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*State representatives speak out

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Education reform, workforce training among talk topics

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring's elected state representatives sat down for a little chat with about 70 residents during a town hall meeting Thursday at Howard College.

State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) and State Rep. Joe Heflin (D-Crosbyton) were joined by State Rep. Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) for the meeting, held at the college's Hall Center for the Arts.

A variety of issues, ranging from taxes to education, were covered during the two-hour meeting, but it was economic development which took up the lion's share of discussion.

The three men agreed that training and maintaining a qualified workforce is one of the biggest challenges facing West Texas in the near future.

"I'm worried about the level of skilled labor in this region," Darby said. "Right now, it's all in the oilfield ... We're going to have to fill the gap. The legislature needs to provide the resources and the schools need to provide the training, or we darned sure will not be able to keep workers in West Texas."

Part of the problem, Seliger said, rested squarely on state officials, who have pushed for higher academic performance in Texas schools while pushing traditional vocational training to the side.

"People can make good

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring's representatives in the Texas Legislature, Rep. Joe Heflin, left, and Sen. Kel Seliger, listen to a question during a town hall meeting Thursday afternoon in the Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Today is a day to remember soldiers who inadvertently left behind.

The third Friday of each September has been designated as national Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action Day across the country, and the West Texas VA Health Care System kicked off local observances with a patriotic program Wednesday afternoon.

Iva Jo Hanslik, community coordinator relations WTVAHCS, said the center honored area POWs with a program and luncheon at the Big Spring Country Club.

Hanslik said comments and activities at the event were very moving.

"It totally reassures me why we are here serving our veterans," she said.

Air Force Lt. Col. Thomas W. Dobbs of Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo was the featured speaker during the event and he talked about continuing efforts to return and identify missing or captured U.S. soldiers.

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"Our POWs, MIAs and their loved ones are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice."

-Lt. Col. Thomas Dobbs

peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice," Dobbs said. "As we go about our daily lives and enjoy the blessings of liberty, we must never forget that there are others who have endured, and indeed may still be enduring, the agony of torture, deprivation

and separation from family and

"Today's event commemorates the service and sacrifice of our honored guests ... and many thousands of other families who have endured similar hardships for our nation," he added.

Dr. Chris Bacorn, interim medical center director, noted that 142,000 soldiers haver been captured and held as POWs since World War I. Of that number. 20,000 survive today.

The Joint Services Color Guard from Goodfellow presented the colors and also performed the

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Memory Walk to help in Alzheimer's fight

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents will get the chance to take a stand — and a walk — against Alzheimer's disease Saturday morning, as the Big Spring chapter of the Alzheimer's Association holds its annual Memory Walk to raise money and awareness.

Local coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association and director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Nancy Jones said the walk will get under way at 9 a.m. at the Old Settler's



the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park for a nice walk in the park, hot dogs and prizes," said Jones.

"We will gather at

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

"The money we raise each year

stavs right here in Howard County. It goes to help the families dealing with the disease and offers them the education and group services they need. It funds the different services the Alzheimer's Association provides. A percentage of the money is also used to help fund research on the disease."

Jones said the walk is about raising funds for the Alzheimer's Association — which provides valuable services to area residents with the disease and their caregivers — and awareness in the community.

"We have two main courses we'll walk," said Jones. "The long course is about two miles, while the short course is about a mile. Of course, that doesn't mean anyone has to walk any particular distance. We have some people who come out and support by just walking a short distance. It's all for a good cause."

Alzheimer 's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make

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Former Steer elected to A&M Hall of Fame

Herald Staff Report

COLLEGE STATION — Last week, several Big Spring High School alumni were recognized during homecoming week for their achievements after graduation.

The celebration continues this weekend as 1951 Big Spring graduate Bobby Jack Gross will be inducted into the Texas A&M Athletic Hall of Fame in ceremonies at College Station.

Gross was a three-year letterman (1953-54, 56) as a thrower in track and field for Head Coach Frank Anderson. Gross won both the shot put and discus crowns in the Southwest Conference Championships in both 1954 and 1956. He finished second in both events in 1953, but helped the Aggies win the SWC team championship that

He went on to earn his doctorate in veterinary medicine

from Texas A&M. Gross made his home in Pecos, where he was a veterinarian for 25 years. He moved to Fort Worth and worked for the Texas Animal Health Commission for six years before retiring in 1993. He passed away April 29, 2006.

Gross' daughter Suzanne Herrmann will represent her father at the banquet and at halftime ceremonies during A&M's football game against the University of Miami. Joining Gross as Hall of Fame inductees are track decathlete Rick Barker, baseball slugger Daylan Holt, volleyball standout Jenna Moscovic, basketball great Vernon Smith, former student Jerry Cox, who is being honored for his outstanding contributions throughout his life to A&M athletics, and legendary football coach R.C. Slocum, who is the winningest football coach in Texas A&M history.

Steer spotlight

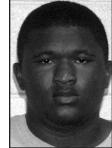
Defensive end Quentin Ausbie

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

It's strange to say, but sometimes a traditionally successful high school football program takes winning for granted.

That's not a worry for Big Spring Steers senior defensive end Quentin Ausbie. Ausbie is in his second year on varsity for the Steers. He played for Big Spring from seventh to ninth grade. However, his sophomore season was spent in Colorado City, playing for the Wolves who went 0-10 that year.



Ausbie

The past two years Ausbie has been a part of two Steers' squads that have finished 3-8. Three weeks into the 2008 season, Big Spring is 2-1 and looks ready to contend for a District 4-4A title.

"It's nice to be on a team with a chance at winning a district title," Ausbie said. "It means a lot to me to be a part of a winning team."

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Big Spring Steers at Andrews Mustangs

When: 7:30 p.m. tonight Where: Mustang Bowl in Andrews Radio: KBYG 1400AM, KBST.com, KBST 1490AM, KBEST 95.7 FM

On the verge

Baylor's Griffin, UConn's Brown ready to break out

By PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press Writer

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut tailback Donald Brown and Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin are not household names in college football — yet.

The two burgeoning stars get to display their talents before a national television audience Friday when UConn (3-0) hosts Baylor (2-1) in the first meeting between the schools.

Brown comes into the game as the nation's second-leading rusher, averaging almost 189 yards. He's had back-to-back 200-yard efforts, including a 206-yard, three-touchdown performance in Connecticut's 45-10 win over Virginia last Saturday. The junior has 79 carries this season for 566 yards and eight touchdowns.

"I think he's a stud," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "The guy can play. He's compact. He's got great hips. He's got great vision and balance. He's fast. There's a reason he's No. 2 in the country. He's good."

Brown wasn't supposed to be the lone star of the UConn backfield. Coming into the season, he was expected to split time with Andre Dixon, a second-team all-conference running back a year ago. But Dixon has been hampered by an ankle injury suffered in the preseason, leaving Brown with the bulk of the carries.

Brown ran the ball a career-high 36 times for 214 yards during a driving rain at Temple two weeks ago, but had just 20 carries against Virginia.

