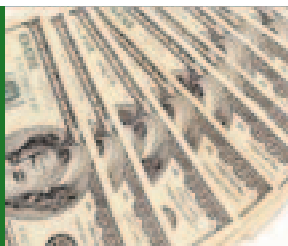


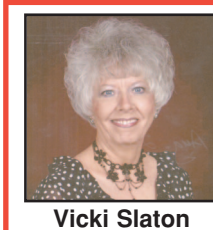
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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
This structure in the 1300 block of Third Street was the scene of an attack by vandals early Monday morning, causing between \$8,000 and \$10,000 in damage when a vehicle being stored in the building was set afire. The incident is being investigated by the Big Spring Fire Marshal's office and the police department.

Firefighters' efforts limit damage caused by arson

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray is investigating a fire reported early Monday morning in the 1300 block of Third Street that destroyed at least one vehicle and

caused more than \$8,000 in damage.

According to Condray, the fire was reported at 3:22 a.m. at the building that once served as Johnson's Sheet Metal and is currently being rented out by its owner, Billy Johnson.

"The building was being used for storage and as a private party type facility," said Condray. "There were pool tables and games in the building, and in a garage area there were four vehicles that were

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Robin Hood creeps into FISD's forest

Rising values will elevate district into 'rich' designation

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Robin Hood will not be a welcome sight here in 2008.

Rising property valuations will push Forsan Independent School District past an invisible line that separates "property poor" and "property rich" school districts this year; FISD will become a rich district, at least as far as state education officials are concerned.

That means that, for the first time in many years, an area school district will have local funds

liable for state capture and eventual dispersal to other districts in the state under the state's "Robin Hood" financing formula designed to equalize funding among school districts.

Just how much money will be subject to capture is still to be determined. FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said he will have a better idea what to expect when the district receives its new property valuations in midsummer.

And exactly where the captured money will go is also to be decided. Once FISD is officially declared a Chapter 41 (property-rich) district, local voters will decide from among

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Johnson

Glasscock County focuses on primaries

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County isn't the only area government looking toward the March primaries, as Glasscock

County officials may be able to wrap up their contests in a few short months.

According to Glasscock County Clerk Rebecca Batla, all candidates filing

to run in the March political party primaries signed up to run on the Republican ticket, making a November contest highly unlikely.

Glasscock County com-

missioner for Precinct 1, Jimmy Strube, made it through the filing period without drawing a challenger, and is expected reach the November ballot uncontested.

Fellow incumbent commissioner Marck Schaefer, who currently represents Precinct 3, decided not to run for reelection this year. Schaefer's decision has

drawn Dalem Schwartz and Gary W. Jones into the race, with the winner of the primary expected to go unchallenged in

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Election volunteers honored for 'valuable contributions'

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County residents who volunteer their time to help with local, state and national elections got a pat on the back today with "Volunteers for

Democracy Day," which was recently approved by county commissioners.

The proclamation, signed by all four county commissioners and County Judge Mark Barr, reads: "The Commissioner's

Court of Howard County does hereby declare Jan. 8, 2008, as 'Volunteers for Democracy Day' in honor of the precinct chairs and other election volunteers who make valuable contributions to the nation's democratic

system."

Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said the accolades are long overdue for a group of volunteers who work tirelessly each year.

"We would like to recognize

the valuable contribution that the poll workers make to our democratic system," said Bloom. "Without them, elections could not run as smooth

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STUCK ON NOT GOING TO SCHOOL

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A 10-year-old Mexican boy dreaded returning to school after Christmas break so much that he glued his hand to his bed.

Sandra Palacios spent nearly two hours Monday morning trying to free her son Diego's hand with water, oil and nail polish remover before calling authorities, police chief Jorge Camacho told The Associated Press from outside the northern city of Monterrey.

"I didn't want to go to school because vacation was so much fun," Reforma newspaper quoted the boy as saying.

Palacios said Diego sneaked into the kitchen in the early morning to get the industrial glue, which he then slathered on his right hand. She didn't hear him get up, but later awoke and found him watching TV with his hand stuck to the bed, she told Mexican newspaper El Universal.

"I don't know why he did it," she told Reforma. "He's a good boy, but mischievous like all kids."

NAME CHANGE QUITE AN EXPERIENCE

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — You can refer to him officially now as Mr. Experience. Daniel Michael Miller II is history.

The former Dan Miller, 24, has legally changed his name to "The" Dan Miller Experience.

His first name is "The" Dan, with the quotation marks. His middle name is Miller and his last name is Experience.

About 300 people petitioned the Summit County Probate Court last year to change a name, and Experience was one of the few who was called in to explain why he wanted an unusual name. The Akron musician and rapper did so, and last month the change became official.

"My first reaction was that this guy was going to have some problems with Homeland Security," said Magistrate Larry Poulos, who approved the name change.

"But (Experience) is in the entertainment business, and he seems like a nice kid," Poulos said.

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IN BRIEF

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches rankings

Several Crossroads high school basketball teams are populating the TABC's latest top 20 state rankings as of Jan. 7.

BOYS

CLASS 1A, DIV. I

1. Cayuga
2. Graford
3. White Deer
4. Martin's Mill
5. Valley View
6. Thorndale
7. Clarendon
8. Trenton
9. Poolville
10. Anderson-Shiro
11. Spurger
12. Big Sandy
13. Avery
14. Moulton
15. Sudan
16. FORSAN
17. Albany
18. Mumford
19. Cross Roads
20. Port Aransas

CLASS 1A, DIV. II

1. Goodrich
2. Happy
3. Lipan
4. Rule
5. Avinger
6. Laneville
7. GRADY
8. Adrian
9. Fayetteville
10. Waelder
11. D'Hanis
12. Paducah
13. Ira
14. Nazareth
15. Calvert
16. Eden
17. Hart
18. Priddy
19. Roby
20. GARDEN CITY

GIRLS

CLASS 1A, DIV. II

1. Saltillo
2. Kennard
3. Carmine
4. Roscoe Highland
5. Follett
6. D'Hanis
7. Roby
8. Rochelle
9. Guthrie
10. SANDS
11. Paint Rock
12. Oakwood
13. Strawn
14. Apple Springs
15. Leggett
16. GARDEN CITY
17. Petersburg
18. Wellman-Union
19. GRADY
20. Hedley

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TODAY

Big Spring boys basketball vs. Brownfield, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball at Midland Trinity, 6 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball at Midland Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Frenship, 6 p.m.

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

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Anson, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Anson, 8 p.m.

Gibbs resigns from Redskins

By JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Joe Gibbs resigned as coach and team president of the Washington Redskins on Tuesday.

The Redskins said in a statement that Gibbs will remain part of the Redskins family and serve as a special adviser to owner Dan Snyder. Gibbs was to discuss his decision at a 3 p.m. news conference at Redskins Park.

The Redskins will begin a search for a new coach immediately. Among the certain candi-

dates are two former head coaches on Gibbs' staff, Gregg Williams and Al Saunders.

Gibbs went 31-36, including 1-2 in the playoffs, after emerging from NFL retirement and his NASCAR career to sign a five-year, \$27.5 million contract in 2004. He had always maintained that he intended to fulfill the contract, but the 67-year-old coach wavered from that stance Monday when asked if he would return for the final year of his deal.

Gibbs' resignation brings an

apparent end to a Hall of Fame career in which he twice raised the Redskins from mediocrity into a playoff team, although he failed in his goal of bringing the team back to the Super Bowl during his second stint in Washington. Gibbs won three NFL titles during his first tenure from 1981-92; the second time around he took the team to the postseason in two of his four seasons.

Gibbs' resignation comes after one of the best coaching performances of his career, his leader-

ship helping the Redskins focus after the death of safety Sean Taylor on Nov. 27. Washington won its final four regular season games after Taylor's funeral, going from 5-7 to 9-7 to claim the final playoff berth in the NFC.

The emotional run ended Saturday, when the Redskins lost 35-14 at Seattle in the wild-card playoffs.

"It was the toughest (season) for me," Gibbs said Monday. "When you go through a season like that, for a while it's kind of hard to re-grasp reality."

LSU mauls Ohio St. for BCS title

By BEN WALKER

AP National Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Les Miles unleashed an ear-piercing whoop, then leaned back and exhaled as if he had been holding his breath all night.

"I just had to do that," the LSU coach said.

Easy for him to say, now that he has the BCS national championship trophy.

The second-ranked Tigers danced, dodged and darted their way into the end zone Monday night for a 38-24 victory, turning the title game into a horrible replay for No. 1 Ohio State.

They made it look easy with Matt Flynn throwing four touchdown passes. Now the debate begins: Are they the best?

In a season of surprises, this was hardly an upset: Ohio State once again fell apart in college football's biggest game. A year after the Buckeyes were routed by Florida 41-14, they barely did better.

But this was unprecedented. Playing at their home-away-from-home in the Big Easy, the Tigers (12-2) became the first two-loss team to compete for the title.

Still, LSU was a runaway No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll. The Tigers received 60 of 65 first-place votes from a national media panel.

Georgia, Southern California, Missouri and Ohio State rounded out the top five. Georgia had three first-place votes while Southern Cal and

No. 7 Kansas each had one.

And while Miles got to hoist the \$30,000 crystal prize, surely many fans around the country were wondering if someone else was equally worthy.

The top six teams in the final AP poll all had two losses and Kansas had one.

"Certainly there will be some argument as to who's the best team. But I think the national champion has been crowned tonight," Miles said. "I have give great credit to some divine intervention that allows us to be in this position."

Shouts of "SEC! SEC!" bounced around the Superdome as the Tigers won their second BCS crown in five seasons. They are the first school to win a second title since BCS rankings began with the 1998 season.

"My team is the No. 1 team in the land," said All-American defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey, who passed up the NFL draft to return for his senior season.

LSU rallied from an early 10-0 deficit, taking a 24-10 halftime lead that held up.

