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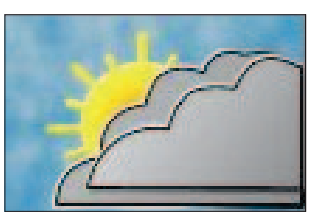
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**Museum prepares for joyful Saturday**

*Santa, exhibits, fund-raiser and parade watch*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Area residents looking to get into the holiday spirit need look no further than the Big Spring Heritage Museum this Saturday, as the facility's staff prepares for a day of old-fashioned Christmas cheer.



"We have a full day planned," said Nancy Raney, museum director. "Santa Claus will be here from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There's no charge for the children to talk to Santa, but local photographer Bruce Schooler will be taking photos, and there is a small charge for those.

"Dimples the Clown will also be here to entertain the children with balloon animals, and we'll be opening the new model railroad exhibit, which everyone has really worked hard on.

"The Christmas Tree Forest will also be on display, and at 5 p.m. we'll be enjoying cookies and hot chocolate on the patio while we watch the *Big Spring Herald* Christmas Parade."

Raney said the museum will also be holding a fund-raiser from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., as area children will have the chance to stuff their own plush animals, thanks to San Angelo-based Snuggle Factory Animaland.

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**This Frosty the Snowman inspired Christmas tree is just one of many currently on display at the Big Spring Heritage Museum, part of the holiday-themed Christmas Tree Forest exhibit. Patrons can visit the forest, as well as participate in several other holiday-themed events at the museum Saturday.**

**Settles back on Moore board agenda**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Negotiations between Moore Development and the Settles Hotel Development Company will take center stage this evening, as members of Moore's board of directors prepare for yet another executive session to hammer out contract points.

Moore Development directors voted unanimously in April to provide up to \$3 million to help Brint Ryan — manager of the Dallas company and the founder and

*"... there are a lot of intricacies involved in a deal like this, and we have to make sure everything is just right before we move forward."*



Wegman CEO of Ryan & Company — renovate the Settles  
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**Living Tree to usher season in with music**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

A long-standing local Christmas tradition will be held for the 29th straight year Saturday when First United Methodist Church holds its Living Christmas Tree musical gala.

The event, featuring more than 100 local singers and a professional orchestra, has traditionally announced the beginning of the Christmas season in song, and this year is no different, organizers said.

Two Saturday performances are scheduled at the church, located at Fourth and Scurry

streets. A dress rehearsal will held at 2 p.m., with the main performance scheduled for 8 p.m.

A final performance will be staged at 8 p.m. Sunday.

All performances are free to the public, although tickets will be required for the evening events, said Nell Burgess, church secretary.

"The tickets are available at the church office, so anyone can come by and get one," Burgess said. "But we require tickets, because if you don't have a ticket, there's a good chance you won't be able to get a

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**STEERS CALM TORNADOS**

The basketball is finding the bottom of the net often for the Big Spring Steers who improved their season record to 3-1 Tuesday night with a 65-44 win over the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes.

Although Big Spring never trailed, the Tors were able to cut the Steers' lead to four points with just under five minutes left to play, 46-42.

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**FLU SHOTS FOR VETS**

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will provide free flu shot clinic for veterans from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, officials announced.

The vaccines will be free to all veterans. Veterans currently enrolled in VA Health Care will be required to show their VA identification cards in order to receive their shots.

"We are trying to get as many folks as possible to receive the vaccination," said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations director for the medical center.

For more information, contact the VAMC at 263-7361.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports schedule:

#### THURS.-SAT.

Big Spring girls basketball at Idalou Tournament.

Big Spring boys basketball at Andrews Tournament.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball hosting Coahoma Invitational Tournament.

Garden City boys and girls basketball hosting Garden City Tournament.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

#### TUESDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Midland High, 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.

#### DEC. 6-8

Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Tall City Oilman's Tournament held at South Oak Cliff.

Big Spring girls basketball at Clyde Tournament.

Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton's Hooptown Classic.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Borden County Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Water Valley Tournament.

#### DEC. 7

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Wellington at Idalou, 6:30 p.m.

#### 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.

#### NCAA FBS Bowl Championship Series standings

1. Missouri
2. West Virginia
3. Ohio State
4. Georgia
5. Kansas
6. Virginia Tech
7. LSU
8. USC
9. Oklahoma
10. Florida
11. Boston College
12. Hawaii
13. Arizona St.
14. Tennessee
15. Illinois
16. Clemson
17. Oregon
18. Wisconsin
19. BYU
20. Texas

## Coahoma sweeps past Eldorado, Snyder

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — After having just a little over a week of practice, Coahoma Bulldogs (1-0) Head Coach Kim Nichols wasn't expecting a whole lot in the Bulldogs' season opener against the Eldorado Eagles.

He got more than he anticipated as the Bulldogs, powered by a 25-5 run during the second quarter, routed Eldorado, 75-36.

"It's a good way to start the

year," Nichols said. "We still need to get into basketball shape, but we will get there eventually."

With the Eagles holding a 3-2 lead early in the first, Logan Stone buried a basket to ignite a 14-0 run for the Bulldogs over the next seven minutes ending when the Eagles hit back-to-back treys to draw Eldorado to within seven at 16-9 at the end of the first.

The second quarter belonged to the Bulldogs, however, as six different players scored during the stanza for Coahoma. That, and

the fact Colter Morgan decided to do his best imitation of a redwood, put any doubt of the outcome to rest.

The Bulldogs aided their own cause during the second by going 10-for-13 from the charity stripe, helping to build a 41-14 cushion entering the half.

The second half was more of the same as Coahoma extended the advantage to 57-24 after the third.

Morgan finally put the exclamation point on the night with

5:40 remaining in the game. The 6-7 senior post took a pass on the right wing and drove hard to the basket and finished with a two-handed slam, igniting the crowd inside Bulldog Gymnasium.

"Defensively we did a real good job of shutting them down," Nichols commented. "We just never let them get any good shots off."

Coahoma finished the night with 13 blocks with Morgan col-

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Big Spring's Terrance Clemons goes up for two points over two Lamesa defenders in the Steers' 65-44 victory Tuesday night in Lamesa.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

## Forsan splits with Highland

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan boys varsity basketball team barely had time to make sure their uniforms and shoes fit as many of the players were fresh off the gridiron.

However, it didn't take long to shake off the rust as they easily took care of the Highland Hornets Tuesday night in Buffalo Gym, 39-31.

Senior forward Adam Bailey led the Buffs opening the season with a double-double, scoring 13 points and hauling down 10 rebounds as the Buffs never trailed.

Controlling the opening tip, the Buffs jumped out to an early first quarter lead, building a 12-point advantage. Senior forward Blake Grantham led Forsan as he scored six of his eight points in the first frame.

The Buffs continued to build on their lead midway through the second period going up 20-5 before the Hornets got a little offense going.

Highland center Jackson Richburg got a hot hand and outscored the entire Buffs' team, 6-3, ending the first half with the score, 26-11.

The Hornets outscored Forsan in the third, 10-5, cutting the lead in half and building momentum for the final period as Nick Richburg scored four of his 12 points on the night.

However, the Buffs withstood a determined Hornet team as Forsan closed out the game to start the season 1-0 before the Garden City Tournament this weekend.

Jeremy Robbins and Cameron Parker each added eight points for the Buffs, who will play Thursday against San Angelo Cornerstone. The Garden City Tournament has been changed to a round robin style on the boys' side as four teams slated to play are still in the hunt for football titles.

The Buffs are also scheduled to play Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. against El Paso Jesus Chapel and again on Saturday against host Garden City.

The Forsan Lady Buffs varsity basketball team is still in search of their first win of the season, falling to the Highland Lady Hornets Tuesday night, 51-18.

Highland got started quickly with a 6-0 run before Tori Gauer scored two of her six points to slow down the

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## Steers calm Tornadoes, 65-44

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

LAMESA — The basketball is finding the bottom of the net often for the Big Spring Steers.

The Steers improved their season record to 3-1 Tuesday night as they handed the host Lamesa Golden Tornadoes a 65-44 loss.

Although Big Spring never trailed, the Tors were able to cut the Steers' lead to four points with just under five minutes left to play, 46-42. However, the Steers applied a high pressure defense, allowing them to go on a 19-2 run to end the game.

Big Spring's full court press made the biggest impact throughout the night.

"We got a lot of tips and steals

that turned into easy layups with our press," Steers' Head Coach Marcus Morris said. "We need to play fast and execute. We can't play too fast all the time, but we have to execute when we do. It was a good win. This is a fun group to coach and we're just getting better."

The Steers opened the game on an 11-0 run with Lamesa not finding the basket until the 3:55 mark in the first period with a pair of free throws. However, the Tors ended the period on a 14-5 run, narrowing the Steers' lead to 16-14 after one.

