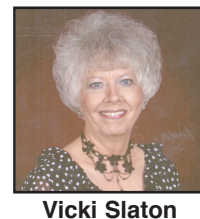




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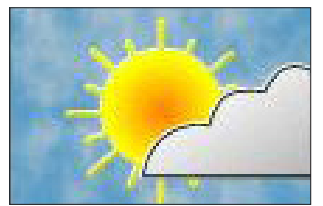
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Juvenile arrested in double shooting

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A 16-year-old Big Spring youth has been arrested and charged with the Aug. 23 shooting of two brothers, according to law enforcement officials.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer

with the Big Spring Police Department, the juvenile — whose name is not being released due to his age — voluntarily surrendered Tuesday.

“The suspect was being sought by police when he turned himself in at 11 a.m. Tuesday,” said Everett. “The suspect is a

16-year-old juvenile whose name is not being released due to his age. He has been charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.”

Noe Sanchez, 18, and Orlando Sanchez, 24, were both transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

ter after officers were called to the 1400 block of Virginia Aug. 23, according to officials with the Big Spring Police Department.

“Patrol was dispatched to the 1400 block of Virginia in reference to a shooting,” said Everett. “On arrival, officers found two subjects had been wounded by

gunfire and the suspects had fled the scene. It appears the shooting was the result of an ongoing feud between two individuals and does not appear to be gang related.”

Everett confirmed both vic- See **ARREST**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Workers were busy digging up portions of Scurry Street this morning as part of the city of Big Spring's water line replacement project. City officials estimate the work will continue on Scurry and Main streets for the next several weeks.

High school laptop use gets reboot

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District is taking a slower, more cautious approach in issuing laptop computers to high school students this year.

Officials admit the program was pestered with problems last year, ranging from inappropriate use by students to case design flaws in the computers themselves. And before handing out the computers again this school year, educators want to make sure they're as ready as possible.

“We want to make sure we have a comprehensive plan in place as far as the use of the computers both

“As a person, a parent and as the technology director, I'd say we're handling things better this year.”



—Corey Wood,
BSISD technology director

inside the classroom and at home,” High School Principal Mike Ritchey said. “We want these things to be a positive tool for the

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Make plans for annual Memory Walk this month

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area residents will have the chance to take a stand against Alzheimer's disease, as the Big Spring chapter of the Alzheimer's Association holds its annual Memory Walk Sept. 20.

“We will gather at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche



Jones

Trail Park for a nice walk in the park, hot dogs and prizes,” said Nancy Jones, local coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association and director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). “Many

will come with a team named to memorialize someone who had the disease and others will come to honor someone who has the disease.

“The money we raise each year stays right here in Howard County. It goes to help the families dealing with the disease and offers them the education

and group services they need. It funds the different services the Alzheimer's Association provides. A percentage of the money is also used to help fund research on the disease.”

Jones said the event — which will begin at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park — will get under way at 9 a.m.

sharp, with registration set from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m.

“We have two main courses we'll walk,” said Jones. “The long course is about two miles, while the short course is about a mile. Of course, that doesn't mean anyone has to walk any

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Dine Out Day

Al's & Sons Barbecue on Gregg Street is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

Proceeds from Friday's sales at Al's will benefit United Way. Future participating restaurants will include Dell's Cafe, Papa Georgio's Pizza, Cowboy's Steakhouse and others.



Driver safety course

A senior citizen driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Drive, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 11-12. The course will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. each day, with a half-hour off for lunch.

There is a \$10 fee for the book. Many auto insurance companies will give a discount on insurance premiums when the course is completed.

To register, call the Senior Center at 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35. The course is for motorists age 50 and older and is especially designed for seniors.

Symphony kickoff

Area residents have an opportunity to meet the maestro today, as the Big Spring Symphony Association presents its season kick-off dinner with acclaimed conductor John Giordano serving as the guest speaker.

The cost of the evening's meal — set to begin at 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club — will be \$12.95 plus drinks. The public is cordially invited, and is asked to RSVP with the Symphony Office at (432) 264-7223. Season tickets will be available. The season begins Saturday with “Great Friends.”

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Long haul

Steers travel 360 miles to face Denison Friday

BY JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Who doesn't enjoy a road trip?

Remember when you'd get together with some buddies and just set out, seeing where the open road might take you?

The Big Spring Steers are preparing to embark upon the longest documented road trip for a regular season game in the history of the school. However, they do know where the roads they take will lead them.

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HERALD Photo/Bruce Schooler

Big Spring Steers running back Monte Anderson (3) cuts back into a hole created by a block made by Johnny Zambrano (74) in high school football action against the Snyder Tigers Aug. 29 in Snyder. The Steers won 20-14 and look to remain undefeated in 2008 when they travel 360-plus miles to Denison Friday.

Howard County Bowl

Coahoma/Forsan renew rivalry Friday



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Jeremy Freitag carries the ball in action from the 2007 football season.

Buffs ready for battle

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — During the fall, Friday nights in West Texas serve up some of the best high school football in the state.

When bragging rights are on the line, it only gets better.

This Friday, for the first time in five years, Forsan and Coahoma will resume a cross-county rivalry that has become known as the Howard County Bowl. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. in Forsan.

The two teams have played only four times in the last 10 years, with Coahoma holding a 3-1 advantage in those games. But, the matchup is always a big game for the players on the field and for the communities that support them.

"We try to approach this as just another game," said Forsan Head Coach Tommy Thompson. "However, the kids from both schools know each other and it gives the game a personal feel. It is great for the two communities involved. No matter how you try to keep to your routine or keep the kids focused, there is a different air to a game when you're playing your neighbor."

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma's P.J. Daylong runs during action from the 2007 football season.

CHS has momentum

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Big Spring and Andrews, UT and Texas A&M, Dallas and Washington.

Three longtime rivalries. Three prime examples of matchups at different levels of football where you can throw the norm out the window. No matter the records, games between these teams brings out the best in the players.

This week, the Coahoma Bulldogs get a shot at their natural rivals as they pay a visit to the Forsan Buffaloes for the 2008 edition of the Howard County Bowl at 7:30 p.m. Friday. It marks the first time since 2003 that the two rivals have met on the gridiron.

"We are treating this game like any other," said Coahoma Head Coach Stacey Martin. "We haven't played them in five years so these boys have never taken part in this rivalry. I am sure that people around town have said things to them and that may put a little more pressure on them. But, we just have to come out and play our game and not get caught up in all that."

If the Bulldogs are to have success against the Buffs, then

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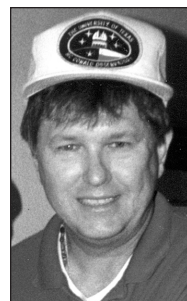
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Obituaries

Kenneth Newsom



Kenneth Newsom, 65, of Snyder formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, in a Snyder nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2008, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Wade Cobb, associate pastor of Cornerstone Fellowship, officiating.

He was born June 20, 1943, in Big Spring.

Kenneth grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School.

He had worked for Brown and Root for a number of years and then worked internationally as a consultant. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Rachel Newsom and Emily Newsom both of Houston; four sisters, Juanita Adams and Nancy Phernetton both of Big Spring, Pennie Lemire of Sacramento, Calif., and Marilyn Grigg of Houston; four brothers, Jim Newsom and Tommy Newsom both of Big Spring, Bob Newsom of Midland, and Donald Newsom of Amarillo; and numerous neices and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Alzheimers Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705.

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

Ruby Scott



Ruby Scott, 64, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 7, 1943, in Memphis, Texas, to Rosetta and Edward Scott. She had been a homemaker and a housekeeper, and was a resident of Big Spring for more than 45 years. She was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Dennis Ausbie and wife Angie of Lubbock; two daughters, Debra Ausbie of Big Spring and Kay Ausbie of Amarillo; two sisters, Dolores Smith of Austin and Salina Hunt of Big Spring; three brothers, Bobby D. Scott of Big Spring, Terry Harris of Amarillo and Gary Harris and wife Viola of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Rosetta Smith; two sisters, Sheila Winters and Rita Turner; and three brothers, Claude Thomas Harris, James Edward Scott and Henry O. Washington.

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

Irwin Ward

Irwin Ward, 80, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• 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.

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

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

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



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Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL ALLEN SEAY, 30, of 4223 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on a local capias warrant.
- OTIS JAMES PORTER, 25, of 1804 Morrison, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants.
- LESTER C. DUFFER, 28, of 2502 Hunter, was arrested Wednesday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving while license invalid – enhanced and a local citation.
- CACEE DELANE CORBELL, 24, of 205 Driver Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ROCKY ALLAN AUTRY, 24, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.

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.
- TIMOTHY JOSEPH MAJOR JR., 34, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear (three counts).
- ROBERT MICHAEL MOORE, 45, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of First Street and Gregg. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Jennings. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held Sept. 12-13 during the BSHS homecoming weekend. To get details and register, visit www.free-webs.com/bshs1998 or contact Traci Bellinghausen at (817) 308-9845 or Jacob Cordova at (432) 935-0533.

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

• Big Spring High School Class of 1988's 20-year reunion will be held the weekend of Sept. 12-13. Contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe at 432-268-9587 or reibel@suddenlink.net for information. The class still needs classmates' contact information so please contact Cheri to pass those along.

• Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 1401 S. Main St. in Big Spring. Lunch will be catered by Al's and Son Barbecue and served at noon. Cost will be \$11 per plate, including dessert and drink. RSVP to Betty Pitts at 267-1449 or Sissy Jones at 213-4452.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed 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.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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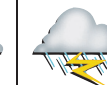
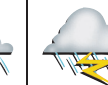
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TODAY • League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- 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.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 19-47-50-23-24-32
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 25-27-21-11-30
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-8-1-0. Sum It Up: 17.

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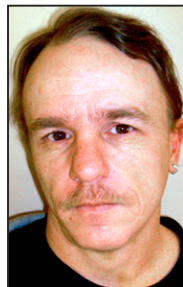
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Depending on the route they take, the Steers will cover at least 345 miles and up to 363 miles during their trek to North Texas where they'll stop at Munson Stadium in Denison to take on the hometown Yellow Jackets at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

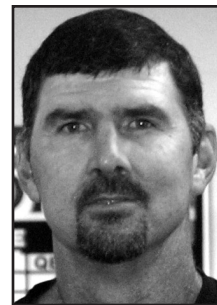
Before Friday, Big Spring's longest trip for a regular season game was one of numerous stops in El Paso at close to 343 miles. Only one game in the team's 101-year history has the potential of topping the mileage that will be traveled over the weekend.

In 1950, the Steers played Victoria, winning the game 18-7. However, records are not clear as to where the game was played. If Big Spring did in fact travel to Victoria, then that trip would still claim the top spot on the mileage list with 440 miles separating the two towns.

For now, Friday's trip to Denison claims the top spot. It's not the first meeting between the two schools either.

Although, it's unclear where the game took place, Big Spring and Denison have met once before with the Yellow Jackets claiming a 36-7 victory in 1947.

A trek of this magnitude for a football game is obviously foreign to the players, but is also going to be a new experience for the coaching staff as well.



