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## IN BRIEF

### Area high school sports calendar

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

#### 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.

#### TUESDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Lake View, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring tennis vs. Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

#### OCT. 5

Big Spring football vs. Andrews, Homecoming, 7:30p.m.

Grady football vs. Hermleigh, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma football vs. Anson, 7:30 p.m.

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

Sands football at Dawson, 7:30 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 Saturday and Sunday.

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

Registration starts at 9 a.m. on Friday. 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 Saturday

The 15th Ever DiscOver Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been set for Saturday at Comanche Trail 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.

## Area roundup: Bearkats play host to Lorenzo

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**

Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — With two weeks until the start of a grueling district schedule — four of the five teams in District I, Div. I are in the top 15 in the latest state pole — the No. 14 Garden City Bearkats (3-1) look to continue building on the momentum they established last week in their 71-26 thrashing of Abilene Christian as they host the Lorenzo Hornets.

"We were real pleased with the effort last week," Head Coach Vance Jones said of his team performance. "Both offensively

and defensively we showed great intensity and maintained it throughout the game. We have to play as a team. There is no real standout star player and we are young, but the boys we do have believe in each other and that helps a lot."

This week's opponent is almost a mirror image of the Bearkats. The Hornets — after starting the season 0-2 — have bounced back to win their last two, including a 37-34 victory over Abilene Christian two weeks ago.

"If a common opponent means anything that is the one that we do have," Jones said. "I person-

ally don't hold much stock in that. We still have to get out there and play the game and execute. They are a lot like us in the fact that they graduated most of their players from last year and are real young, but they have been improving every week and can be dangerous if you underestimate them."

However, don't count on that happening this week.

"We have told the boys that they are going to have to play hard and not let up," Jones said. "I don't think we have to worry about that, but you never know."

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## Area football

Lorenzo at Garden City

Stanton at Anson

Water Valley at Grady

Sands at Klondike

## Buffs look for season's first win in Mertzon

By **JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — As district rivalries begin to heat up this week, the Forsan Buffaloes open District 16-1A play at 7:30 p.m. Friday night as they welcome the Irion County Hornets to Buffalo Stadium.

The two teams met last year to open district play with the Buffs taking a 13-6 win in Mertzon.

Buffs' Head Coach Tommy Thompson hopes the result will be the same this year and with an extra week of preparation under his belt he sees no reason why it won't be.

"The off week, besides giving us extra time to prepare, gave us a chance to heal up," said Thompson. "(James) Marlow will return this week as will Ryan Flores. Everyone should be fresh and fired up after the layoff. They have been very sharp in practice. We have been working on game type situations, focusing on keeping emotions in check and not making mental mistakes."

The Buffs' defense will have another tough week of assignments trying to contain the speedy Hornet backfield, but Thompson says they know what to expect and will be ready.

"We have been gearing up on defense to stop their running game," Thompson said. "Their backs have great speed and are hard to bring down. We will have to swarm to the ball and make sure to wrap up when we make contact. And we have not overlooked the passing game. If we give them too much time, they can hurt us."

The Buffs face a spread offense that also lines up in an I-formation when the Hornets have the ball.

Thompson said the Buffs

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Herald photo/Ken Hollandsworth

Big Spring's Darius McCalister returns a kickoff against Abilene Wylie last Friday at Memorial Stadium. The Steers lost to Wylie 61-14 and will look to rebound when they visit long-time rival Sweetwater Friday.

## Steers ready to take on rival Sweetwater

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

In the 100 years of Big Spring Steers football, no team has lined up on the other side of the ball more times than the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Friday night will mark the 67th meeting between the long-standing rivals. The Mustangs were actually the first opponent Big Spring ever faced in 1907. The Big Spring Yellow Jackets — they didn't become the Steers until 1924 — stampeded past the Mustangs, winning 95-0. The margin of victory remains the great-

est in school history to this day.

However, the Mustangs have gotten the best of the rivalry, holding a 42-24 edge in the series' history.

Big Spring hopes to cut the series deficit by a game when they visit the Mustangs at 7:30 p.m. in the historic Mustang Bowl.

"The first thing we're preaching heading into this game is that we just need a win and need to be a better football team to get it," said Steers' Head Coach Mike Ritchey. "Still, the rivalry that we have with Sweetwater makes the

game a little more exciting. We don't have to hype this game too much to get the players up for Sweetwater."

"It's a great rivalry. We have a lot of respect for their program," he continued. "We're hopeful that our own program can one day reach the heights that they are on, but we aren't hyping up the rivalry aspect of the game too much because we don't have to. We concentrate more on hyping the thought of stepping onto their historic field and handing them a loss. The Mustang Bowl rivals the legacy that is held at

Ratliff Stadium. It's a great scene for a football game."

With Sweetwater comes the tradition of the wishbone offense. The Mustangs are one of the few teams left in the state that still run a pure option offense. Ritchey notes that the 'bone will bring a different challenge for his defense.

"Sweetwater always has a lot of speed and this year is no different," he said. "They bring a triple option attack out of the wishbone so it's important that we key in on our

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## Bulldogs open district play with visit to Merkel

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Four weeks and three games into the 2007 season, Coahoma's Bulldogs are still searching for their first win of the season.

There could be no better time to start winning than the beginning of District 5-2A play. The Bulldogs (0-3) visit Merkel's Badgers Friday night.

The Badgers (0-3) have found that first victory of the season just as elusive as Coahoma has. However, it's safe to say that one of the two teams will walk away from Badger Stadium with something other than a zero in the win column.

For Coahoma, the season has been frustrating with several injuries taking their toll. However, the Bulldogs gained extra time to get healthy with a bye last week.

Coahoma has struggled to get things rolling offensively, averaging just nine points a game. However, it has been a matter of consistency as the Bulldogs have scored first in two of their three games.

In week one, the Bulldogs ran the ball down Reagan County's throat on their opening drive to take a 6-0 lead. Unfortunately, they wouldn't cross the goal line against until the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, Reagan County scored 45 points in between the two Coahoma touchdowns, handing the Bulldogs a 52-14 loss.

A similar situation happened against Ballinger Sept. 14. Quarterback Josh Paniagua scored on a 1-yard run on the Bulldogs' opening drive, but Ballinger put up 23 points before Coahoma again found paydirt in the third quarter. The Bulldogs

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Coahoma Bulldogs quarterback Josh Paniagua turns the corner during the Bulldogs 37-13 loss to Ballinger Sept. 14. Coahoma opens district play looking for its first win Friday at Merkel.



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Stanton at Anson

STANTON — Stanton's Buffaloes look to get into the thick of things in District 5-2A play as they open with Anson's Tigers at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Anson Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers (1-2) are coming off of a 35-6 thrashing from the second-ranked Class 1A Roscoe Plowboys last week. Stanton had a bye last week after beating Forsan, 47-13, defending their homecoming in the Battle of the Buffaloes.

After being upset by Grape Creek in week one, the Buffs (2-1) have responded with two consecutive wins, including an upset of their own over Reagan County. Much of their success is due to a running game that is breaking big plays and also running several minutes off the clock with each possession.

The Buffs might find it easy to run against the Tigers, who are allowing 5.9 yards a carry to their opponents. Running back Robbie Toland and dual-threat quarterback Garrett Fulton lead the Buffs rushing attack and could give Anson plenty to worry about.

Defensively, the Buffs depend on the quickness of players like middle linebacker Mark Garcia and defensive end Adam Evans to thwart a run heavy Anson offense.

Last season, Stanton defeated the Tigers, 22-14, after forcing five turnovers by the Anson offense. Fulton scored all three Stanton touchdowns — two running and one passing — while completing seven of nine passes for 90 yards.

Water Valley at Grady

LENORAH — No team in the Crossroads area has been more dominant on the football field than Grady's Wildcats.

The Wildcats (4-0) look to continue their undefeated season when they host Water Valley's Wildcats Friday night.

Water Valley (2-2) defeated Panther Creek 65-20 last week and rely heavily upon running back Jonathan Garcia. Garcia is one of just three returning starters and led the team with 1,676 rushing yards in 2006.

However, he won't find it as easy to run against a Grady defense that has allowed just 14 points in four games. With six-man football being a game that boasts high scores, allowing just two touchdowns in one game would be considered a

good defensive showing. Head Coach Joe Helms credits his defense with playing sound, technical football.

"We're good at getting to where we need to be on defense and setting up to make a play," Helms said. "The players are more concerned about helping their teammates over being successful individually. We understand what we're supposed to do and get in position to do it."

