

+Bush confident bailout will stabilize economy+

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Key supporters of a Wall Street bailout package prodded lawmakers to approve the plan hours ahead of a difficult House vote on Monday,

with President Bush saying it is needed to "keep the crisis in our financial system from spreading throughout our economy."

"Every member of Congress and every American should keep in mind that a vote for this bill is a vote to prevent economic damage to you and your community," said Bush, fully aware that congressional passage of the \$700 billion compromise legislation is far from assured.

"With this strong and decisive

legislation," he said, "we will help restart the flow of credit so American families can meet their daily needs and American businesses can make purchases, ship goods and meet their payrolls."

The package cleared a key procedural hurdle on the House floor Monday morning with a 220-198 vote to move it to three hours of general debate and a

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Vincent Ortiz and Paige Carlile were the overall winners of the 2008 Kountry Kids pageant, held in conjunction with the Howard County Fair, Saturday morning.

Cutest kids Forty enter county fair's Kountry Kids Contest

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The cutest kids in Howard County weren't hard to find Saturday — they were at the county fair.

The Fair's annual Kountry Kids Contest attracted about 40 of the area's cutest little kids, all decked out in their finest cowboy or cowgirl attire.

Four-year-olds Vincent Ortiz and Paige Carlile took top honors in both their age group and in the overall competition.

Other age group winners were:

• 0-6 months — Paisley Oshorn

• 7-12 months — Keeley Tilley and Klaytin Long.

• 12-13 months — Sydnee Berry and Trey Edwards.

• 2-vear-olds — Aubree Blizzard and Logan Reed. • 3-year-olds — Olivia Arguello and Bycen Cervantes.

Emcee for the event was Jeannie Coors, while Kelly Zant, Emily Thomas and James and Tracy Grissett helped coordinate the contest.

Contest Director Bernadine Grissett said the event was highly successful - almost too much so. A last-minute rush of entries caused the event to last longer than in past years. However, she said it was a minor glitch.

"It went very well," she bigspringherald.com

said. "We had even more entries than we had last year and we hope to bring in even more contestants next year."

She credited this area's western heritage in part for the continued success of the annual event.

"This is a very family oriented town," she said. "The people here are very proud of their families and the ag culture of Howard County and this is one way they celebrate that heritage."

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Time is running out



for voter registration

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Time is running out for area voters hoping to cast a ballot in the November election, with Oct. 6 the last day to register to vote in the presidential contest.

"The registration deadline for any election is 30 days prior to the election day," said Saundra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator. "If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they



have to do is come by the office. They can fill out the voter registration application and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election.

"For those that can't get See **VOTE**, Page 3A

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Friday's

out, they can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process."

Bloom said the deadline for area voters to return applications for mail-in ballots is Oct. 27, but warned against procrastinating.

"I would encourage everyone to get their applications in as soon as possible," said Bloom. "If you're 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring State Park Manager Ron Alton, left, talks to people prior to hay rides at the park Saturday afternoon. The event was part of the state park's annual Harvest Saturday.

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Dine Out Day Friday

Greg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall is this week's Dine Out Restaurant





sales at Greg's Grill will benefit United Way.

Help for veterans

The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson or call (432) 267-9536.

Don't forget!

The deadline to obtain tickets for Thursday's Ag Luncheon is 5 p.m. today at the Chamber of Commerce.

Groundbreaking

Howard College invites the public to celebrate its past, present and future with a groundbreaking ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The ceremony will be on the west lawn of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. A reception will follow.

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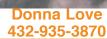




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LOCAL

Obituaries

Zada Lee Shockley



Zada Lee Shockley, 90, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008, at Hospice House in Odessa. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of The 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Zada was born Feb. 14, 1918, in Lawn to Ida Mae and Lem Roberts. The family

came to the Big Spring area when Zada was a baby, and she lived most of her life in Knott and Big Spring. She was a member of The Church of Christ. Zada married Cecil Shockley Nov. 11, 1934. He preceded her in death Dec. 14, 1977.

Zada is survived by four sons: C.J. Shockley and his wife Mary Jo of Florence, Ariz., Mike Shockley and his wife Minga of Big Spring, Richard Shockley of Marshall and Bruce Shockley of Arlington; five grandsons: David Shockley of Merkel, Aaron Shockley and Michael Shockley, both of Big Spring, Austin Shockley of Arlington and Dwayne Shockley of Huntsville, Ala.; two granddaughters: Jessica Kimes of Dayton, Ohio, and Veronica Kaye Shockley of Arlington; and four sisters: Hazel Shockley, Ruby Lewis and her husband Lawrence Ray, and Lillie Hendricks, all of Big Spring, and Evelyn Holcomb and her husband E.D. of Ackerly.

Pallbearers will be Ellis Witt, Curtis White, Dean Blake, Michael Shockley, David Shockley, and Austin Shockley.

The family will be at 201 Davis Road.

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

Paid obituary

Lyda May Sanborn



Lyda May Sanborn, 73, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will recieve friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday.

She was born May 28, 1935, in Big Spring and married George Byron Sanborn Jr. Dec. 29, 1973, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death May 20, 2008.

Mrs. Sanborn had worked as a waitress for many years, working at the truck stop and at Herman's Restaurant. She also had worked for Newsom's Grocery in the meat market.

She was a Lutheran, was active in Girl Scouts for over 20 years, and was a life member of the Rainbow Girls.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Sharon Birdwell of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Alma and Leroy Walker and Wanda and Bill King, all of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Jason Birdwell and wife Tia, and Nicole Birdwell, all of Odessa, Sterling McIntosh, Kirsten King, Marie White and husband Heath, Michelle Lee and Clint Walker, all of Big Spring, and Sheri Lewis and husband Troy of Lubbock; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jack Axtens of Royse City; and one sister, Helen Smith of Lubbock.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Sunday:

• ALONZO HILARIO, 46, 205 N.E. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• RUBEN DOMINGUEZ, 22, 406 E. 10th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated with an open container.

• ROBERTO RAMOS, 56, 908 E. 15th, was arrested on a local warrant and seven capias warrants.

• BILLY CHAVERA, 30, 2504 Gunter, was arrested on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call, criminal trespass evading arrest and retaliation.

• RAMIRO MARQUEZ, 18, 501 Abrams, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and a Howard County warrant.

• JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ, 17, 1213 Lindbergh, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

• MOSES OLIVAREZ, 19, 2602 Carleton, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 100 block of Third.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of Main, the 1000 block of Main and the 2200 block of Morrison.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1000 block of Main.

• DISORDERLY CONDUCT/FIGHTING was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson.

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350 and the 700 block of 11th.

• EVADING ARREST/DETENTION was reported in the 1000 block of Main.

INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Main.

• RETALIATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.

• THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens and the 1100 block of Lamesa.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Sunday (Note: Officials report 56 prisoners in the county jail):

• JOSEPH ANTHONY LATULAS JR., 42, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• JAMES CANTU, 38, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• GUADALUPE VILLALPANDO, 54, was was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of resisting arrest, search or site transport.

• NATHAN CRAIG LOWE, 20, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• ROBERT RAMIREZ, 27, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of deadly conduct, bail jumping, failure to appear and a bondsman off bond warrant for theft by check.

