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Steers to host Estacado in final home game

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THURSDAY

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Early voting ends Friday

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Number of ballots cast fewer than officials were anticipating

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

Time is quickly running out for area residents wishing to cast their ballots early in this year's constitutional amendbond — with early voting set to wrap up Friday afternoon.

aged approximately 142 ballots pumping up early voting totals

ment election — which cast per day during last week's were dashed Wednesday, collected 151 ballots Monday, includes a \$11.57 million jail run, took a swing for the fence beginning Tuesday, with 259 ballots cast. However, any Early voting, which had aver- hopes of a last-minute run Monday and most of Tuesday

according to Saundra Bloom, county elections administrator.

afternoon," said Bloom. "We See **VOTE**, Page 3A

and while we had two days last week where we collected 160 "It really seemed slow ballots, it really felt a lot slower

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



Dewhurst and House Speaker Craddick recently announced an agreement to allocate \$99 million for the state's share of health benefits, a one-time \$55 million transitional

Perry, Lt. Gov. David

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

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 roll. 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

The dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight.

American The Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraising program in Big Spring known for country and rock 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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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

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 subvarsity 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 attent 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 School

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.

Forsan, Eldorado face off in battle for district lead

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.

Buffs' 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

Big Spring Steers wide receiver Sidney Parker (4) leaps in an effort to make a receptions 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 nate the Steers from playoff spot for Big Spring.

nate the Steers from playoff contention, it would definitely

"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.

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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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.

LOCAL

Obituaries

Jerry D. Graves



Jerry D. Graves, loving husband, father, step-father and papa, left this life Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at the Garrison Geriatric & Care Center in Lubbock.

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Jerry was born in Clovis, N.M., Nov. 27, 1937, to Ruby and Byron Graves.

Jerry lived a very full and active life. He graduated from Big Spring High School and Rice University, where he played football. Following college, he returned to West Texas and began a career as a football coach, coaching at both Crockett

Junior High School and Odessa High School. In 1969, Jerry changed careers and went to work as a stockbroker for Epplin, Guerin & Turner Inc. In 1970 he received the prestigious Rookie of the Year award for the firm. He continued in his work as a stockbroker until his retirement.

Jerry cared about people, his community and his yard. He was a 32nd Degree Master Mason with the Grand Lodge of Texas. Jerry was a past member of the Clover House Board of Directors and a devout member of Alcoholics Anonymous. During his 23 years of sobriety, he helped countless numbers of people. He also volunteered as a coach for both Pop Warner football and Little League baseball. As a gardener, he thrilled the community with the giant glittery cut-outs that he painstakingly created and displayed in his yard. He also took great pride in his beautiful grass, hibiscus and bougainvilleas.

Jerry was preceded in death by both of his parents; brother, Dan Graves; and his first wife, Sue Boykin Graves. He is survived by his wife, Mary Nell Graves; son, Martin Graves and wife, Katy; daughter, Lucinda Graves Hurlbut and husband, Robert; step-son, Mike Bolden; and step-daughter, Leesa Bolden. Jerry is also survived by grandchildren, Abby and True Graves and Elliott Hurlbut; step-grandchildren, Jordan and Jacob Bolden; and special grandson Jake Durham.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Nov.1, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home, 601 N. Alleghaney.

Services will be held Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church with the Rev. Dr. Truman J. Warren Jr., the Rev. James Hanson and the Rev. Steve Digby officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Garrison Center for the exceptional care given to Jerry during the past year and a half. Their kindness, compassion and patience will always be remembered.

Memorial gifts in Jerry's honor may be made to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Garrison Geriatric & Care Center, 3601 4th Street, Lubbock 79430.

Services are entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Joaquin Duenes



It is with great sadness that the family of Joaquin Duenes announces his passing after a brief illness, on Monday, Oct. 30, 2007, at the age of 68 years old.

He was born to Prisciliano and Juanita Cruz Duenes in Penolito Durango, Chihuahua, Mexico, on March 2, 1939. He married Carmen Aguirre Nov. 6, 1965, and they made their home in Sand Springs.

Joaquin will be lovingly remembered by his wife and best friend, Carmen Duenes of Sand Springs; his children, Maria Romero and her husband, Antonio, of Corcoran, Calif., Pat Duenes and his wife, Lupe, of Carlsbad, N.M., Joaquin Duenes Jr. and his wife, Virginia, Andrew Duenes and his wife, Amie, and Imelda Cuellar and her husband, Jesse, all of Big Spring.

