

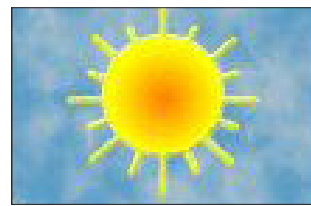
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Hoyer, Blunt hopeful of progress on rescue bill

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — Two House leaders said Wednesday headway is being made toward getting the \$700 billion financial industry rescue bill through Congress, thanks partly to a provision increasing insurance for people's deposits. President Bush planned to call lawmakers asking for their support ahead of a crucial Senate vote Wednesday night.
"I think the Senate thinks it has the votes and I think it probably will pass," House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said. House Republican Whip Roy Blunt of Missouri agreed that prospects for passage have improved, and he said he was particularly heartened by indications the legislation has become more appealing to constituents back home.

The plan for Wednesday night's vote was set after leaders there agreed to add tax breaks for businesses and the middle class and increase deposit insurance in an attempt to revive the legislation rejected by the House. The White House tried to build support by warning of the consequences of failure.

"This morning we're seeing increased evidence of the credit squeeze on small businesses and municipalities all across the country, so it's critically important that we approve legislation this week and limit further damage to our economy," White House spokesman Tony Fratto said.

Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama and his GOP rival, John McCain, planned to fly to Washington for the Senate vote, as did Democratic

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Courtesy photo
Maurice Africh, left, and Ty Matlock rehearse a scene from "Breaking Legs," a Howard College Theater Department production which will be performed Friday through Sunday at the Hall Center for the Arts.

'Breaking Legs' debuts Friday at Howard College

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The Howard College Theater Department will stage a comedy about the Mafia's attempt to break into the entertainment business when they perform "Breaking Legs" Friday through Sunday at the Hall Center for the Arts.

Performances will be held at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Title aside, "Breaking Legs" is a family comedy — it just features a different kind of family.

"It's sort of an homage to (Martin) Scorsese's films like 'Goodfellows,'" HC Theater Director Kirk Davidson said. "It's about a young college professor who wants to get his play

At a glance

What: Comedy "Breaking Legs."

Where: Howard College Hall Center for the Arts.

When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets: \$3 students, \$5 adults, available at the door.

staged and about some mob bosses who want to get into the entertainment business.

"The professor falls in love with the mob boss' daughter and complications and hilarity ensue,"

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HC celebrates past, current, future

Groundbreaking ceremony signals reconstruction start

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Howard College celebrated its past and current while taking steps to ensure its future Tuesday afternoon.

On the 63rd anniversary of the first day of classes at the community college, past and current students mingled with college officials as they held formal groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$21.6 million renovation project.

Work on the project, which will significantly upgrade the college's infrastructure, is about to hit high gear.

Indeed, the shovelfuls of dirt at Tuesday's ceremony are only the harbinger of things to come, said College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

"You are about to see a lot of dirt flying around the campus," Sparks told the crowd. "So we wanted you to get used to seeing trenches around here."

Symbolism was heavy at Tuesday's ceremony as college officials brought together past, current and future students for the event.

Joining Sparks in

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

From left, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks is joined by original HC faculty member Eddie Lou Haig Neel and original students Larry Shaw and Rex Voyles during groundbreaking for the college's \$21.6 million renovation project.

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Dine Out Day Friday

Greg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

Proceeds from Friday's sales at Greg's Grill will benefit United Way.



Animals blessed

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will hold the annual Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Bennett Garden at the parish. The public is encouraged to bring their scaly, feathered and furry friends for a special blessing by Mother Kelly Conkling in honor of St. Francis. Please keep dogs on leashes during the ceremony. For more information, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Ag Luncheon Thursday

Area farmers and ranchers will be honored Thursday during the 16th Annual Ag Appreciation Day. The day-long event will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. From 8 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the Howard County AgriLife Extension Office will host a farm tour.

Lunch will follow in the community center ballroom. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples will be the keynote speaker. A highlight will be presentation of the Ag Producer of the Year and Ag Business of the Year. Luncheon tickets are no longer available; however the program is free and the public is invited.