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Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity during the weekend:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Capri. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Marijo. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Colby. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• MEDICAL was reported at the county fairgrounds. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at 10th and Goliad. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Main. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported on Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at Joneboro Road and Birdwell Lane. Two persons was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Carlton. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N.W. Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of S. First in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, a greatgrandson, her parents, three brothers and one sister.

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

Mattie Lee Andrews

Mattie Lee Andrews, 73, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Geneva Turner

Geneva Turner, 84, of Denison, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, in a Denison hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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



• KATIE LYNNE JUNKIN, 19, was arrested by deputies on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• KAYLI DANIELL NEWELL, 19, was arrested by deputies on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• LACARNLY MARQUI CROSS, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• BOBBY PHILLIP MASTERS, 46, was arrested by deputies on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Junior Class will meet at 6:15 p.m. today at the Athletic Training Center. Call Denise Carillo at (432) 816-1685 for more information.

 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.

• 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.



the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

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

• 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.

WEDNESDAY

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

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.



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News in brief

Obama, McCain gingerly support \$700B bailout agreement emerging in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain on Sunday gingerly embraced a newly negotiated congressional deal for a \$700 billion bailout of the hobbled financial industry.

"This is something that all of us will swallow hard and go forward with. The option of doing nothing is simply not an acceptable option," McCain said. Obama said he was inclined to back it "because I think Main Street is now at stake."

True to form after a week of posturing, both campaigns sought to take at least partial credit for the outcome. Obama said McCain did not deserve any pats on the back.

"Here are the facts: For two weeks I was on the phone everyday with (Treasury) Secretary (Henry) Paulson and the congressional leaders making sure that the principles that have been ultimately adopted were incorporated in the bill," Obama said in an interview on "Face the Nation" on CBS.

McCain said the latest version of the plan meets his insistence of an oversight body to monitor the treasury secretary and limits the compensation of executives of financial institutions applying for loans.

Maine escapes a direct hit from a rare hurricane and takes aim at Canada Maritimes

MACHIAS, Maine (AP) - It threatened to be the first hurricane in 17 years to make landfall in Maine. Instead, Kyle delivered little more than a glancing blow equivalent to that of a classic nor'easter.

Heavy rain pounded the nation's northeastern tip Sunday night as residents accustomed to winter blizzards hunkered down while the weakening storm moved through the Gulf of Maine and into the Canadian Maritimes.

Maine emergency responders braced for wind gusts as high as 60 mph and waves up to 20 feet, but the Category 1 hurricane took a turn to the east, weakening to a tropical storm as it made landfall in Nova Scotia and pressed northeastward toward New Brunswick.

In Maine, where residents are accustomed to nor'easters, the storm didn't impress.

"This was a run-of-the-mill storm. It had the potential to be a real problem and it all sort of went away. That shift to the east did wonders for Maine," said Michael Hinerman, director of the Washington County

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final vote, likely by midday or early afternoon. Two leading players in the negotiations also spoke early Monday, taking to television news shows to lobby for approval of a package deeply unpopular with a public angry that taxpayer money will save Wall Street firms from heavy risk-taking. Thousands of angry phone calls, e-mails and letters have poured into Capitol Hill from constituents. But Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., said that failure to act would spread the contagion of frozen credit markets even further. "This is not just about Wall Street," said the Banking Committee chairman. Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who represented fellow Republicans in the hardfought 10 days of talks that culminated in a deal early Sunday morning, called it a "tourniquet" for the ailing financial industry and slow-moving economy. Still, both men said the necessity of such massive government action is a sad day for the nation. Asked if the legislation, slated

vote as early as Wednesday, would pass, Dodd said only: "We hope so."

These players were speaking not just to rank-and-file lawmakers to whom the spotlight now turns in this contentious, dramatic debate, but to U.S. and global markets which have displayed nervousness about Washington's determination to act.

Investors worldwide and in early trading in the United States continued to

Emergency Management Agency.

5 killed, 25 wounded in explosion targeting military bus in northern Lebanon

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (AP) – A car bomb exploded Monday near a military bus carrying troops going to work in northern Lebanon, killing at least five people and injuring 25 others, Lebanese security officials said.

The officials said most of the casualties were soldiers. It was the second deadly attack targeting troops in northern Lebanon in less than two months.

A senior military official told The Associated Press that three soldiers were among the dead, but had no breakdown of the number of injured among the troops.

The security officials said the car packed with explosives was parked on the side of a road and detonated by remote control as the bus drove in the Bahsas neighborhood on the southern entrance to the northern port city of Tripoli.

Disagreements over Israel, Iran stoke tensions between West, Islamic nations at nuke meeting

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Islamic anger over Israel's nuclear program and bids by Iran and Syria to gain more influence threaten to turn this week's 145-nation International Atomic Energy Agency meeting into an unprecedented showdown between the West and the developing world.

Opening Monday, the IAEA's general conference has traditionally been an annual chance for the United Nations nuclear monitoring agency's member countries to plan general nuclear policies that range from strengthening nonproliferation to programs of medical and scientific benefit.

Decisions are traditionally made by consensus, a practice that had led all sides to bridge sometimes substantial differences and opt for compromise on most issues for most of the general conference's 52-year history. A vote on any topic is unusual and considered a huge dent in the meeting's credibility.

But Islamic frustration over Israel's refusal to put its nuclear program under international purview and resistance by the Jewish state to Muslim pressure on the issue threatens to force a vote for the third year running.

After losing the vote two consecutive years, Islamic nations are threatening to up the ante this year, warning they will call for a ballot on every item, no matter how

uncontroversial, unless they get conference backing on the issues close to their heart.

Asian markets fall on investor skepticism that U.S. bank bailout will quickly resolve crisis

TOKYO (AP) — Asian stock markets fell Monday amid investors skepticism that the deal reached in Washington over a \$700 billion bank bailout would quickly resolve the bad debt crisis.

Adding to concerns of further global financial contagion was news Sunday that Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg pledged more than eurol1 billion (\$16 billion) to Dutch-Belgian bank and insurance giant Fortis NV to keep it from insolvency.

"There's an increasing realization that the cleanup and the mending of all that's gone wrong is going to take an extended period to work through, and we're going to see an extended recovery period," said Jamie Spiteri, senior dealer at Shaw Stockbroking in Sydney.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index was down 1.3 percent at 11,743.61, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index shed 2.1 percent to 18,286.90.

"They're worried that another fire is starting in Europe," said Castor Pang, an analyst at Sun Hung Kai Financial in Hong Kong, referring to the Fortis news.

Key witness delayed in Stevens trial; more testimony expected about work on home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors changed their plans and said they would not put their star witness on the stand Monday in the corruption case against Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

Instead, the Justice Department said it plans to continue the parade of witnesses from oil pipeline company VECO Corp., which allegedly provided more than \$250,000 in free renovations on the senator's home.

The decision means the highlight of the trial - the testimony of VECO founder and former Stevens confidant Bill Allen — will be delayed at least until Tuesday and may be pushed back until Wednesday.

As the trial entered its second week, prosecutors gave no reason for the witness switch. But defense attorneys complained Friday that they still did not have all the medical records related to a serious motorcycle injury that left Allen with lingering brain damage. The judge suggested delaying Allen's testimony until lawyers had those records available for cross-examination.

get the help as long as they had "significant operations" in the United States. Originally designed to help companies get rotten mortgage-related investments off their balance sheets. the legislation would allow the government to buy up any kind of asset top economic officials think is necessary to promote market stability.

