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# In the jailhouse now

## Voters approve \$11.57 million to finance lockup

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

With what county officials deemed overwhelming support, Howard County voters approved a \$11.57 million bond to finance a new jail facility Tuesday, moving a project more than three years in the making forward.

With 4,079 total votes cast in the election — 2,113 during early voting, 1,820 on election day and 191 absentee ballots — Howard County residents approved the bond with 2,863 votes for the measure and 1,216 opposed. Percentage wise, the ballot received 70.19 percent in favor and 29.81.

The future jail — which will be a 96-bed facility — is planned for a tract of land on U.S. Highway 80, between Utah and Wright, on the city's west side.

"It was a little surprising to me that there was such a large margin between the two," said County Judge Mark Barr.

**"I'm greatly relieved. It just goes to show you people thought about it, used their head and knew what was right."**



Barr

"I'm greatly relieved. It just goes to show you people thought about it, used their head and knew what was right. I think everyone is relieved at this point."

Tuesday's vote came in stark contrast to last year's defeat of a similar bond. In November 2006, voters turned down a 144-bed, \$10.1 million jail by 60 percent of the vote.

Sheriff Dale Walker said Tuesday's election was the light at the end of the tunnel for him and

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom announces the results of the \$11.57 million jail bond election at the county courthouse Tuesday night. Voters approved the bond by an overwhelming 70 percent margin.

## Props OK'd

Cancer research bonds, other propositions win voter approval

By **KELLEY SHANNON**

AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — More than \$9 billion in bonds didn't daunt Texans, who approved all state propositions on the election ballot and handed champion cyclist Lance Armstrong a major political victory.

Armstrong and a bipartisan team of politicians pushed for and won passage Tuesday of a \$3 billion plan to beef up cancer research and prevention in Texas. Supporters say it will make the state a global leader in finding a cure.

"From the bottom of my heart I can tell you this: I have never been prouder to call myself a Texan," Armstrong, a testicular

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# Trustees to study facility committee recommendations

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

A study of future construction and rehab to the district's newest facility are among the items Big Spring Independent School District trustees will be looking at Thursday.

Trustees will convene at 5:15

p.m. in the high school board room to discuss those key concerns as well as appraisal agreements for wind energy projects, maintenance, transportation and food service bids and district goals.

Last year, the district contracted with Dr. Paul Trautmann to conduct a study

of Big Spring's aging public school campuses. His findings concluded that at least two elementary campuses, Bauer and Washington, should be closed and that Big Spring High School was inadequate to meet modern educational needs.

Earlier this year, a Citizens Facility Improvement

Committee was formed to study the facilities and make recommendations to the school board. The committee's findings include:

- Recommendation 1 — Build a new elementary campus for grades 1-4.
- Move all kindergarten classes to Marcy

- Move DAEP to Kentwood.
- Move administration, food service, especial education and technology to Moss.
- Close Anderson, Bauer and Washington elementaries.
- Complete repairs to Big Spring High School, including

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## Capt. Laura Lewis proudly serves in the Air Force

By **LANE BOND**

Special to the Herald

"Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad!" Troop Salute has reversed directions today. Air Force Captain Laura Lewis salutes her father and mother, Henry and Louise Mexia — they live on Tucson Street in Big Spring — for their 62 years of marriage, which they celebrated Nov. 1. Her greetings are e-mailed from Iraq.

Laura contacted the Herald, requesting that she be allowed to give her mes-



Lewis

sage to her parents, and the rest of us get to read it too. The Herald is happy to oblige.

My name is Laura Lewis — formerly Mexia — and I am a 1981 graduate of BSHS as well as an alumnus of Howard College. I am a psy-

### Troop Salute

chiatric-mental health nurse practitioner for the United States Air Force. My home station is at the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. I am married to John and have two boys, Zachary and Matthew.

I am currently deployed to Balad (50 miles north of Baghdad) Air Base, Iraq,

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# Sports

## BIG SPRING HERALD

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### IN BRIEF

#### Youth B-ball league sign-ups have started at YMCA

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls are taking place at the YMCA 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 selling Steer playoff T-shirts until Sunday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is selling Big Spring Steers 2007 playoff T-shirts through Sunday.

Short sleeve shirts cost \$15 and long sleeve shirts are \$19.

Call Denise Carillo at 816-1685 to make a purchase.

#### 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 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 pizza-party 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.

# Sands edges O'Donnell, 47-42

Herald Staff Report

ACKERLY — Nothing can be more key in a basketball game between two close teams than free throws. It is the difference between winning and losing.

For Sands' Lady Mustangs, key free throws in the last 1:30 of their game against O'Donnell's Lady Screamin' Eagles clinched a 47-42 victory.

The Lady Mustangs trailed 23-16 at the end of the first half, but scored the first six points of the third period, cutting O'Donnell's lead to one. The two teams alternated leads throughout most of the second half with the deficit generally staying at one.

However, Sands took the lead 41-40 with 1:20 left on the clock and began trading free throws with O'Donnell. The Lady Mustangs converted more of their charity attempts to earn the victory.

"We were too timid in the first half," commented Sands Head Coach Dan Connell. "We let O'Donnell attack us and never attacked back. I talked to the team about this at halftime and they changed up their play. We were the aggressors in the second half. We attacked the lane and took the game to them. It made all the difference."

The Lady Mustangs' Brittni See AREA, Page 3B

Blagrave led all players with 20 points. Ten of her points came off of five steals she converted into baskets. Tamera Nichols added 11 points. Melanie Ruiz led Sands with six rebounds and added four points.

Sands will be back in action Friday at Odessa Permian. It's rare that a Class 1A team matches up with a Class 5A team in any sport, but Connell notes that the difference in classification won't affect the game so greatly in girl's basketball as it would in other sports.

### Area girls basketball roundup

Sands 47, O'Donnell 42

Grady 71, Westbrook 34

Roscoe 46, Garden City 45

Brownfield 56, Stanton 45

# Lady Steers fall to Monterey, 86-17

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Generally, if two players on a team reach double digits in scoring in a high school basketball game, that team can feel confident about a victory.

However, when five players find double figures for one team, victory can usually be guaranteed.

Lubbock Monterey's (1-0) girls basketball team had five players score at least 10 points Tuesday night, leading to a decisive, 86-17, win over Big Spring's Lady Steers (0-1).

Each team used a full-court press defensively, keeping either offense from scoring early. The score was tied 4-4 halfway through the first period, but a series of turnovers by Big Spring led to easy points for Monterey. The home team pushed the lead to 10 within a matter of seconds.

The game snowballed on the Lady Steers from there as Monterey scored 41 unanswered points to end the first half with a 45-4 lead.

Big Spring struggled to bring the ball down the court against Monterey's press. However, even when the Lady Steers could set up in the half court, they struggled to run their offense. Big Spring had just 11 field goal attempts in the first

half.

"We played with them early in the first quarter, but we couldn't beat their press and the game got away from us. Offensively, we couldn't handle the pressure and get a shot off," said Lady Steers' Head Coach Randal Petty. "We just didn't shoot the ball in the first half enough to be in the game. Even if we had made all of our shots, we still would've trailed by a lot."

"Right now, we're not polished enough in this new system to handle much defensive pressure," he continued. "We've got to learn to set a screen, penetrate and kick the ball out to get a shot off. We're counting on our defense to create turnovers and create offensive opportunities for us."

Big Spring didn't score again until the 5:00 mark in the third period, when Turquoise White hit a 3-pointer from the left wing.

Kenzie Hunt led the Lady Steers with five points and two rebounds. Kallina Fletcher had three steals, two rebounds and a blocked shot along with two points.

The Lady Steers play their home opener at 11 a.m. Saturday at Steer Gym with the Slaton Lady

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Jordan Chesworth drives past a Lubbock Monterey defender Tuesday night in the Lady Steers' 86-17 loss to the Lady Plainsmen at Monterey High School in Lubbock.



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Grady's Justin Tubb (left) dives in an attempt to tackle Garden City running back Jake Schwartz in the Wildcats' 54-48 loss to the Bearcats last week. The Wildcats host fourth-ranked Rankin Thursday night with a playoff spot and a possible district title on the line.