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Chinese gymnasts ruled of age

By **NANCY ARMOUR**
AP National Writer

China's gold medal gymnasts were old enough to compete in the Beijing Games. However, international gymnastics officials still have questions about the team that competed in Sydney.

Two members of that 2000 squad — Dong Fangxiao and Yang Yun — remain under scrutiny.

"The FIG does not consider the explanations and evidence provided

to date in regards to these athletes as satisfactory," the International Gymnastics Federation said in a statement Wednesday.

Dong got a Beijing Olympics credential with documents that suggest she was only 14 in 2000, said Andre Gueisbuhler, secretary general of the FIG. Her blog also indicates she was underage in Sydney.

Yang, who also won a bronze medal on the uneven bars in 2000, said in a June 2007 interview that aired on state broadcaster China Central

Television that she was 14 in Sydney. Gymnasts must turn 16 during the Olympic year to compete.

"I would hope that the whole world in sport realizes that the FIG is serious about these rules and the ethics and moral questions," Gueisbuhler said.

Calls to Yang and Dong's mobile phones rang unanswered Wednesday, a national holiday, as did phone calls to the Chinese gymnastics team's

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Imperfect Cowboys

First loss doesn't shake Dallas' confidence

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys eliminated one huge distraction with their first loss of the season.

"I guess now we can be alleviated from going 16-0," Bradie James said Monday, a day after the Cowboys lost 26-24 at home to NFC East rival Washington.

"It's always a big atom bomb drop anytime we lose because people think we are going to win every game every year by 40 points," Marcus Spears said. "But that's not the case. ... We've always been able to pull back together. Guys have no less hope of getting where we want to go now than before we played Washington."

One loss doesn't eliminate Super Bowl expectations for the Cowboys (3-1), but it did drop them from the top of the NFC East, the league's toughest division, behind the New York Giants (3-0) and tied with the Redskins.

There may not be any confidence lost by Dallas, but there are questions after the Redskins held what had been the NFL's most-explosive offense to season lows in points and yards (344). The Cowboys ran only 11 times for 44 yards, with 26 by Marion Barber on eight carries.

"We didn't run the ball enough," coach Wade Phillips said Monday. "In some games we audible out of running plays. In this game, we probably audibled out of too many."

Phillips blamed himself for that, refusing to put that on Tony Romo. Phillips said the quarterback didn't make any mistakes in audible calls.

"It's how we set it up," Phillips said. "Sometimes we just need to run the ball. We need to run Marion Barber up in there and we can still run against an eight-man front and if he can break through there, he'll make a big play for us."

The Cowboys should have a chance to correct things over the next few weeks.

After playing at home Sunday against Cincinnati (0-4), the Cowboys are on the road against Arizona (2-2) and St. Louis (0-4). That means they play half of the league's four remaining winless teams in the next three weeks, sandwiched by a game against a Cardinals team they have dominated through the years.

Dallas just needs to make sure to get over the disappointment of losing to a division rival that had won only once in its previous 12 trips to Texas Stadium.

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Plainview tops BSHS

Lady Steers fall to 0-2 in district play

By **JONATHAN HULL**
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — It's not often a volleyball coach feels hers was the better team after falling in straight sets.

However, that's the case for Big Spring Lady Steers Head Coach Meghan Blake in the Lady Steers', 25-15, 25-19, 25-16, loss to Plainview's Lady Bulldogs Tuesday night in Plainview.

"It hasn't been often this season that I felt we were a better hitting, defensive and serving team than our opponent, but we really were tonight," Blake said. "The one thing we lack is the desire to just get out on the court and just beat somebody badly. Plainview simply wanted this more than we did. We handed them a ton of points and when it really mattered, they played big and we didn't."

Big Spring played neck and neck with Plainview for the first 30 points of each set. However, that's when the Lady Bulldogs stepped up their game, while the Lady Steers struggled to break serve and maintain rallies.

