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+EDC board to consider aiding distribution center +

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A new warehouse and distribution operation could be making its way to the Big Spring area, as the board of directors for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation are expected to make a decision on an incentive package for the unnamed business during its Tuesday meeting.



Wegman, Terry executive director for the EDC, said details concerning the possible deal will be kept under wraps until the board gives it a nod.

"The board is expected to discuss

the incentive package, and we should have a decision by the end of the executive session,"

said Wegman. "I expect to be able to make an announcement during Tuesday's meeting. The business is a warehouse and distribution outfit. It's pretty small from an employee standpoint."

Bringing the business in could be a bright spot for the ECD, according to Wegman, as the city is losing two employers. StarTek Inc. and Solitaire Homes recently announced they would be closing down their Big Spring operations in August.

"We could certainly use some positive news at this point," said Wegman.

The board is also expected to discuss moving funds currently in the Settles Hotel escrow account — money the board voted to invest in the ongoing efforts to renovate the historic hotel by the Settles Hotel Development Company — to take advantage of higher interest rates.

"The funding in the account is very liquid," said Wegman. "Officials with SHDC contacted us and let us know they would like to see some of the funds moved into an account that is accruing interest a couple tenths of a point higher than what it's drawing now. So it's just a matter of moving it from one area to another."

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

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King of **Beers** to sell for \$52 billion

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The maker of the King of Beers has agreed to go to work for the Belgian brewer InBev SA.

Anheuser Busch Cos. said early Monday it had agreed to a sweetened \$52 billion takeover bid from InBev, creating the world's largest brewer and heading off what was shaping up as an acrimonious fight for the maker of Budweiser and Bud Light beers.

The deal, which would also create the third-larg-



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

More than 50 hang gliders from all over the world will converge on Big Spring August 2-9 as

Mid-Summer Festival set for weekend

Family-oriented event to feature food, music, games

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Food, games, music, fun – all in one place.

Mark your calendar for this weekend, Friday and Saturday and plan to

attend the Mid-Summer Festival at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

"There will be activities everyone in the family can " said Irene Galan, enjoy, festival spokesperson. Food?



est consumer product company, will be called Anheuser-Busch InBev.

Anheuser-Busch The board accepted the higher takeover offer Sunday night from Belgian-based brewer InBev SA, according to a joint press release. "I think we're going to bring the best of both com-

panies into one company, our footprint with their amazing brands," InBev CEO Carlos Brito said in a video posted on InBev's Web site.

For InBev, the maker of Stella Artois and Beck's, the deal gives an aggressive company an iconic beer brand - Budweiser

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the Hang Gliding Association prepares to hold the Big Spring International at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Hang gliders will return for Big Spring International

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

More than 50 hang glider pilots from around the world are expected to converge on Big Spring later this month, as the Big Spring International prepares to get under way at the Big Spring Airport and Macmahon-Wrinkle Airpark Aug. 2-9.

Col. Jim Little, director of

the airpark facility, said this year's hang gliding competition will be much smaller than last year's world championships which drew more than 200 pilots from

all over the world

sneeze at.

"It's not a national or world championship like last year, but they are calling it the Big Spring International" said Little. "Event officials are telling me this is still one of the Hang Gliding Association's biggest events of the year."

Little said the scaled-down nature of the event should

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The kitchen inside the parish hall will open each

day at 11 a.m. and feature enchilada plates, gordita plates and guizo plates, drinks and desserts. Later, about 6:30 p.m., outdoor food booths will begin serving brisket burritos, hamburgers, turkey legs, corn on the cob, Frito pie, drinks and snow cones. Games?

Try your luck at Wheel of Fortune, , Ring the Bottle, the Prize Walk, Duck Pond, Cake Walk, Baseball, Canes, Cascarones and more. Or put your child on the train ride. From 7 p.m. until 11 p.m., bingo will be held inside the parish hall.

Music?

Grupo Sierra will perform Friday

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You were named after...

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Someday, when a boy named Dixon and Willoughby Partin asks how he got his 24-letter name, he'll learn it came with a hundred bucks worth of gasoline.

David Partin of Orlando offered the right to name his unborn son to a local radio station that offered \$100 worth of free gas to the listener with the most interesting item to trade. Radio hosts Richard Dixon and J. Willoughby took Partin's deal.

When the baby is born this winter, he will be named Dixon and Willoughby Partin, with the "and" included.

Miss Venezuela crowned

NHA TRANG, Vietnam (AP) - MissVenezuela was crowned Miss Universe 2008 on Monday in a contest marked by the spectacle of Miss USA falling down during the evening gown competition for the second year in a row.

The new Miss Universe, Dayana Mendoza, was once kidnapped in her homeland and says the experience taught her to remain poised under pressure.

Tension got under the skin of Miss USA, Crystle Stewart of Texas, who tripped on the train of her bejeweled evening gown as she made her entrance.

Needed: New Reveille

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Texas A&M is calling the dogs.

The university is trying to find a canine to replace Reveille VII, a 7-yearold collie who retired at the end of the spring semester as the school's mascot. Reveille I came to Texas A&M in January 1931.

Reveille is described on the Texas A&M Web site as "the first lady of Aggieland, is the official mascot of Texas A&M University.

"She is the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets, and she is a Five-Star General."



Little

but is certainly nothing to

LOCAL

Obituaries

Elizabeth Pierce



Elizabeth Pierce, 93, of Stanton went to be with Jesus, surrounded by her family, Saturday, July 12, 2008, in Legend Health Care Center in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Bill Shockley officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral

home.

She was born Aug. 16, 1914, in Howard County and married Troy Pierce on Feb. 12, 1931, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on Nov.11, 1987.

Mrs. Pierce moved to Tarzan in 1951 and for the last several years had lived in Stanton. For a number of years, she worked as a bookkeeper during the fall at several gins.

She had been a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Tarzan and was currently a member at First Baptist Church in Stanton. She was also a member of the Triple LLL Club and the ladies Sunday School Class, was active with the Martin County Senior Citizens Center and the Red Hat Club.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Pierce and wife LaRue of Stanton, Billy Pierce and wife Alta of Weatherford and Edward Pierce and wife Mary Jane of Paris; three daughters, Alene Pierce of Lower Lake, Calif., Margaret Stovall and husband Phil of Clewiston, Fla., and LouWanda Faubion and husband Dan of Midland; 15 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, Stella Pierce; five sisters; and one brother.

The family suggests memorials to the Martin County Senior Citizens Center Butlding Fund, P.O. Box 1233, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Lloyd Richard Nichols



Lloyd Richard Nichols of San Angelo died July 11, 2008, at his residence. He was born March 21, 1919, to W.E. and Nellie Nichols in Rincon, N.M.. He married Ruth Harriett DeMark on Dec.7, 1942 in Boston, Mass. She proceded him in death on May 22, 2001.

During WWII, he was in the 36 Division 1st Battalion 142nd Infantry Regiment. He was awarded many medals in his time of service.

After his time in the Army, he settled in Big Spring where he had a laundry business for nearly 35 years. He also owned the first car wash in Big Spring. His wife helped him manage both.

He was a member of the American Legion and VFW. He retired to San Angelo in 1980 to be near his family.

He is survived by his daughter. Sandra Ruth Nichols and son. Llovd Gene Nichols. Also, he is survived by a special friend, Billie J. Hollond, and numerous relatives and friends.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• CODY ALLEN WINGO, 19, of 1109 S. Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants, five local capias warrants and a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

• FRANCISCO TREVINO, 44, of 2614 Knershaw, was arrested Saturday on a Gaines County warrant.

• OBSAINRENE VELASQUEZ-ALVEREZ, 25, of Bridge Port, was arrested Saturday on two local citations and held for immigration.