"We just didn't do the things you need to do to win a ballgame of this nature. We're very aware that LSU's a deserving champion," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

Jacob Hester bulled for a short touchdown, Early Doucet wiggled loose for a touchdown and Dorsey led a unit that outplayed the top-ranked defense in



AP photo/Charlie Riedel

LSU linebacker Ali Highsmith (7) knocks the ball from Ohio State quarterback Todd Boeckman (17) causing a fumble that LSU recovered in the second half during the BCS Championship at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Monday. LSU won 38-24, clinching its second BCS title.

the nation.

Ohio State (11-2) had little to celebrate after Chris "Beanie" Wells broke loose for a 65-yard TD run on the fourth play of the game.

"It's unbelievable to know you've failed two

years in a row," Wells said.

LSU, whose two losses both came in triple overtime, became just the fourth favorite to win in 10 BCS championship games. The Tigers added to the crown they won in

2003 — their other national championship came in 1958.

"We came out here with the right frame of mind. We kept hanging in there," Flynn said.

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Jones makes move from Hawaii to SMU

By DAVID KOENIG

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Staying at Hawaii would have been the easy choice for June Jones. It was the challenge of rebuilding a tattered football program that led him to take the coaching job at Southern Methodist, which stumbled to a 1-11 record this season.

"Where you are now excites me because the only way is up, and I am good at going up," Jones said Monday.

The introduction of Jones at a booster-packed press conference ended the nation's longest college coaching search this year. It had been 70 days since Phil Bennett was dismissed with four games left in the season.

School officials hope Jones can bring some of Hawaii's run-and-shoot magic, which produced 43 points per game, an undefeated regular season and a BCS bowl berth this year. They were also impressed by Jones' ability to resuscitate Hawaii, which went 0-12 before he arrived in 1999 and won nine games.

Jones' decision to leave Hawaii came after an extraordinary bidding war that even involved the governor of Hawaii.

Leigh Steinberg, Jones' agent,

said the coach accepted a five-year deal worth about \$2 million per year. He said Hawaii offered about \$1.6 million per year.

"In 30 years representing athletes, I've never seen the emotional reaction from a state like Hawaii," Steinberg said. "There was a flood of e-mails and calls exhorting him to stay."

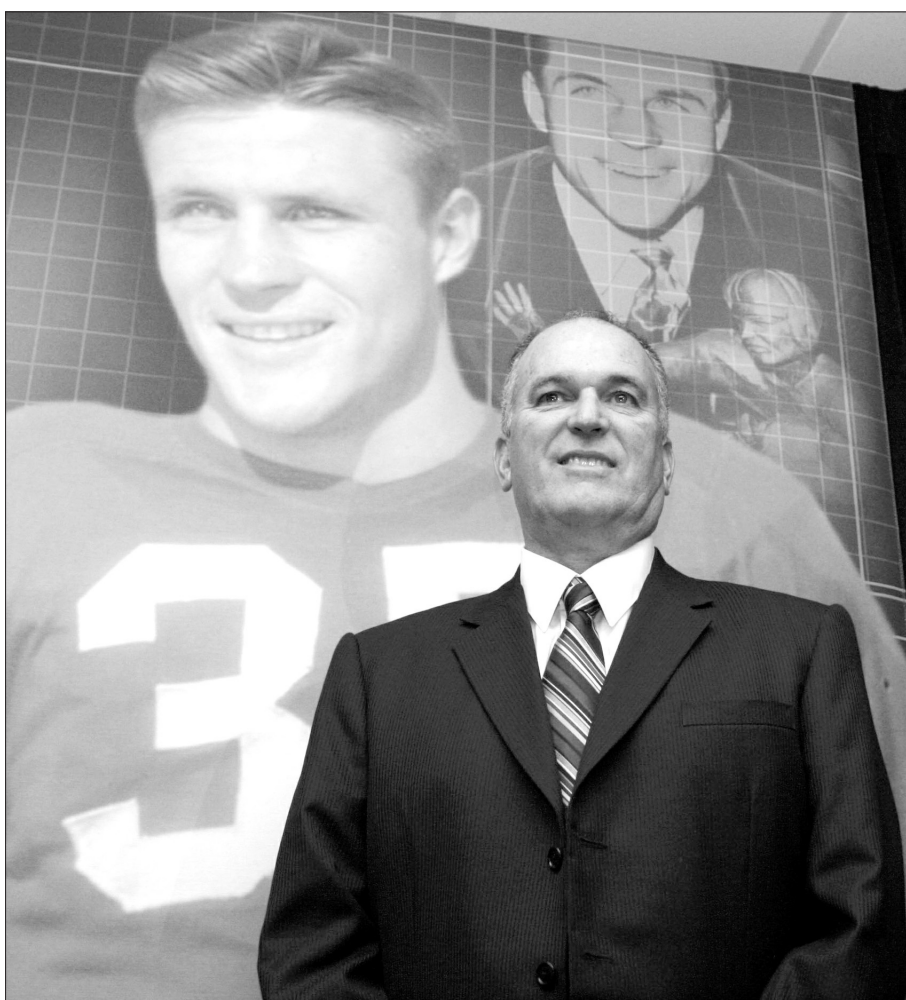
Besides more money, Jones will be in the middle of the rich Texas recruiting base, and he'll get better facilities. SMU recently built a new brick-faced stadium and a modern training center.

"There's absolutely no comparison," Jones said. At Hawaii, "the office that I sat in was the same office that Dick Tomey used in 1986. The carpet was the same ... You're talking about the NFL and a Pop Warner team."

A handful of SMU players met Jones after Monday's press conference. The coach said he had watched tape of some SMU games and the Mustangs were "close to turning the corner." But he declined to predict how many games they'll win next season.

Jones would have faced a rebuilding process even had he stayed at Hawaii. The Warriors,

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AP photo/Amy Conn-Gutierrez

June Jones, SMU's new football head coach, stands by photos of former player Doak Walker following a news conference in Dallas, Monday.

Obituaries

Wendel Thomas Payte



Wendel Thomas Payte, age 73 years, while surrounded by his wife and children, went to be with our Father in Heaven on Jan. 7, 2008.

The family will receive visitors at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Memorial services will be held at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 4 p.m. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Wendel was born May 24, 1934, to Carmen and Mary Payte in Boswell, Okla.

He married the love of his life, Wynona Duke, on June 2, 1958. They have been long time members of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

He honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1953 to 1957. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1993 after 36 years. He was a Little League coach for many years and he loved to bowl.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, one brother, Mike Payte, one grandson, Jason Horton, and beloved friend Patsy Pettitt.

He is survived by Wynona, his loving wife of 50 years; three daughters, Wendy Horton and husband Jeff of Grand Prairie, Wakenda Dunlap and husband Gerald, Wylene Landrum and husband Jay, and one son, Whitney Payte and wife Brenda all of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren, Nikki Pickett and husband Randy, Jeremy Green and wife Heather, Travis Long and fiancée Mandy, Brandi Dunlap, Kendel Light, Brendan Payte, Justin Payte, Emily Landrum, Britney Payte and Payte Landrum; two great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Pickett and Kyleigh Green; and life long friends, Leona Pettitt and wife Donna and Debbie and Aline Legg. He is also survived by two sisters, Joyce and Louise of Springdale, Ark., and several nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jeremy Green, Travis Long, Brendan Payte, Justin Payte and Randy Pickett.

The family suggests memorials be made to Howard College Scholarship Fund, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720 or the American Cancer Society, % Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Esperanza 'Hope' Levya

Esperanza "Hope" Levya, 84, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in a Lubbock hospital. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Hope was born June 6, 1923, in El Paso and had lived in Big Spring since 1959. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include one sister, Luz Rios Levya of Los Angeles, Calif.; and numerous family members, friends and caretakers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one step-sister and her step-mother.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 N. Aylford, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Felix G. Hudgins

Felix G. Hudgins, 80, of Coahoma, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- **JENEANE RICHARD**, 21, of 711 S. Johnson, was arrested Monday on a local warrant.
- **DAVID EDISON**, 53, of 2004 S. Johnson, was arrested Monday on a New Mexico warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of 16th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.
- **BURGLARY OF A COIN OPERATED/COLLECTION MACHINE** was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 100 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 800 block of FM 700.
- **ARSON** was reported in the 1300 block of Third Street.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JENEANE NICHOL RICHARD**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- **JACK MILTON BROUGHTON**, 53, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of theft (two counts).
- **SHEILA FAY RICHARDSON**, 42, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Taylor County warrant for theft by check.
- **QUINCY LAMAR HENRY**, 18, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify - giving false information, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.
- **DARRELL SCOTT SHULTZ**, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication.
- **WILLIAM BRENNAN FONTANA**, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **BRUCE CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL**, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Monticello. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of 24th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of Main Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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.

• 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.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 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.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Light and Variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph after midnight.

Wednesday...Sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 60s. South Winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest Winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the morning becoming light and variable.

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

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

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

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 50s.

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

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 25-23-16-35. Bonus Ball: 26. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-29-15-28. Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) _ The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-9-3-0. Sum It Up: 19.

AUSTIN (AP) _ The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-8. Sum It Up: 13.

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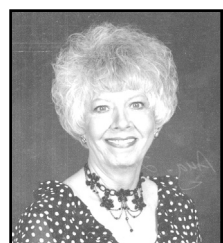
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Golden State outlasts San Antonio in overtime

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Baron Davis figures Tony Parker's tying 3-pointer in the waning seconds of regulation probably would have broken the will of last season's Golden State Warriors.

The current edition doesn't break so easily, not even against the champion Spurs — not with Davis taking control in what just might be a season-altering victory.

Stephen Jackson scored 12 of his 29 points in overtime, and Davis had 34 points and 14 assists while creating offense

on nearly every possession in the final 10 minutes of Golden State's 130-121 victory over San Antonio on Monday night.

Few January games carry more importance than this victory for the Warriors, who won the season series with the Spurs for the first time since 1996-97. They also avoided their first three-game losing streak since beginning the season 0-6.