Joaquin will also be fondly remembered by his 15 grandchildren, Manuel, Mariah, Mario, Anthony, Jesse "J", Aaron, Janice, Anthony R., Justin, Sebastian, Aleks, Diego, Ivan, Irisel and Ayden; two brothers, Prisiliano Duenez and Fernando Duenez; two sisters, Sanjuana Vicuna Duenez and Ortencia Martinez Duenez; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Joaquin was preceded in death by a brother, Rojelio Duenez; and a sister, Andrea Medrano Duenez.

Joaquin was a great husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law.

Vigil services will be held at his residence, 700 North Moss Lake Road, in Sand Springs at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, and also on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, at 7 p.m. Funeral Services will be held Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Pat Duenes, Andrew Duenes, Joaquin Duenes Jr., Manuel Mata, Jesse Cuellar and Presciliano Duenes Jr.

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

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Light and variable winds.

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds

around 10 mph. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph becoming light and

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Lows around Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Leona Wells



Leona Wells, 92, of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., formerly of Big Spring died Oct. 23, 2007. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial

She was born on a farm near Ord, Neb., Sept. 10, 1915. Her family migrated to San Diego, Calif., in the time of the Great Depression. There she met

and married Orven E. Wells on March 9, 1942. They lived in California until he retired, when they moved to Texas, which was his home state.

She was a homemaker, except for one year when she was a bus driver for the Pala Mission Indian School in Pala, Calif. After her husband's death in Big Spring, March 18, 2000, she moved to New York to live with her daughter.

She is survived by a son, Joe Wells and his wife Marilyn of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; a daughter, Frances Jacobson and her husband Greg of Ossining, N.Y.; a granddaughter, great-grandson and grandson.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

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

John Turner

John Turner, 55, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Detrick Houston

Detrick Houston, 40, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2007, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Zula E. Rhodes

Zula E. Rhodes, 88, of Midland, formerly of Elbow died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- MONICA MUNIZ, 19, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Thursday on two local capias warrants.
- BRADY C. TIMMINS, 21, of Ackerly, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- ASHLEY M. BRADFIELD, 21, of Abilene, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.
- in the 900 block of Willia.
- FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the
- 100 block of Third Street. • BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in
- the 100 block of Fourth Street. • ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 700
- block of Creighton.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report. • SHERRY ANN FELTS, 51, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on an Ector County warrant

for a motion to revoke probation.

- MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH, 35, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of parole - blue warrant.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 43, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- CRUZ CASTILLO, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ADELA PEREZ DEANDA, 39, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping failure to appear (two counts).
- NATHAN COLE HANNUM, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for theft of property, violation of a promise to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- NATHAN HENRY BAKER, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole - driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of W.
- Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of
- Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of
- Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg
- Street. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported near Scenic Mountain Medical Center and FM 700. One person was trans-

ported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan. Service refused.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more informa-
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-19-29-33-36-53.

Number matching six of six: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-17-19-31-37 Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-9-1-6. Sum It Up: 23.

 ${\bf AUSTIN\,(AP)-The\,winning\,Pick\,3\,numbers\,drawn}$ Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-7.

Take Note

- Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.
- Home Hospice Halos Junior Volunteers will have a Relay For Life garage sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 3. The sale will be at 111 E. Seveth, behind Home Hospice in the Runnels Street parking lot. Antiques, clothes, what-nots and more will be available.
- Beginning Monday, Nov. 5, West Texas Opportunities will have a new number to set up transportation for local and out-of-town trips. The number to call will be (800) 245-9028. Dispatchers will be Elena and Rebecca. Please call 24 hours in advance. Same day service cannot be guaranteed.
- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-
- A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.
- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's jouryey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.
- · All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

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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 Preseason Women's 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 conference poll. Frank Phillips College and Odessa College round

out the top four spots in leading scorer Kandace 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. Northeastern Oklahoma 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 at 4 p.m. Saturday.

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

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 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 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 the top three in each

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 Girard was eighth in tiedown 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 Brandown Morrow, both of Big Spring, were in a threeway tie for eighth after head coach Greg Kernick the long round, but didn't receive a time in the short round.

Brevik Calvin (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

of Cortez, Colo. was sixth 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 breakaway 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 the Cleveland and Cavaliers then collapsed.

Jason Terry made six 3pointers and scored 24 points, Dirk Nowitzki and the added 15 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 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.

season, Dallas Last 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-instature 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-thethroat 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.

