs during this year's program."

Darden said the program is just one part of the city's "clean and

green" approach to beautifying Big Spring.

"We're seeing more participation from the citizens this year, which is very encouraging for the city," said Darden. "We want to do everything we can to make Big Spring a city to be proud of, and it takes help from the people to make that happen."

Darden said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity

meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up.

"A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

For more information on the Large Item Pick Up program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Website at www.ci.big-spring.tx.us, or contact

the city at 264-2504.

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NIX

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over the nation have acclaimed for years. Leon Rausch, former vocalist with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, and Tommy Allsup, guitarist with Wills, have assembled a group of musicians, some of whom played with Wills, and some who, as Jody puts it, "would have played with him if he'd lived long enough."

They are billed as The Texas Playboys and should thrill those who remember Bob Wills and western swing, as well as introducing younger audiences to that unique brand of music.

Saturday night's offering is a Howard County product, the "Texas Tunsmith" (from the name of his Saturday night radio show), George Bancroft.

A high school English teacher by day, he writes and records his songs, which might be described as a blend of folk, country and blues. Bancroft has a new CD, "One Man, One Guitar," which describes his act, but does not reveal the scope of his entertaining delivery. He will have a show at 7 p.m. and another at 9 p.m.

"I think we have a program of good family entertainment for this year's fair," said Nix.

He added that he hopes everyone will come to the fair and enjoy the entertainment.

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OUR VIEWS

Time to get registered running out

There are only three weeks left to register to vote in the November general election and a great deal will be decided at the polls on Nov. 6.

We've stressed in this space before that the real test to determine how patriotic we are here in West Texas is to simply look at the number of people who vote. Sadly, not nearly enough of us exercise what is perhaps our greatest freedom — determining the manner in which we are governed.

And there's no question in our collective mind that voting is a far greater show of patriotism than waving a flag; wearing the red, white and blue; our plastering "Support the Troops" stickers all over our vehicles.

So, if you aren't registered, get registered.

The cutoff date to register in order to vote in the November general election will be here quicker than most realize.

Howard County residents will have until the first part of October to register to vote in the November election, but county officials are urging would-be voters not to wait until the last minute.

Those wishing to cast a ballot in the coming election, which is going to include an \$11.57 million bond issue to build a new county jail and 16 amendments to the Texas Constitution, must register by Oct. 9, according to Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom.

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

If you're one of those who aren't sure about the status of their registration, find out. You can get more information by simply calling Bloom at 264-2273.

"If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office," said Bloom. "They can fill out the voter registration card and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election.

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

Bloom said the registration cards require a Texas driver's license or identification card number, or the last four digits of the prospective voter's Social Security number.

So make sure you're registered this year and then make sure you go to the polls and make sure your opinion is expressed.

That's not only the patriotic thing to do, but the responsible thing to do as well.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*No one knows the mysteries of life like You do, Lord.
Amen*

All's placid in 'Needle Park'

What should San Francisco solons do to respond to the epidemic of hypodermic syringes littering public parks and streets or thrown into residents' yards?

While some residents want to curb city-funded needle-exchange programs, the harm-reduction community has suggested that The Special City set up America's first medical-supervised injection center.

Call it: Let's create another pander-to-lawbreaker government-funded program to make up for the unintended consequences of an older pander-to-lawbreaker government-funded program.

Let me be clear. I support needle-exchange programs. They curb the spread of communicable disease among drug users and save lives. I do not believe that needle-exchanges encourage kids to shoot up — not with all the squalor connected with needle-shooting addicts.

I visited a city needle-exchange program a decade ago and saw the value in having a place where users could not only bring in bundles of used needles to exchange for clean needles — back then, users had to return a dirty needle to receive each clean one — but also visit volunteer medical workers who drained their abscesses, gave them flu shots or pregnancy tests, and could provide referrals for drug treatment.