Ritchey

"To be real honest, this is new to me," admitted Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "I've been coaching for 22 years and I've never taken a trip like this before. I'm approaching it as a chance to have fun for these

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kids. It's a day out of school. We're looking at it as a rare experience to take a day trip like this. Some of these guys may never get to do this again in their lives. We're not dreading the trip. We're actually looking forward to it."

However, once the Steers get off the bus, the distance traveled doesn't matter.

There's still a football game to be played. For Big Spring, that means attempting to build on the momentum it gained last week as the Steers opened the season with a 20-14 win over Snyder.

It's the first time Big Spring has won its season opener since 2000, when the Steers defeated Sweetwater, 34-0.

Meanwhile, Friday's matchup serves as Denison's season opener as the Yellow Jackets decided not to start their season during zero week.

"I think we have an advantage because this is Denison's first game of the season," Ritchey said. "Every team has first-game jitters. We did right out of the box, struggling to get the right personnel on the field in certain situations and having to call time outs when we didn't want to waste one. We had some break downs in special teams, too."

"I always think that the game gets a little easier once you get

that first game under your belt," he continued. "I think we have an advantage that way. The only disadvantage is Denison got to watch us play last week. So they've seen us in a game this week and we haven't gotten that opportunity with them. So it kind of goes both ways."

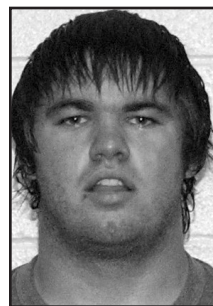
Despite a 360-mile separation, Ritchey notes the Steers and Yellow Jackets almost mirror each other with their offensive and defensive schemes.

"Denison appears to be very similar to us," Ritchey said. "They run a similar spread attack, but don't use motion like we do. They run a very similar scheme on defense, too. Honestly, we've been able to run versions of our own schemes with our scout teams this week. We've put our offense against our defense all week. We don't usually get to do that."

"The biggest difference is in the athletes on the field," he continued. "Denison has a lot of good looking, tall kids. They look athletic, but we'll have an advantage with our speed. It's going to be a tough matchup for us because of their height. Snyder challenged us with their bulk, but Denison will have a couple inches on us at several positions."

Last season, Denison posted a 4-6 record and set school records for passing yardage, pass attempts and touchdowns.

Last week against Snyder, Steers' middle linebacker Cade Hollandsworth



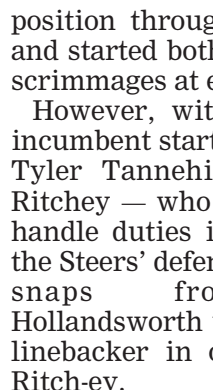
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put on a clinic, registering 28 tackles, including 10 solo and two for loss. Original plans were to move the all-state senior linebacker to defensive end at the start of the season. Hollandsworth practiced the

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to make a lot of tackles. That's what we were worried about heading into the game, but the guys we put at the positions played great. That frees us up to leave Cade in the middle for now."

The Steers attempted only eight passes last week against Snyder with Matt Ritchey completing seven of those attempts for 136 yards and a touchdown. He ran the ball 14 times for 47 yards, while running back Monte Anderson had 12 carries for 98 yards.

However, coach Ritchey says the Steers won't always be so run oriented.

"That was determined by Snyder. They came out with a different scheme and were very outside conscious," explained Ritchey.

"We thought we could take advantage of them in the middle and we had a lot of success doing it. We were happy with what we were seeing."

"We also didn't want to help Snyder with their time of possession," he continued. "We didn't want to throw the ball and have some incompletions to stop the clock and go three and out. We were tickled with our offense. We ran only 38 plays and had close to 300 yards. We couldn't ask for much better than that."

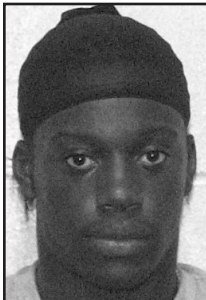
According to Ritchey, the biggest benefit from the Steers' season-opening win has nothing to do with schemes.

The Steers head to Denison with one major difference from teams of recent history — a belief they can win.

"Confidence for this team is the strongest that it's been since I've been here," Ritchey said. "We've been preaching since last season that we've got to start expecting to win instead of just hoping to win. I told them after the Snyder game that I wasn't surprised by the outcome. As hard as these guys have worked and the way they're executing, they're just doing everything the coaches are asking for. We'll always have a chance to win when we do that."

"We're not satisfied, either," he continued. "We want last week's win to just be a spark."

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Anderson

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senior tailback P.J. Daylong figures into the equation.

"P.J. is one of those kids that you really don't have to pump a lot," Martin said. "He is always ready to play and gives us 100 percent. I don't think that just because we are playing against Forsan he is going to try harder. He tries hard all the time."

Last week against Van Horn, Daylong gave a glimpse of what's

to come this season as he carried the ball 25 times for 198 yards, accounting for two touchdowns in the Bulldogs 25-12 win over the Eagles.

"Our system really isn't set up to get any one kid the ball," explained Martin. "It just so happened that Van Horn's defense was spread out no matter what set we came out in and it gave P.J. some good creases to run through. A lot of the credit goes to the offensive line. They got out and did a great job of blocking."

Martin warns against thinking Daylong is the only weapon the Bulldogs can utilize. Junior quarterback Josh Paniagua and Corey Roberts stepped up big for the Bulldogs in the aerial attack. Paniagua connected with Roberts three times for 112 yards and two touchdowns, including an 80-yard strike that drew the Bulldogs even with the Eagles early in the second quarter.

"We found a mismatch there with Corey and Van Horn just never adjusted," Martin said. "It allowed us some good success in

the passing game."

However, Martin knows the Bulldogs is in for a fight Friday, despite the Buffs coming off a 26-9 loss to the Eldorado Eagles in their season opener.

"They don't have a whole lot of size, but they do have speed," noted Martin. "Their running backs run hard and are deceptively fast. We are going to have our work cut out containing them. We are going to have to concentrate on our assignments and execute our game plan to be successful."

The Bulldogs' defense stepped up against the Eagles, allowing just 193 yards of total offense, 185 of which came on the ground game.

"I expect this to be a tough game," Martin said of Friday's game against Forsan. "I expect a lot of hard hitting, people flying around and making plays, trying their best to help their team to come out with a win. It is all going to boil down to who executes their game plan better and maintains their heads. The team will come out on top."

State briefs

Texas woman's lawsuit accuses lenders of 'reverse redlining'

HOUSTON (AP) — Alpha Mortgage USA Inc. and American Home Mortgage Servicing Inc. engaged in a racially targeted predatory lending practice called "reverse redlining," according to a lawsuit filed in federal court by a black suburban Houston woman.

Nanette Lewis, 44, of Baytown, alleges she refinanced the adjustable rate mortgage on her family's first home purchase only to be victimized by a loan with onerous terms because of her skin color. She is seeking to have the lien removed from her property and wants others to be informed of what happened to her.

Efforts to reach Alpha Mortgage and American Home Mortgage for comment on Thursday by The Associated Press were not successful.

Lewis' lawsuit may be the first of its kind in Texas. Similar lawsuits have been filed by the attorney general of Massachusetts and by the city of Baltimore, the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday in its online edition. All three lawsuits accuse lenders of "reverse redlining" targeting minority loan applicants for the worst possible mortgage deals, the newspaper said.

In 2006, Lewis and her husband were given last-minute changes at closing. When she asked about the changes, she was told her loan would be refinanced later and that she would be "fine."

Texas Bar suspends judge's law license

DALLAS (AP) — The State Bar of Texas has suspended District Judge Bruce Priddy's law license for three months for "professional misconduct," but he can continue to work as a civil judge.

Priddy said he would seek a stay of the suspension and appeal the judgment by a state bar panel.

"I'm baffled" by the discipline, he said, adding

that he thought he had an agreement with the Bar Association for a reprimand instead of a suspension, The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday in its online edition.

The state bar panel issued the suspension Aug. 25 in response to a complaint that Priddy, while still in private practice, was hired to represent a client while on administrative suspension for nonpayment of Bar Association dues.

Priddy did not appear at the hearing and said he didn't know about it until after it occurred. The suspension is to be followed by a 21-month "probated suspension."

Seana Willing, executive director of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, said the license suspension is not a "constitutional disqualification" for his judgeship.

The suspension is the latest in a series of problems the judge has encountered.

American Airlines may cut 469 jobs at airports

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines has sent notices to 469 employees at airports in five U.S. cities that they may lose their jobs in November as the airline continues to cut back on flights.

A total of 353 workers at Chicago O'Hare International Airport received the notices. The remaining notices went to workers in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Raleigh-Durham, N.C., and Columbus, Ohio.

The letters were sent to gate and ticket agents, ramp workers, automotive mechanics and airport-based management and support staff, American spokeswoman Tami McLallen said in a story for Wednesday's online edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Mark Burdette, American's vice president of employee relations, said in a letter last week to the Transport Workers Union, that fewer people would be needed to operate the airline as the operating schedule is cut due to high oil prices and the softening economy.

Airline officials hope to reduce the number of layoffs with a voluntary early retirement

program.

Hutchison speech at GOP convention in limbo

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was at the center of activities at the GOP convention Wednesday even though she was bumped from the speakers' lineup for the evening.

Hutchison was supposed to have a prime time speech on energy. It may be rescheduled for Thursday, the convention's final day.

Early Wednesday, two political consultants discussed John McCain's vice presidential pick of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin on MSNBC with political analyst Chuck Todd.

Some comments they made while they thought their microphones were turned off were recorded and posted on YouTube.

In the YouTube video, Todd asks: "Don't you think the Palin pick was insulting to Kay Bailey Hutchison, who ...?"

Hutchison's experience easily eclipses Palin with her years in the Senate, Legislature and work in the private sector. She also has won her many elections with overwhelming majorities in Texas.

Even so, Hutchison was full of praise for Palin.

"There's no question that she's young. She is a new governor. Does she have the same experience as John McCain? No. Joe Biden? No." Hutchison said. "But there is usually a generational change every two or three presidential elections and this is the year we are seeing the generational change."

She said with his Palin pick, the two have adopted what will be their "lead effort which is, we want to shake it up."

"I think he picked a soulmate," Hutchison said.

McCain has been considered a maverick in the Senate, bucking his party on issues such as earmarks. Palin has been considered a reformist in her state.



Hutchison

Local notice

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone served with legal documents should call the office at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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Dalhia "Daisy" Flores Battles, 54, died Sunday. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends, prior to the vigil, from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. A Memorial Service will be at 6:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Friday the family will receive friends, following the Memorial Service, at 8:10 Andree.

Nadine Couch, 90, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Goree Cemetery in Goree.

Ruby Scott, 64, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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students, rather than a distraction."

Ritchey said he has been meeting with teachers to devise the best timetable and method for distributing the laptops to students. At the earliest, officials foresee the computers being distributed to students at the end of the first six-week reporting period in October.

BSISD Technology Director Corey Wood agrees with the go-slow approach.

"As a person, a parent and as the technology director, I'd say we're handling things better this year," Wood said. "I think it's good to be cautious and

have your ducks in a row before you proceed."

Wood and the technology staff learned several lessons in last year's debut of the program.

"There were several unforeseen problems," he admitted. Those ranged from student abuse of computer programs and features — such as the built-in webcam — to structural flaws in the computers themselves.