• BOBBY PHILLIP MASTERS, 46, of 603 Tubb Loop Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

Note: An activity log for the corresponding time period was not available at press time due to computer issues, according to officials with the BSPD.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• TONY LEON JETTON, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• MARIO ILDEFONSO SALAZAR, 18, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• GLORIA RAQUEL GARIBAY, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• CHELSEY YARBAR, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• RENE RODRIGUEZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• CHANCELLA PARRISH, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.

• ANSELMO ARRENDONDO GOMEZ, 57, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.

• DAVID HELLUMS, 34, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear (five counts).

• DAVID WAYNE HOLSENBECK, 39, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid, theft of a firearm and theft of a firearm – grand jury indictment.

• RAY FOWLER, 38, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of fraud – theft by check.

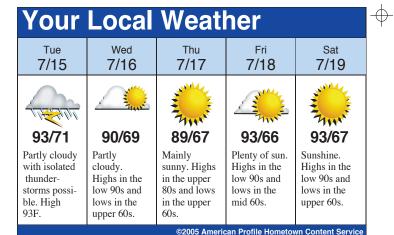
• ANGELA KAY ARBUCKLE, 50, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid, speeding, driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

• ANDY HYDEN, 29, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• BILLY JOE CHAVERA, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• ERIKA NICOLE HILARIO, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• LUIS MARCELO GARCIA SELVAN, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, no seat belt and fraudulent use/ possession of identifying information. • RAMIRO MINERO MOTA, 22, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of tampering with government documents (insurance/registration), fraudulent use/possession of identifying information and no driver's license. • JAMES PAUL BATY, 41, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. • PEDRO CHRISTOPHER CARRILLO, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. • WINDY D. LECLAIR HALE, 31, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of theft by check. • BRANDON HEATH WINTERS, 30, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a bond forfeiture/judgment for driving while license invalid. • VICTOR GEORGE HUTCHINSON, 53, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family violence. • GRACIELA SOLIZ LONGORIA, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping - failure to appear.



Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 264-6116.

· Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency

ake Note

· Big Spring High School will offer the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Exit Level Re-Test July 15-18. Please report to the High School Library at 8 a.m. Please bring a picture I.D. The testing schedule is as follows:

July 15 — ELA (English Language Arts).

- July 16 Math.
- July 17 Science.

July 18 — Social Studies.

For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

• BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently disgnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-9-10-28-47-49. Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-28-30-35-36. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$31,487. Winning tickets sold in: Sugar Land.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-5-3. Sum It Up: 22

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-6-3. Sum It Up: 17

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Support Groups

TUESDAY

•The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.



Medical Services reported the following activity:

• TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the inter-section of 18th Street and Main. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Princeton. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• GRASS FIRE was reported in the 3800 block of Hamilton.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Dow. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Vines. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.

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LOCAL/WIRE

+Magazine's 'satirical' cover stirs controversy

Barack Obama's campaign cover is a satirical lamsays a satirical New Yorker magazine cover showing the Democratic presidential candidate dressed as a Muslim and his wife as a terrorist is "tasteless and offensive."

The illustration on the issue that hits newsstands Monday, titled "The Politics of Fear" and drawn by Barry Blitt, depicts Barack Obama wearing traditional Muslim garb — sandals, robe and turban — and his wife, Michelle – dressed in camouflage, combat boots and an assault rifle strapped over her shoulder — standing in the Oval Office.

The couple is doing a fist tap in front of a fireplace in which an American flag is burning. Over the mantle hangs a portrait of Osama bin Laden.

"The New Yorker may think, as one of their staff surd," Remnick said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — explained to us, that their poon of the caricature Senator Obama's rightwing critics have tried to create," said Obama campaign spokesman Bill Burton. "But most readers will see it as tasteless and offensive. And we agree."

A spokeswoman for The New Yorker did not immediately return a call to The Associated Press.

The magazine's editor, David Remnick, said in a statement to the Daily News in New York that he was surprised by the reaction.

The cover "combines a number of fantastical images about the Obamas and shows them (the images) for the obvious distortions they are," he said.

"Satire is part of what we do, and it is meant to bring things out into the open, to hold up a mirror to the ab-



9 Americans killed, 15 wounded in deadliest attack on US forces in Afghanistan in 3 years

KABUL, (AP) — More than 100 militants firing machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars fought their way into a remote base built last week, killing nine American soldiers in the deadliest attack on U.S. forces in Afghanistan

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minimize any disruption at the air-

"Last year, because we had so

many pilots, we had to launch from

both ends of the runways," said Lit-

tle. "This year, however, we should

be able to keep the launches in one

area, so that will help to keep any

disruptions to the airport to a mini-

"The hangar space is going to be

a little tighter than in years past,

as well. Last year, we actually had

three hangars - the large, main

Afghanistan in three years.

The assault was launched at about 4:30 a.m. Sunday in the village of Wanat in the mountainous northeatern province of Kunar near the Pakistan border.

The attack came from curity Assistance Force.

multiple sides, with insur- The official who spoke on Little said he will take the same boasts.

and a mosque.

It was a "concerted at-

tempt" to overrun the

small base that was built

only about three days

ago, said an official with

NATO's International Se-

precautions as years past in preparing for the hang glider pilots.

"We'll put out advisories to protect everyone involved," said Little. "We'll make all of the area pilots and anyone coming into Big Spring aware of the hang gliders and make sure we're covered in all areas."

Little said the recent shortage of hotel and motel rooms in the Big Spring area did little to deter the association from scheduling the hang gliding meet.

'We warned them there's a severe shortage of lodging in the city," said Little. "In the end, I suppose the flying conditions, which is what draws the pilots to the Big Spring area, won out."

gents firing from homes condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

> The insurgent force was described as being in the "low three figures," meaning low hundreds, the official said.

"The consistency of the conditions here means we can fly everyday," said Glover. "We're not winded or weathered out. The sun hits the ground and the ground heats up, so thermal layers of air go up. The base of the clouds are really high, which means we can fly up really high into the air and the thermals are strong, so you don't have to fly around too much before you hit a thermal that pushes you up.

"Our desire is to see how long we can stay up and then fly around a course as quickly as we can. It just has the right combination of meteorology and geography to allow us to fly for a long time and fly fast. The According to David Glover, one of men and women who come here just love the flying. It's excellent."

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Economic Development directors voted unanimously in 2007 to provide up to \$3 million to help Brint Ryan — manager of SHDC and the founder and CEO of Ryan & Company — renovate the Settles Hotel, which he agreed to purchase for \$75,000 from the city of Big Spring.

SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project in late 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

The board is also expected to approve a budget amendment that will make way for recent efforts to improve the runway at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The board voted unanimously earlier this year to kick in an additional \$400,000 for efforts to repave the runway at the Big Spring Airport, bringing the economic development firm's total commitment to the project — which is also being funded by the Texas Department of Transportation — to \$800,000.

According to Wegman, the additional funding will allow the runway to be upgraded from a 7-inch thick project to 11 inches, which would literally "pave the way" for bigger planes to land at the facility.

"Big Spring EDC budgeted \$400,000 for this project nearly two years ago," said Wegman. "At that time, the plans were for a runway that was 7 inches

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evening while DJ Rigo Moran will spin some tunes Saturday.

deep, and the project was going to cost \$6.26 million. TxDOT was going to pay 90 percent of that, which came to \$5.6 million.

"However, city officials began looking at the project and what we could do to land larger planes at the airport. That would take an 11-inch thick runway, which would cost approximately \$800,000 more than the 7-inch thick project. The city has agreed to fund \$400,000 of the difference, and we're picking up the other \$400,000."

And while the project certainly helps the marketability of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and Big Spring Airport, Wegman stressed there are no guarantees with a project like this.

