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# Early voting ends Friday

*Number of ballots cast fewer than officials were anticipating*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Time is quickly running out for area residents wishing to cast their ballots early in this year's constitutional amend-

ment election — which includes a \$11.57 million jail bond — with early voting set to wrap up Friday afternoon.

Early voting, which had averaged approximately 142 ballots cast per day during last week's run, took a swing for the fence beginning Tuesday, with 259 ballots cast. However, any hopes of a last-minute run pumping up early voting totals

were dashed Wednesday, according to Sandra Bloom, county elections administrator. "It really seemed slow Monday and most of Tuesday afternoon," said Bloom. "We collected 151 ballots Monday, and while we had two days last week where we collected 160 ballots, it really felt a lot slower

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## Still waiting

*HC administrators hoping to get good news from state*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Howard College officials continue to play the waiting game on a recent announcement concerning state financial aid.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick recently announced an agreement to allocate \$99 million for the state's share of health benefits, a one-time \$55 million transitional payment for the 2009 fiscal year, and the development of an incentive funding program for community colleges.

Earlier this year, Perry vetoed the state's allocation to community college employees' health benefits, an action that Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said would have cost the college about \$1 million.

Perry vetoed the funding because he said it ran counter to proportionality, the idea in which the state pays for college employees benefits in the same

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## HALLOWEEN SCENES



**Clockwise from top left:** H-E-B's Barbara Richmond hands out candy to Seth Hamby during the grocery store's annual Halloween event Wednesday afternoon; the Byerly triplets (from left), Erich, Kaitlyn and Connor, put their best feathered feet forward at the "Trunk Or Treat" Halloween party co-hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church and First Christian Church; Erin Bartlett gives a young trick-or-treater candy at the same event.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

## Relay For Life benefit dance slated Friday

**Special to the Herald**

Mind, Body and Soul — Big Spring State Hospital's Relay For Life team, is sponsoring a dance Friday at the Eagle's Lodge and everyone is invited.

Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available at the door. The lodge is located at 703 W. Third St. Performing will be the Texas Outlaws, a Howard County dance band known for country and rock

and roll. The dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraising program in Big Spring is one of the most successful

in the state. Different organizations and businesses compete in various categories to raise the most money for cancer research and prevention

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**TAILGATE COOKOUT SET**

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will be hosting its 7th Annual Tailgate Cookout from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the west side, north-end of Memorial Stadium. Rotarians will be serving beef fajita burritos, dessert and drink for \$6. To purchase a ticket, contact any Rotarian or call or go by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and talk to Debbye ValVerde.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club contributes to numerous projects each year, such as the purchase of school books and equipment, the after-prom party and more.

**FORECAST: BLOWIN' CASH**

STONY BROOK, N.Y. (AP) — Money doesn't grow on trees, but it apparently does flutter like leaves in the wind.

Three bystanders helped pick up \$15,000 in dollar bills that flitted across a Long Island road after falling out of an armored car on Halloween, according to two volunteer police officers who helped at the scene.

"I've never seen that much money in one place," said one of the auxiliary officers, George Fuhr, 76. "It was wild."

A sack of cash tumbled onto Nicolls Road Wednesday because the armored car's door wasn't completely closed.

**TIME TO FALL BACK**

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back one hour upon retiring Saturday evening.

If you're confused because DST ended in October last year, that's fine. You might recall, however, that it was President Bush who signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. According to that Act, beginning this year, DST began on the second Sunday of March and ends the first Sunday of November.



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## IN BRIEF

### Forsan Boosters holding tailgate supper before game

The Forsan Booster Club is holding a tailgate supper at 6 p.m. Friday before the Buffaloes final home football game against Eldorado.

Cost is \$5 and includes a hamburger, drink, chips and candy.

All seniors will be recognized before the game as well.

Call Layne Mims at 816-3210 for more information.

### Youth B-ball league sign-ups to begin Today at YMCA

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls will take place at the YMCA starting today and continuing through Nov. 17. Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Outlying communities may form their own teams, but must have a mix of players from each grade in each division.

Games are played on Saturdays beginning Dec. 8. Practices start the week of Nov. 26. A coaches meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at the YMCA. Teams will be formed at this meeting. Players are not required to attend.

Registration fee is \$45 with an \$8 credit for those who will use the same game jersey as last season.

Call the YMCA at 267-8234 for more details.

### Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area sub- varsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

### Quarterback Club meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in ATC

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting today 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.

### Area high school varsity sports weekly calendar TODAY

Garden City football at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Big Spring football vs. Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football vs. Eldorado, 7:30 p.m.

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

Sands football vs. Fort Davis, 7:30 p.m.

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## Coahoma, Stanton fighting for playoffs

By BRANDON HALLFORD  
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — There are those games you look for as soon as the new schedule comes out. That one school you can't wait to meet on the field. The team you lay everything on the line for just to be able to claim victory.

This Friday night, the Coahoma Bulldogs (3-2, 3-5) and Stanton Buffaloes (4-1, 6-2) get to face that opponent as the teams square off at 7:30 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium in Coahoma.

This rivalry brings enough hype on its own, but the intensity of the game will be increased

with both teams fighting for a playoff spot.

A loss by the Bulldogs seals their fate, effectively eliminating them from postseason contention. A Buffs loss makes things complicated in the District 5-2A race and ends a run at winning the tight district race.

After spending the first half of the year suffering through injuries to its key players, resulting in four straight losses, the Bulldogs reeled off three impressive victories before stumbling last week against Stamford.

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler  
Coahoma Bulldogs fullback Corey Roberts tries to hold onto the ball as a Colorado City defender attempts to jar it loose in the Bulldogs victory over the Wolves Oct. 19. Coahoma hosts Stanton Friday in a game filled with playoff implications.



Herald photo/Bruce Schooler  
Big Spring Steers wide receiver Sidney Parker (4) leaps in an effort to make a reception over an Andrews defender Oct. 5 in the Steers' 33-29 loss to the Mustangs. The Steers host Lubbock Estacado Friday at Memorial Stadium with the opportunity to clinch a playoff spot.

## Steers could make playoffs with win Friday

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

Officially, the Texas high school football playoffs don't start for another two weeks. However, for many teams across the state, the playoffs start this week.

