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Last major investment firms change

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — It was the end of an era on Wall Street as the Federal Reserve granted permission for the last two major investment banks — Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley — to become bank holding companies in order to stay in business.

The Fed announced late Sunday evening that it had approved the request, which will allow Goldman and Morgan Stanley to create commercial banks that can take deposits, bolstering the resources of both institutions.

The change is the latest seismic shift on Wall Street as the financial system tries to cope with mounting problems that began more than a year ago with the subprime mortgage crisis.

Shares of Morgan Stanley slipped 3.3 percent and Goldman's fell 2.8 percent in premarket electronic trading on Monday. Overall, U.S. stocks appeared headed for a slightly lower opening as investors remained nervous about the U.S. government's plan to buy \$700 billion in soured bank mortgage debt.

After weekend meetings where the Treasury Department, Fed and congressional staff ironed out the program's details, Sen. Christopher Dodd said Monday it's equally important to act responsibly as it is to move quickly on

the legislation needed to stabilize the country's troubled financial markets.

Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking committee, said on CBS's "The Early Show" that many members of Congress believe a legislative relief package also should be tailored to protect taxpayers in the best way possible.

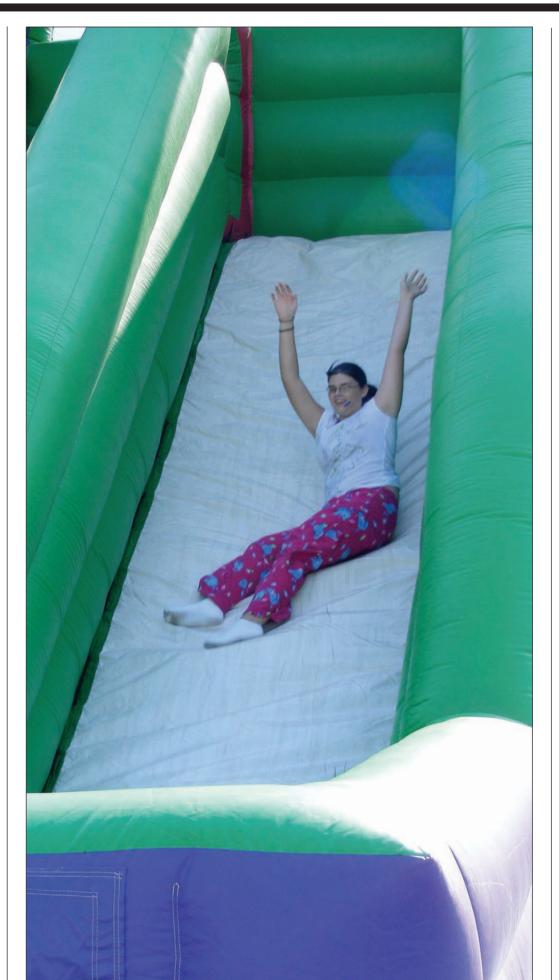
Democrats in Congress said they will add provisions in the bailout measure to protect people in danger of losing their homes and measures to cap executive compensation at firms who get to unload their bad mortgages debt onto the government.

But the proposal is still expected to win quick congressional passage because both parties are concerned about the adverse reaction in financial markets should the measure look like it is being delayed.

The Fed's board of governors granted the investment banks' requests by unanimous vote during a late Sunday meeting in Washington.

The change of status means both companies will come under the direct regulation of the Fed, which oversees the nation's bank holding companies. The banking subsidiaries of the two institutions will face the stricter regulations that commercial banks are required to meet. Previously, the primary

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Tylor Griffis shows off her sliding skills during the Boys and Girls Club's Day For Kids event, held Saturday at the Big Spring Salvation Army.

Ready + for the fair?

36th annual event starts Wednesday

By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald

Fall is in the air, which means that it's time for the Howard County Fair.

Activities get underway Tuesday with booth set up and acceptance of entries in the creative arts, fine arts, photography, baked goods, canned goods and produce divisions from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The 36th edition of the fair will officially open with a ribbon cutting and dedication at 3:50 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Fair Barn Wednesday.

This year's fair will be dedicated to Gene Adams — a former member of the fair board who has been instrumental in putting on the annual Tractor Pull — who passed away during the year.

When someone recently suggested that the 2008 Tractor Pull be dedicated to Adams, the Fair Board decided that naming the entire fair for him would be appropriate. According to Skipper Driver, board treasurer, "Gene was a great board member; we'll miss him and would like to show our appreciation."

Following the official ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony, the gates will open at 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, which will get the ticket holder

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City council to mull tax rate

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Final approval of the proposed ad valorem tax rate tops the Big Spring City Council's agenda Tuesday, as the city prepares to move forward with a tally just north of \$1 per \$100 valuation.

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the proposed rate — \$1.0132 per \$100 valuation — will allow the city to finish out the 2009 fiscal year with \$901 left over in its budget.

"The average residential home is valued at slightly more than \$40,000," Walker recently told the council. "That would be a decrease to the taxpayer of \$3.43. On a home valued at \$100,000, it would mean a decrease of \$8.57."

The ad valorem tax rate for 2007-2008 was \$1.0227 per \$100 valuation, according to city officials.

According to previous reports from Walker, the tax rate consists of 68.54 cents for the general fund; 8.07 cents to

fund the Big Spring Police Department's Narcotics Task Force; 2.42 cents to refund obligation bonds from 2002; 22.53 cents for general obligation bonds for the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and streets project; and .69 cents for certificates of obligation for the rehabilitation of the Northside Water facility and the new annex for the municipal animal

shelter.
First reading of the tax rate was approved by a unanimous vote. The council gave its final approval to the city's 2008-2009 budget during its Sept. 9 meeting, also by a unanimous ballot.

The council is also expected to give final approval to hikes in the water and sewer rates — \$2 for the base rate and an 18.5 cent increase per 1,000 gallons used — part of the budget it approved just a few weeks ago.

According to city officials, the rate

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Christian music concert Wednesday at auditorium

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Critically acclaimed band Spoken will be bringing its sound and fury to the Municipal Auditorium stage Wednesday night, as the band and several guests wrap up a tour with "Saw You at the Pole," the kickofffor a local Christian campaign.

Local musician Cody Carnes, who will also be performing during the show, said he and a friend came up with the idea for the show after Spoken contacted them, looking for a chance to play in the Crossroads area.

"I'm putting this togeth-

er with my friend, Austin Cox," said Carnes. "Spoken contacted us and let us know they were interested in playing in Big Spring, and the day they were interested in just happened to be the same day as the 'See You at the Pole' at the local schools. So we decided to put together this show."

Carnes said there's no admission fee for the show, which will feature a number of other bands climbing the Christian charts.

"Spoken is from Arkansas," said Carnes. "The show will also fea-

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Obituaries

James Shive



James Wendell Shive 76, of Coahoma, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 in St. Luke's Baptist Hospital in San Antonio after a brief illness. Graveside services will be held at Trinity Memorial Park Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. A memorial service celebrating his life will follow at the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring at 10:30 A.M. with Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger of the First Presbyterian Church of

Coahoma, the Rev. Alan Guthrie, retired, and the Rev. Burt Bronaugh, interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Wendell was born Feb. 3, 1932 in Big Spring to DeWitt and Almeda Shive. His family lived on a farm north of Coahoma. Wendell attended public school in Coahoma and graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelors of Business Administration in 1954, where he was a Saddle Tramp and a member of Tech Management Association and Kemas, Phi Gamma Delta.