Grady has pitched two consecutive shut outs over New Home and Trent. Both games were called at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule as Grady scored at least 40 points in the second quarter of both games.

Last season, Grady defeated Water Valley, 64-43, keyed by four touchdowns by Tommylee Rivas. Rivas has accounted for nine scores — three running, six passing — in the past two games.

Sands at Klondike

ACKERLY — Just 20 miles separate Sands and Klondike High Schools. The Sands' Mustangs travel that distance west on FM 828 as they renew their rivalry with Klondike's Cougars.

The Mustangs (2-2) rebounded from a narrow defeat Sept. 14



Sands Mustangs quarterback Johnny Rogers leans back to throw a pass in the Mustangs' loss to Westbrook Sept. 14. The Mustangs face Klondike Friday night.

Herald photo/Bruce Schooler

by Westbrook when they defeated Loop's Longhorns, 58-49.

The Cougars (0-4) suffered an 86-50 loss to Wilson's Mustangs last week. Sands had defeated Wilson, 54-6, in week one for its first victory of the season.

The Mustangs have been powered offensively by the play of Jesus Gomez and Johnny Rogers. Rogers, a sophomore, totaled more than 300 yards total offense and scored six touchdowns — four passing,

two running — in Sands' victory over Loop. Gomez has been Rogers' favorite target for most of his yards and touchdowns.

The Cougars have been beaten by the 45-point mercy rule in three of their four losses. Klondike is limited by their depth, suiting up a mere eight players.

Last season, this game was also ended early due to the mercy rule as Sands clobbered Klondike, 58-12.



Forsan's Justin Wilson (11) is tackled by two Stanton defenders in a game played Sept. 14. Forsan hopes to rebound from the 47-13 loss to Stanton when they open district play against Irion County Friday night.

Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

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have been working the last two weeks on stopping the run and pressuring the quarterback. Flores and Josh Daniels will be called on heavily from their linebacker positions and the defensive line of Anthony Neighbors, Blake Grantham and Aaron Hughes will be expected to play big.

On the offensive side, Forsan will see eight men in the box, as Irion County will load up to stop the run.

"They like to stack the line on defense and we will have to be successful passing to back them off," said Thompson. "We had great success throwing against Stanton. If we can repeat that and have a big night from our O-line, we will be in good shape."

Thompson called on Jace Sandridge, Jeremy Frietag and Adam Bailey

to bring their A-game and lead the offense. Thompson also listed the offensive line as being a key part to having success against the Hornets.

"We expect to play well. We expect to win," said Thompson. "If we stay

focused, eliminate turnovers and show some real heart things will take care of themselves. We have the right game plan and the guys are confident. Our team work will be crucial to winning the game."

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ended up losing 37-13.

Coahoma played its most competitive game against Ballinger, but turnovers and several penalties kept them from forming any chemistry offensively.

Defensively, the Bulldogs have seen a young secondary exposed in all three games. Reagan County threw for more than 300 yards and Ballinger aired it out for more than 200 yards against Coahoma. Roscoe passed for 192 yards before the week two game was called due to lightning.

Whereas Coahoma has struggled to contain opponents' passing games, Merkel has found slowing

its opponents' ground attacks difficult.

The Badgers have surrendered at least 194 rushing yards in their three games, including 257 yards to Jim Ned and 263 yards to Post. However, they lost both games by a combined margin of eight

points. However, Merkel was pounded by Cisco, 45-8, in their last game.

Offensively, Merkel has struggled as much as Coahoma and averages just 3.9 yards per offensive play, despite touting an offensive line with 280-pound players on it.

Last season, the Badgers spoiled Coahoma's homecoming, winning 26-14.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

To Guess — or Not to Guess

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠K 7 6 3  
♥A 9 5  
♦K Q 2  
♣A Q 4

WEST

♠Q J  
♥Q J 10 4  
♦9 8 3  
♣10 7 6 2

EAST

♠8 2  
♥8 7 3 2  
♦10 6 4  
♣K 9 5 3

SOUTH

♠A 10 9 5 4  
♥K 6  
♦A J 7 5  
♣J 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1♠ Pass 4 NT Pass

5♥ Pass 5 NT Pass

6♦ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Assume you're in six spades and West leads the queen of hearts. You win with the king and return a trump to dummy's king, on which West plays the queen. You next lead a trump from dummy, East following low, and the question is whether to play the ace or the ten.

If you are familiar with the theory of restricted choice, you know that after West produces the queen on the first spade play, the odds favor finessing the ten. In fact, the mathematical probability is about 9-to-5

that East has the guarded jack.

But before blindly attempting the finesse, you should first consider the hand as a whole. If you try the finesse and it loses, and if East has the king of clubs, you will go down one. Unlucky, but down one nevertheless.

The other side of the coin, however, is that if you play the ace of spades at trick three instead of finessing the ten, you can't go down regardless of who has the jack! As it happens, the jack falls and you make the slam, later losing only a club to East's king.

What would have happened had West shown out on the ace of trumps? In that case, you would have cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart and then started to run your diamonds. East might ruff at any stage, but that would merely hasten his demise.

If he did not ruff, you would next put him on lead with a trump, forcing him to return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard. Either way, the slam would come waltzing home.

In this deal, therefore, the answer to how to handle the trumps is a very simple one. Playing the ace guarantees the contract, come what may, while finessing the ten does not. That makes the ace the right play, even though the percentages would indicate otherwise.

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Big Spring Police Department officers subdue a man after extricating him from a ventilation shaft atop Dell's Restaurant on East Fourth Street this morning, ending a six-hour standoff between the suspect and officers.

## Six-hour standoff ends with suspect taken into custody

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A six-hour standoff ended this morning when Big Spring police arrested a man suspected of burglarizing a local restaurant.

The incident began at about 4 a.m. when eyewitnesses spotted a man, described as adult male in his late 20s or early 30s, gaining entry into Dell's Restaurant, located on East Fourth Street near Birdwell Lane.

Big Spring police immediately responded to the scene, trapping the suspect within the restaurant. He then retreated into the air conditioning/ventilation system ductwork of the building, witnesses said.

For the next six hours, police attempted a variety of methods to extricate the suspect, including multiple uses of "pepper

spray," without success. At one point, Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray was called to the scene, as officials used a thermal imaging system in an effort to pinpoint the suspect's location.

Finally, BSPD officers entered the duct system shortly before 10 a.m. and emerged with the suspect a few minutes later.

The suspect, wearing only cutoff fatigue pants, was immediately taken to the police department. His identity was not released as of 10:30 a.m. today.

No serious injuries were reported, although both the suspect and several police officers apparently suffered ill effects from the pepper spray.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring police and emergency response personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of West FM 700 and Martin Luther King Boulevard Wednesday afternoon. Two individuals were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries, officials said.

## State Rep. Heflin plans town hall meetings soon

Special to the Herald

State Rep. Joe Heflin will be holding town hall meetings in the five southern counties of District 85 during the first week of October.

State Sen. Kel Seliger also will be available to meet with constituents at the Howard County town hall meeting in Big Spring on Thursday, Oct. 4.

"This is a time when I get to hear directly from the people who entrusted me with the responsibility of representing them in Austin," Heflin said.

Heflin continued, "Nothing in my job is more valuable than the input of the people who elected me. I encourage all citizens in the five southern counties of District 85 to make plans to attend one of the upcoming town hall meetings."

Those meetings are:

- Garden City Community Center, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 10-11 a.m.
- Big Lake City Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 4-5 p.m.
- Mertzson, Courthouse Annex, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10-11 a.m.
- Sterling County Courthouse in Sterling City, Wednesday Oct. 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Hall Center for the Arts on the campus of Howard College in Big Spring, Thursday, Oct. 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Emergency medical personnel prepare to transport a Forsan High School student to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a traffic accident on FM 461, just miles from Forsan School, early Thursday morning. According to law enforcement officials at the scene, there were two separate accidents, the first of which is believed to have been caused by visibility problems caused by the rising sun. At least two people were transported but no life threatening injuries were believed to have been reported.

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Jim Grantham, 68, died Monday. Graveside Services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:30 Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**

By Eddy Pitchford

"Are You Smarter Than A Fifth-Grader?" is fun to watch. The fifth-graders on the program are smarter than most contestants and certainly know more than the students did when I was in fifth grade!

I was blessed by a fourth-grader this week. As we discussed Jesus, this young man shared, "Jesus is a vine that gives us life. If we get cutoff, we die." At another point in the discussion, he said, "If Jesus did not die, we could not go to heaven." Before I left his house, he gave me a New Testament and instructed me to share it with someone who does not believe in Jesus.