Big Spring's Steers (1-1, 1-7) is one of the teams in that situation when they face a Lubbock Estacado Matadors (2-0, 4-4) team in a matchup filled with playoff implications. A Steers win, along with some help from

Plainview, clinches a playoff spot for Big Spring.

"It's a playoff game. We can really put ourselves into great shape as far as a playoff spot if we can beat Estacado," Big Spring Head Coach Mike Ritchey said. "It would give us the tiebreaker over them and if Plainview can do us a favor and beat Lake View Friday, then we could clinch the top spot in the Division II, Class 4A playoff bracket."

While a loss wouldn't elimi-

nate the Steers from playoff contention, it would definitely set them back and place them in a must-win situation against San Angelo Lake View in their regular season finale.

Estacado has already clinched a playoff spot — its first in 10 years. After winning just two games in the past two years, the Matadors have made a substantial turnaround courtesy of a senior laden team.

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## Sands hosts heavily favored Fort Davis

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — While there are more enjoyable roles to play in high school football, taking on the job of spoiler isn't a bad way to end one's season.

The Sands Mustangs (0-3, 4-5) have hoped to pick up an upset victory for all of the district season. They'll get their last chance to do so against Fort Davis' Indians (0-2, 6-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Ackerly.

Fort Davis was essentially eliminated from postseason contention two weeks ago, when Grady came from behind to hand the Indians their second district loss, 53-52. The Indians lost to Rankin the week before to suffer their first league loss.

While the Mustangs might be winless in district play, they

have been more competitive this season. Last year, the Mustangs didn't make it into the second half of any district game. Although they have been defeated by the 45-point mercy rule in each matchup, the Mustangs have lasted until the second half in every game.

"We came into the district season just wanting to be more competitive," said Sands Head Coach Wayne Henderson. "I hate to keep saying this, but we're a young team. We need the playing experience. These kids should be learning on the junior varsity, but with things the way they are, they're forced to play varsity early. We're just hoping someone will overlook us and we can pull off a surprise."

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## Forsan, Eldorado face off in battle for district lead

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

One of the true measures of a playoff contending football team is to be able to recover from a disappointing loss and regain the momentum that had led to its original success.

After falling in an upset to Bronte last week, the Forsan Buffaloes find themselves in a 3-way tie for first place in District 16-1A.

It's a place they, and many others, expected them to be.

However, they didn't expect so much company.

The loss to Bronte, and wins by Eldorado and Christoval, have given the Buffs some stiff competition for the district title with all three teams enjoying 4-1 records.

The Buffs (4-4, 4-1) hold the tiebreaker with Christoval, beating them, 33-26, Oct. 19. They host Eldorado at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Eldorado's Eagles (5-3, 4-1) have come on strong lately, winning four in a row and outscoring their opponents by an average margin of nearly 30 points per game over that span. The Eagles' last loss came at the hands of Christoval, losing by only one point, 20-19.

Forsan beat the Eagles last year in decisive fashion, 43-14, on Eldorado's home turf.

Buff's Head Coach Tommy Thompson knew going into the season that every game would be a battle and he hasn't changed that line of thinking.

"I have always felt that each game we play is for the district title and I try and get that across to the kids during practice each week," said Thompson. "This week is no different. Eldorado has an outstanding team. We will need a great team effort if we expect to win."

"Last weeks loss really hurt, since we had every opportunity to win the game," he continued. "It should help us focus more this week on execution and playing with fire and

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler  
Sands' Daniel Armendariz gets rid of the ball just before being tackled by two Grady defenders last Friday in Ackerly. The Mustangs host Fort Davis Friday in hopes of pulling off an upset.



# Howard basketball tips off season at 6 p.m. tonight

By ERIC RODEWALD  
Special to the Herald

The Howard College women's basketball team begins the season with a 6 p.m. tip-off at home in the friendly confines of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum tonight against Abilene Christian University's junior varsity.

The Hawks were 13-17 overall a year ago and are looking to improve this season, according to head coach Earl Diddle.

"This being our third full season, we are looking forward to the season," Diddle said. "I think we are better than we've been in the past and are making strides to be a factor in the conference."

Last season Howard finished seventh in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with a 3-11 record. However, the Hawks showed signs of improvement last season, taking then No. 1 ranked South Plains College to the wire, before falling by four points, 50-46 early in February.

South Plains (31-2 in 2006-2007) was picked first in the 2007 WJCAC Women's Preseason Basketball Poll. The Lady Texans finished co-conference champs a year ago, splitting with Odessa College in conference play before falling to the eventual national champions in the Region V Championship game.

Although SPC was tabbed as the WJCAC favorite, Midland College (20-11 last season) was preseason No. 3 in the NJCAA National Preseason Poll despite being picked second in the conference poll. Frank Phillips College and Odessa College round

out the top four spots in the WJCAC preseason poll.

Howard was picked to finish fifth in the conference, one spot away from qualifying for the regional tournament. However, Diddle feels the Hawks are making strides to return to the regional tournament.

Rounding out the WJCAC preseason poll: sixth, Western Texas College; seventh, New Mexico Junior College; and eighth, Clarendon College.

According to Diddle, the Hawks are working towards re-establishing the program to where it was in the 1990s.

"It's a continuation of getting the right kind of person who will restore the pride and the tradition Howard once had," Diddle said.

The Hawks will once again face some stiff competition outside of conference play as well, playing preseason No. 18 Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Pepsi Classic in Garden City, Kan. NEO features first team pre-season All-American Denise Rosario, a 6-3 post player who averaged 15 points and nine rebounds a game last year.

To begin the second half of the season on Jan. 2 the Hawks travel to Thatcher, Ariz. to face Eastern Arizona College and second team pre-season All-American Misti Solomon Caldwell, a 5-7 guard who averaged 18.7 points, 8.2 assists and 6.7 rebounds her freshman season.

The Hawks return a pair of WJCAC All-Conference players in

leading scorer Kandace Griffin of Lubbock who averaged nearly 18 points a game, and second leading scorer Candace Lambert of Omaha, Neb. Griffin has been plagued with injury in the preseason and will likely miss the Hawks' home opener due to a mild concussion sustained in practice.

The WJCAC will begin early this season, with the Hawks starting conference play at Midland College on Thursday, Nov. 29. Game times for all conference games have been moved up as well, with women's contests beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by the men's games at 7:30 p.m.