# Grady hosts Rankin with playoffs at stake

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

LENORAH — When a district has four teams ranked in the state's top 20 poll throughout the season, playoff scenarios are expected to be complicated.

For six-man football's District I, Division I, the postseason picture could either become more clear or make itself murkier Thursday night.

The ninth-ranked Grady Wildcats (2-1, 8-1) host the No. 4 Rankin Red Devils (3-0, 9-0) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Tunnel Field in Lenorah.

A win for the Red Devils allows them to clinch a district championship. However, if Grady should pull off the upset, three teams could possibly be tied atop the district standings 3-1, provided the eighth-ranked Garden City Bearcats (2-1, 7-2) defeat the No. 14 Fort Davis Indians (1-2, 7-2) Friday night in Garden City.

Various results produce various playoff scenarios:

- If Grady loses and Garden City wins, then the Bearcats advance to the playoffs as the district's second seed.

- If Garden City falls and Grady wins, then the Wildcats go on to the postseason and win the district title.

- If both teams win, then a 3-way tie between Garden City, Grady and Rankin occurs atop the district standings. A points system will be used to determine the two playoff participants.

- If both teams lose, then a 3-way tie between Garden City, Grady and Fort Davis occurs for the second postseason berth and the same points system is used to determine which team advances.

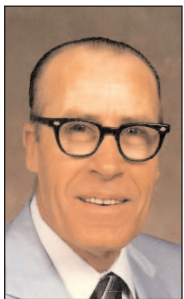
All of this confusion is due to the Wildcats' 54-48 loss to Garden City last week.

"Us losing to Garden City really confuses the playoff picture a bit," Grady Head Coach Joe Helms commented after his team's loss to the

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Obituaries

Harvey Mansfield



Harvey Mansfield, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Jess Colegrove officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Harvey was born Sept. 2, 1928, in Howard County to Pearly Lee and Julius Brown Mansfield. He married Peggy Shaw May 29, 1950, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death March 11, 1981. Harvey married Bea Thomas Feb. 18, 1983, in Big Spring.

He was production supervisor at Sid Richardson Carbon Company for 32 years, retiring in 1991. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Harvey loved gardening, wood working, camping, fishing, his children and grandchildren.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Bea Mansfield of Big Spring; three sons, Roy Mansfield and his wife, Jo Jo, Benny Mansfield and his wife, Jayne, and Joe Mansfield and his wife, Donna, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Beverly Grant and her husband, Jeters, of Big Spring, and Pearly Meacham and her husband, Dan, of Big Lake; a step-son, Bruce Thomas and his wife, Jenny, of Big Spring; a brother, Floyd Mansfield and his wife, Rosa, of San Angelo; a sister, Arlene Blakney of Big Spring; and he was gifted with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great grandson.

Harvey was preceded in death by a grandson, Michael Mansfield, Feb. 13, 2004; a brother and seven sisters.

Pallbearers will be Alan Grant, Rodney Grant, Russell Grant, Orrin Mansfield, Seth Mansfield, Daniel Meacham, Kassi Meacham, Jason Mims, Eddie White, Ricky White, Daniel Thomas and Mike Thomas.

The family will be at 6201 E. Midway Road. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid obituary*

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.

• Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar at Canterbury South for Saturday, Dec. 1. Hours for the bazaar are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Prissy Stanley at 263-1238 or leave a message.

• 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 267-2713.

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 journey. 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.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

Police blotter

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

- **RICARDO M. CASILLO**, 29, of 803 E. 14th Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **TANYA LEE BLEEKER**, 29, of 2509 Chanute, was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of Fourth Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 200 block of FM 700.
  - in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **ROBBERY** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700. According to police officials, a suspect was confronted by an employee at the Bealls department store while attempting to steal merchandise, at which time they verbally threatened the store personnel, elevating the charge from theft to robbery. No injuries were reported as a result of the altercation.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION USING A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT - DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 1800 block of Hearn.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.
- **WHITNEY WILSON**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **ALICIA MARIE CANDELARIA**, 22, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of no liability insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection, violation of a promise to appear, allowing a child to ride unsecured, driving under the influence by a minor and bail jumping - failure to appear.
- **JARRON DAWAN VANDERBILT**, 24, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection.
- **ORLANDO SANCHEZ JR.**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of attorney general warrant - motion to revoke community supervision, bondsman off bond for assault causing bodily injury, bondsman off bond for bail jumping - failure to appear, bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention, bondsman off bond for debit card abuse, bondsman off bond for burglary of a building and bondsman off bond for burglary of a habitation.
- **CORINNE CERVANTES CASARES**, 40, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
- **ARMANDO LOPEZ**, 37, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE**, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- **BLANCA CRISTINE ZUBIATE**, 23, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **MARTIN MONTEMAYOR**, 38, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of false driver's license/identification, probation violation - driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and displaying an expired license plate.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Not as cool. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds around 10 mph.  
 Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds around 10 mph.  
 Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.  
 Friday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. East winds around 10 mph.  
 Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.  
 Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 80.  
 Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.  
 Veterans day...Mostly sunny. Highs around 80.  
 Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.  
 Monday...Sunny...Cooler. Highs around 70.  
 Monday night...Mostly clear. Colder. Lows around 40.  
 Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Bulletin Board

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

**TODAY**  
 • Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**  
 • Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.  
 • Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.  
 • Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.  
 • Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.  
 • 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.  
 • American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.  
 • The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.  
 • Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

**FRIDAY**  
 • Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.  
 • 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**  
 • Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**MONDAY**  
 • Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.  
 • Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.  
 • Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.  
 • The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.  
 • The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.  
 • Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:  
 • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.  
 • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.  
 • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of U.S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.  
 • **AUTOMOBILE FIRE** was reported near the 178 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 20-23-25-27-33  
 Number matching five of five: 2.  
 Prize per winner: \$13,156.  
 Winning tickets sold in: Irving and Livingston.  
 ...  
 The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-5-1. Sum It Up: 12.  
 ...  
 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-7-7

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cancer survivor, told a cheering crowd. "We know that if we keep fighting we can bring an end to cancer."

Proposition 15, as the measure was called on the ballot, received 61 percent of the vote with 39 percent against after most precincts reported their totals.

"I believe that we will look back on this day as a

Sixth-graders spur Pearland smoking ban

PEARLAND (AP) — Voters have approved a smoking ban championed by a sixth-grade class that drafted the proposal and gathered signatures to put it on the ballot.

About 80 percent of voters in this southeast Texas town approved the ordinance on Tuesday. It bans smoking in restaurants, auditoriums, stadiums and most other public places.

A Sablatura Middle School sixth-grade science class began the campaign last spring after a discussion about the harmful effects of second-hand smoke.

The students drafted an ordinance proposal and then collected signatures at a local YMCA and by going door to door. They gathered more than enough signatures to put the issue on the ballot.

"I'm going to go home and put my head in my pillow and just scream," Savannah Owen, 12, said Tuesday night. "It's amazing that kids like us can start something like this and people will listen to us."

turning point in the war against this deadly disease," said Gov. Rick Perry, who campaigned for Prop 15. "I believe there are cures for cancer on the horizon. Thanks to the people of Texas, our state will lead the world in the search for its discovery."

The constitutional amendment drew opposition from conservatives who said borrowing money through bonds was bad economic policy.

Fiscal conservatives also opposed several other items to fund highways, parks and crime labs on a ballot that contained \$9.75 billion in proposed bonds statewide, as well as billions more in local bond ballot measures.

All 16 state constitutional amendments won voter approval in a low turnout election.

The ballot propositions that passed included an amendment to require that the votes of individual legislators be recorded on final passage of bills. Open government groups had pushed for the amendment. Recorded votes allow Texans to easily see how their representatives voted. It's difficult, if not impossible, to

tell without them.

In some cities, local bond proposals and elected offices stirred interest.

Houston Mayor Bill White easily won re-election to his final, two-year term as leader of the nation's fourth-largest city with only minor opposition. Houston-area residents also voted for city council seats and several local bond elections for schools and roads.

Voters in a Fort Worth area legislative district were deciding a replacement for retiring Republican Rep. Anna Mowery. The crowded, expensive race may be a sign of rough election battles coming next year that will determine the makeup of the Texas House and possibly Republican Speaker Tom Craddick's fate.