You go ahead and choose to be smarter than a fifth-grader. As for me, I have my sights set on having the heart of a fourth-grader! "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:4)

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# Weekend Forecast

## This week's games

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Big Spring at Sweetwater  
Irion Co. at Forsan  
Coahoma at Merkel  
Water Valley at Grady  
Lorenzo at Garden City  
Stanton at Anson  
Sands at Klondike  
Baylor at Texas A&M  
Kansas St. at Texas  
West Virginia at South Florida  
Cal at Oregon  
Alabama at Florida St.  
Auburn at Florida  
Miss. St. at South Carolina  
Rams at Cowboys  
Texans at Falcons  
Seahawks at 49ers  
Buccaneers at Panthers  
Eagles at Giants  
Patriots at Bengals

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## STEERS

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assignments defensively and attack."

"Our focus defensively has to be on our assignments," Ritchey continued. "We can't let ourselves get deceived by all the ball fakes and misdirection stuff they can use with their system. We have to keep our composure because defending the option is all about keeping assignments. If the flow of the play comes your direction then you have to be where you're supposed to be or else they can find a big play."

Being one of the few teams left that play the wishbone, Sweetwater forces most of its opponents to change their defensive scheme and personnel to account for the dangerous ground game. Ritchey says that this will be no different for Big Spring.

"We have a few defensive sets that will help us against their option attack," he said. "It changes what you usually do on defense because it takes a different type of scheme to stop

the option. That includes changing personnel because we need to play more of a speed game. And now you hardly face the option and it can be an advantage for option offenses these days. Defenses aren't accustomed to stopping it anymore."

The Mustangs have accumulated more than 1,000 yards on the ground in their first four games, including 330 yards last week in their 47-28 win over Canyon.

Sweetwater boasts eight players with at least 70 yards on the ground with tailback Steven Fields leading with 236 yards on 28 carries. Containing the triple-option attack is something the Big Spring coaching staff has obviously put a huge emphasis on in practice throughout the week.

"Stopping what they can do on the ground is key for us," commented Ritchey. "They have the speed to break out on the outside and make some big plays. We can limit what they can do on offense if we can stop their inside game first."

"If we can get a big lead then they'll want to count on outside runs more to try and make up

the deficit," he continued. "Jumping out to a nice lead can be key against Sweetwater. It takes away their power game and if we can keep our assignments and contain the option game then we can force them into throwing the ball. That's something Sweetwater isn't noted for."

The Mustangs showed their lack of desire to put the ball in the air, attempting just two passes against Canyon. Ritchey said that Canyon's inability to force Sweetwater to throw the ball by not covering their assignments led to a big night for the Mustangs' ground attack.

"Sweetwater had a lot of success stringing out Canyon last week," Ritchey noted. "Their quarterback made several big plays because Canyon didn't account for him. When they did, it seemed like they didn't cover the pitch man and he broke some big gains. They have several weapons they can use. Forcing them to throw is the best way to take those weapons out of the game."

Offensively, the Steers want to continue to try and stay balanced so they can attack the

Mustangs depending on the looks they give defensively.

However, the Mustangs have given up several big plays through the air during their first four games. Their opponents have totaled 990 passing yards. Ritchey feels his team could take advantage of the Mustangs' secondary if given the opportunity.

"We could exploit them through the air if that's the look they give us," Ritchey said. "Everything we do on offense is determined by how they defend us. If they come up against the run then we want to pass on them. If they slide back to protect against the pass, then we'll run."

Much of the Steers' offensive game plan depends upon the health of standout sophomore running back Monte Anderson. Anderson sat out the entire second half against Wylie last week. Without him on the field, the Steers' were stymied offensively.

"If Monte is in the game then I expect them to come up and try to defend the run a little more," Ritchey said. "He's a great weapon even at 80 or 90 percent. Teams have to account

for him and that opens up what we can do through the air.

"Last week, we didn't respond when Wylie hit us back," he continued. "We hit them first, but we have to keep attacking after we get hit. We were definitely in some trouble offensively with injuries. Our top three backs were hurt so we had our third-string quarterback at running back late in the game. We also had two very young offensive linemen who just got moved up from the junior varsity. We'll be a little healthier and a little more experienced this week."

However, Ritchey and the rest of the coaching staff believe they saw the team that the Steers can become in the first quarter of the loss to Wylie.

"We only showed the team the first 15 minutes of game film from last week," Ritchey said. "That's because we looked like a great team in those minutes. We kept telling the players that we can be that team for an entire game. That's the type of play we're capable of."

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## Crossroads District Standings

### District 4-4A

Team	W	L	PF	PA
1. Frenship	3	1	90	57
2. Lake View	1	3	72	102
3. Estacado	1	3	97	83
4. Plainview	0	4	33	123
5. Big Spring	0	4	40	148

Friday's games: Big Spring at Sweetwater (2-2); Brownwood (3-0) at Lake View; Frenship at Abilene Wylie (2-2); Plainview at Hereford (2-2).

### District 5-2A

Team	W	L	PF	PA
1. Haskell	2	1	119	54
2. Stanton	2	1	89	60
3. Colorado City	2	1	27	34
4. Stamford	2	1	67	77
5. Hawley	1	2	59	64
6. Anson	1	2	38	63
7. Merkel	0	3	28	73
8. Coahoma	0	3	27	126

Friday's games: Coahoma at Merkel; Stanton at Anson; Haskell at Colorado City; Stamford at Hawley.

### District 16-1A

Team	W	L	PF	PA
1. Christoval	2	1	79	112
2. Bronte	1	2	59	68
3. Eldorado	1	2	44	67
4. Irion Co.	1	2	42	99
5. Miles	2	40	114	
6. Menard	0	3	41	92
7. Forsan	0	3	26	97
8. Sterling City	0	3	17	144

Friday's games: Irion Co. at Forsan; Menard at Miles; Sterling City at Bronte; Eldorado at Christoval.

### Six-man District 1 Div. 1

Team	W	L	PF	PA
1. Grady	4	0	210	14
2. Rankin	4	0	266	98
3. Fort Davis	4	0	263	140
4. Garden City	2	1	169	122
5. Sands	2	2	174	148

Friday's games: Water Valley (2-2) at Grady; Lorenzo (2-2) at Garden City; Sands at Klondike (0-4); Eden (3-1) at Rankin; El Paso Jesus Chapel (0-4) at Fort Davis.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Let's get out to the county fair this year

Whether you're a "watcher" or a "doer," you'll find something to do at the 35th edition of the Howard County Fair, which officially got under way yesterday.

One thing we know is that Howard County has some wonderful cooks, great gardeners and superb craftsmen. And a great many of them will be showing off their talents — whether it be photography, cross stitching, wood burning, doll making or whatever, the county fair has always been the perfect venue.

The fair is open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, so there's plenty of time to work a visit to the Howard County Fairgrounds into your schedule.

Visit all of the booths and exhibits and don't forget to take in some of the nightly entertainment. The lineup for the 2007 fair offers a variety of music. Entrance to the entertainment tent is included in the ticket to the fair.

Tonight will be Gospel Night at the fair — one that has been a favorite for fairgoers over the years. Beginning at 7, a group from First Baptist Church directed by Mark Couch will perform. Also on the schedule are Terry Webb from Coahoma, Bob and Marla Rainwater and others from around the county and area.

The 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. shows Friday night are ones that audiences all over the nation have acclaimed for years. Leon Rausch, former vocalist with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, and Tommy Allsup, who was a guitarist with Wills, have assembled a group of musicians, some of whom also played with Wills, will take the stage.

Billed as The Texas Playboys, the group 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 Tunesmith," 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.

Don't forget the Kountry Kids Contest, tractor pull and the livestock shows. Did we mention there's going to be a ranch hand rodeo this year?

We hope you'll be sure to fit this year's Howard County Fair into your plans for the latter part of this week. It's great family fun with your friends and neighbors.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we strive for a heavenly life full of Your love, Lord.  
Amen

### He said:

# Columbia selective on First Amendment

Over an avalanche of protests, New York's Columbia University invited Iran's Holocaust denying dictator Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to speak on campus. That any American institution would furnish a propaganda platform for this murderous thug is symptomatic of staggering ignorance about our enemies in this global war on terror.

Self-congratulatory liberals, like Columbia's President Lee Bollinger, actually see the university's hosting of Ahmadinejad as a cause to celebrate — advancing free speech and diverse viewpoints — as opposed to something that must be reluctantly tolerated.