The Hawks will be home for nine of their first 15 games. They will host Odessa College on Monday, Dec. 3 and Frank Phillips College on Thursday, Dec. 6 to finish the first three games in conference play.

To conclude the first half of the season, Howard will host the Whitten Inn Classic on Dec. 7 and 8. In addition to Howard, competing in the classic will be New Mexico Junior College, Jacksonville College and Cisco Junior College.

Diddle believes the Hawks are ready to open the season tonight, but have been bitten with the injury bug as of late.

"We're a little banged up," Diddle stated. "But are excited to take the floor at home to start the season."

After tonight's game, Howard hosts Lubbock Christian University's JV at 4 p.m. Saturday.

# HC Rodeo finishes fall circuit in regional top 10

By ERIC RODEWALD  
Special to the Herald

The Howard College Rodeo team concluded the first half of competition this past weekend at the Texas Tech University Rodeo in Lubbock, with both the men's and women's teams finishing in eighth place.

The Howard men are 10th in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Region standings with 735 points, while the women are sixth half-way through the season with 540 points.

Eastern New Mexico University won the men's team competition in Lubbock with 730 points to move into second place in the regional standings behind leader Western Texas College. Howard head coach Greg Kernick said Eastern New Mexico must have set some kind of record as he had never seen a team score that many points at one rodeo.

Texas Tech won the women's side to maintain a hold on the regional team race, 275 points ahead of Weatherford College.

Individually for Howard at Texas Tech, Jamon Turner of Aurora, Colo. tied for fourth in the bull riding with a 79. Teammate Cody Samora

of Cortez, Colo. was sixth with a 77.

According to Kernick, Turner and Samora drew good long round bulls, but were unable to capitalize in the short round.

In the region standings, Samora is third with 250 points, only 55 points out of second place. Another Colorado native, Lonny Graham of Ault, is ninth with 135 points, just five points ahead of Turner.

Cole Carpenter of Girard was eighth in tie-down roping with a total time of 25.1 seconds while Lee Griggs of House, N.M. finished 11th in the long round, a tenth of a second short of advancing to the short round.

In team roping, Ky Hofacket and Brandon Morrow, both of Big Spring, were in a three-way tie for eighth after the long round, but didn't receive a time in the short round.

Calvin Brevik (Durango, Colo.) and K.C. Curtis (Monroe, Utah) would have led the long round with a 5.5, but received a barrier penalty that took them out of the short round. Curtis is currently fourth in the regional team roping heeler standings with 180 points, only 65 points out of third place.

At the end of the year the top three in each

event in the region move on to the College National Finals Rodeo.

Brevik is fifth in the header standings also with 180 points, 110 points out of third place. Ryan Finch of Cottondale, Fla. is 14th with 80 points.

Cassidy Ogden of Gail finished eighth in the barrel racing at Texas Tech and is sixth in the Southwest Region standings with 190 points. Ogden needs to double her score to catapult herself into a tie for crucial third place ranking.

Ashley Davis (Reform, Ala.) is 11th in the region among the barrel racers with 110 points. At Lubbock, Davis just missed the cut for the short round in the break-away roping with a 3.2, two-tenths of a second off the pace.

Megan Schrock of Rock Springs, Wyo. also came close with a run of 3.5.

Although not placing at Texas Tech in the goat tying, Kendra Watt of Calresholm, Alberta, is 11th in the Southwest Region standings with 110 points. Davis finished the first half of the season in 13th place with 75 points.

The Howard College Rodeo team resumes competition in the spring at the Odessa College Rodeo on March 27, 2008.

# Mavs slam Cavs in opener

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — They raised a championship banner. LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers then collapsed.

Jason Terry made six 3-pointers and scored 24 points, Dirk Nowitzki added 15 and the Dallas Mavericks, whose NBA title pursuit last season ended with a stunning first-round exit against Golden State, opened 2007-08 with a 92-74 victory over the Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

The Mavericks held a foul-plagued James scoreless in the first half — and to 10 points overall — in an impressive debut against the defending Eastern Conference champions, who are being given little chance of getting back to the

finals.

Jerry Stackhouse added 17 points and Devin Harris 13 for Dallas, which went 9-of-18 behind the arc.

James, who carried the Cavs as far as he could last season before they were swept by San Antonio in the finals, had the worst opening night of his brilliant career. He shot just 2-of-11 from the field, made five turnovers and was mostly a non-factor in the Cavs' most lopsided home loss since April 5, 2005, and their worst loss in a home opener in six years.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 17 points and 18 rebounds for Cleveland, which before the game unfurled the franchise's first Eastern Conference championship banner.

The Mavericks made it tough on James, but they weren't about to credit

their defense for stopping him.

Last season, Dallas seemingly had it all: a playoff-tested roster, the league's best record and in Nowitzki, the MVP. Then came the playoffs, and it all meant nothing against the only-small-in-stature Warriors, who stunned the Mavericks in six games.

It was a second straight playoff meltdown for Dallas, which blew a 2-0 lead against Miami in the previous year's finals.

The Mavericks looked poised to make another run at a title as they schooled the Cavs with ball movement, help defense and a go-for-the-throat attitude from the start. Dallas led by 14 after one quarter, 20 at halftime and eventually built a 25-point advantage before the Cavs closed down the stretch.

girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

It starts Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with a basketball clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Each Hawk Buddy will receive an opportunity to learn how to play the game from Howard players and coaches for a fee of \$20. A T-shirt will be given to each participant that will also serve as a

free family season pass when worn to Howard College home games.

A second clinic is scheduled for Jan. 12 to be followed by a pizzaparty with the women's basketball team.

Each Hawk Buddy will be recognized at halftime of the Hawks home game Jan. 21.

For more information, contact Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

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### Howard College announces Hawk Buddies Program

The Howard College Women's Basketball team is tipping off its season with the Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for



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than it should. I had really expected us to be at the 2,000 ballot mark.

"We brought in 259 voters Tuesday, which was our best day yet. However, Wednesday slumped again with 132 ballots, which was our slowest day yet."

Bloom said she was hoping to break the 3,000 ballot mark before early voting closes Friday, but at the current rate, that milestone may be harder to reach than expected.

"We have a total of 1,553 ballots going into Thursday, so at this point I think we'll be lucky to make the 2,000 mark," she said.