Wood said more than 600 of the 1,100 computers had to be repaired in some fashion. Of that number, most were cracks in the computer casing that were repaired at no cost to the district by Apple Computers, the makers of the laptop.

But Wood conceded that the district had a higher-

than-anticipated rate of computer damage because of accidents or mishandling.

"We had more than 160 cases of damage that were not covered by the warranty," he said. "That's more than 10 percent, which is far more than we anticipated." In addition, Wood estimated technology staffers spent more than 100 man-hours simply cleaning the laptops after they were turned in by students at the end of the last school year.

Wood anticipates a smoother road this year — security has been upgraded and students will be held more accountable for the overall condition of their computers. In addition, the district plans to increase professional

training for teachers so that they become more comfortable using the laptops in classroom instruction.

Despite the problems, Wood sees the program as a positive for the school district.

"It's definitely worthwhile," he said. "Our biggest advantage this year will be increased professional development with the teachers ... so that they more comfortable using the laptops as a teaching tool."

Ritchey agrees.

"I think the computers can be very effective," he said. "With any learning resource, they're only as good as the classroom leader — the teacher ... It starts with them. They have to manage it in the

classroom and maintain student focus on the particular activity at hand."

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tims suffered single gunshot wounds to the leg.

The suspect was interviewed by detectives and transferred to the juvenile facility, according to Everett.

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particular distance. We have some people who come out and support by just walking a short distance. It's all for a good cause."

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As Alzheimer's pro-

gresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations.

According to Jones, if the disease hasn't already touched your life in some way, it most likely will.

"A person is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease every 71 seconds in this country," said Jones. "That means more than 1,217 people will be struck by Alzheimer's in the next

24 hours in the United States alone. Last year it was every 72 seconds, so we are losing ground.

"There is hope, hope for future generations. Research for a cure, medication and a preventative measure are ongoing. But the sobering fact is that until then, 1,217 people are being diagnosed each day. And those are just the ones who are reported. The physical and mental effects ravage more than just the patient. Spouses, children, families and friends are af-

ected. You will be touched by this disease."

According to statistics provided by the Alzheimer's Association, the number of people in Texas diagnosed with the disease is expected to rise 76 percent by 2025.

For more information on the walk, contact Jones at 264-2397.

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Area roundup: Sands celebrates homecoming

By JONATHAN HULL and EVAN JANSA

ACKERLY — Heading into just the second week of the high school football season, there's plenty to be excited about in Ackerly.

The Sands Mustangs are 1-0 after defeating Hermleigh, 30-16, in their season opener last week. Added to the excitement of starting the year with a win is the expectation of a packed house at Mustang Field at 7:30 p.m. Friday as Sands' home opener also serves as the school's homecoming game.

The role of potential homecoming victim is being played by the Wilson Mustangs (0-1), who Sands trampled last season, 54-6.

However, Sands Head Coach Wayne Henderson cautions that his team could end up being the prey Friday night.

"We've got a lot of confidence right now. We're very pleased with the way we opened the season," Henderson said. "We've still got a lot of work to do, though. Homecoming week can go either way. There are a lot of distractions during the week. We have to make sure we go into the game focused on the task at hand."

Last year's game against Wilson could be regarded as Sands' quarterback Johnny Rogers' breakout. Rogers totaled six touchdowns with four coming on the ground and two in the air.

Since then, Rogers has undeniably been the Mustangs' offensive leader.

"Johnny has a better understanding of the offense this season," Henderson said. "He's a smart player and he knows exactly what I want him to do on the field."

Rogers racked up 140 yards rushing last week against Hermleigh and played a part in all four of the Mustangs' touchdowns, throwing for one and rushing for three.

Daniel Armendariz led the 'Stangs defensively, registering 15 tackles.

Another Mustang will remember last season's matchup with Wilson as one of the biggest games of his high school football career. Ethan Zant, who is sometimes overlooked because of Armendariz and Rogers, caught a touchdown pass last year against Wilson and also had two interceptions on defense. Last week, Zant caught Sands' only touchdown pass of the game.

Stanton hopes for another big win over Reagan Co.

STANTON — It could be called the defining win of Stanton's 2007 season.

After all, for most of the year, it was the little things in a game that decided if the Buffaloes (0-1) won or lost last season.

Against Reagan County's Owls (0-1), the Buffs turned out to be on the right side of executing in situations that are generally overlooked. Stanton defeated Reagan County, 21-20, with a blocked extra point making up the 1-point difference.

The Owls did have a chance to win late,



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Sands' Daniel Armendariz (22) escapes the tackle of Grady's Roy Rodriguez in six-man football action from Oct. 26, 2007. Armendariz and the Mustangs host Wilson Friday, capping off the school's homecoming festivities.

but missed a 37-yard field goal with six seconds left to play.

"We picked up a big win for us last year," Stanton Head Coach Lee McCown said. "We come into this game against them this year needing another big win."

So far, the 2008 season is a close replica of 2007 with the Buffs preparing for the Owls after losing a close game to Grape Creek to open the season.

Last week, Stanton saw a 10-0 halftime lead dissipate into a 20-17 Grape Creek win.

However, the 2008 version of the Buffs has less experience than the senior-laden team of 2007. That squad might have only gotten younger after the season opener, too.

Defensive leader Mark Garcia was injured in the first quarter of action against Grape Creek, leaving a big hole in the middle of Stanton's defensive unit.

"You don't replace a kid like Mark," McCown said. "He's a great kid and a great player. We'll have to have some young guys step up to take his place. It won't be easy."

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. in Big Lake.

Grady expecting test from Meadow

LENORAH — Grady's Wildcats open (1-0) their home schedule at 7:30 p.m. Friday against a traditionally strong six-man squad, the Meadow Broncos (1-0).

"Meadow has a pretty storied program," Grady Head Coach Joe Helms said. "They're pretty good and very physical. It's going to be a test for us."

The Wildcats are coming off of a narrow 34-30 victory over Sanderson last week, although Helms says the score was closer than the game actually was.

"Sanderson scored two touchdowns on a couple of deep passes late in the game. One of them was off a ball that was tipped by two of our guys and landed in the hands of one of their receivers," explained Helms. "The other was a blown coverage. We were up by three scores with five minutes left to play. We felt comfortable with the lead."

The biggest story coming out of Grady is the loss of quarterback Dylan Cox. Cox suffered a knee injury late last season, but never had anything done with it as it started feeling better. However, he re-aggravated the injury late last week, forcing the Wildcats to go with sophomore backup Shane Teague.

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Thompson added the Buffs, who lost last week to Eldorado, will need to establish a run game and keep the chains moving to be successful against the Bulldogs, who won their season opener against Van Horn, 25-12.

"I was impressed with their defensive line and their strength and quickness," Thompson said. "We have a young offensive line

that will have to mature quickly if we are going to put points on the board against Coahoma's solid defense."

Alex Huckabee, who hooked up with Jeremy Robbins on an 80-yd touchdown pass last week for Forsan's only points, leads the Buffs' offense, running mainly out of the spread formation.

Thompson said he expects to complete more passes this week and to get last year's district Offensive Player of the Year Jeremy Frietag on track after a slow start last week.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Buffs will be charged with stopping a talented Coahoma backfield, including running back P. J. Daylong, who ran for 198 yards and 2 touchdowns last week.

"Daylong and (Corey) Roberts are strong, quick running backs that can make a big play every time they touch the ball," said Thompson. "We will have to slow down their running game to be successful. Their quarterback, besides being a threat to run, can also throw the ball well.

Our secondary is going to have to try and create some turnovers and disrupt the flow of their offense."

Defensive leader Ryan Flores will be expected to anchor the Buffs' defense from his linebacker position.

Along with Flores and fellow backer Zane Herring, the Buffs will look for a big night from the defensive line, bolstered by the likes of Jeremy Gomez and Anthony Neighbors.

Even though the pride of being able to brag for a year can be a

big incentive, the Buffs will be focusing on getting into the win column and setting the tone as they move toward district play.

"Our keys to winning against Coahoma is getting our running game going and keeping control of the ball by getting first downs," explained Thompson. "Obviously, that has to translate into putting points on the board. Defensively, we've got to prevent Coahoma from making big plays and we need to be disruptive up front."

Tindol, Ritchey shine in ASU's opener

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Two Angelo State University football players with ties to Howard County shined in the Rams' season-opening game Saturday against Texas State University.

Former Coahoma Bulldogs' quarterback Sam Tindol is now in his senior season with the Rams playing wide receiver. Tindol tied a career high with five catches Saturday.

Meanwhile, junior linebacker Ian Ritchey, oldest son of Big Spring Athletic Director Phillip and Carmen Ritchey, recorded a game-high eight tackles to lead the ASU defense in a 21-14 loss to NCAA Division I-FCS Texas State. ASU is a Division II school, making the Rams a big underdog in the game.

Tindol picked up 94 yards on his five receptions, coming up just six yards short of recording the second 100-yard game of his career. Tindol's career best of 123 receiving yards came against another NCAA Division I-FCS opponent Sam Houston State in the 2007 season opener.

He has 42 receptions for 629 yards and five touchdowns in his ASU career.

Tindol is a 2004 graduate of Coahoma, leading the Bulldogs to a 10-3 record and to a Class 2A,

Region II quarterfinals appearance during his senior season.

He threw for 3,754 yards — the third-highest single-season total ever in Texas Class 2A football — and 37 touchdowns as a senior. He also lettered in baseball, basketball and track for the Bulldogs.

Sam is the son of Tim and Jennie Tindol of Coahoma and his sister Cassie is in her first year as an assistant softball coach at Big Spring High School.

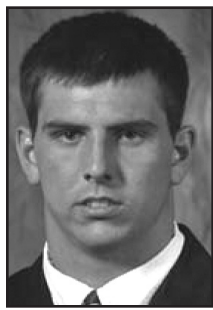
Ritchey led a Rams' defense that surrendered just 288 yards of offense to Texas State. That is the lowest output ASU has allowed in almost two years.

Last season, the Rams gave up an average of more than 481 yards a game.

Ritchey played in all 10 games with eight starts as a sophomore, totaling 54 tackles.

Ritchey is a graduate of Boyd High School where he was a four-sport standout, playing football, baseball, basketball and running track. He was also valedictorian of Boyd's Class of 2005.

He has a younger brother, Bradan, who is a red-shirt freshman tight end for ASU, and a younger sister, Cerbi, who is a freshman at Big Spring High School.



Ritchey

Scheduling leading to upsets

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Sports Writer

Four of the Top 25 teams in the Associated Press preseason poll lost in the first weekend, including No. 9 Clemson.

Michigan was upset in its opener for the second straight season, losing 25-23 to Utah after dropping a game to Appalachian State in the Big House a year earlier.

Texas A&M also dropped its opener in stunning fashion, losing 18-14 to Arkansas State — at home, no less.

Surprising? Not really, if you ask Texas coach Mack Brown.

"There are more upsets in the first week than just about any other time during the season," Brown said during the Big 12 coaches' conference call. "If not, then it's right before the conference race or right before or after a rival game because your focus is so high."

"The other reason is that I don't think we should have preseason polls. Unlike the NFL, we don't have a preseason

game."