Big Spring jumped out quickly again in the second stanza, scoring the first 10 points. Lamesa couldn't muster a run of its own and the Steers went into halftime with a 32-19

advantage.

However, Lamesa dominated the next 11 minutes of play, outscoring Big Spring 23-9 through the third period and the first three minutes of the fourth. Unfortunately for the Tors, the Steers had three consecutive steals and easy layups by Tyrone Clemons, Lance Gross and Sidney Parker to distance themselves from Lamesa.

Clemons, Parker and Jerrell Williams each had several key steals in the final five minutes of the game to erase any doubt to the outcome.

"In high school basketball, good teams are going to make a run," Morris explained. "Lamesa has good players and a good coach and they made

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## Lamesa blows past Lady Steers, 40-17

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

LAMESA — The score may not suggest it, but the improvement can be seen on the basketball court for the Big Spring Lady Steers.

The Lady Steers fell to 0-6 on the season as the Lamesa Lady Tors used a strong first period to blow past Big Spring, 40-17.

However, Lady Steers Head Coach Randal Petty noted the improved effort on the defensive end for the Lady Steers.

"Definitely a lot more effort on defense," said Petty. "We slipped back to a 2-3 zone defense. It seems like the man to man and press defenses were hurting us with giving up offensive rebounds. We just want to limit teams to one shot by blocking out and getting the rebound."

Lamesa jumped out to a 10-4 lead halfway through the first period and finished the opening stanza with a 17-6 advantage.

However, Big Spring was able to slow Lamesa down in the sec-

ond period, keeping them to just four points. Unfortunately for the Lady Steers, they couldn't build off of their strong defensive effort, managing just three points in the stanza.

"Other than the first quarter, this was a pretty close ballgame," Petty said. "We can play close with teams, but we've got to learn how to put the ball in the basket."

Big Spring's offensive troubles continued in the third period. The Lady Steers managed just two points in the third stanza. The Lady Tors took advantage of Big Spring's offensive inconsistency and opened up a 34-11 lead heading into the final period.

It was still Big Spring's inability to consistently beat a full court press that stymied their offensive production.

"We've got to learn to handle the pressure," Petty said. "A lot of the pressure we're seeing is just one on one. It's not like we're facing too many double



Big Spring's Katy Thompkins (34) tries to outhustle a Lamesa defender to a loose ball in the Lady Steers' 40-17 loss Tuesday night in Lamesa.

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

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Texas Schoolboy Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A DIVISION I

Region I
Odessa Permian (12-0) vs. Eules Trinity (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Lubbock Coronado (11-1) vs. Arlington Bowie (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Jones AT&T Stadium

Region II
Dallas Skyline (11-1) vs. Round Rock (8-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco's Floyd Casey Stadium

Plano (11-1) vs. Spring Westfield (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Round Rock ISD

Region III
Cypress Ridge (11-1) vs. Fort Bend Hightower (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Cypress' Berry Stadium

Cypress Fairbanks (8-4) vs. Galena Park North Shore (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Stadium

Region IV
Converse Judson (8-4) vs. La Joya (6-6), 3 p.m. Saturday, Laredo Student Activities Center

SA Reagan (10-2) vs. Los Fresnos (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Victoria

DIVISION II Region I

Abilene (11-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Mansfield Timberview (9-3) vs. Lewisville Hebron (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region II
Dallas Carter (7-5) vs. Pflugerville (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Longview (11-1) vs. Leander (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Corsicana

Region III

Houston Stratford (9-3) vs. Fort Bend Clements (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Galena Park ISD Stadium

Katy (12-0) vs. Pasadena Memorial (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium

Region IV
Smithson Valley (11-1) vs. Harlingen South (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, CC's Buccaneer Stadium

SA Madison (11-1) vs. Weslaco (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Weslaco

CLASS 4A DIVISION I

Region I
Wolfforth Frenship (10-2) vs. Aledo (10-2), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium

Region II
McKinney Boyd (9-3) vs. Copperas Cove (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco's Casey Stadium

Region III
Austin LBJ (10-2) vs. Rosenberg Lamar (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas A&M (Kyle Field)

Region IV
New Braunfels (12-0) vs. Gregory-Portland (8-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, CC's Buccaneer Stadium

DIVISION II Region I

Lubbock Estacado (6-6) vs. WF Rider (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Hereford (8-4) vs. Everman (12-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

Region II
West Mesquite (9-3) vs. Red Oak (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Dallas Highland Park (12-0)

vs. Dallas S. Oak Cliff (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

Region III
Livingston (10-2) vs. Dayton (9-3), 7 p.m., Friday, Galena Park ISD Athletic Complex

Region IV
Lake Travis (11-1) vs. CC Calallen (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Blossom Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I Region I
Andrews (10-2) vs. Abilene Wylie (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Region II
Dallas Roosevelt (11-1) vs. Gilmer (12-0), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium

Region III
Liberty Hill (11-0) vs. Navasota (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Temple

Region IV
Pleasanton (10-2) vs. Gonzales (10-2), 7 p.m., Saturday, San Antonio

DIVISION II Region I

Snyder (10-2) vs. Argyle (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Graham

Seminole (8-4) vs. Vernon (11-1), 4 p.m., Saturday, Sweetwater

Region II
Celina (12-0) vs. Pittsburg (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium

Glenn Rose (8-3) vs.

Texarkana Pleasant Grove (10-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium

Region III
Waco LaVega (12-0) vs. West Orange-Stark (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sam Houston St.

China Spring (11-1) vs. Kirbyville (11-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Kyle Field, College Station

Region IV
Wimberley (6-6) vs. Cuero (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Seguin

CLASS 2A DIVISION I Region I
Littlefield (10-2) vs. Early (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Communications Stadium

Region II
Caddo Mills (12-0) vs. Farmersville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Greenville

Region III
Tatum (11-1) vs. Newton (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin's Martin Stadium

Region IV
Salado (12-0) vs. Santa Rosa (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Victoria

DIVISION II Region I

Canadian (12-1) vs. Coleman (10-2), 3 p.m. Saturday, Wolfforth

Idalou (12-0) vs. Blanco (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium

Region II
Boyd (8-4) vs. DeKalb (8-4), 6:30 p.m. Saturday at McKinney's Ron Poe Stadium

Cisco (12-0) vs. Gunter (12-

0) 2 p.m. Saturday, Birdville

Region III
Elysian Fields (11-1) vs. Crawford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Athens

Arp (9-3) vs. Corrigan-Camden (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephen F. Austin's Bryce Stadium

Region IV
East Bernard (9-3) vs. Refugio (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas State's Bobcat Stadium

Altair Rice (11-1) vs. Stockdale (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria

CLASS A DIVISION I Region I
Sunray (9-2) vs. McCamey (8-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Region II
Seymour (8-3) vs. Valley Mills (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denton's Collins Complex

Region III
Joaquin (10-2) vs. Alto (11-0), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Tatum

Region IV
Granger (11-1) vs. Shiner (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buda Hays

DIVISION II Region I

White Deer (10-1) vs. Sundown (12-0), 3 p.m., Saturday, Plainview

Nazareth (11-1) vs. Iraan (8-4), 2 p.m., Saturday, Denver City

Region II
Munday (11-0) vs. Roscoe (12-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Windthorst (5-6) vs. Goldthwaite (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tarleton State

Region III
Maud (9-2) vs. Cayuga (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kilgore's St. John Memorial Stadium

Tenaha (9-3) vs. Grapeland (5-6), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Tyler

Region IV

Bremond (9-2) vs. D'Hanis (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop

Harper (10-2) vs. Sabinal (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hondo

SIX-MAN DIVISION I

Region I
Rankin (10-1) vs. Grady (10-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Big Spring

Region II

Rule (11-0) vs. Turkey Valley (12-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Region III

Trinidad (10-1) vs. Abbott (11-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Hubbard

Region IV

Richland Springs (11-0) vs. Calvert (12-0), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Lampasas

DIVISION II Region I

Sanderson (5-5) vs. Jayton (8-4), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Midland

Region II

Matador Motley County (11-1) vs. Follett (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Region III

Vernon Northside (9-2) vs. Woodson (10-2), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Breckenridge

Region IV

Gustine (9-2) vs. Zephyr (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Comanche

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# Sgt. Stephen Stansel having a colorful military career

Sgt. Stephen Stansel doesn't seek the easy way out. Disarming bombs isn't something I would consider fun. Spending weeks underwater in a submarine would activate my claustrophobia. Scuba diving to remove explosive mines from the floor of the Persian Gulf strikes me as a good way to get my whole day ruined.