UConn coach Randy Edsall said he plans to get Brown about 20 to 25 touches a game as Dixon works his way back from the injury. Freshman Jordan Todman, who had 81 yards rushing last week, also will see some action, Edsall said.

Griffin, Baylor's freshman star, took over the quarterbacking duties from last year's starter, Blake Szymanski, in a season-opening 41-13 loss to Wake Forest.

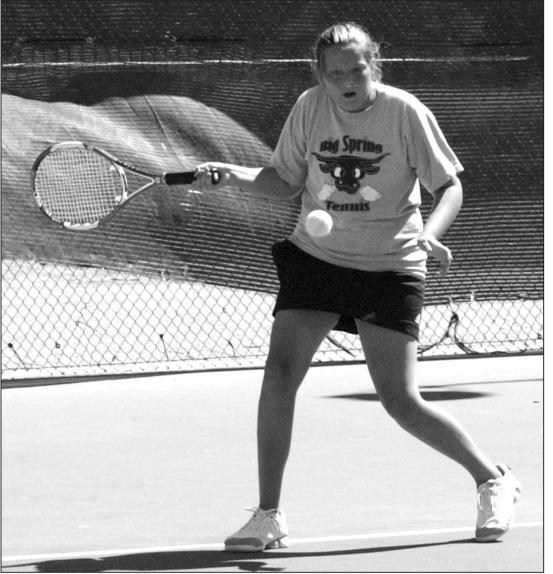
Griffin has not looked back in leading Baylor to consecutive blowout wins, 51-6 over Northwestern State and 45-17 over Washington State.

"We do have a high confidence right now," Griffin said. "But we haven't taken down any of the big ones yet."

Griffin is a dual threat and a track star who already holds the school record in the 400-meter hurdles. He has rushed 32 times for 314 yards and four touchdowns, and completed 33 of 53 passes for 548 yards and another four scores.

In last week's win over the Cougars, Griffin scrambled or ran for 217

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring High School tennis player Reba Smith used her forehand to hit the ball back to an opponent in action from Thursday at the Big Spring Junior Varsity Tennis Tournament at Figure Seven Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Gritty Witten key to Cowboys' offense

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jason Witten was just a rookie trying to establish himself in the NFL when he broke his jaw, had several plates implanted to fix it, then got back into the lineup after missing only one game.

Last year, he was just a guy who saw a chance to gain a bunch of yards when he kept running after getting his helmet pried off. He happily traded a bloody nose for a careerbest 53-yard gain.

On Monday night, Witten was just eager to get back into the action when he went to the locker room for X-rays on his aching right shoulder midway through the second quarter and learned it wasn't broken. After taking a shot to kill the pain, he caught a long pass that set up a field goal just before halftime, then another biggie that set up the winning touchdown in the Dallas Cowboys' 41-37 victory over Philadelphia.

Ever since, teammates, coaches and owner Jerry Jones have offered all sorts of accolades about Witten, praising his grit, desire and toughness.

That's why he's a captain, some said. That's why he's an

All-Pro, others said.

Said Witten: Why all the

"Sometimes, it's made bigger than it really is," he said Thursday. "Yeah, I guess I am a tough player and stuff like that, but I'd hope that everybody else on this team would do the same thing. Realize, you've got a good team, you've got a good opportunity — you've got to take advantage of that, you know. We need all the playmakers we can get out there. I'd do that if there was nobody out there, if it was practice. That's just the way

I've always played."
Witten has been a big part of Dallas' offense since arriving in Bill Parcells' first draft class, in 2003. Things kicked up a notch last season with the arrival of offensive coordinator Jason Garrett. Witten ended up challenging NFL records for catches, yards and touchdowns by a tight end.

Two games into this season, his 13 catches and 206 yards are best among tight ends and near the top of all receivers.

"It's hard to cover him," teammate Terrell Owens said. "He runs great routes. You put a safety on him, it's going to

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AP photo/Tim Sharp

Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten (82) tries to avoid Philadelphia Eagles cornerback Sheldon Brown (24) during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game in Irving Monday. Witten's toughness and his reliability in the clutch were on full display in the game against the Eagles.

Sports in brief

BSCC hosting over-80 scramble Oct. 11-12

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled an over-80 scramble where the combined ages of the two-person team must be 80 or higher.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart fee, however, private carts are welcome. The event is scheduled for Oct. 11-12 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days, and it benefits the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Entry also includes barbecue on the course both days.

the field will be flighted by first round scores.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Howard College schedules mini-cheer camp and Battle

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

The cheer camp is for girls from kindergarten through sors being admitted free.

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

Obituaries

Lillian Tereletsky



Lillian Tereletsky, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, in a Midland nursing home. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 6, 1924, in Claridge, Pa., and married Michael Tereletsky

Aug. 30, 1947, in Biloxi, Miss. He preceded her in death Jan. 25, 1983.

She moved to Big Spring in 1955 as a member of Webb Air Force Base. She enjoyed reading and being "Mrs. T" to the many children she cared for, loving them as if they were her own.

Lillian was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church where she served as a member of the Altar Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Michele Tereletsky of Schertz and Judith Tereletsky of Big Spring; one son, Mark Tereletsky of Wadsworth, Ohio: one sister. Elizabeth "Libby" Dzikiy of Wilmerding, Pa.; and two grandsons, Mark S. Tereletsky and Michael D. Tereletsky, both of Wadsworth, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Sarah Falta Ortciger; one sister, Helen Ortciger; and one brother, Joseph Ortciger.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Big Spring Humane Society, PO Box 823, Big Spring 79721; or to Dora Roberts Rehab Center, PO Box 2213, Big

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

Jonathan Leroy Allen



Jonathan Leroy Allen, 31, of Burnet died Sept. 12, 2008. He was born Oct. 18, 1976, in Big Spring and was the son of Dan Allen of Austins and Nancy Allen of Kingsland. Jonathan was a graduate of Burnet High School and attended TSTI in Waco.

Jonathan is survived by Katherine, the mother of his children, Alia and Amira, and by Holly Allen and her daughter, Lilly. He is also survived by brothers, Danny Allen of his

Washington, D.C., Ryan Allen of Austin, Bryce Allen of Temple and Daniel Allen of Houston; his sister, Diane Raulston of Tennessee; his biological mother, Tana Kennemer and husband John; and by his biological father, Steve Fox and his wife Marva.

Memorial services were held Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, at 1 p.m. at the Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home Chapel with Tim Denton officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home of Burnet

Patricia Lynn 'Pat' Black

Patricia Lynn "Pat" Black, 52, of Big Spring died pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William M. Irwin

William M. Irwin, 88, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, in a La Grange nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Louise Proctor

Louise Proctor, 81, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Robert Orosco

Robert Orosco, 62, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

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

SATURDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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



Police blotter

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

- MARY HELEN ESCOVEDO, 44, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a local citation and a charge of resisting arrest.
- LORENZO FERRERA YANEZ, 34, of 211 Channing, was arrested Thursday on charges of criminal trespass and resisting arrest.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1000
- block of Runnels. • THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Graffa.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH TRANSPORTATION was reported:
- in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- in the 1100 block of Fifth Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/ SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 1100 block of Fifth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of Fifth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: in the 700 block of Washington.
- in the 900 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- CRYSTAL ANN BURCHETT, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a bond forfeiture for driving while license invalid.
- CHRISTOPHER AARON SALAZAR, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARCELINO LEON PEREZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and a Hockley County warrant for criminal trespass.
- PAUL LOZANO TORRES, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- FRANK A. TREVINO, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- MICHAEL ROY ROBERSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole.
- DYLAN THURMAN, 17, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.
- Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.
- One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.