Clemson and No. 20 Illinois lost to Top-25 teams. Virginia Tech, ranked 17th, fell to East Carolina, a mild upset. No. 25 Pittsburgh probably shouldn't have lost to Bowling Green, but it still wasn't in the same league as A&M's loss to Arkansas State, a team that was winless in 15 previous games against the Big 12.

Thing is, the Aggies had it. Leading 14-3 at halftime, Texas A&M fell apart in the second half, turning the ball over four times, missing short field goals, breaking down defensively. Arkansas State should have been overmatched, but Texas A&M let the Red Wolves stay close and ended up with maybe the biggest upset in college football's first weekend.

"We did not win a game at home which we should have won," coach Mike Sherman said. "That's not taking anything away from Arkansas

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Overworking
an adjective

A "working party" may sound as contradictory as a wet desert, but Democrats don't care. If there can be such a thing, they want theirs to be it. They are intent on helping, protecting, championing and celebrating all kinds of human beings — as long as you can use a certain adjective to describe them.

This year's party platform uses the term the way Elle Woods uses the color pink. It talks about "working families," "working people," "working Americans," "working parents," "working men and women," and even "working children."

Among the Democrats, work is anything but a four-letter word. During her convention address, Hillary Clinton accused the Bush administration of "ignoring the workers." In the primary campaign, she raised doubts about whether Barack Obama had enough support "among working, hardworking Americans, white Americans." Not to be outdone, Obama offers an economic plan heavy on programs for the working Joe and the working Jane.

His choice of Joe Biden as his running mate was said to be inspired partly by the Delaware senator's working-class roots. In reality, when Biden's father died in 2002, the obituaries described him as an executive and sales manager for various companies.

But who says sales managers don't represent the working class? The Marxist notion of the landless proletariat never found many adherents in this country.

The term "workers" traditionally conjured up images of blue-collar employees toiling in factories, but now the AFL-CIO applies the term to everyone from government bureaucrats to flight attendants. A lot of Americans who get paychecks, including very large paychecks, regard themselves as working stiffs.

That doesn't stop politicians from associating themselves with those who do sweaty, backbreaking jobs. They would much rather invoke parents who worked in mills or on farms than ancestors who kept account books or clerked at Sears and Roebuck.

But the paeans to humble labor may not be all that effective with the voters who actually do it.

When Ted Kennedy first ran for the Senate in 1962, his opponent mocked him for his family's great wealth. One day, as Kennedy was shaking hands at a factory, one worker said, "Would it be fair to say that you've never worked a day in your life?" The candidate conceded the charge. Replied the man, "Let me tell you something: You ain't missed a thing."

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Bold McCain will sharpen the contrasts

This week's forecast in St. Paul: 100 percent chance of a bold and outspoken GOP candidate who will clarify the differences with his opponent on issues, judgment and experience.

And why not? It's a strategy that seems to be working. Before Barack Obama's official anointing in Denver last week, John McCain had gone from behind in most national polls to tied or slightly ahead. Can he and newly selected running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, sustain that momentum?

Yes, says Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, who had been on the short list for vice president.

Last weekend, the tall, rangy Pawlenty, 47, was on a two-day tour of Pennsylvania, rallying sportsmen, business leaders and vets to the cause. That Sunday, he was at VFW Post 845 in Downingtown, shaking hands, talking to troops and their families, and previewing the GOP convention in his home state.

Look for McCain to do two things this week, Pawlenty says.

"No. 1, be bold and aggressive on issues and priorities most important to the American people.

"No. 2, make sure that people understand that Barack Obama's views are not in the best interest of the country."

Pawlenty starts with the issue on the minds of most Americans: the high cost of energy.

McCain and Obama agree about the need to develop alternative-energy sources and new technologies. But, Pawlenty points out, McCain alone is "aggressively advocating" more offshore drilling, nuclear energy, and clean-coal research. Obama, as an Illinois legislator, had "a strong record of increasing taxes

on energy, which is exactly the wrong direction for the country," Pawlenty says.

On foreign policy, the contrasts are even sharper, as illustrated by Russia's recent invasion of Georgia.

"John McCain issued one statement that was definitive, clear and reflected the reality of the situation," Pawlenty says. "In contrast, Barack Obama issued three or four statements, steadily evolving over several days, essentially into Sen. McCain's position."

Additionally, this was not a new issue for McCain. He had called for a more assertive approach to Vladimir Putin a year ago, Pawlenty says.

"This was a snapshot of the value of having experienced wisdom and judgment on these matters," Pawlenty says.

Voters saw a similar contrast during the "debate" at Rick Warren's Saddleback Church in California two weeks ago.

"McCain was able to articulate what he believes in a crisp, decisive manner," Pawlenty says. "In contrast, it was one of those instances where you don't see Barack Obama with a teleprompter. ... He's kind of stammering, wandering, halting. He's asked basic questions like, 'Why do you want to be president?' 'When does life begin?' and he gives fairly unconvincing, fairly unclear answers."

These differences aren't just a matter of words or campaigning style. They're about decision making. The bolder and more decisive McCain has decades of leadership roles in the military and politics on which to draw to make judgments and craft policies.

"McCain has an extraordinary, compelling story of accomplishment and service and putting country first, even if it meant great peril for him physically, politically or otherwise," Pawlenty says.

That's not the case with the one-term U.S. senator. "Obama's re-

sume is quite thin, at least for the purpose of someone who wants to be president of the United States," Pawlenty says.

That may be the greatest difference between the candidates. Obama talks about change, about a new kind of politics, about reaching across the aisle. But it's mostly talk.

"Barack Obama has not led the country on an issue of national significance in a way that has cost him anything politically. He always toes the partisan line," Pawlenty says.

The governor notes that Obama often cites as accomplishments his bipartisan work with Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., on securing nuclear weapons, or his work on ethics reform.

But on the nuclear issue, Pawlenty points out, "everybody's for that. ... That wasn't some act of courage to take on his party."

On ethics reform, Obama actually bailed out on a bipartisan approach, earning a scathing letter from McCain at the time.

In contrast, the senator from Arizona is known for going against popular opinion and his party. Look at the "surge" in Iraq, his efforts to find compromise on judicial appointments.

Ask conservatives this week in St. Paul if they have other examples of McCain's famed independence. (Best sit down, as the litany will take a while.)

Talk isn't enough. Yes, there were some great speeches in Denver last week. But Pawlenty is confident that McCain's actions will speak louder to voters when it comes to issues, judgment and experience. As the governor says:

"The best sermons aren't preached, they're lived."

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Palin stunningly wrong choice

Sometimes you just have to say that the emperor has no clothes. That's the case with Sen. John McCain's reckless selection of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to be his running mate. Palin is utterly unqualified for the job of vice president. Period.

Forget about all the political analysis of the Palin selection and commentary about her personal family situation. The fact is that her experience consists of a stint as the mayor of Wasilla, with a population under 10,000 (something akin to being the head of a Long Island village); chair of Alaska's Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; and less than two years as governor of a state that has around half the number of people of either Nassau or Suffolk County. According to what we know now, she has been out of the country twice. This is outrageous.

There have been some stunningly poor choices for vice president over the years, going back to Barry Goldwater's choosing an unknown New York State congressman, William Miller, in 1964, or George H.W. Bush's selection of Dan Quayle in 1988. One Republican operative who worked on that Bush campaign said the goal was to choose somebody who wouldn't overshadow Bush.

"We succeeded beyond our wildest expectations," he said. But at least Miller and Quayle had some Washington experience.

I'm not making a judgment on Palin as a person. She obviously presents well, has risen quickly in Alaskan politics and has a bent for reforming government. But as vice president of the United States, a heartbreak away from running the country at a time of unusual peril? Especially for a 72-year-old presidential nominee? If you wrote a movie script about this, you'd be laughed off as ridiculous.

The real issue here is McCain's judgment. The selection of Palin has a seat-of-the-pants, let's-throw-the-dice look that is not reassuring. Yes, it shores up his conservative political base. Give McCain that. But if he believes that Palin will appeal to women who supported Sen. Hillary Clinton, that's a stunningly wrong judgment.

The old cliché that the most important decision a presidential candidate can make is the choice of a running mate has to give even some of McCain's supporters serious pause.

If Palin doesn't have the experience to be on a national ticket, how then do the Democrats defend Sen. Barak Obama to head theirs? It's an absolutely legitimate question. The greatest vulnerability of Obama's candidacy is not that he is the first black nominee, although that will no doubt be a factor in the election. It is that he has spent so little time

on the national scene.

The greatest challenge Obama faces is convincing the American people that he is "presidential" — that he has the leadership skills to overcome his lack of experience.

But there's no comparison with Palin. Obama is a U.S. senator. He has gone through a grueling 18-month campaign, during which he has been vetted and tested, poked and prodded as only an American presidential campaign can poke and prod and test. And he came out on top, defeating a powerful front-runner. To the degree that a presidential campaign is an appropriate measure of what type of leader a candidate will be — and I'm not sure what exactly the correlation is — Obama has been through it. His resume is also impressive: Harvard Law Review, professor at the University of Chicago Law School, author of two best-selling books.

Over the years, the selection of vice president hasn't had a major impact on Election Day — although that has been less true recently. Both Al Gore and Dick Cheney had a positive impact on their tickets. But how this will play out politically isn't the point when it comes to McCain's choice of Palin. His choice of a person with no qualifications for the job, is.

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Giants, Redskins kickoff NFL season

Washington presents new problems for Super Bowl champs

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Despite having played Washington at least twice a year since 1970, the Super Bowl champion New York Giants are going to be playing somewhat of a guessing game against the Redskins in the kickoff game to the NFL season.

It's one of the advantages that Jim Zorn brings to the Redskins as their new coach.

Zorn installed the West Coast offense, hired two new coordinators and has been so vanilla in the preseason that the Giants are going to have to be very flexible in the nationally televised game Thursday night at Giants Stadium.

"We haven't gone out to try and reinvent ourselves and all of a sudden come up with a magic potion," Zorn said. "We've been trying to work hard and prepare ourselves so we can battle."

The Giants aren't totally in the dark.

Zorn has been a quarterbacks' coach for 10 seasons with Detroit and Seattle, so New York has an idea what he likes to use. The West Coast offense isn't new either, but Zorn will have his own wrinkles.

"They didn't show all their

cards in the preseason," Giants middle linebacker Antonio Pierce said. "They showed a little bit, but they are working on other things and probably game planning against us a little, just like we've been doing against them."

"After the first 15 plays we'll know what their game plan is and what their state of mind is," he added.

Zorn has kept the majority of running plays that Joe Gibbs had in his playbook, but he also has offered quarterback Jason Campbell more options.

"Before it was, 'This is what we are going to do no matter what they do. They have to stop us,'" Redskins halfback Clinton Portis said in describing Gibbs' offense.

More often than not, defenses stopped the Redskins, Portis said.

"We didn't have audibles before," Portis added. "Right now if we are in a bad play, we can get out of that play. Jason has the opportunity to put up the audibles and change things around and get us points. So I think everybody is just excited."

Offensively, the Giants might not have as much trouble against the Redskins defense. Greg Blache has replaced his old boss,

Gregg Williams, as the Redskins' defensive coordinator.

He is running a similar system that might be more player friendly.