Defenders of the exchanges argue that there are fewer littered

needles today than could be found in public before. Harm Reduction Coalition Western Director Hilary McQuie called for more needle drop boxes, "more city staff to clean up public spaces and programs to remind clients to properly dispose" of used needles — as well as "safer injection sites."

OK, but needle-exchange programs owe it to the public to find ways to clean up the mess drug users leave behind. Those programs, after all, receive public money. They are supposed to promote public safety — not public blight.

Even if the chances of contracting HIV after being pricked by a littered needle are .035 percent — as one activist told me — taxpaying San Franciscans should not be exposed to that risk.

Not to mention the yuk factor. Over the phone last week, McQuie said of injection centers, "I wouldn't say we should open one tomorrow." But, "I think it merits a serious exploration."

McQuie noted good reviews on the Vancouver's injection center, opened in 2003. (No surprise. Canadian junkies are probably the most polite addicts in the world, eh?) A study found that there were fewer discarded syringes and less public drug use in the weeks just after the clinic opened than just before.

My experience hails back to a brief visit in 2001 to the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre in the King's Cross neighborhood of Sydney, Australia. Today, the news from Sydney is not good.

The Daily Telegraph in Australia has reported that MSIC referrals for drug treatment and rehabilitation services fell from 10 percent

in 2001 to 1 percent this year. A selling point for the MSIC had been that the centre would work to steer users away from drugs.

Supporters point to a reduction in heroin overdoses — but that's because Australia experienced a dramatic heroin drought starting in 2001.

Which points to the misguided focus of the harm-reduction movement: Its goal is to minimize harm for the most risky and self-destructive behavior, which is impossible, so programs keep evolving to accommodate anti-social dysfunctional behavior.

So San Francisco expanded one-on-one needle exchanges until the exchange element is gone. Users can go to an SF needle "exchange" and receive free needles without providing dirty ones. They can get free needles, despite the fact that, thanks to a new state law, they now can buy syringes at Walgreens.

It's not enough that the state passed a law that allows San Francisco pharmacies to sell syringes. It's not enough that users can exchange dirty needles for clean ones. The do-good mentality transformed needle "exchanges" in order to spare addicts from having to pay for clean needles — which go for about \$3 for 10 needles, according to Homeless Youth Alliance Chairman Peter Davidson — at a drugstore.

This is not a treadmill of good intentions leading nowhere. It is a spiral of decay slowly unraveling.

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Oprah and a first date with Obama

It was, if not the biggest, certainly the most talked about fundraiser of this political season. Those lucky enough to be invited parked in a lot miles away and boarded buses to stand outside with their high heels sinking into the lawn — a privilege that required a minimum contribution of \$2,300. No one is talking about the food, but then, that wasn't the point.

The point was Oprah.

She is, deservedly, one of the most powerful women in the world, even if she hasn't voted in a presidential primary since 1988. (Was it Jesse? I'm probably one of the few people who even remember the Illinois primary of 1988.)

She isn't just a daytime television host; she is a one-woman institution, an arbiter of taste, a maker of best-sellers, a movie and theater producer, a force for education in South Africa and empowerment for girls. She can also be a diva, as she was when Hermes in Paris closed their store on her, just because it was closing time. They learned. No one says no to Oprah. The lucky ones are those who get to say yes.

And so the high and mighty, the rich and famous, stood on her lawn last week, without complaints about the grass or the bus ride or the fact that only the luckiest ones — who paid or raised even more — got to go inside afterward for dinner, to hear her tell them why she was, for the first time, jumping feet-first into the Democratic primary race to endorse Barack Obama for president.

The question is: Does it matter?

Can Oprah do for Obama what she does for unknown authors and their unsold books, for her favorite therapist (Dr. Phil) and her favorite trainer (Bob Greene)? Oprah can make best-sellers and stars, but can she make Obama president?

Don't bet on it.

Of course she can raise money; she just did. But you don't have to be Oprah to raise money, as one Mr. Hsu so painfully proved. No one had ever even heard of him (which was why he wasn't in prison), and he had already raised \$850,000, which is not bad for a nobody. Besides, money isn't really Obama's problem. He's been doing fine in that department, even without Oprah opening her doors.