"There's no crystal ball here. That's important to remember," said Wegman. "There are no guarantees what this will or will not do for Big Spring. However, opportunities like this don't come along very often. The last time an upgrade was made to the runway was 1985, and it could be another 20 years before TxDOT has funds like these available."

Wegman said the economic development corporation's portion of the project comes to \$1.7 million, with the city of Big Spring agreeing to pick of the remainder of the tab.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get under way at 5:15 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

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The festival is sponsored by the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. For more information, call the parish office at (432) 714-4930.

"We hope everyone will come out to the festival and have a good time. said Galan. "There's going to be a lot going on each day."

hangar and then two others, if we needed them — to work from. This vear, we'll have to keep everything in the main hangar. We've already began clearing everything out for them and we should be ready in time for the pilots' arrival."

the organizers and coordinators of last year's championship and coordinator for this year's event, there are few places in the world that can offer the kind of flying Big Spring

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There's more. A washer tournament will be held on the church grounds beginning at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Be sure and sign up by 1 p.m.

St. Thomas Catholic Church is located at N.W. Sixth and N. Main.

BEER

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to sell into emerging markets such as China and Brazil where it has already established a firm footprint.

InBev is currently the world's second-largest beer-maker, just behind Swallowing SABMiller. Anheuser-Busch sees it leap ahead, capturing half of the U.S. beer market and a fifth of China and Russia.

Brito will be chief executive officer of the combined company. Shareholders will receive \$70 a share, a \$5 increase over the offer Anheuser-Busch rejected in June.

Anheuser-Busch shares rose 79 cents to \$67.29 in morning trading.

It wasn't immediately clear how long approval might take. Several Missouri politicians have expressed concerns about the merger - especially how it would affect the approximate 6,000 people employed by Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis.

It also drew the attention of Mexico's Grupo Modelo. Anheuser-Busch also owns a 50 percent share in Grupo Modelo, which said in a statement Monday that its relationship with Anheuser-Busch gives it consent rights to the deal. "Our agreement with Anheuser-Busch was carefully constructed to ensure we have a definitive say in who our partner is. We are confident that our agreement, which is governed by Mexican law, gives us the right to decide whether or not to consent to the potential acquisition of Anheuser-Busch by In-Bev," Grupo Modelo said in a statement.

InBev said it plans to use St. Louis as its North American headquarters, and that it will keep open all 12 of Anheuser-Busch's North American breweries.

It has not said whether it

will cut more jobs on top of the 1,185 positions Anheuser-Busch already said it wants to shed — mostly by offering early retirement.

It will, however, sell off "noncore assets" from both companies to raise some \$7 billion to finance the deal. It will also borrow \$45 billion and may sell shares to raise another \$9.8 billion.

Shareholders won't see much joy in the short-term. InBev warned of lower dividends and no benefit to earnings per share until 2010.

But it is promising longer-term rewards in a stalling market. Beer sales in North America and Eu-

• Philly Cheesesticks Funnel Cakes Handdipped Corn Dogs at **County Treasures** Mall

Dragon China Buffet 1300 Gregg 268-8888 \$1.00_{Off Per Adult} UOff Per Child Up to 10 People (NOT FOR CARRYOUT) 207 N. Gregg EXP. 12/30/08 714-4256

rope are flat as drinkers turn to wine and spirits. InBev has compensated by finding new drinkers in Latin America, eastern Europe and Asia that will now be handed a cold Bud. InBev cost synergies of at least \$1.5 billion a year by $2011\, over three years.\, Most$ of that will come from managing the supply chain better. InBev's sharp eye on costs — which forces managers to justify every cent spent — will also play a major part.

Monday's kiss-and-makeup announcement from both companies came after several weeks of guns blazing. InBev said on June 11 it wanted to buy Anheuser-

L

Busch, which distributes its beers in the U.S.

Anheuser-Busch shrugged off the first offer as two low, prompting In-Bev to seek the removal of all Anheuser's board members. Anheuser counterattacked, calling InBev's bid an "illegal scheme" because the company failed to mention that it owned a brewery in Cuba.

Few products are associated with America as much as Budweiser, which its owner calls the King of Beers. Its Clydesdale horses are fixtures of Super Bowl ads, and even the label is red, white and blue, with an eagle swooping through the "A."

To some in St. Louis, losing Anheuser-Busch to a foreign buyer meant losing a little bit of history. From college buildings to theme parks to offices to the stadium where the Cardinals play baseball, the Busch name is virtually everywhere in the Gateway City.

Despite more than 600 years of brewing beer in Belgium, InBev is more rootless. Although based in Leuven, Belgium, it is run by a Brazilian management team and sells most of its beer outside Europe.

It owns a massive portfolio of local brands from Siberia to Argentina that rarely travel.

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Ester Daylong, 89, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.







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OTHER VIEWS

Obama going up, Jackson going down

ell, there goes Jesse Jackson's shot at box seats for Barack Obama's acceptance speech next month. The Rev. Jackson's vulgar remarks stating his desire to castrate the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee mark not only the likely end of the once-influential civil rights leader's meaningful role in public life, but also a turning point in American politics.

It was significant that Jackson's trash-talking, caught by a hot Fox News microphone, was occasioned by Obama's speeches to black audiences. Obama has been encouraging black crowds to embrace an ethic of personal responsibility. Jackson sees that as "talking down to black people."

Jackson, who is used to being an arbiter of racial correctness, seemed determined to put Obama in his place.

Now, though, Jackson has humiliated himself and instantly boosted Obama's credibility. One black Chicago politician aligned with the Obama camp quickly denounced the "ugly rhetoric" and told Jackson to shut up.

merica's sky is falling. A Los Angeles Times/ Bloomberg poll conducted last month found that 78 percent of Americans think that the country is heading in the wrong direction.

Of course almost 4 in 5 Americans think the country is heading to heck in a hand basket. The news media are stuck in one gear when it comes to reporting economic news — Armageddon.

As Hillary Rodham **Clinton supporters** so aptly noted, many journalists are besotted with Barack

Obama. That makes them open to any bad news that can be tacked onto Republican George W. Bush. But it's more than liberal bias. Journalists are convinced that the American economy is collapsing and going down the tube because our industry is collapsing and going down the tube.

So if you say the economy is "slowing," as Republican presidential candidate John McCain has said, you're insensitive. If you are in touch, you are supposed to ignore the .6 percent GDP growth in the fourth quarter of 2007 and 1 percent growth in the first quarter of 2008 because that belies the belief that the U.S. economy is in recession. Remember the "misery index" the combined rate of unemployment and inflation that peaked at 22 percent under President Jimmy Carter? Forget it. Not enough misery. In 2004, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry had to throw in

extra statistics to inflate the Bush misery index because the combined unemployment and inflation rate was about 8 percent.

The bad news economy

Lately, news stories report on American fears about inflation, without reporting the rate of inflation. It's about 4.2 percent. With the unemployment rate at 5.5 percent, the "misery index" is around 10 percent.

Yes, gasoline prices are up. Granted, higher prices at the pump are forcing some Americans to cut back and have had a ripple effect throughout the economy. After years of arguing that greener energy policies don't hurt the economy, but instead create jobs, Democrats and talking heads should be cooing about the new economic horizons unfolding.

The housing bubble burst. A lot of people — including this writer have seen the value of their homes drop, and those who have to sell quickly won't get the price they expected two years ago. Is there anyone who did not think that eventually housing prices would deflate? Is there a new law of economics that says: What goes up cannot come down?

The boost in the foreclosure rate to close to 2.5 percent shows the raw side of a market correction made worse by shabby lending practices that lured some people to buy homes they could not afford. Some families will experience the heartbreak of losing those homes, but also some families who had been priced out of the market now can reach for that dream. Thanks to improved federal regulations, they stand a better chance of holding onto it.