What will it take to wake people up to the reality that this tyrant is every bit as pernicious as Osama bin Laden? Then again, many would probably jump to offer bin Laden a forum, as well.

After all, they believe both have legitimate grievances against U.S. policy.

Columbia history professor Kenneth T. Jackson said New York has more than a legal duty to accommodate controversial figures from abroad.

"It's a moral obligation as a great city," said Jackson. "New York's record is one of toleration of difference."

Doesn't that make you feel warm and fuzzy inside? Well, I'm not rejoicing over this wrongheaded decision to turn over a major university megaphone to Ahmadinejad to help him "teach Americans about the world."

We have no legal duty to accommodate the despot behind many, perhaps most, of the improvised explosive devices killing our soldiers in Iraq. The U.S.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Constitution is not a global guarantor of civil rights. It does not protect the speech of foreign dictators. It was not written to safeguard al Qaeda's rights or its sensibilities.

Even if the First Amendment did apply, it wouldn't oblige us to provide rhetorical weapons, ammunition and delivery systems to our sworn ideological enemies in this deadly war of ideas. Ideas have consequences, and the promotion of deadly ones can have deadly consequences.

Some leftist media types are afflicted with this bizarre notion that their journalistic integrity requires them to strive for neutrality between the United States and her enemies. Remember CNN anchor Bernard Shaw professing such nonsense when refusing to be debriefed during Gulf War I?

Nor do we have a "moral obligation" to enable terrorists to kill us, destroy our nation and promote a worldwide caliphate. There's no ethical requirement that we prop up a sadistic egomaniac who has threatened to dispatch 40,000 suicide bombers throughout the civilized world and who is rattling his saber against this country amid chants from his indoctrinated, crazed subjects calling for "death to America."

There's also a larger point involved here that certain First Amendment charlatans choose to ignore. Contrary to their claims, there is nothing we can learn from Ahmadinejad that we don't already know — at least not in this forum.

He's made quite clear who he is and what he stands for. He is an enemy of civilization who runs the nation the State Department has identified as the largest state sponsor of terrorism in the world today.

He is not here to debate or be persuaded. He doesn't seek dialogue or a give-and-take of ideas — unless you want to humor him

with an openness to his suggestion that 9/11 was an inside government job. He is not here to argue his case for Iran's nuclear proliferation, which he denies with the chutzpah and finesse of a Goebbels or Stalin.

He is an incorrigible believer in Islamic world conquest whose ideology makes him impervious to reason, negotiation, diplomacy or compromise. He's here to promote his propaganda and to recruit those amoral enough in our media to spread it and those gullible enough in our population to swallow it. The only thing that will dissuade him is force or credible threats to use it.

Besides, there are plenty of people in this country who are protected by the First Amendment who are more than willing to promote Ahmadinejad's ideas. Indeed, it seems many on the left derive some kind of perverse pleasure seeing Ahmadinejad taunting President Bush and his policies. Figuratively speaking, you can't help but wonder whether for some of them, it's not as much about promoting the First Amendment right to burn the flag as it is their delight in watching the flag burn.

Why else would comment posters on the liberal Daily Kos blog say they have a crush on this dictator? Why else would the mainstream media have marveled at his rambling, incoherent insulting letters to President Bush — giving them and his warped ideas a shameful degree of credence?

If Columbia were serious about its openness to all ideas, it wouldn't have revoked its speaking invitation to the Minuteman Project's Jim Gilchrist.

Sadly, liberal academia's simulated love affair with the First Amendment and so-called tolerance for diverse viewpoints just goes one way.

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### She said:

# Having tolerance can be a good thing

Former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey used to say you could judge a country by how it treats those at the beginning of life and those at the end of life. He was speaking, of course, about the values of compassion and generosity, particularly in those instances where the recipient is in no position to reward you with a vote, a contribution or even a thank you.

It seems to me you can also judge a country by how it treats those we hate, those who hate us, those we disagree with and even those we are afraid of, particularly in times when we have reason for fear. That is a measure of our tolerance, decency and confidence in our ideas and ourselves.

In recent days, there has been much criticism of Columbia University's decision to invite Iranian President and Holocaust-denier Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to deliver a lecture on campus.

Why give an enemy a chance to speak?

The short answer is because, unlike Iran, we are a free country and the risk posed in allowing such a speaker was not that he would convert anyone, but that he would be exposed — especially to his own people, who never get to see him face hard questions — as the ignorant, hateful despot he is. This, of course, is exactly what happened.

Columbia University President Lee Bollinger, refusing to shake Ahmadinejad's hand, introduced him as a "petty and cruel dictator," attacked him for his hatred of Israel and his doubts as to the Holocaust, and branded him as either "brazenly provocative or astonishingly uneducated." The

audience, which had greeted him with polite applause, turned openly hostile when he said more research was needed to verify the existence of the Holocaust. He also denied, in answer to a challenge — the kind he would never get at home — about human rights abuses of homosexuals in Iran, that there were any gay people in his home country. What the speech proved is that while we may have much to fear from Ahmadinejad's leadership, we have nothing to fear from giving him a forum. In those circumstances, we win and he loses.

The same is true in courtrooms and in the criminal justice system when we treat fairly and respect the rights of those we fear as enemies. Judge Michael Mukasey, President Bush's choice for Attorney General, is by all reports a smart, tough, independent lawyer — a student of the law, not a political player — who is expected to win easy confirmation in the Senate. But his handling of the case of Osama Awadallah, a college student swept up in one of the roundups of Muslim men that followed 9/11, raises serious questions about his judgment that deserve to be explored by the Senate.

Awadallah was one of a number of Muslims who then-Judge Mukasey ruled could be held by the government indefinitely, with no charges filed against them, as potential material witnesses in the 9/11 investigation. It was the broadest use — many would say abuse — of statutory authority that was never intended to substitute for the rule that government has no right to deprive you of your liberty if there is no cause to believe you have committed a crime. But that's just the beginning.

At the hearing to determine whether Mr. Awadallah could be held indefinitely, his lawyer's

complaints that his client had been abused (a prison examination later found bruises, and a jury later acquitted him of the only charge brought against him — making a false statement — based on the defense that the abusive treatment he received in prison meant his statements could not be the basis for prosecution) were dismissed out of hand by the judge, who commented, "He looks fine to me."

So, too, were the lawyer's complaints that his client had been moved to New York without notice to his lawyer, the result being the lawyer had been forced to fly all night to attend the hearing. "You are now aware of it," the judge replied, refusing to even consider that the prosecution had denied the defendant the right to contact his lawyer until hours after he arrived in New York. "Oh, please," said the judge, from a transcript that drips with contempt.

When the San Diego attorney argued that he had no experience in criminal law, particularly in the "nuances" of New York law, and needed the assistance of a criminal defense lawyer in New York — Abdeen M. Jabara — the judge responded by ridiculing Jabara. "I got news for you. Mr. Jabara is not terribly familiar with the nuances either." He then ruled that the other lawyer could not join the defense team because he "was before me in a case that arguably has some relationship to this."

Mr. Awadallah was acquitted and ultimately graduated with honors from San Diego State University.

Hopefully the judge — and perhaps future Attorney General — learned something in the process as well.

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# Rangers hit five homers in 16-2 rout of Angels

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The AL West champion Los Angeles Angels are limping toward the playoffs.

Center fielder Gary Matthews had to leave because of an irritated left knee after a running catch in the first, Vladimir Guerrero got plunked on the forearm by a pitch and the Angels suffered their most lopsided loss of the season — a 16-2 setback that completed a three-game sweep by last-place Texas.

“Playoffs are an entity by themselves, but you feel so much better about yourself if you get some momentum at the end of the regular season,” manager Mike Scioscia said. “We played terrific baseball for a long, long time. There were a few dry spots across the season — and this series is definitely one of them.”

The Rangers had all the fun in their final home series, with Michael Young reaching 200 hits for the fifth consecutive season and Sammy Sosa hitting one of their five home runs in the finale.

Los Angeles clinched the division before getting to Texas, but is still in the race for the American League’s top record and home-field advantage through the playoffs.

The Angels, who have three games left in Oakland this weekend, stayed at 92 victories. That is two fewer than Boston, which beat Oakland 11-6 on Wednesday and still has four games left. Cleveland split a doubleheader at Seattle and also has 94 wins.

Now they have questions about Matthews, who irritated the tendinitis in his left knee when he made a running catch to end the first inning.