"Service errors killed us tonight," Blake said. "We work on serving aggressively in practice everyday and we do a good job of it. However, when we get into a game, we either serve fluff or send the ball badly out of bounds. It's just not transitioning from practice to the game. It really comes down to us

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Hallee Thomas (10) hits a kill shot past Plainview's Emily Welch (2) and Meredith Mull (6) in the Lady Steers' straight sets loss to the Lady Bulldogs Tuesday in Plainview.

White Sox are playoff bound

Chicago tops Minnesota, 1-0, in AL Central tiebreaker

By **RICK GANO**
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — For the first time in more than a century, Chicago has two chances at a championship.

A big swing by Jim Thome, a strong throw from Ken Griffey Jr. and the marvelous pitching of John Danks helped the White Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 1-0 on Tuesday night to finally decide an AL Central winner.

The White Sox joined the crosstown Cubs in the postseason, the first time since 1906 that both Chicago teams made it. And just as the Cubs did when they clinched the NL Central crown, several White Sox players came back on the field after the final out and sprayed fans with champagne.

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AP photo/Paul Beaty

The Chicago White Sox celebrate after defeating the Minnesota Twins 1-0 in the American League Central tiebreaker Tuesday in Chicago. With the win, the White Sox secure the final spot in the MLB playoffs and face the Tampa Bay Rays in the AL Division Series round. The other ALDS matchup pits the Boston Red Sox against the Los Angeles Angels. The LA Dodgers play the Chicago Cubs in one NLDS matchup with the Milwaukee Brewers squaring off with the Philadelphia Phillies in the other.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Powder Puff Football Friday

The Big Spring High School junior class is hosting a night of Powder Puff Football at 7 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field.

Admission is \$2 per person. The freshmen will take on the sophomores followed by a game between the juniors and seniors.

The game serves as a fundraiser for the Junior/Senior Prom. Call Denise Carrillo with any questions at 816-1685.

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting at ATC Oct. 13

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster club will hold a meeting at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Athletic Training Center.

Regular meetings will be held every second Monday of the month.

For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9806.

BSCC hosting over-80 scramble Oct. 11-12

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

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

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

Obituaries

Dale Roberts



Dale Roberts, 59, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at his residence. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday at 7000 South Service Road, double-wide home at Whip-In RV Park. He was born March 28, 1948, in Stanton to Jessie and Tommy Roberts. He worked most of his life in the oilfield in the Big Spring area. He owned Apache Well Service. He later drove a truck cross country. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra "Sandy" Roberts of Big Spring; five daughters, Teana Denehey of Sand Springs, Melody Bolton of Rome, N.Y., Marsha Garcia of Yorkhill, N.Y.; Malissa Cubberly of Tucson, Ariz., and Ami Oyer of Odessa; three brothers, Ben Roberts of Conroe, Sonny Roberts of Littlerock, Ark., and Ronnie Roberts of Lubbock; and 12 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter: Dalanna Roberts and one sister: Ann Cain.

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

Mary Martinez

Mary Martinez, 65, of Sand Springs, died Wednesday morning, Oct. 1, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elaine Herndon

Elaine Herndon, 74, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Shirley Tottleben

Shirley Tottleben, 69, of Stanton, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, in a Big Spring hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Take Note

- 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 in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.
- Big Spring High School Junior Class will meet at 6:15 p.m. today at the Athletic Training Center. Call Denise Carrillo 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.
- A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.
- The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626.

Police blotter

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

- BRADLEY DALTON, 17, of 1501 Avion, was arrested Tuesday on a parole violation.
- DEAN CAMDEN, 18, of 1401 Lincoln, was arrested Tuesday on three local capias warrants.
- BRENDA RAMON, 24, of 509 E. 18th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a Nolan County warrant and a local warrant.
- MICHAEL ROBERTSON, 26, of 107 Moore Road, was arrested Tuesday on a parole violation.
- AMANDA DEANDA, 20, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants.
- THEFT was reported in the 800 block of 13th Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 300 block of 15th Street.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY – GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 300 block of 15th Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 200 block of Channing. in the 1600 block of Stadium.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2100 block of Main Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