These activities were Steve's daily diet for several periods in his military career. You may be fascinated to hear his story, as I was. One interesting aspect is that Steve spent most of his career in the Navy, but is now in the Army National Guard.

Born in Dallas, Steve moved to Big Spring with his mother and his brother Kevin when he was nine years old. (Kevin is a career Marine, and we told his story in a Troop Salute in the Herald on Oct. 24.) Steve attended Big Spring schools through Runnels Junior High, but attended high school at Elbow and Forsan before moving to El Paso when he was 16. He graduated from Andress High in 1987. Born in 1969, Steve is now 38.

Steve is still a high

achiever. At the moment he is busily completing preliminaries to attend Class 52 of the U.S. Army National Guard OCS (Officer Candidate School) in February 2008. Congratulations, Steve, on your acceptance to this program. The competition is fierce and it is an accomplishment to be accepted.

Steve now lives with his wife in Big Spring. His wife is Lissett Zapata of Colombia, whom he married March 28, 2006. The marriage brought Steve's three children into her life, plus a boy whom they are in process of adopting. The children are: Calvin (14), Lehana (9 — rhymes with Lee Anna), Elijah (7), and Eric (12 — the boy to be adopted).

Steve is an electronics technician at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring. His electronics training began in the Navy immediately after his boot camp. Central to his job is emergency room equipment, but if it is something that plugs in at the hospital, he might be asked to fix it when it breaks.

Let's review the varied aspects of his career. He was heavily into all of the sports he could find the time for in high school (and modestly says he was good at all of them). Graduating from high school just after his 18th birthday in 1987, Steve immediately joined the Navy. After basic training, then technical train-



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## Troop Salute



Stephen Stansel

ing (electronics), Steve volunteered for submarine duty and was assigned in 1988 to the USS Providence (SSN 688 Class submarine) home ported in Groton, Conn. Steve's uncle had been in the submarine service, and he was influenced strongly by the uncle's stories about his own submarine experiences.

After almost three years on the East Coast (and many ports in the Atlantic and Mediterranean), Steve asked for and got a transfer to the USS Indianapolis in Pearl Harbor (1990). Ports of call were now in the Pacific and Steve seemed hungry to see the whole world. During his time here he qualified as a scuba diver, which would serve him well in his next type of duty.

On sub duty, Steve oper-

ated the Early Warning System on his subs. As a non-professional, I understand that to mean if an enemy found his sub, he was the guy that took the blame. It also meant that he had to understand with proficiency all of the electronics on the sub, and that he carried a heavy weight of responsibility. While at sea, the crew was six hours on watch, six hours training to do the job of any other crew member aboard, and six hours sleeping. Twenty-four-hour days like we landlubbers think of it do not apply underwater.

When he was separated from duty on the sub, Steve was attached for a year and a half to the base at Pearl Harbor. There, he took more advanced training in diving and helped to train others in the dive locker. He influenced several of his mates in this group to go with him to his next assignment.

This challenging assignment was Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD — you know, "bomb squad"). An EOD team in the current war is usually working with IED's, which means Improvised Explosive Devices, because most Iraqis use homemade bombs.

The Navy operates on land, sea and air, so Navy EOD teams have to learn all types of explosive devices. Steve worked

with Army, Navy and Air Force groups during the eight years that he did this.

After EOD training, Keflavik, Iceland was his base for about two years (1996-1997). While away from the base (most of the time), his team was sent as needed to many places, including Iceland, Scotland, Ireland and England, among others, sometimes with U.S. forces and sometimes in joint operations with allied forces. Many things they learned dealing with the Irish Republican Army during this time caused U.S. forces to rewrite some of their instruction manuals that are still being used.

In 1997, Steve was reassigned to Mobile Unit 2 DET South Carolina based in Charleston. "Mobile" was appropriate, for they were sent to many places during the five years he was based there. These included Kuwait, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Antarctica, South Korea, Bahrain and Greenland, among others.

After too many close calls with explosives, Steve requested a discharge from the Navy, granted in 2002. This ended almost 15 eventful years. He held various jobs in civilian life before being employed by the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring, where his skills fit the needs of the employment.

In July 2006, Steve joined the Army National

Guard. He had always wanted to have a college degree and be an officer. In the National Guard, coupled with his job at the VAMC, Steve had completed three years toward his college degree, and with the OCS course scheduled soon, it seems he will realize both goals in the next year or so. He credits his Marine brother Kevin for influencing him to join up again and pursue his goals.

Steve has expressed a further goal of reaching 25 years in the military and retiring as an O-5 (Lt. Colonel). With nine years to go, the current story may one day appear to be only prologue. Good Luck, Steve, for the rest of your life.

Note: Steve works with the National Guard recruiting. Anyone wishing answers about joining up, call him on his cell phone at (432) 599-0779, or e-mail him at sstansel1969@aol.com

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Armando Anthony Franco, 22, died Friday. Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Phillip Manuel Lopez, 21, died Monday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Pauline Smith, 92, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bernarda Valencia, 75, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## MUSIC

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seat."

No tickets are required for the dress rehearsal, she added.

The theme for this year's event is "Remember Christmas."

Jim Wright, musical director for FUMC, will direct the event for the eighth year. Host for the evening is Larry Russell, a music minister from

Greenville who has performed across the world, Burgess said.

Laurie Churchwell will handle staging, while the script for the event was written by Sue Partee.

The adult choir is expected to be 100 singers

strong and will be accompanied by an orchestra composed of musicians from throughout the West Texas area, Burgess said.

Traditional Christmas music, including standards such as "Deck the Hall," will be performed

during the two-hour event. As it has for the past three decades, the evening will conclude with a performance of "The Hallelujah Chorus."

For more information, contact Burgess at 267-6394.

## MOORE

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Hotel, which he agreed to purchase for \$75,000 from the city of Big Spring.

And while SHDC has yet to take ownership of the Settles — the \$75,000 has remained in escrow for several months, according to city officials — the company has moved forward with the purchase of several other properties near the downtown landmark.

According to Terry Wegman, executive director of Moore Development, the performance contract and

escrow contract between SHDC and Moore Development has been bounced back and forth for quite some time.

"We're making progress on the contracts. It seems like we've been bouncing these things back and forth forever now," said Wegman. "But there are a lot of intricacies involved in a deal like this, and we have to make sure everything is just right before we move forward."

Since announcing the project, Ryan and SHDC have also acquired several other properties, including 313 and 315 Runnels, adjacent to the Settles Hotel, which served as a Greyhound

bus station during the hotel's heyday.

Earlier this year, SHDC also got a helpful nod from the Texas Historical Commission, which confirmed eligibility of the downtown landmark to be nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in May, making the project an "excellent candidate" for federal tax credits, according to Ryan.

While talks with SHDC will dominate the board's executive session, a local pair are expected to take the reins during the open portion of the meeting.

"When we talked about our goals and objectives for the coming year, one

of the things everyone agreed on was more local marketing," said Wegman. Cynthia Scott and Kim Howell are doing that type of marketing work with their business, Fresh Ideas.

"We wanted to have them come in and talk to the board about what they have in mind to help promote Big Spring, and basically just throw ideas back and forth. What things work? Bulk mail? The Internet? This will give them a chance to look at all the different scenarios."

The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

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## MUSEUM

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helps the museum out."

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Raney. "There are two different packages for people to choose from, silver and gold. The silver package includes the collectible animal, a wishing star, birth certificate and carry-home box. The gold package includes the same thing, as well as an outfit."

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# Area roundup: Grady girls dominate Wink, 63-43

**Herald Staff Report**

**LENORAH** — Powered by a 22-point third period and 29 points overall from Eva Dyck, Grady's Lady Wildcats improved their season record to 5-1 with a 63-43 victory over the Wink Lady Wildcats (1-1) Tuesday night.

Grady raced out to a 7-point lead in the first period, outscoring Wink 17-10 in the opening stanza. However, Wink fought back within two points, taking an 11-6 advantage in quarter.

Leading 23-21 at the half, Grady hit the floor running in the third period, amassing 22 points while holding Wink to a mere 12. This time Grady didn't slow down.

As if the 12 point lead heading into the fourth wasn't enough, the Lady Wildcats put their foot down on the accelerator and extended their lead to 20 before the final buzzer blew. Grady outscored Wink 18-10 in the

final stanza. Kandace Schuelke had seven points and Linsey Chavez, Rachel Romine and Samantha Rodriguez each chipped in six. Lauren Robinson had Grady's lone 3-point field goal on the night as she added five total points for the Lady Wildcats. Kenzie Madison rounded out the scoring with four points.

The Lady Wildcats will be participating in the Garden City Tournament starting Thursday. They're slated to take on San Angelo Cornerstone at approximately 2 p.m.

