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Nation marks 7th anniversary of 9-11

By AMY WESTFELDT

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation paused Thursday to mark the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with a heartfelt ceremony at ground zero and other solemn remembrances around the country.

Relatives of victims killed at the World Trade Center gathered at ground zero in lower Manhattan for readings from dignitaries and a recitation of the names of the dead. Later

"Today marks the seventh anniversary of the day our world was broken. It lives forever in our hearts and our history, a tragedy that unites us in a common memory and a common story ... the day that began like any other and ended as none ever has."

NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg

Thursday, presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain were due at ground zero to pay silent respects.

"Today marks the seventh an-

iversary of the day our world was broken," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "It lives forever in our hearts and our history, a tragedy that unites us in

a common memory and a common story ... the day that began like any other and ended as none ever has."

The ceremony at ground zero included moments of silence at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. — the times that two hijacked jets slammed into the twin towers. Two more moments of silence were to be held at the times the towers fell. Services were also being held in Pennsylvania and

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AP Photo/Patti Sapone
Dorotea Angilletta holds a photo of her late daughter Laura Angilletta, who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Hunt for Settles artifacts yields some treasures

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Since announcing plans to renovate the historic structure, the Settles Hotel Development Company has been on something of a scavenger hunt for key "artifacts" from the downtown fixture's past, a search that already landed the company a few key items.

According to SHDC officials, the original number three telephone booth — a fixture of the hotel lobby for many years — has been donated by the family of local resident and Big Spring City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr.

"We are excited to receive such an impressive gift from Mr. Ramirez and would like to express our appreciation to those individuals responsible for the preservation of these his-



Ryan

toric pieces," said G. Brint Ryan, SHDC manager and Big Spring native. "Without these efforts the complete restoration of the Settles Hotel would not be possible."

The company has also managed to acquire one of the hotel's original lobby desks, a contribution from the family of Martin County's Grover and Irene Springer, as well as a framed photo of the hotel from the 1930s and four of the building's original exterior doors, donated local residents Jerry Worthy and Bob Noyes.

Ryan said negotiations with the Heritage Museum board of directors

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A Big Spring firefighter uses the Jaws of Life to extract the driver of this pickup after it was involved in a three-vehicle accident at the intersection of Goliad Street and FM 700 Wednesday afternoon. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

Homecomings to grace area stadiums Friday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Homecoming activities are in full bloom this week in the Crossroads area.

Big Spring, Forsan and Stanton

high schools all hold homecoming festivities this weekend, and a full range of activities are scheduled at each site.

Big Spring High School activities literally heat up tonight

with the lighting of the bonfire at the city compost facility. BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said the lighting will occur after sunset, weather permitting.

The Homecoming Pep Rally

will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in Steer Gym, then action will shift to the downtown area for the annual parade, which kicks off at 10th and Main streets at 4:30 p.m., Ritchey said.

Big Spring's Steers will face the Pampa Harvesters in the BSHS Homecoming Game at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

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Dine Out Day

Dell's Cafe at 1608 E. Fourth St. is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

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



United Way

9-11 ceremony today

Hangar 25 Air Museum is joining forces with local residents for a special ceremony commemorating the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, and the many heroes that rose from the wreckage.

The ceremony will be held at the Big Spring Mall, near the entrance to Sears, at 6 p.m. today and is expected to last about 45 minutes.

Dr. Darryl Powell, retired brigadier general, will be the keynote speaker, and there will also be presentations from the Big Spring Police Department and the Big Spring Fire Department.

Poll workers sought

The Howard County Elections Office is in need of poll workers for several precincts to help out in the Nov. 4 general election.

Workers are needed for Precinct 304, the Elbow polling location, and for Precincts 404, 405 and 406 at the Jonesboro Fire Station.

If you would be interested in working during the election, contact the elections office at 264-2273.



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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Buffs face old district foe in homecoming game Friday

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

Forsan's Buffaloes take the field at 7:30 p.m. Friday night, celebrating Homecoming and looking for their first win of the season as they welcome the Irion County Hornets to Buffalo Field.

The Buffs (0-2) staged a dramatic come from behind win, last year at Irion County, as they scored 35 unanswered points in the second half, to

beat the Hornets, 35-34. It was a win that changed the course of Forsan's season as they went on to win four of their final six district games after opening the season 0-3.

Forsan graduated the majority of their starters from that team, but there are a few that remain who remember what it was like being a part of that game. The Buffs are hoping for a similar type of victory this season.

Irion County has a new head coach

this season, and while he may not have that lingering twinge of revenge on his mind, many of his players will.

The Hornets return nine starters on each side of the ball, most of which played in last year's game. Last week, they opened their season by shutting out Roby, 20-0.

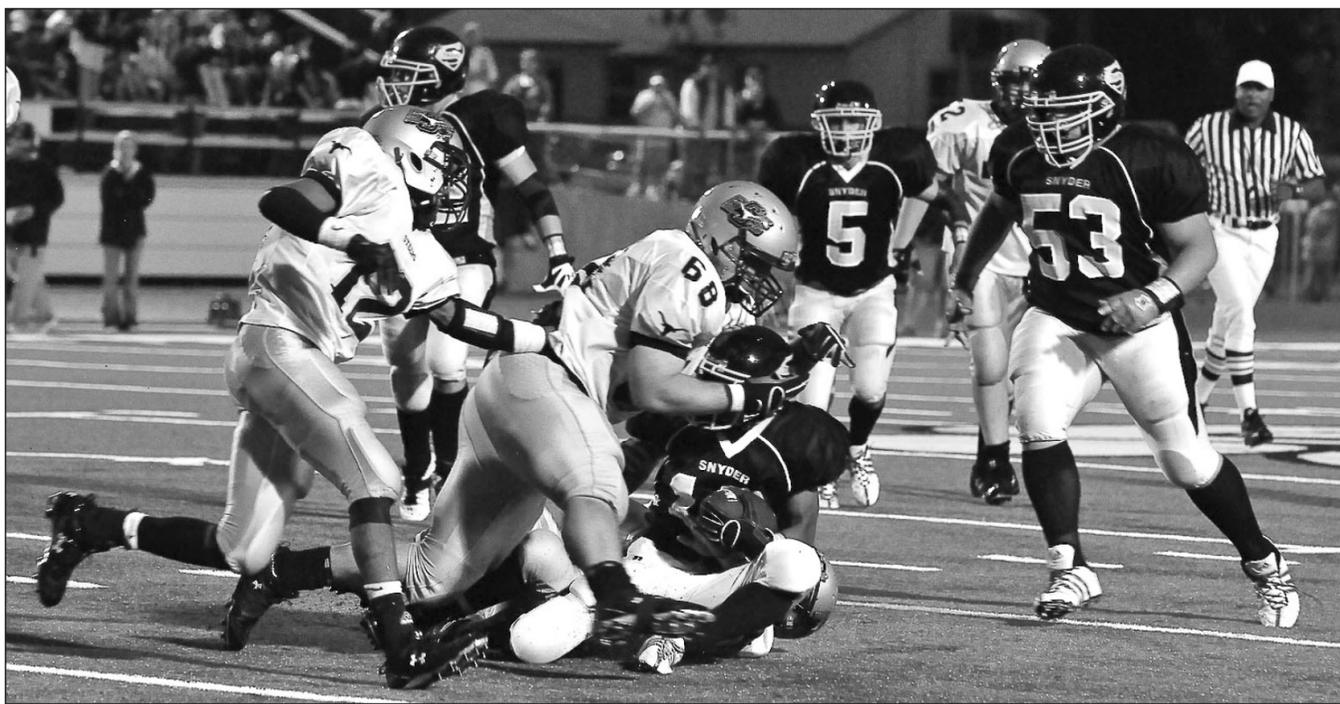
"As always, we are going about business as usual. This game is just

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan quarterback Alex Huckabee (16) scrambles for yardage in Forsan's 21-20 loss to Coahoma last Friday in Forsan. The Buffs play their annual homecoming game Friday against Irion County.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Big Spring middle linebacker Cade Hollandsworth (68) tackles a Snyder Tigers' running back as teammate LaRay Woodard (12) helps in pursuit in football action from Aug. 29 in Snyder. The Steers play their home opener at 7:30 p.m. Friday, hosting Pampa's Harversters for the 2008 version of homecoming.

Stanton welcomes home alumni, takes on improved C-City

By JONATHAN HULL and EVAN JANSA

STANTON — Football is a storied tradition in Stanton and many former Buffaloes will be in attendance at 7:30 p.m. Friday for a homecoming match-up against longtime rival Colorado City.

The Buffs (0-2) are hoping the presence of their alumni will be enough to spur them on to their first victory of the season.

Stanton opened the year losing a heartbreaker to Grape Creek, 20-17, and then struggled to get its offense rolling in a 21-6 loss to Reagan County.

Colorado City (2-0), on the other hand, has been rolling thus far through its season. The Wolves defeated Reagan County, 27-25, to open the season and then pummeled Anson 42-14 last week.

The Wolves are powered by senior quarterback Clint White. White completed 11-of-22 passes for 199 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 137 yards and another score on 12 carries.

Last season, Stanton and Colorado City were district foes, but realignment shifted Stanton into Class A, while the Wolves remained in 2A. Stanton shut out the Wolves, 14-0, in a defensive struggle in 2007.

The Wolves only had three wins last season after finishing their 2006 campaign 0-10. However, the squad is obviously improved thanks to the presence of 16 total returning starters.

Meanwhile, Stanton is struggling to find its identity as they returned very few starters. Tyler Fulton has found it difficult to replace his brother Garrett at quarterback, as the younger Fulton threw five interceptions last week against Reagan County.

Area Roundup

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Double meaning

Steers' home opener also serves as 2008 homecoming

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

After making a 720-mile round trip to Denison last week, the Big Spring Steers welcome the five-minute drive from the high school to Memorial Stadium.

Big Spring (1-1) plays its home opener at 7:30 p.m. Friday against the Pampa Harversters (2-0). The game has extra meaning behind it as several Big Spring alumni will fill Memorial Stadium for the 2008 version of homecoming.

The week-long event can offer plenty of distractions for a football team, but Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey feels there's plenty to gain from homecoming week.

"I think it works in our favor, especially since it's our first home game," said



Ritchey

Ritchey. "For one, it's nice to finally play at home. And No. 2, it is homecoming. That means we're going to be playing in front of a packed house. We're not having any trouble at all motivating them to play well."

The Steers are coming off a heartbreaking loss to the Denison Yellow Jackets. After surrendering a 23-7 first quarter lead, Big Spring trailed 37-31 late in the

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Undefeated Bulldogs host Seagraves

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — A tell-tale sign of a good team is their ability to refocus their attention after a big win or loss.

This week both the Coahoma Bulldogs (2-0) and the Seagraves Eagles (1-1) get to test their aptitude for that even if it is from different ends of the spectrum.

The Bulldogs proved that they can win in a big game environment, defeating cross-county rivals Forsan Buffaloes last week, 21-20, in what has been dubbed the Howard County Bowl.

"That was a big win for us," Coahoma Head Coach Stacey Martin said. "Forsan pretty much shut us down on the run

in the first half and we were still able to gut it out and get the win. That should tell you a lot about the character of this team."

Seagraves was on the opposite end of heartbreak, losing 43-41 to the Morton Indians.