Giants guard Chris Snee noted that Blache was the Redskins' defensive line coach last season, so the technique that the Washington linemen use is not going to change.

"When you look at your personnel and your one-on-one matchups, that's what you use to base your tape study, so that won't be very different," Snee said.

The Giants offense also is a veteran unit.

Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning will lead the same 11 players on offense who took the field against the Patriots in February in the stunning 17-14 win. The one change this season is receiver Plaxico Burress, who had the winning reception in the title game, is healthy and looking to build on a career-best 12 touchdown receptions.

"The good thing is they are conscientious, our guys, they work hard, they are attentive," Giants offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride said. "They can solve most problems. It certainly is an uncomfortable position for me to be in because you just don't know what they are going

to do."

The coaching change won't be the only reason the Giants are wary.

New York had to rally in the second half to win the first game in Washington, and then did little against the Redskins in a 22-10 loss in East Rutherford in December — the third of four straight losses at Giants Stadium to end the regular season.

"Every time we have played them it has always been a tight game," Manning said. "Last year, they jumped out to leads pretty early in the first half both times. We have to come out there and be smart with the ball, protect the ball and try to establish a running game. They are talented on their front four. They do a good job of getting a pass rush."

The Giants come into the season as somewhat overlooked defending champions.

A lot of people don't like their chances of repeating after the retirement of seven-time Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Strahan; the season-ending knee injury to fellow Pro Bowl DE Osi Umenyiora; and the trade of former Pro Bowl tight end Jeremy Shockey to New Orleans.

Their current odds of repeating are 25-1, according to John Avello, director of race and

sports operations at Wynn Las Vegas.

"There is not a lot of respect for this team out of the box," Avello, a New York native, Giants fan and oddsmaker for 21 years said in a telephone interview Tuesday night. "This is not your normal Super Bowl winner. Normally people are jacked up on the Super Bowl winner, looking at them to make another run, and that's not the feeling I am getting from the team and the customers that bet these games."

Most bettors wagering on whether the Giants will win more or less than nine games this season are taking the under, Avello said.

In addition to the Giants' personnel losses, many feel that everything aligned right for the team last season and that every club in the NFC East has improved, making their job that much more difficult, Avello said.

The last time a Super Bowl champion was this overlooked was Tampa Bay in 2003, he said. The Bucs went 7-9 and missed the playoffs.

"We love it, we love it," Pierce said with some deep sarcasm. "We ask for more. Honestly, it's not enough yet. Please add on."

Sports in brief

Serena gets the best of Venus in quarters

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams barely got the better of older sister Venus Williams in a U.S. Open quarterfinal that was fit for a final, coming back in each set to win 7-6 (6), 7-6 (7) Wednesday and break a tie in their head-to-head series.

In the semifinals, the fourth-seeded Serena will meet No. 6 Dinara Safina, who advanced earlier in the day by overpowering No. 16 Flavia Pennetta 6-2, 6-3. No. 2 Jelena Jankovic will face No. 5 Elena Dementieva in Friday's other semifinal.

The start of the latest all-Williams showdown was delayed by more than an hour because of two lengthy matches that preceded it on the tournament's main court, including No. 6 Andy Murray's four-set victory over No. 17 Juan Martin del Potro in the men's quarterfinals.

The long day was capped by No. 1 Rafael Nadal's 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 win against unseeded American Mardy Fish in a quarterfinal that didn't even start until 11:30 p.m. and concluded with the scoreboard showing 2:10 a.m., making it the third-latest finish in tournament history.

A-Rod's game winner upheld by replay

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Baseball's first use of instant replay backed an onfield call of a home run for Alex Rodriguez during the ninth inning of the New York Yankees game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night.

Third-base umpire Brian Runge signaled a home run after

A-Rod's towering, two-run shot off Troy Percival caromed off the catwalk behind the foul pole in left field. Rays catcher Dioner Navarro protested the call, bringing manager Joe Maddon out of the dugout.

The umpires convened before leaving the field to check the replay on a monitor not far from the field. It took 2 minutes, 15 seconds to uphold the homer that gave the Yankees an 8-3 lead.

Rodriguez was denied a homer on May 21 at Yankee Stadium on a ball that cleared the fence but was not ruled a home run. Baseball instituted replay for home run calls only last Thursday.

Brady practices, ready for opener

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady participated in the New England Patriots' practice, a sign he's expected to play in Sunday's season opener after missing all four exhibition games.

Wednesday's practice report listed the quarterback with right shoulder and foot injuries. But last year's practice reports listed him with the shoulder injury in every game and he started all of them. Brady has started 127 straight games, the third-longest streak by a quarterback in NFL history.

Brady had said Monday that his right foot has improved and he could have played in all four exhibition games. But he stopped short of saying he would play Sunday against Kansas City.

Ravens place Boller on IR

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) —

Quarterback Kyle Boller was placed on injured reserve by the Baltimore Ravens on Wednesday, ending his season and perhaps his stay with the team.

Boller hurt his shoulder in Baltimore's second preseason game against the Minnesota Vikings and has not played since.

Coach John Harbaugh described the injury as either a torn labrum or other damage that would render Boller unable to play this year.

Boller was to enter his sixth NFL season.

LSU, Troy reschedule game due to weather

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU postponed its football game against Troy after Hurricane Gustav damaged Tiger Stadium and battered Louisiana's capital city far worse than anticipated.

The university made the decision Wednesday after having a full day to get a handle on damage to the stadium and the community, much of which is expected to be without power into next week.

The seventh-ranked Tigers' game against the Trojans will be played Nov. 15.

Beanie not practicing, still hopes to play

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells is not taking contact or putting pressure on his injured right foot but still holds out hope of playing this weekend.

Team officials and doctors will huddle within the next day or two to decide if and when Wells will play next. The second-ranked Buckeyes play Ohio on



AP photo/Elise Amendola

Serena Williams, right, shakes hands with her sister Venus Williams after Serena won their quarter final match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Wednesday.

Saturday, then travel to take on No. 1 Southern California on Sept. 13.

OKC announces team nickname is Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Six weeks after the name first surfaced, team officials officially announced Wednesday that the team formerly known as the Seattle SuperSonics would be known as the Oklahoma City

Thunder.

The announcement had long been anticipated, but everyone knew what was coming.

The local ABC affiliate reported in mid-July that Thunder had been chosen as the nickname. Then the NBA Web site listed NBA.com/thunder as a link to the Oklahoma City team's page. Then the Orlando Magic's site listed games against the Oklahoma City Thunder.

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State, they played a heck of a ballgame and were very well coached. Still, A&M at home against Arkansas State, we fully expected to win that ball game and we didn't."

Poised Freeman

Kansas State quarterback Josh Freeman had an impressive statistical start to the season, going 18-for-24 for 232 yards and three touchdowns in a 45-6 win over North Texas. He ran for two more scores and jumped two spots to second on Kansas State's

all-time passing list with 5,365 yards.

It was even more impressive on film.

Faced with pressure caused by breakdowns by the offensive line, Freeman made solid decisions and was able to avoid the rush by sliding out of the pocket. He as particularly effective on a 30-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Banks at the start of the third quarter, rolling right then throwing a perfect strike to the corner of the end zone while on the run.

"I didn't think our pass protection was as good as we would have liked, going back and looking at the tape, and he really kept a

lot of plays alive," Kansas State coach Ron Prince said. "He was clearly able to make some plays down field, make some throws through some zones that perhaps we hadn't been able to do consistently before."

Weather delay

Oklahoma went into halftime against Chattanooga with a 50-0 lead, ready to come back out and finish the game off.

Then the fourth-ranked Sooners were told to wait for a thunderstorm to pass. And again. And again. By the time Oklahoma and Chattanooga were allowed

back on the field, halftime had been extended by 72 minutes.

With that long of a delay, the Sooners stretched again and went through warmups instead of running out and playing right away.

"We kind of went through our pre-game warmup like we do before the start of the game, that kind of thing to get loose and get refocused," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "It's difficult and it is for everybody for sure."

Catchy turnovers

After creating just 18 turnovers a year ago, Iowa State coach Gene Chizik

put an emphasis on taking the ball way this year.

Once the Cyclones got one against South Dakota State, they kept wanting more.

By the time they were done, Iowa State had forced six turnovers, five of those interceptions that led to a school-record 202 return yards.

"You get on roll and you're able to say hey, look what we did, this is what the results can be when we get the ball to our offense," Chizik said. "You could see it in their eyes on offense, 'yeah, we've got two let's go for three' or 'we've got three let's go for four.' And the next day you're able to sit in a team

meeting and say look what this does for us as a team."

Notes: A week into the season, Nebraska coach Bo Pelini still isn't ready to award the coveted "Blackshirts" to his defense. "We'll see," he said about handing out the black practice shirts this week. "You wait until they're earned. We haven't been together long enough for that to happen." ... Texas plays an in-state game this weekend — 580 miles away in El Paso. "We'll get back to the airport around 4:30 in the morning; we'll come into the building about 5:30," coach Mack Brown said. "It's a big state."

'09 Sonata

New fuel-efficient engines added to upscale Hyundai sedan lineup

What's not to like about Hyundai's popular mid-size sedan? It enters the 2009 model year with an all-new interior, enhanced suspension and two revised powertrains that are more powerful and fuel-efficient.

With a base-price starting below \$20,000, the Korean automaker has made a number of enhancements to its premium sedan, which is one of the most affordable premium sedans in the mid-size segment.

In addition to the refreshed dash and instrument panel (which by the way, is very elegant), the big news for the Sonata can be found under the hood.

Available in three trim levels (GLS, SE and Limited), consumers have their choice of a 2.4-liter I-4 (175 horsepower/168 lbs.-ft. torque) or a 3.3-liter V-6 (249 horsepower/229 lbs.-ft. torque).

Both engines boast improved horsepower over last year's powerplants, while also improving fuel economy.

Requiring regular unleaded gasoline, the Theta II I-4 engine is rated as an Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle and has an EPA fuel economy

rating of 22 mpg city, 32 mpg highway.

Also rated as an Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle, the Lambda V-6 engine requires regular unleaded gasoline and has an EPA fuel economy rating of 19 mpg city, 29 mpg highway.

GLS and SE models come with a standard five-speed manual transmission with an optional five-speed automatic with ShiftTronic.

Sonata Limited models (as well as all those equipped with V-6 engine) are equipped with a standard five-speed automatic with ShiftTronic trans-



The 2009 Hyundai Sonata sedan.

mission. Featuring a very premium interior and smooth, quiet ride, the Sonata also boast a number of standard safety features which include anti-lock brakes with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist, electronic stability control, traction control system, tire pressure monitoring system, advanced front airbags, front seat-mounted side airbags, side airbag curtains for both seating rows, LATCH child seat anchors, active head restraints for front seat occupants and remote keyless entry, to name but a few.

The Sonata has earned the national Highway Traffic Safety Administration's top five-star crash test rating for front and side impacts.

All models come with Hyundai's 5-year/60,000-mile bumper-to-bumper warranty and 10-year/100,000-mile power-

train warranty.

The five-passenger, front-wheel sedan is also nicely equipped.

GLS models (base price starting at \$18,795) includes power door locks, windows and outside heated mirrors, remote keyless entry, premium audio system with XM Satellite Radio and CD/MP3 player with USB/iPod auxiliary jack, air conditioning, cruise control and tilt adjustable steering column.