The style clash between free-flowing Golden State and orderly San Antonio was entertaining throughout, but Davis put on the best show. He had 12 points in the fourth quarter during a stunning series of baskets before the Spurs erased a

six-point deficit in the final 47 seconds.

Davis had three assists and a key basket in overtime as the Warriors pulled away. All told, Davis was responsible for 28 points with baskets and assists in the final 5 minutes of regulation and OT.

Jackson, who rallied from a terrible start to finish with 29 points, hit two free throws and two 3-pointers on passes from Davis in a 56-second span of overtime. Davis added a silky pullback jumper with 43 seconds to play, ensuring San Antonio's second loss at Golden State in four weeks.

Tim Duncan, who didn't play

in the Spurs' previous trip to Oakland on Dec. 11, had 32 points and 13 rebounds, while Parker finished with 31 points and eight assists. The Warriors' tenacity prevented Spurs coach Gregg Popovich from getting his 600th career victory.

Monta Ellis and Kelenna Azubuike scored 16 points apiece for the Warriors, who blew a 14-point lead in the second half before Davis went to work against Bruce Bowen.

Davis generated 12 points on four consecutive possessions during the final minutes of regulation with a 3-pointer, two consecutive three-point plays and an assist on Jackson's 3-

pointer. Another 3-pointer by Davis put Golden State up 110-104 with 57 seconds left in regulation, but Duncan scored five straight points before Parker's tying shot.

San Antonio opens a four-game homestand against Detroit on Thursday, and Popovich still is looking for his 600th career victory. He's seventh among active coaches — and still 653 behind Nelson, Popovich's boss for two seasons during Nelson's first stint with the Warriors.

"It took me 10 years longer to get 600 wins. What's wrong with that guy?" Nelson cracked before the game.

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Miles probably got a little extra satisfaction, too. Though he turned down a chance to return home to Michigan, he did something his alma mater hasn't done recently — beat the Buckeyes.

The loss left Ohio State at 0-9 overall in bowl games against teams from the Southeastern Conference. The SEC delights in whipping Big Ten teams in what's become a rivalry that steams up fans on both sides.

Better on offense and defense, the Tigers got two big plays on special teams — Ricky Jean-Francois blocked a field goal, and LSU took advantage of a roughing-the-kicker penalty.

Flynn hit Doucet with a 4-yard toss with 9:04 left for a 31-10 lead and the celebration was on in earnest. The Buckeyes made the score more respectable on Todd Boeckman's 5-yard TD pass on fourth down to Brian Robiskie, only to have Flynn come back and throw his second TD pass to Richard Dickson.

Flynn finished 19-for-27 for 174 yards and was picked the game's most outstanding offensive player.

As the clock ticked down, Boeckman threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Brian Hartline.

Ohio State was trying to win its second BCS title in six years, and add to the one that Tressel captured by upsetting Miami 31-24 in double overtime

for the 2002 championship.

For sure, the Buckeyes were perhaps the most-maligned No. 1 team in recent memory, with critics attacking them all season.

Tressel gave his players a 10-minute DVD filled with insults hurled at them by television and radio announcers, hoping it would motivate his team.

Instead, the Tigers ravaged the nation's best defense and showed that maybe all those naysayers were right.

"I worry about disappointment because of how hard the kids work. I don't worry about criticism," Tressel said. "If you struggle taking criticism, you better not be at Ohio State and better not be playing football."

Known as a punishing runner, Wells got the game off to a quick start. On the fourth play from scrimmage, the Buckeyes' bruising back started left, made a nifty cut right and burst through the middle.

Wells was gone, off on the longest run of his career. And so much for SEC speed — Wells outran All-America safety Craig Steltz for a 65-yard TD.

Wells was welcomed by a familiar face once he got back to the sideline. Miami Dolphins receiver Ted Ginn Jr., wearing scarlet and gray Mardi Gras beads, knew all about early strikes. He provided Ohio State's only highlight in last year's BCS title game, returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown.

This time, Ohio State made it 10-0 on its next

possession. Boeckman hit a wide-open Brandon Saine for 44 yards, setting up Ryan Pretorius' 25-yard field goal.

Only five minutes into the game, Ohio State and its all-brass band was blowing away the Tigers. LSU looked dazed and defensive coordinator Bo Pelini — who now becomes Nebraska's full-time coach — had few answers.

Fortunately for the Tigers, their offense started clicking.

On a team full of flash, it was the reliable ol' Hester who settled down LSU.

First, he barreled into All-America linebacker James Laurinaitis for a short gain. Both players are the rugged type and in a nice show of sportsmanship, Laurinaitis — whose dad, Joe, once starred as "Animal" in the "Legion of Doom" wrestling tag team — helped up Hester.

Hester broke off a 20-yard run on the next play, and LSU eventually got a 32-yard field goal from Colt David that made it 10-3.

That score late in the first quarter seemed to jazz everyone in purple and gold.

The Tigers zoomed into fast motion, the band's Golden Girls suddenly put more bounce in their step and thousands of fans started screaming even louder.

Flynn also seemed to recognize exactly what Ohio State was trying to do.

LSU quarterbacks spend kickoff for a touchdown. This time, Ohio State made it 10-0 on its next

defenses. Apparently, what worked on the screen did even better on the field.

Two big penalties against Ohio State helped set up Flynn's 13-yard touchdown pass to Dickson, who somehow found himself uncovered. Flynn punctuated the strike by hollering, giving a wild fist pump and putting up both hands to signal TD.

Tied at 10, the Buckeyes counted on Wells. He delivered one of the season's best stiff-arms on a 29-yard romp, and Ohio State seemed poised to retake the lead.

Instead, Jean-Francois crashed through the middle, swung his big right arm and blocked Pretorius' 38-yard field goal try.

As Ohio State trudged off the field and LSU ran on, it was all over. It only took a while to confirm it.

"We had a chance early and a chance later. LSU just made too many plays," Laurinaitis said.

LSU turned to another of its five dangerous tailbacks, and NCAA sprint star Trindon Holliday zigzagged closer to the goal line.

Flynn's perfect pass to Brandon LaFell in the back left corner of the end zone put the Tigers ahead 17-10.

Then, it was time for LSU's defense to make the big play. Cornerback Chevis Jackson intercepted Boeckman's loss toss and streaked 34 yards down the right sideline.

The Tigers moved to a first-and-goal at 1. On third down, Hester plunged up the middle and it was 24-10.

LSU first two-loss team named AP champions

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — For the first time, a team with two losses ended up No. 1.

LSU climbed to the top of The Associated Press college football poll for the third time this season, winning its second title after beating Ohio State 38-24 in the BCS national championship game Monday night.

Right behind the Tigers, who received 60 of 65 first-place votes from the media panel, was another Southeastern Conference team. Georgia was No. 2, making the SEC the first league since the Big 8 in 1971 to have the top two teams in the final AP poll. National champion Nebraska was followed by Oklahoma that season.

Southern California, which started this season ranked No. 1, finished No. 3. Missouri was fourth, its best finish in the AP poll, and Ohio State fell from No. 1 to No. 5 after losing the title game.

Georgia received three first-place votes, USC got one and so did No. 7 Kansas.

The last time four teams received first-place votes in the final AP poll was after the 1977 season, when No. 1 Notre Dame, No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Arkansas and No. 4 Texas split up the top votes.

It was the first time a team with two losses finished No. 1. Colorado was 11-1-1 when it won the 1990 AP national title.

After a wild season in

which four teams were No. 1 and nine teams were No. 2, LSU shouldn't mind a little dissension. The top six teams in the final poll all had two losses.

Twice before in this improbable college football season the Tigers reached No. 1, but both times they could only hold it for a couple of weeks.

And now, when it matters most, LSU is No. 1.

The Tigers won their first AP national title since 1958. LSU won the BCS championship in 2003, but had to share the national championship with USC, which finished No. 1 in the AP poll and had been No. 1 in the coaches' poll entering the bowls.

Only five of the teams that started the season ranked in the top 10 finished there.

West Virginia finished sixth, followed by the Jayhawks, Oklahoma and Virginia Tech. Boston College and Texas tied for No. 10.

No. 12 Tennessee was followed by Florida, BYU and Auburn.

Arizona State was 16th with Cincinnati, Michigan, Hawaii and Illinois rounding out the top 20.

Michigan moved back into the rankings by beating Florida in the Capital One bowl, coach Lloyd Carr's final game.

The final five were Clemson, Texas Tech, Oregon, Wisconsin and Oregon State.

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who suffered a 41-10 thrashing by Georgia in the Sugar Bowl, will lose quarterback Colt Brennan, who finished third in the Heisman voting, and leading receiver Davone Bess, who is skipping his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

Still, the Warriors are the only football show in Honolulu, which helped turn Jones and Brennan into celebrities in paradise.

By contrast, SMU is nearly invisible in the area, overshadowed by the Dallas Cowboys and better college programs at Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and TCU. The Mustangs play in Conference USA, which according to popular power ratings is even weaker than Hawaii's league, the Western Athletic Conference.

Jones said, however, that recruiting for SMU will be easier than at Hawaii, where distance made mainland parents reluctant to send their kids. He added that many Texas high schools now run spread offenses featuring the passing game, just like his run-and-shoot.

"It'll be fun to watch,

and we'll attract the players to come play in our offense," he said. "I know there are a lot of players within 30 miles of this campus."

Jones, who turns 55 next month, had a record of 75-41 with Hawaii, including 4-2 in bowl games. His teams finished first in the WAC twice and second two other times. He went to Hawaii after 12 years in the NFL, including stints as head coach at Atlanta and San Diego.

Bennett was the fourth coach to lead SMU since it came off the death

penalty in 1989. The Mustangs are 58-153-3 and have had only one winning season in that span.

Bennett's departure was announced Oct. 28, with four games left in the season, and that was just the beginning of the long hunt for a replacement.