The Eagles looked as if they were going to pull off a last second miracle against Morton as Eagle Travis Thompson scooped

up an Indian fumble returning it 70 yards for a touchdown with 57 seconds remaining in the game, pulling Seagraves within two points. It was not to be, however, as the 2-point conversion attempt failed, leaving Seagraves just short.

"They are an explosive team all around," Martin said. "All their skill position players are

explosive, including the quarterback."

Kenny Griffin, 11-of-25 for 227 yards this year, leads the Eagles' attack from the quarterback position and is one of eight returning starters Seagraves boasts on offense.

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CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD WEEK 2

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Coahoma

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at
Sands

Robert Lee
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Garden City

Grady
at
New Home

Obituaries

Richard S. Grimes



Richard S. Grimes, age 77, of Hot Springs Village, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, at a Hot Springs, Ark., hospital. He was born Jan. 30, 1931, in Big Spring to George Sidney Grimes and Emma Matilda Sherbon Grimes. He started working for Cosden Oil Refinery upon graduation from high school at the age of 18 in the maintenance department. He retired as a plant manager after 39 years of service from American

Petrofina Oil Company.

He was a member of Balboa Baptist Church in Hot Springs Village, Ark., and of the Men's Golf Association. He was best known for his giving spirit and caretaking in his neighborhood. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lolita Anne Barber Grimes of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; two sons, Richard Alan Grimes and wife Sandra of Plano and Randy Grimes and wife Elaine of Orlando, Fla.; one brother, C.R. "Bunky" Grimes and wife Fran of Longview; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Virginia and Neal Bryant of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Dr. Julie Grimes-Mumphrey and husband Dr. Doug Mumphrey of Austin, George Randall II and wife Sarah of San Antonio, Heather Grimes Guerra and husband Mario of Austin, Michelle Grimes-Collis and husband John of Rowlett, Carisa Grimes-Epperson and husband Tim of Wylie and Jared Alan Grimes of Dallas; nine great-grandchildren, Rylee and Luke Epperson, Peyton and Hunter Grimes, Mason and Logan Collis, Sam and Nate Guerra and Miles Mumphrey; and his beloved chocolate poodle dog, "Bernie"

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robb Sidney Grimes; a daughter, Virginia Lynn Grimes; a great-granddaughter, Abigail Grace Collis; and a sister, Helen Gilmore.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, 2008, at the Balboa Baptist Church with the Rev. George Tanner and Dr. Kenny Moore officiating.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home.

Interment will be in CedarVale Cemetery.

Pallbearers are his grandsons, John Collis, Jared Grimes, George Grimes, Mario Guerra, Tim Epperson, and Dr. Doug Mumphrey.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cedarvale Funeral Home of Hot Springs Village, Ark. (501)922-6100. You may sign the guestbook at www.atkinsonfuneralhome.net

Paid obituary

Wandalene Davis



Wandalene Davis, 78, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, in an Odessa hospice facility. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 11, 1930, in Burkett and married O.A. Davis June 11, 1948, in Coleman.

She came to Big Spring in 1950 from Brownwood. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, O.A. Davis of Big Spring; one son, Glen Davis of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joann and Roy Perkins of Lubbock and Janet and Don Hilbers of Idalou; one brother, Wyman Witty of Tennessee; one sister, Wilda Hammer of Michigan; and five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761; or 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main St., Big Spring 79720.

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

Carl Raymond Frazier

Carl Raymond Frazier, 79, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Goliad and FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Brown. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Merrily. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson Road. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.

Mike McDaniel



Mike McDaniel, 53, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Chaplain Walter McCall of Compass Hospice officiating, and Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, assisting.

He was born May 22, 1955, in Big Spring and married Margaret Newton Aug. 23, 2003, in Hobbs, N.M.

Mike had worked for the Morgan Ranch for 22 years and most recently worked in Colorado for Patterson Drilling. Mike loved his family, friends and horses. He was a Baptist and had served in the United States Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Newton of Big Spring; two daughters, Alesha Pace of Big Spring and Jo Nell Phifer of Oklahoma; two step daughters, Lani Mow and Tracy Barnett; one sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Alan Householder of Big Spring; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, R. C. "Nummy" and Jo Nell Tindol McDaniel; and one sister, Pamela June McDaniel.

The family suggest memorials be made to Prairie View Baptist Church, 1004 West FM 2230, Big Spring 79720.

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

Police blotter

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

- SAMUEL SMITH, 20, of 2613 Hunter, was arrested Wednesday on a local *capias* warrant.
- COREY HOFFPAUIR, 31, of 1308 Sheppard, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- YSA RUBIO, 47, of 621 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant, a Dallas warrant and a Williamson County warrant.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Harding.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of 18th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Sheppard.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of U.S. Highway 87.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 2100 block of Wasson Road.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.
- NATALIE DAWN JOHNSON, 40, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- TOMMY GENE RAYVON, 52, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear – child support.
- JOEL ADRIAN FLORES, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for duty on striking fixture/landscape.
- TIFFANY CLAUDIA GIBSON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
- CHANCE LANG, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation (two counts).
- CALVIN DEWAYNE BILLINGSLEY, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of a protective order.

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.

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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.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- 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.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: 16-26-48-21-8-43.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 31-22-19-2-14.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-3-2. Sum It Up: 10.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-1. Sum it Up: 7

Correction

A story in the Sept. 1 edition of the Big Spring Herald incorrectly identified State Representative District 85 candidate Isaac M. Castro as a Democratic nominee in the race. Castro is the Republican nominee in the race, which will be decided in November.

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fourth period. Matt Ritchey connected with Thaddeus Straughter on fourth down for a 71-yard gain to the Denison 4. Ritchey punched in the tying score from there, but Big Spring was unable to convert the extra point, leaving the game tied at 37 with 1:01 on the clock.

Unfortunately, Denison's D.J. Jones broke away for a 56-yard run, scoring the game-winning touchdown with 19 seconds left to play.

"The carry over from last week's game can go either way for us. We can let the negativity of losing a close game get us down or we can build off of several positive factors," Ritchey said. "I think the fact that we made a long trip and had a chance to beat a very good football team despite all the mistakes we made says a lot about this football team.

"It all depends on how much you put into that game," he continued. "It was a predistrict game and we're using these early

games to prepare for the ones that really count beginning with Frenship. We're not going to put too much emphasis on the loss, just like we won't put too much emphasis on the win. We want to win every game, but we don't want to think we've wrecked our season if we don't win one of these pre-season games. We're going to learn and just try to get better from these predistrict games. That's how we see it. We lost to a very good team, but still had a chance to beat them on their field in their first game of the year with a hostile crowd. We got a lot more positives out of it than we did negatives."

Big Spring's performance in Denison has drawn the admiration of some coaches.

"Pampa's coach (Andy Cavalier) has given us a lot of praise for how we played against Denison," Ritchey noted. "He's told me that he can only hope his team travels this week as well as ours did last week."

Big Spring has faced Pampa a total of four times in its history. The schools are even in the series with Pampa winning the first two contests in 1933 and 1953, shutting out the Steers on

both occasions. Big Spring defeated Pampa 14-6 in 1960 and 14-7 in their most recent meeting for a bi-district championship in 2005.

Pampa's offensive and defensive schemes will both cover new territory for the Steers this season. As an offense, the Harvesters throw the ball more than they run it. Against Snyder in the season opener, Big Spring's secondary was almost completely untested as the Tigers passed the ball just nine times, completing only three. Denison went to the air 13 times, completing eight passes.

The Steers should expect Pampa to probably throw the ball twice as many times as Big Spring's prior two opponent's combined.

To date, Pampa has thrown the ball 82 times this season compared to running it 56 times. Junior quarterback Alex Clendenning has completed 56-of-74 passes for eight touchdowns and 795 yards. His favorite targets are Heath Skinner, 21 receptions for 347 yards and three touchdowns, and John Luke Covalt, 19 receptions for 320 yards and four touchdowns.

Last week in a 35-14 win over Lubbock Estacado, Clendenning completed 37-of-49 passes for 477 yards and four touchdowns. Skinner caught 12 balls for 231 yards, while Covalt came up with 11 receptions for 164 yards.

"This is our first real test against a passing team and we're excited to see how we handle that," Ritchey said. "We've faced two very good run-oriented offenses in our first two games. We learned a lot about our team in last week's game with Denison and this week's game will teach us a lot about our secondary and pass rush. Pampa will definitely throw the ball around a bunch and run it occasionally, when they need to."

Big Spring's offense is also preparing for its third different defensive scheme in as many games. After playing against Snyder's 3-3 stack and Denison's more traditional 4-3 front, Big Spring prepares for a 3-4 scheme used by Pampa.

"We're not going to change anything we're doing offensively for Pampa," noted Ritchey. "We're running the ball about two-thirds of the time and we'd like to balance that out some,

but we think that's what teams have been letting us do with their defensive schemes. Pampa tempts you to run up the middle because they do run a 3-4 scheme. That's almost inviting you to run the ball inside. We want to throw the ball some more because there's going to be a time when we're going to have to pass and we want to be ready to do so when the time comes."

As for the overall progression of the team, Ritchey says the Steers are right on track with where they need to be.

"There's really nothing sticking out negative about this team right now," Ritchey said. "We're working hard in practice and these kids are really excited about what's ahead of us. We've got the chance to do something that has not been done around here in a long time and that's win a district championship. We feel like that's within our grasp and that's our goal. These kids are performing right up to our expectations at this point."

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"They have been missing their returning running back the first couple of weeks," said Martin. "They really took it to McCamey, though. We expect it to be a tough game. We are going to have to play solid defense if we are going to have a chance. We expect it to be a real tough game."

So far this season, it has been a rushing attack by committee for the Eagles who have had seven different people carry the ball for them.

Against McCamey, two Eagles broke the 100-yard mark as Javier Minjarez and Jarius Davis went for 130 and 106 yards, respectively.

That will change this week, however, as last year's starter Michael Peterson returns to action after missing the first two weeks due to injury.

"He was a big part of their attack last year," Martin remarked. "Even without him, they are still 1-1 so we know we have our work cut out for us.

Don't let Martin's respect for the Eagles make you think that he is worried

though.

"We know they are a good team, but we like to think we have a pretty good team ourselves," he said. "We have really good leadership from our seniors and that just pushes everyone on the team to perform better."

Just like last season, running back P.J. Daylong has been the focus of the Bulldogs' offensive attack.

So far this year, Daylong is ranked third in the Permian Basin among all running backs, gaining 264 yards with three touchdowns.

While Daylong may be the force behind the ground game of the Bulldogs, he is far from the only weapon the Bulldogs possess.

According to Martin, junior Josh Paniagua is beginning to show more confidence from the quarterback position in his first full season as the starter with receivers Corey Roberts, who also lines up at fullback in some packages, and Ray Gutierrez quickly emerging as his favorite targets.

"I think one of the big reasons we were finally able to get the ground game going in the second half against Forsan was due to Josh hitting a cou-



Coahoma quarterback Josh Paniagua looks for room to run in the Bulldogs' 21-20 victory over Forsan's Buffaloes last Friday in the Howard County Bowl in Forsan. Paniagua and the Bulldogs play their home opener against Seagraves Friday.

Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

ple of long passes to Corey and Ray," Martin said. "That forced them to back off the line a bit and opened

up a little room on the outside for PJ.

"We hope that we can just build on the momen-

tum we have gained over the last two weeks," he concluded. "If we can just keep from making mental

mistakes and build on the momentum that we have going for us, then we should be alright."