“It’s pretty painful right now. But it feels a hair better,” Matthews said. “I’m fairly concerned, but it’s still attached to



Texas Rangers shortstop Michael Young picks up his 200th hit of the season in the seventh inning during the Rangers’ game against the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington on Wednesday. The Rangers defeated the Angels 16-2 in their final home game of the season.

MCT photo/Darrell Byers/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

the bone so there’s not any structural damage. So it’s really irritated and a little swollen. ... I’m hoping I’ll be available a week from now.”

Guerrero, in the Angels lineup for the first time in the series, initially stayed in the game after being hit by the pitch. But he was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the seventh when Los Angeles trailed 11-2.

“Vlad’s OK, just a little bruise on the lower forearm,” Scioscia said.

Guerrero has been limited to designated hitter his past 15 starts since Sept. 4 because of an inflamed right triceps that make throws from the outfield difficult.

Nelson Cruz, Gerald Laird,

Travis Metcalf and Hank Blalock also homered for the Rangers. Blalock’s three-run homer came in the seventh inning when he pinch-hit for Sosa, right after Young joined Wade Boggs and Ichiro Suzuki as the only players since 1940 with five consecutive 200-hit seasons.

Young’s 200th hit was his second RBIs single of the game.

Boggs and Suzuki both had seven straight 200-hit seasons, including this year for Suzuki. Young, the All-Star shortstop, matched Hall of Fame second baseman Charlie Gehringer (1933-37) for the most consecutive 200-hit seasons by a middle infielder.

“I’m definitely humbled by it.

I recognize the company I’m with and it means a lot,” Young said.

Sosa hit a two-run homer in the first off Joe Saunders (8-5) that made it 3-0.

The 412-foot shot to right-center, in what might have been his last home game for the Rangers, was Sosa’s 21st this season — and No. 609 in his career. He also leads the team with 92 RBIs, even though he has started only 18 of the past 53 games.

“I’m so proud because so many people doubted me at the beginning,” Sosa said. “Now I’ve convinced them that I’m still here, I still can play, I can still do the job.”

When Sosa returned to the

Rangers after a year out of baseball, the 38-year-old slugger got only a one-year deal. He got a \$600,000 base salary and earned another \$1.35 million in performance bonuses, reaching the last possible one when he had his 450th plate appearance Wednesday.

Sosa plans to play another season, but it isn’t clear yet if he’ll have a chance to do that in Texas.

Luis Mendoza allowed two runs over 4 2-3 innings in his third start this month for Texas, having never pitched above the Double-A level before then.

The last batter Mendoza faced was Guerrero, and Mendoza hit him to load the bases after Eric Aybar and Maicier Izturis both had sacrifice flies to get the Angels within 6-2. Reliever John Rheinecker (4-3) got out of the jam by striking out Garret Anderson, who also played for the first time in the series.

The Angels also skipped the scheduled start of 17-game winner Kelvin Escobar (inflammation in his shoulder) during the series.

Manager Mike Scioscia said before Wednesday’s game that Escobar would start Saturday in Oakland.

“We didn’t play well. The whole series we didn’t do much offensively,” Scioscia said. “We didn’t get going on the field what we needed to get going. Hopefully, we can get it going this weekend.”

Notes: Saunders is 1-4 with a 6.69 ERA his past seven starts. ... The start of the game was delayed 31 minutes by rain. ... The Rangers turned their team-record 177th double play in the eighth inning, breaking the record set in 1975. ... The Rangers finished 47-34 at home. ... The Angels have lost a pair of 12-0 games, to the New York Yankees and Detroit before the All-Star break.

# Dodge’s offense turns heads at UNT

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — Daniel Meager had the type of game that could have earned some serious national attention: 46-of-64 for 601 yards and three touchdowns.

If only his team had won. That’s been the story of North Texas’ season so far. Under new coach Todd Dodge, the Mean Green are moving the ball at an impressive rate. But that hasn’t translated into any wins, and North Texas (0-3) is a decided underdog against this week against Arkansas.

“Completions and first downs and yardage and all that — that moves the chains,” Dodge said. “But bottom line, our goal on offense is to outscore the opponent. We’re not doing it right now.”

Dodge came to North Texas

under circumstances familiar to Arkansas fans. After achieving great success as a high school coach at Southlake Carroll in Texas, he moved up to the college ranks. But unlike Gus Malzahn — hired from Springdale High School after the 2005 season to be Arkansas’ offensive coordinator — Dodge immediately became a head coach.

Malzahn left the Razorbacks after one season. Arkansas never used much of the no-huddle offense he employed at Springdale.

Dodge, on the other hand, says North Texas is running the same spread offense he used at Southlake Carroll.

“We knew coming in that we believed in what we did offensively,” Dodge said. “I think the thing that we’re doing a pretty

good job of offensively right now is — whatever we on a particular week ... what we’re putting a real big emphasis on, we’re getting nice execution on those things. That’s encouraging.”

Early returns are mixed. North Texas dropped its opener 79-10 to Oklahoma, but the following week against SMU, Meager had his huge day passing in a 45-31 loss. Equally amazing in that game was the performance of Casey Fitzgerald, who caught 18 passes for 327 yards.

“We know they’ll be explosive on offense,” Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said. “That’s the philosophy (Dodge) believes in, and he’s selling that to his team, and they’re trying to execute, and they’ve gotten better at it.”

Last week Meager went 38-of-61 for 301 yards and a touchdown, but he threw three interceptions — key turnovers in a 30-20 loss to Florida Atlantic. The Mean Green still showed signs of how dangerous the offense can be — Jamario Thomas rushed for 117 yards.

“The thing that I felt for the evening that Florida Atlantic did a nice job of, and obviously it was part of their gameplan, was to not give up the big play in the passing game,” Dodge said. “We’ve just got to continue to work on our unforced errors.”

Arkansas (1-2) might try a similar approach to Florida Atlantic.

Linebacker Freddie Fairchild indicated that the Razorbacks will be ready for plenty of passing in Saturday night’s game in

Fayetteville.

“This weekend’s game against North Texas will be a different kind of look. It’ll be a little easier on us,” he said. “We’ll just be in a lot more zone coverage and stuff. It’ll be a good little game to get back into the swing of things — you know, an out-of-conference game.”

Dodge hopes this game will be more than a tuneup for Arkansas, but he admits his players have some more to learn.

They can focus on improving in certain areas each week, but the offense isn’t coming naturally quite yet.

“We’re not doing a tremendous job right now of, once the game gets into its flow, getting back into some things that we didn’t get a whole lot of reps on during the week,” he said.

## Dallas Cowboys Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sun 9/9	NY Giants	W 45-35
Sun 9/16	at Miami	W 37-20
Sun 9/23	at Chicago	W 34-10
Sun 9/30	St. Louis	12:00 pm
Mon 10/8	at Buffalo	7:30 pm
Sun 10/14	New England	3:15 pm
Sun 10/21	Minnesota	12:00 pm
Sun 10/28	Bye	
Sun 11/4	at Philadelphia	7:15 pm
Sun 11/11	at NY Giants	3:15 pm
Sun 11/18	Washington	12:00 pm
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Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sun 9/9	Kansas City	W 20-3
Sun 9/16	at Carolina	W 34-21
Sun 9/23	Indianapolis	L 30-24
Sun 9/30	at Atlanta	12:00 pm
Sun 10/7	Miami	12:00 pm
Sun 10/14	at Jacksonville	12:00 pm
Sun 10/21	Tennessee	12:00 pm
Sun 10/28	at San Diego	3:05 pm
Sun 11/4	at Oakland	3:15 pm
Sun 11/11	Bye	
Sun 11/18	New Orleans	12:00 pm
Sun 11/25	at Cleveland	12:00 pm
Sun 12/2	at Tennessee	12:00 pm
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Should all knowledge be freely shared? Maybe some information should remain insider