Athletic Director Steve Orsini pursued Navy coach Paul Johnson, but he took the opening at Georgia Tech instead. Recently fired Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione and former Miami coach Larry Coker were among those rumored to be in the run-

ning.

While the SMU search dragged on, Navy found a replacement for Johnson in one day and Texas A&M replaced Franchione in three days.

"We took our time. We did it right," Orsini said. "We have to fill up Ford

Stadium."

SMU got permission to speak with Jones last month.

Jones said he watched as many coaching jobs came open and were filled, but the only schools that intrigued him were SMU and Duke.

"Hawaii will always be my home," he said. "The opportunity here surpasses everything ... I just really believe this is the time for me to move on."

AP sports writer Jim Vertuno in Austin contributed to this report.

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Not only is today the first new moon of 2008, a fabulous time to recommit to the resolutions we've yet to start, but lucky Jupiter in Capricorn shares the new moon's piece of the sky, which is doubly fortuitous. Whoa, get a hold of your determination and resolve! To harness the wind at your back, ground yourself in the stabilizing, supportive earth beneath your feet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can easily sense who's going to help you and who is not, so make decisions quickly. Someone you've grown to trust, possibly a Taurus, proves a passionate counterpart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Why would you downsize your dreams? Make a commitment to yourself to grow, no matter what others are doing. Aries gives you strategies and tactics you can use right away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a magnet for the best life has to offer. Dare to aim higher than you recently have been. When you ask the advice of experts, they'll be generous and help you plot a fine destiny.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The tables turn in a relationship. If you've been giving more, now it's your turn to receive. Tonight, once you step out of your routine, the adventure is wild, and you're even wilder.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're healthy when your communication lines are open. Establish a trend of exchanging information with those around you. A shy person warms up to you because you care to find out what's going on in his or her world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though others may have feelings of anxiety, your faith prevents you from being afraid. That's why you're so needed. Be an example of strength. Scorpio and Pisces connections are serendipitous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're making money. But if your heart isn't singing while you work, it doesn't matter in the least. You can earn and be happy at the same time and should settle for no less.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Personal relationships are set right. Reflecting on past events clears up a portion of the fog. And tonight's spontaneous fun acts as a bonding agent for all involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do you speak teenager? Or dog? Well, today you do. Your excellent verbal skills translate into whatever language or culture you wish to connect with. Take this opportunity to express yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Configurations that made your birth an extraordinary event are now reactivated. So, if you feel like you're a true original, you're right. Enjoy your special status.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not what happens but how you think about what happens that will shape your future. You'll have an overwhelmingly positive way of remembering today's events, which is more important than the events themselves.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're restless to experience something new. It happens for you when you dare to walk down a different path, open a door you've always wondered about and pursue a question you've long held.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: The Moon. Welcome, new moon in Capricorn! Of all

the phases of the moon, there's none more beloved than the new moon. Why does everyone love a new moon so? It's childlike and innocent. The new moon is a breath of fresh air, hastening new life with growth. But nothing's apparent. As the sun and the moon's masculine and feminine forces meet, life is quiet, and it seems like nothing's happening. That's because it's all happening beneath the surface. Imagine the new moon as the egg of an idea or impulse. A cosmic seed has been planted, but we have no idea how it will all turn out. The overriding feeling of a new moon is hopeful optimism — we have the feeling of an expectant mother, wondering and waiting. And we have every reason to believe our creative ideas and projects will be good, particularly because we don't have any prior experience to work with! Notice the spontaneity and freshness this new moon phase brings you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Capricorn Mary J. Blige has been at the bottom of the mountain and climbed her way back to the top. At her lowest, she'd lost herself to an addictive, glamorous lifestyle. Now she's back on top, and her song is as strong as ever. With her Cancer moon, she needs the insular unit of a family tribe to feel complete. Are children in the stars this year? If she wants them! The Cap moon is a good time to try.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been in a relationship with "Hunter" for six years. For the first three, he was married to someone else. He'd had affairs throughout his entire marriage, but he left his wife and daughter, gave up everything and moved in with me. Now he's cheating on me. I've already caught him twice. Hunter can't afford to move out because he gives his ex most of his money, and I don't want to kick him out in the street. I can't sleep and it's beginning to take a toll on everything I do.

I don't really have anyone to talk to because everyone will say I'm getting what I deserve. Am I beyond help? Hunter says he loves me and wants to spend the rest of his life with me. — Reaping What I've Sown

Dear Reaper: Hunter probably told his wife that, too, but it didn't mean much. Your boyfriend is a serial cheater, and unless he gets professional help to understand himself better, he won't stop — not for you, not for anyone. He may love you, but he will not be faithful. You need to

decide if you want to stay with someone who we guarantee will cheat on you again. We think it's time to tell Hunter he has to find another place to live, and don't let him sweet-talk you into letting him stay. You are not responsible for supporting him.

Dear Annie: Last year, my church hired a new pastor. He has a girlfriend whom he is planning to marry on a Sunday, during the only service that day. They have asked members to bring a dish to a potluck reception following the ceremony. The pastor listed places where congregants can buy gifts and also suggested we help decorate the church by purchasing flowers to donate.

Maybe I'm looking at this wrong, but I don't think having a wedding on a Sunday is right, making attendance at their wedding obligatory if we wish to go to services. It seems selfish. And asking members to provide for their wedding is a bit much. Is this appropriate behavior from a pastor? — Very Disturbed

Dear Disturbed: Pastors usually hold a special position within the community, and many congregants want to celebrate their important milestones, such as marriage. But few pastors can afford to host a wedding for that many people, so a Sunday potluck meal and homemade decorations are not unusual. What is unfortunate is that the pastor took it upon himself to make demands of his

congregation when it would have been much less offensive if these suggestions had come from a fellow congregant. Because the pastor is new, you haven't had enough time to get to know him and you understandably feel imposed upon. He's being a little presumptuous, but we'd give him a pass this time and wish him the best.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Please Help Me," the military spouse who said her husband was high ranking and made her feel inadequate.

She needs to reread her letter. She wanted a dog — they have a dog. She was miserable overseas — he put in for a transfer. Sounds to me like he is trying to make her happy even though he complains about it.

My husband spent 23 years in the Air Force. During that time, we lived in two foreign countries and six different states. If she needs someone to talk to, she should see the chaplain. If she needs to make friends, the spouses organization is a good place to start and there are usually organizations on base that need volunteers. Finally, most bases have a family support center.

My last piece of advice is the one I tried to follow: Bloom where you are planted. Make every base your home. Reach out to others who are far from home. — Military Wife

Dear Wife: Dozens of military spouses wrote with similar advice. Our thanks to all of you.

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five options how they want the funds disbursed.

Among those options are direct transfer of funds to the

state and direct sharing with area school districts through the Region 18 Educational Service Center, Johnson said.

On other fronts, however, officials are anticipating a relatively quiet 2008.

After several years, construction work will not be a major

topic of discussion, Johnson said. Within the past few months, workers put the finishing touches on renovation projects authorized by 2004's \$4.9 million bond election.

"The last few years, we've worked on upgrading our facilities," Johnson said. "Now,

we've reached most of our facility goals."

With construction out of the way and Robin Hood still on the financial horizon, Johnson said the district can turn most of its attention squarely where it belongs.

"We will continue fighting the

academic battle to provide the best possible education for our students," Johnson said.

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being stored.

"The suspects gained entry to the building by breaking in the front door and shattering a window with a brick. After that,

they went through and caused extensive damage to the games and other parts of the building."

Condray said the vandals then set fire to one of the vehicles.

"I'm not really sure of the total amount of monetary damage that was done to the vehi-

cles," said Condray. "The suspects went through and broke out all of the windows in the vehicles, and then set one of them on fire. That vehicle was destroyed, while the other three made it out with only the damage caused by the vandals and minor smoke damage."

Condray said the damage of

the building ranges from \$8,000 to \$10,000, but it could have been much worse.

"The firefighters really did an exemplary job on this fire," said Condray. "It's a tough fire to fight because it was in a hard-to-reach spot in the building. But the guys worked really hard and knocked it down

quickly."

Condray said the fire has been ruled arson, but no arrests have been made.

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November.

Like Strube, County Tax Collector and Assessor Nancy Hillger also made it out of the filing period without drawing an opponent.

Voters in Glasscock County will, however, be asked to elect a new sheriff, as Royce "Booger" Pruitt announced he would not be running for re-election after nearly 50 years in office.

Keith Burnett and Kenneth W. Zunker have both filed with the Republican party to run

for sheriff, with the winner expected to go unopposed in the November election.

The office of constable, currently held by Mark L. Frysak, will also go unchallenged in both the primaries and November election, as Frysak failed to draw an opponent.

While Glasscock County

officials have set their contests for the March primaries, Martin County officials say they haven't been so lucky.

According to Martin County Clerk Susie Hull, local party chairmen have yet to file their reports with her office.

"We should have had them last week, but we're

still waiting," said Hull. "Until we get that information, we really have no idea who is going to be on the ballot. So we just have to wait for them to get their information in."

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as they do.

"Howard County is very lucky to have a number of dedicated workers who volunteer their time and energy. There are too many to mention and I would not want to overlook anyone."

And as Bloom and her staff celebrate today's designation, Bloom said there is always room for more volunteers.

"We would like to encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a poll worker to contact the elections office or their party chairman," said Bloom. "It can be a very rewarding experience to be a part of the democratic system."

For more information on volunteering, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dog triggers shotgun blast, killing owner

HOUSTON (AP) — A tracking dog apparently stepped on a loaded shotgun in the bed of his owner's pickup truck, firing a fatal blast into the man's thigh during a goose hunt, officials said.

Perry Alvin Price III died Saturday at a hospital from severe blood loss from his femoral artery shortly after the freak accident in southeast Texas.

Chambers County sheriff's investigators said Price, 46, was hunting on a lease near Stowell, about 60 miles east of Houston, when he shot down a goose.