PAYING THEIR RESPECTS

City of Big Spring vehicles line the route of the funeral procession for Aiden Mathews Wednesday afternoon. Aiden, the 3-year-old son of Big Spring city employee, Kevin Mathews and his wife Jessica, died Saturday night as the result of an accidental shooting.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

HOMECOMING

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Before the game, the Coming Home Queen — selected from among former BSHS students — will be crowned, while the Homecoming King and Queen — selected from among current students — will be named at halftime.

Voting was held earlier this week for the homecoming queen and king finalists. The following senior girls were elected as the 2008 Homecoming Queen finalists: Baylea Fox, Chelsea

Franco, Channing Martin, Crystal Torres and Troasha Walker.

Seniors Chris Brooks, Cameron Hughey, Sidney Parker, Sammy Segundo and Josh Wilson were elected finalists for Homecoming King.

Several classes will hold reunions this weekend at various sites across town, Ritchey added.

The final activity planned for BSHS homecoming will be the Hall of Fame induction of the 2006 Steer Band at 2 p.m. Saturday at the high school. The band, under the direction of Rocky Harris, was the first local

group to have the honor of performing in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Few formal activities are planned for Forsan homecoming, Principal Keith Stone said, but Buffalo Stadium will be the center of attention Friday night when the homecoming queen is crowned at halftime of Forsan's game with Irion County.

FHS Homecoming Queen nominees (all seniors) are:

- Faith Belew, daughter of Bill and Sherrie Wiggington and Ron Belew.
- Melanie McDonald, daughter of Natalie McDonald.
- Monica Garza, daughter of

Cindy and Junior Tercero.

• Charlene Stanley, daughter of A.J. and Sherrie Stanley.

The nominees will be escorted by the Duchesses Court, consisting of junior Shelby Jones, sophomore Erica Garrett and freshman Ambra Hill.

Stanton High School had several planned activities throughout the week, starting with Tuesday evening's community pep rally at the Martin County Courthouse.

Prior to the annual homecoming game Friday, the Stanton High School exes will hold a barbecue supper at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Cost is \$9

per plate.

On Friday, the Coming Home Queen will be crowned prior to the Buffalos' game with Colorado City. Nominees are Pamela Allred Smith, Kristi Fryar Peterson and Dana Fryar Galaviz.

The homecoming queen will be crowned at halftime. Those nominees are Amber Beasley, Naomi Delao, Josie Fernandez and Rachel Simpson.

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9-11

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at the Pentagon, where a new memorial will be dedicated.

Relatives of victims began arriving at dawn at ground zero, now a huge construction site. American flags were draped over silent cranes.

Maureen Hunt, wearing a T-shirt with a picture of her sister, Kathleen, a 9/11 victim, said that it was comforting to be at the ceremony with so many who have lost loved ones.

"This is a place for us to meet," said Hunt, who has come each year to pay her respects. "It is not getting

easier to attend these ceremonies."

Family members and students representing more than 90 countries that lost victims on Sept. 11 read the names of 2,751 people killed in New York, one more than last year. The city restored Sneha Philip, a woman who mysteriously vanished on Sept. 10, 2001, to its official death toll this year after a court ruled that she was likely killed at the trade center.

Among the readers was Laraine Angeline, who lost brother-in-law, Steve Pollicino. "Steve, your smiles live on with us," she said. "Our separation is temporary. Our love for you is forever."

McCain and Obama

planned to visit the site after the ceremony concluded Thursday afternoon. The candidates agreed weeks ago to pull their campaign ads for the day and were appearing together Thursday night at a forum on volunteerism and service.

Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani was to speak at the ceremony, as he has every year in New York, along with officials including Bloomberg and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

Last year's reading by Giuliani, then a Republican presidential candidate, drew protests from family members who said the city was ill-prepared for the terrorist attacks

under his leadership and questioned whether he should be there while running for the White House. They had no opposition to McCain and Obama' visit this year.

In Arlington, Va., Defense Secretary Robert Gates was scheduled to speak at a ceremony dedicating the memorial at the Pentagon, the first of three major Sept. 11 memorials to be completed.

The 2-acre park, located at the spot where American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon's west wall, consists primarily of 184 cantilevered benches, each bearing a victim's name.

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush marked

the anniversary during a moment of silence on the South Lawn of the White House. The president was then to head to the Pentagon memorial.

In Pennsylvania, at least 200 people gathered Thursday morning at an observance in a reclaimed minefield in Shanksville where Flight 93 came down after passengers reportedly stormed the cockpit to thwart terrorists' plans to use that plane as a weapon like the others. Bells were to toll and victims' names would be read as part of the service.

McCain was also attending the memorial service in Shanksville for the 40 people killed aboard the hijacked flight.

SETTLES

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for return of the hotel's original lobby chandelier have been finalized, with efforts to attain the number one telephone booth and switchboard — which are currently on display at the museum — are in the

works.

And while several key items have been recovered by the company, Ryan said SHDC is still on the lookout for pieces of the downtown giant's 78-year history.

"SHDC is interested in original building pieces, such as marble flooring, wrought iron railings and doors, as well as furnishings, dinnerware or other

original items marked with the Settles Hotel logo," said Ryan.

Ryan and SHDC announced plans for a multi-million dollar renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and

second floors.

The project's budget has ballooned from \$12 million to \$20 million since its inception, with abatement of the structure — including removal of asbestos materials — currently under way.

Contact SHDC General Manager Kristopher Ryan at 264-0317 with any questions regarding the search.

For more information on the project, visit www.settleshotel.com on the Internet.

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Stolen guns used in fatal Wash. shooting rampage

SEATTLE (AP) — Authorities said the man accused of a shooting rampage that left six people dead in northwest Washington stole the guns used in the attacks as well as a pickup truck involved in a high-speed chase.

According to court documents unsealed Wednesday in Skagit County District Court,

Isaac Zamora stole a rifle, a handgun and ammunition from a residence near his mother's home in the small town of Alger, about 70 miles north of Seattle.

The Sept. 2 shootings that claimed the life of a Skagit County sheriff's deputy, two Alger area residents and two construction workers, continued as the shooter fled south on

Interstate 5, firing at two cars and a Washington State Patrol trooper on the freeway, fatally injuring one driver.

After a high-speed police pursuit, Zamora, 28, surrendered at a sheriff's office in Mount Vernon, about 20 miles south of Alger.

Zamora has been charged with six counts of murder

and four counts of assault. He is being held on \$5 million bail with his next court appearance set for Oct. 3.

According to court documents, in a police interview after his arrest Zamora refused to discuss his specific actions but said God told him what to do and told him to "kill evil."

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

School is back in session. Family routines and schedules seem back in place. Evenings include homework and discussions about school. Morning prayers are offered in behalf of attitudes and examples in the classroom.

This seems a very appropriate time to consider participation in Bible classes. Sunday school affords an opportunity to learn about the God, who created family and time. While learning science is helpful, learning about the God, who created science and scientists is helpful and hopeful.

Discipline administered by school principals is necessary. Sunday school equips students with self-discipline, instruction about ways to minister and principles for life. School offers a chance to meet friends. Sunday school is a time to meet Jesus and learn to walk by faith instead of chance.

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Still, the Buffs do boast a running game that demands respect led by senior tailback Robbie Noland.

Defensively, the Buffs will look for ways to create pressure on White, however, they try to do so against a Wolves' offensive line that is yet to surrender a sack.

Robert Lee at Garden City

GARDEN CITY — Bad blood will be bubbling in Garden City Friday night, when the 12th-ranked Bearkats square off with longtime rival Robert Lee.

These two schools have had their fair share of altercations in the past, having competed consistently against each other for decades. The hatred for each other on the football field is compounded also by numerous meetings on the basketball court and even the golf course.

"If we can't get excited to play Robert Lee," senior Cole Schwartz said, "we can't get excited to play anyone."

Garden City mercilessly hammered the El Paso Jesus Chapel

Chargers 54-0, in their home opener last week. The 'Kats will look to build on that success Friday.

"We really showed that we can be a good team down the road," quarterback Levi Schaefer said. "A game like that really boosts our confidence and helps get us back on track."

After having numerous key players banged up from the season opener against Abbott, Garden City will come into this week's game with a much healthier roster. Star running back Jake Schwartz played sparingly against the Chargers after suffering a shoulder injury. The senior should see his playing time increase substantially this week.

"I don't have any aches or pains coming in to this week," Schwartz said. "My shoulder is just about 100 percent."

Robert Lee will roll into the unfriendly confines of Bearkat



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City linebacker Cole Schwartz brings down an El Paso Jesus Chapel ball carrier in action from the Bearkats' 54-0 victory Friday.

Stadium with a good amount of momentum after whipping the Panther Creek Panthers 58-12 in last week's game. The Steers are led on both sides of the ball by senior Josh Gallegos, whose athletic prowess is evidenced by a gold medal in the state track meet in the 800 meters.

"We've got to keep the ball out of his hands," defensive coordinator Koby Abney said. "The other five guys on the field for them are not going to beat us."

Garden City will definitely be counting down the minutes to Friday night's 7:30 kickoff at Bearkat Stadium.

"We can see the glimmer in our kids' eyes during practice this week," Abney said. "There is no love lost between the two schools by any means."

Trent at Sands

ACKERLY — It's been years since there was this much excitement about Sands Mustangs' football, but after two dominant showings to start the season, it's not hard to see why the Mustangs are thinking playoffs.

Sands (2-0) humiliated Wilson 47-0 last week to bring an exciting close to its annual Roundup celebration.

The Mustangs hope to continue their perfect season Friday, playing host to the Trent Gorillas (1-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Sands will continue to rely on

its strong running combination of quarterback Johnny Rogers and running back Daniel Armendariz. Last week, Armendariz tallied 95 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries. Rogers opened the season with a 140 yards rushing performance against Hermleigh, scoring four touchdowns in the process.

Grady at New Home

LENORAH — The 2008 season hasn't gone exactly as planned for the Wildcats after two weeks. Grady sits with a 1-1 record after falling victim to the 45-point mercy rule that governs Texas six-man football in a 70-20 loss to Meadow last week. This after the Wildcats narrowly defeated Division II Sanderson, 34-30, to open the season.

Grady did receive some encouragement last week with the return of junior quarterback Dylan Cox to the starting lineup. Cox missed the Wildcats' first game due to a knee injury, but was deemed healthy enough to return to action Friday.

New Home (1-1) plays host to Grady after knocking off Dawson, 68-44, last week. The Leopards fell to Borden County in their season opener, 40-12.

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as important to us as all the others on the schedule," Thompson said. "We have some history with Irion County, and just like last week's game with Coahoma, I expect there to be some quality football on the field Friday night.

Coach Funderburg wasn't here last year, but he does bring a winning tradition to Irion County and we will have to be prepared and focused if we hope to be successful."

Funderburg was the wide receivers coach for a Lake Travis team that went 15-1 and won a 4A state championship last year.

The Buffs face a team that will

run anything from a five-receiver set in the spread to a basic I-formation backfield, which they will try and counter with their quickness and tenacity on defense.

"There isn't a lot of film on the Hornets this season since they have only played the one game at Roby," said Thompson, "but we know many of their returning players and think we know

what to expect from these guys. As always, we will have to play determined football and get after the ball on every down. We have the speed to hang with just about anyone, but we have to play smart because speed alone won't get it done."