Take Note

- · American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plant and cake walks will also be held. Serving will be from noon until 3 p.m. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Order by calling 263-2084. Carry-out plates will be available. Plates will be \$10 each.
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.
- A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.
- Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 1401 S. Main St. in Big Spring. Lunch will be catered by Al's and Son Barbecue and served at noon. Cost will be \$11 per plate, including dessert and drink. RSVP to Betty Pitts at 267-1449 or Sissy Jones at 213-4452.
- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.



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OR

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information,
- 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.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: (20-27-28-35. Bonus Ball:

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 3-13-21-22-37

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-2

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-8-8. Sum it Up: 24.

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

- The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/ TakeSurvey?id=929626.
- Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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be tough, as you saw in the last game. He beat one of the best safeties probably in the league (Brian Dawkins). He beat that guy time and time again. If you put a linebacker on him, you expect the same results."

Witten's role goes deeper than stats.

He's the safety valve for quarterback Tony Romo and the guy who helps open things up for T.O., making him more of a No. 2 receiver than No. 2 receiver Patrick Crayton. Witten also is the sixth offensive lineman. And, with Dallas' lone fullback out for the next month, Witten expects to be throwing more lead blocks for running back Marion Barber — bum shoulder or

"It's not something I'm worried about or thinking. 'Man, I don't know if I'm going to be able to go, Witten said, adding that he has full range of motion. "I feel fine."

Not that he'd admit anything different.

Besides, he knows he won't get much sympathy athome. His wife, Michelle, is a former emergencyroom nurse.

"She's seen a lot worse than a sprained shoulder," he said, laughing.

Even Michelle Witten probably gasped when her husband ran around without his helmet against the Eagles last year.

That play is easily the most memorable of his career because it looks so cool.

A signed picture of it hangs over the locker of offensive lineman Marc Colombo, one stall over from Witten's.

The fact it happened late in a game the Cowboys already were comfortably winning adds to the lega-

Still, Witten trumped it with his performance against those same Eagles Monday night. Unfortunately, there's no single image to sum it up.

Dallas had gone from leading 14-6 to trailing 30-21 in the first half. Witten missed a series and a half after getting hurt, then rejoined the huddle with the Cowboys on their own 22-yard line with 45 seconds and one timeout

The first play was a dumpoff to Witten that went for 3 yards. After hurrying back to the line. Witten got free up the middle and Romo spotted him for 42 yards, to the Philadelphia 33.

The Cowbovs spent the timeout and kicked a field goal to go into the half a touchdown away from the

Midway through the fourth quarter, with the Eagles leading 37-34, Dallas recovered a fumble. On first down from the Philadelphia 37. Romo again hit Witten down the middle. Two plays later, the Cowboys were back ahead for good.

Final stats: seven catches for 110 yards, with one sprained shoulder, one X-ray and one painkiller.

"Witt is going to be a tough guy," T.O. said. "He's going to play through whatever he has to play through to get the job done."

Notes: OLB Anthony Spencer had trouble with his surgically repaired knee and missed practice Thursday. Spencer missed the opener, but played the second game. "We're going to be cautious with it and explore everything," coach Wade Phillips said, adding that Spencer is questionable to play Sunday night in Green Bay. ... LG Kyle Kosier (foot) looks ready to make his season debut. probably back in the starting lineup. Phillips said Kosier practiced with the first team and "held his own" in 1-on-1 pass-rush drills. "He could've played a game today and would've done fine, I think," Phillips said. "The last hurdle is making sure he's not too sore Friday.

Europe off to another fast Ryder Cup start

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Europe is off to another fast start at the Ryder Cup.

Padraig Harrington and Robert Karlsson birdied the first hole shortly after sunrise Friday to go 1-up on the U.S. team of Phil Mickelson and Anthony Kim, then Henrik Stenson and Paul Casey quickly jumped ahead in their match when Justin Leonard and Hunter Mahan bogeyed No.

The Europeans are seeking their fourth straight win in Ryder Cup, the last two coming by huge nine-point margins.

Mickelson's opening tee shot was 30 vards past Harrington's, but Karlsson hit a brilliant iron to 6 feet. Kim's approach left Mickelson with about a 25-foot putt, but his birdie attempt slid just right of the hole. Harrington, winner of golf's last two major championships, calmly rolled in his birdie to take the hole.

With the first shot of his Ryder Cup career, Mahan left the Americans with a mess at the opening hole when his approach veered off into a runoff area left of the green. The Americans wound up taking bogev, while Stenson and Casev had an easy two-putt par to take an early

The other two alternate-shot matches of the morning session: Stewart Cink and Chad Campbell (U.S.) vs. Justin Rose and Ian Poulter (Europe); and home-state favorite Kenny Perry and Jim Furyk (U.S.) vs. Lee Westwood and Sergio Garcia (Europe).

Mickelson was eager to tee off with Kim, the rising star of American golf.

"Anthony and I have been talking about this for some time," Lefty said. "I love that we are able to get off in the first group and get out and hit the first shots.

Europe finds itself in the unprecedented role of favorite on U.S. soil, which isn't too surprising in light of recent Ryder Cup history and the records of each

The Americans have six Ryder rookies. Not one of their experienced players has a winning record in golf's most storied team event, the six of them coming in roll from there."

with a cumulative mark of 19 wins, 37 loss and 17 ties.

Compare that with the Europeans, whose eight returnees have a combined record of 42-29-14.

"But it doesn't mean we can't come out and play well, and with the help of the crowd and with a golf course that's well suited for many of our players, have a great week and possibly come out on top," Mickelson said. "It will be a great challenge we have to face. There's no question the favorite in the European team, given that they have won quite handily the last few times."

U.S. captain Paul Azinger did all he could to stop Europe's recent dominance in the Ryder Cup. He overhauled the qualifying process to field the best team he could. He set the course up just like he wanted, with moderate rough that should yield lots of birdies. He tried to convince his players that the past — Europe has won five of the last six - means nothing.

"It's like drawing back a bow string," he said, motioning like an archer. "You pull it back for two years, and now you've got to let it fly. All you can do is hope you've got it pointed in the right direction."

Perry, the clear favorite of the Kentucky crowd, was paired with the reliable Furvk to face Europe's most formidable pair. Garcia is 8-0 in foursomes, while Westwood is unbeaten in his last 10 team matches.

"Sergio and I have played well together in the past and taken in a few points for the European cause, so we will be looking to do the same," Westwood said.

The Americans have not led after any session on any day at the Ryder Cup since winning at Brookline. And they have not led after the opening session of four matches since 1991 at Kiawah

"We have six rookies on the team, which I think is a good thing," said Steve Stricker, who's one of them at age 41. "We haven't experienced some of those defeats in the previous years. And I think it's important that we do get off to a good start to gain some momentum and just

BAYLOR

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yards on 11 carries and three touchdowns, and had three runs over 50 vards.