Certainly, Oprah could solve any number of problems for a politician.

If name recognition were Obama's problem, Oprah could give it to him, almost instantly.

If sizzle and charisma were what he was lacking, Oprah could provide a healthy dose of it with her magic touch.

If the issue were his personality, his being too cool or distant or ruthlessly ambitious, Oprah could warm him up.

But those aren't Barack's problems. The reason he seems to be falling further behind Hillary instead of catching up to her, notwithstanding the biggest press love-in that any candidate has enjoyed in my life, not to mention record-breaking fundraising, has nothing to do with style, charisma, personality or pizzazz. He has all that, and more.

The problem is the second date. Obama is the best first date anyone in politics has had in decades. When you watch him for the first time, hear him speak for the first time, watch a crowd watch him

for the first time, you know immediately that this guy is special, the most talented politician to come down the pike in many years.

He gets it. He understands the disgust people feel about politics, but also the wish for it to be better; the fear so many of us live with about our children's and our own future, but also our essential hopefulness and optimism, the American spirit that says things can be better. He taps in to the best of our nature, the part of us that sees the partisan bickering as the posturing that it is, as a sideshow and a distraction and no answer to anything.

You go home from your first date with Barack Obama knowing you have met someone who could change your life.

And then what?

You wait for the second date that will build on the first, that will prove this guy is actually ready, now, up to the job, burning with the fire in his belly, willing to stand up and do what it takes, to fight with every bit of energy and intelligence he has for what only he can do for the country and the world.

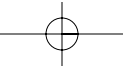
It's not something advisers can write for him in a speech. It's not something Oprah can convey with a warm embrace. It's certainly not something money can buy.

It has to come from deep inside him, has to be as powerful as the first date, as explosive as the opening applause.

I haven't heard it yet. Barack Obama is the best first date in American politics. His evening with Oprah proved that once again, to the tune of \$3 million.

But the second date has to come from him, and it hasn't, at least not yet.

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For health, get creative with apples

Apples aren't the most popular fruit in America (that honor goes to the humble banana), but they're a close second. And right now, while this year's apple crop is abundant at farm stands and supermarkets, is the best time to discover what you can do with them.

I often use apples in savory dishes like salads, and not just the well-known Waldorf. They're great when finely chopped and mixed into tuna salad along with celery and red onion, or thinly sliced and arranged on top of a spinach salad. They also make a fine addition to potato salad. I make a particularly colorful one combining purple potatoes, diced apple and chopped scallions with a coarse mustard seed dressing. For tuna salad, I find a crunchy Fuji works best; I prefer the yellow-skinned Crispin, also called Mutsu, for the spinach and potato salads, because it boasts a softer, less sweet flesh that's more harmo-

nious in those dishes.

There are also the "cooking apples," of course, which are delicious when sautéed because their natural sugar caramelizes. They go so well with onions that I sometimes sauté a big skillet of sliced onions and apples in canola oil, season it with thyme or rosemary, and store it in the refrigerator. Then, over the next several days I'll use this aromatic and naturally sweet combination in several ways. One day, I'll sauté boneless pork chops, set them aside, and warm up some of the apple-onion combo in the same pan, adding a splash of apple cider. Then next day, I might combine them with beaten eggs to make a fine frittata, topped with shredded Fontina cheese. Next day, I'll chop up what is left, combine it with mashed potatoes, then form the chunky mixture into patties and brown them until crisp on both sides in a lightly oiled frying pan. These go fabu-

lously with roast chicken or a pan-cooked turkey burger.

Using apples in desserts is even easier. In this crumble, I combine two or three varieties – often juicy, sweet Cortlands with firmer Granny Smiths and a Johnagold, with lots of spice.