"I really don't know what, if anything, could be contributing to the slowdown. I don't know of

anything going on that could be conflicting with early voting, so we're just hoping for the best at this point."

Bloom said the Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson is expected to make a stop in Big Spring at 9:45 a.m. Friday, part of the Austin official's tour of the state's polling places. Wilson is only expected to make a brief visit and will be at the Heart of the City Park.

Bloom said early voting will continue through Friday, with balloting taking place on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Voters can cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., with polls open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. tonight.

And while the ballot is dominated by the constitutional amendment election — 16 amendments in all — the election to

approve a \$11.57 million jail bond is the center of local attention, as county officials race to construct a new jail facility before the Texas Commission on Jail Standards permanently shuts down the existing one.

County commissioners placed a similar bond election on the November 2006 ballot, asking voters to approve a bond for slightly more than \$10 million to finance a 144-bed jail, which was voted down by more than 60 percent.

Since that time, however, construction costs have skyrocketed by approximately 40 percent, according to County Judge Mark Barr, making it necessary to scale the project down to a 96-bed facility.

The existing county jail was shut down by TCJS in November 2006, after the facility's smoke evac-

uation system failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006. The cost of the last closure, which lasted approximately six months, has been estimated at approximately \$1 million, according to county officials.

The bond, if approved by voters, is expected to translate into a 5-cent increase in the tax rate, according to Barr.

As if matters concerning the existing jail couldn't get worse, Adan Munoz, executive director of the TCJS, said during a town hall meeting concerning the bond the existing jail will be closed permanently if voters fail to pass the bond.

**Local man killed in Wednesday crash**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

A motorcycle-vehicle accident resulted in the death of a Big Spring man Wednesday morning.

John Turner, 55, died after his motorcycle collided with a vehicle driven by Dr. Rudy Haddad on FM 700 next to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, authorities said.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said the accident occurred at 8:36 a.m. Wednesday. Reports state that Haddad was

turning left onto FM 700 from the hospital when his vehicle was struck on the driver's side door by Turner's motorcycle, which was westbound on FM 700.

Turner was taken to the hospital, where he died shortly afterward, Smith said.

No citations have been issued. The accident is still under investigation, the chief added.

Funeral arrangements for Turner are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

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ratio used for paying salaries. In other words, if the state pays for 50 percent of a person's salaries, it should contribute 50 percent of the money for health insurance costs.

While news of the agreement has Howard officials breathing easier, they still are awaiting the particulars of the deal.

"We're encouraged that the agreement means that there will be a resolution to the issue," HC Vice President Terry Hansen said. "We just don't have any of the specifics yet."

Hansen said state officials, including those with the state Legislative Budget Board (which approves final allocations), still have to hammer out details of the agreement.

In the interim, meanwhile, there is no great rush to implement the deal.

"The agreement is for the next fiscal year; funding for this year is already in place," Hansen said. "As long as everything is in place by the start of the next fiscal year in September, we're not in any particular hurry to see how it will be applied."

"If the agreement falls through, however, we'll have to make some financial adjustments," Hansen added.

The agreement will have no effect on the college's plan to raise tuition and fees for the Spring 2008 semester.

"The hike in tuition had been planned for a long, long time, and had no bearing on (Perry's veto)," Hansen said. "Besides, it wouldn't have come close to replacing the money lost by the veto."

Although the agreement solves the college's feared shortfall of \$1.6 million, Sparks was quick to note

that a permanent solution needs to be found.

"What everyone needs to understand is that this is a Band-Aid," Sparks said. "Now, we need to go forward to a final determination of how proportionality will be applied — or if it will not be applied. This is still an issue that has not been resolved."

Still, Sparks is grateful that at least a temporary solution has been found.

"Without a doubt, Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and Speaker Craddick came together to resolve the issue in the short term, and we're very appreciative of that,"

Sparks said. "That will allow us to go ahead with the job of teaching students."

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Leona Wells, 92, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Adelino "Rocky" Vieira, 78, died Saturday. Funeral Services were at 11:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors were at Trinity Memorial Park.


Joaquin Duenes, 68, died Tuesday. Vigil Services will be held at his residence, 700 N. Moss Lake Rd., in Sand Springs at 7:00 PM Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

John Turner, 55, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Detrick Houston, 40, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Zula E. Rhodes, 88, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**  
  
By Eddy Pitchford

Nikoly Davydenko, a tennis player from Russia, was recently fined two thousand dollars because he failed to give his best effort in a tennis match. While there may be some reasonable explanation for his lack of effort, I am encouraged that people expect someone to do his best.

It seems a commitment to excellence and hard work is not as common as it used to be. While unrealistic expectations and perfectionism can cause problems, complacency and mediocrity can prompt discouragement and slothfulness.

A proper view of life can be found when we apply the teaching of scripture, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24).

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**DANCE**

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programs in the area.

Big Spring State Hospital's team finished third in the small-group category in Relay For Life of Howard/Glasscock County this past May, raising \$5,000.

The team has made noisemakers for area football and soccer teams, which sell for \$1. They can be personalized with names and numbers.

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# Weekend Forecast

**This week's games**



Estacado at Big Spring Garden City at Grady Stanton at Coahoma Eldorado at Forsan Fort Davis at Sands Plainview at Lake View Texas A&M at Oklahoma Texas Tech at Baylor Texas at Oklahoma St. Missouri at Colorado Wisconsin at Ohio St. LSU at Alabama Arizona St. at Oregon Cowboys at Eagles Texans at Raiders Patriots at Colts Panthers at Titans Broncos at Lions Jaguars at Saints Ravens at Steelers	Big Spring Grady Coahoma Forsan Fort Davis Plainview Oklahoma Texas Tech Oklahoma St. Colorado Ohio St. LSU Oregon Cowboys Texans Patriots Titans Broncos Saints Steelers	Estacado Grady Stanton Forsan Fort Davis Lake View Oklahoma Texas Tech Texas Missouri Ohio St. LSU Oregon Cowboys Raiders Patriots Titans Lions Saints Steelers	Estacado Grady Stanton Forsan Fort Davis Lake View Oklahoma Texas Tech Texas Missouri Ohio St. LSU Oregon Cowboys Raiders Patriots Titans Lions Saints Steelers	Estacado Grady Stanton Forsan Fort Davis Lake View Oklahoma Texas Tech Oklahoma St. Missouri Ohio St. LSU Oregon Cowboys Texans Patriots Titans Broncos Saints Steelers	Big Spring Grady Stanton Forsan Fort Davis Lake View Oklahoma Texas Tech Oklahoma St. Missouri Ohio St. Alabama Oregon Cowboys Texans Colts Titans Lions Saints Steelers	Big Spring Grady Stanton Forsan Sands Plainview Oklahoma Texas Tech Oklahoma St. Missouri Ohio St. LSU Arizona St. Cowboys Texans Colts Titans Lions Saints Steelers
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>11-9</b>	<b>12-8</b>	<b>12-8</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>7-13</b>	<b>13-7</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>115-65</b>	<b>122-58</b>	<b>126-54</b>	<b>126-54</b>	<b>113-67</b>	<b>122-58</b>