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.
- TAMMY LOIS THOMPSON, 38, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - STANLEY LYNN FRALEY, 44, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole.
 - SUSIE LEDESMA, 23, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property.
 - ROBERT ESPINOZA RAMOS SR., 56, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
 - CHRISTOPHER LEE VALENCIA, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information.
 - QUIONA ANN CASHAW, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon – family violence.
 - KENNETH LABRON MACLIN SR., 51, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a protective order.
 - ELISA SANCHEZ ORTIZ, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of credit/debit card abuse.
 - JAMES EVERETTE ROBERTS, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on Midland County warrants for bondsman off bond – burglary of a building and bondsman off bond – forgery.
 - TONY SANCHEZ, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for harassment.
 - ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 68, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
 - ERIC MICHAEL TRAMMELL, 43, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of Warren. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.;

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- 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.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$42 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$32 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 9, 30, 35, 38 and 49. The Mega Ball number was 36.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 24-33-36-27-26.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-1-2. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-0. Sum it Up: one.

Support Groups

women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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not wanting it enough."

In the first set, Plainview scored the first five points, but Big Spring slowly fought back into the match and trailed by three at 18-15. However, the Lady Bulldogs' Marisa Gamboa served the final seven points of the match, giving Plainview 1-0 set lead.

In the second set, the Lady Steers jumped out to a quick 3-0 advantage, but a 9-0 run by Plainview put Big Spring in a 9-3 hole. The Lady Steers once again showed some fight and tied the game at 16-all midway through.

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"We had some people yelling at each other, people expressing frustrations. That's to be expected from a good football team that feels like we didn't have a good performance," Greg Ellis said, describing the postgame scene

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media officers.

"We are satisfied with the information provided by FIG, and we now consider the (2008) matter closed," said Emmanuelle Moreau, spokeswoman for the International Olympic Committee.

"Clearly they feel that there is more to be looked at for Sydney," Moreau added. "We encourage them to pursue their inquiry and shed some light on these cases. We now rely on them to get to the bottom of that and get back to us."

Doubts about the ages of China's current gymnasts

However, it was Plainview once again coming up with the big points late, eventually winning 25-19.

Big Spring led most of the third set with its biggest margin over Plainview being four points. Trailing 15-11, Plainview went on to score 14 of the next 15 points to secure the set, 25-16, and the match.

The Lady Steers were led by Andrea Claxton with six kills. Desiree Anderson had five kills, four digs and the only two blocks Big Spring in the match. Valerie Ross and Baylea Fox led the Lady Steers with six digs apiece.

Big Spring falls to 0-2 in District 4-4A and 5-25 overall. Plainview

is now 2-0 in district.

Blake feels the Lady Steers aren't far from a critical turning point in the season.

"Everyday I feel like we are just two steps away from getting over this hill and winning some volleyball games. The talent is there. Right now, it's the desire that is holding us back," explained Blake. "Everyone keeps telling me we're young, but I don't think that's an excuse. That's an excuse you can use for everything. We'll never be successful if we keep making excuses for ourselves."

"Yes, we're making some young mistakes, but we've been together as a team for 30 games now. It's time to move past that,"

Phillips stopped short of saying that Monday, but he does believe the loss will make the team stronger.

"We won't get as many pats on the back on how great we are," Phillips said. "We will bounce back from this. I think we will even get stronger as a team. I think they will bond together. ... I think we are upset, but we are

also mad we didn't play our best. It will bring out the best in our team."

Notes: Cowboys NT Tank Johnson was upset with Washington RB Rock Cartwright dancing on the star logo in the middle of Texas Stadium after the game, calling it a "childish" act. "I told him don't disrespect our field," Johnson said. "Why

found, the punishment could be as severe as stripping the medals.

"In our statutes, our code of discipline, we have a range of sanctions. It can be from a suspension, it can be taking medals away, it can be taking the rankings away," Gueisbuhler said.

"Are we entitled to take action for medals or rankings at the Olympic Games? Or does this fall strictly under the IOC authority? We are looking at this moment at these questions."