He reminds Edsall of West Virginia's Pat White.

"He doesn't look like a freshman when you watch him on tape," Edsall said. "He's a guy who is going to

four years." This will be the first road

test for Baylor since Briles brought his spread offense from Houston in the offseason. The Bears were just 1-5 on the road last year and will be facing a UConn team that has won nine straight at home. Connecticut's defense has given up just one touchdown this season while holding opponents to an average of 229 yards.

Cornerback Darius give people fits for the next Butler called Griffin a

defense's worst nightmare. but said the Huskies have the benefit of having played other good running quarterbacks such as White and South Florida's Matt Grothe.

"We feel confident in the guys that we have up there that we can handle him up front," Butler said. "And the guys we have in the back understand their coverage. So, we're pretty confident as a defense right now.'

AUSBIE

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Ausbie is just one of several players the Steers' use in a rotation at defensive end, including fellow seniors LeLonnie Jackson played two run-oriented and Zack Saldivar.

Last week, the Steers' defensive line got the opportunity to finally tee off on an opponent's backfield. In the first two games of the season, Big Spring

opponents in Snyder and Denison. However, Pampa decided to throw the ball 40 times against the Steers on homecoming night and the defense answered with five sacks and consistent pressure on the Harversters' quarterback Alex

Clendening. Ausbie was part of the contingent contstantly in Clendening's face.

"I enjoy playing spread offenses than run offenses," Ausbie noted. "I like to see a tackle set up in pass protection. Then I can just go all out at the quarterback. I think I've got enough speed and power to get past every tackle I

This week, the Steers draw one of their biggest rivals in the Andrews Mustangs (0-3). To add more heat to an already bitter feud, the Mustangs have scheduled Big Spring for their homecoming game at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

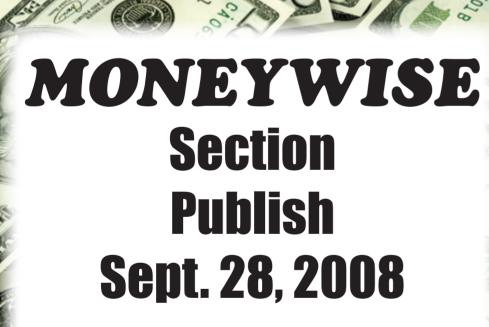
Last season, the 'Stangs delivered a heartbreaking loss at the Big Spring homecoming, 33-27. Ausbie said the many factors into the game definitely motivate the whole team heading into tonight's contest.

"If we can beat them at their homecoming, then we just get some revenge and do to them what they did to us last year," Ausbie said. "I feel like we can beat Andrews every year. We've been beating them since we were in junior high. I think if our seniors are all playing together, then no team we played in junior high can beat us."

Ausbie's confidence is just a portrayal of the optimism sweeping across the Steers' team, coaches and

"We're going to beat Andrews," Ausbie said. "I'm confident because of our speed on offense and the intelligence of our defense."

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Congress promises quick action on financial crisis bailout plan from Bush administration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress promised quick action on a plan to buy up toxic assets, such as bad mortgages, held by troubled banks and other institutions, hoping to lift the nation out of its worst financial crisis in decades.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke are crafting a plan, which they plan to soon deliver to lawmakers, after concluding they need broader powers to combat fallout from a housing and credit market meltdown that has sent shock waves through Wall Street and around the globe. Congressional leaders said they expected to get the plan Friday and act on it before Congress recesses for the election.

"We hope to move very quickly. Time is of the essence," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said after Paulson and Bernanke briefed congressional leaders Thursday night.

Stocks on Wall Street shot up more than 400 points late Thursday on word that a plan was in the works. Fallout from the housing and credit debacles have badly bruised the economy and pushed unemployment to a five-year high.

"I don't say any prudent money manager would say we're out of the woods, but right in this moment it all seems positive and leading toward an upward move for the market going into Friday session," said Scott Fullman. director of derivative investment strategy for New York-based institutional broker WJB Capital Group.

Obama and senior economic advisers seek ideas to calm worsening financial turmoil

MIAMI (AP) — Barack Obama turned to a team of advisers that shaped America's economy in happier days to fashion fresh ideas for calming the stomach-churning financial crisis that has thundered from Wall Street to Main Street.

Some of the most respected names in the business world were pitching in Friday, including billionaire investor Warren Buffett, former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, former Treasury secretaries Robert Rubin, Lawrence Summers and Paul O'Neill and Laura Tyson, former head of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Clinton.

Obama, the Democratic presidential nominee, was to meet with advisers in Coral Gables, Fla., on the campus of the University of Miami and then announce his new proposals. Buffett and O'Neill and perhaps others were to participate by way of a telephone conference call.

Less than seven weeks before Election Day, the highprofile consultations appeared designed to portray Obama in a presidential-like setting, grappling with the nation's gravest problems and making decisions with the help of a big-name team of experts.

Republican rival John McCain has charged that Obama is too inexperienced to sit in the Oval Office. Friday's meeting was tailored to show that McCain is wrong. But at the end of the day, Obama's proposals will be campaign fodder as opposed to the real bailout plan taking shape in Washington to rescue banks from bad debt.

Officials struggle to stabilize services, restore normalcy amid grim tableau left by Ike

GALVESTON (AP) — It's been nearly a week since Hurricane Ike bulled ashore, and the images of oncebustling coastal Texas communities reduced to only a faint shadow of their old selves are no less staggering.

Survivors traipsing past debris piled higher than their heads. Loose livestock grazing beneath downed power lines. Before-and-after shots of whole neighborhoods washed away. Scores of people taking on the drudgery of making it all livable again for weary and anxious evacuees still waiting to come home.

"The city of Galveston is not in ruins," Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said Thursday, striking a defiant tone.

There's some power to the only hospital, but not enough. Cell phone service is improving, which helps repair crews coordinate, but coverage is still spotty. More water is flowing out of the city's pipes than is flow-

North Korea to restart nuclear facility

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — North Korea said Friday it was preparing to restart its nuclear reactor, accusing the United States of failing to fulfill its obligations under an international disarmament-for-aid agreement.

It was the first time the North has confirmed it has begun reversing what it has done so far to roll back its nuclear program, though it has warned it would do so in anger over Washington's failure to remove it from the U.S. terrorism blacklist.

"We are making thorough preparations for restoration" of the Yongbyon nuclear complex, the deputy director-general of North Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hyun Hak Bong, told reporters.

Contract

By Steve Becker Test Your Defensive Play

You are West, defending against Four Hearts, South having bid one heart, North two hearts and South four hearts. When you lead the eight of diamonds, your partner wins with the ace, South playing the six, and returns the three, South playing the king — which you ruff. What would you do now?