Lone Democrat Dan Barrett led a field of seven and advanced to a runoff with Republican Mark Shelton. The runoff will likely be in mid-December. The date will be set by the governor.

In the Panhandle, just two people were eligible to vote to confirm the creation of a fresh water supply district in Roberts County that would help

billions T. Boone Pickens deliver water to growing north Texas communities.

The two voters? Pickens' ranch manager and his wife. It passed, 2-0.

Republican Perry, Democratic former Comptroller John Sharp and legislators joined Armstrong in campaigning for Prop 15. Armstrong toured the state in a red, white and blue bus and used his foundation's Web site to urge support for the proposition.

Armstrong, a multiple

Tour de France champion, delighted in the proposition's margin of victory Tuesday night.

"I can appreciate a close race," he said. "But give me this landslide victory every time."

The constitutional amendment would allow the state to give out \$300 million over 10 years in grants and potentially attract world-renowned cancer researchers. A portion of the money would be dedicated to cancer prevention.

Social conservatives aligned with the Texas Eagle Forum opposed the

amendment, warning that the money could be used for embryonic stem cell research. Supporters said the bond funds wouldn't be used for that, but there was no guarantee.

Among other amendments winning approval was Proposition 12, authorizing up to \$5 billion in bonds for highway improvement projects.

Proposition 4 authorizes \$1 billion in bond money for maintenance and construction for state parks, historic sites and crime labs and sets aside money for possible new prisons.

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**AREA**

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"If this were football, then a 1A would never match up with a 5A. However, the talent levels can be the same in basketball," Connell explained. "We need to be pushed. Permian had an opening so we scheduled the game. We're treating this like a non-district game. Permian does things we'll see teams in our district do. This will be a great practice for us. Personally, I think we're up to this challenge.

Notes: The Lady Mustangs' JV squad also defeated O'Donnell, 29-11. Meagan Yarbrough led Sands with 10 points. Kim Wigginton chipped in eight points and Lany Robles added seven.

**Grady 71, Westbrook 34**

**LENORAH** — Grady's Lady Wildcats opened their season with a convincing, 71-34, victory over the Westbrook Lady Wildcats.

Westbrook kept up with the more talented Grady team in the first period, trailing by just three points as the second stanza began.

However, Grady outscored Westbrook 23-7

in the second, pulling away and never slowing down.

Eva Dyck, a transfer from Stanton, led all scorers with 23 points. However, the offense was keyed by the play of Kandace Schuelke and Kenzie Madison. Schuelke had seven assists and nine steals with six points, while Madison picked up eight assists, eight steals and added five points.

Lauren Robinson added 11 points and Samantha Rodriguez chipped in 10.

Grady visits Loraine for its next game at 2 p.m. Saturday.

**Roscoe 46, Garden City 45**

**GARDEN CITY** — Garden City's Lady Bearkats led by two points heading into the fourth period, but couldn't hold onto the lead as Roscoe outscored them 10-7 in the final stanza.

Brittney Chudej led Garden City with 12 points.

Macy Schwartz added 11 points, including two 3-pointers. Whitney Kellermeier chipped in seven points and Paige Niehues finished with six.

The Lady Bearkats travel to take on McCamey at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Brownfield 56, Stanton 45**

**STANTON** — Stanton's Lady Buffaloes allowed Brownfield's Lady Cubs to jump out to a 7-point lead in the third period and never recovered.

The Lady Buffs led 8-7 at the end of the first period, but found themselves down by two at the half. However, the Lady Cubs outscored Stanton by nine in the second half for the decisive margin of victory.

The two teams combined to shoot 74 free throws with Brownfield making 21 charity shots, compared to 12 converted attempts by Stanton.

Eleven players scored for the Lady Buffs led by Adrian Carrasco with eight. Krista Sanchez contributed 6 points and Laci Luna, Melissa Tarango and Rachel Fleckenstein each added five.

The Lady Buffs host Garden City at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**GRADY**

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Bearkats. "We could've made it easy, but they played hard and beat us. Now we've got to take care of business against Rankin."

The Red Devils had two weeks to prepare for Grady after having a bye last week.

It's easy to tell they aren't taking this matchup lightly, though, as the entire team made the trip to Lenora to scout the Wildcats against Garden City. Generally, teams only send two or three scouts to handle that job.

Rankin has defeated every opponent by at least 14 points. Only Garden City has kept within reach of defeating the Red Devils.

The Bearkats lost by 14, but cut the lead the six points with less than two minutes left in the game.

Grady's defense — one of the best in the state statistically — must key on stopping Rankin quarterback Garret Avalos, who is considered by many coaches as one of the best playmakers in the state.

However, running back Juan Hernandez has emerged as a viable complement to Avalos, scoring eight touchdowns in Rankin's last two games.

Roy Rodriguez — the Wildcats' leading

tackler — is the heart of the Grady defense, according to Helms, and will be key in the Wildcats' scheme to slow down Avalos and Hernandez.

For Grady, it has been the passing attack taking center stage within its offense as the season has worn on.

Sophomore quarterback Dylan Cox has lined the Wildcats up in a spread formation and thrown the ball consistently to playmakers Justin Tubb, Leighton Fields and Casey Shands.

Last season, Rankin pulled away in the second half to upend the Wildcats, 42-28.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**The Rule of Eleven**

East dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♦ Q J 10 3  
♥ K 6 5  
♦ K J 5  
♠ 10 8 4

**WEST**  
♠ 7 4  
♥ Q 10 8 7 2  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ J 3 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 9 6 5 2  
♥ A J  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ Q 9 7 5

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — seven of hearts.

The Rule of Eleven is a marvelous device, but, like any other rule, it must be applied with discretion.

Let's say you're East in today's deal and partner leads the seven of hearts, which you have every reason to believe is his fourth-best card. Dummy follows low, and you have to decide whether to play the jack or the ace.

Applying the Rule of Eleven, you know that South has one card higher than the seven. (You deduct seven, the card led, from 11. This tells you

there are four hearts higher than the seven in the North, East and South hands. Since you see one of them in dummy and two in your hand, South has exactly one.)

South's heart higher than the seven cannot be the queen. If declarer had that card, partner would have the 10-9-8-7 and would have led the ten, not the seven. Declarer therefore has the ten, nine or eight — and your partner has the queen.

It doesn't follow, though, that you should play the jack merely because you know it will win the trick. This would be a shortsighted view to take.

Instead, you weigh the advantage of winning with the jack against the advantage of winning with the ace and returning the jack in order to establish partner's suit.

On balance, the odds favor playing the ace followed by the jack. In the actual case, this defense succeeds when West overtakes the jack and forces out the king. Eventually, South, who cannot make nine tricks without first losing a trick to partner's ace of diamonds, goes down one.

Note that if you play the jack at trick one — paying blind obedience to the Rule of Eleven — declarer easily makes the contract after forcing out the diamond ace. You win the battle, but you lose the war.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Election's done; it's again time to mend wounds

Most of us could never have imagined a bond election so volatile, so contentious — had it not been for the ran- cor created by last year's jail bond election. In fact, it seems like we made that observation a year ago following the bond election, didn't we?

As was the case a year ago, there was plenty of bitterness and name-calling over the proposed jail bond.

Still, as optimists, we very much hope the final tally of votes last night will be the start of something positive.

Yes, that's exactly what we wrote the day before last November's vote, because we still believe it's true.

That's very important, because to our way of thinking, we all need some positives following all the divisiveness the jail question has created over the past two years.

The most troubling revelation from these past couple of bond elections is the same we lamented several years ago. It seems there is no end to how mean-spirited the American political scene can become, whether its a presidential election or a local bond issue.

Even more unfortunate is how quickly negative campaigning and attack ads are seeming to become the norm in all levels of political endeavor.

Once again, we'd like to point out that the framers of our Constitution, believing that patriotism would outweigh politics, originally envisioned a system whereby the runner-up in a presidential election would serve as our vice president.

They were clearly mistaken. However, for almost 200 years, the losers in our elections were content to serve as the "loyal opposition."

And as we have noted on numerous occasions, we still believe that's a concept that needs to be rekindled.