Thompson will continue to spread the field on offense, trying to find mismatches with his wide receivers and to open up

running lanes to get his experienced backfield loose where they can make plays.

"We had a lot of success running the ball against Coahoma last week," Thompson said. "We hope to see that same sort of success against the Hornets and with the way our young offensive line is maturing, I have no doubt we will."

Young's behavior more worrisome than his play

On the opening page of his official Web site, there's a photo montage of Vince Young looking nearly as invincible as Superman. Football in hand, you get the feeling about the only thing he can't do is fly.

Inside, just past the link to the nearest store selling Vince Young sausage, ribs and brisket, is a spot to download posters of an imposing No. 10 complete with these words of encouragement:

"Believe in yourself."

Good words to live by, if only life were that easy.

Young once believed in himself, believed so strongly that he won a national championship for the Texas Longhorns with one of the greatest performances ever seen against USC at the Rose Bowl. Down late in the game, he drove his team to two touchdowns, closing both out with scrambling runs into the end zone.

NFL scouts weren't too excited about his passing motion, but the idea of a big quarterback who could elude defenders, run at will and throw with accuracy made them believe, too. The Tennessee Titans made him the third overall pick in the 2006 draft, and he rewarded them with a spot in the Pro Bowl in his first season.

Everyone was a believer then. But somewhere along the slide to mediocrity, the beliefs have been shaken.

Now it's hard to figure out what to believe with Young.

The official word Wednesday out of Nashville was that nothing was wrong with him other than a sprained left knee that will keep him out of three or

four games. There was scant mention that coach Jeff Fisher was so worried about his quarterback's mental health that he sent police out on a search Monday night to try and find him.

This wasn't just a case of a coach wondering whether his quarterback had stumbled off to a strip club. Earlier that day, the Titans had sent a psychologist over to talk to Young at his home, so evidently they were worried even before he went off into the night without his cell phone and with an unloaded gun in his glove compartment.

His agent would downplay it later, saying Young was simply at a friend's house eating chicken wings and watching football. But whatever Fisher told police it was enough for them to send unmarked SWAT units out and call crisis negotiators in.

Those kind of things aren't usually done when someone leaves for a drive and doesn't come home on time. They're usually done when someone is distraught and could hurt himself or others.

We may never know what was in Young's mind that night. We do know he appeared disconsolate after throwing two interceptions and getting booed in Sunday's game, and that it appeared Fisher had to force him to re-enter the game before he got hurt.

His mother told The Tennessean that Young was tired of all the negativity and the boos. Felicia Young said her son needed people to give him space and to pray for him.

"It is hard, all he is going through right now. He's hurting inside and out," she said.

But it was just a few boos and one lousy game — which the Titans went on to win. What happens if things really go south for Young?

Is a pro athlete with enormous skills and a contract that could



AP photo/Mark Humphrey

Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young sits on the bench with ice on his knee in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Nashville, Tenn., Sunday. The Titans won 17-10. Young will miss 2-4 weeks with a sprained MCL, and probably needs the time to get his mind right.

bring him \$58 million so mentally fragile that it could be dangerous for him to go on the field and perform?

"When you're booed by fans and you already have a negative self image it reinforces it and can make it worse," said Dr. JoAnn Dahlkoetter, a sports

psychologist in San Carlos, Calif. "If you have 100,000 people saying the same thing that you're already thinking, it's not a good thing."

It's true that all we usually see is the upside of being a famous professional athlete. We see the good times, the big money, the

fancy Escalades, and the women who always seem to be hanging by the clubhouse gates.

But when things go sour the stark reality of living up to everyone's expectations can be hard to deal with. It's not just

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Local sports in brief

Howard College schedules mini-cheer camp and Battle

Howard College is preparing to host its annual mini-cheer camp as well as the Battle of the Cheerleaders Sept. 20.

The cheer camp is for girls from kindergarten through sixth grade. Registration is from 8-9 a.m. Sept. 20 with the actual camp lasting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is

\$25.

All campers will then perform at the Battle of the Cheerleaders set to begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 20. The Battle is open to any organized cheer squad at the high school or junior high levels.

Beginning this year, a traveling trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Admission is \$3 with students, cheerleaders and sponsors being admitted free.

Tennis boosters meeting today

Big Spring Tennis Booster are holding a meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Figure Seven Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

All parents of a Big Spring High School or Junior High tennis players are encouraged to attend.

EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Fly your flag today

Attend the ceremony at the mall if you can

Once again, it's time to fly the flag ... here in Big Spring and Howard County ... and all across America. And it's time for all of us to not only show our patriotism, but to also remember the thousands who died seven years ago in the attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

It's also important that we remember the heroic efforts made by our firefighters, police, emergency medical services personnel and the many, many others who responded without hesitation in the wake of the attacks.

With that in mind, we encouraged you to attend today's remembrance ceremony at the Big Spring Mall, sponsored by the Hangar 25 Air Museum. The ceremony is set for 6 p.m., near the entrance to the Sears store. If you have a small flag, you might bring it.

We, like a great many others, believe an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office and business in the United States today.

And we encourage every individual to make it their duty to display an American flag on this seventh anniversary of our country's worst tragedy.

We will not only do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, but also for those who today are doing their duty, fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following Sept. 11, 2001, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism.

Sadly, those flags seem to have all but disappeared.

Our patriotism has always pulled us through some tough times for our nation and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

So, regardless of your political affiliation or lack of same. Pro-war or anti-war. Pro-life or pro-choice. None of that matters ... it really doesn't.

What matters is that we all remember those who lost their lives seven years ago on what has now become Patriots Day by flying the red, white and blue.

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Palin's a fighter, and worth fighting for

Does the Angry Left really want to launch a culture war over Sarah Palin? Fine. Lock and load.

That's the feeling of many conservatives who until last week were lukewarm at best about the prospect of a John McCain presidency. The unhinged malice of the cultural left's assault on the Alaska governor's personal life has focused their minds and stirred their hearts. Palin's astonishingly poised and confident performance in her convention speech proves that this Iron Lady is not about to quail before the judgment of her would-be betters.

Neither will conservatives. If they were indifferent or hostile to the Republican ticket, the cultural elite's savage treatment of Palin reminded them of what's really in play this year. It's the same snarling spite for small-town folks, religious believers and anybody else who ended up on the wrong side of the 1960s.

Why does the Angry Left hate Sarah Palin? Because of the potentially transformative power of her example.

She stands for the belief that there is no contradiction between being a feminist and being pro-life. She chose to welcome her Down syndrome son into the world, unlike 90 percent of American women today, whose Down babies' lives end in abortion. When teen daughter Bristol became pregnant out of wedlock, Sarah Palin didn't hustle the girl off to the abortionist or hide her from public view.

In fact, whatever the private heartbreak of this Christian mom, Palin shockingly failed to fulfill the left's stereotype of how religious conservatives are supposed to respond to such crises. She defiantly and proudly showcased Bristol and her boyfriend, as if to say: We are family. Don't you dare mess with us.

The cultural left knows that unlike many Republican politicians who pay lip service to the pro-life cause, Sarah Palin's the real deal. And the cultural right knows it, too.

She's a spirited woman who has shown that she can take down a state's corrupt old-boy network. That's a hell of an accomplishment. But Palin is a small-town girl with working-class tastes who didn't sell out to move up. She's not a cosmopolitan liberal or a cosmopolitan liberal wannabe - and that the Angry Left and their media fellow travelers cannot forgive.

Yes, Sarah Palin is suddenly the Republican Party's Barack Obama. But she is also its Clarence Thomas - another able and consequential public figure who was a traitor to his cultural class. The left understands precisely what it's dealing with - and it will try to destroy her utterly as it tried to do him years ago.

While liberals have shown themselves eager to compromise with the right on matters of war and economics, they also have demonstrated that they will defend the sexual revolution by any means necessary. The indecency of the way some in the elite media and among liberal activists treated Palin and her family last week was breathtaking - but also illuminating. And for conservatives, galvanizing.

If the GOP was the party only of Mitt Romney, of Rudy Giuliani,

of George W. Bush and, indeed, of John McCain, who could blame disillusioned conservatives for sitting out this race? The Republicans deserve to lose this year.

But now we know that it's also the party of Sarah Palin, the kind of conservative that Barack Obama pitied earlier this year as "clinging" to her God, her guns and her traditions because she doesn't know any better. In her convention speech, Palin threw his condescension back in his face.

She's a fighter, this one. And worth fighting for. Come what may in November, we now know what the future of the GOP and the conservative movement looks like.

It looks like a straight-shooting, churchgoing populist married to a union man. It looks like a mom standing on stage before a national audience, with her handicapped infant resting on her shoulder, unbowed and triumphant. It looks like a family faithful to its members in their weakness and failure - one that does the right thing by its own, even if it's the hard thing.

Let's be clear about this last point. For Barack Obama, Bristol Palin's baby is a punishment, something he's said he wouldn't wish on his own daughter. Sarah Palin plainly and admirably doesn't see it that way. That's the difference between life and death. The cultural and class politics of that choice matters beyond abortion, as enraged liberals reminded us last week.

Message received. Game on.

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There is no single enemy

On the seventh anniversary of Sept. 11, we will once again mourn; politicians will intone about fighting the war on terrorism. Some will even talk about World War IV.

But, in a series of interviews with top terrorism experts, I found surprising accord on the need to redefine the problem. "The jargon is that it is a global war on terrorism," says Richard A. Clarke, former counterterrorism czar to Presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush 43. "That is very misleading. If you do not understand what the problem is, then your solution is not going to work."

Clarke and others argue that the conflict with jihadi terrorists "is not global," but exists largely within the Islamic world and part of Europe. "It is not a war, with a few exceptions," he continues. "And it is really not on terrorism. Terrorism is a tactic."

The constant repetition of the mantra "war on terrorism" implies we are fighting a single enemy, like the Soviets, in a struggle that can be won on the field of battle. Not so.

Clark defines the struggle as one against "a small, deviant minority strain in Islam" that wants to replace existing governments in Muslim countries with fundamentalist regimes. We aren't fighting against states, but against "non-state actors."

Islamist jihadis must be confronted in different ways, depending on where they are located. The situation differs greatly in, say, the Philippines, than in Pakistan or Europe.

We must be wary of letting the war analogy blind us to the essentials. The battle we're fighting depends more on winning a battle of ideas than a war fought with guns.

Yes, guns are needed to stop the Taliban from retaking Afghanistan and prevent jihadis from re-emerging in Iraq. But Iraq went sour because of misguided U.S. policies that created fertile ground for jihadis; military action often worsened the problem. The key to reviving Iraq was not U.S. guns.

The Iraq situation shifted because Sunnis turned against militant forces they once supported. Al-Qaeda's viciousness turned off the Sunni population and undercut the ideas they propagated. Gen. David Petraeus took advantage of the jihadis' errors; he helped Iraqi Sunnis help themselves by driving al-Qaeda out of their turf.

Similarly, in Afghanistan, the fight against jihadis will depend on whether the local population rejects them. NATO troops can help, but only if local fighters take the lead. In Pakistan, where the population rejects American involvement, open use of U.S. troops is bound to boomerang.