ADDRESSES

Yes, there is bad news. The stock market is down and the housing market likely won't begin to bounce back this year. The federal deficit is expected to hit \$400 billion this year. Worse yet, Washington has promised Social Security and Medicare benefits without paying for them. As a result, according to former Comptroller General David Walker, every American owns a \$175,000 share of Uncle Sam's unfunded liabilities.

Health care costs have soared and that has made it more expensive for businesses to operate and governments to provide services. It doesn't matter that people with cancer and other serious illnesses stand a better chance of beating the disease, and enjoy a higher quality of life. Americans expect health care costs to rise more slowly, even if they are getting considerably more effective care. And it doesn't help when some adults have to work two part-time jobs to make ends meet, but don't qualify for health care insurance at either.

Do I worry about where this country is headed? Who doesn't? But what concerns me is that Americans keep expecting more goodies from their government — with someone else always paying for it. The other thing that worries me: We have no idea how good we have

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it.

That politician was Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., shouting across a generation gap as wide as the elder Jackson's big mouth.

The Jackson built his Democratic power base by perpetuating an image of black Americans as continually aggrieved and victimized. Has racism vanished? No. But times have changed, and so has America, both black and white.

Barack Obama gets that. Jesse Jackson doesn't. As Barack Obama increases, Jesse Jackson decreases. It's time.

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If only I could take a lesson

he man I sleep with never has trouble falling asleep at night. If there's one thing he knows how to do (other than eat), it's sleep. He closes his eyes and he's out. He can wake up in an instant — if the phone rings or someone comes to the door — and then fall back to sleep just

as fast. Sleeping for

him is as natural,

and seemingly as

easy, as breathing.

As soon as I get

is there, letting me

know that if I'm go-

ing to sleep, he will,

bed (the bed is a little

high, and he doesn't

bought him), he finds

a comfortable position, and that's

it. He snores. I toss and turn. It's a

Irving Estrich is actually the

11-month-old very handsome pug.

Sometimes his older sisters, Judy

Jarvis Estrich (lab) and Molly Em-

ily Estrich (cockapoo), join us, but

two girls, who used to sleep with

me all the time, mostly prefer to

sleep with their human brother or

sister in their Irving-less beds, or

because Irving is an alpha male, my

youngest of my three dogs, an

too. I lift him into

like the steps I

dog's life.



SUSAN ESTRICH on the couch. Often, they wander around the house in the night. Not Irving. Once he gets into bed, that's where he stays until I lift him out for breakfast in the morning. He is the champion sleeper in the house. I am in awe. If only I could take a lesson.

When Irving gets into bed, he doesn't worry about what he did wrong today; he doesn't worry about whether he ate too many biscuits, or had an accident in the media room, or whether I'll be mad at him for eating the stuffing out of a new toy. He doesn't worry about tomorrow's grooming or the tests at the vet. No woulda, shoulda, couldas. It's bedtime, so he goes to sleep. What's so hard about that? My old friend Madeleine Albright once told me that the secret to survival as Secretary of State was

being able to fall asleep on a dime — even for just 20 minutes in the backseat of a car, if that's what she had. You sleep when you can, she told me, and you don't lose sleep worrying about how little time you have to sleep, how soon you have to get up or what you have to do when you do. The more you think, the less you sleep.

Irving Estrich gets that. I know it, which is different from being able to do it.

A rash of new studies have come out recently finding that Americans don't sleep long enough or well enough. How not shocking! When I watch Irving, it is clear to me that I don't know the first thing about sleeping. Maybe I was born knowing it and forgot, although my memories of the excruciating pain of letting my children cry as I reread Dr. Ferber on putting babies to sleep for the hundredth time suggest that learning to comfort yourself, and to let go, is indeed something we humans aren't necessarily born knowing.

With little kids, you learn to sleep with half an ear open to hear their crying; with big kids, you have big things to worry about. Being a parent is about learning not to sleep, which is not a good thing, since, in my experience, being overtired does not make you better at anything. Even sleeping.

I don't like warm milk. Ambien makes me tired in the morning. The natural stuff doesn't work. So I snuggle up with Irving and try to think about not thinking. I'm supposed to be smarter than he is. Watching the two of us at night suggests otherwise.

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HEALTH

Laparoscopic appendectomy

id you know that appendicitis affects one in 15 in their lifetime? The appendix is a finger-sized pouch along the large in-

testine. and may become swollen in response to infection in the body. This inflammation is called appendicitis. Generally,

it is most

common in

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people ages 10 to 30. Though no one knows the exact purpose of the appendix, we do know we can function without it.

Along with infection, appendicitis may also be caused by blockage from stool, cancer or other foreign bodies. The most common symptoms of this condition are abdominal pain that may start near the belly button and move to the right lower quadrant. nausea and vomiting. Some may also ex-

perience loss of appetite, fever, inability to pass gas and abdominal swelling. In some cases there may be painful urination, severe cramps, constipation or diarrhea.

Symptoms can often be misleading as other abdominal and pelvic conditions can mimic the signs of appendicitis. Your physician may perform an ultrasound or CT scan to identify a swollen or abscessed appendix, and a blood test to check for an elevated white blood cell count, a sign that your body is fighting an infection. Once appendicitis is confirmed, your physician will determine if surgery is needed.

If the appendix shows signs of inflammation, it is surgically removed before it ruptures and spreads infection into the abdominal cavity, which can be fatal. Sometimes, even if the patient does not appear to have appendicitis but displays several symptoms, a physician may choose to remove the appendix to prevent problems in the future. The

two procedures to remove the appendix are an appendectomy and a laparoscopic appendectomy.

In a laparoscopic appendectomy procedure three or four small incisions are made in the abdomen. In one incision the surgeon inserts a laparoscope, a thin lighted tube attached to a video monitor outside of the body, to see the inflamed appendix.

Surgical tools are used in the other incisions to remove the appendix. Once the appendix has been removed, the incisions are closed with stitches. This method is much less invasive than a traditional open appendectomy. Patients often go home the same day and return to normal activities within days.

In a few cases, complications prevent a laparoscopic procedure, so your physician may recommend an open appendectomy.

In this procedure the appendix is removed through a larger incision two to three inches long in the right lower abdomen.

An open appendectomy often results in a longer hospital stay and recovery period than the laparoscopic procedure. Patients typically return to normal activities within two to three weeks.

Because a ruptured appendix can be fatal, it is critical that anyone experiencing the symptoms of appendicitis consult with a physician or report to the nearest emergency room.

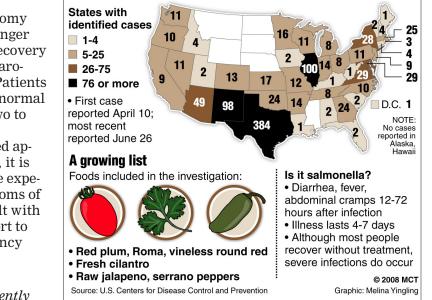
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Correction:

A Health page article on deyhdration in the June 30 issues of the Herald indicated that the column was written by Dr. Cynthia Rutledge. The column was actually authored by Dr. Sue Roberts.

Looking beyond tomatoes

More than 1,000 people have fallen ill since an outbreak of salmonella; the investigation now includes foods other than tomatoes.



NUTRITION WISE

Q: When Nutrition Facts labels list "grams" of sugar in a food, what does that mean?