It is without question time for us to end the nastiness. It's time to unify behind our leaders at all levels of government — city, county, state and federal. In fact, we believe that's way overdue.

And yes, we should expect them to work in a bipartisan manner and move forward for all of us. More importantly we must all do the same.

In other words, let's start a new trend.

Perhaps that's a little altruistic when it comes to statewide or national issues, but we truly believe it's something we can aspire to here at home in Howard County.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*When we can not implement change ourselves, may we bring our concerns and trust to You, Lord.*

Amen

## Offering a Cuban movie proposal

As the world's leftists keep celebrating the 40th anniversary of Ernesto "Che" Guevara's death and keep selling him as the ultimate champion of a people's revolution, I keep thinking about my friend Carlos Barberia.

When you talk to Barberia, you see the other side of Guevara, who has become a romanticized icon.

At a time when Guevara's face has become a T-shirt fashion statement among young Americans, Barberia has a way of explaining why they should reconsider idolizing a man such as Guevara.

Barberia's story is dramatic, suspenseful — fit to become a Hollywood classic. Instead of fiction about Che, depicting the guerrilla/terrorist as a humanitarian motorcycle rider, this movie would be the story of one of Guevara's lucky-to-be-living victims.

Imagine a movie opening with Barberia, a black, robust man, leading the band at the swanky nightclub of the old Havana Hilton Hotel in Cuba before the revolution. Picture him living through those tumultuous days before the fall of Fulgencio Batista's dictatorship, when Havana's watering holes for American tourists were being bombed and terrorized by rebels.

Then fast-forward to the triumph of the Fidel Castro Revolution, the sudden departure of Batista, as Barberia performed on New Year's Eve, the evening before the first day of 1959. In the following months, destiny would bring Barberia close to Castro, Guevara and many of the other leaders of the revolution.

After all, when the guerrillas came down from the mountains, ironically, they stayed at the Hilton. For the first few months of 1959, Castro and his top men occupied three floors of the prestigious Havana hotel. And when the guerrillas and the musicians got hungry in the middle of the night,

they all gathered at the hotel kitchen looking for leftovers.

That's where Barberia met Castro and Guevara. They hit it off right away. Barberia was an admirer of the rebels, and the rebels found him entertaining.

"We became very friendly, and we would talk about all kinds of things," Barberia said.

Suddenly, Barberia and the other musicians fell into the awkward yet privileged position of chatting informally with the men who had just taken over the government and were reshaping the country.

Think of it as a movie. Doesn't it have all the necessary hooks to make it a box-office hit?

It got to the point where Barberia felt he could say anything to Castro or Che. He even felt he could be critical.

During those first few months of 1959, Castro had put Guevara in charge of the firing squads that executed hundreds of Batista government officials and other Cubans considered potential enemies. Guevara served as prosecutor, judge and jury. And at one point, Barberia felt it was getting out of hand.

"I simply suggested to Fidel that they should consider stopping the firing squads, and El Che was listening," Barberia said. "I told them they were killing too many people."

A few hours later, at the crack of dawn, a group of Guevara's men went knocking on Barberia's door in Havana. He was told that Guevara wanted to see him at La Cabana, the old Spanish fortress that had been turned from a tourist attraction to a prison, complete with firing squads.

Barberia said Guevara greeted him at the officers' club, a beautiful dining room that had a glass wall overlooking the castle's courtyard. He said he knew the room well because his Kubavana Orchestra had performed there many times back when La Cabana was still a place for tourists. But in the first few months of Castro's rule, that courtyard had become the stage for Guevara's bloody firing squads.

Barberia said Guevara invited him to breakfast, ordered two rare steaks and told him to sit facing

the courtyard. Barberia had been invited to watch the executions.

"They brought four guys out, but when they shot the first one, I got up and I walked away," Barberia said.

Barberia felt that his rejection of Guevara's methods made him a marked man. In December 1959, upon learning that Guevara's men were investigating him, Barberia went into hiding in Havana and then out of Cuba. When Guevara's men went looking for him, Barberia said, "They took my father and had him shot."

Take that story into account when you consider that on the main commercial road in the town where Barberia lives (Bergenline Avenue in Union City, N.J.), there are boutiques selling T-shirts with Che Guevara's face.

Barberia, now 72, has made strides in the United States, both as a bandleader and as an advertising salesman for New York Spanish-language radio stations. But when he is confronted with images of Guevara, Barberia is visibly affected. His face turns red. His eyes shed tears. When he sees young Americans who don't know Guevara's true history blindly following a murderer who has been turned into a pop-culture icon, Barberia makes a visible effort to restrain himself.

Not long ago, when Barberia waited for a bus on Bergenline Avenue, he spotted a Guevara T-shirt on a rack at a sidewalk sale. And he couldn't take it. They had brought the T-shirt out too close to the comfort zone. He grabbed the T-shirt, took it inside the store and paid for it. And then he took it back outside and set it on fire.

When police arrived, Barberia said he was honest in explaining his outburst. "Che Guevara killed my father," he told the officers. "He had my father shot by a firing squad in Cuba."

As luck would have it, Barberia said one of the cops was a young Cuban-American. "He told me, 'I have not seen anything,'" Barberia said, "and he walked away."

Think of it as a movie — one with real memories and real pain.

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## Look at what's uninhabited

Nearly everybody knows Texas is big. Really, really big. We Texans are used to that concept. But people from elsewhere might not fully grasp what we mean when we say, "Texas-sized." (Of course Alaska is much bigger — big enough to fit the Lone Star State inside, and even spin it around without touching any border — but let's stick with Texas for now.)

That Texas is big is apparent to anyone who's driven or flown across or over a good portion of our state. For example, flying to Los Angeles from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport takes about 2-1/2 hours. For almost all of the first hour of such a flight, zooming along close to 400 miles per hour in a jet airplane, you're over Texas. And Dallas isn't even close to the easternmost point in the state. In fact, except for the first 10 and last 15 minutes of that flight, you are pretty much flying over uninhabited, vacant land, sometimes with only Phoenix along the way to break up the vast emptiness of the southwestern U.S., until the approach descent begins into the greater L.A. area.

It's also true that if you "flipped" Texas over on the northern Panhandle border with Oklahoma, Brownsville would land in the middle of North Dakota. Doing the same flip along Texas' eastern border would put El Paso very near the Atlantic Ocean, just west of Jacksonville, Fla. And flipping Texas toward the west with El Paso as the anchor point would put Texarkana west of San Diego, some distance out in the Pacific Ocean. El Paso is closer to San Diego than it is to Longview. To put it still another way, Texas is bigger than France, and nearly twice the size of Japan.

One idea I've had to give people a concept of how immense Texas

is begins with the rather alarming claim that Texas can hold all of the world's people comfortably within our borders. And by comfortably, I don't mean anything close to standing-room-only, shoulder-to-shoulder, or with all of the human population swarming together like ants around a freshly-dropped Popsicle at a picnic. Sound impossible? Let's do the math.

We can start with a figure of around 6.7 billion for the Earth's present population. Although that sounds like a lot of people (and it is — there were 'only' about 5 billion of us back in 1987), remember that Texas is really, really big. And while 6.7 billion people is a new high-water mark for human population, the world's population of bacteria, birds, fish, insects and viruses is undoubtedly many times that, and yet no one seems alarmed about "overpopulation" of those species.

Now let's see how much room we have in Texas to hold all of those people. The U.S. Census says that the land area of Texas is 261,767 square miles. That's land area, so it doesn't include the many hundreds of square miles of lakes and reservoirs that dot the state, and although not all of those square miles of land area are perfectly suitable for living on, it gives us something to start with. For ease of calculation, let's round down to an even 250,000 square miles of land area in Texas.

Now imagine putting all of the Earth's 6.7-billion people into a vast neighborhood of 1,500-square-foot, two-story homes, packed wall-to-wall throughout the whole state, with four people to a house. Such a house would sit on a footprint of only about 28 feet square (28 squared is 784 square feet on each floor — times two floors and we've got a house with 1,568 square feet.)