The final 110-page bill was released Sunday evening

parties expected the vote to be a nail-biter.

The two major party presidential candidates - Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama expressed tepid support for the bailout.

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, an opponent, estimated that half of the House's 199 Republicans are "truly undecided."

Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said he

businesses that is essential for economic growth and job creation, while at the same time affording strong and necessary protections for taxpayers," Bernanke said, calling for swift passage.

Bush said he "fully understands" the bailout bill is a difficult vote for lawmakers.

But he argued that iitterv U.S. taxpayers will benefit from a number of safeguards that lawmakers wrote into the pending legislation, including checks and balances on the operation of the program, curbs on "golden parachutes" for top executives of firms getting help, and assurances that taxpayers would ultimately be reimbursed by the companies for any losses. But the government would have broad discretion to decide how to implement both. The legislation also requires that the government take ownership stakes in companies that receive federal infusions, so it could share a piece of potential future profits. Bush also said the ultimate cost of the bailout will be much less than the \$700 billion authorized in the bill. The sour assets mostly mortgage-backed securities — that the pro-

gram allows the government to take off the books of struggling financial institutions will eventually be sold, perhaps even at a profit.

Still, the president hinted that this may not be the last intervention required. "It's been a volatile time for our financial system and our economy," he said. "Even with the important steps we're taking to address the current crisis,

show doubt about whether the bill would go through, much less go a long way toward curing the systemic problems that have unnerved financial markets across the globe for weeks. There was a further sign of general economic deterioration Monday as the Commerce Department reported that consumer spending was unchanged in August — even worse than the small 0.2 percent gain that economists had anticipated. It was the weakest showing since spending was also flat in February.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, in a statement Monday, said he welcomed agreement on a compromise bill.

"This legislation should help to restore the flow of credit to households and

we will continue to face serious challenges."

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson sought the unprecedented amount of money with little supervision.

Instead, the bill lets Congress block half the money and force the president to jump through some hoops before using it all. The government could get at \$250 billion immediately. \$100 billion more if the president certified it was necessary, and the last \$350 billion with a separate certification — and subject to a congressional resolution of disapproval. Still, the resolution could be vetoed by the president, meaning it would take extra-large congressional majorities to stop it.

Banks, credit unions, securities brokers and dealers, and insurance companies, among others, could after a final weekend of intense negotiating, and Republicans and Democrats huddled for hours in private meetings Sunday night to learn its details and voice their concerns. Many said they left uncertain of how they would

vote.

Lawmakers in both parties who are facing re-election are particularly nervous about embracing such a costly plan proposed by a deeply unpopular president that would benefit perhaps the most publicly detested of all: companies that got rich off bad bets. "Nobody wants to have to support this bill," said Rep. John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, the House minority leader. But he said he was urging "every member whose conscience will allow them to support this" to do so. Officials in both

was inclined to oppose the bill. But he added: "A lot of people are going to hold their nose and vote for it. because they've been put in a bad position and they don't have any other option."

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for a vote in the House

later Monday and a Senate

ail or you know you will be out of the county for the election, you can apply for a ballot by mail. They can write us a letter or send us a request by fax or e-mail. "The deadline to receive

an application for a ballot by mail is Oct. 27, which should allow enough time for the ballot to be mailed and returned in time for the election."

According to Bloom, requests for a mail out ballot must include the voter's name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request

and the address the ballot should be mailed to.

If the reason for requesting a mail out ballot is the voter will be out of the county during the election, Bloom said the ballot must be mailed to an address outside Howard County, as well as mailed back from outside the county.

"We're hoping this will

help our college students, military and voters temporarily working out of the county," said Bloom.

Early voting is set to begin Oct. 20 and finish Oct. 31, with the general election slated for Nov. 4.

For more information on voter registration, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.

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Editorial

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OTHER VIEWS

Immigration plan worth candidates' attention

t's clear from the presidential candidates' tactical evasion that neither plans to give illegal immigration the priority attention it deserves early in the next administration. Whatever other pressing issues are vying for the candidates' time, there's no excuse for their neglect of comprehensive immigration reform.

We're encouraged by the efforts of a bipartisan task force in Washington, organized by the Migration Policy Institute, to keep immigration reform high on the nation's political agenda — whether the candidates like it or not.

Doris Meissner, the task force's director and former head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service under President Bill Clinton, told us last week that the current trend toward tougher workplace enforcement and tighter border security is causing America's business community to appreciate the urgen-

Here's another reason to drill

they spend a larger percentage of

government's Low Income Home

their budgets on energy. The federal

asoline prices have dropped a little since hitting \$4 a gallon, but America's total energy bill is going to increase as we enter the home heating season.

The costly double whammy of still-high pump prices and potentially recordbreaking heating bills underscores the need for Washington to make energy as affordable as possible. Congress soon will have a chance to do so by letting the restrictions on offshore drilling lapse and

BEN LIEBERMAN

allowing this extra energy to come online. The Department of Energy projects average household heating costs to be \$1,152 this winter, a \$166 increase over last year and \$359 more than five years ago. Over half of America's homes are heated with natural gas, which is expected to cost \$162 more per household than last vear. Hardest hit are those homeowners who use heating oil, which, like gasoline, is made from petroleum. They are expected to shell out \$500 more per household than last year. Barring an unusually mild winter,

this could be the most expensive heating season ever. High energy costs hurt all consumers, but especially low- and

fixed-income households because

Energy Assistance Program gives states funds to distribute to qualifying households that need help with their energy bills. Several legislators want to boost funding levels for the program to cope with the expensive winter ahead. But before federal lawmakers

expand programs that try to make energy more affordable, they ought to make certain that they aren't contributing to energy being so unaffordable in the first place. Washington does just that with an energy policy that keeps much of our domestic potential out of reach.

Department of Interior studies estimate at least 19 billion barrels of oil and 84 trillion cubic feet of natural gas lie untapped beneath the 85 percent of our territorial waters currently off limits. That many barrels would nearly double the nation's proven oil reserves. And 84 trillion cubic feet is enough natural gas to supply America's homes for 16 years. And, it should be noted, these initial government estimates of energy in restricted areas tend to be on the low side.

These amounts, if brought online, would be more than enough to make a difference in heating oil and natural gas prices for many years to come.

The restrictions on offshore energy are based on outdated environmental fears - advances in technology have dramatically reduced the

risk of oil spills, and any new domestic drilling would be subject to the strictest standards in the world. Yet Congress has renewed the restrictions annually since 1982.

Until this year. Public anger over high pump prices and polling showing 2-to-1 support for expanded offshore drilling has thus far killed efforts to extend the moratorium. It is set to expire on Sept. 30.

Thus, if Congress does nothing a job it can handle — between now and the end of the month, almost the entire offshore would be open legally the next day. Some observers are calling it Energy Freedom Day.

Granted, the energy won't become available this winter or next. The process of leasing and developing this energy will take a number of years. But at least it could begin.

There is little doubt that, without any policy changes from Washington, we will see a return to \$4 gas, if not higher.

Nor is there any reason to expect that heating bills will get cheaper in future winters.