A: In the case of sugar, a measured teaspoon weighs about 4 grams. So if a label says a food contains 12 grams of sugar, that's equal to about three teaspoons. The amount listed on food labels includes both sugar that occurs naturally in foods like milk and fruit, as well as added refined sugars. Refined sugars include not just table sugar, but also honey,



molasses and corn syrup, among others. A healthy diet will always include some sugar, as it naturally occurs in many nutritious foods. But eating too many foods with added sugars supplies calories without nutrients, making weight control difficult. Current guidelines from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) suggest that added sugars can supply up to 25 percent of our daily calories. But many nutrition experts contest this figure and recommend that no MS, RD, CDN more than 10 percent of daily calories

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come from refined sugars. In contrast, the higher figure cited by IOM would allow for up to 125 grams of added sugar a day on a 2000 calorie diet - equivalent to 500 calories and

almost 2/3 cup of sugar. This amount far exceeds the 150 to 350 daily "discretionary calories" (calories from "treats" that don't supply much nutritionally, for example, sweets and alcohol) recommended by the USDA.

Q: Besides bananas, what fruits and vegetables are high in potassium?

A: Other high-potassium fruits include avocados, cantaloupe, kiwi, raisins and dried apricots. Orange, grapefruit and prune juices are also rich sources. Tomato and tomato-vegetable juices are high in potassium as well, but regular versions are also high in sodium. Low-sodium and reduced-sodium versions are much better choices when trying to stay within the current dietary sodium recom mendations; add a squirt of lemon or lime juice to perk up the flavor if you like. Vegetables that are a concentrated sources of potassium include: dark green leafy vegetables like spinach, white or sweet potatoes, winter squash, lentils and beans like lima, kidney, navy and pinto.

Try delicious beef on a roll

By DANA JACOBI

for AICR

This summer, I am determined to eat red meat more sensibly than I have in the past. As research now shows a clear link between consumption of red meat and cancer risk, I've decided to eat grilled meat less often, keep portion sizes modest and choose the leanest cuts. With cookout season in full tilt, this recipe serves as a healthful (and delicious) alternative to traditional grill staples.

Although far from a sensible substitute, I've turned to the French Dip

my favorite garnish for this dish. Heating them dry helps them remain al dente and fat-free and allows them to pick up a smoky flavor. A handful of sturdy salad greens adds color and completes this updated steak sandwich.

Roasted Garlic Steak Sandwiches

3/4 lb. sirloin round tip or London Broil shoulder steak Four 1/4-inch slices red onion

4 whole-wheat hamburger buns, split open

1 cup packed baby spinach leave





 a juicy roast beef sandwich that I used to order at a local roadhouse café as a model for a healthier beef dish. If I can transform a hearty stack of beef heaped high on a crusty roll into a wise meal selection, anything is possible. As with all meal-makeovers, it's simply a matter of working in your own ingredients and perhaps altering the cooking method or the presentation of the finished dish.

Happily, some of the ingredient substitutions in this recipe will also please your wallet. While traditional French Dip sandwiches are made from rib or sirloin roast, these cuts of meat have soared in price. Instead, use sirloin round tip, which has excellent flavor, or shoulder steak cut for London broil. Both are lean, smartly priced and cook perfectly under the broiler.

Another twist: roasted garlic. Roast an entire head of garlic and add it to the marinade for the meat. It infuses the meat with incredible flavor and also intensifies the gravy.

Although the "dip" in French Dip refers to a cup of natural gravy meant for dipping the sandwich, this gravy is actually vinaigrette made by combining extra marinade with the juices released from the sliced meat. And, rather than dip the sandwich, try spooning the sauce over the meat after piling it onto a burger-style bun. A firm whole-wheat burger bun is ideal for soaking up this robust combination.

Finally, onion slices grilled in a dry skillet are 7265

1 cup packed mesclun salad greens 1 head garlic 2 Tbsp. plus 1/4 tsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided 3 Tbsp. red wine vinegar 1 Tbsp. pomegranate juice 1 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce

1/8 tsp. ground pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place garlic in center of a square of foil. Rub garlic with 1/4 teaspoon oil, and then seal it in the foil. Bake until garlic is soft. 50-60 minutes. Set aside, or refrigerate up to 2 days before using.

In a small bowl, combine vinegar, juice, soy sauce and pepper. Squeeze out roasted garlic from 6 cloves. Using back of spoon, mash garlic until combined with the other ingredients. Whisk in remaining oil. Pour half this marinade into a resealable plastic bag. Add steak to bag. Seal bag and massage to coat meat with marinade. Set bag on a plate

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and marinate meat in refrigerator for 6 to 24 hours. Cover remaining marinade and refrigerate.

When ready to serve, preheat broiler. Remove meat from marinade. Discard marinade and pat meat dry with a paper towel. For meat approximately1inch thick, broil 3 minutes per side; if thicker, broil 4 minutes per side. Set meat on cutting board and let rest for 10 minutes. Cut meat across the grain into thin slices. Add any meat juices from the cutting board to the refrigerated marinade and set aside.

Meanwhile, heat cast iron skillet or grill pan over high heat until sizzling hot. Arrange onion in the pan in one layer and cook 2 minutes, or until lightly colored. Using tongs, turn and cook another 2 min-

utes. Transfer onions to a plate. Toast the split buns in the hot pan, set aside.

To assemble, set a grilled onion slice on each bun. Top with one-fourth of the sliced steak followed by the spinach and mesclun greens. Spoon refrigerated marinade over the greens. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 320 calories, 13 g total fat (3 g saturated fat), 26 g carbohydrates, 24 g protein,

5 g dietary fiber, 510 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of "12 Best Foods Cookbook" and contributor to AICR's "New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life."

Q: Do calcium supplements cause constipation?

A: In some people, calcium supplements may have a mild constipating effect. But the few studies that have noted this side effect show that it occurs only in a small minority of supplement users. Some experts suggest that problems occur most often in people who are also taking a medication that has a constipating effect. If you experience constipation and are relying on supplements to provide the calcium you need, try the following before you stop taking your calcium. First, be sure you're not taking more than 500 milligrams of calcium at one time; spread doses out through the day if you have higher calcium needs. Next, follow the advice typically given to anyone suffering from constipation: eat more high-fiber vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans; drink more water; and make sure you're getting a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity each day. If these suggestions don't resolve the problem, experiment with other supplement brands, especially those that contain calcium citrate instead of the more common calcium carbonate. Finally, if constipation still persists, talk to your doctor to discuss other possible causes and solutions.

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Oncor's rate filing, based on the systemwide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2007, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$275 million over the current Oncor rates or a 10.9% increase over adjusted test year revenues. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the

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Just let go: Favre should move on

BIG HERALD

t's never easy for one to let go of the things he or she loves. However, sometimes the best decision one can make is just to move on.

For years now, Brett Favre has considered retiring from the NFL and the Green **Bay Packers** and appeared to finally make the final decision to exit the league a few months ago in a very tearful

goodbye.



JONATHAN HULL

But, apparently it wasn't real. Favre is understandably struggling to leave behind the game he loves and apparently is OK with also leaving the team and community where his legend is forever enshrined.

And all I can think is shame on him.

It's time for Brett to let go, no matter how painful it might be. Several NFL players have the same difficulty in leaving the game. That's why many of them never completely leave the confines of the NFL, becoming coaches or signing on with ESPN or one of the other national media outlets that cover the nation's most popular sport.

However, one gets the feeling Favre won't relegate himself to one of those fields. Apparently, in his mind, the only field he belongs on is the gridiron.

Unfortunately, I can't write the only field he desires to perform on is Lambeau, since Favre has asked Green Bay for his unconditional release after the Packers' front office balked at the idea of their legendary, retired quarterback returning for at least another season.

Personally, I can't blame the Packers for their response. Favre has toyed with the idea of retirement for year after year, usually waiting until after the draft in April to announce his return. It's almost as if he had

to have the attention generated from his threats of retirement. As if the Packers' front office and fans groveling for his presence in Green Bay was part of his daily diet.

The best move that can be made is to keep Favre cut off, though, and to make a move to the future. Green Bay has to find out what it has at the quarterback position in Aaron Rodgers. It's never easy replacing a legend and Rodgers needs to get his feet wet.