Price then set the gun in the back of his truck and was about to open the tailgate to release his tracking dog when the shotgun fired, investigators said. The blast penetrated the truck's tailgate before hitting Price.

Paw prints from the dog, a chocolate Labrador retriever named Arthur, were found on the muddy shotgun, Sheriff Joe LaRive said.

Man said death compelled by God

TYLER (AP) — Friends and family of a 21-year-old who police say was killed and mutilated by her boyfriend tried Monday to put aside the grisly details of her death, while police said the man described his actions as being compelled by God.

Christopher Lee McCuin, 25, made his initial court appearance Monday after being charged with capital murder in the death Jana Shearer. Police say they found an ear boiling in a pot on a stovetop at the crime scene, and a hunk of flesh on a plate and impaled on a fork at the kitchen table.

"You can't sleep. You can't think straight anymore," said Amy Gage, a friend and neighbor of Shearer. "Then you just keep finding out more and more. It's the most difficult thing anyone can go through."

McCuin, wearing a jail-issue red jumpsuit, was not asked to enter a plea as he appeared before state District Judge Jack Skeen Jr. Skeen continued McCuin's bond at \$2 million and appointed an attorney to represent him.

Appeals court sides with FEMA in dispute

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Federal Emergency Management Agency can end housing subsidies for many victims of Hurricane Katrina, an appeals court ruled.

Many storm victims now receive help through a different federal agency, and it wasn't clear how many people would be affected by the ruling.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided Friday that storm victims who apply for rental assistance aren't legally entitled to a "continuing stream of payments."

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OUR VIEWS

Let's be sure we drive safely in school zones

Now that the holiday season is over, we can begin to get back into some familiar routines. For many of us, that includes some type of arrangement for getting our children to school in the morning and back home again in the afternoon. For those of us who work, it can be a harried time. We're balancing their schedule with ours, trying to get to work, then maybe take a quick afternoon break so we can rush to the school and pick up the children and deliver them to a relative's house, daycare or home.

We've all been outside school buildings when the final bells rings. They are a beehive of activity, with children scampering everywhere, and cars lined up waiting. Obviously, the potential for an accident is increased. Fortunately, however, there have been few of those over the years.

That's because most of us observe the speed limits in school zones and are aware of the potential danger.

Here are some important points to remember:

- Slow down. Always obey the speed limit when traveling through neighborhoods and school zones.

- Be attentive. Watch for children gathering near bus stops and walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.

- Remain alert. Hurried children may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

None of us is so busy, nor is there any emergency so important that we can afford to put our young people at risk by driving in an unsafe manner.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am so saddened to hear that the Senior Center has been closed because of "asbestos."

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fellowship and exercise in the way of dance?

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Is this just a ploy to prevent seniors from quality of life?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our smile warm up someone's day, Lord.

Amen

Hucksters stumble on hustlings

Iowa Democrats clearly decided not to repeat the mistake of 2004. In 2004, caucus-goers, who opposed the war in Iraq, put their weight behind John Kerry, who had voted for the Iraq war resolution, because they believed that Kerry was the Democrat who could win in November. Instead, the Dems lost in the most painful way possible, having sold out utterly and compromised their principles — with nothing to show for it.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Caucus-goers rejected Hillary Clinton's siren song of inevitability and John Edwards' slick populist themes, and instead lined up behind Barack Obama, the one top-tier candidate who opposed the war in Iraq when it was popular.

I don't believe in reading too much into the Iowa caucus — an exercise that involved some 15 percent of the state's registered voters — as it will soon be left in the dust of the roller coaster ride of New Hampshire, South Carolina and Tsunami Tuesday. That said, it would be wrong to ignore a verdict that indicates a desire among Democrats and Republicans to buck their parties' establishments.

Clinton can say she's the change candidate, but that doesn't make it so. Both Clinton and Edwards voted for the Iraq war and voted for the Patriot Act — when the polls told them to. They have stood for nothing with unshakable conviction, except their own

advancement. Iowa caucus-goers went for the new guy, instead of the same old excuses.

As one who sorely wants to see U.S. troops prevail in Iraq and thinks Obama is extremely misguided in his pledge to pull out one to two units of U.S. troops from Iraq per month, I nonetheless appreciate that the Democrats now are putting their votes where their mouths have been.

On the Republican side, Mitt Romney was the big loser. Romney is the Republicans' Edwards; just as Edwards is the Dems' Romney. Both candidates seemed too coiffed, too ambitious and too willing to change positions to win.

Bob Lande, an Iowa lawyer and GOP caucus participant who, along with his wife, Gail, supported John McCain, told me over the phone Friday that he believed Iowa Repubs rejected Romney's "waffling" and negative ads.

As he tried to clarify his thoughts on Romney, Lande pointed to Romney's pose as a lifelong hunter, only to admit that his hunting mainly had entailed shooting "small varmints."

"You don't have to be an avid hunter to be president of the United States," said Lande, who has gone pheasant hunting without a camera crew in tow.

As for GOP victor Mike Huckabee, Lande noted, the former preacher and Arkansas governor is charismatic, a good speaker and has a great sense of humor.

"How can you not like Huckabee?" And what a speech Huckabee made Thursday night. Outspent by Romney 15-1, Huckabee stated,

"The first thing we've learned is that people really are more important than the purse, and what a great lesson for America to learn."

Huckabee showed how his social conservatism can be framed as inclusive, when he noted that those who share his values "carry those convictions not so that we can somehow push back the others, but so we can bring along the others and bring this country to its greatest days ever."

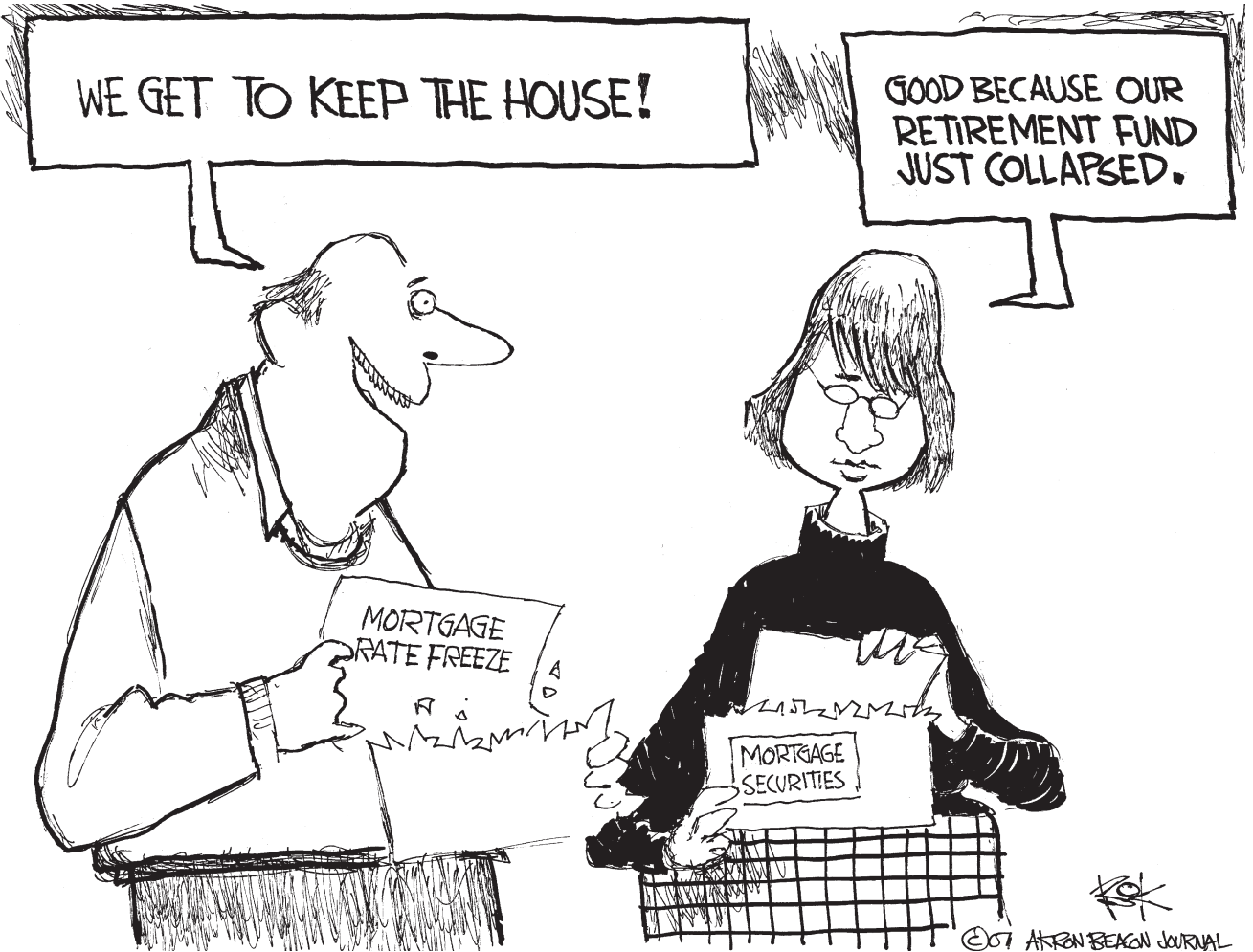
I don't think Huckabee can win the primary — and certainly not the general election. He overuses religion. He has over-pardoned violent criminals. The hokey way he pulled a negative ad — after he showed it to reporters — won't play in Nashua. And he is a bigger lightweight on foreign policy than Obama.

When it comes to the hustings, however, Obama was a virtuoso Thursday night. Obama, too, sang the body politic electric and inclusive, as he spoke of ending "the political strategy that's been all about division, and instead make it about addition — to build a coalition for change that stretches through red states and blue states."

After all the knocking of Iowa as a 95 percent white state that lacked diversity, Iowa Democratic caucus voters chose the son of a Kenyan and a Kansan.

What you have to love about politics most are the pleasant surprises.

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Why so much attention on Iowa?