The first step in addressing both is making better use of American energy, and it looks as if we're about to take that step.

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cy of comprehensive reform.

Businesses of all kinds and sizes get pinched when their source of cheap labor dries up. It is clear that America's population is aging while its need for blue-collar labor is growing beyond the means of our population to fill the gap. Meissner's group presents a viable plan to address that need through the tightly regulated, legal flow of immigrant labor.

The idea is to establish flexible immigration limits that grow or shrink according to the ebb and flow of employers' requirements. She proposes creating a standing commission on immigration and labor markets, which would perform the same function for immigration that the Federal Reserve does for monetary policy. The plan would abolish the work-permitting system that has kept a single, inflexible limit in place for 16 years and would depoliticize the procedure by which Congress approves changes to visa quotas.

This is just one of several strong proposals that could help make comprehensive reform more politically palatable. We hope the next president musters the courage to give it the attention it deserves.

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Little Rock campus calm these days

f not us, then who? "If not now, then when?" U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a former Freedom Rider

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Gloria Ray remembered the night FBI agents knocked at her home to take her fingerprints so they could identify her body when they found it later. Can you imagine sending

your 15-year-old off to school with that specter haunting your thoughts?

To a new school, where she'd have to walk past hostile crowds just to enter - and be confronted with strangers in the hallways and classrooms?

I don't think I could have done it. But nine families did in Sept. 25, 1957. Sent their nine teenagers to integrate Little Rock's Central High School under the guard of

federal troops.

The splendid, sprawling school looked peaceful and inviting last week when I walked its grounds in the late afternoon with colleagues attending the National Conference of Editorial Writers annual convention.

A trio of girls wearing gold paper crowns practiced their balance standing on posts near a corner. At the adjacent stadium, an inflated yellow tiger stood ready for that evening's football game.

Central today has 2,400 students and strong academic programs. It's also known as the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, part of the National Park Service.

But from a visitor center caddy corner to the campus, you can

look across South Park Street and listen by telephone receiver to the story of that chaotic September when Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus called out the state's National Guard, ostensibly to "prevent violence." The troops prevented African-Americans Minnijean Brown, Elizabeth Eckford, Ernest Green, Thelma Mothershed, Melba Pattillo, Gloria Ray, Terrence Roberts, Jefferson Thomas and Carlotta Walls from entering the all-white school.

After members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division arrived to shield the teens from unhappy residents who gathered outside the school, the nine finally enrolled in Central High.

It was three years after the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled that racially separate public schools denied students their constitutional right to equal educational opportunity.

"My heart breaks to see what African-Americans went through - and to see the ignorant hate in so many people's eyes. Thank you for this center, for helping to open my eyes just a little more." — Sept. 19 entry in the center's visitor book

Opened last year, the visitor center draws travelers from around the world: Visitors from Austin, Nederland, Munich, Scottsdale, Edmonton, Japan, India, New York City, and Luling, La., had scrawled messages in a notebook near the pillar featuring John Lewis' words. A video shows footage outside the high school during those tumultuous times. A touch-screen panel provides background on each of the Little Rock Nine and other major figures in the 1957 events. There, you can learn where life took each of the students.

Ray, for instance, became a patent attorney and eventually retired in Europe.

Green, the first African-American graduate of Central High, worked four years as assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Carter administration and became an executive at Lehman Brothers. His son, University of Chicago history professor Adam Green, told NCEW members that the Little Rock events helped people understand "the inherent dignity of fighting for social change."

During a panel discussion at the NCEW convention, author Elizabeth Jacoway offered a historian's analysis: that Arkansas Gazette editor Harry Ashmore's editorializing pushed Faubus more toward resistance than he otherwise might have gone. And former Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Jim Johnson was adamantly unreconstructed, insisting (unpersuasively) that blacks and whites would have integrated without federal court intervention.

Green said the episode continues to echo a half-century later because it helped the nation grow in its understanding of the American promise.

"Whatever the defining struggle of our time, it seems to me that this one, this principle of trying to imagine an expansive sphere of rights and liberties, constitutes the struggle for the ages," he said.

"Whether we enter it with a sense of expansive potential or in a spirit of suspicion and fear comprises our ongoing challenge. Little Rock in 1957 — what sense we make of it – helps sort out where we stand on that enduring question."

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Zack Saldivar

Big Spring senior center In Big Spring's 28-7 loss to

Sweetwater Friday, some energy and fire was needed on the field for the Steers.

Saldivar stepped forward and helped provide some as he showed a lot of hustle from

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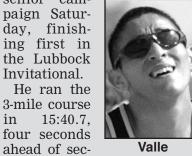
had two aces in Big Spring's first district match of the season.

Jordan Valle

Big Spring senior CC runner Valle continued his impressive start to his

senior campaign Saturday, finishing first in the Lubbock Invitational. He ran the

in



Area CC runners finish strong in Lubbock

Valle wins second meet of 2008 season, Parker nabs fifth, Leubner sixth

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — It was business as usual for Big Spring's Jordan Valle Saturday at the Lubbock Invitational cross country meet Saturday.

Valle was the highlight of 36 total Crossroads athletes from Big Spring, Forsan, Grady and Sands as he raced to a first place finish in the Boys Class 4A division. He finished the course in the team standings with 156 15:40.7, less than four seconds points, which was 100 points ahead of second-place finisher behind meet winner Canyon. Sann Allison of Canyon.

Big Spring's Kade Parker. Parker ran his best time this season complete the race, finishing in with a 16:14.1, good enough for fifth place.

Sammy Segundo placed 20th. Picking up his first Top 5 fin- while Shane Allen came across ish of his high school career was the finish line in 24th. Sergio Torres was the final Steer to 114th place.

Catherine Leubner was the The Steers finished sixth in only female running for Big See CC, Page 6

Spring, completing the 2-mile course in 12:22 for sixth place.

In the Class A boys division, Grady's Jacob Rodriguez placed 10th. Forsan's Kyle Stevenson was the top finisher for the Buffs, coming across the finish line in 21st. The top finisher for Sands' boys was Richard Lucio,

BSHS opens district with loss

By JONATHAN HULL Sports Editor

Last season, the Frenship Lady Tigers didn't drop a set in District 4-4A play. They started where they left off Saturday.

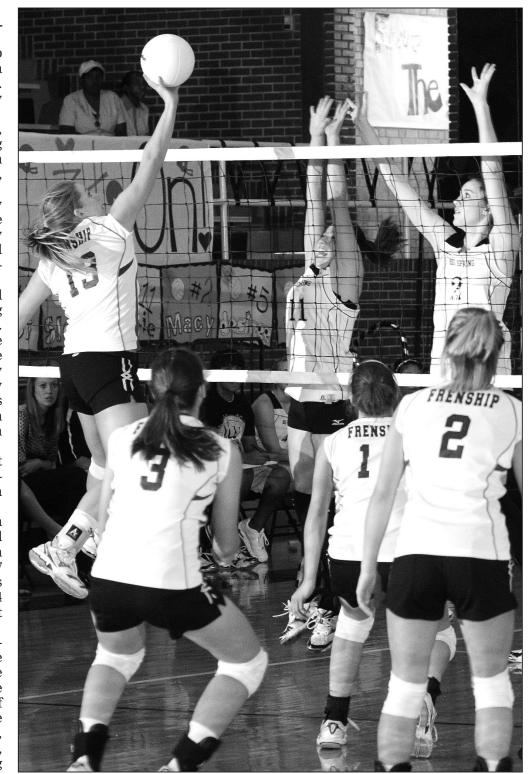
The Lady Tigers (24-5, 1-0) defeated the Big Spring Lady Steers (5-24, 1-0) in straight sets at Steer Gym, 25-9. 25-11. 25-17.