Favre, on the other hand, now appears offended Green Bay is even considering not bringing him back. General Manager Ted Thompson is making the correct decision, though. It is

time to move on and don't be fooled by the Packers' success being built around Favre. Thompson realizes the talent around Favre had much more to do with Green Bay's success than did the play of the NFL's all-time leader in completions, yards and touchdowns.

There was Greg Jennings providing big plays at wideout. Donald Driver was being a reliable veteran receiver, picking up critical yardage in drives. Also, the offensive line is probably one of the best Favre has ever played behind.

The defense was the best it had been in several years in

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Fight for attention

Stars battle for New York spotlight

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Baseball is saying goodbye to Yankee Stadium during the All-Star break, a time when the sport's best gather and fans focus on one ballpark. New York general manager Brian Cashman hopes it isn't a final farewell.

"Certainly we're hopeful that we can get our act together," he said, "and extend it into October.'

As the scoreboard in center field points out, just 32 regular-season games remain at Yankee Stadium, the 85-yearold monument to baseball history. There have been 106 World Series games played at the big ballyard in the Bronx — more than one-third of the

All-Stars pace Rangers to 12-11 victory over Chicago

Texas finishes season's first half with 50 wins

By STEPHEN HAWKINS AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Ian Kinsler, Michael Young and Milton Bradley took care of business at home before heading to the All-Star game.

Kinsler extended his majors-best hitting streak to 25 games with three hits and drove in three runs, and Young and Bradley also had key hits, leading the Texas Rangers to a wild 12-11 victory over the Central-leading AL Chicago White Sox that clinched another series win. "We're showing a lot of character, clawing way through our games," said Young, who has a 15-game hitting streak. "We're playing as a team. ... The momentum we've built up over the last couple of months, hopefully we can carry that over into the second half."

record in the majors at 7-16 in late April, the Rangers (50-46) have won 16 of their last 23 series — and split three others, including a fourgame set last week against the AL Westleading Angels, who are $7\frac{1}{2}$ games ahead of third-place Texas.

Chicago (54-40) maintained a 1¹/₂-game divi-





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sionleadover Minnesota despite its third loss in four games.

The White Sox had a 2-0 lead only three pitches in, and finished with a season-high 22 hits. And that still wasn't enough.

"This was the worst baseball game I've ever seen. ... The pitchers should look themselves in the mirror and be embarrassed," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "That was ugly. That's the worst I've seen in a long time."

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Astros head into break with 5-0 win over Nationals

AP photo/Matt Slocum

Texas Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler follows through on a two-run double off Chicago White Sox pitcher Jose Contreras in the second inning of an AL baseball game Sunday in Arlington. The Rangers won 12-11.

By JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

 $WASHINGTON-Brandon\,Backe\,loves$ to bat, slide and play the field. All things being equal, he'd rather be an everyday player than a pitcher.

On Sunday, he was about as close to Mr. Everything as he's ever going to get. He pitched seven-plus innings, went 2-for-3 with a double and scored twice in the Houston Astros' 5-0 victory over the notoriously shutout-prone Washington Nationals.

"I would just love be able to be the

everyday player - diving catches, running into the wall, getting dirty," Backe said. "I'm just sad I didn't get to slide today."

Backe raised his batting average to .345 while lowering his ERA to 4.76. He was so effective at the plate that other players were laying down sacrifice bunts to move their pitcher along. About the only thing he didn't do was execute a squeeze play in the fourth inning, instead fouling the pitch off.

"We feel like we're playing with nine instead of eight," outfielder Carlos Lee said. "Backe's a good hitter."

American League's home total of 300.

"I've had a lot of great memories here and a lot of sad memories," said Hall of Famer George Brett, who hit three homers during a 1980 playoff game at Yankee Stadium but is best remembered for the 1983 Pine Tar Game, when his go-ahead, ninth-inning homer was disallowed by umpires, then reinstated by the AL president.

While 13 of the Yankees' last 14 regular-season games are sold out and the team is headed to its fourth straight

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Ty Wigginton added his eighth homer of the season and Lee had three RBIs for the Astros, who took two of three from the Nationals and finished 4-5 on their road trip leading into the All-Star break.

But back to Backe (6-9), who apparently hasn't heard that pitchers aren't supposed to spend a ton of time on the basepaths on a hot summer day. He supplemented his first multihit game of the year with his best game to date on the mound, allowing only five hits with four walks and five strikeouts. He worked out of

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Sports in brief

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School 2008 football season tickets go on sale July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only people who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from July 28-Aug. 7.

Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22.

Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

UIL-required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed

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Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp scheduled

Big Spring native and former Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will hold a volleyball camp from July 28-30 at Big Spring Junior High.

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mandate, as Uranus and the sun cook up inventive new ways of working within an outdated system.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your visioning powers are strong. It's quite natural and healthy for you to dally in mental escapism. In your head you can act out what you could not, or would not, actually live out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Honesty defies the laws of supply and demand. Though it's extremely rare and therefore valuable, there are not many people who want to buy it. It is unwise to offer up the truth that was not asked of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The key to understanding is knowing when you don't understand. Ask questions! Your naivete is endearing, you'll SO attract the kind of mentors who want you to succeed almost more than you do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have imagined a certain path for yourself, but perhaps haven't considered a second or third alternate that might satisfy you even more. Open your mind to new versions of your future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Formerly tantalizing ideas seem to have lost their luster. It's a signal that you could use a break from this routine, and possibly from routine in general. Break the habits of time and location

Tomorrow's Horoscope

you've recently fallen into.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your keen intellect coupled with a healthy respect for words inspires you to sometimes take information too literally. Read the emotional meaning of a communication instead of focusing on the words.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sincerity is crucial to the successful outcome of your quest. You are so smart you could fool even yourself as to your true intentions. Question your own motives. When you fully understand, you win.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your preparations are not in vain. The cautious action you take will be a help to everyone. Tonight, stay out of conflict. Wait until tempers have quelled to offer your opinion or solution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You and someone far off in different strata are living parallel lives. The similarities are brought to your attention. Empathize, but don't sympathize. Try to see your circumstances and the other person's as perfect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What comes easily might go just as easily. It's not a cruel trick of the universe but a gracious test as to how adamant you are about adding something new to your life. If you really want it, hold on tight.

Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband is in his early 50s and self-employed. We are lucky that business is good, but it means he works 24/7. At most, he might take one or two days off a month. He works from home, so I can accept his long hours. but his mood swings are hard to handle. He gets very angry, mostly with me (I work with him). If I mention that he needs to chill out, he only gets worse. He complains I communicate don't enough with him and he feels isolated. Depression runs in his family, and when I suggest he consider medication, he then makes an effort to change, but it doesn't last long. I don't know what to do. I love him, but it's hard to be around him because of his temperament and it seems to be getting worse. What do you think? --Unhappy Worker Dear Unhappy: You both need to get out of the house more often. Your husband is feeling closed in, which makes him nervous and irritable, and you are his nearest target. Short breaks, along with some sunshine, can alleviate his mood and help both of you get through the day. Don't chastise him. Instead, explain that being cooped up all day hurts productivity. Suggest an outdoor coffee break twice a day, alone or together, and maybe the two of you can go somewhere for lunch or for a walk now and then. If he refuses to leave the

18). Increase your popularity through generous acts. You can do this covertly so it doesn't seem to others that you are trying to buy their affection. Your casual attitude is wildly attractive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It may take you a beat to recognize when someone needs your help -your brain just needs to catch up with the sensory input. Once you notice where you can be of use, you'll revel at the chance to prove your loyalty.