Four people living in 1,500 square feet might sound cozy for Texans who are used to the McMansion-sized houses that are so affordable and so common here, but it is downright ostentatious

for most of the world's people. The average home size in Japan is right around 1,000 square feet, and many tens of millions live very safely and comfortably in homes or apartments that are much, much smaller. Remember your first apartment? Or a typical apartment in New York City, San Francisco or L.A.? Mighty small by comparison.

So now all we need to do is compute how many 1,500-square-foot, two-story homes we can squeeze into 250,000 square miles. Please note that I am not saying we could do this, or would ever want to do this, since it doesn't allow for such niceties as roads, shopping areas, schools, factories, hospitals, farms, parks, or anything else that goes into making a real city, town or society. This is just to demonstrate how immense one state in one country really is, and how few people, relatively speaking, there are on the Earth.

Here we go: a square mile is 27,878,400 square feet. Each of our imaginary four-person, 1,500-square-foot homes would occupy 748 of those square feet, so we could jam 37,270 or so of them into each square mile. Using the rounded-down land area of Texas figure of 250,000 square miles, we could fit about — get this — 9 billion, 317 million, 647 thousand and fifty-eight two-story, 1,500-square-foot homes into our state — give or take — and in so doing, provide housing for as many as 37 billion people at four to a house, all of it on dry land, in Texas. That's enough housing space, at only four people per every 1,500-square-foot house, to shelter more than five times the current world population. In Texas. Indoors.

To finish the picture of this little mathematical exercise I'm calling, "How Big Is Texas And How Few People There Really Are Living on Earth," we should remember that if we did cram all of the world's people into Texas — at least as a way to visualize how much empty

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in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am assigned to the 332nd Contingency Air Staging Facility (CASF).

The CASF provides manpower and equipment necessary for 24-hour staging operations, for patients transiting the Aeromedical Evacuation system worldwide. The CASF coordinates and communicates with medical and AE elements to accomplish patient care and patient movement, including ground transportation. It provides patient reception, supportive care, limited emergent intervention and ensures patients are medically and administratively prepared for flights.

My current role is filling the mental health nurse position and providing brief psychiatric care to active duty members who may be experiencing mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress. Many soldiers and Marines are on their second, third, even fourth deployment and have witnessed significant traumas which has taken a toll on their psychological health. They come through the CASF in order to move on to other facilities where they will receive further psychiatric treatment.

The AFTH (Air Force Theater Hospital) and CASF here in Balad has provided for a very rewarding experience. However, being away from family has been the most difficult of this experience. My parents are Henry and Louise Mexia of Big Spring.

They just recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. I have been blessed to have wonderful parents who have demonstrated such an exemplary model for marriage and commitment. I am very proud of them and just wanted them and everyone else to know it. I miss them and look forward to seeing them in 2008.

Laura, the people of Big Spring and West Texas salute you for your service to other troops. The Herald is appreciative of your letting us share with you in this happy greeting to your parents. Big Spring almost lost its local Veterans Administration Medical Center here a couple of years ago, and one of the reasons we did not lose it is because, combined with our excellent State Hospital here, and the increased need for your kind of patient care, it has instead been given a greater role to play. You are making us very proud.

Do you have a story about your own family members in the military? For submissions or more information, e-mail Lane Bond at lane@bondwebs.com or call 263-4033 or visit his Web site at www.bondwebs.com.

# I may be crazy but ...

A few days ago, as the weather changed and the temperature dropped, I was doing some shopping and overheard the following comment, "I may be crazy but I think it's a great day!" I latched on to the "I may be crazy" part and began reflecting on it in my own life.



DARRELL RYAN

Yes, I may be crazy but I think life is good and even though bad times may come our way, bad times can't keep us down.

I may be crazy but most of the things worth doing in the world were declared impossible before they were done.

I may be crazy but I believe the only way to get rid of your enemy is to make him your friend.

I may be crazy but I have learned success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

I may be crazy but I've learned we should not

look back in anger or forward in fear but around us in awareness.

I may be crazy but I believe what lies behind us and what lies before us are small compared to what lies within us.

I may be crazy but I believe the man who follows the crowd will get no further than the crowd but the man who makes his own trail will find himself in places no one else has ever been.

I may be crazy but I believe very little happens unless first there is a dream.

I may be crazy but I believe we don't see things as they really are, we see them as we are.

**Parent's Corner**

I may be crazy but I believe that somewhere something incredible is happening.

I may be crazy but I believe one of the most important trips you may take is meeting other folks half way.

You know, it doesn't hurt to take a hard look at ourselves from time to time. I heard an interesting story that should help get us started.

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criterion was that defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

*Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.*

**SULLIVAN**

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space there is in the world — that the whole rest of the planet would then be uninhabited. No people living anywhere else. They're all in Texas, in roomy 1,500-square-foot, two-story homes, remember?

California? Uninhabited. New York? Uninhabited. Japan? Uninhabited. India and its billion-plus people? Uninhabited. China and its billion-three-hundred-million-plus residents? Uninhabited. Same for Russia, Europe, Mexico, Canada, South America, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and every other nation, state and continent on Earth — all empty of people. Vacant. Deserted. We've got room for all of them, and many, many more, right here in The Lone Star State.

So yes, Texas is really, really big. And we're just one state — admittedly a big one — in one slightly larger than average-sized country, on one average-sized continent. We're big enough to hold all the world's people, comfortably, six times over. Not that we'd want to or could, but it does give a sense of how immense the U.S. is, how little of our land area we are occupying and how relatively sparsely populated with people the earth is.

Just try to keep this in mind the next time you're wedging yourself into "express" checkout lane at Wal-Mart and wishing there were a whole lot fewer people than there already are.

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# What's new at the library? Check this out

Some new McNaughton books have come in; remember they have the green band along the bottom?

**Historical Romance**  
Kathleen E. Woodiwiss, creator of the historical romance genre, sadly died July 6 of this year. Her last book, I suppose, is "Everlasting," a story of romance and ill-fated marriages that takes place in England during the time of the Crusades.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

**Fiction**  
• "Hope to Holly Springs," is another series by Jan Karon, author of the Mitford series, and is the story of Father Tim's return to his childhood home and friends he has not seen in many years.

**Fitness**  
• "You - Staying You: Owner's Manual for Extending Your Warranty" (613.2 OZ M) by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz will show you how to slow down the aging process and prolong your life.

• "Sculpt Your Body with Balls and Bands" (613.713 AUS D). Denise Austin always looks just too darn perky for me, maybe because she is trim and toned. She is the first to alter her workout when new techniques and equipment comes along.

In "Sculpt Your Body with Balls and Bands," she shows you how to use the large balancing balls to do crunches, leg lifts, etc., while the bands are used for resistance training. It certainly has been effective according to users of Austin's diet and exer-

cise plan.

**Large Print**  
We have received our last shipment of large print books: It was a varied assortment, ranging from Louis L'Amour to Rita Mae Brown.

L'Amour's "Tucker"; "Kilkenny" and "Utah Blaine" are your traditional Westerns as are "Coroner Creek" by Luke Short and "The Shootist" by Glendon Swarthout. This was also one of John Wayne's last movies, starring the Duke, Lauren Bacall and Ron Howard. Great movie.

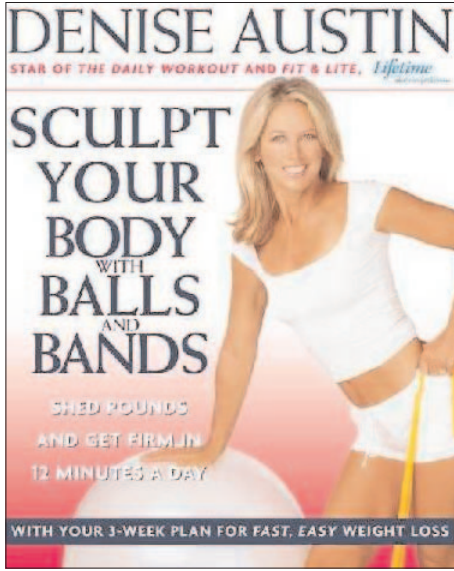
Romance/Large Print  
• "The Taming of the Duke" by Eloise James, a Regency romance - kind of like the Georgette Heyer books.