Ginger Apple Crumble
4 large, sweet cooking apples (about 2 pounds), peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch slices
6 Tbsp. lightly packed brown sugar, divided
2 Tbsp. finely chopped candied ginger (see note)
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 cup whole wheat pastry flour
1/2 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
Pinch of salt
3 Tbsp. unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces
Low-fat vanilla ice cream, if desired

Preheat the oven to 375



degrees. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.

Place the apples in the baking dish. Add 2 tablespoons of the sugar, all of the ginger and all of the vanilla. Using two forks or your hands, toss until the sugar dissolves and coats the apples.

In a large bowl, combine the flours, remaining sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Add the butter and blend into the dry ingredients, using a fork or your fingertips, until the mixture is fluffy and resembles

sand. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the apples.

Bake the crumble 45 minutes, or until the filling is bubbling, the apples tender and the topping is browned. Set aside 20 minutes to cool slightly. Divide the crumble among 4 dessert bowls. Serve (topped with low-fat ice cream, if desired.)
Makes 4 servings.

Note: For the ginger, use the candied ginger not coated with sugar crystals, or rinse the ginger to remove the excess sugar and pat dry with a paper towel before chopping.

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

Snacks are great — depending on what they are

For some people, snacks can be a key to their good health and nutrition; for others, snacks may be their greatest downfall. Snacking itself is neither good nor bad. The effects of snacking depend upon what snack you choose and whether the snacks meet your nutritional needs.

Excess weight can be a problem for older adults as for the rest of the population. However, for many older adults, calorie and nutrient consumption drop dramatically. This may be due to limited ability to get and prepare meals, decreased appetite as a side effect of certain medications, lack of enjoyment in meals alone and more. It is a problem, since research shows that after age 65, low intake of calories, protein and other nutrients can lead to unintentional weight loss, functional decline and earlier death.

A recent study involving more than

2,000 adults age 65 and older suggests that snacks may play a key role in maintaining the nutritional status of older Americans. The study found 84 percent of subjects reported snacking at least once a day, with 2.5 times the average. Snacks provided 22 percent of their calories. Snacking did not reduce mealtime eating, so snackers consumed about 250 more calories daily than non-snackers. The researchers concluded that for older adults whose meals are not meeting their nutritional needs, it may be easier to boost intake between meals than to push more into meals.

Snacks can help anyone who is facing a long interval between meals. Many parents refer to 5:00 p.m. as the hour at which their children seem to turn into monsters. Actually, the kids may simply be experiencing what many people feel when they suddenly become so hungry that temper sparks and concentration and energy evaporate. Adults forced to go too long between meals may also benefit from an appropriate snack, allowing them to enjoy the meal when it comes rather than eating too

quickly, which can lead to overeating.

The key is to choose a snack that provides more than just a quick flash of energy. Snacks heavy in refined carbohydrates, such as candy, graham crackers and fruit punch, give a short burst of energy that your body quickly uses. These carbohydrate-rich snacks can leave you feeling worse than you did before. For longer-lasting energy you can try fruit. The sugar in fruits is absorbed more slowly and provides an hour or two of energy for most people. For a snack with more enduring energy, try something that provides a little protein, like a cup of bean soup or some low-fat vanilla yogurt with a small box of raisins stirred in. Some substantial snacks include fruit with a piece of string cheese or peanut butter with whole wheat crackers.

The snacks you choose are important. Studies suggest that if we overdo on snacks, we will not necessarily compensate by eating less at our next meal. Many snack foods are just too high in calories to make up for in later meals. Those enticing scones and muffins run

about 400 to 600 calories each. That's about equal to three to five slices of bread topped with four to five pats of butter. We are especially unlikely to compensate for snack calories from beverages, such as regular soft drinks, sweet tea or fruit drinks.

Many Americans still aren't reaching even the minimum recommendations of five servings a day of vegetables and fruits and three whole grains daily. Snacks can be the chance to set that right. Many of us fall short on drinking the water we need. Try making a big glass of water a standard part of snacks. It may turn out that's all you need. If you aren't hungry, but rather bored, stressed or tired, don't use snacks to provide something food can't give. Try a mental break or a few minutes' walk instead.