Gueisbuhler said the documents Dong used for her Beijing credential list her birthdate as Jan. 23, 1986, which would have made her 14 — and too young — for the Sydney Games. Dong was a national technical official in Beijing, working as the secre-

tary on vault. She was not part of any judging panel.

"If that document is the correct one, that would suggest she was 14 years old at the Sydney Olympic Games," Gueisbuhler said.

Dong's birthdate in the FIG database is listed as Jan. 20, 1983.

Dong's blog also says she was born in the Year of the Ox in the Chinese zodiac, which dated from Feb. 20, 1985, to Feb. 8, 1986. Dong has not denied that, but she refused to answer any questions about her age, telling the AP last week, "I've left the gymnastics team."

"If the FIG wants to investigate this matter," she added, "I will provide every form of documentation."

PLAYOFFS

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"Special. It just proves that Chicago is a great baseball city," Thome said. "We're so happy from our end that Sox fans get to enjoy this."

Next up for the South Siders, a first-round matchup with the surprising Rays. Game 1 is Thursday at Tampa Bay, which won the AL East.

The 1906 White Sox, known as "The Hitless Wonders," beat the Cubs in the World Series. But that was the last thing on the minds of the White Sox or their fans Tuesday night.

Danks pitched eight innings of two-hit ball on short rest, Thome broke a scoreless tie with a mammoth homer and Griffey threw out a runner at the plate with a tough tag by A.J. Pierzynski as the White Sox won a 163rd-game tiebreaker.

"I was telling my wife before I left the house, 'You know if we get in, I'm going to really cherish every moment of it,'" Thome said.

Thome's long drive on a 2-2 pitch from rookie Nick Blackburn cleared two rows of shrubs in center field, traveling an estimated 461 feet to snap a scoreless tie in the seventh. It was the 541st homer for Thome, who

raised his right fist as he rounded first base. He hadn't been to the playoffs since 2001 with Cleveland.

Griffey, who came to the White Sox in a trade with the Reds so he could have a chance at playing in the postseason, cut down Michael Cuddyer with a nice throw in the fifth.

Griffey, who like Thome is 38, will be making his first postseason appearance since 1997 with Seattle.

"He did a heck of a job," Thome said. "I'm so happy for him, too."

Bobby Jenks worked a perfect ninth for his 30th save in 34 chances.

After replacing Griffey in center field, Brian Anderson ended it with a diving catch of Alexi Casilla's bloop.

"You never want to put 162 games all into one game, but that's what ended up happening," Twins slugger Justin Morneau said. "It's going to hurt for a while and it's going to be a long night for sure."

Soon after it was over, Pierzynski, Danks and Nick Swisher grabbed a microphone on the field and addressed the delirious crowd.

Danks, pitching on three days' rest for the first time in his career and with just one win in his previous seven starts, held the Twins hitless through the first four innings on a 56-degree night. Cuddyer led off the fifth with a double and moved to third on Delmon Young's fly to center.

When Brendan Harris hit a fly to Griffey in shallow center, Cuddyer took off for the plate. He crashed into Pierzynski, who held onto the low, two-hop throw from Griffey while tagging Cuddyer for the out. Pierzynski then popped up and showed the ball as the crowd of 40,354 — mostly dressed in black — roared.

"That play, all I had to do was make a good throw. The credit is all A.J.," Griffey said. "I put a two-hopper in there and he was able to get it and block the plate. That's the key there. He put his body on the line for us."

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Danks (12-9) delivered in the biggest came of his brief career. He won a duel with Blackburn (11-11), who retired 13 of 14 before Thome led off the seventh with his long homer.

The White Sox hosted the game because they won a coin flip earlier this month and what an advantage it was: Chicago went 8-2 against the Twins at U.S. Cellular Field this season and 1-8 at the Metrodome.

"That's a battle between friends," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said, referring to the rivalry. "We just got the last laugh."

It was the eighth one-game playoff in major league history and the first in the AL since 1995 when Seattle beat the California Angels 9-1 to win the AL West. Playing for the Mariners in that game was Griffey and Chicago bench coach Joey Cora.