• "The Wyoming Kid." Debbie Macomber just moves her characters from the streets of Regency England to Wyoming and rodeos. In "The Wyoming Kid" rodeo star Lonny Ellison (aka the Wyoming Kid) doesn't understand why schoolteacher Joy Fuller isn't interested in a rodeo star. Things change when he recognizes that he loves Joy and will try to make her love him. Ah yes, the travails of a cowboy in love!

**Mystery**  
New Large Print Mysteries is C.J. Box's latest mystery starring Joe Pickett.

• "In Plain Sight." Rancher Opal Scarlett has vanished and her two boys don't seem to be too worried about it, while they battle over her estate. Pickett also appears to have an enemy who wants his job, home and maybe even his life.

• "The Hounds and the Fury" by Rita Mae Brown stars Sister Jane (no, she isn't a nun) the Hunt Master. Jane is



helped along with her hounds, cats and dogs who discuss amongst themselves the vagaries of humans. Add a large sum of money and a corpse and it equals a mystery to be solved by Jane and her friends.

• "Hot Flash Club

"Chills Out" by Nancy Thayer is the final Large Print Selection. The women of the Hot Flash Club take a break from running their day spa to "baby-sit" a house on Nantucket Island. While there each one will make a decision that could cause a great deal of grief. Each one will determine what they can and cannot give up. A pretty entertaining account of women "of a certain age".

Please check out some "oldies but goodies:" "Texas Disasters: True Stories of Tragedy and Survival" (976.4 COX M) by Mike Cox is a grip-

ping account of twenty of the most devastating disasters in the history of the state of Texas; "Texas Constables: A Frontier Heritage" (363.209 HAT A) by Allen G. Hatley, a compelling history of a the Texas Constable; and "Texas Women on the Cattle Trails" (976.405 MAS S) edited by Sara Massey tells the stories of sixteen women who drove cattle up the trail from Texas during the last half of the nineteenth century.

More: "The Jesus Family Tomb" (232.964 JAC S) by Simcha Jacobovici tells the story of what may very well be the greatest archaeological find of all time - the discovery of the family tomb of Jesus of Nazareth; "Pistol: The Life of Pete Maravich"

by Mark Kriegel is a classic American success story which proved to be unsuccessful; and finally "Jared, the Subway Guy: Winning Through Losing" (613.25 FOG J) by Jared Fogel.

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# Testimony in kidnapping trial delayed

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Testimony in the kidnapping trial of a Big Spring man was postponed Tuesday morning after witnesses for the prosecution failed to appear, according to court officials.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson was expected to call his first witnesses in the kidnapping case of Tuterrence Demaskinni Davis, 28, of 1406 E. Sixth Street, but was forced to ask the court for a continuance when at least one key witness was not present for the proceedings.

"The judge granted a 24-hour continuance," said Robin Orr, assistant district attorney. "The witnesses for the state simply didn't appear in time for the start of the trial."

Davis was indicted on charges of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in June, accused in the abduction of a four-and-a-half year old child in April.

Also indicted on kidnapping charges were Christene Michelle Beam, 26, and Tiffinie Monique Vanderbilt, 23, for their alleged part in the April 9 kidnapping of 4-year-old John Ray Lee from the 2500 block of Dow.

Orr said he expected testimony to begin first thing this morning.

"We'll get started at 9 a.m.," said Orr. "I really don't see this continuance having a whole lot of effect on the state's case. We plan to proceed exactly as we would have if we had begun testimony Tuesday morning."

According to police reports, the child was returned to a relative at approximately 1 p.m. the following day, more than 12 hours after his alleged abduction.

"It appears the motive for the kidnapping may be related to narcotic activity," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public infor-

mation officer with the Big Spring Police Department, following Beam's arrest. "Investigators feel the only reason the child was released safely was due to the prompt media response and the suspects photograph and information being shown throughout West Texas."

Davis faces five to 99 years to life in prison if convicted on the charge of aggravated kidnapping, a first-degree felony. Trey Keith, an attorney out of Sweetwater, will be representing Davis, while the state's case will be presented by Wilkerson.

## JAIL BOND

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his staff.

"It's a sigh of relief. The panic has moved out," Walker said with a smile. "I was really scared to death this bond wasn't going to pass. We're facing some very serious issues with our jail right now, and today has just been miserable for us. We've had so many female inmates and no place to put them, and medical issues, so I've been thinking about that all day, along with the vote we were waiting on."

"It's nice to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and see some real progress for Howard County. And this is certainly progress. I think in one year's time we'll be in a new facility and we'll have a place to put all the prisoners we need a place for. It's just a great relief. I really don't know what else to say right now."

Barr said he felt the county commissioners court did a much better job with the presentation of this year's bond election, as well as the design of the facility.

"I feel like we had a good plan for the jail. We brought some people in, and our jail consultant helped us a whole lot in planning the jail itself and cutting down on staff and stuff like that, and making it really friendly toward the jailers and making it very efficient," said Barr. "The architect came together with the consultants, and they came up with a really good plan, and I feel like the people realized that. It also helps that we got out there and laid the facts on the table and didn't pull any punches, and told everyone just how it was."

Walker said he felt the rather fiscally-painful lesson the last closure of the existing jail — with costs estimated at approximately \$1 million for six months — taught a very real lesson in the matter.

"It sure is a lot better than 60 percent against and 40 percent in favor, like it was last time," said Walker with a laugh. "I feel like the community learned a very hard, expensive lesson. I don't think anyone wanted a jail, but it's something our community desperately needs, and I think they saw the expenses just weren't going to get any better. It was going to get much, much worse, and it's sort of a have-to situation."

"I'm proud of the citizens of this community taking this seriously and voting accordingly. We're in a critical stage with this jail. The liabilities and expenses are enormous, and just going to get worse. I'm proud of the community voting it in."

While officials say passage of the bond certainly has the county moving in the right direction, Walker noted the liabilities presented by the existing jail — which will be used while the new jail is under construction —

still presents a very real danger to inmates, staff and county coffers.

"The liability issues — as pointed out by our architect and attorney — are just going to get worse," said Walker. "That's why it's so critical they move fast on this project and get it built, but get it done right. We're just going to have to be extremely careful in what we do, and do everything we can to make sure it's right."

Barr said the next step in the jail-building process will be to allow the county's bond agent to sell the bonds on the market, a process expected to be completed sometime around the end of the year.

"After that, we'll start the actual construction of the jail, and, with mother nature on our side, we might be moving into it in the next nine months, or maybe this time next year," he said.

Barr and the county commissioners weren't the only officials breathing a sigh of relief Tuesday night, as passage of the jail bond means a future for two long-time county departments.

"Since we passed this jail we won't have to find that \$1 million to house inmates," said Barr. "So, that keeps the library safe and it keeps the senior citizens center safe."

More than two weeks ago, Barr announced the

commissioner's court would consider closing the county library and the Spring City Senior Citizens Center in an effort to make room in the budget for the cost of housing inmates out of county, a measure made necessary by an ultimatum from TCJS Executive Director Adan Munoz, who told county officials the existing jail would be shut down permanently if the bond didn't pass.

And while county officials have no plans to close the senior citizens center, thanks to the favorable vote, Barr said talks between the county and city of Big Spring to possibly turn the opera-

tion of the center over to the municipality are expected to continue.

"We'll have to get with the city council and the mayor," said Barr. "Of course, we've been talking a little bit about it, and I do see it moving forward."

The Big Spring City Council voted unanimously to look into taking over the operation of the senior center during a recent work session.

Local resident Erven Fisher — who serves as treasurer for the local Taxpayer's Committee, which led the charge against the bond — said he was disappointed in area voters' decision to

support the bond.

"I don't really have any comment right now," said Fisher.

"I'm disappointed the taxpayers decided to

approve this. It's a democracy, however, and if that's what they want. Other than that, I really don't have any comment."

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replacing the roof and renovating existing science labs and added more science labs.

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- Build two new elementary campuses for grades K-5.
- Make renovations to the junior high to accommodate grades 6-8.
- Move DAEP to Kentwood.
- Move administration, food service, special education and technology to Moss.
- Close Anderson, Bauer and Washington elementaries.
- Complete repairs to Big Spring High School, including replacing the roof and renovating exist-

ing science labs and added more science labs.