Indeed, the "war on terrorism" mantra plays into the jihadi strategy. The Taliban and al-Qaeda want to lure America into acts that turn local people against them, like bombing civilians. They want to suck America into "bleeding wars," says South Asia expert Bruce Reidel, like the Afghan mujaheddin did to the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

Avoiding this trap, say the experts, will involve a strategy far more complex than seeking military "victory." It will require training local forces, and using U.S. military assets sparingly to avoid harming civilians. It will involve economic aid distributed at local

levels to dissuade youths from hiring out to militant groups.

And the struggle will involve a war of ideas - including a major effort to publicize al-Qaeda atrocities. Al-Qaeda runs a massive Internet operation trumpeting its triumphs against the infidels; we need as big an operation, in many languages, laying out the group's hideous crimes against Muslims.

What's most essential is for Americans to understand that the surge of jihadi terrorists is a historical phenomenon; born of the alienation created by globalization. Yes, the elimination of Osama bin Laden, would be a huge psychological blow. Yet the phenomenon may take years to abate.

In the meantime, better intelligence and close international cooperation may be as essential as troops. So will coordination between U.S., European and Russian officials on thwarting the sale of fissile material or nuclear weapons to terrorists.

Al-Qaeda expert Peter Bergen believes the terrorist threat to Western countries will come from Europe. Alienated young educated Muslims in Europe were behind the 9/11 attacks, and subsequent bombings in Europe. Other planned attacks in Europe have been foiled since, along with efforts to sell stolen fissile material that could be used for terrorist bombs.

So forget the World War IV mantra with its false aura of tank battles. This fight requires smart long-term strategy, not mass mobilization. Americans face a long slog at many levels before the jihadi phenomenon fades.

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TRUDY RUBIN

Banged-up Romo still has great pocket poise

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The bandage was off, the stitches hardly visible under the stubble around Tony Romo's chin.

Asked about it, Romo mumbled, "Just stitches. It'll be all right. They can be exposed."

When the injury came up again minutes later, Romo was just as dismissive, saying only, "It's fine, I'll be good."

Romo doesn't like talking about injuries or even acknowledging them. He's also not into all the praise he's gotten from teammates and coaches for the way he handled his pair of injuries in the opener Sunday at Cleveland.

The biggie was getting sandwiched by a pair of 300-pounders. He winced while on the ground, then stood up to find blood coming out of his chinstrap. He'd later need 13 stitches to close the wound, but on the very next snap he threw a 19-yard completion. He led the Cowboys to a touchdown on that drive, too, before trainers got a chance to patch him up.

In the same quarter, Romo hurt the middle finger on his left hand. X-rays showed no break, but between the aches in his finger, his bloody chin and a lopsided lead, he would've been excused for calling it a day. He never even thought about it, though, showing the kind of toughness that goes a long way in a locker room and

means even more coming from a guy just voted a team captain. (And someone whose cut-up mug might wind up in a glossy celebrity magazine.)

"You don't think that," Romo said Wednesday. "You think, 'I'm not hurt enough to leave the game.' If I can see and I'm ... able to walk, I feel like you can go play. It's more fun to play than not play. So you play."

Besides, something else was going on.

The opener was Romo's first real test of his offseason pet project, a technical rough spot he spent months trying to smooth out — but refused to disclose. After going 24-of-32 for 320 yards in the 28-10 victory over Cleveland, Romo finally fessed up, explaining that his big secret involved his footwork, more specifically keeping his feet planted during five-step drops.

Maybe this description will make more sense: He's seeking more of a "calmness" in the pocket.

"I think that's a hard thing to do, to gain that ability to get to that point," said Romo, who is only in his third season as a starting quarterback. "I'm still working on it."

Any quarterback would've felt calm against the Browns considering how well Dallas' offensive line blocked and how reluctant Cleveland was to send extra rushers at Romo. Romo acknowledged that, adding that having great blocking in the past sometimes masked

his, well, lack of calm in the pocket.

He noticed the flaw, though, and decided to do something about it. It's no surprise considering that even when he was a third-stringer with little shot of playing he practiced not only the regular throws but also what it's like to throw off the wrong foot or across his body — the kinds of plays quarterbacks have to make under duress, just so he'd be ready to handle those situations once they came up.

This refinement was almost the opposite of bailing out of trouble. It was all about remaining poised even when instincts say hurry up.

"The reality of the quarterback position is you feel the same amount of pressure through the first four or five steps every time," Romo said. "You feel like you have to work fast because everything happens fast. So you get this feeling, 'Get back, get the ball out, get through your reads' and the faster you can do it is good."

"But I was thinking about it this offseason and I kind of came to the conclusion of 'not every time.' If you can allow yourself to take that breath, to get that feeling of calmness, to stand there, all of a sudden, things will open up."

Romo isn't always looking for that extra heartbeat or two to look around. He just wants to be able to throw on the brakes when he recognizes that the chance is there.



AP photo/Tony Dejak

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo fires a 35-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Terrell Owens in the second quarter of an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns on Sunday in Cleveland.

"If they didn't rush anybody, it would be hard for a quarterback because ... you're sitting there and your rhythm tells you the ball needs to come here, here or here, and if it's not there that quickly, then I need to run or throw it away. That's what your rhythm has told you your entire career," he said.

"I'm kind of reworking that in my brain a little."

So, how did Romo simulate a rush during the offseason?

"It's hard," he said, laughing. "I don't want to tell you because I don't want to give away everything. But I feel it's helped me a lot."

He better hope so.

Because up next is Philadelphia's hard-hitting, blitzing defense, a unit that should provide a much bigger challenge than the Browns did.

"They're not going to let the quarterback sit back there and hold the ball," Romo said. "It'll be a good test."

Saints' Colston out 4-6 weeks with injured thumb

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Marques Colston, the New Orleans Saints' top receiver during the past two seasons, had surgery on his left thumb and will miss four to six weeks.

Colston said he had a torn ligament resulting from a play

Sunday when he reached forward to make a catch while taking a helmet-first hit to his hands from Ronde Barber.

"I don't know if my thumb just got caught in an awkward position. It just bent all the way backward," said Colston, who was wearing a cast over his left hand. "I guess the only silver

lining is that I'm going to have a chance to come back and play a good portion of the season and hopefully be back in time for that playoff push."

Colston tried to continue playing with the injury during the Saints' 24-20 victory over Tampa Bay, but finished with only three catches for 26 yards. He made

one catch after the injury.

Colston was a seventh-round draft choice out of Hofstra in 2006.

At 6-foot-5, 225 pounds, he provides quarterback Drew Brees a big target and emerged as one of Brees' favorite receivers during his rookie year. Colston went on to compile 2,241 yards receiving

for 19 touchdowns in his first two seasons.

His 168 catches are more than any NFL receiver has had through only two seasons. During the summer, Colston agreed to a three-year contract extension that could keep him in New Orleans through the 2011 season.

National sports in brief

Angels win fourth AL West title in five years

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels own the best record in baseball and their fourth AL West title in five years. Now they can spend their final 17 games resting, setting their rotation for the playoffs and trying to wrap up homefield advantage.

Robb Quinlan hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the fifth inning and Francisco Rodriguez earned his 56th save in closing out the Angels' victory over the New York Yankees on Wednesday.

Second-place Texas lost to Seattle about an hour later, handing the division to Los Angeles.

The Angels became the first team in the majors to earn a playoff spot this season with their earliest clinching of the division title in franchise history. The Angels became the fastest team to clinch the AL West since the Oakland Athletics did it on Sept. 15, 1971.

Pudge, Hunter suspended two games for scuffle

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Yankees catcher Ivan Rodriguez and Los Angeles Angels star

Torii Hunter were suspended two games each Wednesday for their roles in a bench-clearing scuffle.

Rodriguez took an openhanded swing at Hunter after getting shoved in the back by Hunter, and both players were ejected Monday night.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, cited them for "violent and inappropriate actions." Both were fined, as was Angels pitcher John Lackey.

Schilling blasts New York sports fans for Brady

BOSTON (AP) — Curt Schilling blasted New York sports fans, calling them "bitter and mad and miserable" for their apparent glee over Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's knee injury.

Schilling talked about Brady's injury Tuesday during his weekly appearance on WEEI radio, and said New York fans are perhaps excited about Brady's injury because they are bitter that the Yankees are having a down year.

Selig first witness in grievance hearing

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball

commissioner Bud Selig was the leadoff witness Wednesday on the first day of testimony in a complicated grievance filed by the players' association after first-round draft pick Pedro Alvarez refused to sign his contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Given that Selig was the only witness to complete testimony and the hearing was recessed until Sept. 23, it appears barring settlement, it will be months before the case is decided.

U.S. shuts out Trinidad and Tobago 3-0 in qualifier

BRIDGEVIEW, Ill. (AP) — Clint Dempsey scored his fourth goal in four games, Michael Bradley and Brian Ching padded the margin, and the United States' offense finally got on track in a 3-0 victory over Trinidad and Tobago in World Cup qualifying Wednesday night.

It was the fifth straight victory by the Americans, and virtually assures them of making next year's six-team regional finals. The United States is atop Group One in the semifinals of the North and Central American and the Caribbean with nine points.

Patriots re-sign QB

Gutierrez to be backup

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots signed quarterback Matt Gutierrez to their practice squad on Wednesday, choosing a youngster who knows their system over a more experienced player who would have to learn it.

Gutierrez could be activated for Sunday's game at the New York Jets.

After last Sunday's season-ending left knee injury to Tom Brady in the season opening 17-10 win over Kansas City, the Patriots' two quarterbacks are starter Matt Cassel and rookie Kevin O'Connell.

Texas schools reschedule football games due to Ike

AUSTIN (AP) — With Hurricane Ike barreling toward the Texas coast, sports officials across the state are postponing games, moving them inland, changing starting times or still trying to decide if games will be played this weekend.

Saturday's scheduled matchup between No. 8 Texas and Arkansas was postponed until

Sept. 27, which was an open date for both schools.

Houston moved its game with Air Force to Dallas, and TCU moved up the starting time for its game with Stanford.

Baylor officials said they were still monitoring Ike before deciding what to do with their 11:30 a.m. kickoff against Washington State.

Former Jayhawks fined after breaking rookie rules

MIAMI (AP) — Former Kansas teammates Darrell Arthur and Mario Chalmers were fined \$20,000 apiece after being banished last week from the NBA rookie symposium, the league said Wednesday.

Security at the resort near New York where the event took place found Arthur and Chalmers in a room with two women, and the scent of marijuana was detected. No drugs or drug paraphernalia were found, but having guests in the room violated NBA policy, and the rookies were sent home.

Arthur and Chalmers apologized but denied using marijuana. Next year they'll have to again attend the symposium, which addresses the challenges of making the transition to pro ball.

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the boos, but the feeling that they've failed in something they never once imagined they

would ever fail in.

Playing quarterback just exacerbates that. Fans who wouldn't have any clue whether a lineman missed a block or a receiver ran the wrong route are sure they know when a quarterback is good or bad and usually

aren't afraid to let him know it.

The quarterback is the first person praised for winning a game and the first one called names for losing one.

The best that can be hoped for Young is that he just had a few bad days and was merely over-

whelmed by not playing well in a game he had spent all of training camp preparing for. A few weeks to rest his sprained knee and heal his wounded psyche might be enough to turn things around.

If not, Young's fans might

have a lot more to worry about than whether he can get the Titans in the playoffs this year.

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The new RL

'09 Acura flagship gains performance, technology

I've been a huge fan of the RL for a long time. When it comes to luxury, performance and state-of-the-art technology in a midsize package, the Acura flagship sedan set the bar.