"Our expectations are to get to the playoffs and go to the World Series every year," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "It just was a night where we couldn't score any runs. It's really tough right now and we'll just have to live with it."

A late-season slide by the White Sox began at the Metrodome a week ago. The White Sox entered a three-game series with a 2½-game lead in the division but the Twins pulled off a sweep to take over first place.

Chicago came home and lost two more to the Indians but was able to stay close because the Twins dropped two in a row to the Royals at the Metrodome. Both teams won Sunday, leaving Minnesota up a half-game. The White Sox had to beat Detroit in a rain-delayed makeup game Monday to force Tuesday night's tiebreaker.

"We bounce back every time we are against the wall," Guillen said.

Their styles are different. The White Sox relied more on power, the Twins on speed. But going into the game they not only were 88-74, they had identical marks at home (53-28), on the road (35-46) and in their division (43-29).

"That probably says we should be playing this game," Gardenhire said before the game.

The Twins endured the departures of star center fielder Torii Hunter and ace Johan Santana by using speed with young players such as Denard Span and Carlos Gomez, sound fundamentals that are taught throughout their system and clutch hitting.

Joe Mauer went 0-for-3 Tuesday night but still won his second AL batting title at .328. Morneau, who drove in 129 runs, slumped in the final week.

The White Sox overcame late injuries to surprising star Carlos Quentin, who was leading the AL in homers when he broke his right wrist by hitting it on his bat in frustration Sept. 1, and third baseman Joe Crede, who had back problems. Neither is expected back for the playoffs.

Notes:@ The White Sox are the first team in major league history to win their final three games against three different opponents, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. ... The crowd of 40,354 was the largest for a White Sox regular-season game since Aug. 4, 2003.

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4♥

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This deal was played in a team-of-four match. At both tables the final contract was four hearts played by South, but at one table the contract was made, while at the other it was defeated.

At the first table, West led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit when East signaled with the eight. East took his king and shifted to a spade.

Declarer won with the ace, cashed the king, then played a club to the ten. East took his ace, but had no safe exit card. A trump return would

allow South to win in dummy and trap East's king via a finesse, while a spade or diamond return would allow declarer to ruff in dummy and take two trump finesses. So South made four hearts.

At the second table, the A-K of diamonds were also cashed, but here East found the way to stop the contract. He was not concerned with whether West had a spade trick, because he saw an ironclad way of scoring the setting trick himself with the king of hearts.

Accordingly, at trick three, he cashed the ace of clubs. Then he led a spade. South was powerless against this thoughtful defense, which left him with no means of getting to dummy to take the heart finesse. He knew that if he led a club toward dummy, it would be ruffed, so he played the ace of hearts in the hope of catching the singleton king. When the monarch failed to fall, he had to settle for down one.

East had appraised the situation accurately. He reasoned, from the bidding and play, that declarer's distribution was almost surely 2-4-2-5, in which case South could not prevent him from scoring a trump trick if he cashed the club ace before exiting with a spade.

Defending in this manner could not do his side any harm, but the failure to cash the ace of clubs first could, as it did at the first table, cost the contract.

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OTHER VIEWS

Paul Newman: A leading man off screen, too

Paul Newman became a movie star by playing anti-heroes who bore little resemblance to the caring philanthropist and devoted husband that America now mourns. Newman died Friday at his home near Westport, Conn., after a long battle with cancer. He was 83.

In films such as "The Hustler," "Hud," "Cool Hand Luke," and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," Newman played con artists and cads who used their masculine wiles to bed women and steal money. Playing an older, wiser "Fast Eddy Felson," his character in 1961's "The Hustler," Newman won an Oscar in 1986 for his role in "The Color of Money."

In real life, Newman was married for 50 years to fellow actor Joanne Woodward and started the Newman's Own food brand, whose profits from selling salad dressings and other products funded one of the world's largest philanthropies. It has given more than \$250 million to charities, including Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang camps for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Newman was a natural for the big screen. His light hair, blue eyes and toned but not muscular build contrasted the roguish characters that he often portrayed. Photogenic into his twilight years, Newman got even better as an actor, garnering Oscar nominations for his roles in "Absence of Malice" (1981), "The Verdict" (1982), and "Nobody's Fool" (1994).