Big Spring never led by more than one point in the entire match as the Lady Tigers proved they're still the team to beat in the district.

"They're a very good team," admitted Big Spring Head Coach Meghan Blake. "The biggest difference between us and them is the way they go after every ball. They're constantly chasing everything. It's impressive. I hope we can learn from seeing a team playing that way."

Frenship opened the first set with a 7-2 run, and outscored Big Spring 18-7 from that point.

The Lady Steers put up a long fight in the second set, but a 5-1 Frenship run put Big Spring in a 15-7 deficit. The Lady Tigers scored 10 of the last 14 points to take a two set advantage. The Lady Steers strongest showing came in the third set. They were able to keep within at least five points for a majority of what turned out to be the decisive game. However, Frenship pulled away late, capitalizing on several Big Spring service errors for the 25-17 match-clinching win.



Cooper dominates **Big Spring**

Herald Staff Report

Abilene Cooper came into the first weekend of District 4-4A team tennis play against Big Spring ranked sixth in the state. The Cougars proved worthy of their ranking Saturday at Figure Seven Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park, dominating the Steers by winning 18 of 19 matches.

Cooper didn't drop a set in any of the boys or girls singles or regular doubles matches. Keely Parnell was the closest Big Spring player to taking a singles match, losing to Chelsea Miller, 7-5, 6-4.

The Steers only win came in mixed doubles where the team of Kristina Chang and Mike Gonzalez won in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

Head Coach Dana Jones is happy with the team's improvement, despite Saturday's results.

"Overall, the team is improving week by week," Jones said. "We didn't win many matches against Cooper, but we competed very well. Keely played a very good, close match. Jonathan Womack and Mike Gonzales played good singles matches." Big Spring's second district match is Oct. 4 against Lake View in San Angelo.

Valle

ond place finisher Sann Allison of Canyon. It is Valle's second win of the 2008 season. He finished second in the other race.

Teammate Kade Parker also had a fantastic meet, racing to a fifth-place finish. Catherine Leubner placed sixth in the girls division for Big Spring.

Dylan Cox

Grady junior quarterback

Cox threw the winning touchdown pass to Jacob Rodriguez with 21 second remaining in Grady's 42-40 homecoming victory over Ropes Friday.

Cox also sealed the win with an interception following the winning throw. In all, he was 20-of-26 passing for 276 yards and four touchdowns.

He had two interceptions on defense, returning the first for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Johnny Rogers

Sands junior quarterback

Rogers accounted for seven touchdowns in Sands' 88-40 victory over Spur Friday, rushing for three, passing for three and returning another for an interception.

He finished with 217 yards rushing and 75 yards passing.

Ty Johnson

Forsan freshman receiver

It's not often a freshman can have a huge impact on a varsity football team, but Johnson ended up leading Forsan in rushing and receiving yardarg in the Buffs' loss to No. 5 Iraan Friday.

He had the Buffs' only score on a 72-yard run — his only carry of the night and also posted 54 receiving yards.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Frenship's Julia Hitch (13) attempts to tip the ball past Big Spring's Valerie Ross (11) and Macy Graves (top right) in action from the Lady Steers' straight sets loss to the Lady Tigers in a volleyball game that served as the **District 4-4A opener for both teams.**



AP photo/Donna McWilliam

Washington Redskins safety Chris Horton (48) intercepts a Dallas Cowboys pass intended for wide receiver Miles Austin (19) in the third quarter during an NFL game Sunday in Irving,

Redskins shock Cowboys

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Tony Romo stood on the sideline with his arms folded and a disgusted look on his face. Terrell Owens knelt on one knee, his eyes shooting skyward with a hopeless expression.

At least this was only Week 4 for the Dallas Cowboys — not January again. So there's still a lot more season to play after this loss.

"I think we'll come back next week with a lot to prove," Romo said after the Cowboys suffered their first loss, 26-24 at home to the Washington Redskins on Sunday.

The Cowboys suddenly, despite all their Super Bowl expectations, aren't even the top team in the NFC East. And the Redskins with rookie head coach Jim Zorn seem determined to make it a four-team division race.

Abilene Cooper defeats

Big Spring, 18-1 (Big Spring players listed first.) **Girls singles**

Brittany Farmer lost to Zuri Simpson, 6-2, 6-2

Kristina Chang lost to Lindsey Roder, 6-2, 6-2

Keely Parnell lost to Chelsea Miller, 7-5, 6-4 Brandi Rigdon lost to Lauren

Renner, 6-2, 6-1

Shayla Drake lost to Dana Lemieux, 6-0, 6-1

Brionna Palmer lost to Gabby Camacho, 6-1, 6-0

Girls doubles

Rigdon/Farmer lost to Simpson/Camacho, 6-2, 6-2

Parnell/Palmer lost to Roder/ Miller, 6-2, 6-1

Drake/Leslie Cash lost to Renner/Lemieux, 6-0, 6-4 **Boys singles**

Mike Gonzalez lost to Jimmy Yates, 6-3, 6-1

Jeremy Langford lost to Max Prachyl, 6-1, 6-2

C.J. Burleson lost to Ryan Hocke, 6-0, 6-1

Matt Garza lost to Nick Blazier, 6-1, 6-0

Jonathan Womack lost to Maxx Jeffers, 6-2, 6-3

Chad Bowles lost to Xavier Ross. 6-0. 6-0 **Boys doubles**

Langford/Womack lost to Yates/Blazier, 6-1, 6-1 Burleson/Ray lost to Hocke/

Prachyle, 6-1, 6-0

Bowles/McKinley lost to Espinosa/Jeffers, 6-0, 6-0 **Mixed doubles**

Chang/Gonzalez defeated Del Hierro/Orona, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5

Other matches played

(Non-district)

Tyler McKinley lost to Kevin Yeakle, 6-0, 6-1

Matt Ryan lost to Coletun Espinosa, 6-0, 6-0

Alyssa Byrd lost to Lauren Zugia, 6-1, 6-0

Anna Scott lost to Julianna Holloway, 6-2, 6-2

Matt Garza/Reba Smith lost to Holloway/Yeakle, 6-2, 6-2

COWBOYS

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"What can I say? We just beat Dallas in Dallas," said Zorn, who will go down in history as the only Washington coach with a perfect regular-season record at Texas Stadium.

"Everybody has to look at the Redskins in a different light now," running back Ladell Betts said. "This is a great team. We can beat anybody. We can play with anybody. We proved that right now.'

Washington and Dallas both have 3-1 records, trailing the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants (3-0) in the NFL's toughest division.

Jason Campbell threw two touchdown passes, Santana Moss caught eight passes for 145 yards, Clinton Portis ran for 121 yards and Shaun Suisham kicked four field goals – three after Dallas tied the game in the third quarter.