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

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contact Assistant Coach that will also serve as a 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 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

College home games.

ball team.

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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 approve a \$11.57 million could be conflicting with early voting, so we're just hoping for the best at this point."

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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 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 144bed 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-

Sparks said. "That will

allow us to go ahead with

the job of teaching stu-

dents."

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.

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programs in the area.

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Hospital's team finished

third in the small-group

category in Relay For Life

County this past May,

Howard/Glasscock

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

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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

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 paving 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 finanadjustments," cial 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

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,

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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 .

"Rocky" Adelino 78, died Vieira, Funeral Saturday. 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, Wednesday. died 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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First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories: 1. Individual or family 2. Civic group, school or church 3. Commercial 4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.

2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.

3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade

4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted. 5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be

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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

Categories

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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SANDS

Last Week

Overall

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Sands does have some weapons to help with its upset goals. Sophomore quarterback Johnny had an Rogers has 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

"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 understands the that game well for his age."

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

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.

"Home field should help

a lot. We need everyone

out to support the Buffs,"

said Thompson. "The dis-

trict title is on the line

and it should be a great

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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 bulla oii oi 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 fourth the quarter. Ritchey says Tannehill's performance has earned him more playing time.

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

Ritchey noted. "(Nathan) Doporto has been pretty beat up this season. He's 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.'

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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

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Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA	Team	DW	DL	W	L	PF	PA
1. Frenship	3	0	7	2	316	129	 Forsan 	4	1	4	4	184	192
2. Estacado	2	0	4	4	252	203	Christoval	4	1	6	2	259	229
Big Spring	1	1	1	7	89	286	Eldorado	4	1	5	3	221	129
4. Lake View	0	2	2	6	157	241	Bronte	3	2	4	4	141	157
Plainview	0	3	0	9	89	291	Irion Co.	2	3	2	6	175	235
Friday's games:	Friday's games: Estacado at Big Spring; Plainview at Lake View.						Miles	1	4	2	6	103	237
							Menard	2	3	2	6	193	217
District 5-2A							Sterling City	0	4	0	7	45	358
Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA	Friday's games	: Eldorad	do at Fors	san; Sterlir	ng City at	Christoval;	Bronte
1. Haskell	4	1	6	2	268	101	at Miles; Menard a	at Irion Co	o.				
2. Stanton	4	1	6	2	181	100							
3. Merkel	4	1	4	4	126	141	Six-man Distric	t 1 Div.	1				
4. Coahoma	3	2	3	5	151	224	Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
Stamford	2	3	4	4	135	205	 Rankin 	3	0	9	0	574	213
6. Colorado City	1	4	3	5	68	126	Grady	2	0	8	0	427	86
7. Anson	1	4	2	6	100	208	Garden City	1	1	6	2	471	210
8. Hawley	1	4	2	6	170	189	4. Fort Davis	0	2	6	2	447	272
Friday's games:	Friday's games: Stanton at Coahoma; Haskell at Hawley; Colorado City						Sands	0	3	4	5	298	294
at Anson; Stamford	at Merk	kel.					Friday's games: Garden City at Grady (7:30 p.m. today); Fort Davis at						
							Sands.			•			

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enthusiasm." Defensively, the Buffs will look to contain quarterback Eagles' 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 forma-

The Buffs will have to establish a running game early and will use the pass to soften up the Eagles' defense,

Key: DW - District wins; DL - District losses; OW - Overall wins; OL - Overall losses; PF - Points for; PA - Points against

game."

"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 over-

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

Thompson said.

look its usefulness.'

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 against week 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 stand-

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, Bulldogs overcame a 14point 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

sioners Court will conduct a public hearing at a meeting on November 12, 2007 to consider (1) the application of Airtricity Panther Creek Wind Farm, LLC, for designation of certain property located in Glasscock County as a Reinvestment Zone eligible for property tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, (2) the application of Airtricity Panther Creek Wind Farm, LLC for tax abatement, and (3) Airtricity Panther Creek Wind Farm, LLC's proposed tax abatement agreement.

The property designated by Airtricity Panther Creek Wind Farm, LLC, is intended for use as a wind power generation facility, electrical substation, associated transmission facilities and lines, and operations facility by Airtricity Panther Creek Wind Farm, LLC, and con-

sists of : All the real property located in Glasscock County and contained in sections 13, 15, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 48, Block 33 TWP 2-S, T&P RR, Co. Survey, Glasscock

County, Texas. All of the real property located in Glasscock County and contained in sections 1, 2, 11, 12, and 13, Block 33, TWP 3-S, T&P RR, Co. Survey, Glasscock County, Texas.