After graduation, he entered the Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. After being discharged in 1956, he worked for West-Tex Equipment Company in Midland when he met Helen Hall. They were married on Saturday, May 24, 1958 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lufkin.

They moved to Coahoma in 1960 and he first started farming and working in the gin business. He owned and operated Wendell Shive Gin Company of Coahoma for many years. He retired in 1991. Wendell and Helen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May of this

Wendell was a lifetime member of the First PresbyterianChurch of Coahoma where he served as a deacon and an elder for a combination of 40 years. He was a trustee of Coahoma ISD for 12 years, 10 of which he served as board president.

Survivors include his wife, Helen of Coahoma, two daughters, Suzanne Shive, San Antonio, and Louise Haigler and husband Scott Haigler and granddaughters, Sarah Beth Haigler and Laura Haigler all of San Antonio; sister, Wanda Willis and her husband, Fred Willis of Lampasas; sister-in-law, Frances Atkinson and husband Dr. B.E. Atkinson, Jr. of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents, DeWitt and Almeda Shive.

Pallbearers are Scott Haigler, Ron Willis, Eric Atkinson, Rob Shive, Nolan Beall, Marty Lindsey and Frankie Lindsey. Honorary pallbearers are Elmer Lindsey, Dale Rumley, Bill Bates, Bob Read, Bobby Cathy, Clovis Phinney, Tommy Parrish, Howard Smith, Ladd Smith, Marcellos Torres and Carl Dale Reid.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma or your favorite chariity.

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

Paid obituary

Robert Orosco



Robert Orosco, 62, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at his residence. A vigil service will beheld at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 at the St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Gully, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 30, 1945, in Big Spring, and married Linda Rodriguez in August 1975 in Houston.

Robert had worked as a service technician in the hotel

industry. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Orosco of San Antonio; three sons, Robert Orosco, Jr., David Anthony Sancho and Fabian Rodriguez, all of San Antonio; two daughters, Elizabeth Sancho and Billie Jo Sancho, both of San Antonio; his parents, Hermenjildo, Sr. and Eusebia Orosco of Big Spring; one brother and sister-inlaw, Sonny and Margie Orosco of Houston; one grandson; and several nieces and nehpews.

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

Patricia 'Pat' Black

Patricia Lynn "Pat" Black, 52, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Salem Cemetery.

She was born July 5, 1956, in Abilene to Opal and Bert Black, Sr. and lived most of her life in Big Spring. She loved cats.

Survivors include two sisters, Lana Anguiano of Big Spring, and her twin sister, Teresa Ann Deathrage; and one brother, Archie Lee Black.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Shannon Lee Adair; and two brothers, Timmy

Dale Black and Bert Black, Jr. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

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Randolph 'Randy' Jowers Randolph Lee "Randy" Jowers, 63, of Odessa, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 in Odessa. Memorial services with military honors are scheduled for 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 in Faith Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Shelton officiating.

He was an airplane mechanic and was in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam.

Survivers include two sons, Danny Ray Jowers of Odessa, and Donnie Lee Jowers of Monahans; one daughter, Crystal Chandler of Odessa; one sister, Sandra Jowers of Harper; and 10 grandchildren.

Edith Gregory, 91, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring.

She was born Dec. 25, 1916, in Stephenville and married R.E. Gregory in November 1933 in Eastland.

Edith grew up in the Stephenville area and attended school there. She and R.E. moved to Big Spring in 1941. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Gregory of Big Spring; one daughter, Edith Carleson of Krum; one son, Dickie Gregory of Odessa; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchil-

She was preceded in death by one son, Royce Gregory, who died in November 2007; her parents, Jack and Ora Powers; and two sisters.

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 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- BILLY JOE CHAVERA, 30, of 2504 Gunter, was arrested Sunday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- JOHN MANUEL SOLIS, 22, of 1511 Sycamore, was arrested Sunday on charges of no driver's license and displaying an expired motor vehicle inpsection.
- PATRICK MICHAEL SHARP, no age provided, of 3706 Connally, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant.
 - THEFT was reported:
- in the 200 block of Washington.
- in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.
- in the 1800 block of Benton.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 200 block of Marcy.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1000 block of Wood.
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Dixon.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
- in the 3600 block of Dixon.
- in the 300 block of Second.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 700 block of FM 700. • FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM
- JUSTICE GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was report-
- in the 700 block of FM 700. in the 2300 block of Wasson.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.

- DUSTIN NOBLE, 17, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- LORENZO FERRERA YANEZ, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and resisting arrest, search or transporta-
- DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER, 40, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify – giving false information and a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- THOMAS BRADLEY CATES, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct - fighting.
- LUKE DANIEL SCHULTZ, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct – fight-

- DAVID MURPHY, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- KARISSA RICQUEL MITCHELL, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- SALVADOR GONZALES, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and possession of a controlled substance.
- JOSHUA PAUL CASAREZ, 28, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOHNNY LEOS JR., 31, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain financial responsibility – subsequent offense
- ROBERT RAMIREZ GONZALES, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency

- Medical Services reported the following activity: • MEDICAL was reported in the 8300 block of E. CR 42. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson.
- Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 10500 block of CR 12.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W.
- Interstate Highway 20. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of
- Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Sgt.
- Paredez. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Comanche Trail Park. One person was transported to SMMC.

87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Simler.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Coronado. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 8300 block of CR 42. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Midway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of March. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of E. 11th Street. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Young.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 5600 block of E.
- Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.
- Service refused. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of FM

699 and Snyder Highway. Service refused.

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

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News in brief

Administration and Federal Reserve scramble to keep ahead of fast-moving financial crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration and the Federal Reserve are moving on multiple fronts in an effort to calm financial markets that have been roiled by the biggest upheavals on Wall Street since the Great Depression.

Another seismic shift occurred late Sunday night when Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, the country's last two major investment banks, were granted approval from the Fed to change their status to bank holding companies.

That change will allow the two venerable institutions to set up commercial banks that will be able to take deposits, significantly bolstering the resources of both institutions. It will also grant them permanent access to emergency loans supplied by the Fed rather than the temporary loan status they have had since last March when the Fed moved to prop up investment banks following the forced sale of Bear Stearns.

Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke kept up their outreach with Congress, holding meetings over the weekend aimed at convincing lawmakers to move quickly to approve a \$700 billion package. It would allow the government to buy up a

mountain of bad mortgage loans that have been weighing down financial companies since they became engulfed in a severe credit crisis 14 months ago.

Congressional leaders have endorsed the plan's main thrust, but said it must be expanded to include help for people on Main Street as well as the big Wall Street financial firms who have lost billions of dollars through their bad investment decisions.

Official: Hotel bomb could have struck Pakistan leadership;

Taliban commander denies role

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A top Pakistani official says the country's leadership was due to dine at the luxury hotel devastated in a weekend bombing, but changed venue at the last minute.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Pakistan's top Taliban commander said the militant leader played no role in the attack, which killed 53 people at the favorite expatriate gathering spot.

Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik did not specify why the prime minister and president decided to move the Saturday event to the premier's house but said the decision was kept secret.

Suspicion has fallen on al-Qaida or the Pakistani Taliban in the blast.

But Amir Mohammad, an aide to militant

leader Baitullah Mehsud, said he was not involved and shared the nation's grief.

6 children in state custody and being interviewed after raid on Ark. compound, police say

FOUKE, Ark. (AP) — Six minors have been temporarily placed in state custody as part of a child porn investigation after a raid on a ministry run by a man who says "consent is puberty" when it comes to sex, officials said

The children will be in the custody of the Arkansas Department of Human Services as investigators interview them, state police spokesman Bill Sadler said in a statement.

Sadler didn't say how long the interviews would last, but did say that courts would decide the children's status in the event of any "long-term separation" from the property of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries in rural

He did not say how old the children were, but an e-mail that authorities inadvertently sent to media members last week referred to 12-, 13- and 14-year-old girls.

The move comes after a raid Saturday by more than 100 federal and state authorities. Investigators said their two-year probe into allegations of child pornography and abuse focused on convicted tax evader Tony Alamo and his ministry.

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ture One Minute Halo, who are from Dallas, and Ilia, which is out of Arkansas. These three bands have been out on

tour, and Wednesday night's show marks the last date on the tour, so we're really looking forward to it. I'll also be performing some praise and worship songs to open the show.'

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and Carnes said he's hoping the concert can serve as a launching point for other positive activities in Big Spring.

"We're using this show to launch our campaign. It's called 'The Hearts of One,' and we're hoping to use it to bring more positive entertainment to Big

Spring," said Carnes. "We want to see a movement in the youth and local churches to do positive things.

"For example, we're looking at have a work day in downtown Big Spring. We want to do some painting, some renovations and have a positive impact on the community. We want to let thye community know what we're doing and what we're about."

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in to all the exhibits, the entertainment, and the carnival. Gates will open Wednesday through Friday at 4 p.m. and close at 10 p.m. Saturday times are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Judging of entries takes place Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning so that fairgoers can see the results in the arts, crafts, and produce.

Wednesday, Also on from area schools will be given demonstrations ranging from pet safety to cattle branding, sponsored by the Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The contest to crown Miss Howard County Fair beautifies the Fair Barn at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The winner graces the fair premises for the remainder of the week

Senior citizens will be treated to an ice cream social and Bingo game at 1 p.m. Friday.

Saturday "before hours" events will be the steer show at 8 a.m. in the Steer Barn, the Ranch Rodeo and cowboy roping beginning at 9 a.m. in the Rodeo Bowl, and registration for the afternoon tractor pull at 9 a.m.

Saturday is packed with attractions including the Steer Show, the Ranch Rodeo, the Kountry Kids contest, tractor pull, and weigh-ins for Lamb and Goat Shows.

Just before the gates close at 10 p.m., supporters of the fair will draw for the winner of the handembroidered quilt, which features wildflowers.

A tasteful regular evening show will be the cooking

demonstrations at 6:00 p.m. in the foods/crafts area. Wednesday's offering will be Cherry Fruit Salad, followed by Lib's Shrimp Etouffée on Thursday, Lithuanian Cuisine on Friday, concluding with "A Trashy Snack" on Saturday.

The entertainment tent presents a variety for music lovers. Local celebrity and fair board member Jody Nix brings his Texas Cowboys to the stage at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesday night. Thursday showcases gospel singing, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bobby Flores performs at 8 and 9:30 p.m. Friday evening, and the Guy Will Zant Band concludes entertainment Saturday, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

"There's nothing to do in Big Spring," that oftenheard complaint, certainly is not true this week.

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regulator for Goldman and Morgan Stanley was the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Shares of both institutions had come under pressure ever since the bankruptcy filing last week by investment bank Lehman Brothers and the forced sale of investment bank Merrill Lynch to Bank of America.

Three people familiar with the matter said Monday that Japan's largest brokerage Nomura Holdings is buying Lehman's Asian assets. Britains Barclay's Bank received bankruptcy court approval early Saturday morning to purchase Lehman's North American brokerage operations.

Investors feared that the last remaining independent investment banks would not be able to survive in their current form, especially after hedge funds saw some of their funds at Lehman Brothers frozen as part of its bankruptcy. There had been speculation that both institutions would be acquired by commercial banks, whose ability to take deposits would give them a stable source of funding.

In the surprise announcement late Sunday, the central bank said Goldman and Morgan Stanley would

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be allowed during a transition period to get shortterm loans from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York against various types of collateral.

The Fed said its action would take final effect after a five-day waiting period required under

The decision means that Goldman and Morgan emergency loans to invest-Stanley will be able not ment banks as well as comonly to set up commercial bank subsidiaries to take

major resource base, but they will also have the same access as other commercial banks to the Fed's emergency loan program.

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OTHER VIEWS

A hiccup in time

o most of us, energy policy means figuring out how much \$4-a-gallon gas to put in the tank and still have money left over to buy school clothes for the kids. It means paying higher prices for just about everything, including food, because the cost of shipping has gone through the roof. It means working harder to not fall behind and worrying that it won't be hard enough.

Our leaders' task is to recognize and somehow address those very real and wrenching human situations while, at the same time, addressing the momentous, long-term energy challenges facing America and the world.

The U.S. House of Representatives addressed them last week in its vote approving an expansion of offshore oil drilling for the first time in decades. If that bill eventually becomes law, it could affect the psychology of the international oil market and at least restrain the growth of prices, even if it can't produce immediate and dramatic drops.

The bill also addressed big-picture energy problems. It would provide funding for long-term development of alternative energy technologies. That, not more drilling, is what offers true hope for solutions to our many-faceted energy problems.

The "drill, baby, drill" mantra that has become a Republican campaign slogan is a dangerous fantasy when it comes to achieving genuine American energy independence. No matter how many times the slogan is repeated, the numbers cannot be made to work:

Americans use about 20.7 million barrels of oil every day. We pump roughly 5 million barrels from domestic wells. If, say, the entire Arctic National Wildlife Refuge were opened up to drilling, in 10 years or so we could boost that to about 7 million barrels. The additional 2 million barrels of supply might produce somewhat lower gas prices, but only if the rest of the oil production in the world — and consumption levels — remained the same. The nations of OPEC, which are determined to keep oil prices high, simply could cut production by 2 million barrels a day.

The more likely scenario is that by that time, global demand would have increased so substantially — with millions of newly minted middle-class families in India and China buying into an American-style energy-intensive good life — that a 2 million-barrel increase in supply simply would prove meaningless.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Thomas Friedman argues that we're entering a new age in which renewable clean-energy technology will transform the world economy the same way information technology transformed it during the 1980s and 1990s.

America either can lead the way into this new age by capitalizing on our innovative strengths and the jobs it will create — or get in line behind the countries that do it sooner and better. If we lead, we secure our economic future. If we follow, we cede world economic leadership to others.

Whatever the political maneuvering behind it, the House energy bill approved this week is a step in the right direction, even though it falls far short of ushering in the new energy age.