**Wink**.....10 11 12 10-43  
**Grady**.....17 6 22 18-63  
Wink (1-1): Shackelford 2, Creech 7, Sellers 6, Walker 6, Clayton 5, Solis 6, Curtis 10.  
Grady (5-1): Eva Dyck 29, Linsey Chavez 6, Kandace Schuelke 7, Lauren Robinson 5, Samantha Rodriguez 6, Kenzie Madison 4, Rachel Romine 6.

**Reagan County 47, Garden City 31.**

**GARDEN CITY** — Garden City's Lady Bearkats couldn't

overcome a slow start as they fell to the Lady Owls of Reagan County, 47-31, Tuesday night.

The Lady Owls jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the first period and extended that lead to 15 points, outscoring the Lady Bearkats 11-6 in the second stanza.

However, Garden City was able to cut into that margin in the third period after trailing 23-8 at halftime. The Lady Bearkats outperformed the Lady Owls coming out of the locker rooms, besting them for a 14-11 advantage in the third quarter.

Unfortunately for Garden City, Reagan County withstood the Lady Bearkats charge and comfortably cruised through the final stanza with a 13-9 advantage.

Whitney Kellmermeier led Garden City with eight points and Morgan Schwartz added seven. Amy Multer had six

points with Paige Niehues chipping in five. Britney Chudej scored four and Lisa Lopez added one.

The Lady Bearkats play host to their own tournament beginning Thursday in Garden City. They open with El Paso Jesus Chapel with the start time slated for 5 p.m.

**Reagan Co.**.....12 11 11 13-47  
**Garden City**.....2 6 14 9-31  
Reagan County (6-0): McPhaul 7, Baucom 6, V. Goodloe 10, Sosa 2, Hernandez 10, Smith 6, M. Goodloe 6.  
Garden City (3-2): Kellmermeier 8, Amy Multer 6, Britney Chudej 4, Lisa Lopez 1, Morgan Schwartz 7, Paige Niehues 5.

**Boys basketball Reagan County 51, Garden City 33**

**GARDEN CITY** — Reagan County's Owls (2-0) used a 16-8 third period run to pull away from the Garden City Bearkats (2-1) Tuesday night in a 51-33 win for the Owls.

Garden City kept the game close through most of the first half, however, the Owls started

to create separation in the second period and held a 7-point advantage at halftime, 27-20.

The Owls started the second hot and by the time the third period was over, Reagan County had taken a commanding 15-point lead, 43-28.

Unfortunately, the Bearkats couldn't amount any consistency on offense, scoring just five points in the final period.

Wade Jansa led Garden City with 12 points. Brett Chudej and Jake Schwartz each added six apiece.

The Bearkats host their own tournament beginning Thursday in Garden City. They'll open play in a round-robin format at 6:30 p.m. against El Paso Jesus Chapel.

**Reagan Co.**.....10 17 16 8-51  
**Garden City**.....7 13 8 5-33  
Reagan County (2-0): Jerry Hernandez 12, Campbell 11, Joel Hernandez 8, Gonzales 7, Davenport 6, Goodloe 5, Evans 2.  
Garden City (2-1): Wade Jansa 12, Brett Chudej 6, Jake Schwartz 6, Nick Sanchez 4, Eric Hirt 3, Josh Colunga 2.

**FHS**

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much taller Lady Hornets.

However, it was not enough to keep them down long as the Lady Hornets raced out to a 26-7 halftime lead on the strength of a 20-5 run.

The Lady Buffs were unable to make any half-time adjustments, mustering just two points in the third period. They entered the fourth trail-

ing, 41-9.

In the final frame, Forsan found the basket a little more often as Gauer scored four points and Sandy Golleher put in three of her five points, but the Lady Hornets were just too much as they were led by a game high 26 points from forward Kelsey Owens.

The Forsan ladies fall to 0-3 on the season and will look to get into the win column this weekend in the Garden City Tournament. They will open play at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday against Iraan.

**Notes:** In junior varsity action, the Lady Buffs remained unbeaten on the season,, defeating the Water Valley Lady Cats, 37-14.

Brittney Roemer and KayC Stanley paced Forsan early as Roemer scored eight of her game high nine points in the first quarter and Stanley scored all of her six points in the second frame.

Morgan Forshee and Shelby Clark each added seven points in the win

and Chanda Lee scored six points for the Lady Cats.

The JV girls will play in the Robert Lee Tournament this weekend, opening up with Bronte Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

The Forsan JV boys were scheduled to play tonight as well, but Highland did not suit out a JV squad. The JV Buffs will play Bronte Thursday in the Robert Lee Junior Varsity Tournament.

**CHS**

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lecting five while Cody Sheppard swatted four of his own.

Matthew Tatum led the way for the Bulldogs, scoring 20. Sheppard hit the sheet for 18 while the Paniagua brothers, Josh and Jovie, scored 10 and

seven, respectively.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes (6-2), powered by Janice Gonzales 15 points, burst out to a 17-4 lead after one quarter of play before cruising to a 60-32 win over the Lady Tigers of Snyder.

Gonzales hit three-of-four from behind the arc with Lacey Sterling adding 12 in the victory. Heather Sheppard and

Teryn Bibb also made it to the double digit mark for the Bulldogettes, scoring 13 and 10, respectively.

"I saw some good things out there tonight," Coach Chris Sumrall said. "We were able to move the ball around and get some good shots. We are getting better every game."

The Bulldogs and Bulldogettes will next be

in action Thursday as they host the 22nd annual Coahoma Invitational. The Bulldogettes open the round robin format for the girls' side at 9:30 a.m. against the Miles Lady Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs close out the first day of tournament play at 7:30 p.m. against Sterling City.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Solution to an Even-Money Guess

South dealer.  
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**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 7  
♥ 8 5 4  
♦ A Q 2  
♣ Q J 6 3

**WEST**  
♠ K 10 4 3 2  
♥ Q 9 6  
♦ 10 5  
♣ K 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 9 8 6 5  
♥ —  
♦ 8 7 6 4 3  
♣ 10 9 4

**SOUTH**  
♦ —  
♠ A K J 10 7 3 2  
♥ K J 9  
♣ A 7 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass  
6 ♥

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

When as declarer you're faced with what appears to be an even-money guess, you can sometimes improve the odds by analyzing the way an opponent has elected to defend.

Take this case where South was in six hearts and West led a diamond. Had West led anything else, declarer would have made the slam easily.

Even with the diamond lead, the contract seemed certain, but when declarer won with the king and played the ace of hearts, East showed out and presented South with a delicate problem as to how to continue.

The obvious way of trying to

overcome the unlucky trump break was to rely on a club finesse, hoping East had the king. If South had adopted this line of play, though, the finesse would have lost and he would have gone down one.

But South spotted an alternative line of play that had at least as good a chance of succeeding as relying on the club finesse. So he drew a second round of trumps and then cashed the A-Q of diamonds.

West could have ruffed the last diamond, but, not anxious to be on lead, he discarded a spade. South now had to make a crucial decision, since he was in dummy for what appeared to be the last time. The question was whether to throw West into the lead and force him to return a spade or a club, or whether to cash the ace of spades, discard a club and then take a club finesse.

Declarer decided that the reason West had not ruffed the diamond was that he did not feel he was in position to make a safe return.

The location of the king of spades was superficially a 50-50 proposition, but West's reluctance to take the lead indicated he very likely had that card. So South thrust West into the lead with a trump.

Against this play, West could do nothing. A club return would automatically give South 12 tricks, while a spade return would allow dummy's queen to win to produce the same result.

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# Favre admits similarities with Romo

By CHRIS JENKINS  
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — With prime playoff positioning at stake for the Green Bay Packers and Dallas Cowboys on Thursday night, Brett Favre doesn't feel the need to play along with one of the game's other compelling story lines.

Still, Favre has to admit there are some striking similarities between himself and Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

Favre sees himself in Romo's knack for turning broken plays into big gains.

He can identify with Romo's rise from relative obscurity. And if there is any other player in the league who plays with the level of pure joy Favre does, it's Romo.

But Favre thinks the comparisons are a little overblown, and not necessarily fair to the kid.

"I am sure he is probably tired of answering this question or talking about it himself," Favre said. "I think he's his own player. I think the fact that he's from Wisconsin and is younger than me and watched me play and was a Packer fan enhances this whole scenario."

Romo spent this week fighting the comparison,

too. "Brett's Brett," Romo said. "At the end of the day, anyone who tries to pretend there's another Brett is just kidding themselves. That's like saying you've got the next Jordan and all that stuff. That's just what people want to talk about. But the reality is, he's one of a kind and there'll never be another one like him. It's just neat to be able to watch him from time to time."