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All of the real property located in Glasscock County and contained in sections 189, 190, 215, 216, 217 and 218, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey, Glasscock County, Texas.

All of the real property located in Glasscock County and contained in sections 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60, Block 30, W&NW RR. Co. Survey, Glasscock County, Texas.

In determining whether to designated the Reinvestment Zone, the Commissioners Court will consider whether such designation would contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or would attract major investment in the Zone that would benefit the land to be included in the Zone and would contribute to the economic development of the County.

If created, the property would become "Glasscock County Reinvestment Zone No. 3".

The public hearing will take place at 9:00 a.m. on November 12, 2007, in the Commissioners courtroom of the Glasscock County Courthouse in Garden City, Texas. All interested persons may appear and present testimony regarding designation of the Reinvestment Zone. If further information is needed, please contact the office of County Judge Wilburn Bednar, Glasscock County, PO Box 67, Garden City, Texas 79739 (432)354-2382. #5587 November 1, 2007

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

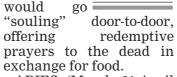
Done with tricks and satisfied with the amount of prankish tomfoolery accompanying Halloween treats,

Mercury in Libra moves direct today. The origin of trick-ortreating isn't clear, but it may date back to the Middle

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your business is an extension of yourself, and vou take responsibility for how smoothly or roughly things go. Because of this, things go smoothly. Tonight, you'll meet people who need your compassion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Checking constantly to make sure everyone is still "OK" gets tiresome. This week, you say goodbye to being Mr. or Ms. Nicey and seek companions who are tough, energetic secure just like you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Feel like you woke up on the wrong side of the bed? It's a temporary mood. By noon, you'll feel lucky again. At work, they're finally taking notice of all you do. Now that's something!

CANCER (June 22-July

22). Your artistic nature is highlighted. You're the poet's poet, creator of divine illusions and mystical myths that bring others into contact with their own

subconsciouses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've come so far, and you seldom stop and give yourself credit. Seize the chance to acknowledge and reward yourself privately. Tonight: Old friends call out of the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The most important thing now is just to relax. When you're in the Zen zone, you take setbacks in stride and move on quickly. Singles: potential new love is featured. Dress impress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know exactly what you have to offer and exactly what you want. This sets the scene for barter, trade and all kinds of negotiations. The wackiest trades are the ones you'll be the most proud of.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a magician. When it looks like you're doing a miraculous deed, you let your audience believe it was an unseen force at work. But actually, a lot of practice and clever preparation went into pulling this off. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). As much as you'd like to go blithely ahead, doubts creep in. Be assured, everybody has them. If you articulate your worry specifically, you'll be able to create the remedy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be uniting with friends in a way that brings you financial gain. Work tip: Find out everything that expected of you. This gives you megaconfidence when you go above and beyond said expectations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are lots of ways to arrive at the right answer; regard all obstacles opportunities. Tonight: Adjust romantic ideals to fit reality. Once that happens, you're on the brink of a major love affair.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today is a lesson in Practical focus. endeavors, like doing dishes, gardening or paying bills, help you stay in the moment. When distracting ideas emerge, write them down and continue on your original task.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Getting up close and personal with a Scorpio can intimidating. Director Peter Jackson has the scorpion's in-depth methodology, shooting multiple takes (for maximum coverage) and wide-angle close-ups. Peter's Mars in Scorpio joins his sun and Neptune, the signature of a cinematographer who's capable of taking us to unimaginably fascinating and wicked places.

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: As a teacher of 35 years, I feel Recently, invigorated. I've helped pilot a program that reminded me why I got into teaching in the first place — to develop not just good students, but also great young people.

Can you help me pass on an invitation to every teacher, parent, school student? and LEAGUE is launching its first event, called simply "The Drive," to see how much food and clothing we can all collect for those in need. We invite every classroom and student group to join in.

It's free and simple. Any teacher or teachercertified student group (like a student council or club) can log on to www.theleague.org and then collect as much food or clothing for any agency they choose by Thanksgiving. Each class reports its total online, which contributes to a record attempt and earns LEAGUE points toward awards for the class, school and students and recognition in the media. It's a friendly "coopetition" — with the community and all those participating as the (SET ITAL) real (END ITAL) winners.