With just two weeks until Congress adjourns, the Senate now takes up the challenge. The first thing it needs to do is extend the \$17 billion in clean-energy tax incentives that are set to expire at the end of the month. They are crucial to maintaining the momentum of the young American solar and wind power industries as they work to become economically competitive with older technologies.

Even if the Senate extends those incentives and approves something resembling the House bill, there are questions about whether President George W. Bush would sign it into law. Bush has argued that it doesn't go far enough to encourage offshore drilling. But killing the bill would do nothing but cripple our progress toward a sustainable energy future, and it certainly wouldn't help working families.

The longer we regard oil drilling as an energy policy, the longer we'll remain at the mercy of oil-producing states that are fundamentally opposed to American national security and economic interests.

The House bill, imperfect as it is, at least keeps us from backsliding toward the unsustainable oil-based energy systems of the past.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

What we owe the Whigs

ast week's "lipstick on a pig" controversy sent me to the history books to research the low state of American political discourse. Imagine my shock to discover it may

have its origins in a newspaper editorial, one printed in the Dec. 11, 1839, edition of the Baltimore Republican.

The Republican's editorial mocked the Whig Party's choice of retired Gen. William Henry Harrison as its presidential candidate in these words:



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"Give him a barrel of hard cider and settle a pension of two thousand a year on him, and my word for it, he will sit ... by the side of a sea coal fire, and study moral philosophy."

The Whigs were no fools. They recognized an opportunity when they spotted one. Pretty soon they started staging campaign rallies with plenty of hard cider, portraying Harrison (who was, in fact, descended from the Virginia aristocracy) as a simple log cabin kind of guy. Capitalizing on Harrison's 1811 military victory over the Indian confederacy of Chief Tecumseh at the Battle of Tippecanoe, they concocted a snappy campaign slogan, "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too" (Tyler being John Tyler, the vice-presidential candidate).

This enabled the Whigs to steal support from the "common folk" that made up the base of Andrew Jackson's Democratic Party. They staged elaborate rallies featuring outright lies about Martin Van Buren, Jackson's successor and the Democratic incumbent, plenty of hard cider and nasty campaign songs ("Van, Van, Van's a Used-Up Man"). Turnout increased 60 percent over 1836, and Harrison won.

Historians now generally regard the 1840 campaign as the moment when politics stopped being mostly polite discourse among elites, and instead became image campaigns aimed at the masses that Jackson had enfranchised. The Democrats moaned that they'd been "sung down, lied down and drunk down." They weren't mollified at all when the 68-year-old Harrison caught cold

giving his inaugural address and died 40 days later.

One hesitates to draw comparisons to Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin ("Mayor of Wasilla and a Dead-eye Moose Killa") and her 72-year-old running mate, except to say that the Republicans have done a dandy job in creating a distraction from the real issues that affect common folks.

Plus, just as Jackson had enfranchised the common folks, today's common folks have been enfranchised with the Internets. Thus, when Democratic nominee Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois trots out a tired old Washington cliche, people instantaneously can be informed that "lipstick on a pig" is a sexist smear against Gov. Palin.

George Washington, it is said, may be the only president who was not subjected to personal attacks, and that's because he was elected by popular acclaim. Supporters of his immediate successors, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, sniped at each other's candidates. Jefferson's supporters criticized Adams' "hideous hermaphroditical character, which has neither the force and firmness of a man, nor the gentleness and sensibility of a woman."

Oh yeah? Adams men said. Jefferson is "a mean-spirited, low-lived fellow, the son of a half-breed Indian squaw, sired by a Virginia mulatto father."

Madison and Monroe had their critics, and John Quincy Adams was called a "pimp." That brought on Andrew Jackson, who would later call Thomas R. King "Miss Nancy," an allusion to his relationship with James Buchanan, America's only bachelor president and predecessor to that "ape" and "baboon" Abraham Lincoln.

But for sheer vituperation, you can't beat the great American poet Walt Whitman, who called pre-Civil War Democrats "the meanest kind of bawling and blowing officeholders, office-seekers, pimps, malignants, conspirators, murderers, fancy-men, custom-house clerks, contracts, kept-editors, spaniels well train'd to carry and fetch, jobbers, infidels, disunionists, terrorists, mail riflers, slave-catchers, pushers of slavery, creatures of the President, creatures of would-be Presidents, spies, bribers, compro-

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He didn't write this until 1876, well after the war ended. Today he would have a blog, or a radio show or a gig on a cable news network.

If nasty political rhetoric is nothing new, the pervasiveness of it is. I personally trace this to 1988, when Rush Limbaugh's radio show went national at the same time the late Lee Atwater was running George H.W. Bush's presidential campaign. Limbaugh and Atwater, two shrewd and funny men, realized that attack politics and wedge issues not only could move voters, but they also could move product.

Pretty soon they had their clones and imitators on radio, television and the Internets. Politics became personal, a 24-hour-a-day preoccupation, the coarser and cruder, the better. How else to explain Ann Coulter? As Paul C. Light of New York University said, "There's a lot of money to be made in controversy. Nobody pays you \$500,000 to be gentle."

Most of it came from the right at first, because that's where the audience was, angry people trying to hold on to what they had. The truth was defined as that which you wanted to hear, and people who reported anything remotely different were labeled as "biased." Limbaugh made his fortune blasting the "liberal media" even as he repackaged what those media were reporting about Bill Clinton.

Liberals, being largely humorimpaired and ever-so-earnest were slow to react. Then Michael Moore got his legs, and Jon Stewart and Arianna Huffington, and now it's more like a fair fight.

Sadly, trying to dress all this up as good for democracy is like putting lipstick on a pig.

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A loyal Republican is undecided

'm undecided. That's a position in which I have never found myself at this stage of a presidential contest.

I've been an active Republican

rve been an active Repsince I registered to vote in the era of Reagan. I worked for Vice President George H.W. Bush in college. By the time I was 29, I was appointed by that President Bush to a sub-cabinet post. In 2004, I was master of ceremonies at his son's final Pennsylva-



MICHAEL SMERCONISH

nia campaign rally — in a Bucks County cornfield.

There are three things I have never done: miss a vote, pull a straight-party lever, or vote for a Democrat for president. This time I'm not sure.

We're fortunate to have two very different but equally honorable men running for president. I've invested significant time in trying to learn about them, including reading their memoirs. I was also fortunate to interview both more than once.

I believe I know John McCain. He's personable, intelligent and selfless. He's the embodiment of an overused word — hero. McCain's story is the stuff of movies: son and grandson of four-star admirals who himself chose to serve, was held captive, and refused a path to freedom in the name of honor. As we say in Philly, John McCain is "good people."

Barack Obama's background is a vastly different but also uniquely American story. Nowhere else could his rise have occurred. I find the Internet lore spread about him to be despicable. Certainly, aspects of his experience and associations are game for analysis and criticism. But he deserves a fair fight.

While some question Obama's

love of country, I see a man who is a great source of inspiration to many.

I was in the audience for his

speech on race in Philadelphia, and was part of the crowd at Invesco Field when he accepted the Democratic nomination. His popularity is an attribute, not a liability. I, too, want a leader who is respected and admired at home and internationally. And yes, I am anxious to break the barriers that have prevented a woman or black from serving as vice president or president.