Romo did indeed grow up in Burlington, a small town in southeastern Wisconsin. But unlike many folks in America's Dairyland, Romo didn't have a Favre shrine in his house as a kid. Didn't wear holes in a tattered No. 4 jersey. Didn't own a cheesehead.

Truth be told, Romo was more of a basketball guy. He wanted to be like Mike, not Brett.

And — gasp! — he even admitted this week that he rooted for John Elway, not Favre, in the 1998 Super Bowl.

"I understand the angle and it's nice and fun, but I have to beat the guy this week," Romo said. "At the end of the day I don't want him to pass for 265 yards against us. That's the bottom line. I'll root for him on every other game."

But even if Romo didn't grow up idolizing Favre or trying to pattern his game after the three-time MVP, the end result certainly looks familiar.

"Absolutely," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said earlier this week. "I had a conversation with Brett this morning and he even made the statement that Romo reminds him of himself in his early years."

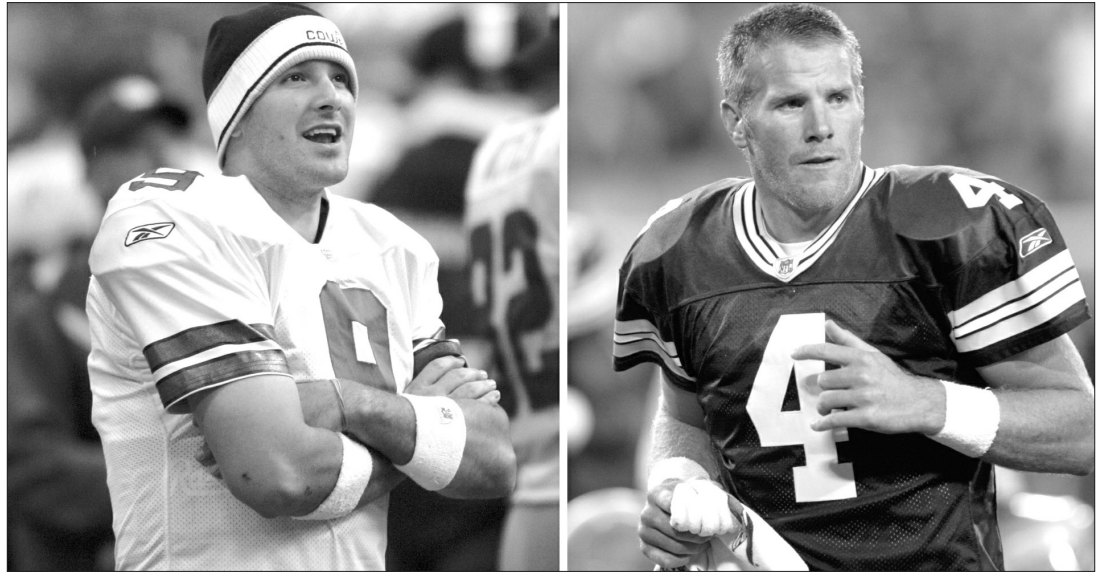
Favre says the most pronounced similarity is Romo's ability to scramble out of trouble and try to make a jaw-dropping play — and get away with it, at least most of the time.

"His creativity to bail himself out is very good," Favre said. "It's probably the same mentality I had. There is never a bad play, which can get you in trouble sometimes. For the most part it's worked out for him."

Favre sees similarity in their backgrounds, too.

Favre was a second-round draft pick out of Southern Mississippi and threw only four passes for Atlanta as a rookie. Most fans scratched their heads when then-Packers general manager Ron Wolf made a trade with the Falcons to bring Favre to Green Bay.

Romo signed with the Cowboys as an undrafted



AP file photo  
Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, left, and Green Bay Packers Brett Favre, right, meet for the first time Thursday with playoff positioning at stake.

free agent in 2003, and didn't even get to throw a pass in a regular-season game until last year.

"To a certain degree, his rise to where he is now is some ways like mine: a virtually unknown and all of a sudden has success," Favre said. "You go, 'Who is this guy? What is he about? Where is he from? What is he like?' Last year it was like, 'Flash in the pan, or can he keep it up?' I think he has proven that the guy is legit."

Maybe those humble roots play a role in the joy both players display on the field.

"He's always smiling," Favre said. "I think that

goes hand in hand with winning and being a leader and saying the right things and doing the right things. All of that he does well, on top of playing well on Sundays. The guy, barring some injury, could have a great career."

Despite all the comparisons, the two really don't know each other.

Romo went to Favre's offseason charity golf tournament with Cowboys teammate Marco Rivera two years ago.

"He was nice," Romo said. "We didn't chat too much or nothing, but he was a good guy. He just

had a lot of people tugging at him and stuff like that. You could tell, it's a little different being him."

Favre remembers seeing Romo there, and briefly remembering what it was like to be in his position.

"I knew who he was," Favre said. "He wasn't the starter at the time, but I do remember being in his shoes one time and knowing what that was like, (thinking) 'Hey, I'd like to have my own golf tournament, I'd like to have this, wanting to be accepted or whatever.'"

And now? "He's definitely made people remember his name," Favre said.

## STEERS

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their run at us. We just made more runs."

Morris called a timeout to correct the Steers' defensive pressure when Lamesa had trimmed the score to 46-42. His advice worked as the Steers allowed only one more field goal following the timeout.

"I told everyone to spread out on defense and take away more passing lanes," Morris said. "Any time I put Sidney in I tell

him that he better get tips and steals and he always gets a lot of tips and steals. He makes something happen on the defensive end in that role and I think he enjoys it."

For the first time this season, Jason Walker didn't lead the Steers in scoring, although he did chip in 10 points. Terrance Clemons led all scorers with 18 points. Clemons' brother Tyrone added 10.

Gross scored 11 of his 13 points in the second half. The Steers were powered by Williams in the first half who scored five of his eight total points in the

opening period.

Morris was not surprised the scoring was as spread out as it was.

"As we get new guys in the offense and everyone figures out their place on the floor, then we're going to see a lot more balance in the scoring," Morris

said. "We've talked a lot about Jason up until this point, but pretty much anybody on any given night can score for us."

The Steers take part in the Andrews Tournament beginning Thursday. Their first opponent will be Paducah Thursday at a

time still to be determined. Morris hopes the Steers will be tested this weekend.

"Hopefully, we'll get to see some strong competition which is what we

need more than anything this time of year," commented Morris. "I think that if we go play our game then we have a chance to win this tournament."

## BSHS

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teams. We've got to get our head up and make the cross court pass to get to the middle of the floor."

Abbi Lloyd and Callie Partee led Big Spring with five points each. Katy Thompkins scored three points, Linzee Yarbar contributed two and Andrea Claxton and Clarissa Carrisalez each chipped in one.

Petty credited Carrisalez and Jordan Chesworth with bringing much needed hustle and energy off the bench.

The Lady Steers start bracket play in the Idalou

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**State briefs**

**DeBakey to receive Congressional Gold Medal**

HOUSTON (AP) — Famed heart surgeon Michael DeBakey's immigrant parents taught their children to treasure two things: their education and their American citizenship. DeBakey's lifelong academic devotion led him to pioneer now-common procedures such as bypass surgery and invent a host of devices to help heart patients. Now the country DeBakey loves so dearly has awarded him its top civilian honor.

On Tuesday, the 99-year-old was presented with the bill that President Bush signed to authorize his Congressional Gold Medal.

Congress voted last month to award the medal to DeBakey, who helped revolutionize the treatment of injured soldiers and veterans while changing the face of cardiovascular surgery.

**Shares of Texas homebuilders hit longtime lows**

DALLAS (AP) — Shares of two big Texas-based homebuilders fell to their lowest levels in more than four years on Tuesday after their chief executives said that the troubled housing market will weaken even more next year.

"This is my fourth downturn," said Donald J. Tomnitz, CEO of D.R. Horton Inc. "No question about it, this is the most difficult downturn Horton and I have worked

through."

Tomnitz said his company would continue to decrease housing starts to cut its inventory of unsold homes.

Timothy Eller, the CEO of Centex Corp., said, "There is no way to predict when this thing will bottom."

Shares of Fort Worth-based Horton, the nation's largest homebuilder by deliveries, slipped 17 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$10.41, their lowest mark since early 2003.

Centex shares lost 10 cents, to \$18.28, their lowest level since late 2002.

**Cornyn, Rove attend East Texas panel on immigration**

TYLER (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn said Tuesday that while failures at the federal level to address immigration issues have left people frustrated, state lawmakers should not be attempting to fix the problem.

Cornyn, joined by former White House strategist Karl Rove at the East Texas Immigration Summit, said states passing tougher immigration laws focused only on enforcement and not economic impacts.