- **♦**05 **♣**OJ73
- West **♠** 10 9 7 3 **♥**942

♣K 10 9 6 2 If you have faith in partner, you should return a low club. You should assume that East read your diamond lead as a singleton and expected you to ruff the diamond return at trick

Under these circumstances, East's lead of the three, rather than any old diamond, has a special mean-return, you can always show your ing. It is a suit-preference signal indicating that he wants you to return a error of his ways.

club rather than a spade at trick three. Had partner wanted a spade return, he would have led a high diamond instead. (If partner had no preference, he would return a mediumsized diamond.)

Declarer's hand probably looks something like:

• A K 8 4 **♥**AQ1053 ♦KQ6

in which case South goes down one if you return a club, but makes the contract if you return a spade.

It is true that leading a club away from the king at trick three, with dummy holding Q-J-7-3, looks very unappetizing. But, assuming that East is familiar with standard suitpreference signals and does not play his cards idly, it is clearly the right

If it turns out that partner has the spade ace and not the club ace - or neither ace — and declarer makes the contract as a result of your club partner this column to teach him the

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living in the technical skills, but education and training are absolutely essential," he said. "I think some people feel that socalled vocational education is the pathway to a less-than-successful life and that's definitely not the case."

To help educators meet these challenges, the three men said there are some things the Legislature could do. Seliger said that, for starters, he would like to see Texas teachers making at least the national average in salaries, while Heflin said the state should de-emphasize standardized testing like the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

We need to move away from the TAKS," he said. "I know its purpose is to increase accountability in schools, but we've always had that — we called it

the six-week exams when I was in school," Heflin said. "And we need to increase teacher salaries. Teachers are doing a great job, but goodness knows they're not doing it for the money."

Seliger flatly agreed with elimination of the TAKS testing.

"It is a waste of time and money and we need to do away with it," he declared. "We've always had accountability in schools, but there's too much emphasis on standardized tests that end up devaluing learning. The system is a mess and we need to reassess it — and we will."

Darby, whose constituency encompasses Tom Green, Coke, Mitchell and Scurry counties, was the point man on taxes during the meeting and he said legislators need to address a property appraisal system he called "broken."

"Appraisals have gone up so much in the last few years that no one has a good feeling about the process," Darby said. "It's difficult to budget a household if your appraisals keep going up at such a dramatic rate.

"The challenge," he said, "is to achieve true fair market value for property appraisals." "We're going to try to do good for you this next session. We're going to try to give you true property tax relief."

Afterward, Heflin and Seliger both said meetings such as Thursday's were vitally important.

"We work for the people and without their input on the various issues ... we'd be lost." Heflin said.

Seliger concurred.

"We want everyone to know how important it is to us for citizens to provide their input," he said. "They don't need me to tell them what the important issues are. They do need to know how (legislators) plan to address those issues."

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Missing Man ceremony.

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"A person is diagnosed country," said Jones. States alone. Last year it was every 72 seconds, so we are losing ground.

"There is hope, hope for

future generations. Research for a cure, medication and a preventative measure are ongoing. But the sobering fact is that until then, 1,217 people are

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

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Plummeting oil prices will help consumers

il prices are plummeting around the globe, down 38 percent since July. It's one of the few upbeat developments right now for American consumers. Back in July the cost of oil topped \$147 a barrel, and some feared it could surge to \$200 or more. But on Tuesday it was barely over \$91 a barrel. Who's benefiting?

- Motorists across the country are paying less at the pump than earlier this summer. Although prices have jumped a bit since Hurricane Ike, they are likely to go back down soon, given the big fall in petroleum markets.
- Farmers and large trucking companies are shelling out less for diesel fuel. A gallon that cost \$4.85 in mid-July had fallen to \$4.10 this week, even after Hurricane Ike. If they continue, reduced fuel costs for farmers and shippers eventually should result in lower prices for food and for many goods carried by trucks.
- Airlines aren't paying as much now for jet fuel as they did earlier this summer. Again. the decreased price of oil could eventually lead to lower ticket prices and could ease recently imposed charges for extra luggage.

But there are also some drawbacks to falling oil prices.

Energy experts worry that Americans may be encouraged to resume their gas-guzzling ways. Consumers ought to continue conserving gasoline and purchasing more fuel-efficient vehicles. After all, the dip in U.S. gasoline demand this summer quickly helped lower oil

Economists point out that petroleum demand also is falling because of weakened economies around the world. Fewer people are flying, for instance. The International Air Transport Association is forecasting billions in losses for airlines this year and next — even with modestly lower oil prices.

Still, the lower cost of gasoline is saving American consumers billions of dollars. Just as sharply higher costs for oil earlier this vear damaged the U.S. economy, lower prices in the coming months could help breathe new life into

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A tougher but urgent transition ahead

n the morning of Nov. 5, whoever wakes up as president-elect should be able to answer a question that stumped Robert Redford's character at the end of "The Candidate."

"What do we do now?" said victorious California Sen.-elect Bill McKay, Redford's character. Presidents-elect

have a far tougher job than new senators, who don't have to set an agenda, prepare a budget or make major appointments.

Fortunately, Barack Obama and John McCain, like other

recent nominees, already have transition operations to map plans for the next administration. Both campaigns reportedly hope to speed the process of clearing key national security advisers so they can get started on the problems they inherit

Unfortunately, the growth in presidential appointees and an increasingly cumbersome clearance and nominations process means that, even with good intentions, the next president will need months to create a functioning government.

Transition expert Paul Light, a New York University professor, notes that John F. Kennedy took less than six months to install 200 top Senate-confirmed appointees. In 2001, President Bush took a year longer, in part because he had to fill 600 such jobs.

Clay Johnson, who supervised the Bush transition and will help to coordinate the coming one, told a

transition-planning panel this week that Bush had only 25 top appointees in place by April 1 and about 230 to 240 by August.

On average, he said, it took 90 days from selection until confirmation. And the process could be even slower next year.

These delays make it hard for a new administration to implement the policy shifts it promised on the stump. What it can do is issue executive orders and propose revisions in the budget it will submit within weeks of taking office.

In a July article in the Los Angeles Times, Light suggested having the two campaigns announce a joint commitment to transition planning and start getting potential job candidates to fill out personnel forms before Election Day.

But even transition planning has become the subject of partisan criticism.

When word leaked in July that Obama had a transition operation, Republicans said he was presumptuous. When Time reported last week that McCain had asked veteran Washington lobbyist Bill Timmons to plan his transition, the Obama campaign cited him in a commercial criticizing the role of lobbyists in the McCain campaign.

Campaign pressures also detract from transition planning. In the past, some initial transition work was scrapped when campaign political operatives became involved after the election.

A procedural barrier is that, unlike college applications, campaigns and congressional committees never agreed to use a uniform online application form for job candidates. Instead, committees insist

on their own procedures and forms. And they could pose an even bigger problem if a Republican presidentelect McCain has to get his nominees through a Democratic-controlled Senate.

Another problem, Johnson said, is that once an election is over, "every administration is overwhelmed by advisers, job seekers and advice givers."

And transition planners may be jockeying for top jobs themselves.

While some of this is inevitable, veterans of past transitions agreed at this week's panel discussion at the liberal Center for American Progress that the priorities for an Obama or McCain transition should be the White House staff and national security team.