The LEAGUE is a weball-inclusive based, system for students K-12, engaging them in doing good for community, nation and the world. One hundred sixty-seven schools are now piloting The LEAGUE in New Jersey, Michigan, Indiana, Texas, New Georgia,

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York and California, and as far away as Zambia and India.

I have seen how students respond, not only to various LEAGUE events during the year (from King Day to Earth Day), but especially to the Learning to Give Curriculum and Learning Links included with each event. They connect what they learn in classroom with the good they do for others. It makes learning come alive. Parents can help by clipping this column and sending it to their child's teacher with a personal note of support.

Obviously, school is about academics first, but do you think we can one day make "doing good" as much a part of school as sports? — Sincerely, "Mr. C" Joe Czaszynski

Dear Mr. C.: We have a great deal of faith in today's students and hope they and their teachers will log on to your website and check out the available activities, especially the upcoming Thanksgiving Drive. The more schools that participate, the better for our communities and those worldwide. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to let our readers know.

Dear Annie: husband and I eat supper around 8 p.m. Some of our friends like to drop in around 6 p.m. and stay for three hours or more. Of course, then it's too late to eat. Is there a polite way to let our visitors know we haven't

eaten and that we'd like to do so by ourselves? — Hungry in Iowa

Dear Hungry: Your friends may assume vou eat a lot earlier, so it's OK for you to politely assert yourself when people drop unexpectedly. At 7:00 you should stand up, turn to your visitors and say, "It's been wonderful visiting, but Jim and I haven't had dinner yet. We hope you don't mind," and escort them to the door.

Dear Annie: I have been struggling depression for almost five years and have had several different issues arise from it — weight gain, loss of sex drive,

After reading the letter from "Feeling Better Now" regarding exercise, I have a newfound hope for myself. I have joined a gym and I actually go. I am eating better, and as far as that sex drive, slowly but surely it will return. I want to thank that writer. Her letter was the kick in the butt I needed. And thank you, Annie, for printing it. – Hope Has Arrived in Van Nuys, Calif.

Dear Van Nuys: Studies show regular that can exercise lift depression as well as make you feel better and stronger in every way. We hope your letter will serve as a needed "kick" for someone else.

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OPINION

DAVID

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridge ing the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Now's the time, early voting fast coming to an end

he time for early voting in this year's state constitutional amendment and county jail bond election is rapidly winding down and we'd encourage readers to cast their ballot this week. Polls opened on Oct. 22 at the Howard County Courthouse and voters have through Friday to cast their ballots early.

Voters can weigh in not only on which candidates they support, but on the bond issues on the ballot from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Election day is Nov.

There are plenty of reasons for voting early, not the least of which is the unpredictability of our West Texas weather. Warm, dusty, rainy, a cold front — the only thing you can count on is that the weather will change.

But the real reason to cast your ballot in the next few days is human nature. The fact is, the longer we put things off, the less likely we are to ever get them accomplished. Too many other things come up and suddenly we find ourselves out of time.

According to Saundra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County, voters with special needs need to contact her by calling 264-2273, so they can receive either mail-in ballots or take advantage of curbside voting. Curbside voting will also be provided at the polls on election day.

Bloom said extended early voting hours will also be offered at the courthouse polls Thursday and again on Nov. 1, when area voters may cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The key issue on the ballot here in Howard County, of course, will be the \$11.57 million bond issue county commissioners have put before voters in hopes of building a new jail.

But there are those 16 proposed amendments to the state constitution that voters will also be asked to decide — amendments that affect the funding of Angelo State University; would provide funding for educational loans for college students; homestead appraisal values; bonds to pay for improvement, repair and construction of state facilities across Texas; funding for a cancer research facility; and increased tax exemptions on the homesteads of disabled veterans, to name just a few.

Therefore, it almost goes without saying that these are decisions which will impact many, if not all of us for some time to come.

So, we hope you will take time to study the candidates and issues. Then make your choice at the polls.

And we hope you'll do it soon.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we feel like we are on a see-saw, Lord, You level the field for us.

Amen

D'Souza: Debunking the atheists

y goal here is to convince as many of you as possible to read Dinesh D'Souza's compelling new book, "What's So Great About Christianity.'

Since I wrote my book chronicling the war against Christianity in our culture, many atheists have come out of the closet to admit their hostility toward Christianity and formally declare war against it.