After spending a week behind the wheel of the new RL, I didn't want to give this car back at the end of my test drive period.

In fact, there are so many important things to say about the new model, I don't know where to begin. Do I start with the new Super Handling All-Wheel Drive system with revised steering that allows the RL to hug the road and glide around the curves? Do I start with the new 300-horsepower V-6 engine that delivers power on command? Maybe I should start with the new safety features, which now includes a Collision Mitigation Braking System

(CMBS) or maybe the Adaptive Cruise Control system.

CMBS uses a millimeter-wave radar unit mounted inside the RL's new front grille to detect vehicles ahead in order to monitor potential rear-end collisions. The system alerts the driver when the likelihood of a collision increases, while also helping reduce the impact on front occupants by pre-tensioning the front seatbelts and applying the brakes should a collision become imminent. The CMBS package also includes Adaptive Cruise Control, which utilizes the same radar system to measure the distance between the RL and the vehicle driving ahead. If the vehicle in front slows down, the cruise control system adapts the RL's vehicle speed without the driver having to disengage the system. When the lane is



clear, the system resumes the vehicle's programmed speed.

But I can't forget the new technology features, either. The Acura RL was already a leader when it comes to electronic connectivity, featuring navigation with voice recognition, real-time traffic information, Bluetooth cell phone connectivity, active noise cancellation and solar-sensing automatic climate control. The new 2009 RL adds AcuraLink weather, a new note function for XM Satellite Radio, Traffic Rerouting feature, Active Sound Control, a keyless smart entry system and a new Bluetooth Audio and HandsFreeLink system that features more than 700 voice commands.

I admit that I'm a gadget junkie when it comes to technology — but only if it's easy to use.

One of the reasons I'm such a huge fan of the RL (besides being such a fun vehicle to drive) is that its technology is seamless. All of the controls are intuitive and simple to use. For the most part, you don't even recognize its there. But I sure as heck noticed the features weren't included on my next test vehicle the fol-

lowing week.

For the '09 model, the Acura RL is available in one trim, but with two available packages.

The RL has a list price of \$46,280. The RL with Technology Package (\$49,900) adds satellite navigation with voice recognition, real-time traffic, AcuraLink weather, rear view backup camera, Active Front Lighting System, ventilated front seats and wood/leather steering wheel and shift knob.

The RL with Technology Package plus CMBS (\$53,700) adds Collision Mitigation Braking System and Adaptive Cruise Control.

It's impossible to do justice to the new RL in this limited space. For those in the market for a premium, performance midsize sedan, the new RL is an absolute must for the test drive list.

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TRACTION CONTROL:

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BRAKES: ABS with brake assist.
LENGTH: 195.8 inches

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RIDE & DRIVE with Neal White



Fantasy is reality as jet packs take flight

By RACHEL HATZIPANAGOS
Sun Sentinel

COCONUT CREEK, Fla. — Some see jet packs as symbolic of sci-fi fantasy as teleportation devices and Rosie, the Jetsons' robot maid.

But the future is now. On a recent Saturday, spectators gathered outside the Seminole Coconut Creek (Fla.) Casino for a jet pack demonstration from one of the manufacturers of the motorcycles of the skies.

"I've been a fan of the jet packs since the '60s," said Dave Votau, 58, who had his digital camera ready. "It's the first time I've seen any of these live."

Minutes before the launch, rocket man Eric Scott, 45, smoked his pre-flight cigarette like he has done almost 700 times before.

He has flown for 16 years now. "I've always been an adrenaline junkie," Scott said.

The pack, which weighs 135 pounds, looks much like what was imagined by generations of science-fiction writers.

Two large tanks of fuel filled with a potent hydrogen peroxide mixture are sewed onto a backpack. On takeoff, steam shoots toward the ground. Scott

hovers, then shoots up in the blink of an eye - just like in the movies.

"I want to do it. I thought it was awesome," said Margate, Fla., resident Michael Kelly. "I don't see him riding that thing on his way to work with a briefcase, but that was awesome."

The Denver-based company Scott works for, Go Fast Jet Pack International, uses the jet pack as a promotional gimmick for the energy drink it sells. In the summer, Scott travels every weekend from Brazil to London to state fairs across the Midwest.

The jet pack mystique has been entrenched in pop culture since the 1960s, when the king of gadgets and cool, James Bond, sported a jet pack in the movie "Thunderball." There have been several attempts over the years to create affordable jet packs for sale to the public. Go Fast is working on one now.

But for now, those who have fantasies of speeding over cars on Interstate 95 may have to pay the \$200,000 that Go Fast estimates one would cost. Also, the packs only run for about 11 to 30 minutes, hardly enough time to get to work.

A member of the next generation, which may see

the devices in action, was at the show. Kenny Evans, 22, brought his son, Corey Evans, 4, to get a close-up view.

"He's been asking me about this since last night," Kenny Evans said. "He said he wants to be the rocket man."



MCT/Mike Stocker

Pilot Eric Scott flies his jet pack over the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino, Fla. The demonstration is put on by Go Fast Jet Pack International, one of the few companies in the world that make the motor scooters of the skies.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

		2	3					
4		1						
	9			4			1	6
8					5	3	9	
		7		8		6		
	6	9	4					8
1	5			7			2	
						9		5
					4	8		

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

One Play Does It All

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 10 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ K 5 3

WEST
♠ K Q 9 6 4 2
♥ A J 10 9
♦ 6
♣ 10 6

EAST
♠ J 8 7 5
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 4
♣ Q J 7 2

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ K 6
♦ A K 9 8 7 5 2
♣ A 9 8 4

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

Opening lead — king of spades.

The bidding by the opponents frequently points the way to declarer's best line of play. For example, take this deal where South can take advantage of West's overcall to bring home the slam.

West leads the king of spades, and South must proceed very carefully to make the contract. His first test comes at trick one, when he must decide whether to play dummy's ace of spades or ruff in his hand instead.

This may not seem to be an important decision, but the fact is that the outcome depends entirely on this one play. If South takes the ace, he goes down one; if he ruffs, he makes the slam.

The trouble with the ace play is that it forces South to make a discard before he knows precisely what card to get rid of — and whether he chooses a heart or a club, he is certain to lose two tricks later on.

But if South ruffs the spade lead, he is in full command of the situation. After cashing the trump ace at trick two, he leads the six of hearts toward dummy's queen.

What can West do? If he plays low, dummy's queen wins. South then discards the king of hearts on the spade ace and later loses only a club trick.

And if West goes up with the ace of hearts, he is not in any better shape. In that case, dummy's ace of spades and queen of hearts provide convenient parking places for two of declarer's clubs, and the only trick South loses is a heart.

As happens so often, the key play occurs at trick one. All South need do is to credit West, who made a vulnerable overall, with the ace of hearts, and he then tailors his play to fit that assumption.

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Obama, McCain to halt political bickering, appear together on anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks

CHAMPION, Pa. (AP) — The seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks is supposed to bring the heated presidential race to a screeching halt. But just for a day.

Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama were appearing together twice Thursday and agreed to suspend all TV ads critical of each other to commemorate the day terrorists forced four airplanes to crash into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, a field in Shanksville, Pa., and the Pentagon in Washington, killing nearly 3,000 people.

Neither candidate had any political events scheduled for Thursday. The 2001 attacks transformed the nation in many ways, and one is that every anniversary since has found those holding or seeking office struggling for ways to appropriately pay homage.

McCain was briefly speaking at a ceremony near the Shanksville crash site, alongside other dignitaries and relatives of the 40 passengers and crew who were killed there. Investigators believe passengers rushed the cockpit of United Airlines Flight 93 to thwart terrorists' plans to use that plane as a weapon like the others.

In the afternoon, in New York, Obama and McCain were to visit ground zero together for a somber, silent wreath-laying in the pit that marks the largest loss of life in the attacks.

Pakistan's prime minister backs army chief's rebuke to the US on Sept. 11 anniversary

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's prime minister on Thursday backed the army chief's criticism of the U.S. following a deadly American-led ground assault in Pakistani territory.

Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani's comments Wednesday reflected government policy.

The powerful but media-shy army leader had said that Pakistan would defend its territory, it had no deal with the U.S. allowing it to operate in its borders, and unilateral attacks risked undermining joint efforts to end violent extremism.

"Falling for short-term gains while ignoring our long-term interest is not the right way forward," Kayani warned.

Gilani's comments were reported by state media and confirmed by his office.

Reports say North Korea's Kim recovering from brain surgery, suggest partial paralysis

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's Kim Jong Il had brain surgery after a stroke last month and could have partial paralysis on one side, media reports said Thursday, after the South Korean government said the communist leader remained in control of his country.

Foreign doctors, possibly from China and France, performed the operation after Kim, 66, collapsed about Aug. 15, the newspapers Dong-a Ilbo and JoongAng Ilbo reported, citing unidentified government officials.

Kim's condition has improved and he is not suffering from slurred speech, a disability often associated with a stroke, the reports said.

If Kim were incapacitated, it could have serious implications for international negotiations on North Korea's nuclear disarmament. The talks recently hit a snag because of a dispute between North Korea and the U.S. over how to verify the North's nuclear programs, and a delay by Washington in its promised removal of North Korea from a list of nations that sponsor terrorism.

Lee Cheol-woo, a South Korean ruling party lawmaker, said in a radio interview Thursday that Kim is "recovering fast," has "no problem speaking and communicating," and is "able to stand if assisted."

Oil brokers sex scandal, conflicts of interest may affect offshore drilling debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A scandal involving sex, drugs and — uh, offshore oil drilling. It's a strange mix, and it couldn't have come at a worse time for those in Congress pressing to expand oil and gas development off America's beaches while trying to stave off an election-year rush by Democrats to impose new taxes and royalties on the oil industry.

An Interior Department investigation describing a "culture of substance abuse and promiscuity" by workers at the agency that issues offshore drilling leases and collects royalties hit lawmakers Wednesday just as they prepared for votes next week on expanding offshore drilling.

"On the eve of Congress starting this big debate you've got a horror story of mismanagement and misconduct in programs that are going to be a key part of the discussion," Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in an interview, adding that it can't help but influence the debate.

The two-year, \$5.3 million investigation by Interior's inspector general found workers at the Minerals Management Service's royalty collection office in Denver partying, having sex, using drugs and accepting gifts and ski trips and golf outings from energy company representatives with whom they did government business.

The investigations exposed "a culture of ethical failure" and an agency rife with conflicts of interest, Inspector General Earl E. Devaney said.

Data suggest up to 70,000 people suffer from stress disorder as a result of 9/11 attack in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — New data from a public health registry that tracks the health effects of 9/11 suggest that as many as 70,000 people may have developed post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of the terrorist attacks.

The estimate, released Wednesday by New York City's Department of Health, is based on an analysis of the health of 71,437 people who enrolled in the World Trade Center Health Registry. They agreed to be tracked for up to 20 years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and the study was based on answers they volunteered about their health two and three years after the attack.

Of the estimated 400,000 people believed to have been heavily exposed to pollution from the disaster, data suggests that 35,000 to 70,000 people developed PTSD and 3,800 to 12,600 may have developed asthma, city health officials said.

They include rescue and recovery workers, lower Manhattan residents, area workers, commuters and passers-by.

Overall, half of the respondents said they had been in the dust cloud from the collapsing towers; 70 percent witnessed a traumatic sight, such as a plane hitting the tower or falling bodies; and 13 percent sustained an injury that day.