Some past national security teams, said former Clinton Deputy Defense Secretary Rudy deLeon, were named right before Christmas, a bad time to get much work done and less than a month before taking of-

Past transitions show the importance of all this.

By all accounts, Bush ran such an efficient transition in 2000 that his administration got off to a fast start. By contrast, Bill Clinton wasted time with distractions from an economic conference to an untimely fight with the Pentagon over gays in the military.

The result: a stumbling start.

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A question for Iran's leader

ran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is coming to the United Nations next week. If he holds a news conference, he will, of course, be challenged on Iran's suspect nuclear program

and his unrelenting rhetoric about Israel. But here's a question that might get at the Iranian president's vision for his country:

"Why have you jailed two Iranian doctors who pio-

neered the treatment of Iranian victims of HIV/AIDS?" Kamiar and Arash

Alaei, who are brothers, worked a near miracle by starting a broad AIDS awareness and treatment program in an Islamic republic that emphasizes a puritan image.

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In the mid-1980s, Iranian officials viewed HIV/AIDS as a "Western disease" and were reluctant to acknowledge that it existed in Iran. But the disease was spreading among high-risk populations, especially drug addicts in prisons who reused dirty needles.

In 1999, the Alaei brothers, then newly minted doctors, learned of the high infection rate in a prison in their hometown of Kermanshah. With difficulty, they assembled community and government backing to treat the addicts and their family members.

The program gradually spread to clinics in cities across Iran, giving out clean needles and condoms. Religious leaders in the holy city of Qom endorsed it.

I met Kamiar Alaei at a conference in Washington last spring. Bubbling with enthusiasm, he described how he laid out the need for HIV/AIDS clinics to clerics, emphasizing that "saving a life is a priority in Islam."

"We designed a model," he added,

"but we didn't call it an 'AIDS clinic.' We never used the term 'sex workers,' but spoke of 'vulnerable women."

These brothers no doubt helped prevent an AIDS epidemic. With opium flowing in from Afghanistan, Iran's rate of heroin use is high, and the risk presented by the use of unclean needles is enormous.

Perhaps this is why, as reported by McClatchy Newspapers' Hannah Allam, Ahmadinejad came out in favor of distributing methadone a year after his election. (Some of his Cabinet ministers said, however, that AIDS was not a priority, and labeled the handbook produced by Still, the World Health Organiza-

Arash Alaei as an embarrassment.) tion named the Alaei brothers' clinics the best-practice model for the Middle East and North Africa. The brothers held training courses for Afghan and Tajik medical workers, and they worked with the Asia Society on HIV/AIDS programs.

"They were doing great work, sharing best practices on HIV/ AIDS around Asia with experts from around the world," says Jamie Metzl, executive vice president of the Asia Society. "They were doing such a great job of helping the most disadvantaged people in Iran." So tell us, President Ahmadinejad,

why are the Alaei brothers in jail? One can view these arrests as part of the Iranian government's current crackdown on activists and academics.

Another of those arrested in August was Mehdi Zakarian, a scholar slated to spend the current academic year at the University of Pennsylvania. His focus, according to William Burke-White of Penn's law school, is how to reconcile sharia law with modern conceptions of human rights. As for the Alaei brothers, Iranian

news reports say they have been charged with fomenting "a velvet revolution." That's shorthand for

trying to organize civil society against the regime.

But here's the irony: Kamiar Alaei described to me how he was hoping to increase scientific collaboration with U.S. medical experts in a way that avoids politics. Inspired by the history of U.S.-Iranian medical cooperation in the 1960s and 1970s, he started a "health diplomacy" project that brought U.S. medical students to Iran to work with Iranian

counterparts. "We wanted scientific collaboration, like ping-pong diplomacy," he told me.

Is this what scares Iranian officials?

Or perhaps the Iranian government worries that the next U.S. president may propose more engagement with Tehran, which would unnerve Iranian hard-liners who need the threat of U.S. attack to rally the public.

Or maybe Ahmadinejad is worried that his own public may be getting restless, given nearly 30 percent inflation. Iranian presidential elections are in June 2009.

Yet none of this explains arresting the doctors Alaei.

"They were genuine patriots who loved their country — medical doctors trying to help those who wouldn't be treated," says Karim Sadjadpour, an Iran expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "It's so egregious."

When Ahmadinejad meets with American experts on Iran next week, he will be asked about the Alaei brothers. Their arrest indicates a government that fears the best and the brightest of its own people.

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The Episcopal Church Women will have their meeting in the library at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

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Sunday, there will be a sandwich lunch after morning worship, followed by an administrative council.

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Fall Festival is a part of our annual Lord's Acre and will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. Sunday school classes are reminded to get their booths and supplies ready for the big

Small groups are meeting, Sunday school classes are growing and we are in the midst of developing a new Web site. Watch for more information from Fourth and Scurry.

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Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. Brother Dennis will be preaching from 2 Chronicles 20:1-17 this week. Sunday evening activities begin at 4:30 p.m. with Bible studies for men, women and youth and activities for kids.

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John Bevere's "Destined ing down I-20 east to the by Eternity" and Leonard Salem Exit. Take a left at Hadley's class meets in the overpass and left on the commons with various scripture studies.

The youth are invited to Youth Explosion! in the

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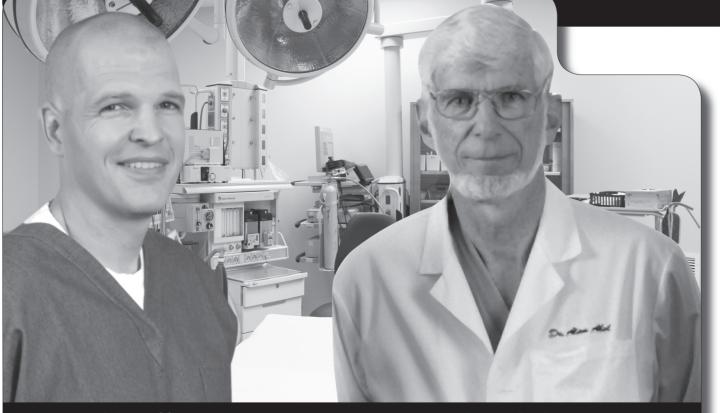
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forces today, the line between the physical and spiritual blurs. Whatever you direct your attention toward will magically manifest -- if you only believe.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The decision is yours and yours alone -- for a limited time only. If you decide not to make it, it will be made for you. Either way, you're taken care of, so be happy and worry-free.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You undergo a mental work out, in a fun way. It might be a friend who likes to play games, or a difficult customer at work that causes vou to exercise your mind in new ways and solve the problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You wish that getting organized was something you could do once and have it stick forever. Alas, your life is always changing, and you keep finding new improved ways to manage it. Delight in the process.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is some comfort in knowing what tomorrow will bring. There is also some boredom. Stay receptive to the surprises. Otherwise you're apt to sleepwalk through the best parts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're focused on staying healthy. Your opinion of

cally. Spend extra time in the mirror. Find appreciation for the gifts you were born with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're laying the groundwork for your future. It's extra work now and you may even stress yourself out in the process. Lighten up, but don't stop this effort. You're doing excellent work that will pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Is this day hectic, or simply fast paced? It all depends on how you look at it. Keep repeating the affirmation, "It's just a situation, and I can handle it." Then approach one dilemma at a time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel like hamming it up. Step on the stage of life and put on a show. You'll boost morale and provide some much needed levity to a group of people who were starting to get way too serious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You give and expect more than the average person. Be slow to commit to projects and people now since you're likely to let your responsibilities consume the best of your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's going to be difficult to stick with any goal that requires you to downsize or deprive yourself. You're more likely to succeed by adding something wonderful (or practical or healthy) to your

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friendships matter to you. In fact, you're probably more thrilled by platonic attachments than any other kind now. Furthermore, the most important element in love relationships is a strong friendship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have nothing to yourself has the biggest hide. As far as you're coneffect on how you feel, cerned, your life is an DICATE, INC.

both mentally and physi- open book. However, vou're better off not reading that book to anyone today. Keep the mystery alive.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You're the love catalyst for bringing two special people together this weekend.