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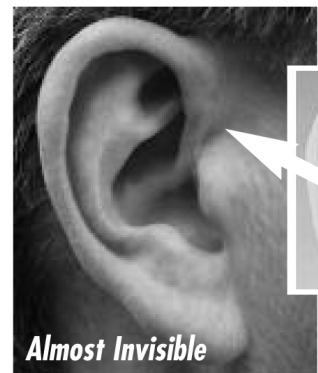
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"As part of our product study, the leading manufacturers of hearing aids are looking for 50 people who will qualify as product testers to try these new innovative hearing solutions," said Richard Davila of Livingston Hearing Centers. "We are proud to participate in this

study and will pay each qualified participant \$50 to complete the study."

And interestingly enough, the popularity of these new products has spread quickly – not by what they look like, because they are

practically impossible to see when being worn—but by good reviews, word of mouth and a remarkable hi-fi sound.

The On-The-Ear product markets itself with very little effort because it solves a really big problem in an innovatively cool way: namely, it corrects high-frequency hearing loss without plugging-up the ear canal. It lets natural sounds just pass through the ear canal unamplified and gives a hi-fidelity boost

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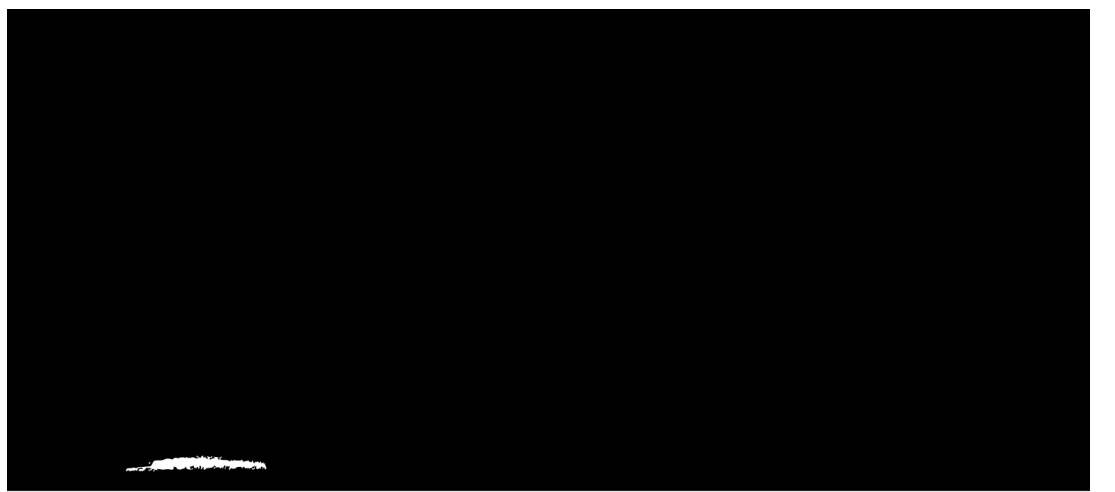
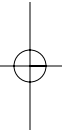
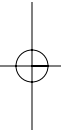
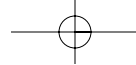
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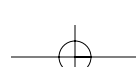
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NEWS IN BRIEF

'Time for action,' world leaders to hear at climate summit

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — More than 80 world leaders have gathered at the U.N. for an unprecedented summit today on ways to combat global warming.

The one-day meeting comes as some scientists say rising global temperatures are melting the Arctic and expanding the oceans.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, a champion of climate-saving legislation, plans to tell world leaders that even the United States' reluctance to embrace the issue is changing. Schwarzenegger will say that his state, in particular, is "moving the United States beyond debate and doubt to action."

It's hoped negotiations later this year will result in deep cutbacks in emissions of carbon dioxide and other manmade gases blamed for global warming.

President Bush isn't participating in the day's meetings but will attend a small dinner gathering of key players hosted by the U.N. chief tonight.