Why so much attention to a small state that has such a modest record in picking nominees, an even more modest record in picking presidents, and that rarely plays the decisive role of Florida, Ohio or California in the general election?

Think about some recent Iowa winners: George Bush in 1980, when Reagan went on to trounce; Gary Hart, whose second place finish was considered a "victory" in 1984, and who then went on to win New Hampshire and lose the nomination; Dick Gephardt and Bob Dole in 1988, neither of whom won their party's nomination that year. Bill Clinton skipped Iowa in 1992 because Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin was in the race. Clinton finished second in New Hampshire and went on to do just fine; John Kerry won both primaries in 2004, and he didn't.



SUSAN ESTRICH

So why was the entire world of media and politics camped out in Des Moines last week, as if what happens there will determine what happens later, when we all know it very well may not? And perhaps more important, why should we pay the kind of attention we do?

I've been asking Iowans that question, often through chattering teeth, since I got here, and the answer is always about how Iowa and Iowans test candidates in

ways that big states down the road don't, in ways that are good for democracy. I've been hearing the same answer for a few decades now, and much as I appreciate the seriousness with which some Iowans take their politics, I'm not convinced.

It used to be the case that media was meaningless in Iowa, that it was only about meeting people one-on-one, the farmhouse visits, the coffees and the way candidates did up-close campaigning and person-by-person organizing. If that's still true, it's not clear why the airwaves here have been flooded by ads, why candidates have competed to bring in celebrities and rock stars for big city-style rallies, why the "Oprah factor" should be a factor at all.

It's not clear that the factors that make certain people — a Mike Huckabee, for instance — great Iowa candidates are the factors that predict who can win a nomination, win a general election, not to mention govern the country. If Iowa is all about how people look up close and personal, how they connect with people in a living room, then general election politics is far more about how they do from a distance, how they deal with the big moments and whether they're ready to deal with the crises a president will face.

Up close, all the people I've talked to who have met Huckabee, many of them more than once, describe him as the "real thing," as a person of genuine warmth, as someone who connects. From a

distance, given his record as governor, his propensity to gaffes, and his trove of former sermons denouncing Charles Darwin and the Mormon Church, he looks more like a Democrat's dream.

Up close, people who have met Barack Obama tell me they have been inspired by his optimism, his vision and, yes, his youth. From a distance, the question that few seem to have asked is whether he has the experience and the seasoning for the job he seeks. When I ask people about his record as a state senator, his accomplishments in Springfield and in Washington, eyes glaze. One person actually pointed out to me that he was, after all, a former president of the Harvard Law Review, which made me laugh because so am I and I wouldn't for a moment claim it qualifies either of us to be president of the United States.

John Edwards was there for much of the last two years, but he can't spend that kind of time anywhere else. What does being able to win support that way tell us about his ability to win it the way it has to be done in Florida, Ohio and California, much less about what it takes to lead America in this increasingly dangerous world?

Maybe not much is the answer, which is why the process begins but rarely ends here. Iowa was a ticket to the next round, the beginning of the process, not its culmination.

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Seen hunting, defending and remaining in a group through several seasons, the Harris's hawk prefers the company provided by family members. Called a "red hawk," the raptor has colorful wings and legs often described as chestnut, rusty red or rufous.

Bird Poop: Harris's hawk downed by ice

In early January the game warden in Monahans knew exactly where they were. "Imperial has several families. It would be a good release sight," he added. When he asked why a falconer would free a Harris's hawk at this time of the year, I agreed that it was not the best opportunity to release one of our summer birds. With the person moving to another state, it was not legally possible to take along the raptor that was well trained and a ready hunter. "Alright, I'll be ready when you need me," he said as we closed our conversation.



BEBE MCCASLAND

As I stood at the window shortly after noon and watched the weather worsen, the weather station cautioned that ice was building on Interstate 20, with areas north and west being closed. The accumulation from the heavily laden gray sky was obvious on our mesquite trees. Already having filled our bird feeder, I knew our diners would be appreciative. After my three attempts to offer water, the

hungry flock would have to wait, because ice was forming too quickly. Occasional flurries of snow soon mingled with sleet. It was an afternoon of enjoying the warmth of a fireplace until the ringing phone interrupted my reverie. On the outskirts of Midland, a man had noticed a large bird perched in his pecan tree behind the house. As the ice storm continued, he grew concerned about the huddled raptor that never moved. Finally, he was prompted to bundle up and check on the bird. Nearing the tree, the man noticed only the hawk's eyes moving as he approached. Suddenly, the bird fell from the tree and landed on its feet. Desperate to escape the footsteps of the man, it tried to walk away from its perceived danger. Easily overcoming the distance between them, the man realized the bird could not fly. When he placed his bare hands on the bird's wings to press them against its body, he realized why.

Because of the buildup of ice, the hawk could not extend its wings for flight. Carrying the bird inside his house, the man was amazed that he

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Parent's Corner: The secret to happiness

Everyone is busy saying the words, 'Happy New Year' which is wonderful, but do we really understand the meaning of what is happiness?

I believe that being happy is really a choice we make, but it doesn't always seem to be that straightforward.

Within each of us there are two worlds. One leads to a happy life and the other to a life of frustration, despair and misery. These two worlds are the inner world and the outer world. The inner world is made up of our thoughts and feelings. The outer world is made of all the things that we can see, hear, touch, smell and taste.

The outer world is the manifestation of the inner world. Everything in the outer world is only a symbol representing something in the inner world.

Let's think of life as a film. The drama, excitement and stories unfurl before our eyes on the screen. The screen, however, is only where the projection from the projector or video or DVD is displayed.

In the same way, everything in our life is created from our thoughts, feelings and beliefs. If the wrong film is playing on the screen, we would not start trying to make changes to the screen. We would change the video or DVD.

Yet in life we continually try to change the outer world. When we feel unhappy we try to buy new things or change the things or people around us. This rarely works for long because our feelings are created, not by things around us, but by our thoughts, our perception of what is happening around us. Our feelings are from our inner world and things are from our outer world.

The solution to achieving a happy life is so simple that we cannot understand or believe it.

We must realize that happiness comes from feelings, not from things we buy to make us happy. We want it; we strive for it; we envy others who have it. We can see it just beyond the horizon. Yet, how many people do you know who 'have everything' and

still yearn for true happiness? The kind of happiness that comes from within and is not based on status, position, wealth, or possessions.

Happiness is a natural resource that is readily available to all. It is genetically influenced,

but it is not genetically fixed. If we really want to be happier, we have to learn the kinds of things we can do on a day by day basis to prepare for happiness.

We know we cannot

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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♥ K Q J 8
♦ Q 10
♣ A Q J

WEST

♠ A 9
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♣ 7 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 6
♥ A 9 3
♦ 7 2
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The bidding:

South West North East
1♣ 1♦ 1♥ 1♠
1♠ 2♦ 4♣ Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

A cursory glance at today's deal might easily lead one to conclude that South is certain to make four spades. With the opposing trumps divided 3-2, it appears he cannot lose more than the ace of spades and two diamonds.

Yet, when the deal occurred, declarer failed to make the contract. And, what's more, there was absolutely nothing he could do about it!

West began by cashing the K-A of diamonds, then stopping to consider

where his side might pick up another trick in addition to his ace of spades. It was obvious that East could not hold the ace of hearts, king of clubs or any top spade, since South had to

bridge

decided that his try to promote an trump suit. Accordingly, at trick three he continued with the nine of diamonds, knowing full well that he was presenting declarer with the opportunity for a ruff-and-discard, normally the bane of all defenders.

Dummy trumped, but East did his part by ruffing with the ten, forcing South to overruff with the jack. Declarer then crossed to dummy with a club and led a spade to the queen, losing to the ace.

West thereupon returned another diamond, ruffed by East with the eight. Declarer could now choose his own poison, as either East's eight or West's nine would score the setting trick.

Of course, had West adopted a more passive approach by returning anything but a diamond at trick three, declarer would have made his game easily. But West worked out what was needed to defeat the contract and then put his plan into action even though this meant defying the old ruff-and-discard megaboo.

Tomorrow: The art of slam bidding.

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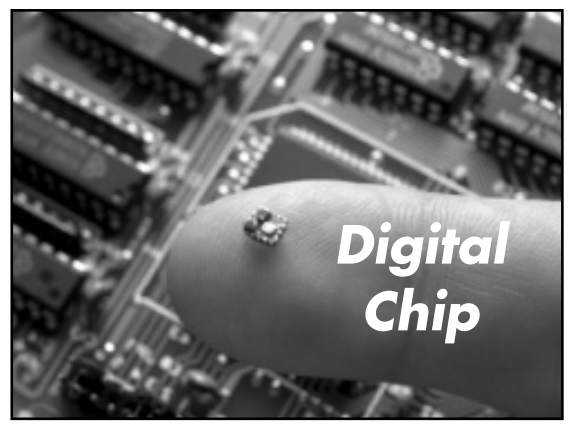


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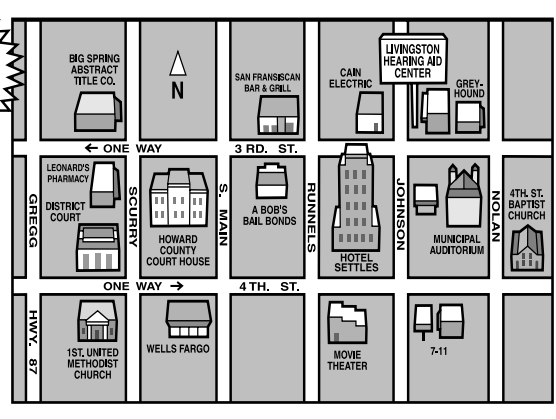
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News in brief

New Hampshire to vote on race that finds Obama bidding for primacy

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Only five days after the Iowa caucuses opened the presidential race, New Hampshire took its turn Tuesday shaping an electric Democratic contest and a mystifying Republican one. Bidding for victory were a surging Barack Obama and a field full of would-be “comeback kids.”