SE models (base price starting at \$21,195) add sport-tuned suspension, 17-inch alloy wheels, rear decklid spoiler, fog lights, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob and 8-way power driver's seat.

Limited (starting at \$24,645) adds leather seats, audio upgrade, heated seats, power sunroof, automatic climate control, electrochromic auto-dimming rearview mirror with compass.

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MODEL:
2009 Hyundai Sonata 5-seat midsize sedan

Front-wheel drive

Trim packages:
GLS, SE, Limited

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ENGINE:
2.4-L I-4 (175 hp/168 torque)

3.3-L V-6 (249 hp/229 torque)

TRANSMISSION:
5-speed manual

5-speed auto w/ShiftTronic

EPA: 22/19 mpg city, 32/29

mpg highway (I-4/V-6)

FUEL: Regular unleaded

SUSPENSION: Dependent

double-wishbone design with

coil springs, gas-charged hydraulic shocks and anti-roll bar (front); independent multi-link design with coil springs, gas-charged hydraulic shocks and anti-roll bar (rear).

TRACTION CONTROL:
Electronic stability control with traction control system.

BRAKES: ABS with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist.

LENGTH: 188.9 inches

WHEELBASE: 107.4 inches

WIDTH: 72.1 inches

HEIGHT: 58 inches

TRACK: 62/61.4

(front/rear)

TIRES: 16-, or 17-inch

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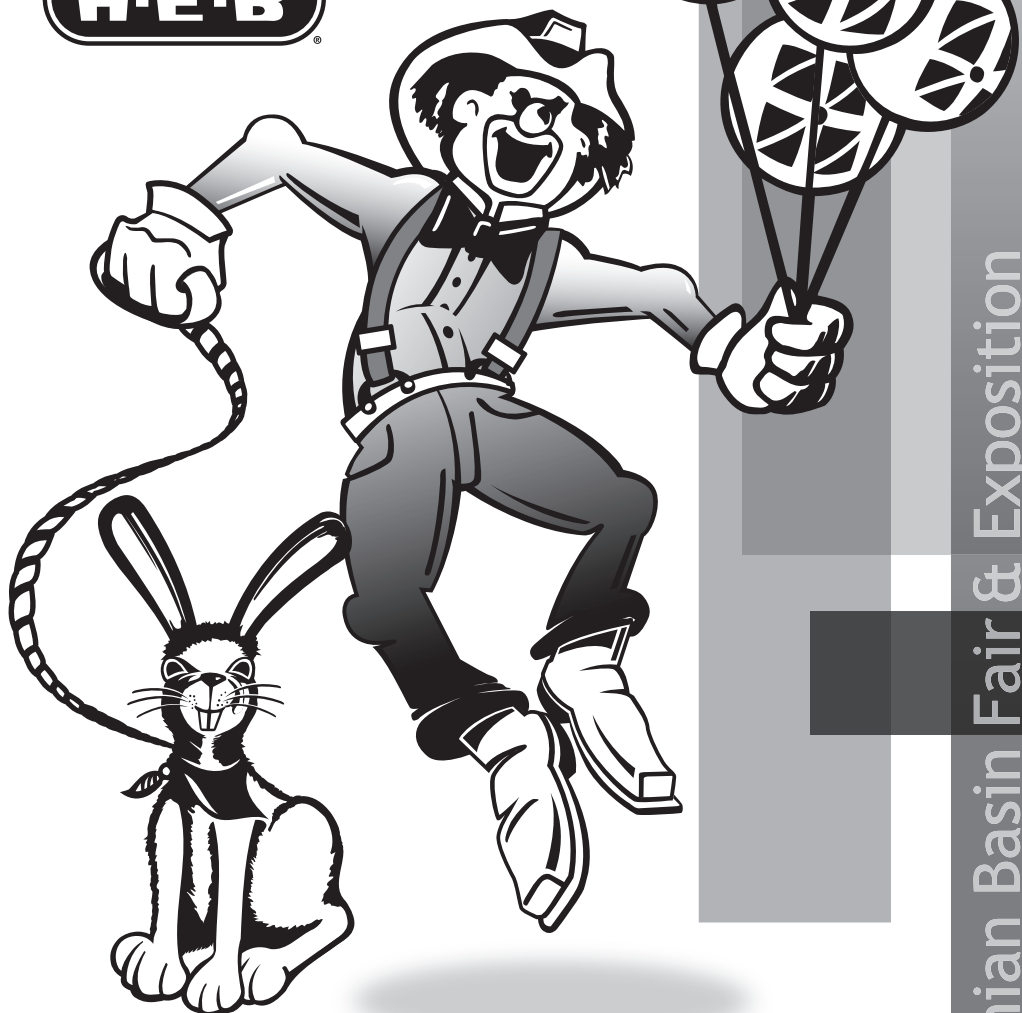
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News in brief

Smiling, searing and sarcastic Palin accepts VP nod

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Republican presidential nomination his at last, John McCain makes his case for the presidency to the GOP convention and the nation after his surprise choice for vice president, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, energized delegates with a rousing speech.

Searing, at times sarcastic, but always smiling, Palin used her speech Wednesday night to cast the White House as the logical place for a man of McCain's character. The

72-year-old began his national service as a 17-year-old Navy midshipman, before spending 5½ years as a Vietnam prisoner of war and the past 26 years as a member of Congress.

"In politics, there are some candidates who use change to promote their careers. And then there are those, like John McCain, who use their careers to promote change," said Palin, toying with the central theme in Obama's campaign.

Palin's 19-year-old son, Track, ships out for Iraq next week with his Army unit. The governor was unflinching as she con-

trasted McCain's military record with a lack of armed service by Obama and his running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware.

"There is only one man in this election who has ever really fought for you in places where winning means survival and defeat means death — and that man is John McCain," said Palin.

Despite outages, New Orleans residents stream back into city

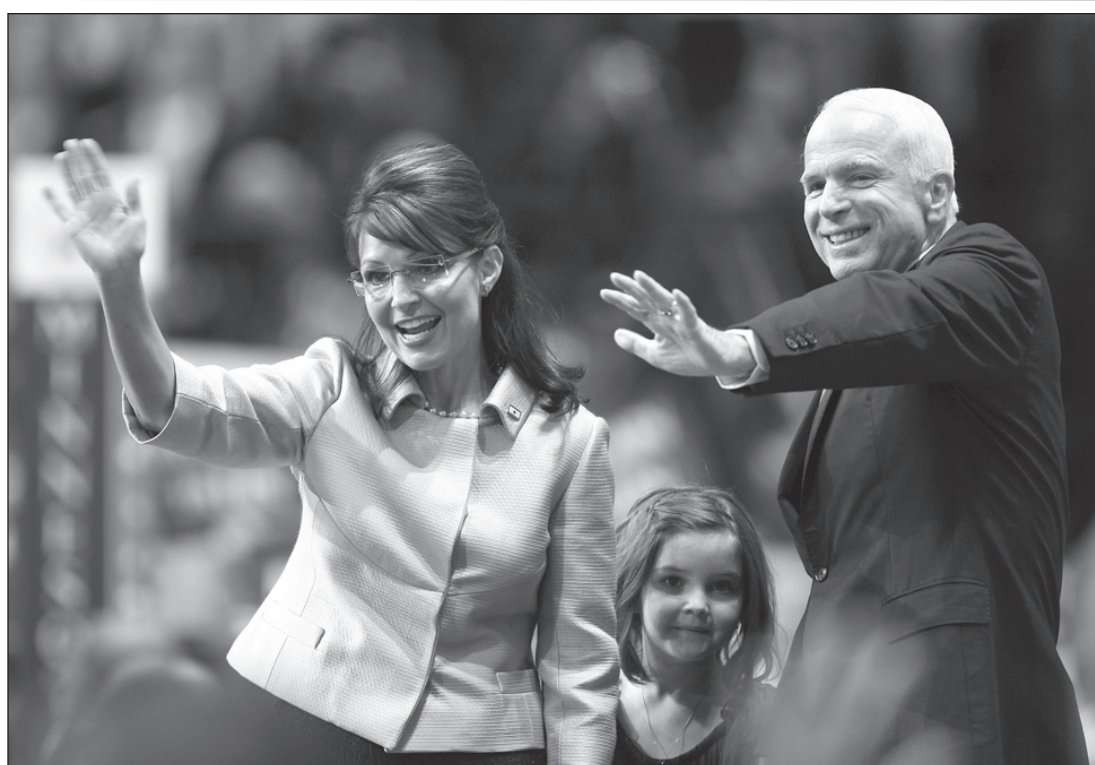
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — City and state officials tried to hold them off, but New Orleans residents would have none of it. After Hurricane Gustav brushed by the city, they wanted back in, and now.

So Mayor Ray Nagin relented and allowed the first of them to begin streaming in from evacuation Wednesday.

But more than a million homes and businesses across three states were still without electricity and officials said it could take as long as a month to fully restore power.

As residents came home to New Orleans, President Bush returned to the site of one of the biggest failures of his presidency to show that the government had turned a corner since its bungled response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Faced with traffic backups on paths into the city, Nagin gave up checking ID badges and automobile placards designed to keep residents out until early Thursday. Those who returned said if the city was safe enough for repair crews and health care



AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

Republican presidential candidate John McCain and his running mate, Sarah Palin, wave after her speech at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn. Wednesday. In the background is Palin's daughter, Piper.

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workers, it was safe enough for them, too.

Pakistan candidate: terrorism biggest challenge

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan stands with the U.S. against international terrorism, the Muslim nation's presidential front-runner wrote in a column appearing Thursday amid furor over a U.S.-led cross-border attack in Pakistani territory.

The raid in the South Waziristan tribal region was the first known foreign ground assault in Pakistan against a Taliban haven. The Pakistani government summoned the U.S. ambassador to protest the incursion, which officials said killed at least 15 people, including civilians.

An American official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of cross-border operations, confirmed to The Associated Press that U.S. troops conducted the raid Wednesday about 1 mile beyond the Afghan frontier.

The boldness of the thrust fed speculation about the intended target. But it was unclear whether any extremist leader was killed or captured in the operation, which occurred in one of the militant strongholds dotting a frontier region considered a likely hiding place for Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida's No. 2 leader,

Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi condemned the attack in an impassioned speech to lawmakers Thursday, saying it "violated the sovereignty of Pakistan." He also said "no important terrorist or high-value target" was killed.

Hanna takes aim at Bahamas; Ike following behind

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — While officials from Nassau to South Carolina were keeping an eye on Tropical Storm Hanna, behind it, Hurricane Ike was gaining strength as it lumbered across the Atlantic as a powerful Category 4 storm.

Hanna was just east of the Bahamas and heading northwest early Thursday, a day after knocking out power to the southern Bahamas.

In the United States, a hurricane watch was issued for the area from Edisto Beach, S.C., north to Surf City, N.C. And a tropical storm watch was issued for Edisto Beach and south to Altamaha Sound, Ga.

A hurricane watch means hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours. A watch means tropical storm conditions are possible within 36 hours.

Hanna's winds increased to 70 mph (110 kph) Thursday. The tropical storm turned to the north-

west Wednesday after lingering for days near Haiti, where it caused flooding that killed 26 people.