Back in June, a lengthy New York Times story quoted Obama, and one thing he said hangs with me: "I love when I'm shaking hands on a rope line and" — he mimes the motion, hand over hand — "I see little old white ladies and big burly black guys and Latino girls and all their hands are entwining. They're feeding on each other as much as on me. ... It's like I'm just the excuse."

Call me a hopeless romantic, but I believe he can do a world of good by bringing people of diverse backgrounds together. There is a quality about him that I find genuine, and I think he is of fine intellect.

I disagree with a number of positions taken by both candidates. McCain forgets that our initial presence in Iraq was based on a false predicate — weapons of mass destruction — and, given that we were wrong, our strategy should be to exit forthwith. The real bad guys who devised 9/11 remain holed up in caves in Pakistan.

Obama understands that; he told me so twice. I can only take him at his word. It's worth noting that after Obama was ridiculed for pledging to hunt high-value terrorist targets in Pakistan regardless of whether the Pakistanis gave the U.S. permission, the Bush administration reversed course this summer and began authorizing special-ops assaults inside Pakistan. Obama called for such action more

than a year ago.

Nonetheless, Obama's limited experience and philosophy of governing are of legitimate concern. No matter how small the percentage of Americans he thinks should shoulder an increased tax burden, I will be in that group.

I think that our taxes are already too high and that the interests of all Americans are best served when we are putting money into the stream of commerce instead of entrusting government to do so.

Neither guy seems to share my concern about our population explosion. Our nation is going to grow by 100 million in the next three decades, and no one is discussing whether our schools, ERs, cops and social services can handle that. I never heard "illegal immigration" mentioned at either convention.

There are many more important issues — nominations to the federal bench, health care, the environment. But I'm not going to cast a ballot on any single issue — not even the hunt for bin Laden.

What I will do is make the candidates earn my vote.

I'm reserving judgment until after the debates, and I'm especially interested in the one between vice-presidential contenders. Sarah Palin showed her capacity to be president at the convention, but she'll have to withstand scrutiny ahead.

Obama needs to demonstrate that the politics of change can extend to the policies he champions. McCain needs to show me the gates of hell aren't the only place he'll hunt for Osama bin Laden.

Maybe Winston Churchill foresaw this campaign when he said, "Nothing so tests the character of an individual as the running of elections."

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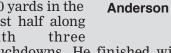
Monte Anderson

Big Spring junior running back Anderson topped 100 yards

rushing for the second consecutive time.

However, he only needed one half to do it Friday against Andrews in the Steers' 18-6 vic-

Anderson had 130 yards in the first half along three touchdowns. He finished with 181 yards.





Big Spring senior netter Claxton led the Lady Steers in



kills Saturday in a four-set loss Kermit.

She finished the match with 11 kills and 1.5 blocks. Tuesday in a

five-set win over Miles, Claxton had

four of her 10 kills in the final and decisive set, leading the Lady Steers to their first win in 14 matches.

Jordan Valle

Big Spring senior CC runner

Valle, who finished 12th at the 2007 state cross country meet, finished second amongst some of the top runners in the state Saturday at the UTSA/ Fiesta Texas Invitational.

He finished the 3-mile course in 15:48, seven seconds behind the leader Paul Snyder, who runs for Class 5A SA Chuchill.

Jeremy Freitag

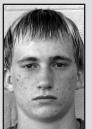
Forsan senior running back

Freitag carried the ball 21 times Friday night against McCamey, gaining 171 yards, scoring one touchdown and leading Forsan to its first win of the 2008 sea-



Robbie Noland

Stanton senior running back Noland had his most impres-



sive game of 2008 in Stanton's first victory of the season Friday.

He scored all four of Stanton's touchdowns, while rusing for 172 yards on 21 carries.

P.J. Daylong Coahoma senior running back

Daylong had the type of game that's come to be expected of him in Coahoma's win over Tahoka Friday.

He rushed for three touchdowns and 175 yards on 21 carries. He also caught one pass for 52 yards.

Josh Colunga

Garden City running back

For the second consecutive week, Colunga led the Bearkats in rushing and scored four touchdowns.

Two weeks ago, Colunga was a key cog in GC's come-frombehind win over Robert Lee.

On Friday, he rushed for another four touchdowns, including three in the first quarter of a 58-12 win over Abilene Christian.

Valle places second at UTSA

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANTONIO — In a cross country meet featuring some of the state's top runners, Big Spring's Jordan Valle proved he belongs with the elite.

Valle finished second at the University of Texas in San Antonio/Fiesta Texas Invitational Saturday in San Antonio, completing the 3-mile course in 15:48. He was seven seconds behind winner Paul Snyder of San Antonio Churchill. who was sixth overall in the Class 5A division at the 2007

state meet in Round Rock.

One of the runners Valle outraced to the finish line was Alex de la Garza of Mercedes, who placed second at the 2007 4A state meet. Valle finished 12th at state last year, but appears to be a stronger runner this season through two races.

As a team, the Steers finished eighth out of 30 teams. Kade Parker finished 21st in the field with a time of 16:33.6. Sammy Segundo placed 37th with a 16:53.3 mark. Big Spring's fourth finisher was Shane Allen, who came in 71st at 17:19.1.

If a fifth Steers' runner could have crossed the finish line in the top 110, then Big Spring would have finished in fifth place. Unfortunately, Sergio Torres was the fifth to cross in the 207th spot, while Dalton Greiner finished 225th.

Still, no Class 4A squad finished ahead of the Steers with five 5As, one 3A and a home schooled team posting lower scores than Big Spring's 282.

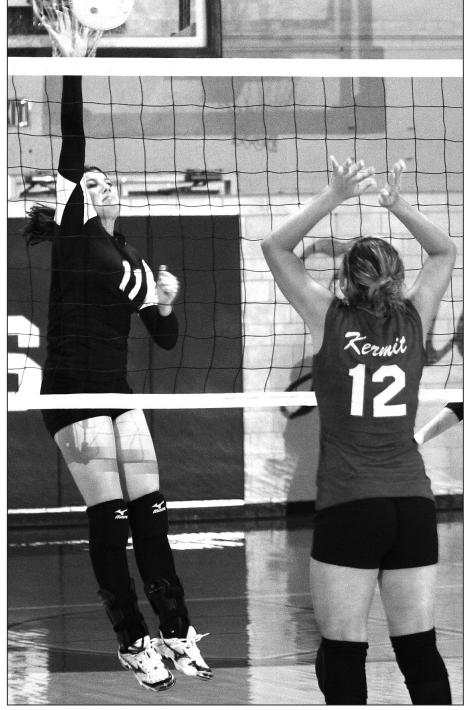
In the girls division, only two Lady Steers made the trip with

senior Catherine Leubner finishing the 2-mile course in 12:25, good enough for 18th place. Crystal Ramirez was the other Lady Steer to race, place 185th with a time of 15:01.

Big Spring participates in the Lubbock Invitational at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Saturday.

The Steers were supposed to have already raced in one meet at Mae Simmons this season, but the W.T. Micro-Graphics Invitational was canceled due to inclement weather.





HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Valerie Ross (11) spikes the ball over the net in volleyball action from the Lady Steers' four-set loss to Kermit Saturday in Kermit.

Lady Steers bested by Kermit in 4 sets

Big Spring starts district play Saturday with home game against Frenship

Herald Staff Report

KERMIT — Big Spring's Lady Steers were unable to build upon the momentum they achieved in a five-set win over Miles last week, falling to the Kermit Lady Yellow Jackets in four sets Saturday, 25-12, 26-28, 25-14, 25-18.

The result means Big Spring (5-23) will enter District 4-4A on a loss. The Lady Steers open the second season Saturday, hosting Frenship's Lady Tigers at 3 p.m. in Steer

Head Coach Meghan Blake is hopeful the Lady Steers will play every set against Frenship much like the second set they played against Kermit.

"We didn't let Kermit have any big runs in that second set. That didn't hold true for any of the other sets," Blake said. "We were down 6-0 in that set, fought back and played back and forth with them from there. It was a nice win. We had 39 unforced and service errors. There were a lot of net errors mixed in with

"All 10 of us didn't come ready to play in this match," she continued. "Our servereceive and defense was very good. Kermit only had 23 kills in four sets. We really dug the ball well and swung hard. We didn't adjust to them tipping See LADY STEERS, Page 10

the ball past us after we started blocking their shots though. There was a lot to be encouraged by, but we have to put together a better team effort. When we get beat this season, we usually beat ourselves. It's things we can fix."

Blake credited Andrea Claxton with a strong game, commending her for swinging hard at the net. Claxton, a senior, led the team with 11 kills. Big Spring blocked seven shots with Macy Graves leading with three. Cerbi Ritchey led with 25 assists, while Baylea Fox had the most digs with seven. Valerie Ross led the Lady Steers with two aces.

When Blake surveys District 4-4A, she feels the Lady Steers have a solid chance of being in the league's top three and earning a playoff spot.

"I've seen everyone but Plainview play and I don't know that Plainview is as strong as they were last year. I know we can beat Lake View even though we've come up just short against them a few times this season," she speculated. "Frenship and Cooper are both solid teams, but both are beatable if we can put together our best match.

Cowboys wear down Packers, 27-16

By COLIN FLY

AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — There was a discussion about touchdown celebrations and a trademark big grin after Dallas' win, and Terrell Owens wasn't even part of the postgame lineup at the Cowboys podium.

T.O. took a timeout, leaving the stage to little-known Miles

Austin caught a 52-yard touchdown pass and Dallas used the bruising running attack of Marion Barber and Felix Jones to wear down the Green Bay Packers 27-16 on Sunday night, their first win in franchise history at Lambeau Field.

"We have a bunch of weapons, I believe," said Austin, who went to school at Monmouth, N.J., and has primarily played special teams for three years with the Cowboys. "I don't really consider myself a weapon, but we've got Terrell, Jason (Witten), Felix — Felix is fast Marion. Pat Crayton makes plays. We've got a bunch of guys out there."

Dallas joined the New York Giants as the NFC's only undefeated teams at 3-0, and owner

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AP photo/Mike Roemer

Dallas Cowboys Marion Barber (24) jumps in between Green Bay Packers Brady Poppinga, left, and Johnny Jolly, right, during the first half of an NFL football game at Lambeau Field, Sunday in Green Bay. The Cowboys won 27-16.

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not heard or ■ seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been!' Venus meets Pluto, too, letting the smoky autumn atmosphere bring out the romantic in you.

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CANCER (June 22-July

Tomorrow's Horoscope

22). In the past you've is a "one-time thing." You How will you do this? been quick to confide personal details to new friends. Now your social savvy ratchets up a few notches and you will give others the chance to get to know you gradually. Take

your time. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Second guesses are further from the mark than first guesses are. You're good at analyzing, and prone to overanalyzing, too. Trust your instincts. Youire wiser than you think! Believe in yourself and in your choices.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You trust that good things come to those who wait. Though good things are coming, there are even better things that will arrive when you stop waiting and get busy. Capricorn is your partner in action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Donit let that certain someone make you feel inferior. Youive worked too hard on vourself and have come too far to let someone make you feel worthy. less than Celebrate all that you are and others want to join the party.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Consistent action becomes character. Notice the habits of those with whom you are dealing. Nothing you witness now will be able to count on First, don't cast your net those who are kind now to be kind later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're unsure whether you want to be a part of a certain club. Investigate. It will further your interests to have somewhere new to go, even if only once or twice. Sign up, join in, mix and mingle.

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been married for 16 years and have three young children. My husband works 12-hour rotating shifts and is gone from the house at least 15 hours a day.

My problem is, on his days off, my husband volunteers to referee local football and basketball games. This starts in October and goes through March. He's gone three nights a week, and there are some weekend games that are 300 miles away, necessitating overnight stay -- and that's not counting out-of-

town playoff games. He leaves me home with the kids and expects me to do all the carpooling. My 12-year-old is signed up for basketball and swimming, and now he wants to play hockey.

I don't feel it's fair for me to be stuck with all this. I never get a break. I have even threatened to leave if he doesn't stop. We are always financially in the hole because he has to pay for uniforms, gas, motel, dry-cleaning and wear and tear on the car. My husband refuses to quit, saying he enjoys it.

Am I stuck with this self-centered man? How can I get him to spend more time with us? I love him but feel neglected, and it's obvious he doesn't care. I'm ready to pack it up. Please help. Confused Out West

Dear Confused: course your husband enjoys this. It allows him to play games and escape his family responsibilities. If he has a stressful job, it's understandable he would need to blow off steam. But it is unfair and immature to do so much of it that you and the children are abandoned. The two of you should work out a compromise where he referees fewer games or just one sport. Even better, suggest he get involved in his children's athletic activities instead.

Dear Annie: My 26-yearold daughter, "Carrie," plans to marry in a few



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months. She has been financially independent for years, living away from home since college. She is paying for her own wedding.

Carrie and her father have never been close. Since she moved away, they get along fine, but she has some very negative memories from her earlier years when they fought a great deal. My husband has a difficult personality. He tends to be insecure and controlling. He can be unapproachable about problems.

Carrie does not want her father to walk her down the aisle, nor will he be asked, "Who gives this woman?" There will be no dancing. I'm afraid when my husband finds out, he will be very upset. Is there anything else I could suggest to Carrie that will make her dad feel special on her wedding day? -- Worried Mom

Dear Worried: Would Carrie let your husband give a toast or read a poem? Would the groom allow Dad to help him dress or be a witness to signing the marriage certificate? Carrie should at least give Dad a boutonniere to distinguish him from the other guests. And you can suggest, lovingly, that her wedding day is the perfect time to try to forgive those past hurts and start fresh.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to the letter from "Facing Reality," the 14-year-old girl who is afraid of dying.

same thing, starting at age 4 and lasting well into my 30s. People said, "You will get over it," or, "You are not going to die for a long time." My fears were quite fre-

quent and very intense, for a shared living and fortunately I was arrangement. She doesn't finally put on medication that helped enormously. Please tell her I've been there, too, and it's nice to know I'm not the only one. -- Faced Reality

Dear Faced: Anything that becomes such an obsession that it interferes with daily life may require counseling or medication. Thanks for pointing it out.