## SANDS

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Sands does have some weapons to help with its upset goals. Sophomore quarterback Johnny Rogers has had an impressive season. At one point, Rogers scored 15 touchdowns in a 3-game span. Henderson feels Rogers could be one of the more productive players in the district for years to come.

"I think Johnny could top 2,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards every year," Henderson

noted earlier in the season. "He's a talented kid that understands the game well for his age."

Rogers' classmate Daniel Armendariz has been the offense's top scoring threat since the district season has started.

Last season, the Indians pummelled the Mustangs, 62-12, ending the game at halftime.

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## STEERS

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"They have a lot of seniors on this year's squad. I think that's one of the key reasons for their turnaround," Ritchey said. "Experience is huge. I think the new coaching staff they have has helped a lot as well."

The Matadors' offense is averaging more than 30 points a game and led by quarterback Kyle Jackson. Jackson has topped 1,500 yards passing already this season. His favorite target is

Jeremy Watson, who is the district's receiving leader.

"Estacado always has a lot of speed and this year's team is no different. They've got a tailback and quarterback who are very fast," Ritchey said. "They've also got a wide receiver who is leading our district in every receiving statistical category. We're going to have to play good football, but we feel like we match up with their size and speed well."

The two teams have played two common opponents so far this season — Andrews and Plainview.

The Steers went 1-1 against the two teams, dropping a heartbreaker to Andrews on homecoming night.

Estacado, however, is 2-0, including a 41-6 thrashing of Plainview last week.

The Steers defeated Plainview, 26-16.

"We do share those two common opponents. They beat both of them. We split our games with them," Ritchey noted. "We played well against Andrews, though. It's a game we should've won."

The Steers are trying to rebound from a disheartening 49-14 loss to Frenship's Tigers. Big Spring does have some momentum to build off of on the offensive side of the ball.

"We moved the ball well on Frenship in the second half. The first half was a disaster. We just couldn't get anything going consistently," Ritchey said. "Things started to click in the second half and it gives us something to build on heading into this week's game."

The offense was focused around the play of sophomore quarterback Tyler Tannehill, who saw the most playing time of the season. Tannehill threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter. Ritchey says that Tannehill's performance has earned him more playing time.

"We were very happy with what Tyler did against Frenship,"

Ritchey noted. "(Nathan) Doportto has been pretty beat up this season. He's had several different injuries. Tyler has figured out the speed of the varsity game and it's starting to show on the field. He's incredibly accurate. If he has the time in the pocket and the presence to know when he needs to get rid of the ball, then he's a very dangerous passer."

Last year, Tannehill's older brother Ryan — now redshirting in his freshman year at Texas A&M — led the Big Spring offense to 53 points against Estacado. That loss killed any hopes of a playoff spot for the Matadors last season.

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## Crossroads District Standings and Schedule

Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Frenship	3	0	7	2	316	129
2. Estacado	2	0	4	4	252	203
3. Big Spring	1	1	1	7	89	286
4. Lake View	0	2	2	6	157	241
5. Plainview	0	3	0	9	89	291

Friday's games: Estacado at Big Spring; Plainview at Lake View.

Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Haskell	4	1	6	2	268	101
2. Stanton	4	1	6	2	181	100
3. Merkel	4	1	4	4	126	141
4. Coahoma	3	2	3	5	151	224
5. Stamford	2	3	4	4	135	205
6. Colorado City	1	4	3	5	68	126
7. Anson	1	4	2	6	100	208
8. Hawley	1	4	2	6	170	189

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

Team	DW	DL	W	L	PF	PA
1. Forsan	4	1	4	4	184	192
2. Christoval	4	1	6	2	259	229
3. Eldorado	4	1	5	3	221	129
4. Bronte	3	2	4	4	141	157
5. Irion Co.	2	3	2	6	175	235
6. Miles	1	4	2	6	103	237
7. Menard	2	3	2	6	193	217
8. Sterling City	0	4	0	7	45	358

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

Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Rankin	3	0	9	0	574	213
2. Grady	2	0	8	0	427	86
3. Garden City	1	1	6	2	471	210
4. Fort Davis	0	2	6	2	447	272
5. Sands	0	3	4	5	298	294

Friday's games: Garden City at Grady (7:30 p.m. today); Fort Davis at Sands.

## FORSAN

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enthusiasm." Defensively, the Buffs will look to contain Eagles' quarterback Manny Gonzales, as he leads Eldorado's Wing-T and Slot-T offense.

The Eagles use multiple running backs who run with authority and possess good speed, putting

the pressure on the Buffs' defense to get to the ball and make tackles.

Thompson said he is looking for the defense to create turnovers and to prevent the big play.

When the Buffs have the ball they will face an Eagles' defense that relies heavily on pressure. They run primarily out of the Split-6 defensive formation.

The Buffs will have to establish a running game

early and will use the pass to soften up the Eagles' defense, Thompson said.

"We will run a balanced attack this week," Thompson said. "We are confident in our running game, but the pass has been working for us quite well and we won't overlook its usefulness."

Playing in front of the home crowd this week may also give the Buffs an extra advantage.

"Home field should help a lot. We need everyone out to support the Buffs," said Thompson. "The district title is on the line and it should be a great game."

## BULLDOGS

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Since returning from a stress fracture suffered in week two, quarterback Donnie Garcia has led the resurgence in 'Dawg country.

Last week against Stamford, Garcia accounted for 278 yards in total yardage. Josh Paniagua collected eight catches for 98 yards while PJ Daylong pulled in three receptions for 45 yards.