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

knowledge -- one's dress size or age, for instance! As Mercury enters Scorpio today, precious information is rightly swathed in secrecy, while the observations we choose to share impart penetrating sensitivity and depth of understanding.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Though you're tempted to watch or participate in a fascinating and passionate story, you also know what they say about playing with fire. And a fire sign like you doesn't need any more opportunities for getting burned.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). People depend on you to bring the sweetness, beauty and pleasure back into life. You easily oblige. Everything you give to others, you get to enjoy at the same time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are enough. Remind yourself of this often. The mere repetition of the statement could save your finances from taking a hit or keep you from a less-than-ideal personal decision.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Ideas are brewing for a career change. There's excellent luck for entrepreneurs and investors. Love tip: Telling a half-truth may buy you more time, but the whole story will come out by the weekend, anyhow.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). If you don't work up the motivation to *make* things happen, then your only option is to *let* things happen. Either way, one thing is certain: This is the day when things will happen.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If passing moments tinged with loneliness get your attention, it's only helps you appreciate the good company that's coming your way. Talented people recognize you and claim you as one of their own.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a risk of boring yourself today. Even good habits, smart decisions and healthy meals can be overdone. Luckily, you have enough sense to avoid having too much.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sure, you realize that there are two sides to every story. It just happens that the only two sides you presently see are your side and the wrong side. Don't make a move until you're willing to entertain other options.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Success in entrepreneurial ventures could begin with a simple seminar or workshop. You'll never know if you don't sign up. Unemployed folks have luck finding work that is actually fun to do.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're building a relationship. Take it

slow and easy, leaving lots of space for the other person to impress you. Trust is gained in moments of silence. Shhh.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's wonderful to spend time where you feel a sense of belonging. Enjoy the company of your group, with the inside jokes, intimate secrets and special ways of interacting.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). As far as conversation goes, you can pull out all the stops. The exchange of information and ideas is exciting. People who seem to be on the same page will love hearing your weirdest theories.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I am so blessed in so many ways, yet I feel like I am in limbo. I keep waiting for something to seize me, to ignite me with passion. This said, I am a very practical Taurus, born April 29, 1961. What's going on?"

You're not alone. So many Taureans have been in limbo for the past two years. Saturn and Neptune's opposition challenged Taurus footing. You've been inspired to build a future, but under this strange spell of malaise, you've wondered, "How will I get there if I can't put my heart into it?" Good news: The spell has been broken. This autumn, your creative projects and lifelong dreams need attention. What's your heart's desire? Part of your limbo is you're risk-averse. That, and your dwindled passion could use some rekindling. Get involved in life. Mars just entered Cancer, and a world of passion is right outside your front door. Just as fire needs oxygen, you need new ideas and activities to spark the fire. Cultivate a sense of adventure: Take a class, follow up on a conversation, get curious. Engage the winds of change by leaning in and your flame will leap.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Librans love to fit in. They absolutely delight in forming complementary relationships to people and groups. Growing up in the entertainment industry includes a fair amount of people-pleasing for Hilary Duff. But that's why having a posse of fans is so great for this Libra -- when she sees their fabulous energy as a mirror for her own, she grows stronger by reflection.

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# Scrapbooking, entertaining, not difficult, Self says

By **NANCY KOGER**

Special to the Herald

A new category has been added to the Arts & Crafts section of the Howard County Fair this year: scrapbooking.

Not only is there a competition in this area, but this evening at 7 p.m. Carol Self will give a hands-on scrapbooking demonstration, using Big Spring as a theme.

"I thought people had rather build a scrapbook page on our town than on my grandchildren's pictures," she explained.

Carol is the owner of Picture Perfect Scrapbooking at 108 West Marcy Drive, the place to get inspiration and supplies or to work on a scrapbook. Even if one has never considered making a scrapbook, a few minutes in the presence of this dynamo of ideas will change that attitude into a burning desire to start cutting and pasting.

"Scrapbooking is like quilting, only with paper and pictures," Carol insists. "There are no rules for scrapbooking, except to use acid-free paper so you don't lose the memories you're cre-

ating."

Self, who grew up in Vealmoor and went to Borden County schools, says when her family went to town, it was Big Spring so she came here to work as a beautician. She started her scrapbooking business on Lancaster and moved to the current location seven years ago.

"I spend three days a week at the beauty shop and three and a half at my store," she says, "but any extra time I have, I scrapbook."

The shop is a rainbow of colored paper, spinners of designs and cutouts, notebooks of original designs by subject and long tables for working out personal pages. Groups may rent a table for \$10 and work there all day. She often hosts birthday parties or other occasions. When she goes to schools or organizations to conduct demonstrations, she takes a packet of supplies for each person, lets them use their own pictures, and make a page. She encourages each one to play with the materials and try different things.

"Your pictures dictate the style. The cardinal rule is: When it makes



Nancy Koger photo

Carol Self will present a scrapbooking demonstration at 7 p.m. tonight at the Howard County Fair.

you happy, then you glue," Carol relates.

Picture Perfect Scrapbooking offers unique items because Carol makes design pages, some of her own

paper, rubber stamps and cutouts. "I don't try to compete with Hobby Lobby," she states, "but Hobby Lobby doesn't have my brain."

In the fair competition,

each entrant submits a 12 x 12 page in a protector sheet. The pages are judged on creativity, originality, presentation, and journaling (the scrapbook term for written text).

Each page must show who, what, when and where about its theme.

"The looker should be able to read your story without you saying anything," explains Carol, who will judge the entries, aided by fellow scrapbooker Helen Richardson.

Carol would eventually like to retire as a beautician and work at her shop full-time. She knows giving up her hair clients, many of whom have relied on her for more than 30 years, will be difficult.

"Being a hairdresser and a scrapbooker are kinda' like being a bartender, they're about people, helping people in a different way," says Carol.

In fact, she has a scrapbook, which is ongoing, about her beauty shop customers.

Anyone who comes to her demonstration at the fair will get some new ideas and enthusiasm, because Carol has an infectious energy. One of the stamps in her shop capsules the way she feels about scrapbooking: "Dear Lord, when my memory fades, help me find my scrapbook."

## DIRECTOR

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father in a stocker cattle operation on their ranch in northern Howard County. He and his wife Michelle have a daughter, Reagan, and a son, Bryce.

With his ranch background Kevin was interested in helping bring back a ranch rodeo to the fair. Formerly the event was included, but had lapsed for about eight years.

Five cowboys, who may or may not

work for the same ranch, enter as a team to compete in wild cow milking, branding, team doctoring, team penning and goat roping. A similar event is happening at Sweetwater this Saturday so fewer teams may compete at the fair than otherwise, but eight teams have entered. The ranch rodeo will be in the rodeo bowl, beginning at 9 a.m. Entry fee per team is \$400. Proceeds from this event benefit the Howard College Rodeo Team. Teams interested in entering may call Teresa Paul at 816-1779 or 399-4641 or Diane Hofacket at 267-8041.

The county roping, which has been extended to include Glasscock County, begins at 6 p.m. with the breakaway calf roping. Ropers may enter twice for a \$40 fee. Team roping follows the calf roping, with ropers allowed to enter eight times each for a fee of four teams per \$40 entry fee. Cash prizes will come from entry fees. Further information and rules are available from Diane Hofacket at 267-8041.

The other event under Hamlin's purview is the Domino Tournament in the Fair Barn at 6 p.m. today. Trophies

will be awarded for first, second and third place. The entry deadline has passed. While not as physically active as the roping or the rodeo, the domino games provide enjoyment for the players and entertainment for the spectators.

Whatever his assignment at the fair is, Hamlin thinks the effort is worth his time. He notes that many smaller communities have discontinued their fair for lack of interest and/or funds, but he thinks "it is important to continue our tradition and keep the fair going."

## SNACKS

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ily and consumer sciences in Borden County, put on a cooking demonstration during the opening day of the Howard County Fair to show those in attendance making a healthy snack can be as easy as 1-2-3.

"They're healthy snacks that are easy to make. They don't require any cooking, just some chopping skills," said Smith. "The first is fresh trail mix, which has apples, nuts, coconut and a little sugar. The second is a simple snack mix, which is very basic.

"It's made by taking processed foods like crackers, cereals, raisins, nuts — that sort of thing — and mixing them together. It's so easy to make, and easy to take with you wherever you go. The last snack is savory beef and cheese wraps, which is a great after-school snack, or you can even have them for lunch."

Smith said the allure of the convenience store shelves can simply be too much at times, but it shouldn't stop people from planning ahead with a smart snack.

"We all tend to want to run into the convenience

store and grab the first thing we see, which is usually chips or a candy bar," said Smith. "Things like those, along with cookies and those fried burritos aren't very good for us. We like to eat them, but they aren't very nutritious. So we look at finding healthier options. There are things you can make at home and take with you that are just as good and easy to make, we just have to think ahead, and that's the hardest part."

And while Smith will be the first to say none of her tips or tricks will redefine the art of cooking, it helps to let people see first hand how easy — and tasty — a homemade, nutritious snack can be.