A future recommendation would be to replace Big Spring High School in 10 to 15 years.

Thursday, the board will take a closer look at the committee's recommendations as well as a report on funding options.

Also Thursday, trustees are expected to view a report from the Rinkus Consulting Group which recommends placing grout under the northeast corner of Big Spring Junior High. The structure has been beset with settlement problems since it was opened in 1999.

Entities throughout Howard County are addressing tax abatement as a tool for wind energy projects. School districts cannot abate taxes but

can form limited appraisal agreements, and the board will receive information on that process and possibly contract with a law firm to meet requirements of the property tax code.

Other businesses includes:

- Food service and maintenance and transportation bids.
- Textbook adoption committee members.
- An agreement with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.
- An expedited waiver for TAKS testing days.
- Extracurricular student drug testing service.
- Annual investment report.
- District goals.
- Resignations, retirements and employments.
- Superintendent's report.

**Little Elm restricts where sex offenders live and go**

LITTLE ELM (AP) — This North Texas town has adopted new rules restricting not only where registered sex offenders can live, but also where they can go.

The Little Elm Town Council on Tuesday approved ordinances covering about 68 percent of the town's land.

Under one ordinance, registered sex offenders can't live within 1,000 feet of

places where children commonly gather, such as schools, parks, libraries and day care centers.

A second ordinance prohibits registered sex offenders from going within 1,000 feet of places where children commonly gather. The law makes exceptions for sex offenders who are visiting family members or friends, attending school or conducting business.

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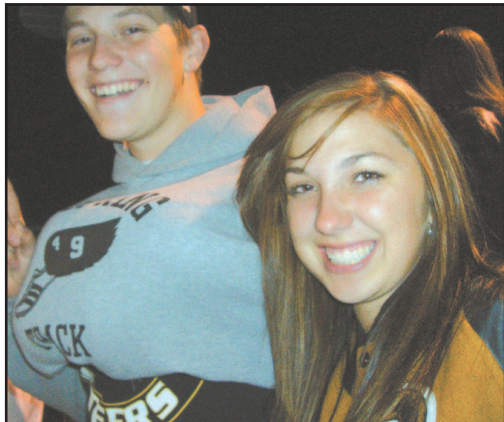
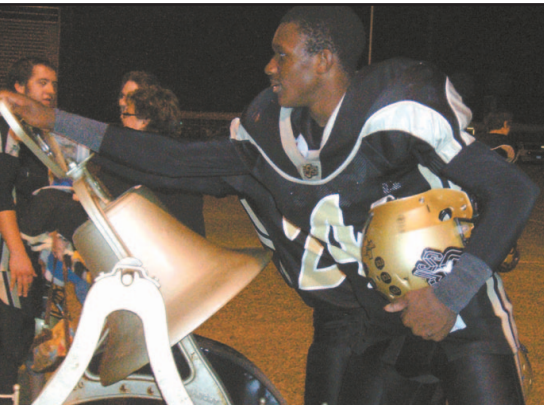


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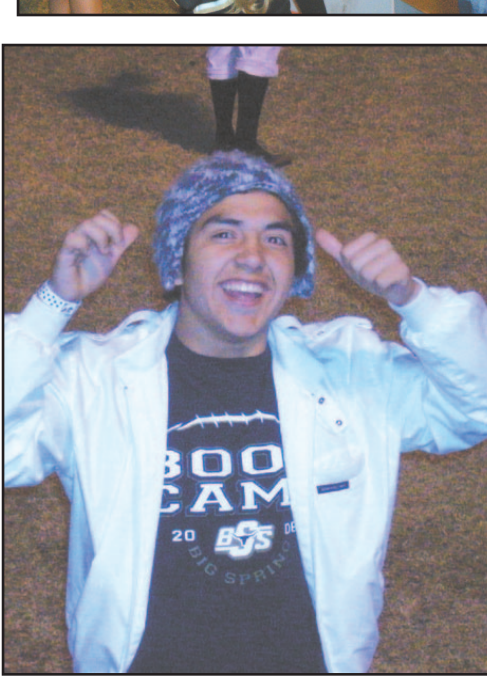
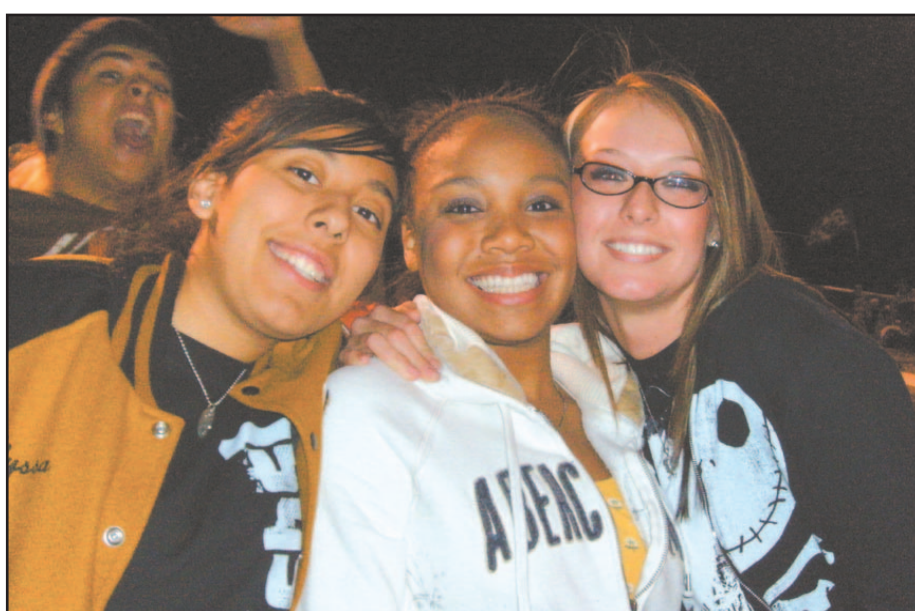
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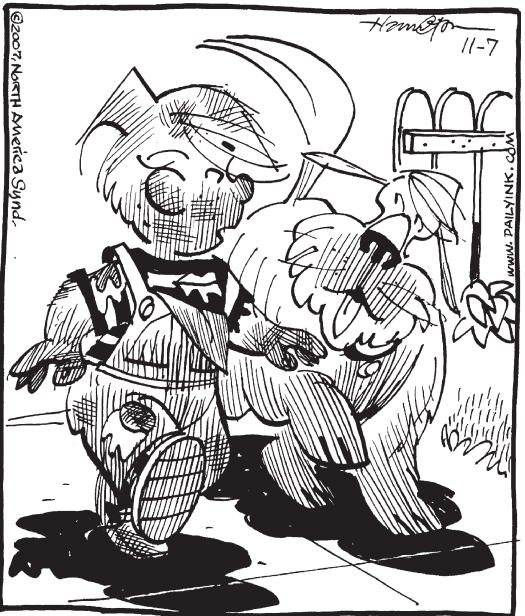
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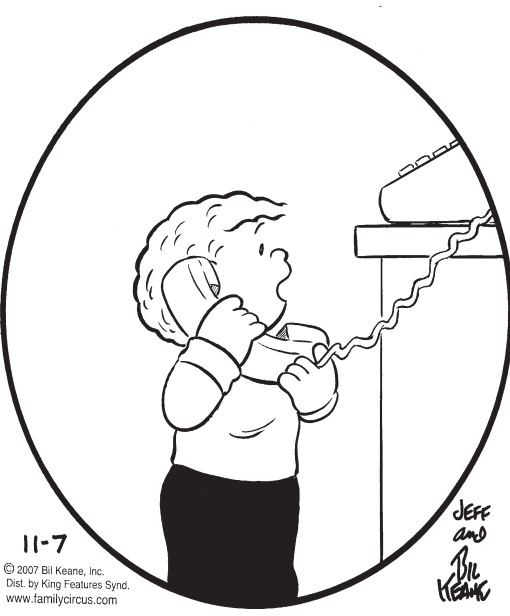
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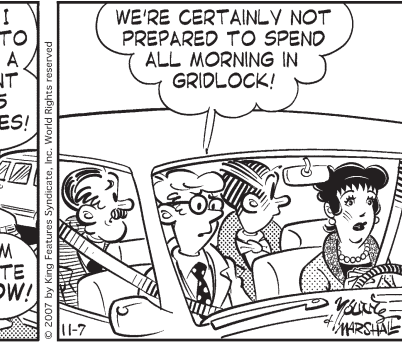