However, the 28-20 loss stopped the momentum Coahoma had gained

since Garcia's return. Stanton comes into Friday night's game staggering from its 19-12 loss to Haskell, knocking the Buffs from the top of the District 5-2A mountain. Now they are in a 3-way tie with Merkel and Haskell atop the standings.

The Buffs' offense is centered on a powerful ground game that tries to control the ball and the clock, keeping opposing offenses off the field.

Robbie Noland leads the way for Stanton, averaging right at 20 carries a game. Helping Noland with the workload is

quarterback Garrett Fulton while Adam Evans anchors the offensive line for the Buffs from his center position.

Evans is also the team's top pass rusher on a defense that has held its opponents to under 20 points in six straight games. Mark Garcia captains the defense, roaming the field from his linebacker position.

Last season, the Bulldogs overcame a 14-point halftime deficit to defeat the Buffs, 28-27. Coahoma scored with a little more than a minute left in the game for the victory.

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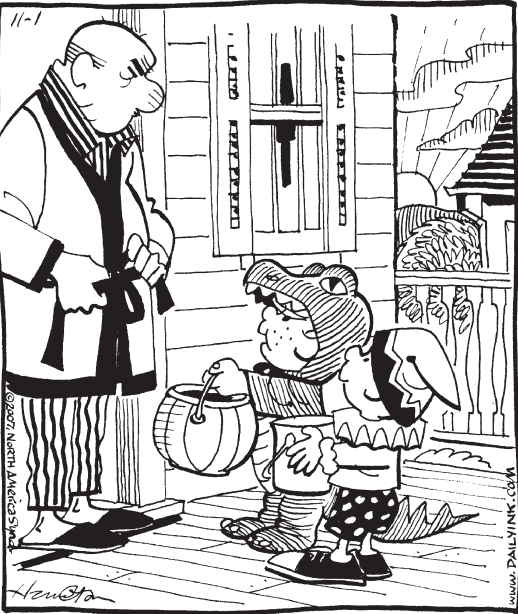




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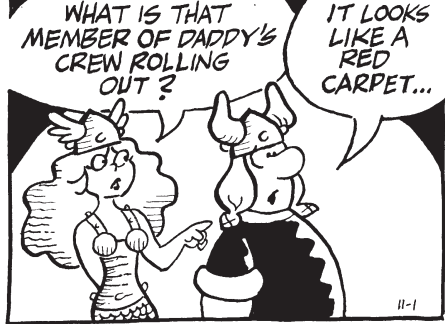
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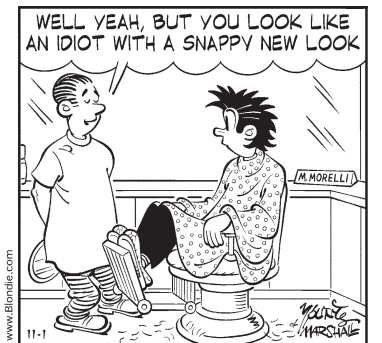
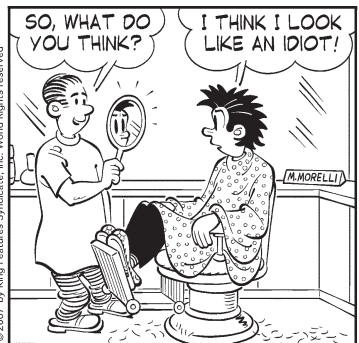