"Immigration is the federal government's responsibility, under our Constitution," Cornyn said. "Piecemeal approaches at the state level deal with only one aspect of the issue."

Cornyn and Rove, the former deputy chief of staff to President Bush, was also joined in the panel discussion by Republican U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall.

The summit was sponsored by Texas Employers for Immigration Reform, the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* reported in its Wednesday editions.

**TYC reinstates overtime payment for guards**

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Youth Commission has resumed paying overtime to guards and will soon release overtime payments held back over the past month, agency officials said.

The state's juvenile prison system said Tuesday that a check will be issued to employees by mid-December for any overtime they worked during November.

Acting Executive Director Dimitria Pope suspended overtime payments in late October

when she learned that the agency had used most of its annual overtime budget over the previous two months.

Officials formed a team to review the overtime

system, which they said lacked accountability and consistency.

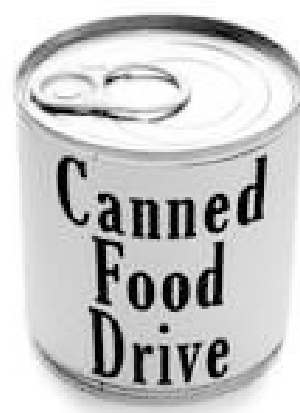
In its Tuesday statement, the agency said the abundance of overtime was a result of a shortage

of corrections officers at numerous commission facilities. It also blamed "the lack of a uniform staff schedule throughout the institutions."

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**YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007**

**REVENUES**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Local and Intermediate Sources | \$5,734,319      |
| State Program Revenues         | 1,656,831        |
| Federal Program Revenues       | 278,933          |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>          | <b>7,670,083</b> |

**EXPENDITURES**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Current:</b>   |                  |
| Instruction   | 2,826,217        |
| Instruction Resources & Media Services                          | 146,144          |
| Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development                    | 23,439           |
| School Leadership   | 271,164          |
| Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services                      | 88,502           |
| Health Services   | 3,942            |
| Student Transportation  | 208,242          |
| Food Services   | 313,244          |
| Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities                         | 269,629          |
| General Administration  | 365,810          |
| Plant Maintenance & Operations                                  | 615,513          |
| Security & Monitoring Services                                  | 2,392            |
| Data Processing Services  | 92,971           |
| Community Services  | 10,971           |
| <b>Debt Service:</b>  |                  |
| Principal On Long-Term Debt                                     | 275,000          |
| Interest On Long-Term Debt                                      | 191,165          |
| Bond Issuance Cost & Fees                                       | 355              |
| <b>Capital Outlay:</b>  |                  |
| Facilities Acquisition & Construction                           | 1,105,300        |
| <b>Intergovernmental:</b>                                       |                  |
| Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts                       | 100,270          |
| Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed Program             | 6,000            |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                       | <b>6,916,270</b> |
| <b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over(Under) Expenditures</b> | <b>753,813</b>   |

**OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Transfers In                                | 73,484             |
| Transfers Out (Use)                         | (73,484)           |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b> | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>           | <b>753,813</b>     |
| Fund Balance - Sept. 1 (Beginning)          | 4,478,144          |
| Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance         | 193                |
| <b>Fund Balance - Aug. 31 (Ending)</b>      | <b>\$5,232,150</b> |



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# Why not reference this? At the library

By JOHNNY SCHAFER

Why not check out the reference section the next time you are in the library?

"The reference section?" you question. "Isn't that the section of the library where you cannot check out books?" Imagine that, books you can't check out of a library. So, what makes the reference section so special?

Well, two things: the availability of a reference librarian and the wealth of information contained in the reference section available to patrons at all times.

A patron in need of assistance is encouraged to ask the reference librarian for help. Often a patron will be hesitant about asking a librarian, who may be performing some duty, for assistance.

In reality, the primary duty of a reference librarian is to help patrons in finding information. A reference librarian can research the answer to a specific question, locate information contained within the library, instruct the patron on using the computer catalogue, the microfilm reader, and online databases, such as TexShare.

The reference librarian can perform an interlibrary loan search when a patron requires a book or an article not found within the library. The reference librarian has knowledge of newspaper clipping files and other items stored in the library's vertical file system (filing cabinets).

The reference section itself is like a mini library where a patron can research information on any number of topics. As mentioned in an earlier article, the reference section contains numerous Texas telephone books and microfilm of the *Big Spring Herald* newspaper.

In addition, the reference section contains encyclopedias of people and places, science and technology, life sciences, psychology, myths and legends, careers, country music, sports, American television and theater, musical instruments, medicine, cats and dogs, animal life and the environment, to list a few. Patrons also have access to the Statesman's Yearbook, the Almanac of the 50 States and the Texas Almanac.

Patrons seeking legal information can utilize reference books such as Black's Law Dictionary, Legal Thesaurus, The

Bill of Rights, Veterans Benefit Manual, Personal Legal Forms (a much used resource), various Texas law code books, Texas rules of court, Texas Law in Layman's Language (I did not know anyone could write such a book), and Texas Law Finder.

Collectors can find reference books on coins, ceramics, post cards, antiques, baseball cards, vintage action figures, comic books, stamps, antique glass and even cookie jars.

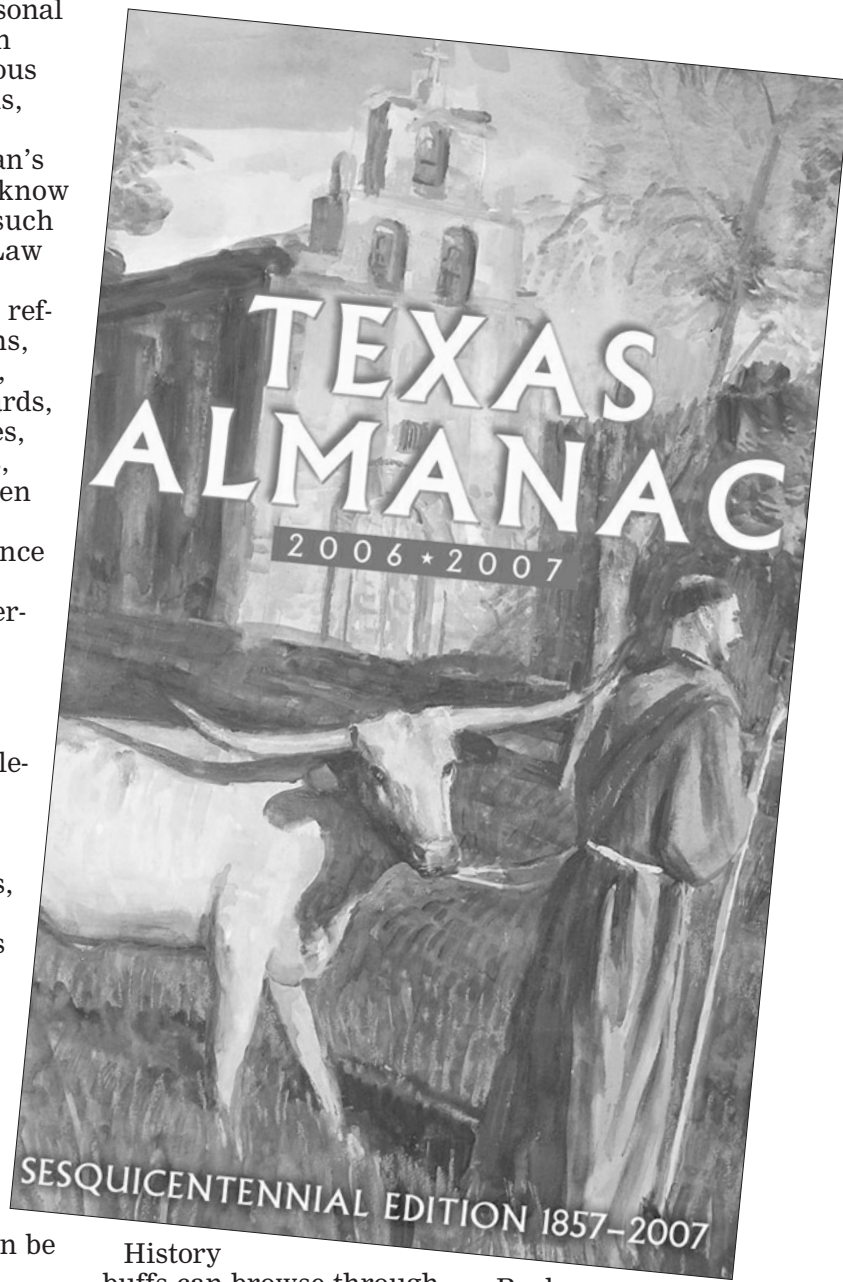
The medical reference section includes the Physicians Desk reference (PDR), Merck's Manual of Medical Information, Grey's Anatomy (not to be confused with the television show), family medical guides, and sources on arthritis, cancer, medical tests, snoring and sleep apnea and numerous other ailments.