Bahamas National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest canceled all leave for the Bahamas Royal Defence Force to keep soldiers on standby for disaster response.

Cheney slams Russia for 'illegitimate' attempt to change Georgian borders

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney has condemned Russia for what he says is an "illegitimate, unilateral attempt" to change Georgia's borders by force.

Cheney also assured Georgia's president that the United States supports the South Caucasus nation's efforts to join NATO.

The U.S. vice president made the comments Thursday during a closely watched trip to Georgia, which fought a short war with Russia last month.

Cheney promised U.S. support to rebuild Georgia and urged the "free world" to rally in support of the ex-Soviet republic.

President Mikhail Saakashvili says Georgia is committed to a peaceful resolution of its disputes with breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Overall US drug use shows little change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cocaine and methamphetamine use among young adults declined significantly last year as supplies dried up, leading to higher prices and reduced purity, the government reports. Overall use of illicit drugs showed little change.

About one in five young adults last year acknowledged illicit drug use within the previous month, a rate similar to previous years. But cocaine use declined by one-quarter and methamphetamine use by one-third.

Drug use increased among the 50-59 age group as more baby boomers joined that category. Their past month drug use rose from 4.3 percent in 2006 to 5 percent in 2007.

"The baby boomers have much higher rates of self-destructive behavior than any parallel age group we have data from," said John Walters, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Walters, 55, is a boomer himself.

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health, being released Thursday by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is based on interviews with about 67,500 people.

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3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
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Opening lead — ten of spades.
It would be wonderful to always be able to see the defenders' hands when you become declarer. In that case, you'd presumably get every possible trick you were entitled to.
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There are two suits that might provide you with the all-important 12th trick. One is clubs, where cashing the A-K might drop the queen and make dummy's jack a trick. The other is diamonds, where you might pick up the queen either via a finesse or by cashing the A-K.

Note that in the actual hand both approaches would fail. But note also that correct play makes the slam. The proper approach is to thoroughly investigate the opposing distribution before committing yourself in the key suit, diamonds.

Accordingly, you cash the queen of spades, ace of diamonds, A-K of clubs and five heart tricks, reducing your hand to just the K-J of diamonds.

As these tricks are being cashed, you learn that West started with two spades, one heart, seven clubs and, therefore, three diamonds. At the point where dummy's last heart is played, you know for a fact that West must discard from a holding consisting of two diamonds and the queen of clubs. Since he cannot spare the club queen, he discards a diamond.

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Courtesy photo

E. Byron Range Jr., shown with his wife, Jean, was named the Hanger 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for August. Range served in the Army Air Corps during World War II



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The home of Henry and Leonor Dominguez, located at 709 W. 16th, has been chosen as the Yard of the Month for August by the Howard County Master Gardeners.



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Coahoma was the recent recipient of a donation from Cheryl Click and the Click Ranch. Click donated a new electronic message sign for the city to provide timely announcements for the citizens. Back row, left to right: Bill Read, Coahoma mayor; Jan Foresyth, Howard College; and Tammy Griffith, Coahoma city secretary; front row, left to right: Cheryl Click and Tammy Garrison, assistant city secretary. The addition of the sign is yet another step in the beautification efforts taken on by Coahoma Pride Inc. and the city of Coahoma.

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Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 406 East 23rd Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79721, until 3:00 PM, Thursday, October 2, 2008, for the rehabilitation of a **Byron Jackson Vertical Turbine Pump No. 3 at Spence Intake Pump Station.**

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Inquiries regarding the scope of work to be performed and equipment specifications are to be directed to **John Womack, Field Operations Superintendent**, telephone, (432)267-6341, email: jwomack@crmw.org, #5890 September 4, 11 & 18, 2008

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

As Jupiter nods hello to the sun today, encouragement emanates from within and without. Like the rising sun that makes shadows obsolete, every day we pass through darkness and get another chance to be healthy, live well and choose wisely. Acknowledge your well-being, count your blessings and let your faith be renewed.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You would like to be able to surrender your own will to the will of the heavens, but faith doesn't always come easily. So it's nice when you find out that what you want is also best for everyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Where there's a spotlight, step into it. If the forum is open to questions, ask one. When there's a need for volunteers, be one. Making yourself more visible to others will help you identify or hone your talent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may feel a little bit lost. When you ask for guidance, you get it. And you'll probably find out in the process that you're not as bad off as you thought you were. You're pretty close to the goal now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Somewhere along the line your creativity was

Tomorrow's Horoscope

quelched by the practical sort of person who simply didn't understand you. Now you're inspired to use your imagination and make up for lost time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's the perfect time for wandering. Go off purpose. See places you're not particularly interested in. Communicate with people you have no business talking to. Bring on your own awakening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In these mercurial times, being merely adaptable simply isn't enough. Why be amenable to change when you can fall in love with it? Seek pleasure in the knowledge that everything is becoming something different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Oh, the shenanigans you'll get into. It looks like a barrel of laughs to an outside observer; however, your experience is probably different. You may even wonder whether this kind of fun is worth the work involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You were the one to start a project. Someone else has taken over and is leading things in a different direction than the one you would have chosen. This isn't necessarily a bad thing. Keep an open mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Prayer comes in many forms. Today, your thoughts are your prayers and so are the questions you ask yourself. You're deepening a union with the mysteries of your own heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Who can do it better than you? Probably no one. Still, you can't do everything. Sooner or later you have to delegate. Your choice of candidates isn't perfect, but it's certainly adequate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stay in control. Go cautiously into new situations. Promise nothing, but don't say you promise nothing. Use only a few choice words to convey where you're at and your intentions for the future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been keeping it together for a long time, and it's coming easier to you. You never lacked brains, but you must admit that you're now smarter than you ever were. You solve today's problems in a snap.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Capricorn, born Jan. 13, 1955, at 11:48 a.m. in Omaha, Neb. What can I do to recharge my life in general? I feel unstuck in time and I have no idea where -- or how -- to channel my energy!"

I feel your confusion at having fallen off the timeline, Capricorn! The retrograde or apparent backward motion of Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto in our sky is creating this phenomenon of time standing still. It's slowing down each of us differently. For you, it's affecting the half of your chart connected with visible life events -- those let a person know she's making progress in the world! While it's difficult to

accomplish anything where these planets have "gone fishing," in the other half of your chart, symbolizing the subjective invisible world, the forward-moving planets are lighting up like a pinball machine! My advice is vacation from striving; channel your energy into replenishing your inner life. Do yoga. Make art. Breathe deeply. Everyone sees the fruits and flowers of a tree, but the tree's roots invisibly nourish the whole system. As Jupiter and Pluto move forward in September, Uranus and Neptune in November, so will you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Virgos constantly work to improve their image. Glamorous and fashionable Beyonce Knowles works her image with art, as on- and offstage fashion consistently plays a larger part in her artistic persona. It's about more than getting the right outfit. Outer polish reflects inner polish for Virgo. Beyonce's fashion sensibilities complement and harmonize her performances.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am 30 years old and have been in an off-and-on relationship for the past seven years. My boyfriend is in the Army and scheduled to go to Iraq soon.

We've talked about marriage and kids, and we both want that someday. The problem is that we have different timelines. He'd like to wait until he's out of the Army and doesn't want kids for another five or 10 years. I feel I've given him the best years of my life, and if things don't work out between us and I have to start over, I'd rather do it now than later.

I love this man dearly, as he does me, but maybe he's holding on to me only until something better comes along. If he really wanted marriage, we'd be hitched already. If he still isn't sure after seven years, when will it happen?

Should I suggest we date other people to be sure we are really meant to be together? Or should I wait and hope he will come around? -- Confused in Colorado

Dear Colorado: You say you love each other, but this doesn't sound like a very committed relationship. He seems indifferent and you are too willing to give up.

Still, breaking up with your boyfriend while he is in Iraq could have serious repercussions, and he may be very different when he is out of the service. You need to have a frank and honest conversation with him so he understands how important these issues are to you, and see if you can reach an understanding.

Dear Annie: My wife and I married a year ago. We registered for gifts, yet only a third of the wedding presents came from the registry and quite a few of those were duplicates. Now we are awaiting the birth of our first child. My wife's sister was gracious enough to throw her a baby shower. We spent hours registering for items we



**KATHY MITCHELL
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thought we would need. We got plenty of gifts at the shower, but very few came off our registry.

We are grateful for what we were given, but it does annoy me that, for both of these occasions, my wife and I spent a great deal of time researching the items we specifically wanted. Now we are left to either use gifts that don't match the theme of the nursery or take them back and exchange them for what we wanted in the first place.

Has registering for gifts become outdated? What is the point of registering if no one uses the list? -- Registered Out

Dear Registered: You have mistaken a registry for a shopping list. The registry is to give your guests suggestions, not orders. Those who select from the registry know you want those items (and the store should keep track so you don't get duplicates). However, guests may prefer to purchase something else, either because your registry items are not within their budget or because they want to get you something more personal. All gifts should be graciously acknowledged.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Too Much Information," the busy high-school student who described his car rides with "Uncle Joe," made my hair stand at attention.

Good old Uncle Joe is not just talking about his girlfriends and his affairs. He is exhibiting predatory

behavior. While your response was helpful, you should add that the teen should tell his mother about the topic of conversation and refuse all future rides with Uncle Joe. Joe is looking for trouble, and with a young, innocent nephew who thinks his uncle is just "telling him stuff," both of them are going to find it. -- Patti in Pittsburgh

Dear Patti: Several readers thought Uncle Joe was grooming his nephew (many thought it was a niece) in order to sexually abuse him, and they could be right. Even if Uncle Joe is only bragging, it is highly inappropriate behavior.

Dear Annie: My wife has a wonderful, loving relationship with our married daughter, "Lena," who lives some distance away. They talk every day. This is very important to her, as our sons have not been as loving and considerate as one would hope.

In the last few months, Lena has been unloading all her problems on her mother. Lena and her husband have used a too-light hand in guiding their teenage son, and he now lacks any sense of responsibility or duty to the family, manifested by risky and unwholesome behaviors. My daughter has no close friends where she lives, and her mother is sympathetic, loving and supportive.

Unfortunately, both my wife and Lena suffer from a mild degree of clinical depression, for which they both take light medication. Now it seems that Lena's daughter is also suffering from this problem, which manifests itself with uncontrollable eating and consequent weight gain.

Lena's calls are becoming alarming, frequently leaving my wife depressed, frustrated, anxious and unable to sleep. This puts a strain on our relationship as my wife withdraws and becomes extremely sensitive about small issues.

My first reaction is to discuss this with Lena privately, advising her, lovingly, that her daily unloading may be harming her mother by forcing her into a deeper depression. But if my wife finds out I interfered, she would become so angry that it would seriously affect our relationship.

What is the best way to help my wife? -- Puzzled in P'town

Dear Puzzled: The best way is to get Lena to unload on a professional who not only will listen, but also help her find ways to deal with these problems. Don't go behind your wife's back. Talk to her. Lena's problems are complex, and although Mom is a wonderful source of support, it might be time for Lena to speak to a family therapist who has the training to offer something more. Get a referral from your doctor and suggest that your wife give the information to Lena. They both may actually be relieved to know that expert assistance is a phone call away.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Seeking Solitude in the Skies," who didn't mind conversation on airplanes, but wanted to be able to stop talking when he felt like reading, napping or staring out the window.