The Redskins defense held what had been the NFL's most-explosive offense to its fewest yards (344) and points of the season. Marion Barber ran for only 26 yards on eight carries.

After the Redskins had two TDs in a four-play span nullified because of penalties against center Casey Rabach, Suisham kicked tiebreaking 33-yard field goal. After Romo threw an interception at the end of the third quarter, that led to another 33-yard kick and a 23-17 lead.

Romo on the next possession threw three consecutive incompletions to Owens, whose earlier 10-yard TD had tied the game at 17. The Cowboys had a big third-down defensive stop on the next drive, except they had 12 men on the field, and Washington got another field goal with 3:22 left to put the score out of reach.

"They were able to hang around and kick field goals and score at crucial times.

... We made mistakes. We couldn't get off the field at crucial times," linebacker Bradie James said.

"We lost a couple of games last year ... 13-3, we knew it was going to be tough to try to equal that or better that," Terence Newman said. "We'll be all right."

With a soft October schedule, the Cowboys could have been in really good shape.

But it is apparent now that the NFC — or the NFC East - won't be an easy romp for the Cowboys, who returned 13 Pro Bowl players from a 13-win team that failed to win in the playoffs last season — leaving Romo and Owens with sullen looks on the sideline last January.

"You've got to learn from this," Jason Witten said. "Since day one, there's been a lot of expectations and people thinking you're the team to beat so to

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speak. ... We've got to play better football than we did tonight, for sure."

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The Redskins came in with consecutive wins since a lousy performance in the opener, but there were still questions about how good they were. Going on the road to beat one of the most talented teams in football certainly improves their perception.

"It feels good watching our players take these strides," Zorn said. "The football team believes in what we're doing and that feels good."

Campbell turned a 7-0 deficit into a 17-7 lead with a 3-yard touchdown pass to James Thrash, a 2-yard touchdown to Antwaan Randle El and a 53-yard strike to Moss that led to the first field goal after Moss landed out of bounds on a third-down fade.

Romo was 28-of-47 for 300 yards with three TD, but two of his best drives came in 2-minute drills, with the second - an eight-play, 82-yard march that ended with an 11-yard touchdown to Miles Austin with 1:42 left.

Dallas then tried an onside kick. The ball came up high and catchable for receiver Sam Hurd but he wasn't able to hold it. losing the ball out of bounds.

"We've still got a lot to go," Portis said. "We're learning on the run, and lucky for us, we're getting these wins."

Jaguars 30, Texans 27, OT

At Jacksonville, Fla., Josh Scobee won a second straight game for the Jaguars, with plenty of help from David Garrard again. Scobee's 37-yard field goal in overtime won it. Scobee hit a 51-yarder with 4 seconds remaining last week beat to Indianapolis 23-21.

Houston (0-3), getting a strong outing from quar-

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"We played much better defense in the third set," Blake said. "This has to be treated as a learning experience. If we could have landed more of our serves, then we would have had a chance to win that set.' Bailey Jones was the catalyst for Frenship's offense, leading them with 12 kills. Jones is considered one of the top players in the state and Blake said it was obvious as to why. "She's a really good player and swings very hard," Blake said.

terback Matt Schaub, looked like it might get its first victory of the season. Schaub threw for 307 yards and three touchdowns, two of them to Kevin Walter. His last one was an 8-vard strike that put the Texans ahead 24-20 with 7:06 remaining.

But Garrard brought the Jaguars (2-2) right back, mostly with his legs. Garrard scrambled for two first downs and then ran for a 5-yard touchdown with 1:48 to play. He gained 13 yards on third-and-10, then picked up 9 more a few plays later on fourthand-8.

Jets 56, **Cardinals 35**

Somewhere, Joe Namath had to be smiling.

While Brett Favre isn't exactly a reincarnation of Broadway Joe, he sure looked like Broadway Brett on Sunday. The longtime star quarterback did something for the Jets he never accomplished during his storied stint in Green Bay, throwing for six touchdowns in a 56-35 victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

The Cardinals (2-2) expect a lot more from themselves than the six turnovers Kurt Warner victimized was for. Arizona trailed 34-0 at halftime as New York (2-2) got three Favre to Laveranues Coles TD passes and Darrelle Revis' 32-yard interception return for a score.

Arizona wide receiver Anguan Boldin was carted off the field after a scary helmet-to-helmet collision with New York safety Eric Smith in the end zone with 27 seconds remaining. Boldin was moving all his extremities on the field and was talking to his teammates, but was immobilized and taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in New York for precautionary reasons.

Elsewhere, Denver was yards. beaten for the first time, while Buffalo and Tennessee remained perfect.

Kansas City got its first win by beating the Broncos 33-19. The Bills won at St. Louis 31-14, and the Titans beat Minnesota 30-17.

Also, it was Chicago 24, Philadelphia 20; San Diego 28, Oakland 18; Tampa Bay 30, Green Bay 21; Jacksonville 30, Houston 27 in overtime; Carolina 24, Atlanta 9; New Orleans 31, San Francisco 17; and Cleveland 20, Cincinnati 12.

Chiefs 33, **Broncos 19**

Larry Johnson ran for 198 yards and two touchdowns, and the Chiefs took advantage of four Denver turnovers, snapping a club-record 12-game losing streak.

Nick Novak kicked three field goals for the Chiefs (1-3), who did not seem to be out of danger until Tony Gonzalez snared a 10-vard touchdown pass with 12:40 to go.

Denver quarterback Jay Cutler kept misfiring and Johnson kept running, and the Chiefs, 10-point underdogs at home to the previously undefeated Broncos (3-1), finally broke their skid.

Bills 31, Rams 14

At St. Louis, the Bills moved to 4-0 for the first time since 1992, the middle of its dominant AFC vears.

Jabari Greer's 33-yard interception return on the first play of the fourth quarter was the go-ahead score as Buffalo handed St. Louis (0-4) its 17th loss in the last 20 games.

Steven Jackson had 110 yards on 24 carries, the first 100-yard rushing game the Bills have allowed any team this season, and five catches for 78

At Nashville, Tenn., rookie Chris Johnson

Titans 30,

Vikings 17

scored two touchdowns, the defense forced four turnovers that Tennessee turned into 21 points, and the Titans improved to 4-0 for the first time in franchise history.

Minnesota (1-3), which came in hoping to start its own winning streak, outgained Tennessee 333-275. The Titans had allowed an NFL-fewest 29 points, then gave up a season-high 17 to the Vikings.

Bears 24, Eagles 20

At Chicago, Alex Brown stopped Correll Buckhalter at the goal line late in the game, and the Bears (2-2) hung on after a pair of head-scratching losses that raised questions about their killer instinct.

Kyle Orton was 18-of-34 with 199 yards and a career-high three touchdowns — all in the first half, as the Bears built a 21-14 lead. Orton threw for just 25 yards in the second half as the Bears nearly gave away the game.

Donovan McNabb had another good game for the Eagles (2-2), passing for 262 yards and a touchdown and interception, but they got little from the running game with Brian Westbrook nursing an ankle injury.

Chargers 28, Raiders 18

At Oakland, Calif., Darren Sproles' long kickoff return set up Nate Kaeding's go-ahead 47-yard field goal with 1:51 to play, and LaDainian Tomlinson sealed the Chargers' 10th straight win over their AFC West rivals — and the possible end of coach Lane Kiffin's tenure — with a 41-yard TD run.