"A lot of times people are only exposed to this type of thing at the fair," said Smith. "And as an extension and a 4-H, we offer programs and opportunities for people to learn, but a lot of those people just don't have the time or take the time to come to those programs. But here at the fair they get a chance to try some of the recipes that they might not think would be very good, and they find out it's actually very tasty. If you get a chance to taste it and can see how easy it is to make — that you don't have to turn on

the oven, blender or food processor — you can do it easily and by hand. The

kids can even help make the snacks, and I feel like that's very important."

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## STABBING

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fied his assailant as Joel Villesca, also 17, of Big Spring, police reports note.

Gutierrez was subsequently transported by emergency helicopter to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where he remains in critical condition, Chamness said.

Villesca was arrested late Wednesday and

charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He remained in custody early today pending an arraignment before Municipal Judge Tim Green.

No other details of the incident were available at presstime. Chamness said the investigation was ongoing.

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# Torrent GXP

*Pontiac crossover receives more performance for 2008*

First introduced earlier this year at the North American International Auto Show, the new Pontiac Torrent GXP has finally arrived. Featuring new styling and a brand new powertrain, the 2008 Torrent GXP makes good on its promise of delivering more performance.

Sharing the same platform as the Chevrolet Equinox, the Torrent GXP takes the Pontiac mid-size crossover to a new level.

Like the previous Torrent model, consumers still have the option of front-, or all-wheel drive for the versatile five-passenger vehicle.

The platform still provides a lot of flexibility — and room — for consumers needing both comfortable room for passengers and cargo

options. In addition to having a rear seat that still slides eight inches, reclines, splits and folds flat, there's 35.2 cubic feet of cargo room behind the rear seat (68.6 cubic feet with the seat folded flat). Another nice thing about the Torrent GXP are the shelves and many cargo compartments that aid in carrying and stowing items.

While the styling has been enhanced to convey a sportier look and feel — sculpted hood, lowered front and rear fascias, elimination of the roof rack, chrome details and a number of other interior enhancements — the big news for '08 can be found under the hood.

The 3.6-liter V-6 engine, mated to a much welcomed six-speed automatic with manual touch shift, improves the 0-60 mph performance to just under 7 seconds.



The 2008 Pontiac Torrent GXP.

Standard safety features now include StabiliTrak electronic stability control system, tire pressure monitoring and ABS with brake assist and trailer stability.

During my week-long test drive I found the Torrent GXP a nice vehicle. It is certainly well suited for the needs it was designed to meet and crossover shoppers should be pleased with its versatility, styling and high number of standard features.

Ride and handling have been enhanced thanks in large part to its performance-tuned suspension and wide track.

Stiffer shock valving, spring rates and suspension bushings, along with stronger stabilizer bars and hydraulic power steering deliver impressive handling in all driving situations.

However, one thing that hasn't changed is the turning circle, which

still requires nearly 42 feet to turn around.

While I agree wholeheartedly that performance has been enhanced over the previous model, it's not exactly what I would call a performance vehicle.

It's not bad and I believe most prospective buyers will be very pleased with the ride and handling characteristics — especially when factoring in the improved fuel economy ratings. (The Torrent GXP all-wheel drive model has an EPA rating of 16 mpg city, 24 mpg highway).

But consumers who are expecting "Pontiac Excitement" performance will still likely find the Torrent GXP slightly underpowered.

With a base price starting in the \$23,000 range for the front-wheel drive version, the 2008 Pontiac Torrent GXP is worthy of a test drive for those in the market for a mid-size

## THE NUTS AND BOLTS



**MODEL:** 2008 Pontiac Torrent GXP 5-seat mid-size crossover  
**Front-;** all-wheel drive  
**Trim packages:** FWD, AWD  
**PRICE RANGE:** \$23,000-\$32,000  
**ENGINE:** 3.6-L V-6 (263 hp/250 torque)  
**TRANSMISSION:** 6-speed auto w/touch shift  
**EPA:** 16 mpg city, 24 mpg highway (AWD)  
**FUEL:** Regular unleaded  
**SUSPENSION:** Independent

**MacPherson struts** (front); independent four-link with coil springs and trailing arm (rear).  
**TRACTION CONTROL:** StabiliTrak electronic stability control system.  
**BRAKES:** ABS with brake assist and trailer stability.  
**LENGTH:** 189.6 inches  
**WHEELBASE:** 112.5 inches  
**WIDTH:** 71.4 inches  
**HEIGHT:** 65.7 inches  
**WEIGHT:** 3,919-4,060 lbs.  
**TRACK:** 61.7/61.8 (front/rear)  
**FUEL TANK:** 20.5/16.6 gallons (FWD/AWD)  
**TIRES:** 18-inch  
**MADE AT:** GM's Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada Assembly Plant  
**COMPETITION:** Toyota RAV4 Sport, Mazda CX-7, BMW X3

## ON THE ROAD



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Low Interest Rate\*

## 2007 FORD F150 SUPERCREWS

10 TO CHOOSE FROM



\$4,500 Customer Cash\*  
OR  
Low Interest Rate\*

## 2008 FORD SUPERDUTY

6.4 Powerstroke Diesel

12 TO CHOOSE FROM



UP TO \$4,000 Customer Rebates  
OR  
Low Interest Rate

## 2007 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5 S

3 TO CHOOSE FROM



\$1,000 Customer Cash\*  
OR  
1.9% Interest Up To 36 Months\*

## 2007 NISSAN MURANOS

4 TO CHOOSE FROM



\$1,500 Customer Cash\*  
OR  
1.9% Interest Up To 36 Months\*

*Drive A Little And Save A Lot*

# Bob Brock Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Nissans

500 W. 4th

\*WITH APPROVED CREDIT

267-7424



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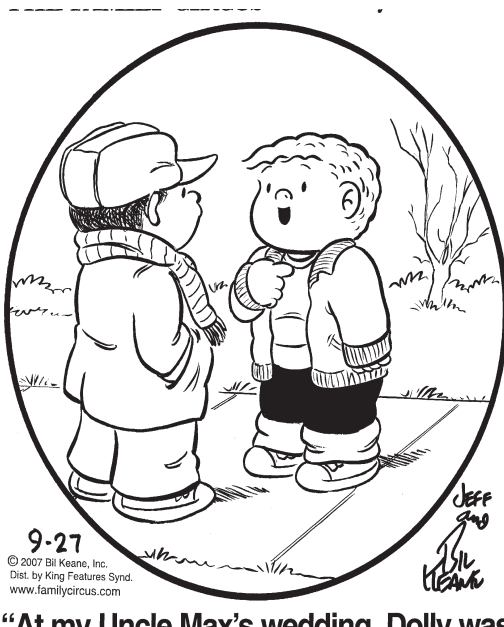
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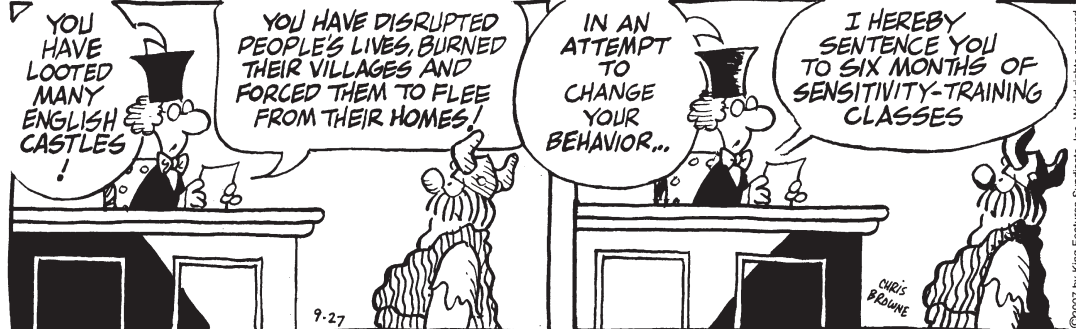
"SOME DAYS JUST HAVE MORE RULES THAN FUN."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"At my Uncle Max's wedding, Dolly was a flower girl and I was the ring bear."