The nation’s first primary offered Obama a chance to become the clear favorite for the Democratic presidential nomination while John McCain and Mitt Romney competed head to head in a Republican race that could sink the aspirations of one of them.

The struggle for primacy in the Democratic and Republican campaigns was, to an outsized degree, in the hands of independents who make up a large share of the voters here and by definition are not loyal to either party.

That was an opportunity for McCain, a GOP iconoclast who won New Hampshire against establishment pick George W. Bush in 2000, and for Obama, pressing hard to build a constituency broader than his party. It also was a complication because they were dipping into the same nonaligned pool.

Bomb kills US-led coalition members in Afghanistan as clashes claim more lives

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A roadside bomb killed two soldiers from the U.S.-led coalition in eastern Afghanistan, and a suicide bomber on a motorcycle attacked a border police patrol in the south, killing a policeman, officials said.

Clashes and another roadside bomb left nine people dead elsewhere.

In the eastern blast, one other U.S.-led coalition soldier was wounded when the roadside bomb hit their vehicle Monday in Kot district of Nangarhar province, the coalition said in a statement. The military originally announced that two soldiers were wounded but later said one of the wounded had died.

The troops were responding to a call from the local

police who had discovered another explosive device nearby, when the second bomb exploded, the statement said.

The nationalities of the dead and the wounded soldiers were not released. The majority of the troops in that area are American.

Rare winter tornadoes in Midwest flatten houses, knock railroad cars off their tracks

WHEATLAND, Wis. (AP) — A freak cluster of tornadoes raked across an unseasonably warm Midwest, demolishing houses, knocking railroad cars off their tracks and even temporarily halting justice in one courthouse.

Record temperatures were reported across much of the country Monday, and storms continued to pummel the nation’s midsection as darkness fell. More warmth and storms were in store for Tuesday.

Tornadoes were reported or suspected Monday in southwest Missouri, southeastern Wisconsin, Arkansas, Illinois and Oklahoma. Two people were killed in Missouri.

Eleven houses in Wisconsin’s Kenosha County were destroyed, five others had heavy damage and four had moderate damage, authorities said. About 13 people were injured, none seriously.

“I have never seen damage like this in the summertime when we have potential for tornadoes,” Sheriff David Beth said. “To see something like this in January is mind-boggling to me. This is just unimaginable to me.”

Kenya opposition claims death toll as high as 1,000; rivals agree to talk in election dispute

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Under U.S. pressure, Kenya’s president and his chief rival agreed to talks and made other concessions to end their deadly election dispute. The opposition, meanwhile, claimed violence, much of it fueled by tribal rivalries, has killed up to 1,000 people, but the government put the toll at nearly 500.

HAWK

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was holding an iced-over bird of prey. “I measured it. There was a half inch of ice on the top of its head and body from this storm,” he said excitedly. “With all that extra weight, it wasn’t going anywhere.”

Knowing it was impossible for us to travel, I asked if he could put the bird somewhere safe and out of the weather. Once the ice melted, the hawk would need to be contained until the weather cleared. “It can go in the barn,” he offered.

With several hours of daylight left, I asked if the metal barn had a door, interior or natural lighting, and did he have any raw beef or chicken. Simulating daytime and offering food, he would enable the bird to feed if it were hungry once the ice thawed. The man said

there was a door, a plexiglass window and he would provide the meat. Since the cold front would be leaving the area the next day, he could release the bird late morning or early afternoon. If it did not prefer the man’s offering, it might just secure a mouse or two attracted to a ready meal.

Late the next morning, the man called. “It broke out. That bird got out!” he said. When he had entered the barn, he noticed that his window was broken. Pieces of plastic were lying on the floor beneath the window, and on the ground outside. The plate of food was half eaten. “When I looked up in the tree, there it was,” he exclaimed. Dry, stately erect and partially curious, the hawk watched the man as he took a few steps toward the tree, then stopped. Several times, the man repeated

his approach. Acting as if it were not sure whether it wanted to fly or see what the man did next, the bird remained until the man was about three feet from the limb.

Jumping upward and extending what the man described as “a four-foot wingspan,” the hawk took flight. Having watched the bird until it was out of sight, the man described his “red hawk” as having “red shoulders, red on the wings underneath, even red leggings.” Otherwise, the bird was brown, except for a white band near its rump and on the edge of its tail. He even described the yellow legs and area just beyond its bill. “You had a Harris’s hawk,” I told him as I thanked him for providing the overnight lodging.

When I called the wildlife center with my story, I added that I was surprised at there being

a Harris’s hawk in our area at this time of the year. Also, I was glad that the falconer was going to have the game warden release their Harris’s hawk near Imperial. “Not so,” said the volunteer. Seven days before our storm, the falconer had decided to give the hawk its freedom near Andrews.

“Then theoretically that falconer’s hawk, in a week’s time, could have

The top American envoy to Africa said the vote count at the heart of the dispute was tampered with but that both sides could have been involved. The Dec. 27 election returned President Mwai Kibaki to power for another five-year term. Fiery opponent Raila Odinga came in a close second.

“Yes, there was rigging,” the U.S. envoy, Jendayi Frazer, told The Associated Press in an interview Monday in Nairobi, where she has been meeting with Kibaki and Odinga for the past three days.

“I mean there were problems with the vote counting process.” She added: “Both the parties could have rigged.” She said she did not want to blame either Kibaki or Odinga.

Kenya’s electoral commission chairman Samuel Kivuiti has himself said he is not sure Kibaki won, though the chairman officially declared Kibaki the winner in the closest presidential election in Kenya’s history.

White House visit by Turkish president sign of improved relations with US

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Turkish president’s visit to the White House is seen as a major sign of improved relations between NATO allies after five years of acrimony over the Iraq war and U.S. policy on Turkey’s fight against Kurdish rebels.

President Abdullah Gul’s meeting with President Bush follows a visit by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan two months ago that resulted in a commitment by Bush to share intelligence on Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, rebels and not to object to Turkish airstrikes against the Kurdish guerrillas’ installations in northern Iraq.

The two sides have even established a coordination center in Ankara so Turks, Iraqis and Americans can share information.

The first Turkish airstrike was Dec. 16 and used intelligence shared by Washington. Two days later, a small Turkish ground force invaded Iraqi Kurdistan to flush out Turkish Kurds sheltering there. Washington tacitly approved.

unteer thought that possibly the window had been weakened by ultraviolet light, age and poor installation. Although we’d never have all of the answers, we were both elated that possibly a bird of prey taken from the wild was at last back where nature had intended.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

RYAN

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change the events in our lives, but we can change our response to those events, which will change the outcome for us. We must supply our inner feelings with thoughts that make us happy and we must not allow outside influences to drag us down.

There is a story which explains this point.

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, “My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all. One is evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, selfishness, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf wins?”

The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed!”

Therefore, may we feed the things within us that make us happy where happiness will be a

choice. Have a happy 2008.