Dear Annie: months ago, my husband and I accompanied my 71year-old mother to our home in California. She was released to my care because the authorities in Pennsylvania felt she could no longer manage on her own. She has a history of mental instability (bipolar) and prior to her release had been hospitalized for mental evaluation five times in three months.

Our intention in bringing her here was to see how she managed. We planned to ultimately convert our garage into a small apartment so she could be close by but still maintain some independence. What we've observed is someone who does very little for herself and basically goes from the sofa (to watch TV) to the table (for food), to the bathroom and back to the sofa. That's her entire

day. My husband and I both work and have to travel a great deal. We tried leaving Mom alone for a few days and it was a disaster. She stopped taking her meds, found some old wine we had forgotten about, got drunk, fell and injured her foot. My husband and I are exhausted from waiting on her, and while she recognizes that we both work very hard, she does nothing to help. We've told Mom she

I went through the exact can't manage on her own and have nixed the garage conversion. I have toured several assisted living facilities in our area. Even if we supplement her Social Security income, it's only enough want that.

Mom says she is going back to her apartment in Pennsylvania. My husband and I feel it is a very poor decision, but we also know she can't stay here. Should we take her back? -- Torn in San Pedro

Dear Torn: And do what? Leave her? Mom is incapable of living alone and will resist attempt to change that, but it has to be done. Call the Eldercare Locator (eldercare.gov) at 1-800-677-1116 and ask what services are available in her area or yours. Look into a home health aide through the Visiting Nurses Associations of America (vnaa.org). Check references for a live-in companion who will watch her for a small fee plus room and board. You sound like a caring daughter. Please don't give up on Mom because she is making it difficult.

Dear Annie: I am really bothered when people use words that are not part of the English language (as I was taught by my mother and teachers), such as "stupidest," "theirselves," "hisself" and "funner," to name a few. Have times changed so that these words are now accepted as proper English? --Sharon

Dear Sharon: Of course not, but poorly educated people don't know any better, and unless they are your children, you are not allowed to correct them in public, no matter how tempting. Sorry.

Dear Readers: Today is Family Day (casafamilyday.org). Studies show that children who eat dinner with their parents have a reduced risk of substance abuse. Please try to make meals a fami-

ly event.

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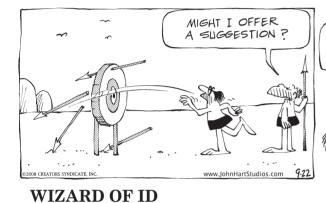
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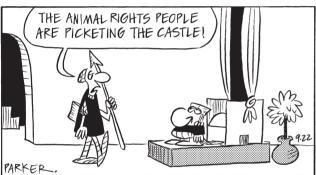
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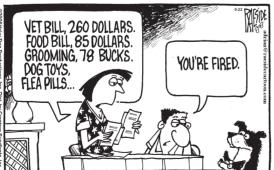




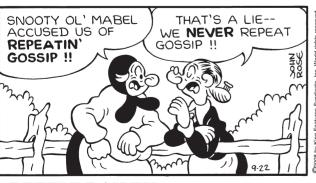


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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 22, the 266th day of 2008. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 11:44 a.m. Eastern time. Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.

On this date: In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster-General.

In 1862, President Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1938, the musical comedy revue "Hellzapoppin'," starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, began a three-year run on Broadway.

In 1958, President Eisenhower's assistant, Sherman Adams, resigned amid charges of improperly using his influence to help a businessman.

In 1958, the television show "Peter Gunn," starring Craig Stevens, premiered on NBC. In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on

the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances. In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Ford

outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed. In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into

full-scale war. In 1988, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney apologized for the World War II internment of Japanese-Canadians, and prom-

ised compensation. Five years ago: A suicide car bombing outside U.N. offices in Baghdad killed an Iraqi policeman.

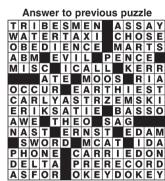
One year ago: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki at the United Nations in their first face-to-face talks since a Baghdad shootout involving guards from a U.S. company protecting American diplomats.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda is 81. NBA Commissioner David Stern is 66. Musician King Sunny Ade is 62. Actor Paul Le Mat is 62. Captain Mark Phillips is 60. Rock

singer David Coverdale (Deep Purple, Whitesnake) is 57. Actress Shari Belafonte is 54. Singer Debby Boone is 52. Country singer June Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 52. Singer Nick Cave is 51. Rock singer Johnette Napolitano is 51. Opera singer Andrea Bocelli is 50. Singer-musician Joan Jett is 50. Actress Catherine Oxenberg is 47. Actor Scott Baio is 47. Actor Rob Stone is 46. Rock musician Matt Sharp is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Big Rube (Society of Soul) is 37. Actor Tom Felton is 21.

Thought for Today: "The autumn always gets me badly, as it breaks into colours. I want to go south, where there is no autumn, where the cold doesn't crouch over one like a snow-leopard waiting to pounce." — D.H. Lawrence, English author (1885-1930).

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U.S. relinquishes Europe's six-year hold on Ryder Cup

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Boo Weekley reprised his Happy Gilmore routine on the putting green. Barelyold-enough-to-drink Anthony Kim sprayed the raucous gallery with champagne. Phil Mickelson strolled around with an American flag draped across his shoulders.

This was a celebration nine years in the making. Even with Tiger Woods reduced to the role of textmessaging fan, the United States ended an era of Ryder Cup frustration with a resounding victory over Europe on Sunday. the 17-inch gold chalice reclaimed by a disparate group of guys and their new-age guru of a coach.

The Americans led from start to finish at Valhalla Golf Club. They weren't going to let this one get away, not after losing three in a row and five of the last six to the Europeans.

Paul Azinger, architect of Europeans for the first time since 1999. "We're going to have a good time tonight, fellas."

The street-smart Kim, at 23 the youngest member of the team and certainly the most brash, showed up at the course wearing a gaudy "USA" belt buckle and quickly showed he wasn't conceding anything to Sergio Garcia — not even a 2-foot putt. The folksy Weekley teed off at No. 1, stuck his driver between his legs and galloped down the fairway as though he was riding a tov horse.

"It's time to go," was Weekley's message. "Let's ride this pony to the house."

Less than $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours later. his team was there. Kim routed Garcia. Weekley finished off his match with two holes to spare. Kenny Perry, who skipped two majors to focus on making a Ryder Cup team in his home state, celebrated a

all night and party with ing, 85-year-old father and my boys," said U.S. coach proclaimed, "That made my career." Another the team that beat the Kentuckian, J.B. Holmes, showed they can play more than basketball in bluegrass country.

Finally, it was Jim Furyk's turn.

Six years ago, he had to stand there helplessly at The Belfry as Europe's Paul McGinley knocked in the decisive putt. This time, Furyk was conceded the cup-deciding point by gracious Spaniard Miguel Angel Jimenez.

After four other meaningless matches were played out, the Americans finished with a $16\frac{1}{2}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$ triumph.