'The Twist' named as the top song of the Billboard Hot 100 era as chart celebrates 50 years

NEW YORK (AP) — How's this for a twist: Of all the No. 1 songs in the 50 years of the Billboard Hot 100 chart, Chubby Checker's "The Twist" ranks as the most popular single.

Elvis and the Beatles didn't even make the top five.



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Seven years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, President Bush and first lady Laura Bush, left, accompanied by Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne, and White House staff, observe a moment of silence on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington Thursday.

Checker's ranking may come as a surprise to some, but not to the classic rocker.

"I'm glad they've finally recognized it," said Checker of his early 1960s hit.

He compared "The Twist" — named by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum as one of the 500 songs that shaped rock 'n' roll — to the creation of the telephone as a groundbreaking moment because he said it was the first time people were dancing "apart to the beat."

O.J. Simpson jury selection enters home stretch

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A judge who asked lawyers and prospective jurors to put in 10-hour days to get a jury for the O.J. Simpson kidnapping-robbery case sug-

gested a panel to judge the former football star could be seated late Thursday or early Friday.

"The end is near, folks!" exulted Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass at the end of three grueling days of jury questioning.

"There are people who thought it would take weeks to pick a jury. It will take only a week, maybe less."

Jury selection was scheduled to resume Thursday morning.

By day's end Wednesday, lawyers had cleared 27 prospects for the panel from which the final 12 jurors and six alternates will be chosen. Glass said she wants 40 cleared before lawyers begin exercising peremptory challenges, which allow them to remove prospects without stating a cause.

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This project consists of the complete rehabilitation of one Byron Jackson Vertical Turbine Pump. Vendors shall be responsible for picking up the pump and related parts then delivering finished product F.O. B. to Spence Pump ST. 1390 Cedar Cove Rd. Robert Lee, TX 76945. Specifications are available and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 406 E. 23rd Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 during normal business hours.

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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This project consists of supply and delivery of six 2-inch and ten 3-inch air and vacuum valves. Specifications are available and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 406 E. 23rd Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 during normal business hours.

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HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET INCREASES

Section 152.013 of the Local Government Code requires the commissioners court set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected county officers. The County is required to publish notice of any salaries, expenses, or allowances that are proposed to be increased and the amount of the proposed increases. Elected officials will receive the normal increase in longevity (\$10 a month for each year of service) and fringe benefits. The three Justices of the Peace are scheduled to receive \$4000 per year salary increase plus associated benefits. Employees will receive \$3000 per year salary increase plus associated benefits. Other expenses proposed to be increased include:

- JP Dodds \$25 office supplies, \$275 machine maintenance \$50; District Clerk office supplies \$125, bonds \$190; Tax Assessor printing \$1000, bonds \$425; Sheriff travel \$2500, printing \$100, evidence storage rental \$500, miscellaneous \$150; Jail education \$1000, utilities \$150,000, groceries \$20,000, unknown/ miscellaneous for new jail \$24,750.

A budget hearing will be conducted September 22, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd floor of the Court-house, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Tx. Any taxpayer may attend and participate in the hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection at the Office of County Auditor, Courthouse, 2nd floor, Big Spring, Tx. Jackie Olson County Auditor #5904 September 11, 2008

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The ancient Egyptian solar deity was Ra. It was said that every night as the sun disappeared, Ra traversed the night sky in a boat, battling demons, to emerge every morning victorious. This legend echoes the sun's crossing with Pluto. Like Ra, you can glide through difficulty, knowing you're strengthened by the journey.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Cultivating social ease seems more like work than play. You're expecting yourself to be charming and perpetually "on." You need a few tricks up your sleeve. Be ready with a few stellar conversation starters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel compelled to cement a relationship — lock it down for now through eternity. Resist the urge to act on that impulse. It may be your ego motivating you instead of your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Usually you subscribe to the adage, "live and let live." However, some people clearly need your interference. You know you could help a situation, so pitch in and do just that.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This cosmic fog you're in is pretty interesting. After all the

meeting, talking and thinking, you're still no closer to knowing what the next step should be. It's all a huge indication that it's best to make no move at all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Take the time to look fabulous. Your appearance is important, not because others particularly care what you look like, but because you act your best when you feel good about how you present yourself to the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Romance is featured. To keep your affection hidden because you don't want to get hurt would be a missed opportunity. However, to hide your affections because you don't want to come on too strong is plain smart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're likely to go to extremes. Though you may be feeling emotional and touchy this afternoon, don't act on it — the mood passes quickly. Besides, there's no one to blame. Everyone is doing his or her best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The world responds to your wit. Intelligent humor improves your working life and personal life alike. However, it's important to be appropriate. New relationships start with you making someone laugh.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're up to some adventuring and tempted to just wing it, like usual. Everything

will turn out fine if you take that approach. Though, 20 minutes of planning will make your day even more delightful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're the resident historian of your group, remembering the important details that other people forget. Some of the information you recall will be extremely useful. Share all you know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't doubt that your instincts are accurate, though sometimes it's difficult to tell the difference between the mental chatter of over-thinking and the voice of intuition. Meditate, pray or exercise to quiet your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're like the cowboy hero who swoops in to take the reigns of a runaway horse-drawn carriage. You save the day. With you at the helm, projects fall into place, people relax and things start to work.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Shawn" for a little over a year. We are very much in love and talking about marriage. Shawn has an excellent career. I have been unemployed for the last couple of months, and he has not let me forget it.

Every time I come to his house, he greets me by saying sarcastically, "So, did you have a hard day at work today?"

Shawn expects me to clean his apartment every time I visit because I "don't do anything all day." Every time we go to a restaurant or grocery store, he makes me feel guilty that he has to spend some of his greens on his unemployed girlfriend.

I am planning to go back to school next year, but he wants me to go back immediately. I have no intention of relying on a man to take care of me, but that's not good enough for Shawn.

When I met him, I was a housekeeper, and he now says if I want us to stay together, I need to work for more than minimum wage.

I want Shawn to support my decisions, but his attitude doesn't give me much hope for our future.

I am so sick of his endless remarks about me working and going to school, and that he otherwise doesn't want to be with me. Is it possible he just wants what is best for me? — Unemployed Ursula

Dear Ursula: It sounds like he wants what is best for him. It's not bad advice for you to get your act together sooner rather than later, and if you haven't been actively seeking employment, you should.

But the stream of sarcastic comments does not speak well for Shawn, and it is a bad dynamic in a relationship when one partner feels entitled



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

to belittle the other. If this is how Shawn behaves when he's "in love," he's likely to be even more verbally abusive when you are married.

If you are determined to stay in this relationship, please get premarital counseling before making any further commitment.

Dear Annie: My daughter is getting married soon. Her aunts and cousins live out of state. They are on our wedding guest list, but is it proper to invite them to the bridal shower two months before?

I don't want them to feel left out, but I also don't want an invitation to look as if we are trolling for presents. Should I send along a note saying they are not obligated to send a gift? — Concerned Mother of the Bride

Dear Mother: It is not necessary to send shower invitations to guests who live out of state and cannot attend. If there are grandmothers, you can send them invitations as a courtesy.

It is perfectly OK, however, to simply call the aunts and say how much you wish they lived closer so they could participate in the local festivities.

Dear Annie: I wanted to add something to your reply to "C.," whose father-in-law has lung

cancer and she is having problems dealing with his rude behavior.

I am recovering from cancer. Some of us are very angry, and although we don't intend to, we take our anger out on others. We worry we are going to die and are frustrated when we cannot do the things we used to.

Those who have family or friends struggling with cancer should understand that the emotional impact is just as difficult as the physical one. If we become hard to deal with, I hope they will understand this is part of the illness. — Surviving

Dear Surviving: Thank you for reminding all of us to be patient with those who are battling disease.

Annie's Snippet for Patriot Day (credit Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address): We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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News in brief

Bridge collapses in East Texas, injuring 3 people

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DALLAS (AP) — A bridge under construction collapsed in East Texas, sending a car and a tractor trailer plunging at least 30 feet over a creek and injuring three people.

Kaufman County Sheriff Sgt. Bryan Francis told The Associated Press the collapse occurred when a loaded 18-wheeler was crossing the bridge. Both it and a car behind it tumbled when the bridge buckled, but neither vehicle went into the creek.

The bridge collapse near Prairieville was reported at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in southeastern Kaufman County, close to Cedar Creek.

Fire departments responding to a 911 call used ropes and baskets to rescue two trapped people. The center section of the “bridge completely collapsed and is on the ground,” Francis said.

It took rescuers nearly an hour to bring one of the victims to safety. She was flown to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler and was in serious condition at last report, Francis said.

The other two victims were taken by ambulance to local hospitals in stable condition. He did not know which hospitals they were taken to. The driver of the tractor trailer was not hurt.

Even without a direct strike, Hurricane Ike could cause major damage in Houston area

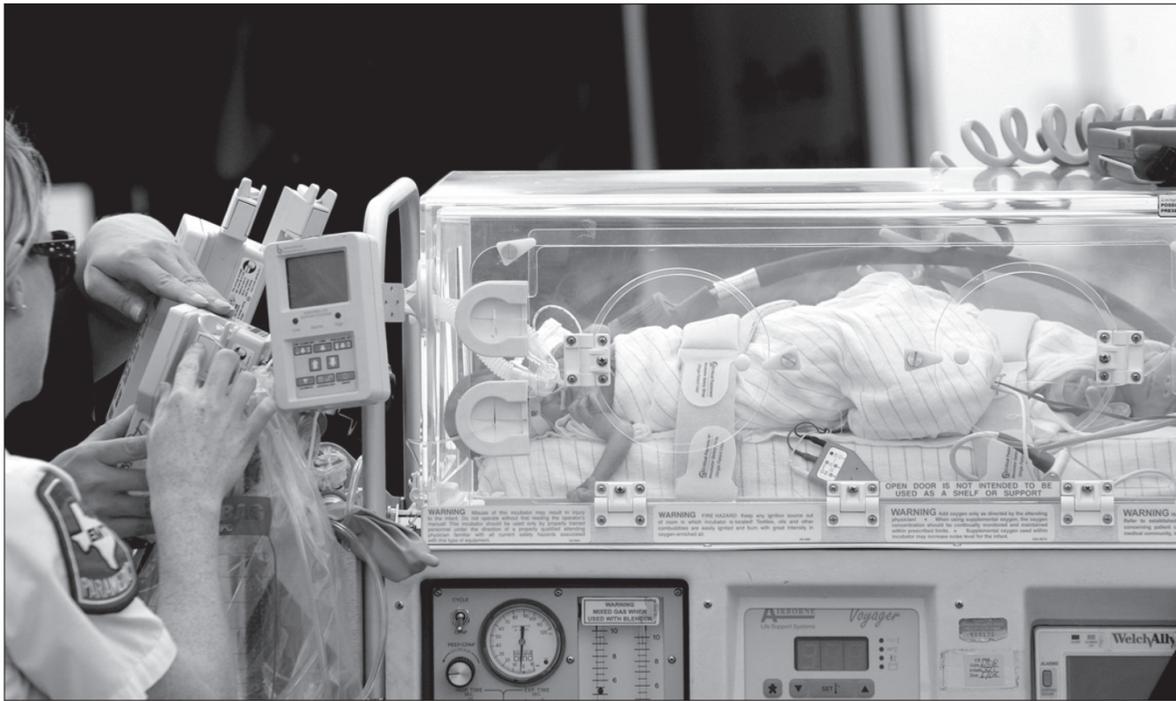
HOUSTON (AP) — Gleaming skyscrapers, the nation’s biggest refinery and NASA’s Johnson Space Center lie in areas that could be vulnerable to wind and damaging floodwaters if Hurricane Ike crashes ashore as a major hurricane.