Bush to focus on Mideast peace effort during meetings

WHITE HOUSE (AP) — President Bush today will push again for a Palestinian homeland that can coexist with Israel.

Bush heads to New York for meetings with Palestinian leaders and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who is now a Mideast envoy.

The president is trying to build international support for a Mideast peace conference that his administration plans to host. The Palestinians want the conference to produce an outline for a peace deal. The Israelis want more vague declarations.

Tonight, Bush will attend a dinner on global climate change, hosted by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is expected to make remarks at Ban's all-day summit on climate change.

The president speaks at the U.N. General Assembly session tomorrow.

Iranian president Ahmadinejad in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad says he wants to give Americans a chance to hear a different voice during his visit to New York.

He says the American people have been denied "correct information."

And well before he

arrived in New York a protest was under way at Columbia University where he's to attend a forum today. One state lawmaker says the Iranian firebrand should be arrested, not allowed to speak.

In an interview that aired on CBS' "60 Minutes," he denied Tehran is building a nuclear bomb or has plans to go to war against the U.S.

Morning strike deadline looms for General Motors

DETROIT (AP) — After 20 straight days of negotiations, the United Auto Workers union is talking tough and setting a late morning strike deadline if there's no deal by then with General Motors.

A statement from UAW President Ron Gettelfinger says the company has failed to address job security and other worries and doesn't "recognize and appreciate what our membership has contributed during the past four years."

The union set the strike deadline for 11 a.m. and Cal Rapson, the UAW's chief GM negotiator, says the union will remain at the bargaining table until the deadline.

Florida Democrats reaffirm early date for primary vote

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. (AP) — The Florida Democratic Party is sticking to its primary date and has even printed bumper stickers to prove it.

State party leaders are moving ahead with a Jan. 29 primary, despite threats of sanctions from national party leaders.

The Democratic National Committee has vowed to strip Florida of its 210 nominating convention delegates if it doesn't hold to the party-set calendar. That calendar forbids all states except Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and South Carolina from holding primary contests before Feb. 5.

Michigan has also leapfrogged the national party's order. It has scheduled a Jan. 15 primary.

Search fails to turn up missing 3-year-old girl in Colorado

DENVER (AP) — Police in Colorado believe a missing three-year-old girl has been killed and Denver officials have requested a delay in Monday pickups from large trash containers.

Police have not released details on why they believe the girl may be dead. They have said the girl's body may have been wrapped in a plastic bag and dumped in a trash

bin. More than 200 volunteers searched unsuccessfully for Niveah Gallegos Sunday. Bloodhounds picked up a scent, but the girl wasn't found.

Niveah's 20-year-old mother reported her missing and the possible victim of a kidnapping Friday. Police later arrested the mother on suspicion of false reporting, child abuse resulting in death, and being an accessory to a crime.

The woman's boyfriend, 22-year-old Angel Ray Montoya, is being held on suspicion of first-degree murder.

Tropical Storm Jerry forms in the Atlantic; but no threat to land

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Jerry has formed in the Atlantic Ocean. But the National Hurricane Center says it poses no immediate threat to land.

Forecasters say the storm is expected to remain over open waters, far west of the Azores. Jerry is the 10th named storm of the season.

Positive showing last week, now what?

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street begins a new week, after a strong rally last week that was propelled by the Federal Reserve's surprise decision to cut interest rates by a-half point.

Last week's gains of more than 2.5 percent in the key averages was also finding a measure of support from some positive earnings reports.

The Dow begins from 13,820 after a 53 point advance on Friday. The S&P 500 is at 1525 having risen seven points. And the Nasdaq composite sits at 2,671.

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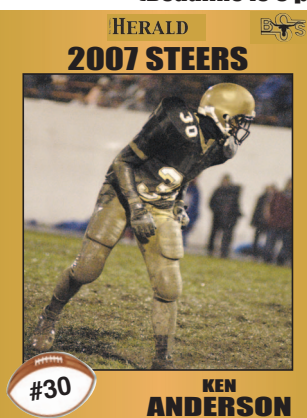
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