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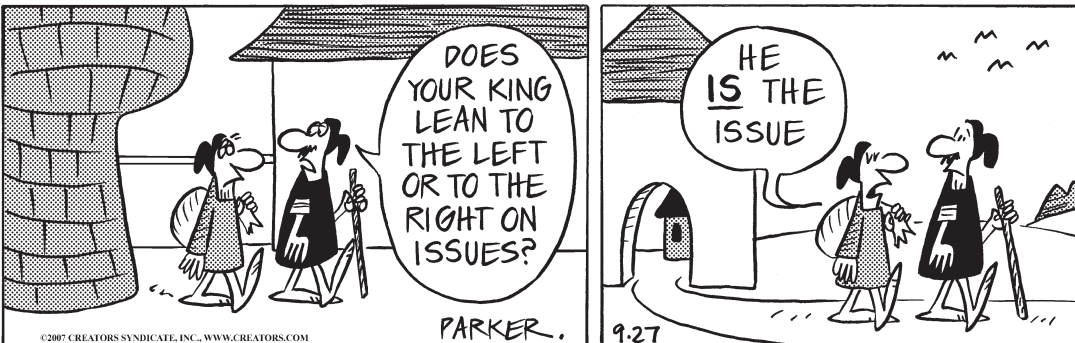
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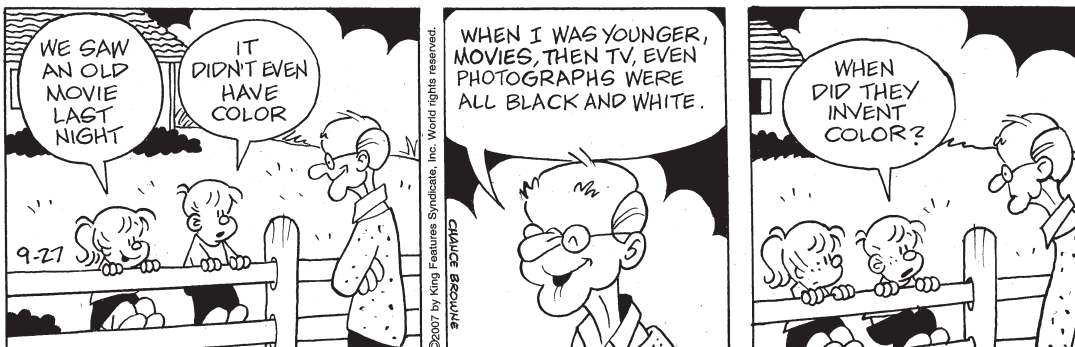
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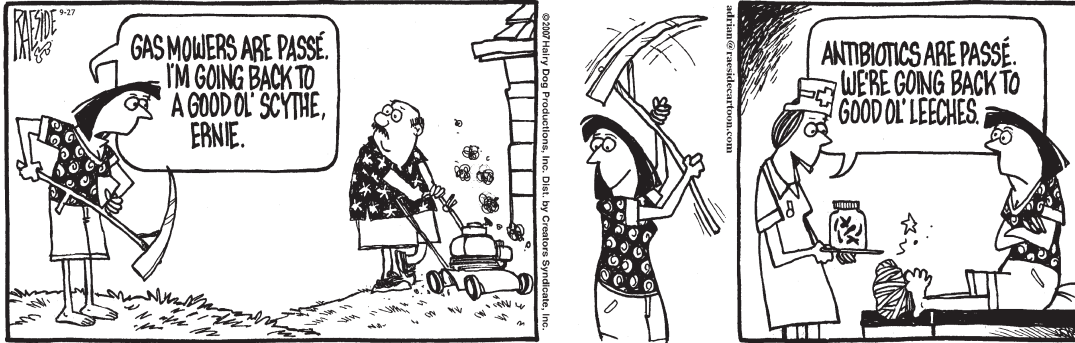
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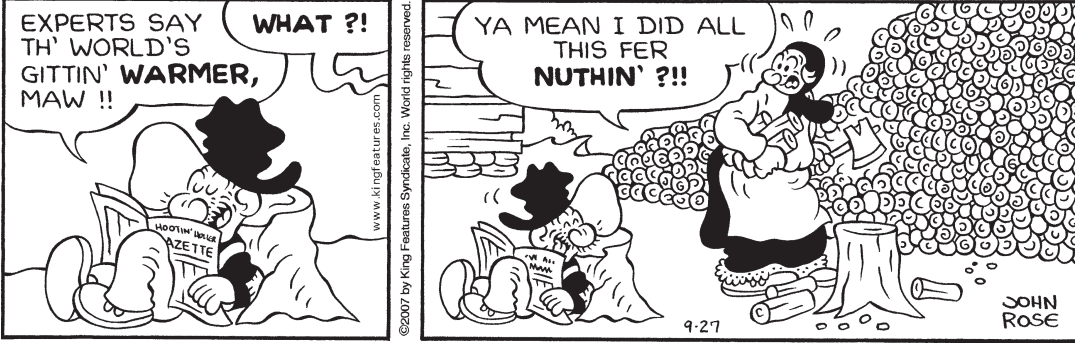
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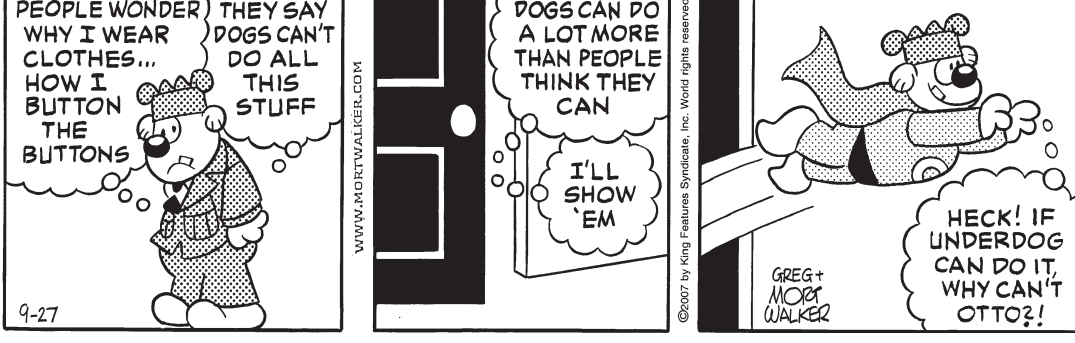
THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 27, the 270th day of 2007. There are 95 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 27, 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission...

Nationalist Chinese government. In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II. In 1942, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra performed together for the last time...

Jr. is 73. Author Barbara Howar is 73. Producer Don Cornelius ("Soul Train") is 71. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 64. Actress Liz Torres is 60. Actor A Martinez is 59. Actor Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa is 57. Rock singer Meat Loaf is 56. Rock musician Greg Ham (Men At Work) is 54. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 49. Rock singer Stephan Jenkins (Third Eye Blind) is 43. Actor Patrick Muldoon is 39. Singer Mark Calderon is 37. Actress Amanda Detmer is 36. Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is 35. Country musician Patrick Bourque (Emerson Drive) is 30.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like MILLS, JULIE, HAL, ADIEU, OSAKA, EDO, CODEBREAKER, AHA, WOLFE, TAROT, SNAPAT, SNITCH, PARTYCRASHER, IDEAS, ENTER, DEB, TENS, BITES, MEMO, ERA, DUGIN, FENCE, BRONCOBUSTER, OSPREY, ERASES, CHAOS, APIAN, TIN, SAFECRACKER, END, ELATE, CHINA, TEA, DARES, EATEN.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Cosmetics applicator 5 Hacienda brick 10 Provoke to anger 14 Vegetable spread 15 Tibetan monks 16 Vanderbilt or Rockefeller: Abbr. 17 Hammerstein collaborator 18 See 19 Across 19 With 18 Across, prepare 20 Stamping out 22 Dogpatch denizen 23 Mauna 24 Luxurious 26 Bridal-gown attachment 29 Parish priest 31 Apple varieties 33 Latter-day greeting 37 Wall St. debut 38 Bea Arthur sitcom 40 Baltimore paper 41 Combine against, with "on" 44 Corned-beef partner 47 Mosaic features 49 House members of a sort 50 Laser device 53 Hack 54 Group's jargon 55 French Quarter addr. 61 breve 62 Our, to Renoir 63 Travel with a band 64 Overflow 65 Cells for sailors

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- 10 Sounded like thunder 11 Not sensible 12 Compare 13 Seven-time French Open champ 21 Swindles 22 Airport rental 25 Cash recipient 26 Piece of kindling 27 Morning TV cohost 28 Soon, to Spenser 29 Bks. examiner 30 Loan shark's crime 32 More than adequate 34 Laptop lugger 35 Couple 36 Furthest points 39 Prefix for function 42 Card-playing session 43 Golden Rule words 45 Spill a secret 46 Far from creative 48 Shady spots 50 Dinnerware piece 51 Machinery maintenance person 52 Shoreline feature 53 High point 56 Elevator name 57 Lobby for 58 Improper act 59 Beer, so to speak 60 Move briskly 62 Lakers' league

13x13 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting positions for words.