"She's someone you have to try and (11-17, 1-0) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The stop. We'll be better prepared next Lady Bulldogs won in straight sets time we play them. We'll be able to of Lake View Saturday, 25-17, 25-18, look at their offense and figure out 25-17. their tendencies. We can try to scheme better around her the next

Frenship defeats

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Opening lead - king of clubs.

This deal, from the 1956 U.S.-Italy world championship match, became famous not because it was brilliantly played, but because it wasn't

The American team gained 750 points when it bid and made a grand slam in diamonds while the Italians stopped in a small slam. Both declarers made all the tricks on identical lines of play, but the fact is that they each missed the correct way to try to score 13 tricks.

At both tables, declarer won the club lead with the ace and cashed five diamonds and five spades, leaving South with just the Q-10 of hearts. On the last spade, West, who held the queen of clubs and K-8 of hearts, had to discard in front of dummy's A-9 of hearts and jack of clubs. Both Wests discarded a heart, and declarer won the last two tricks with the ace and queen of hearts.

This line of play succeeded only because West had the king of hearts. However, a method of play was available that would have succeeded even if East had the king. The best chance for 13 tricks is to

win the club, ruff a club, cash the K-Q of diamonds and ruff another club. Declarer then leads a spade to the jack and ruffs dummy's last club with the ace. A heart to the ace followed by a third round of trumps permits declarer to discard the heart ten. run the spades and thus score all the tricks

The recommended play works whenever the diamonds break 3-2, a 68 percent probability. The approach adopted by both declarers wins only when West has the heart king, a 50 percent chance, and is still available if the diamonds divide 4-1

At this level of competition, it is surprising that neither declarer found the line of play that offered the maximum chance of scoring 13 tricks. Even world-famous experts, it appears, have blind spots!

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who placed 62nd.

Grady had a second Top 10 finisher at the meet with Eva Dyck placing 10th in the girls Class A division. Sands' top girl was Brittini Blagrave, who came across in 87th.

Big Spring travels to Round Rock Saturday for the McNeil Invitational at Old Settlers Park. It gives the Steers an opportunity to race on the same course used for the state meet in November.

Boys 4A results

1. Jordan Valle, Big Spring 15:40.7; 2. Sann Allison, Canyon 15:44.1; 3. Ramiro Garcia, FW North Side 16:06.3; 4. Solomon Gardea, EP Chapin 16:13.6; 5. Kade Parker, Big Spring 16:14.1; 6. David Mogi, Amarillo Palo Duro 16:20.8; 7. Andy Lucio, Hereford 16:22.9; 8. Drake Railsback, Canyon Randall 16:23.5; 9. Will Welling, Canyon 16:25.8; 10. Isaac Spencer, EP Austin 16:26.3; Notables: 20. Sammy Segundo, Big Spring 17:13.8; 24. Shane Allen, Big Spring 17:24.7;



time we play."

Andrea Claxton led the Lady Steers in four statistical categories. Claxton shared the kills lead with Desiree Anderson with seven apiece. She also shared the blocks lead with Cerbi Ritchev with each girl earning one.

Claxton was also tops in digs with six and aces with two. Ritchey had 17 assists.

Big Spring plays its second district match on the road against Plainview

Big Spring 25-9, 25-11, 25-17

Kills – Andrea Claxton 7, Desiree Anderson 7, Macy Graves 4, Halee Thomas 3.

Assists - Cerbi Ritchev 17.

Digs - Claxton 6, Baylea Fox 5, Valerie Ross 3, Anderson 2, Ritchey 1, Thomas 1.

Blocks - Ritchey 1, Claxton 1, Anderson .5.

Aces - Claxton 2, Fox 1. Anderson

114. Sergio Torres, Big Spring 21:08.8.

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Girls 4A results

1. Marissa Paz, EP Chapin 11:45: 2. Maggie Escobar, FW Boswell 11:45.1; 3. Alyssa Diaz, Hereford 12:08.2; 4. Aries Bazaldua, Canyon 12:11.1; 5. Jennifer Atkinson, FW Boswell 12:21.4; 6. Catherine Leubner, Big Spring 12:22; 7. Jessica Blakely, Hereford 12:24.6; 8. Sandra Walker, EP Andress 12:28.5; 9. Adriana De Leon, EP Chapin 12:29.7; 10. Gabrielle Hernandez, EP Del Valle 12:30.3.

Boys 1A results

1. Jonathan Lira, Plains 16:35; 2. Jaxon Bean, Plains 16:47; 3. Michale Mikeska, Boys Ranch 17:12; 4. Swasey Brown, Boys Ranch 17:17; 5. Wade King, Sundown 17:17; 6. Mychal Sainz, Plains 17:35; 7. Carl Hulen, Boys Ranch 17:37; 8. Jesus Rocha, Bovina 17:40; 9. Aaron Rodriguez, Hart 17:41; 10. Jacob Rodriguez, Grady 17:41; Notables: 21. Kyle Stevenson, Forsan 18:08; 34. Jake Rhoton, 18:55; 36. Shane Teague, Grady 18:55; 39. Elgen Suazo, Forsan 19:10; 41. Josue Rodriguez, Grady 19:30; 44. Sam Harryman, Grady 19:58; 47. Guillermo Medina, Grady 20:03; 56. J.P. Barber, Forsan 20:31; 57. Christian Medina, Grady 20:33; 59. Ben Kennady, Grady 20:42; 62. Richard Lucio, Sands 20:51; 64. David Martinez, Sands 20:55; 74. Nelson Richard, Forsan 21:38; 77. Evan Burton, Forsan 21:50; 98. Reubin McMorris, Sands 23:22; 99. Sean Blagrave, Sands 23:43; 101. Adam Hernandez, Sands 23.52; 107. Josh Sanchez, Forsan 24:33.

Girls 1A results

1. Meghan Bass, Crosbyton 12:18; 2. Emeline Crutcher, Wellman-Union 12:25; 3. Jaylen Rodgers, Hamlin 12:27; 4. MacKenzie Hodge, Sundown 12:33; 5. Melissa Velzco, Shamrock 12:34; 6. Shelley Gibson, Gruver 12:36; 7. Marissa Garcia, Smyer 12:53; 8. Tamra Jernigan, Shamrock 12:59; 9. Sierra Honea, Irion County 13:00; 10. Eva Dyck, Grady 13:01; Notables: 74. Anita Wiebe, Grady 14:29; 82. Julia Schuelke, Grady 14:34; 87. Brittini Blagrave, Sands 14:45; 100. Maegan Blocker, Grady 14:58; 119. Morgan Yarbrough, Sands 15:12; 163. Kayla Franco, Sands 15:47; 170. Kaitlyn Blocker, Grady 15:56; 213. Clarrissa Elizondo, Sands 17:36; 215. Patsy Flores, Grady 17:42; 222. Miranda Gutierrez, Sands 18:33.



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Jealousy is your teacher. The person you envy is very much like you, but has excelled in an area you secretly know you could also excel. Let your feelings guide you toward taking a positive step.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The plan goes out the window, and that's a good thing. You'll be surprised and inspired to look at an old problem with new eyes. Roll with it, be spontaneous and surrender to the unexpected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Put your feelers out there. You need more information about what's going on with the people around you. Knowing the inside scoop will not only give you an edge, it will more make you compassionate.