Anti-Christian LIMBAUGH books have cropped up like alien pods in

"Invasion of the Body Snatchers," not only disputing Christianity but arguing that it is a societally destructive force.

I have often lamented that too many Christians have opted out of the culture wars, for varying reasons. Some are apathetic; others mistakenly believe that the biblical injunction to rejoice in their persecution also means we should roll over and surrender. Still others grossly underestimate the stakes involved and the fierce determination of their opponents.

Dinesh D'Souza is not among the AWOL Christians. And, unlike some other Christian apologists, he meets the enemy on his own turf, confronting and deconstructing his arguments rather than merely reciting Scripture that might be intelligible only to "the choir."

He presents a comprehensive yet concise apologetic of the Christian faith, facing head-on and answering the nagging intellectual obstacles to faith, not least the problem of human suffering. He also affirms the reliability of Scripture, the historicity of Jesus, the overwhelming proof of His resurrection and the uniqueness of Christ and the Christian religion.

But this book is more than the traditional, theological apologetic. It also contains a robust defense of Christianity's positive influence in history and debunks the revisionist disinformation condemning the religion.

"Christianity is the very root and foundation of Western civilization." Because of its premise that man is created in God's image, Christianity is foundational to our firm belief in man's dignity and our higher notions of morality, even many the secularists have plagiarized as their own. D'Souza warns that we cannot remove the Christian foundation without, ultimately, removing its values along with it.

Indeed, D'Souza shatters the fable that Christianity is responsible for most of the atrocities through the ages and documents that atheist regimes have been responsible for exponentially more deaths in the last few decades than have Christian regimes throughout history.

He also exposes the illogic of atheism's claim to moral superiority when it can't even offer a rational explanation for man's moral component. Nor can atheism explain man's consciousness. Apart from God, there is no accounting for either conscience or consciousness.

D'Souza also conclusively refutes the secularists' widely believed myths that Christianity is the enemy of reason and science. Christianity gave rise to modern science, and most of the world's great scientists have been Christians.

Christians believe that God set man apart from other beings, giving him "a spark of divine reason" and the special power of apprehending His creation. This eminently rational God created an orderly universe whose mysteries could be unveiled through application of man's reason, his "faith in the possibility of science."

D'Souza explains why science didn't flourish in other relatively sophisticated cultures, like ancient and medieval China. "There was no confidence that the code of nature's laws could ever be unveiled and read because there was no assurance that a divine being, even more rational than

ourselves, had ever formulated [a code of nature's laws] capable of being read."

D'Souza's approach is admirable because he doesn't allow himself to be on the defensive but aggressively highlights the weaknesses in atheistic thought and proves that professed intellectual objections to Christianity are often a cover for rebellion against Christian morality.

While atheists congratulate themselves for employing reason to follow the evidence "wherever it leads," D'Souza shows that their presuppositions, including their "unwavering commitment to naturalism and materialism," sometimes inhibit their objective inquiry.

It's one thing for scientists to define science in such a way as to exclude the supernatural — one of the secularists' rationales for opposing the introduction of intelligent design theory into the classroom. But it's altogether another for secular scientists to use science as "a complete framework for understanding man and the universe." It is completely nonsensical and dogmatic to say God is beyond the scope of scientific inquiry and then proceed to use science to promote an atheistic worldview.

It is impossible to do this book justice in a short review. But please trust me that it is an indispensable ally for the Christian in defending his faith — historically and doctrinally. But it is also tailor-made for any open-minded skeptics among us who might be surprised by the clarity, intelligence, depth and inviting gentleness D'Souza brings to these unsurpassably important issues. I strongly encourage you to buy it and read it from cover to cover.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author, and attorney. His book "Bankrupt: The Intellectual and Moral Bankruptcy of Today's Democratic Party" was just released in paperback. COPYRIGHT 2007 CREATORS SYNDICATE INC.

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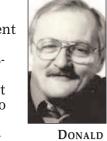
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Global warming gets lip service

he best thing about Al Gore winning the Nobel Peace Prize is that it has driven the Right Wing Nut Farm, home of the Vast Right Wing Conspiracy, absolutely bonkers.

You thought they were whack-jobs before? Gore has sent them entirely over the edge. I don't listen to Right Wing radio myself — that stuff sounds ever so much better in the original German but I'm told the Conservative Blather Machine is foaming at the dipstick over it.