The reference section is home to volumes of biographies of notable poets, authors, artists, musicians and world figures. Literary criticisms of authors' works can be found, also.

Shade tree mechanics can reference Chilton's Auto Repair Manuals up through 2002.

In the religion section there are books such as World Religions, Encyclopedia of American Religions, Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics, Strong's Concordance of the Bible, and Encyclopedia of Saints.

Potential college students can research information on two year and four year colleges and universities. Information on scholarships and grants that are available to get into these institutions can be found also.



History buffs can browse through atlases of world history, a book of old maps, encyclopedias of the ancient world, dictionaries of American history, books on U.S. history, fashion through the decades, history of costume and eras in our history such as the Roaring Twenties.

Closer to home, books of Texas history are in abundance. For example the Historical Atlas of Texas, The Portable Handbook of Texas, Courthouses of Texas, Encyclopedia of Texas, and several books specifically on the history of Howard County and Big Spring are located in the reference section.

words.

"10,000 Garden Questions" answers just about every question a gardener can ask.

"Courthouses of Texas" showcases the courthouses of all 254 Texas counties. The author traveled 17,000 miles compiling the pictures in this book.

"Texas — Then and Now." The author gathered Texas landscape photos, some dating back more than 100 years, and re-photographed the scenes from the same vantage points used in the original photos.

"Roadside History of Texas" provides a short but interesting history of places one encounters traveling the highways and roads of Texas.

"World Religions Cookbook." This book comprises a list of recipes from religions around the world.

"Bit and Spur Makers in the Texas Tradition" provides an historical perspective of Texas bits and spurs.

The author of "Earth From Above," an aerial photographer, flew over six continents during a 15-year period taking photographs of the earth to dramatize ecological issues. The result is an amazing array of breathtaking photographs of earth from above.

If you like nostalgia, then you need to look at "1902 Edition Sears and Roebuck Catalogue." You will be entertained.

Yearn for the simpler lifestyle — a back to nature approach to living? "The Firefox Book" series documents the lifestyle and culture of the people in southern Appalachia.

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how-to information. It covers the topics of fiddle making, log cabin building, hog dressing, hunting, soap making, square dancing, weaving, wild food gathering, wood carving, hide tanning, corn shucking, butter churning, sassafras tea, old time burial customs and planting "by the signs" to name a few.

I have been able to address only a few of the topics covered as there are more than 2,200 books in the reference section of the Howard County Library.

So, the next time you are in the library, why don't you discover what the reference section has to offer you?

One last note: From Wednesday to Friday, the Howard County Library will accept canned or boxed food goods as payment for library fines.

One canned or boxed food item will equal 50 cents. Please, no glass containers or bagged items and no dented cans. No change will be given for overpayment of fines. Proceeds will be donated to charity.

The library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. with the Internet/video room closing at 5:30 in the evening. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the Internet/video room closing at 1:30.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is [www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us](http://www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us).

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**White House meetings herald start of talks**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just 24 hours after securing an agreement between Israeli and Palestinian leaders to resume long-stalled peace talks, President Bush invited the pair to the White House to ceremonially inaugurate the first formal, direct negotiations in seven years.

Capping an intense flurry of diplomacy that salvaged a joint Israeli-Palestinian agreement at nearby Annapolis, Md., to launch a fresh round of talks, Bush planned to meet separately with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, then Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and finally to get them together for an afternoon session and declaring the talks formally under way.

After meeting their own low expectations for the Annapolis conference amid intense skepticism, Bush administration officials crowded with delight.

“President Bush has invited them both to the White House tomorrow to inaugurate those negotiations, and the two sides have agreed that they will return to the region and meet on Dec. 12 to continue the process,” Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters late Tuesday.

Bush, along with Rice, had earlier salvaged a “joint understanding” between the Israelis and Palestinians, who had remained far apart on the details of the statement until the last minute.

**US-led coalition airstrikes accidentally kill 14 workers**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S.-led coalition troops killed 14 road construction workers in airstrikes in eastern Afghanistan after receiving faulty intelligence, Afghan officials said Wednesday.

The coalition said it was looking into the incident in Nuristan province, but did not immediately comment. NATO’s International Security Assistance Force said it has conducted airstrikes against Taliban fighters in the area, but did not say when.

“ISAF was engaged in Nurgaram and Du Ab (districts), and in those places we used airstrikes against (Taliban),” ISAF spokesman Brig. Gen. Carlos Branco told a news conference. “The situation is not clear at all at this stage. We are carrying out the investigation and trying to get a clear picture.”

The engineers and laborers had been building a road for the U.S. military in mountainous Nuristan province, and were sleeping in two tents in the remote area when they were killed Monday night, said Sayed Noorullah Jalili, director of the Kabul-based road construction company Amerifa. There were no survivors, he said.

“All of our poor workers have been killed,” Jalili said. “I don’t think the Americans were targeting our people. I’m sure it’s the enemy of the Afghans who gave the Americans this wrong information.”

**Pakistan’s Musharraf to become civilian president**

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — President Pervez Musharraf stepped down Wednesday from his powerful post as Pakistan’s military commander, a day before he was to be sworn in as a civilian president in a long-

delayed pledge not to hold both jobs.

During a change of command, Musharraf relinquished his post by handing over his ceremonial baton to his hand-picked successor, Gen. Ashfaq Kayani.

“(You) are the saviors of Pakistan,” Musharraf said in an emotional final speech to the troops. He appeared to be blinking back tears as the guard of honor performed a final march-by.

Musharraf’s retirement from the military has been a key opposition demand and the move may help defuse a possible boycott of parliamentary elections in January by parties opposed to his rule. Since seizing power in a coup in 1999, Musharraf has served as president while retaining his post as head of the armed forces.

Musharraf had promised to give up his army role at the end of 2004. But he reneged on that pledge, saying the country still needed strong leadership in the face of Islamic extremism.

**Businessman pledges \$70M to ORU**

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oral Roberts University, the debt-ridden evangelical institution riven by scandal, has been handed a \$70 million lifeline.

Mart Green, founder of

the Christian office and educational supply store chain Mardel, said Tuesday he would immediately give \$8 million to the university, with the rest to come after a 60-to-90-day review of the university’s financial records.

Green said his family must approve the financial review before the \$62 million is given and is requesting at least two seats on the board of regents for his family members.

“Let’s straighten the ship,” Green said, four days after the school’s president stepped down amid accusations that he misspent funds to support a lavish lifestyle. “Let’s get integrity. Let’s get trust built back and the rest will go away.”

Green said he has never attended the university and had no ties to the Oral Roberts family. He said he has been following the university’s story in the media in recent weeks and decided he wanted to help.

**Sarkozy calls rioting in French suburbs ‘unacceptable’**

PARIS (AP) — French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Wednesday that rioters who shot at police would be brought to justice and called the violence that rocked Paris suburbs “absolutely unacceptable.”

It was the first time Sarkozy, who had just returned from China, entered the fray since the rioting broke out Sunday night. The violence ebbed Tuesday night after police were deployed in force and quickly rounded up youths lobbing Molotov cocktails and setting cars ablaze.

The violence has drawn comparisons with riots that raged through suburbs nationwide in 2005, and has shown that anger still smolders in poor housing projects where many Arabs, blacks and other minorities live largely isolated from the rest of society.

“We will find the shooters,” and they will “be brought to account before justice,” Sarkozy said after meeting with a wounded police captain hospitalized in Eaubonne north of Paris.