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decisions. Cut out the static in your life and in what's your own personality. Stick with what you Aries can be perpetually know and be proud of it. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Take advantage of the chance to broaden your horizons. Whether it is a day trip, a new hobby. a potential friend or a spiritual retreat, you will come away from the experience with newfound enthusiasm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're swimming with the sharks now, and actually it's where you belong - you're one of them. You're just as sharp and voraciously ready for success as anyone around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Acknowledge your accomplishments and hard work with a moment of reflection and a promise for reward. It's so important that you follow through on those vou-on-vou promises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It only takes one thing that's not working to set you in a frustrated direction. Whether it's a mantra, a breathing exercise or a happy place you go in your mind, return to your spiritual touchstones to stay calm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You and your colleagues have different ideas as to what constitutes a productive workday. You lead by setting a fine example and spending your time on only the endeavors that boost the bottom line.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A certain friend has been clinging to you lately via endless phone calls, and you find yourself needing some space. Don't assume your needy pal will fall apart if deprived of your wise and (usually) loving feedback. ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: I am an Aries and my ex is a Libra. We broke up without any valid reason He is working abroad as

Start by examining behind your Restless impulsivity. dissatisfied by love, and wondering what (or who) else is out there, putting commitments to the test by violating the agreements of а relationship.

This is a surefire way to lose Libra's interest. As the sign given cosmic governance to dispense truth, judgment and justice, the final judgment of this breakup may be a verdict with no ability to appeal. At any rate, prepare to state your case.

Start with "I'm sorry," explain that you understand your role in contributing to the breakup, then ask if he's willing to give you a second chance. Libra can be the most patient and forgiving of partners — if they see a future in your relationship. And if he chooses to not get back together, the best thing to do is accept it and move on.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Naomi Watts has said that she's terrified of working with her partner, Liev Schreiber, because he's such a good actor.

She needn't worry about Liev showing her up, though, as many Librans often find that through working in twos they're better at what they do. With Venus in Scorpio, Naomi needs intensity, challenge and passion in her love life. Doing a steamy movie together would fit that bill!

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



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back to a good place.

22). There's no time to waste on stuff vou're not sure about. Make quick What should I do?

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for three years, and we both teach at the same high school. Last semester, a new female teacher took quite a liking to my husband, who is 20 years her senior.

They began meeting a few times a week for Their several months. affair was obvious, but I confirmed it by accessing his cell phone records. To make matters worse, they were not discreet and were the talk of both the faculty and students.

I cannot begin to describe the pain, humiliation and betrayal. I believe they stopped contacting each other over the summer, but school has started up again and my husband sees this woman every day. Even if they are not involved romantically, I believe she has a strong adverse effect on his mood.

There is no way our marriage can survive this interference, but Ι wholeheartedly believe we can get past this if she is not in the picture.

Being a new teacher, she has no job protection. Should I go to the administration, expose the affair and get her fired? My husband may suffer a little, but will survive relatively unscathed. -Not Teacher's Pet

Dear Not: We hope you are not blaming this young woman entirely for the affair. Your husband made the decision to cheat and acted on it. You can give him the choice of reporting the affair to the

administration, taking a leave of absence or finding another position.

Either way, please get some counseling because you have a lot of trust to rebuild, regardless of what happens to this woman.

Dear Annie: My brother, "Paul," passed away unexpectedly, leaving my sister, "Sue," and me as the only survivors. (Our parents died several years ago.)

The three of us were pretty close and lived in the same neighborhood.

Last year, Paul and I suffered a rift in our relationship. After much soothing and a year's time, I felt our relationship was well on the way to a complete recovery. Now I find that, although Paul's will splits his estate evenly between my sister and me, he named only Sue as the beneficiary on his insurance policy.

This was a very current policy. I don't begrudge Sue the money, but was hurt to realize that Paul must still have been harboring ill will. am distressed that these were the last thoughts he had of me.

More than anything else, I would wish for more time with my brother. Please tell your readers to think very hard about how their actions could hurt their loved ones after they are gone. I am trying to through work this situation without being resentful and would appreciate your advice. — Saddened Sister

Dear Sister: No matter how current the policy, it's

quite possible Paul originally set up the beneficiary while you were still feuding and renewed it without changing it, assuming he could always do it later.

You need to forgive yourself and Paul for treating your disagreement as if you had time to fix it. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: I really feel for "Shell-Shocked," whose wife left him out of the blue. My wife did the same thing to me after 12 years of marriage. She threatened to take the kids away if I fought her, so I allowed the divorce to happen quickly.

She refused counseling and started seeing other men even before the divorce was final. Ι helped start her successful business, shared household duties, took care of the kids, bought her flowers for no reason, never missed a birthday, etc.

Our friends and family were shocked and saddened. The kids and I have been in counseling ever since. Her behavior was so selfish and callous that I can't believe this is the person I married.

But I am not giving up. Somewhere out there are good people with a sense of commitment, trust and honor. The joy of a good marriage is remaining faithful and kind and working at it every day. – Getting Over It Dear

Getting: It sounds like you are already on the mend. Good luck to you.

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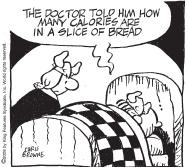
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Munich Agreement, which was aimed at appeasing Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1963, the second session of the Second Vatican Council opened.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II began the first papal visit to Ireland as he arrived for a three-day tour.

In 1982, Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide claimed the first of seven victims in the Chicago area. (To date, the case remains unsolved.)

In 1988, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., marking America's return to manned space flight following the Challenger disaster.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Lizabeth Scott is 86. Actor Steve Forrest is 84. Actress Anita Ekberg is 77. Actor Eddie Barth is 77. Writer-director Robert Benton is 76. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 73. Actor Ian McShane is 66. Lech Walesa, the former president of Poland, is 65. Actress Patricia Hodge is 62. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 60. Rock singer-musician Mark Farner is 60. Rock musician Mike Pinera is 60. Country singer Alvin Crow is 58. Actor Drake Hogestyn is 55. Broadcast

Comedian-actor Andrew "Dice" Clay is 51. Rock singer John Payne (Asia) is 50. Actor Roger Bart is 46. Singer-musician Les Claypool is 45. Actress Jill Whelan is 42. Rock musician Actress Emily Lloyd is 38. Actress Natasha Gregson Wagner is 38. Actress Rachel Cronin is 37. Country musician Danick Dupelle (Emerson Drive) is 35. Actor Zachary Levi is 28. Country singer Katie McNeill (3 of Hearts) is 26. Rock musician Josh Farro (Paramore) is 21.

Thought for Today: "Nothing makes people so worthy of compliments as occasionally receiving them. One is more delightful for being told one is delightful — just as one is more angry for being told one is angry." – Katharine Fullerton Gerould, American writer (1879-1944).

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QUITE A FEW by Gail Grabowski

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 29, the 273rd day of 2008. There are 93 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashana begins at

sunset. Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 29, 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

On this date: In 1758, English Admiral Horatio Nelson was born in Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk.

In 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men. In 1829, London's reorganized

police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty. In 1902, Broadway impresario

David Belasco reopened the Republic Theatre under his own name.

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