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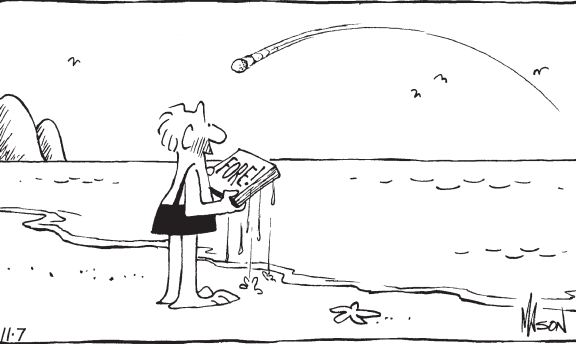
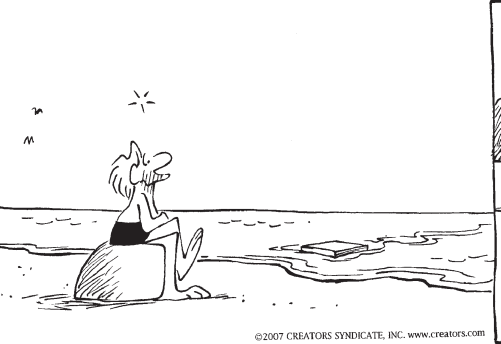
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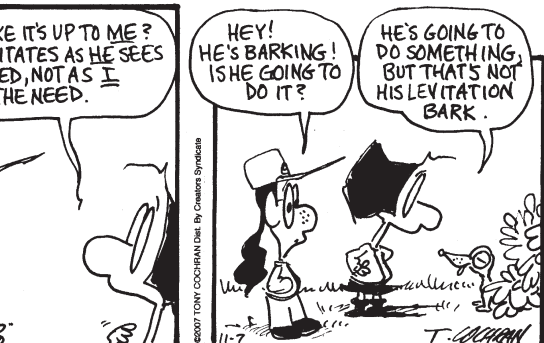
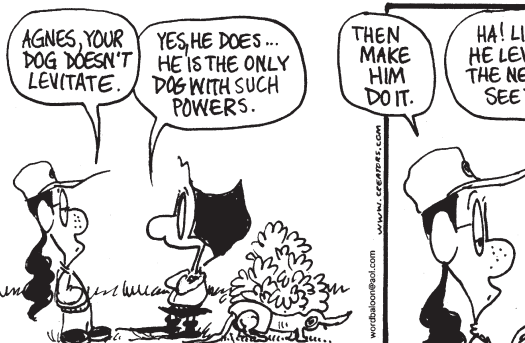
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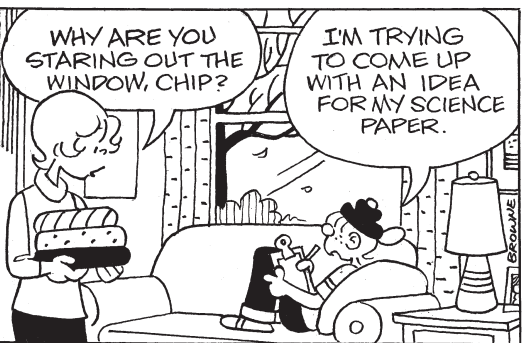
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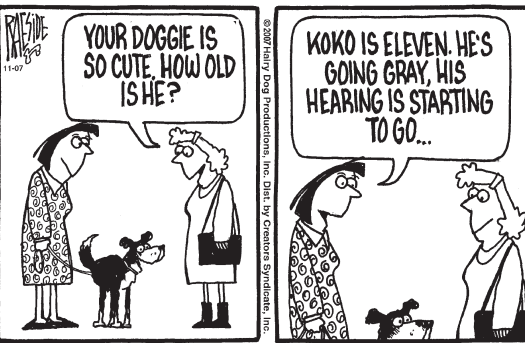
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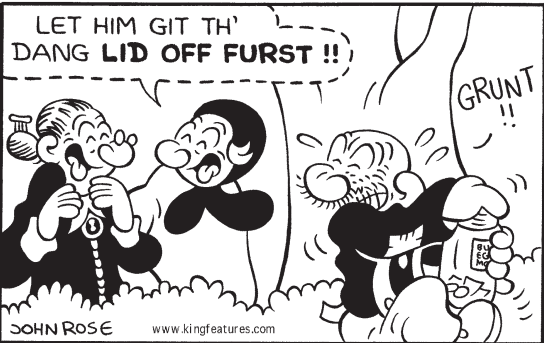
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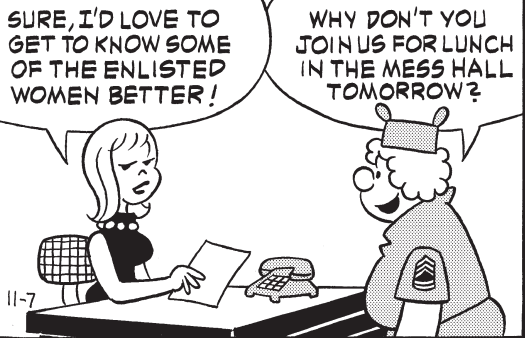
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2007. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

On this date:

In 1874, the Republican Party was symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly.

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress.

In 1940, in Washington state, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed during a windstorm.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won

an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1967, Carl Stokes was elected the first black mayor of a major city, Ai Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a bill establishing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In 1972, President Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 89. Opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland is 81. Actor Barry Newman is 69. Singer Johnny Rivers is 65. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 64. Singer Nick Gilder is 56.

Actor Christopher Knight ("The Brady Bunch") is 50. Actress Julie Pinson is 40. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 35. Actors Jason and Jeremy London are 35. Actress Yunjin Kim ("Lost") is 34.

Thought for Today: "All forms of totalitarianism try to avoid the strange, the problematic, the critical, the rational. To do so, they must deny the metropolitan spirit, equalize everything in city and country, and retain a center which is not the center of anything because everything else is swallowed up by it." - Ai Paul Tillich, American theologian (1886-1965).

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- ACROSS: 1 Coll. marchers, 5 Fragrant wood, 10 Smooth-talking, 14 Object of admiration, 15 Sun-dried brick, 16 Performing job, 17 Dense-coated dog, 20 Oozes, 21 Most on one's guard, 22 "... baked in...", 25 Comic's show, 26 Char, 29 1 a.m. to 3 a.m., 35 President before Wilson, 36 Stitch's friend in a Disney film, 37 Publish, 38 Swelled head, 39 Got nostalgic about, 41 Top-rated record, 42 Skip a big wedding, 44 Wading bird, 45 Fender imperfection, 46 Embroidery stitch, 48 Therefore, 49 Mauna \_\_\_, 50 France, to Caesar, 52 When, 57 Mount climbed by Moses, 61 East-coast seafood, 64 Writer Wiesel, 65 Moth-to-be, 66 Business-letter letters, 67 Telephone wire, 68 Place a blot on, 69 Caterer caller, 8 First shepherd, 9 Annul, as a law, 10 Quaint caves, 11 Mine find, 12 Misfortunes, 13 Health-food juice source, 18 Egyptian snake, 19 Exotic flower, 23 Catalina or Cuba, 24 Actor Estevez, 26 Expensive, 27 Top Boy Scout rank, 28 In progress, 30 Suspect's explanation, 31 Affectionate, 32 Wedding attendant, 33 Regretting, 34 Brief argument, 39 Overhaul the machinery, 40 Are: Sp., 43 Was in command in the cockpit, 45 Samson's undoing, 47 Wall sections, 51 UCLA rival, 52 Sir \_\_\_, Guinness, 53 Farm structure, 54 Agitate, 55 Dr. Gray's specialty, 56 Lab fluids, 58 US alliance, 59 \$ quantities, 60 Does not exist, 62 LIII doubled, 63 It's north of Okla.

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