TAURUS: Someone impresses you with their know-how, and you're all ears.

GEMINI: You keep things light and playful as a friendship shows signs of moving into more intimate territory.

CANCER: Let your creativity direct weekend activities. Your imagination holds the key to making romantic wishes come true.

LEO: You're happiest on the move, flitting from person to person, sharing your sparkle with everyone you meet.

VIRGO: It's in giving the best of yourself to others that you really, finally receive. LIBRA: A relationship topic opens, and you settle in for a longer discussion.

SCORPIO: The telepathic link between you and a loved one makes deep communication possible without ever saying a word.

SAGITTARIUS: At least two people vie for your attention, and there's enough of you to go around.

CAPRICORN: Stay engaged and centered in the present moment and the riddles of your heart fall away.

AQUARIUS: It's by pushing past your worries and fears that you discover the courage to love again.

PISCES: You take the sour with the sweet in love and your relationships are richer for doing

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Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: I am a 28year-old single female. I just got a promotion and moved closer to my job. I am doing great and even got a raise. I am pretty happy with my life, but I still have this empty feeling. I have been with my employer for eight years, but sometimes wonder how the Air National Guard could open my opportunities.

Right now, I'm terrified of giving up everything I have worked for by joining the military. I know it would be a big change in my life. But I'm trying to think long term and wonder how long I can really stay with the same job I have now.

My current employer would work around my guard duties, so it may not be as risky as I fear. I know I should be satisfied with the way things are now, but I'm not. I am having a hard time choosing the right path. Other than listing the pros and cons (which I've already done), can you give me any pointers to help me make a decision? Undecided in Iowa

Dear Iowa: First, please understand that you could be deployed. If you go into military service expecting a weekend job, you may be surprised. There are other ways to expand your employment opportunities. However, being in the military develops leadership qualities that are highly valued in the business world. Beyond that, of course, you seem terribly dissatisfied with your current situation. If, after considering all sides, you still are leaning toward enlisting, do it.

Dear Annie: My 73-yearold husband has become a dirty old man. I do not



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

enjoy going out with him because he constantly stares at other women. I understand that men like to look, but my husband doesn't simply glance. He stares. He fixes his gaze as if he's in a trance.

And the women do not have to be pretty -- any female will do, particularly their rear ends. We can be sitting behind a woman and if her backside is visible, he ogles it. It's embarrassing to me because he is quite obvious about it and there's no doubt other people are aware of what he's doing. He certainly doesn't seem to care that he makes me uncomfortable, and I worry that one of these days, a husband or boyfriend is going to confront him.

I work all week and can only imagine what he when I'm not does around. Right now, he is totally smitten with a teenager who works in a local shop, and I'm afraid this girl's father will have him arrested. I've had enough and would appreciate some advice. **Embarrassed Wife**

Dear Wife: Your husband should get a complete checkup, and you can alert the doctor to the problem ahead of time.

Sometimes uninhibited behavior like this is symptomatic of a small stroke or early dementia. A clean bill of health means you have to decide how much vou can tolerate. If he refuses to behave in public, socialize with friends instead, and let him stay home and ogle the neighbors. If he gets arrested, maybe he'll learn a lesson.

Dear Annie: Your answer to "Porn King's Wife," whose husband is sending pornographic videos to co-workers, hit the target but missed the bull's-eye. You said he could get fired for sending them to his female coworkers. While true, it doesn't go far enough.

He should stop sending porn to ALL co-workers, male or female. I'm a guy and don't want that in my inbox. I'd report the man for harassment. What if I opened his e-mail and had it on my screen when my supervisor walked by? I don't want his porn to cause me to lose my job. -- A Male Worker

Dear Male Worker: You are absolutely right. Harassment on the job is not a problem confined to women. This man should knock it off.

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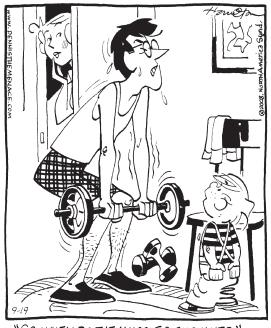
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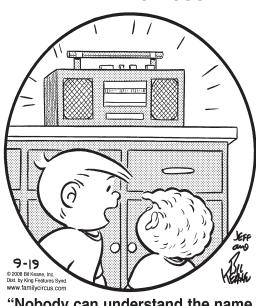
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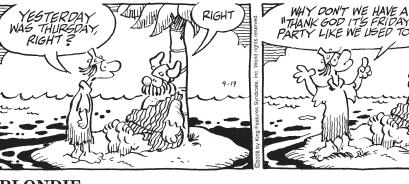
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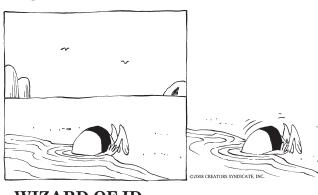
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Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 19, 1796, President Washington's farewell address was published. In it, the nation's first chief executive wrote, "Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all."

On this date: In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga.

In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hotair balloon at Versailles in France.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2 — months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist

William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named "Rainier," in the Nevada desert.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't be allowed to visit Disneyland. In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel

Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management; Castro accepted an invitation to stay at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem. In 1982, Carnegie Mellon

University professor Scott E. Fahlman proposed punctuating humorously intended computer messages by employing a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis as a horizontal "smiley face."

In 1988, Israel succeeded in launching a test satellite, the Ofeq ("Horizon") 1, over the Mediterranean Sea.

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CHURCH

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This Sunday, the Rev. Bob Boyce will direct worship and Bible class.

Worshipers will have the opportunity in a door offering at the conclusion of worship Sunday to help with disaster relief from Hurricane Ike, September 28, the Rev. Chester Mc-Cown from Miles will be guest pastor.

An adult Bible and information class will begin Wednesday evening at the church as well as confirmation classes for eighth graders and younger.

We thank North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church for the three pews they gave us this week and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in

Midland for a color printer newly painted Family Life and copy machine. We continue to thank God for the growth being experienced by our congregation. Join us Sunday for worship at 9 a.m. and Sunday school and Bible class at 10:15 a.m. The coffee pot and donuts are always waiting for youl.