GETTING TO KNOW THE ASTEROID GOD-DESSES: As the precession of the zodiac leads us to the Aquarian age, the balance between the masculine and feminine energies in the world is shifting. Women rise to leadership positions, and more men are homemakers. The Aquarian dictates of progress, liberation and equality. Traditional feminine qualities of nurturing, cooperation, interdependence and sharing are being examined as necessary to the infrastructure of civilization. The precession of ages is one explanation for what's being called the "reawakening of divine feminine consciousness." However, this might've begun some 200 years earlier when the first of the four largest asteroids -- Ceres, Pallas, Juno, and Vesta -- were consecutively discovered. Their story reads like

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. really good drama and illuminates the feminine experience in ways that the feminine planets, Venus and Neptune (and the moon), don't. The timing of their discovery was fortuitous, also: The 19th century began the suffrage and women's rights movement. Above all, these goddesses are relational. New choices and possibilities open up for men and women. Get to know Ceres, the divine mother, tomorrow.

> **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Does Will Ferrell use humor as a defense mechanism? This sign likes to remain somewhat hidden, and humor could serve as a protective crab shell, disguising a more emotionally porous, even maternal, side. Astro-analytically, it's a Will-calculated strategy, ha-ha! Obviously he's a funny dude. I see a movie in the making -- a "Mr. Mom" remake starring Ferrell.

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agree that the in-laws should have made a greater effort to attend the graduation or at least apologized profusely for missing it. Still, it serves no purpose to hold a grudge. Since you recognize Dick is the favorite, these slights should not surprise you. If you change your expectations, you will be less disap-

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house, you should do so without him, even if it's just for a few minutes.

Dear Annie: My in-laws did not attend my son's high-school graduation. Instead, they went to the wedding of their youngest child, "Dick." This was his fourth wedding. We were supposed to get an invitation, but it never arrived.

Dick is 40-something and divorced his third wife just six months ago. He knew about my son's graduation long before he planned this wedding and could easily have selected another date. My husband feels his brother purposely scheduled it at the same time in order to steal the spotlight.

Dick has always been the favored child. The last time we called my in-laws to say we'd be dropping by, Dick called, too, so they made plans to go out with him instead. I would like you to tell my in-laws how wrong they are to go to their son's fourth wedding instead of their grandson's only highschool graduation. Heartbroken Mom in Indiana

Dear Mom: Normally, a wedding takes precedence graduation. over а However, since this is Dick's fourth walk down the aisle and he allowed it to coincide with his nephew's graduation, we

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pointed.

Dear Annie: Here is another suggestion for 'Anonymous Grandpa," the 90-year-old widower whose greedy grandchildren have cut off contact because he refuses to build them a million-dollar house. In addition to your suggestions of volunteering, I would suggest that he look into a retirement community.

We moved into one three years ago. It has become the ideal place to live out our remaining years with excellent social interaction, caring staff and innumerable activities. We have seen many widows and widowers move in and adjust easily. Everyone is friendly and sociable. We live independently, but each of our apartments comes equipped with emergency buttons if we need help.

There are many types of these facilities to meet most all income levels. I would highly recommend "Grandpa" look into one, and also rewrite his will. -

- Happy in Holland, Mich. Dear Holland: That's a lovely testimonial to retirement communities. We hope "Grandpa" will look into one when he's ready.

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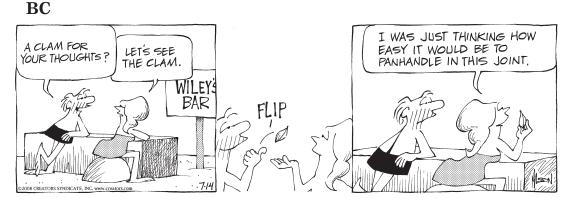
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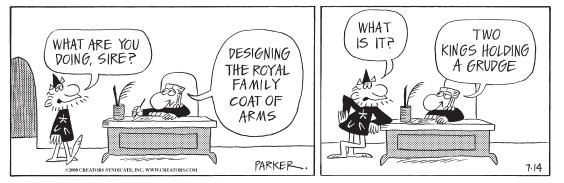
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In 1913, Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr., the 38th president of the United States, was born Leslie Lynch King Jr. in Omaha, Neb.

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy.

In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.

In 1978, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was convicted of treasonous espionage and anti-Soviet agitation, and sentenced to 13 years at hard labor. (Sharansky was released in 1986.)

One year ago: North Korea told the United States it had shut down its nuclear reactor, hours after a ship cruised into port loaded with oil promised in return for the country's pledge to disarm. Former presidents, fellow first ladies and about 1,800 other people attended a private funeral in Austin, Texas, for Lady Bird Johnson, the widow of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Today's Birthdays: Playwright Arthur Laurents is 91. Actor Dale Robertson is 85 Actor Harry Dean

Stanton is 82. Actress Nancy Olson

is 80. Actress Polly Bergen is 78.

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Tommy Mottola is 59. Actor Jerry Houser is 56. Actor-director Eric Laneuville is 56. Actor Stan Shaw is 56. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 50. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 48. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 48. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 47. Actor Matthew Fox is 42. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 42. Rock singer-musician Tonya Donelly is 42. Actress Missy Gold is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 33. Hiphop musician taboo (Black Eyed Peas) is 33. Actor Scott Porter is 29

Thought for Today: "Jealousy is no more than feeling alone among smiling enemies." — Elizabeth Bowen, Irish novelist (1899-1973). [®] 2008 The Associated Press.



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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 14, the 196th day of 2008. There are 170 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

On this date:

In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from President Fillmore, requesting trade relations. (Fillmore's term of office had already expired by the time the letter was delivered.)

In 1858, British suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst was born in Manchester, England.

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid,"

opened in New York.

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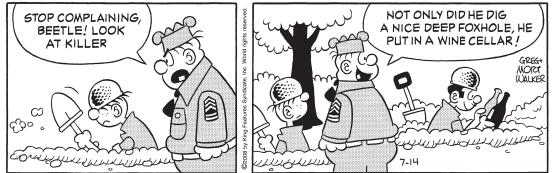
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4 million-plus season at the box office, the stadium was at best half-filled for Sunday's All-Star Futures game, which had an announced attendance of 48,383. Season ticket-holders had to buy seats for Sunday as part of strips that included Monday's home run derby and Tuesday night's All-Star game.

Tuesday's game is the highest priced in baseball history, with lower-deck seats costing \$525-\$725 and bleacher tickets going for \$150. In New York's Wall Street-driven economy, the home run derby sold for \$100-\$650 and the Futures Game for \$50-\$225.

And that's the list price.

On StubHub.com, tickets for Tuesday's game were on sale for up to \$6,390 each. That's cheap next to the regular-season finale against Baltimore on Sept. 21 — the asking price on StubHub is as much as \$65,000. Per seat. Davey Johnson, manag-

er of the U.S. squad that lost 3-0 to a World team in the Futures Game, remembered when he played at Yankee Stadium in the 1960s for the Baltimore Orioles against Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris.

"I hate to see it go," Johnson said. "I didn't think Yankee Stadium would ever change."

Futures players had to sign three dozen baseballs, two home plates, two pitching rubbers (pitchers only) and three jerseys. When the major leaguers walk the clubhouses into Monday, each will have 14

dozen baseballs to sign. Yankee Stadium hosted the All-Stars in 1939, 1960 and 1977 — the latter on a day when it was 102 degrees. The '77 game was played $1\frac{1}{2}$ years after the stadium reopened following a reconstruction that cost \$167 million.

The new Yankee Stadium, which will be 63 percent larger, is rising across the street at a cost of at least \$1.3 billion. It will feature a Hard Rock Cafe, a Martini Bar and regular-season seats that cost up to \$2,500 a game. But it won't be the same.