"You dream of winning the Ryder Cup, knocking in the 10-footer for your team and having the place go bananas," Furyk said. "Mine was a 2-foot conceded putt, but I'll take

So, how did this happen? How did a country that was blown out by staggering nine-point margins at the last two Ryder Cups "I'm just going to stay up win with his overall-wear- turn it around, even after



United States team captain Paul Azinger, right, and members of the team hold the Ryder Cup trophy after winning the golf tournament at the Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., Sunday.

Woods was sidelined by a four separate groups. bum knee?

Start with Captain America.

Azinger spoke all week in terminology more reminiscent of a ballroom seminar — team building, staying on point — but the captain's strategy worked brilliantly.

After lobbying the PGA of America for changes to the selection process that granted him more power, Azinger assembled a 12-man squad that was

Team Aggressive: Kim. Mickelson, Justin Leonard and Hunter Mahan.

Team South: Weekley, Perry, Holmes and Furyk (OK, Furyk was born in Pennsylvania, but some concessions must be made).

Team Laid-Back: Stewart Cink, Steve Stricker, Ben Curtis and Champbell.

During the week, Azinger made sure those three distinct pods stuck together quickly divvied up into in the practice rounds. America's Team.

When picking his alternate-ball and better-ball pairings, he stayed within those subsets, even when switching things up from Friday to Saturday. Finally, the order for Sunday's singles had a familiar ring: the fiery group went first to set the tone, the guys from Dixie (and Furyk) played in the middle to feed off the crowd's energy, the steady guys teed off last as the

anchors. In the end, they were

LADY STEERS

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"We're going to prepare as much as we can for each team and prepare to compete as well as we can with the tools we have," she continued. "We'll be all right as long as we are ready to play as a team."

Frenship comes into Big Spring with an impressive 22-5 record. The Lady Tigers are led by Bailey Jones, who is considered

one of the top hitters in the state has posted at least 18 kills in every match she's played this

Four of Frenship's losses have come to teams ranked in the Texas Girls Coaches Association Top 20 poll, including two losses to Canyon Randall, which is ranked third in Class 4A.

Blake says the biggest obstacle playing Frenship is to get past the expectation of defeat.

"It's like that in every sport. We play Frenship and expect to lose. They're a good program, but they're now unbeatable," Blake said. "We're going to have some positive reinforcement throughout the week. Jones hits a heavy ball. She swings fast, but she can be stopped. This team can either decide to play with Frenship or choose not to. If we decide we want to play with Frenship, then we can compete with them and even beat them. One person cannot run a volleyball team. We just have to keep pushing and something

positive is going to happen."

Notes: Big Spring's freshman and junior varsity squads pulled out wins Saturday in Kermit. The freshmen won in three sets, 25-13, 22-25, 25-9. Blake credited a strong service game and had swinging from the front row. The JV swept Kermit, 25-8, 25-22. The JV was down 21-13 in the second set and rallied to the victory courtesy of good blocking. The freshmen play Frenship at 1 p.m. Saturday in Steer Gym with the JV taking the court afterwards around 2 p.m.

Kermit defeated Big Spring 25-12, 26-28, 25-14, 25-18

Kills - Andrea Claxton 11, Belle Feaster 4, Desiree Anderson 4, Macy Graves 3, Halee Thomas 2, Cerbi Ritchey 1, Valerie Ross 1.

Assists - Ritchey 25. Digs - Baylea Fox 7, Ross 5, Sloan Davis 4, Claxton 3, Anderson 2,

Ritchey 1, Thomas 1. Blocks - Graves 3, Claxton 1.5, Anderson 1, Thomas .5, Ritchey .5, Ross .5.

Aces - Ross 2, Feaster 1, Ritchey

COWBOYS

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Cowbovs ignore the previous five setbacks at Lambeau. including the Ice Bowl in 1967.

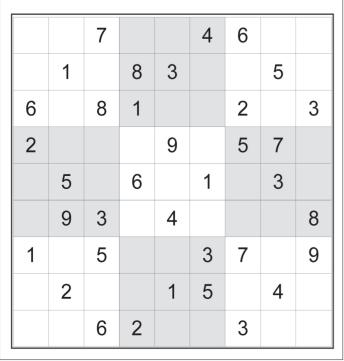
"This team is undefeated in Green Bay," Jones said. "The team's never been here, the owner has and went home limping. I thought he did it well and got the team in the right frame of mind coming up here and he just told the team in here they're undefeated in Green Bay.'

And they staved that way with a career day by Barber. who finished with 142 yards and a touchdown, to go along with a stout defensive performance. Felix Jones



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ter to put Dallas ahead for good after coaches told him he'd get more carries in his third week.

"I was ready," said Jones, who took a handoff from Tony Romo, cut back and left Charles Woodson and Jerry Jones said coach Wade Phillips helped the Charlie Peprah behind for a 10-6 lead in the second quarter that the Cowboys wouldn't relinquish.

Romo, who returned to Wisconsin as a pro for the second time, was 17-of-30 for 260 vards even though his favorite wideout, Owens, was held to two catches for 17

Owens made a big block that helped spring Jones on the TD, and Jones and Austin complimented Owens' performance off the stat sheet afterward even as the star declined to talk.

"Him having two catches, 17 yards doesn't explain what he did today. He's attracting double coverage, triple coverage all the time," Austin said. "For him to do that, it's almost bigger than him making the play. He's opening it up for other people."

Jones became the first Cowboys rookie to have TDs in

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added an electrifying 60-yard TD run in the second quar- his first three games, and Barber, who received a \$45 million, seven-year contract this offseason, plowed through a tired Packers defense.

"I would expect nothing like this to ever happen again with our defense. We've just got to move on from there and get better," defensive tackle Ryan Pickett said. "He's definitely a good back. He did well tonight. He found the openings in our defense. The weak point in our defense, they did a good job of attacking it.'

While the Packers defense allowed 453 yards — the most in nearly four years — Aaron Rodgers failed to match Dallas score for score and didn't get a whole lot of help beyond Greg Jennings, who caught eight passes for 115 yards.

"These guys are probably the most athletic defense we've faced so far and one of the most athletic in the league," said Rodgers, who finished 22-of-39 for 290 yards and was sacked five times. "When I got outside the pocket, I wasn't really able to turn the corner."

The Cowboys answered immediately, thanks to Austin's first big play. Safety Nick Collins slipped in coverage and Austin got behind the defense for a 63-yard catch to set up first-and-goal at the 3.

Barber then ran the ball twice, scoring on a 2-yard run and Austin added a 52-yard TD reception to make it 27-9 with 9:17 left in the game.

"I had a whole bunch of ideas what I was going to do if I scored today, and after I scored I was just so excited I didn't do any of them," Austin said. "Maybe next time it'll work out."

Everything else has for Dallas so far, even with the outside expectations that it's Super Bowl or bust.

"You're not trying to be the favorite in Week 3, you're trying to be it at the end of the year," Romo said. "All we can do is continue to try and control what we do today, tomorrow and this week. Outside of that, we can't worry about the future and stuff that's going to happen."

Notes: Green Bay allowed the most yards since a 47-17 loss at Philadelphia on Dec. 5, 2004. The Eagles had 542 yards of offense in that game. ... While Dallas hadn't won at Lambeau Field before, the Cowboys beat the Packers in 1978, 1980 and 1991 at County Stadium in Milwaukee.