First Baptist Church

In the morning, from 9 a.m. until noon, First Baptist Church will be hosting a "free giveaway garage sale" on our east parking lot. There will items from furniture to clothing.

Sunday is our third High Attendance Day of the year at FBC. We hope all of the members of our church will be present. We will enjoy a barbeque luncheon following our morning worship service in our

Center. Everyone is welcome.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church at 810 Scurry St. invites one and all to worship and fellowship with us 9 a.m. Sunday mornings. We are led in worship by Pastor Wayne Frost. Sunday school follows at 10:15 with an adult class investigating the Foundations of Lutheran Belief, children's classes studying Growing in Christ, and a young adult class organizing.

During the week we have small group Bible studies meeting Sunday evenings studying Philippians, Monday evenings studying Timothy, and Friday mornings at 6 a.m. a men's class meeting at Gregg's Grill studying "Seduction of Extremes." A Wednesday noon class and luncheon meets to study Beth Moore's "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Assent." If you are interested in joining us for any of these groups, contact our church office for time and place, 267-

Saturday, we will meet at the church at 8 a.m. for clean up, clean out and minor repairs. All volunteers are welcome.

To send in our monthly Operation Ongoing Support box to our troops, we are collecting disposable razors, Q-Tips (small packages), trail mix (small packages), or a donation to the AT&T Phone Card Fund. As many of the collected items were stolen in our recent burglary, we provided another organ welcome all contributions. Our congregation appreciates the Big Spring police force for their quick action in responding to the burglary and vandalism of our church. Our prayers and our thanks are with you for the work you do in our community.

Chapel of Faith

The members of Chapel of Faith invite you to attend worship services each Sunday, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Joel Miller brings a message of inspiration based on scripture. Come early and enjoy a time of fellowship.

The church had some exciting news this past week. The motor in the organ burned, rendering the organ unusable. But God knows our problem and mation, call 267-4082.

through the newly established Lutheran church. Thank you. God is good!

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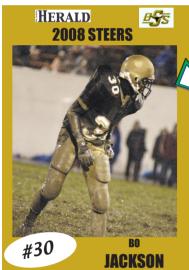


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The winner's attitude part of our inheritance

Have you ever heard the phrase, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game?" Do vou believe that? If you do, you are missing the mark for a successful life. Man was created in God's image, and that means he was created to be a winner. God never created failures, and the Bible says so.

example, man was originally put on this earth as a dominating lord. God Himself gave man dominion over the earth and everything that breathed. Man didn't know what losing was until he separated himself from God through disobedience in the Garden of Eden. But However, your story can

he ran head first into defeat. He connected himself with defeat. He was forced to accept failure, lowering himself to a subordinate position, a position he was never meant to occupy.

If you've read the book of Genesis, you know the story of Adam and Eve.

In the book of Genesis, for when he disobeved God, have a much happier ending. Through your faith in Jesus Christ, you have been made a new creation, and you are a winner once again. If you don't feel like a winner, you should start seeing yourself as God sees you by changing your attitude, and seeing yourself through His eves.

> A few years ago, I read a statement made by General George Patton of the United States Army. Once, when addressing troops, he said, "Some of you men have come with your minds made up to die for your country. But that's not the way to win a war! The way to win is to make your enemies die for theirs!" General Patton had his mind made up to win — and he knew that dying was not the way to do it. He was a tough commander, but he had a winner's attitude.

As Christians, we have an even better reason to have a winning attitude, because God has guaranteed our success, and He made it plain in His Word. Many times, however, we become our own worst enemy because we fail to take God at His word. Instead, we more readily take the word of those we do not know than we take God's word. The scriptures tell us that "God is not a man that He should lie" (Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2). So through faith, acting on His Word, and a big dose of determination and hard work, our success is that we can guaranteed.

We've all heard about more those who have overcome tremendous obstacles to reach their goals. Very young children, who train portunities for years before making it to the Olympics, start their training early in life. The discipline and determination these children have in order to see their dreams fulfilled prove that anyone can become a winner. In fact, many of them start training as early as three years old, being coached daily by their parents, and later by professional train-

God never said life would be easy, but He did say that He had overcome the world. He also promised to never leave you. God knows that you can make it if you persevere and do not give up. It is the tough times of life that strengthen you and stretch your spiritual muscles. Be assured. He is always there to help through desperate situations.

Have you ever asked vourself, "Do I really know who I am? Have I ever taken the time to tally up my worth?" Most people do not know they are worth much more than they realize. They sell themselves far short of their true value, when all the while they are worth so much more.

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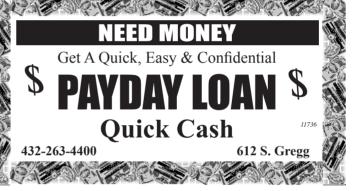
us to open our eves and go in search of our dreams.

You may think it is difficult to change your attitude from a negative to a positive one, but it isn't hard at all. You see, what you put into life is exactly what you get out. I assure you, if someone offered you a million dollars to change from a negative thinker to a positive thinker, you would have no problem doing so. You may slip up at the beginning, but for certain, you would be on top of your thought patterns.

The winner is already inside you, it is in all of us, because God put it there. and He will never take it back. Romans 11:29 says. "...the gifts and callings of God are without repentance." The Greek word translated "repentance" in this verse simple means "irrevocable". That means God does not take away the gifts and talents He gives us.

The winner's attitude is part of our inheritance from God. Since we are a part of God's family, we have His spiritual and royal blood line through Christ Jesus.

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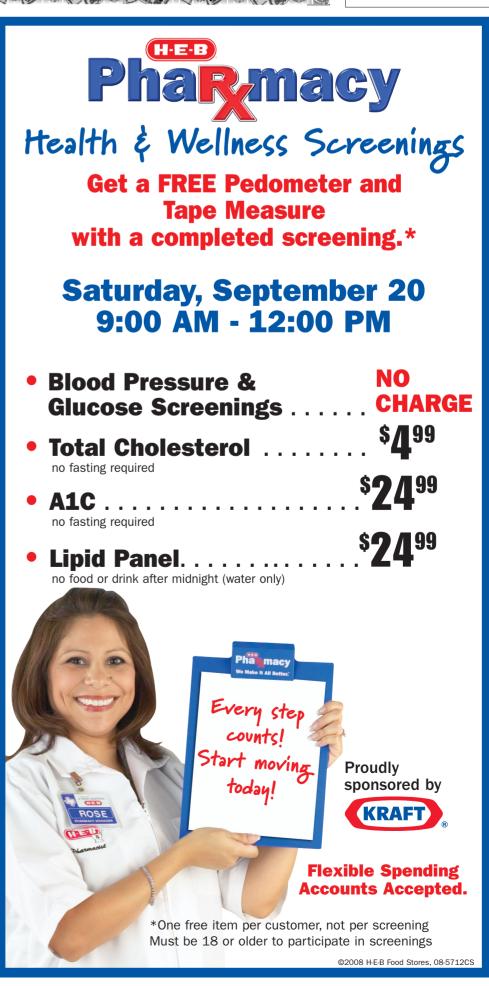
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