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*A lonely donkey tries  
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*How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon.  
December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown.  
How did it get so late so soon?*

*~ Dr. Seuss*



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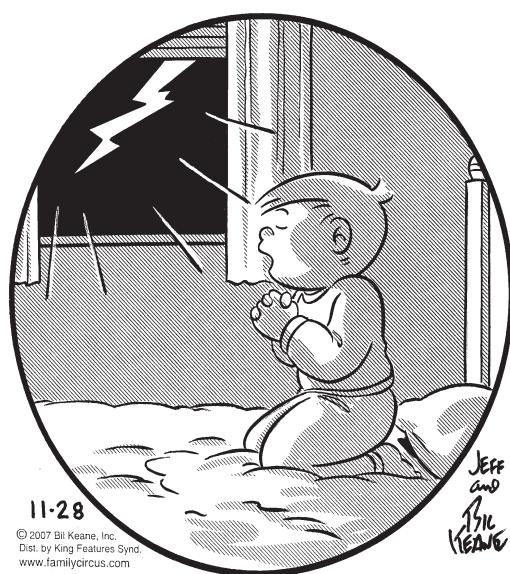
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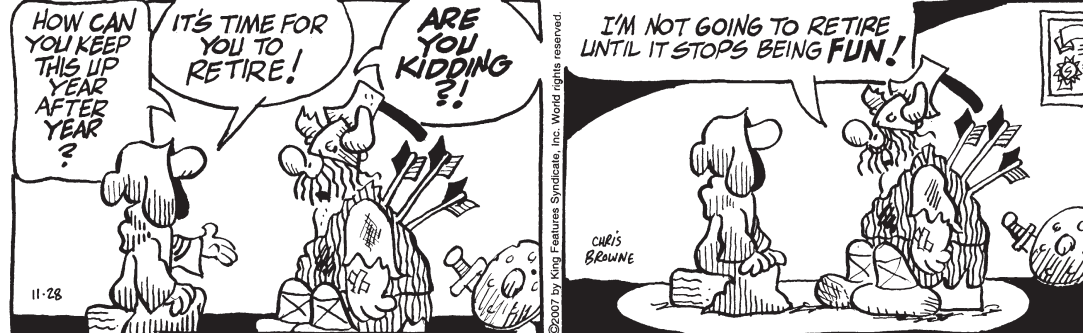
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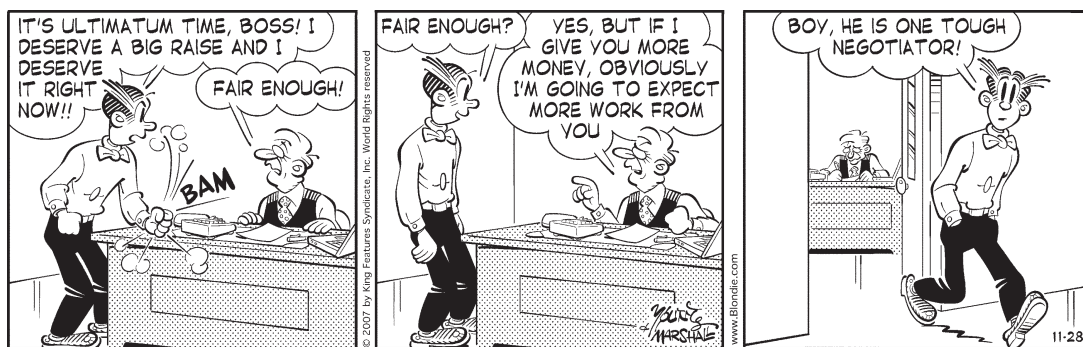


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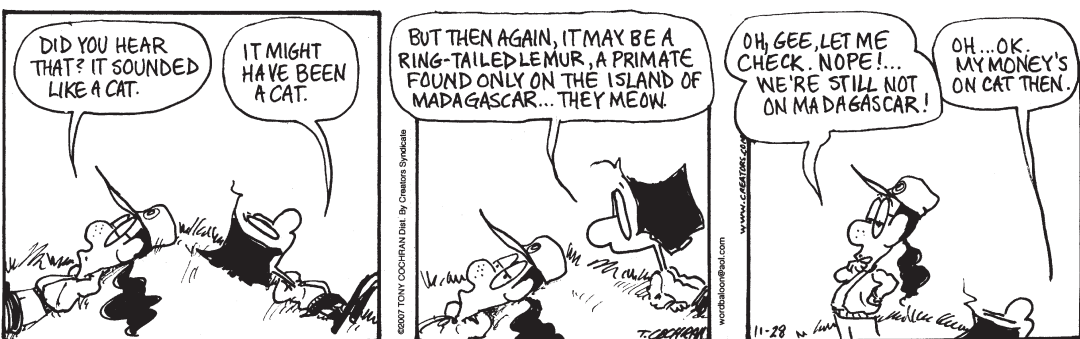
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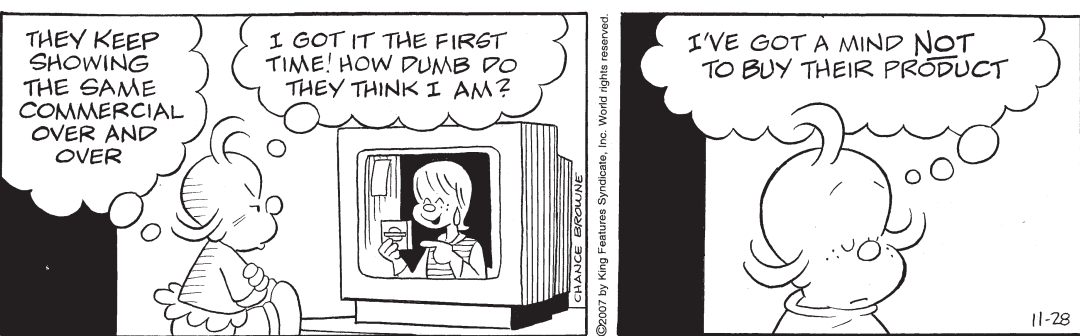
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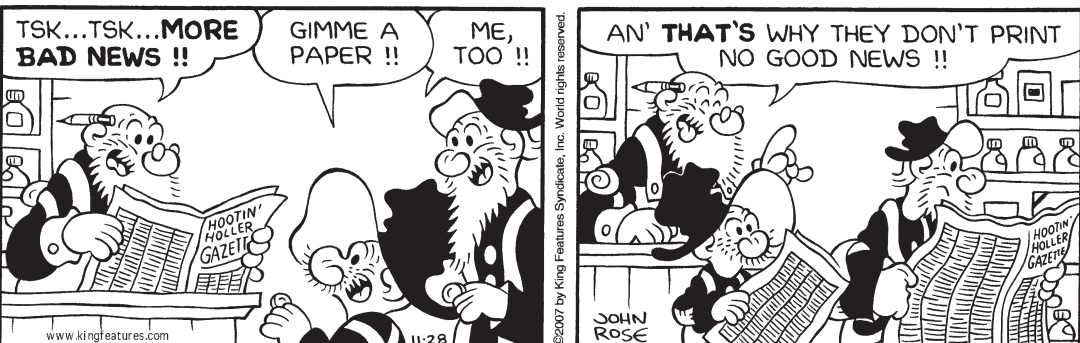
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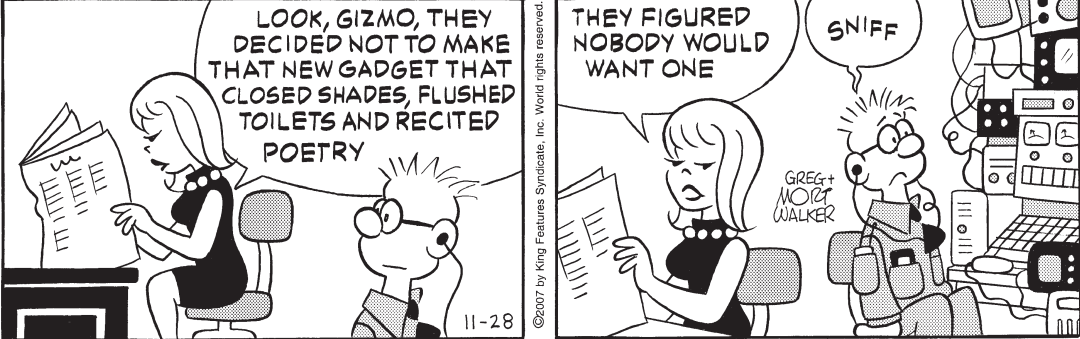
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2007. There are 33 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 28, 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston. On this date: In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name. In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began conferring in Tehran during World War II. In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community. In 1964, the United States launched the space probe

Mariner 4 on a course to Mars. In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard. In 1987, a South African Airways Boeing 747 crashed into the Indian Ocean with the loss of all 159 people aboard. In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as British prime minister during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major. In 2001, Enron Corp. collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion deal to take it over. Birthdays: Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 78. Former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., is 71. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 67. Singer Randy Newman is 64. Movie director Joe Dante is 61. CBS News correspondent Susan Spencer is 61. "Late Show" orchestra leader Paul Shaffer is 58. Actor Ed Harris is 57. Actress S.

Epatha Merckerson is 55. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is 54. Country singer Kristine Arnold (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 51. Actor Judd Nelson is 48. Movie director Alfonso Cuaron is 46. Comedian Jon Stewart is 45. Actress Garcelle Beauvais-Nilon is 41. Hip-hop musician apl.de.ap (Black Eyed Peas) is 33. Actress Aimee Garcia is 29. Rapper Chamillionaire is 28. Actress Scarlett Pomers ("Reba") is 19. Thought for Today: "No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach." William Cowper, English poet (1731-1800).

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