He should carry a pair of small earphones and stick them in his ears when he wants a break. They don't even need to be tuned to anything. This works like a Do Not Disturb sign. -- Frequent Flyer

Dear Flyer: We're happy to pass along your useful suggestion. Thanks.

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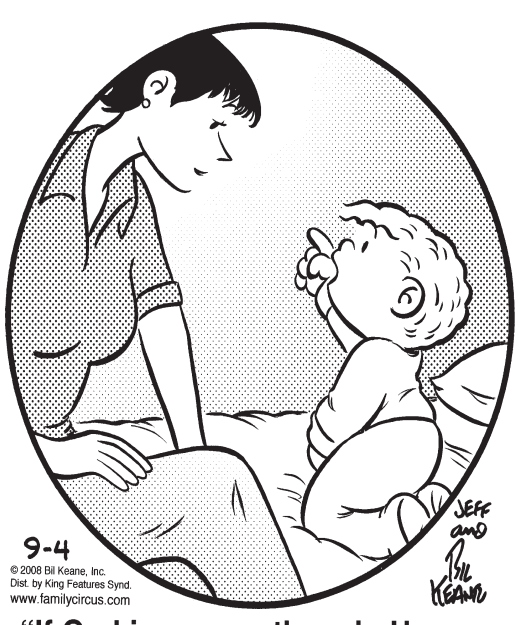
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"If you're makin' your grocery list, I could use some cookies an' root beer."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



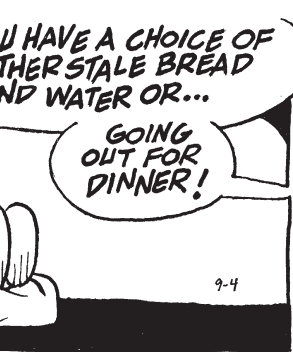
"If God is way up there in Heaven, shouldn't I pray a lot louder?"

HAGAR



YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF EITHER STALE BREAD AND WATER OR...

BLONDIE



MY DAD GETS THIRTY-TWO MILES PER GALLON IN HIS NISSAN!

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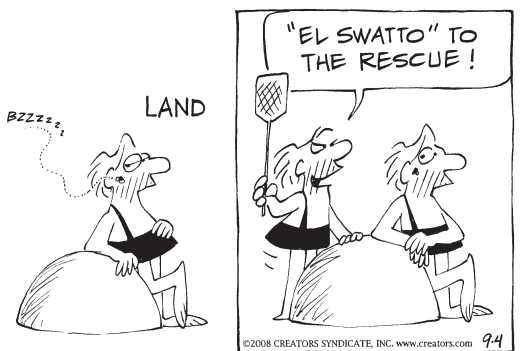
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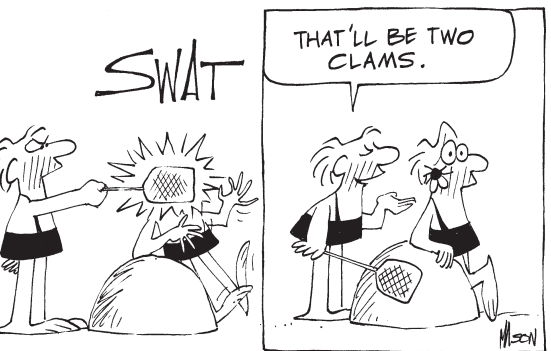


YOU MADE A BRAIN BALM?

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"EL SWATTO" TO THE RESCUE!



THAT'LL BE TWO CLAMS.

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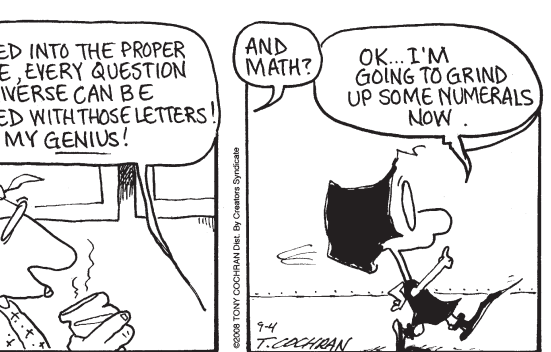


PANTYHOSE? SHE SAID SHE'D NEVER BE CAUGHT DEAD IN KNEE-HIGHS

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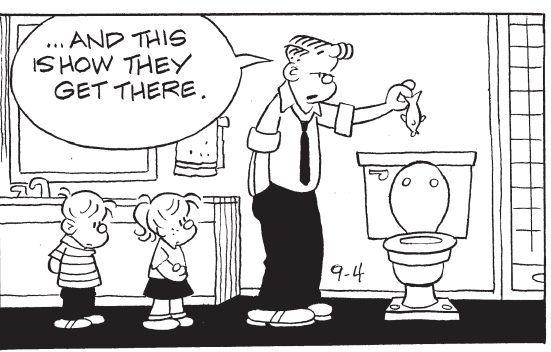


IT CONSISTS OF ALL TWENTY-SIX LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET!... GROUND UP AND THEN MIXED INTO A FRESH-SMELLING OINTMENT.

HI AND LOIS

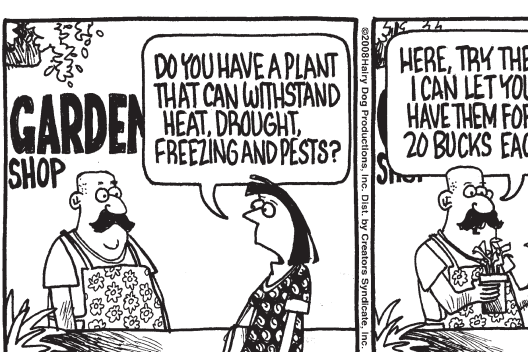


WHERE DO GOLDFISH GO AFTER THEY DIE?



...AND THIS SHOW THEY GET THERE.

THE OTHER COAST



DO YOU HAVE A PLANT THAT CAN WITHSTAND HEAT, DROUGHT, FREEZING AND PESTS?



HERE, TRY THESE. I CAN LET YOU HAVE THEM FOR 20 BUCKS EACH.

SNUFFY SMITH

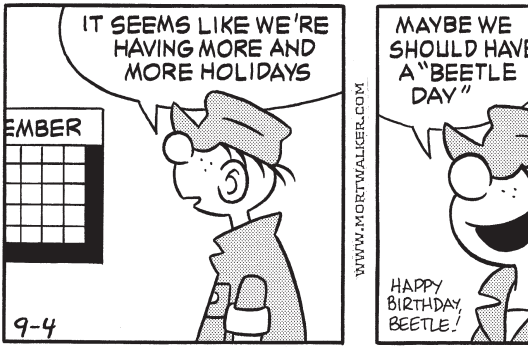


YOU WERE RIGHT, SNUFFY--AIN'T NO ONE IN TH' HOLLER CAN SHARPEN STUFF BETTER'N GRANPAW !!

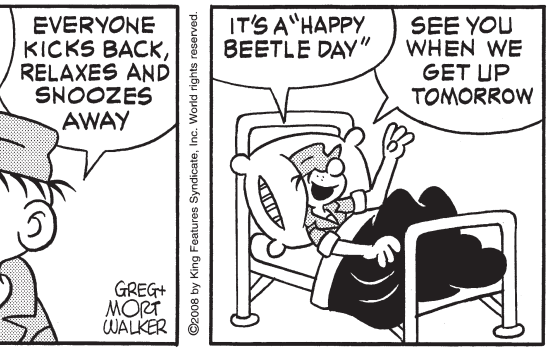


AN' THAT WUZ S'POSED TO BE OUR LI'L SECRET, LUKEY !!

BETLE BAILEY



IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE HAVING MORE AND MORE HOLIDAYS



EVERYONE KICKS BACK, RELAXES AND SNOOZES AWAY

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 4, the 248th day of 2008. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers.

On this date: In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess.

In 1908, American author Richard Wright was born near Natchez, Miss.

In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina abdicated the Dutch throne for health reasons.

In 1951, President Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference

in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock.

In 1957, Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1967, Detroit TV station WKBD aired an interview with Michigan Gov. George Romney in which the Republican presidential hopeful attributed his previous support for the war in Vietnam to a "brainwashing" he'd received from U.S. officials during a 1965 visit — a comment that apparently damaged his White House bid.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

One year ago: Teams searched a broad swath of rugged terrain in western Nevada for millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett, who disappeared after taking off in a single-engine plane the day before.

Toy maker Mattel Inc. recalled 800,000 lead-tainted, Chinese-made toys worldwide, a third major recall in just over a month.

Today's Birthdays: ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey is 90. Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 77. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 66. Actress

Jennifer Salt is 64. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 59.

Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPread is 58. Actress Judith Ivey is 57. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 57.

Actress Khandi Alexander is 51. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans is 48. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 48.

Actor Noah Taylor is 39. Actress Ione Skye is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 33. Actor Wes Bentley is 30.

Singer Dan Miller ("Making the Band") is 28. Singer Beyonce Knowles is 27. Actor Trevor Gagnon is 13.

Thought for Today: "Men can starve from a lack of self-realization as much as they can from a lack of bread." — Richard Wright, American author (1908-1960).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

TO BE HONEST by Kevin Donovan
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Lose energy
 - 5 Perform again
 - 9 To be: Lat.
 - 13 Edmonton NHLer
 - 15 Surmounting
 - 16 Pastel shade
 - 17 Piece of land
 - 19 Liquors made from molasses
 - 20 Dole out
 - 21 Give a new designation to
 - 23 Stronghold
 - 26 At the side
 - 27 Not idle
 - 28 Lower in value
 - 29 Carried
 - 30 Two-purpose
 - 31 Clay-pigeon thrower
 - 34 Particular period
 - 35 Took it easy, with "off"
 - 38 ___ Town
 - 39 Agitated state
 - 41 Chichi
 - 42 Wear away
 - 44 Rice units
 - 46 For free
 - 47 Maintains
 - 49 Picasso and Braque, for example
 - 50 Touched lightly
 - 51 Sri Lankan language
 - 52 Sapporo sport
- DOWN**
- 1 Not against
 - 2 Fairway position
 - 3 Just like
 - 4 Light dessert
 - 5 Boca __, FL
 - 6 State, to Simone
 - 7 Tiny circle
 - 8 Ready for use
 - 9 Heartfelt
 - 10 Math calculations
 - 11 ___ cum laude
 - 12 Portrait stand
 - 14 Experiences anew
 - 18 Blackthorn fruit
 - 22 LAX info
 - 23 Little ones
 - 24 Oak product
 - 25 Comedy-team member
 - 26 Full of holes
 - 28 Passageways
 - 30 Mends, as socks
 - 32 Books check
 - 33 Fourth estate
 - 36 Asserted firmly
 - 37 Horse races
 - 40 Bring forward
 - 43 Freight carrier
 - 45 Pub order
 - 46 Teeth holders
 - 47 Overturn
 - 48 Remote button
 - 49 Awfully clever
 - 51 Links pegs
 - 54 Paid player
 - 55 ___ Grande
 - 56 Shade source
 - 57 Recipe amt.

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