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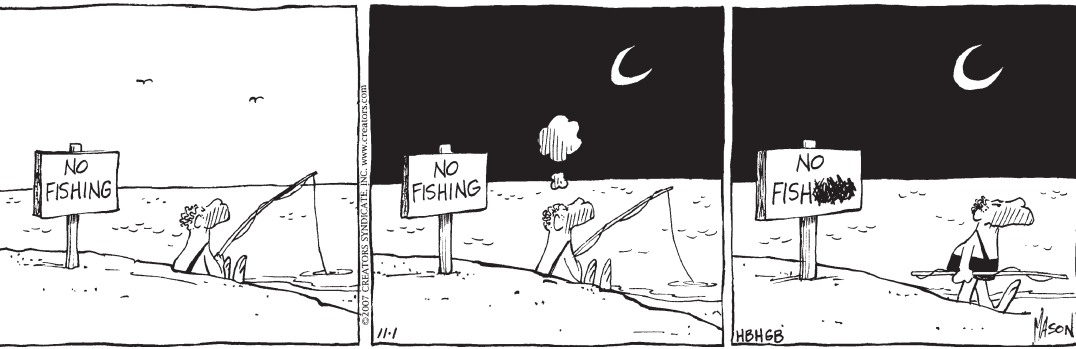
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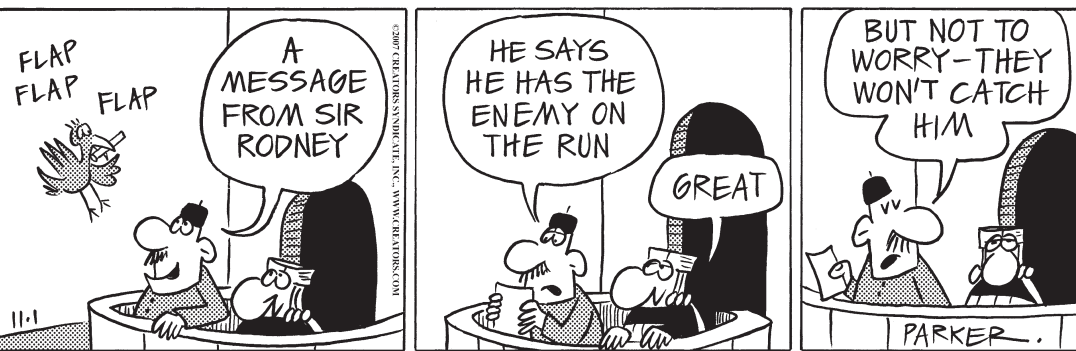
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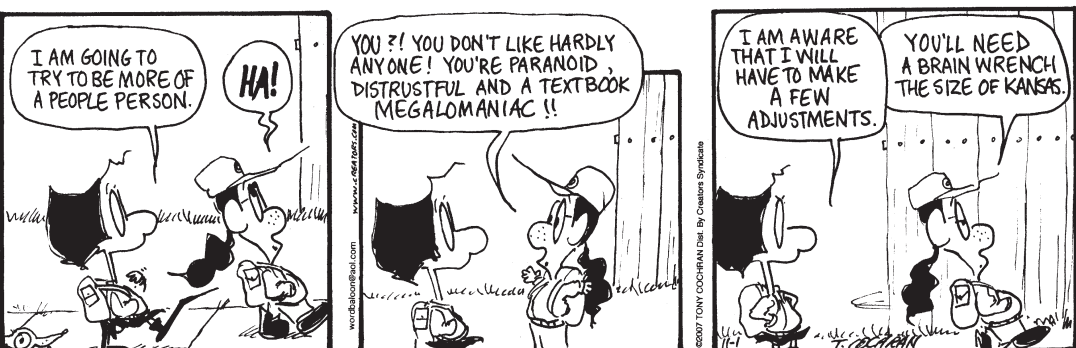
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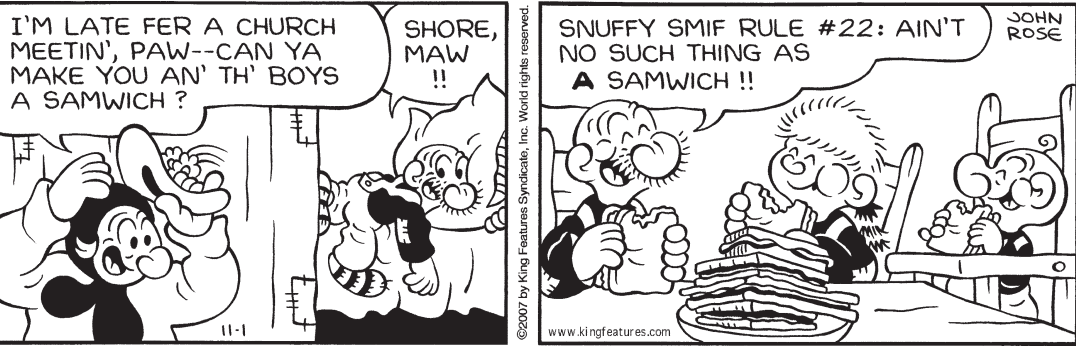
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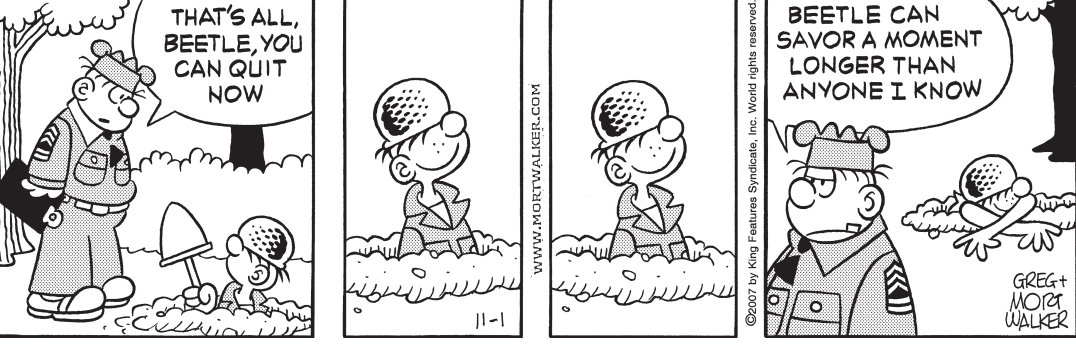
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2007. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 1, 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.

On this date:

In 1512, Michelangelo finished painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican.

In 1604, William Shakespeare's tragedy "Othello" was first presented at Whitehall Palace in London.

In 1611, Shakespeare's romantic comedy "The Tempest" was first presented at Whitehall.

In 1861, Gen. George B. McClellan was made General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Winfield Scott.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather

Bureau made its first meteorological observations.

In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., to assassinate President Truman. The attempt failed, and one of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.

In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, codenamed "Ivy Mike," at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

In 1954, Algerian nationalists began their successful rebellion against French rule.

In 1973, following the "Saturday Night Massacre," Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork appointed Leon Jaworski to be the new Watergate special prosecutor, succeeding Archibald Cox.

Today's Birthdays:

Newspaper columnist James

J. Kilpatrick is 87. Golfer Gary Player is 72. Country singer Bill Anderson is 70. Actress Barbara Bosson is 68. Actor Robert Foxworth is 66. Actress Marcia Wallace is 65. Magazine publisher Larry Flynt is 65. Country singer Kinky Friedman is 63. Actress Jeannie Berlin is 58. Pop singer-musician Dan Peek is 57. Rhythm-and-blues musician Khalis Bayyan (aka Ronald Bell) (Kool and the Gang) is 56. Country singer-songwriter-producer Keith Stegall is 53. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 50. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 49. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is 48.

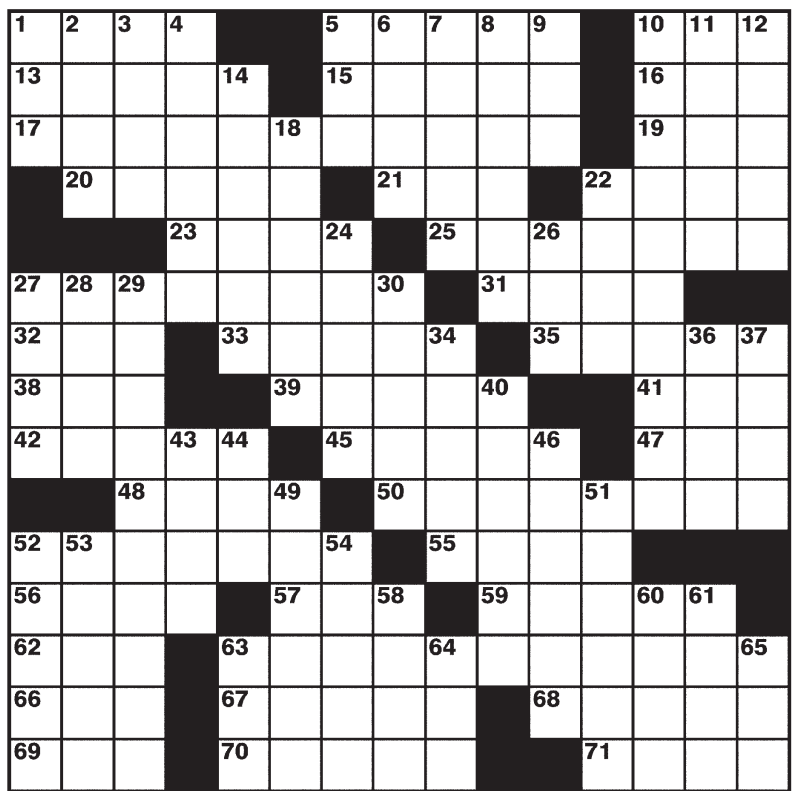
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Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like LAVER, SPEC, STAB, ALIVE, PLEA, MALE, GIVEGROUND, OKIE, STAR, EDS, INVENT, MALE, FLEECES, ANTONY, RELISH, BOARD, TOTAL, ARM, LUKE, FOLIC, PRAY, ENE, CAKED, LOGIN, FLUKES, SELENA, GELATIN, SOIL, ARISEN, ECO, SLAP, ZIGS, GIVENOTICE, ECHO, IVAN, PERIL, RIATS, TEST, TRADE.