"Being at the final All-Star game at Yankee Stadium is going to be very special," said Cleveland pitcher Cliff Lee, the expected AL starter. "Everyone knows the heritage there, and to be part of it is something I'm really looking to experience."

ASTROS

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jams in the second and third but settled down in the middle innings before he was removed after issuing a walk to lead off the eighth.

Backe. "Brandon Brandon Backe, Brandon Backe, Brandon Backe, that was what we got today," manager Cecil Cooper said. "Two-for-3. Scored a couple of runs. Seven shutout innings. What could you say? He threw over 100 pitches. I thought he was really, really good."

Backe feasted on the injury-plagued Nationals, who have baseball's worst record and worst offense. They were shut out for the 12th time, most in the majors, and have lost 10 of 13. They sent the minimum number of batters to the plate over the final five innings, their only two runners erased by double plays.

"We need a few more guys to step it up," manager Manny Acta said. "Right now, we're battling on almost every at-bat."

Washington starter Odalis Perez (2-7), whose last outing ended prematurely when he was ejected after arguing a pair of third-inning balks, allowed three runs and nine hits over six innings. Perez enters the break with a respectable 3.71 ERA, but, like many Nationals pitchers, he has suffered from a seasonlong lack of run support.

Backe doubled to left open the third inning and scoredon Lance Berkman's two-out single. Berkman then stole second without

a throw when the Nationals stopped paying attention to him, a miscue that became costly when Lee singled to center to score Berkman.

Backe's single to left led off the seventh. He was bunted to second, then he and Berkman scored on Lee's two-out single.

"Everybody on the team knows I take pride in hitting," Backe said. "You can't throw the ball all the time and make yourself a better pitcher, but you can always hit. I can't imagine anybody working on it more than me, to be honest with you."

Notes: Houston firstround draft pick Jason Castro, who agreed to contract terms Saturday, had breakfast with Cooper and visited with the team before the game. ... Perez fell to 0-5 vs. the Astros in seven career starts.

RANGERS

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Things didn't look so bad in the Rangers clubhouse, even though the 22 hits were the most they've ever allowed in a victory. Texas countered with 17 hits.

Marlon Byrd hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the seventh that finally put Texas ahead to stay.

Jermaine Dye went 4-for-5, with a homer in the eighth and a two-run single in the ninth, and five other White Sox players had three hits. All-Star outfielder Carlos Quentin also homered.

Chicago scored three times in the ninth against closer C.J. Wilson before Jim Thome and Paul Konerko both took called third strikes to end the game.

"It was a battle but C.J. made

Continued from Page 6 Green Bay as well. anchored by All-Pro quality players such as linethe most for Favre's backers Nick Barnett and impressive season. A.J. Hawk, cornerback Al

Harris and defensive end Aaron Kampman

FAVRE

second-year manager Ron Washington, whose future was in doubt back in April.

Bradley, the AL starting designated hitter in place of injured David Ortiz, matched a career high with his 19th homer and had an RBI single. Josh Hamilton, leading the majors with 95 RBIs and voted an All-Star starter, was 0-for-4 and saw the end of his streak of eight straight games driving in a run, the last five being multi-RBI games.

Thome had two doubles and has reached base in 28 straight games against Texas — 16-for-27 over the last nine. His RBI double in the third put Chicago ahead 5-4.

But Bradley led off the bottom of the third with a homer that ricocheted off the pole down the Kinsler. That hit for Kinsler, already

his third in the game, put the Rangers up 7-5. The AL's leading hitter (.337) had doubles in each of the first two innings, increasing his majors-leading total to 34.

Some fans chanted "M-V-P!, M-V-P!" when Kinsler came to the plate later in the game.

"I'd rather talk about the team. We're playing good baseball," said Kinsler, a first-time All-Star. "It's tough to talk about MVP and that kind of stuff. The guys around me make it easy to do what I'm doing."

David Murphy led off Texas big seventh with a single. Boone Logan (2-2) had him picked off but Murphy took off for second and reached third on first base-

gles by Max Ramirez and the outfield. Byrd then lined a 3-0. double into the left-field corner for an 8-7 lead.

AL reserve for his first All-Star appearance, with a pitch to load the bases before Young's tworun single extended his hitting streak. Young also hit in 23 straight earlier this season, longest in the majors until Kinsler passed him.

Ramirez's third run-scoring hit was an RBI single in the eighth that pushed Texas ahead 12-8, which was just enough.

Jamey Wright (6-4), the third of five Rangers pitchers, allowed a run over 1 2-3 innings.

After a quick groundout and an infield single on the first two pitches by rookie left-hander Matt Harrison, Quentin hit his 21st homer. Dye walked and

the last strike. Game over," said right-field line before RBI sin- man Konerko's wild throw into scored on a grounder to make it

Chicago's Juan Uribe, playing for resting All-Star third base-Adam Russell hit Kinsler, an man Joe Crede, tripled and scored on Orlando Cabrera's single in the second. Uribe's ball hit on top of the 14-foot wall in left field, bounced straight up and then fell back into play.

Notes: White Sox closer Bobby Jenks begins a rehabilitation assignment Monday for Class-A Winston-Salem. He is expected to pitch for Double-A Birmingham on Wednesday and rejoin Chicago from the disabled list (bursitis near non-pitching shoulder) the first game after the All-Star break. ... Chicago C A.J. Pierzynski was out of the lineup, as scheduled before he got hit on the lower left leg by a pitch and left Saturday's game. The team said he had a bruise.

backfield in Week 8 and never surrendered the

job, rushing for 929 yards in the final 10 games of the season. More than anything, Grant's presence in the backfield did

For two seasons prior to last year, Favre posted the worst numbers of his career, throwing nine

if he should receive his release from the Packers. Joe Montana will always be known as a great San Francisco 49ers quarterback, but ended his career in Kansas City. Emmitt Smith didn't call it quits until after he left the Cowboys and played his final game as an Arizona

Cardinal.

the greatest seasons of his career. Leaving the game with another team means going somewhere like Tampa Bay, Atlanta, Minnesota or Chicago where the offensive supporting cast isn't close to

the same caliber as that in Green Bay.

No one wanted to remember Favre for his performances in the 2005 and 2006 seasons. Last year was special, though, even if it did end in an

overtime-playoff loss to the Giants.

The Packers are telling the NFL life goes on for them after Brett Favre. Favre now needs to learn that there is also life after football.



Then, there is the biggest find of the season and one Thompson deserves a lot of credit for bring in running back Ryan Grant.

Grant was originally signed as an undrafted free agent by the New York Giants in 2005 and was traded to the Packers for a sixth-round pick in 2007. The Giants liked Grant, but simply couldn't find a roster spot for him in their crowded backfield.

Turns out, that was the best thing that could happen for the Notre Dame product. Green Bay was struggling early in the season to find a consistent running game and the lack of ground production made the Packers very vulnerable offensively. Grant took over in the

more interceptions than touchdowns in that span. Those numbers make it seem that the supporting cast had much more to do with last season's success than Favre.

Quarterbacks are always given more credit than they deserve for winning and are generally shelled much harder than they deserve for losing.

It's not neccesarily offensive Favre is wanting to come back and play. Most legends of the game have trouble leaving it behind. The terrible part about Favre's decision is the way he said he was 100 percent retired just a few months ago.

He won't be the first hall of famer to finish his career with another team

Johnny Unitas was considered the greatest quarterback of his time with the Indianapolis Colts, but left the NFL as a San Diego Charger. Even the great Jerry Rice struggled to leave the game after the 49ers decided to move on from him. Rice played in a Super Bowl with the Oakland Raiders and attempted to make the Denver Broncos' squad before leaving the game behind.

While it would be strange to see Favre dressed in anything but green and yellow, it's not an unprecidented venture. Still, it's time for Brett to stop holding possible retirement over the head of the NFL and leave the game.

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