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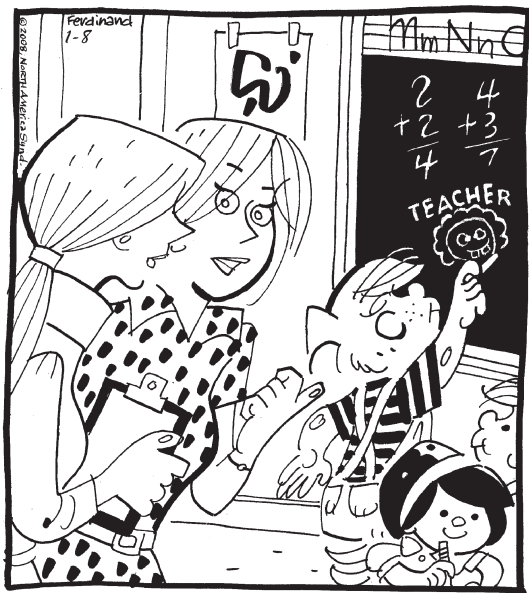
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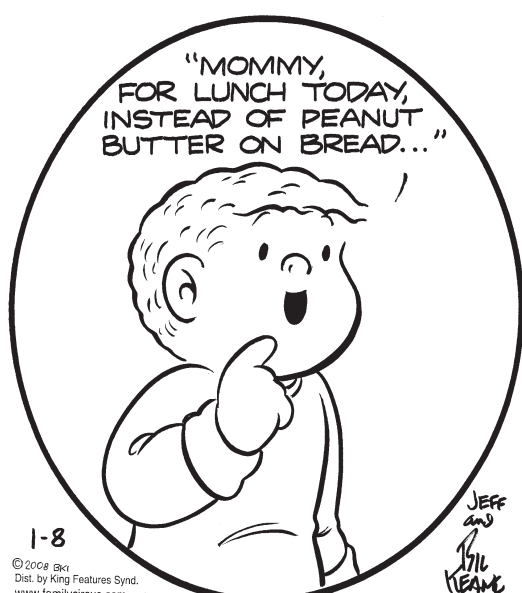
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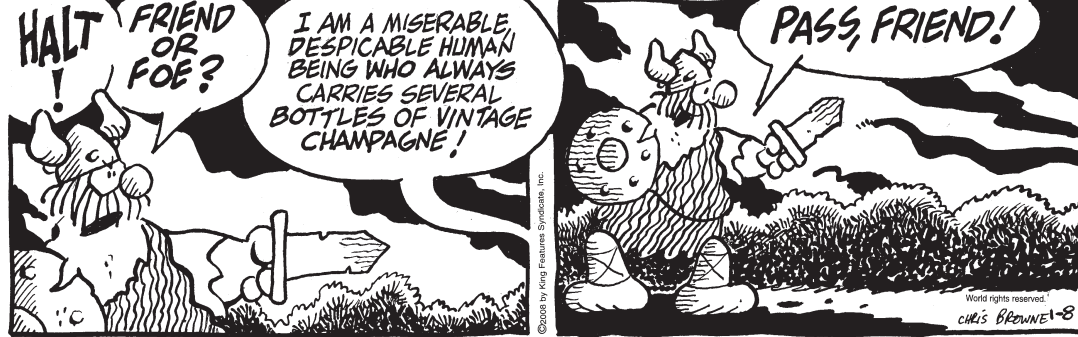
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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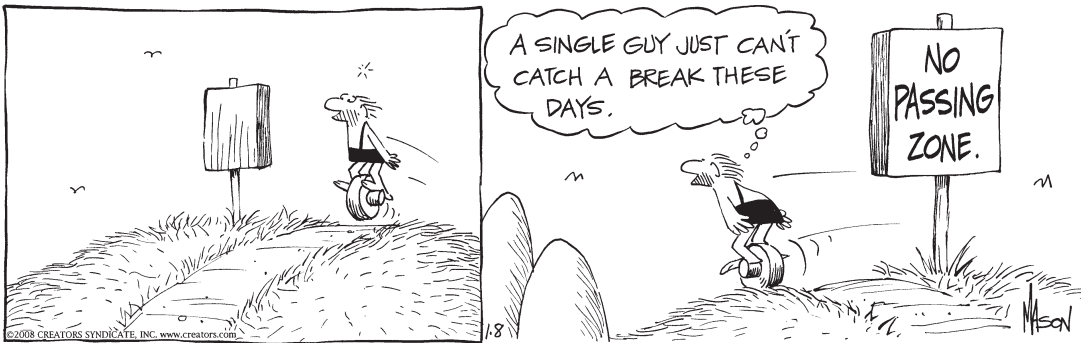
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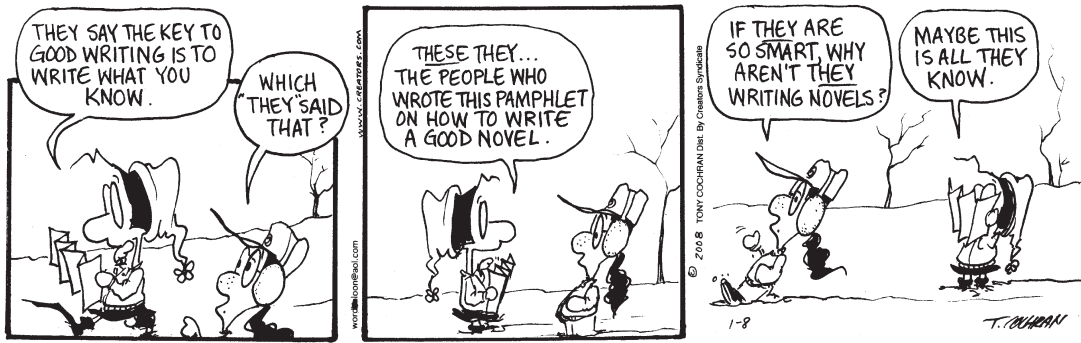
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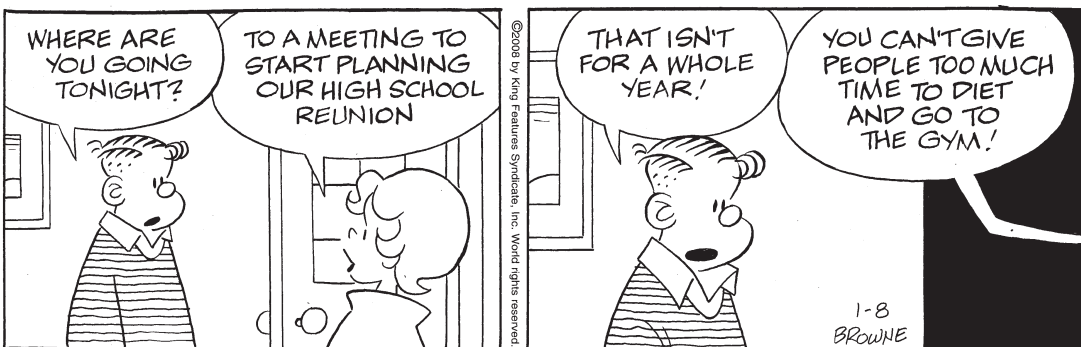
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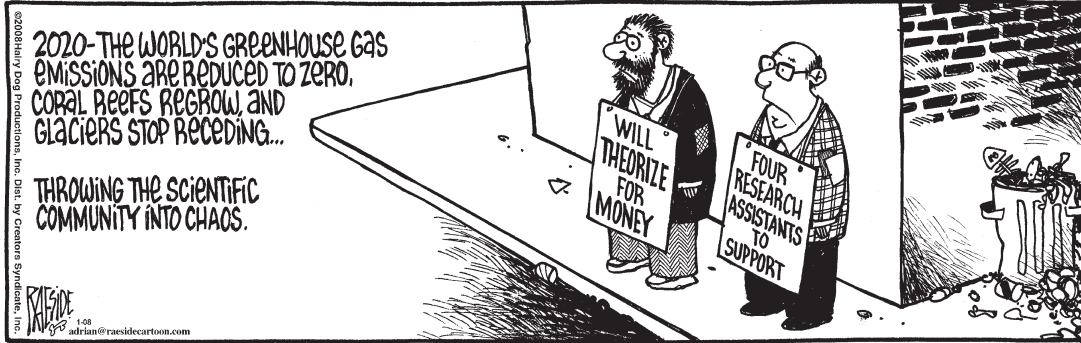
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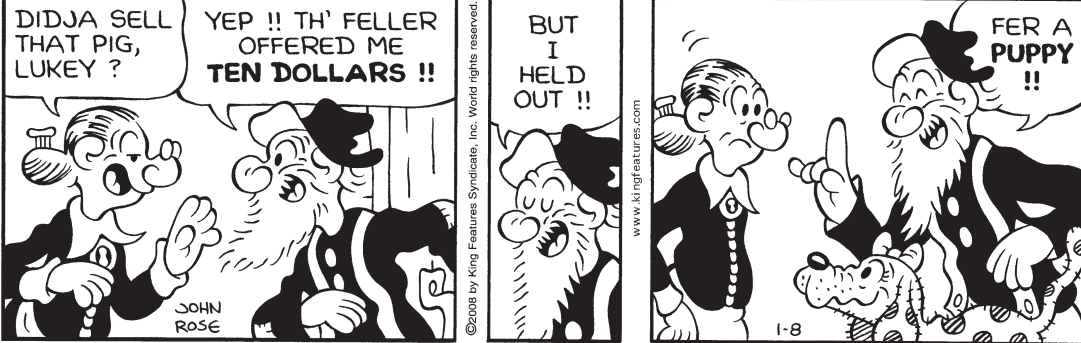
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2008. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

On this date:

In 1798, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was declared in effect by President John Adams nearly three years after its ratification by the states; it prohibited a citizen of one state from suing another state in federal court.

In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

In 1918, President Wilson outlined his "Fourteen Points" for lasting peace after World War I.

In 1918, Mississippi

became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty" in his State of the Union address.

In 1965, the Star of India and other stolen gems were returned to the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

In 1973, the Paris peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 85. Actor Ron Moody is 84. Comedian Soupy Sales is 82. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 80. CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 75. Singer Shirley Bassey is 71. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 70. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer

Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 67. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 66. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 66. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 62. Rock singer David Bowie is 61. Movie director John McTiernan is 57. Actress Harriet Sansom Harris is 53. Singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith is 44. Actress Maria Pillo is 43. Actress Michelle Forbes is 41. Singer R. Kelly is 41. Rock musician Jeff Abercrombie (Fuel) is 39. Actress Ami Dolenz is 39. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 35. Country singer Tift Merritt is 33. Actress Jenny Lewis is 32.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 55 Approach rapidly | 9 Assistants | 40 Circus performer |
| 1 Explosion | 58 Slangy assent | 10 Buy raffle tickets, for example | 41 Place for ring jewelry |
| 6 Move rapidly | 59 Ranchland unit | 11 Milky gem | 43 So far |
| 10 Spinning toys | 60 Brutish sort | 12 Flag holder | 44 Make a crease in |
| 14 Sound from a broadcast | 61 Indefinite amount | 13 Zoomed | 46 Is concerned |
| 15 Woodwind instrument | 62 Tot's "little piggies" | 18 Took to court | 47 Picks up the tab |
| 16 Each, slangily | 63 Rims | 23 Opposite of WNW | 48 Toast topping |
| 17 At a (completely stopped) | | 24 Overeater's woe | 49 Group of athletes |
| 19 Cabbagelike plant | DOWN | 25 Objects to | 50 Female horse |
| 20 Garment border | 1 Big party | 26 Stinging insects | 51 Unforeseen problem |
| 21 Song for two | 2 Minstrel's instrument | 27 Zeal | 52 Sit for a portrait |
| 22 Prepared, as potatoes | 3 Eve's spouse | 28 Make a swap | 53 Household pests |
| 24 Winter vehicle | 4 Transgression | 29 Twist or tango | 56 Prefix for system |
| 25 Flat-topped elevation | 5 Two-year-old | 30 Rich cake | 57 Got married |
| 26 Faced the pitcher | 6 Fussed over, with "on" | 31 Piece of paper | |
| 29 Gives orders | 7 Just (slightly) | 33 Story with a moral | |
| 32 Proofreader's find | 8 Fa follower | 35 Rowboat needs | |
| 33 Room coolers | | | |
| 34 Santa syllables | | | |
| 36 Dutch cheese | | | |
| 37 In addition | | | |
| 38 General vicinity | | | |
| 39 Bottled soft drink | | | |
| 40 Grade-school basics | | | |
| 41 Go inside | | | |
| 42 Sort one's trash, perhaps | | | |
| 44 Aspects | | | |
| 45 Roll-call response | | | |
| 46 Apple discard | | | |
| 47 "Mashed" side order | | | |
| 50 Shopping center | | | |
| 51 Relaxing resort | | | |
| 54 Actor Baldwin | | | |