KAUL

I'm not sure why right-wingers hate Al Gore so much — maybe they can't forgive him for winning the 2000 election — but he sure rattles their cages.

Personally, I'm delighted he won and even more delighted that his crusade against global warming seems to be having some effect.

The nation, ever so slowly, like a giant grizzly rising from hibernation, is beginning to wake to the problem.

A telltale sign of the degree to which the issue has pierced the public consciousness is that even Republican presidential candidates have heard of it.

Sen. John McCain, for example, is saying things like "There's no doubt in my mind about the urgency of the issue of climate change.'

And Rudy Giuliani says of the problem: "We need a project similar to putting a man on the

Moon."

Leave it to Mike Huckabee to put a religious twist on the issue: "Whether it's going to your home and tearing up your living room furniture of whether it's going to God's home and tearing up what He created...those of us who are believers would classify it as sinful behavior. It's evil. It's wrong."

But perhaps the most fascinating global warming message has been delivered by Fred Thompson, the stealth candidate:

"Some people think that our planet is suffering from a fever. Now scientists are telling us that Mars is experiencing its own planetary warming...Maybe Mars got its fever from Earth. If so, I guess Jupiter's got the same cold.'

There you go. That statement pretty much explains Thompson's candidacy. He's running for president of Mars.

The candidates have suggested a variety of solutions to the prospect of our planet slowly becoming a tropical swamp. McCain is calling for higher fuel standards and capping emissions, Romney and Giuliani think that alternative fuels, nuclear power and hybrid vehicles are the answer. Huckabee wants to lower taxes. (Lowering taxes is the all-purpose elixir of Republican candidates; it cures all ills.)

These are all good proposals. They share a common trait with Democratic proposals, however. None of them would make much difference even if we implemented them, which we won't. It would be too inconvenient.

The problems of global warming are about to overwhelm us (and by

"about" I mean in the next 100 years) and we're just going to stand there and watch it come, like a herd of cows mesmerized by an approaching tornado.

The word missing in the discus-

sion is conservation. Candidates. generally speaking, don't use it, except in a vague context. That's because they're trying to fool people into voting for them

and the American people are not interested in energy conservation, which they think of as some sort of socialist plot. Remember the oil embargo back

when Jimmy Carter was president? Ol' Jimmah, he went on the TV and said we had to use less oil. He was wearing a sweater because he'd turned down the heat in the White House. The press, the public, his party, they laughed at him.

Conservation is not the American way. We are a people that likes it 78 degrees in our homes during the winter (when we're wearing wool) and 64 degrees in the summer (when we're in cotton). We don't care if the earth dries up and blows away, so long as we're in our SUVs when it happens. That's the way we are and, frankly, most other countries are too.

Still, I'm glad Al Gore won the prize. Anything that brings a snarl to Ann Coulter's lips is worth doing.

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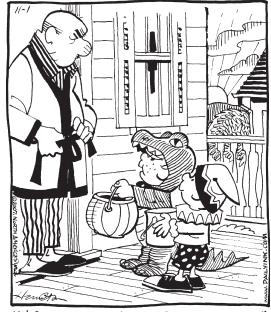
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"WE'RE HERE FOR TRICK-OR-TREAT *LEFTOVERS!* "

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Conan O'Brien

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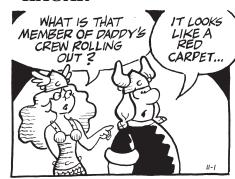
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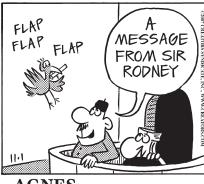
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This Date In History

Todav 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 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 Shakespeare's tragedy "Othello" was first presented at Whitehall Palace in London.

In 1611, Shakespeare's romantic comedy 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 President assassinate 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 Enewetak 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-andblues musician Khalis Bayyan (aka Ronald Bell) (Kool and the Gang) is 56. Country singer-songwriterproducer Keith Stegall is 53. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 50. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 49. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is

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Newsday Crossword

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- people **16** Cause disquiet
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- 32 Sign of summer
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- creature **38** Explosive noise
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THE USUAL by Kevin Donovan Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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- **53** Video complement 54 Strikes swiftly

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Sharp Focus

Ford compact makes big, bold statement

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, frontwheel 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



The all-new 2008 Ford Focus.

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

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 perfor-

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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Puzzles by Pappocom

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

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By Steve Becker

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. SOUTH The bidding:

South West North East Pass 1 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 dia-

mond, 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

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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