Forecasters expect the storm to make landfall this weekend somewhere between Corpus Christi and Houston, creating the potential for heavy punishment for Houston even if it’s not hit directly.

Some forecasts say Ike could strengthen to a fearsome Category 4 hurricane with winds of at least 131 mph over the Gulf of Mexico, and emergency officials warned it could drive a storm surge as high as 18 feet.

If current projections of the storm’s path hold up, the area surrounding Houston — home to about 4 million people — would be lashed by the eastern or “dirty” side of the storm, said meteorologist Jeff Masters, co-founder of San Francisco-based Weather Underground. This stronger side of the storm often packs heavy rains, wal-loping storm surge and tornadoes.

“I expect a lot of damage in Houston from this storm,”



AP Photo/San Antonio Express-News/Lisa Krantz

Infants from a Corpus Christi hospital are transported to San Antonio hospitals Wednesday in preparation for Hurricane Ike.

said Masters, adding that Ike could cause a “huge storm surge” affecting at least 100 miles of the Texas coast.

Houston officials were expecting some flooding, the question is how much.

Patrick Trahan, spokesman for the city of Houston, told The Associated Press early Thursday that “based on the current forecast (we) would expect to see some flooding based solely on the surge in some low-lying areas.”

Four counties south and east of Houston have announced mandatory or voluntary evacuations, and authorities began moving weak and chronically ill patients by bus to San Antonio, about 190 miles from Houston. About 1 million people live in the coastal counties between Corpus Christi and Galveston.

But no immediate evacuations were ordered in Harris County, which includes Houston.

NorthCom helps evacuate medical patients, prepares to respond to Hurricane Ike

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AP) — U.S. Northern Command says it is establishing a search and rescue unit as Hurricane Ike heads toward the Texas coast.

NorthCom said Wednesday that the 331st Air Expeditionary Group, which would be responsible for search and rescue operations, will be based at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Texas.

Ike is expected to blow ashore early Saturday somewhere between Corpus Christi and Houston, with winds that could top 131 mph.

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8 :PM	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Fuego en la Sangre	Kitchen Nightmares	CSI: Crime Scn	Doña Barbara	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
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10 :PM	News	News	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
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WHAT'S PROSCIUTTO?

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AGNES

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THIS IS NO HAT! THIS IS THE HEADGEAR OF WELLNESS WOMAN!

IT WAVES TO AND FRO LIKE REGAL ANTENNAE TUNED TO LOCATE THE SAD WALLS OF THE UNWELL!

PLEASE REMOVE IT.

I SEE NOTHING IN SCHOOL POLICY PROHIBITING REGAL ANTENNAE.

HI AND LOIS

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RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY - COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY.

GET LOST!!

PIITTO!

I ASKED NICELY FIRST.

THE OTHER COAST

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WITH ALL THE BABY BOOMERS REACHING RETIREMENT AGE, THIS COMPANY COULD SEE A DRASTIC REDUCTION TO ITS TALENT POOL.

YOU GOTTA CHECK THIS OUT! SIMPSON IN ACCOUNTING HAS STAPLED HIMSELF TO WILSON IN SHIPPING!

POOL? IT'S MORE LIKE A PUDDLE.

SNUFFY SMITH

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TH' BARLOW BULLY CHASED ME ALL TH' WAY HOME AG'IN !!

TH' WHOLE FIVE MILES ??!

YES !! I CAN'T TAKE IT ENNYMORE !!

CAN WE MOVE CLOSER TO TH' SCHOOL ??!

BETLE BAILEY

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SLOW

REALLY SLOW

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Today is Thursday, Sept. 11, the 255th day of 2008. There are 111 days left in the year. This is Patriot Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 11, 2001, in the single worst act of terrorism committed on U.S. soil, nearly 3,000 people died when two hijacked jetliners crashed into New York's World Trade Center, causing the twin towers to collapse; a commandeered jetliner smashed into the Pentagon; and a fourth hijacked plane crashed in western Pennsylvania.

On this date:
In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.
In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon settlers.
In 1941, Charles A. Lindbergh sparked charges of anti-Semitism with a speech in Des Moines, Iowa, in which he said "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt admin-

istration" were trying to draw the United States into World War II.
In 1958, responding to Communist China's artillery attacks on the Taiwan-held islands of Quemoy and Matsu, President Eisenhower said in a broadcast address the U.S. had to be prepared to fight to prevent a communist takeover of the islands.
In 1971, former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died at age 77.
In 1972, the troubled Munich Summer Olympics ended.
In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.
In 1974, an Eastern Airlines DC-9 crashed during a landing attempt in Charlotte, N.C., killing 72 of the people on board.
In 1978, Georgi Markov, a Bulgarian defector, died at a British hospital four days after being stabbed by a man wielding a poisoned umbrella tip.
In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Betsy Drake is 85. Actor Earl Holliman is 80. Movie director Brian De Palma is 68. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 65. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 63. Actor Phillip

Alford is 60. Actress Amy Madigan is 58. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 55. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 55. Actor Reed Birney is 54. Singer-songwriter Diane Warren is 52. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 51. Actor Scott Patterson is 50. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 50. Actress Roxann Dawson is 50. Actress Virginia Madsen is 47. Actress Kristy McNichol is 46. Musician-composer Moby is 43. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo is 41. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 41. Rock musician Bart Van Der Zeeuw is 40. Actress Laura Wright is 38. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 37. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO) is 33. Rapper Mr. Black is 31. Rock musician Jon Buckland (Coldplay) is 31. Rapper Ludacris is 31.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BACK AT THE RANCH by Shirley Soloway
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ACROSS

- 1 12 named Pius
- 6 Bicker
- 10 Sailing vessel
- 14 Its has ETAs in CST
- 15 Became thin
- 16 Buffalo's county
- 17 Meat-loaf ingredient
- 18 Far from humid
- 19 Land measure
- 20 Is patient
- 23 Sushi-bar display
- 24 Diner offering
- 25 Places to get \$20s
- 28 Requirements
- 30 Muse of comedy
- 34 "New" beginning
- 35 Patron saint of France
- 37 "My goodness!"
- 38 Savvy
- 41 Trojan War catalyst
- 42 Doesn't go to
- 43 Avail oneself of
- 44 Fans' place
- 46 Galoot
- 47 Where to find rms.
- 48 Turner of song
- 50 Feast, for instance
- 52 Seemingly more-favorable conditions
- 59 Parks of civil-rights history
- 60 Send out
- 61 Overdo it on stage

DOWN

- 1 Trajectories, often
- 12 Current line
- 13 Wine sediment
- 21 Of bygone days
- 22 Not us
- 25 Egyptian crosses
- 26 Accepted dogma
- 27 Bucks
- 29 Juneau neighbor
- 31 Take in enthusiastically
- 32 Term of clarification
- 33 Beasts of burden
- 35 Type of 50 Across, informally
- 36 Ishmael and Starbuck, for two
- 39 Wasn't demanding
- 40 Fencing equipment
- 45 Allergic reaction
- 47 Girls' school's lack
- 49 Strong suit
- 51 First-string group
- 52 City in Austria
- 53 Tomato type
- 54 NBA Friday network
- 55 colada
- 56 Window-treatment hardware
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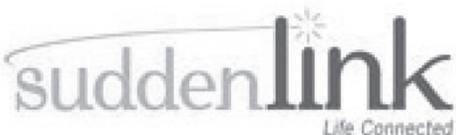
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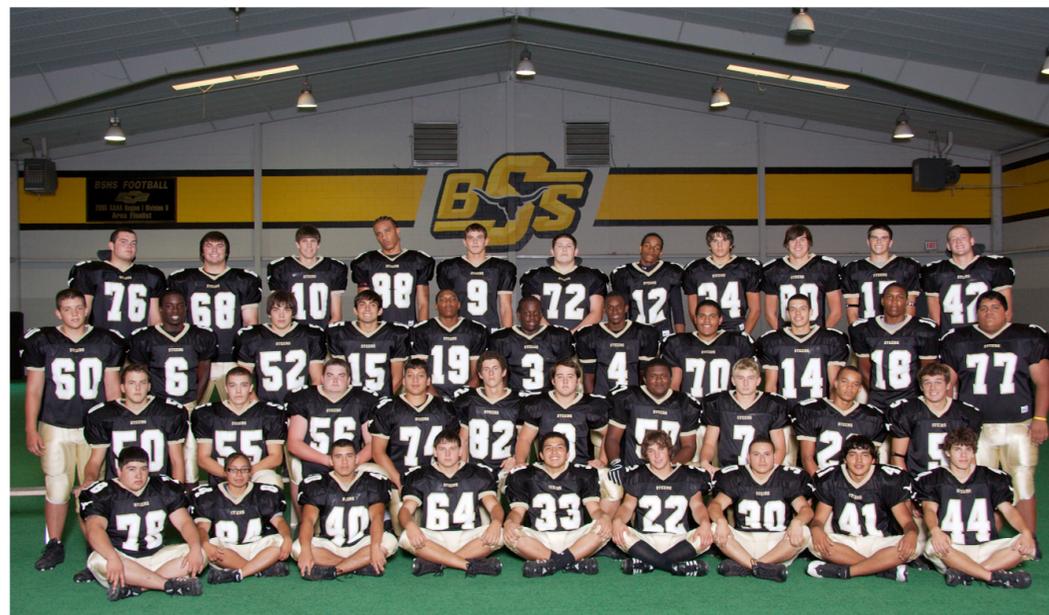


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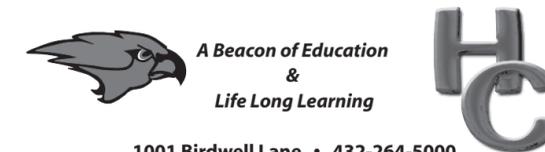
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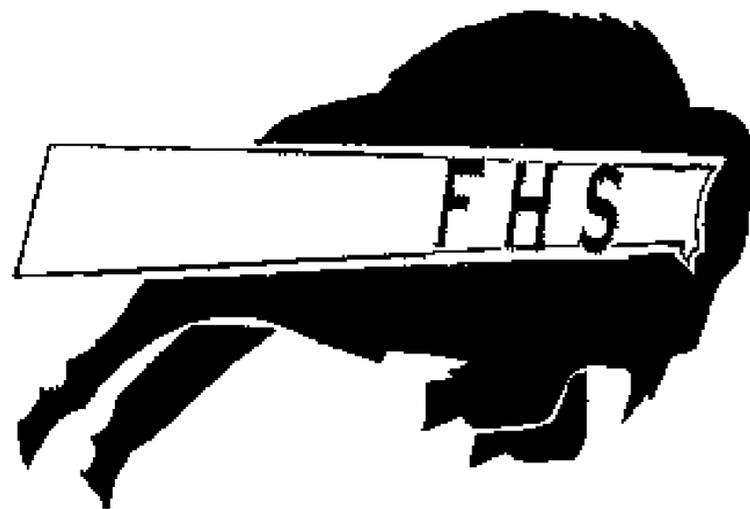
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