Newsday Crossword

THE USUAL by Kevin Donovan Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Hound sounds, 5 Ornamental tree, 10 Tailless primate, 13 Manhattan Project result, 15 Some Pennsylvania people, 16 Cause disquiet, 17 Full-time force, 19 Prime period, 20 Ocean phenomena, 21 Ninety-one, to Nero, 22 Swamp thing, 23 Sudden intake, 25 Cast a spell over, 27 And so forth, 31 Street tough, 32 Sign of summer, 33 Cuts, as stems, 35 Minuscule creature, 38 Explosive noise, 39 Freshen, as a drink, 41 Garfield's owner, 42 Ready for action, 45 Warning system, 47 Food grain, 48 They're found in the ground, 50 Flight breaks, 52 Some furry friends, 55 Informal negative, 56 Immense, 57 Cube root of eight, 59 Advances, 62 Union preceder, 63 John D. Rockefeller's company, 66 River, to Ricardo, 67 Adjust, 68 Mountie-suit material, 69 Pea place, 70 Needing a cleaning, 71 Old West exclamation, 9 Reluctant to mingle, 10 One of the masses, 11 Eva Duarte's married name, 12 On the money, 14 Sheepish sounds, 18 Give the go-ahead, 22 Pal, 24 Happening earlier, 26 Half a dance name, 27 Island of exile, 28 Flaw in fabric, 29 Societal well-being, 30 Dismay, 34 Khartoum's land, 36 Sow's mate, 37 Hill residents, 40 '50s scandal subject, 43 Pennsylvania port, 44 Place to relax, 46 Cowboys, frequently, 49 Come to terms, 51 Peddled, 52 Chick's noise, 53 Video complement, 54 Strikes swiftly, 58 Snake eyes, 60 Kidvid explorer, 61 Roadside reference, 63 Retail mogul Walton, 64 Like some martinis, 65 Journey part.



# Sharp Focus

*Ford compact makes big, bold statement*

**Y**ou don't have to be a big spender to live large. With a base price of \$14,695, the 2008 Ford Focus is one of the biggest cars on the market today.

Not "big" as in size, seeing as how the Focus is a five-passenger, front-wheel drive compact model.

But "big" as in what an incredibly "big performing" vehicle loaded with "big car" features for such really, really "big value."

Pardon the cliché, but

the all-new Ford Focus is proof positive that big things really do come in small packages.

Redesigned for the 2008 model year, the Focus is available in coupe and sedan body styles featuring a bold new look and a refined interior that is everything but compact.

Seating is spacious and comfortable and if you were given a blindfold and put inside the car before being allowed to look around, you would swear that you were in an expensive European sedan.



The all-new 2008 Ford Focus.

I'm not making this up, go to your nearest Ford dealer and see for yourself.

It will change your perception of a compact car — especially after you take it out for a test drive.

While you expect a compact car to achieve a respectable fuel economy rating (the new Focus achieves a more stringent 2008 EPA fuel economy rating of 24 mpg city, 35 mpg highway), what you might not expect is a

powertrain that also delivers spirited performance.

Powered by a 2.0-liter I-4 engine that delivers 140 horsepower and 132 pounds of torque, I was impressed with the performance.

No, this isn't a hot rod. But in the context of the compact car segment, the 2008 Focus delivers the juice.

I was equally impressed with ride and handling and have nothing but praise for the

engineers who created the new suspension system that yields the responsive characteristics one would expect from a European model designed for the Autobahn.

When you take a test drive, also take note of how quiet it is inside the cabin.

If I sound like I'm making a big deal about these relatively common characteristics, it's because these are traits not normally associated with

compact cars.

As I said before, this is a small car that delivers a really big ride — and at a great value.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Keep Your Eye on the Ball

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ K 9 7  
♥ 4 2  
♦ Q 10 4 3  
♣ A 10 7 5

**WEST**  
♠ J 8  
♥ K Q 6 3  
♦ 9 5  
♣ J 9 8 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 6 5 4 3  
♥ 10 9 8 7  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 2  
♥ A J 5  
♦ K J 7 6 2  
♣ Q 6

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — four of clubs.  
A declarer occasionally becomes so engrossed with trying to make the maximum number of tricks in a particular suit that he loses sight of the far more important goal of making the contract.

For example, take this deal where West leads a low club against three notrump. Declarer plays low from dummy, losing to the king, whereupon East shifts to the ten of hearts.

It does not matter what South does on this trick — the damage is already done. His ace of hearts is forced out, and, sooner or later, when South gets around to leading diamonds, East takes the ace and continues hearts to put the contract down one. Declarer winds up losing a diamond, a club and three hearts.

South can make the contract very easily by taking the ace of clubs at trick one and establishing the diamonds. The most he can then lose against any distribution of the cards is the ace of diamonds and three clubs.

Going up with the ace of clubs at trick one should not be a hard play to make, since nine tricks are then certain. Nevertheless, many declarers would automatically follow low from dummy to the opening trick without giving the matter much thought.

The more cautious declarers would not risk losing the contract in order to try to gain an extra club trick or two by following low from dummy. Rather, they would recognize that the contract was assured if they put up the ace, and would proceed accordingly.

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