Newman said he enjoyed racing cars because being good wasn't a matter of opinion. But most opinions of him were very good. He was an American original who set a standard for excellence that went well beyond acting. He lived an excellent life.

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A SHORT PRAYER

Lord, help me move beyond self-imposed boundaries to walk more closely with you.
Amen

The lost art of conversation

My father and I recently made a trip to Lake Jackson to pick up my sister and bring her back to Big Spring, a two-day escapade that covered more than 1,000 miles and nearly 20 hours.

I came away from the trip with two things in mind.

First, the people of West Texas are being financially raped by oil companies and gas retailers, who are charging between 20 and 30 cents more a gallon in our region compared to the hurricane ravaged towns along the coast.

It's straight-up highway robbery, and the jargon-laden excuses the oil executives have been tossing our way for the past several months — well, more like years — is nothing more than bull.

That's right, I said it. Alon USA, Chevron, BP... They are all making a killing on the backs of West Texans already struggling to get by, and every one of them should be ashamed.

Of course, that's a fight for another day and another column.

The other thing that struck me during the trip is the value — and lack of — conversation in our society today.

Here, I'll give you an example. I walk into a convenience store while we've stopped to get gas, ask the guy behind the counter where the restrooms are, do my business and get back in the truck.

Other than a few nods here and there, or the occasional "excuse me," my social interaction is kept to a minimum.



THOMAS
JENKINS

My father, on the other hand, is a totally different character. He chats it up with the store clerks and other patrons, if they are willing, and has a smile and a kind word for everyone he meets. He jokes with the fast food employees, and sometimes they smile or joke back, and sometimes they get the look on their face revealing they think he's some kind of kook.

It's the same way with my sister. Granted, she's a bit more opinionated — and God knows she's not afraid to share her opinions with others — but she always has a smile or a joke. And, much like my father, her banter is sometimes met with a smile, and sometimes with glazed-over eyes full of social backpedaling.

These clues have always been there, but I think it really hit me just how bad we Americans have become at conversation while I was chatting with my sister during our Texas trek.

We were talking about our home lives — we had plenty to catch up on — and how much conversation we share with our families. She was telling me how her husband would come home from work and not want to talk at all, opting instead to sit in front of the television in self-imposed silence. Any conversation — important or otherwise — was met with a loud "shush," followed by an outstretched palm meant more for stopping traffic than talking with a loved one.

And, in a weird sense, that's how many Americans have become. Discussion that used to be enjoyed over dinner has been replaced with the boob tube.

Casual banter between customers and employees has been replaced with quiet, assembly-line-like be-

havior. Chatting it up in line at the grocery store has been replaced with MP3 players, headphones and Blue-Tooth earpieces jutting out of people's heads like some sort of sci-fi film.

Maybe the lack of conversation is just a symptom of the larger problems in our society. For goodness sakes, that guy at the mall you strike up a conversation with could be an ax murderer, right? The lady taking your order at Taco Bell — oh, how I miss Taco Bell — could be a Class A whack-job, right?

Or, maybe, the lack of conversation — and more importantly, friendliness — is one of the many underpinnings that is leading us to some sort of future where you make it through the day without speaking to a single person. You simply duck your head and wade through life, holding on to silence like some sort of sick comfort blanket.

Friendliness breeds camaraderie, and camaraderie is just another aspect of patriotism. When we realize we're all tied together as Americans — white, black, Hispanic, goth, country, big, small, gay, straight, rich and poor — and can share that common bond, maybe we can smile a little more.

Give it a shot. Strike up a conversation with a stranger the next time you're out in public. Leave them with a smile, even if they look at you like you're completely mad. Take the headphones out of your ears, put the Blue-Tooth in your pocket, and find out how your fellow Big Spring residents are doing.

You never know, you just might make a friend.

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Beating around the Bush bailout

With leaders such as Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain, what's there to worry about?

Did you see them in their highly anticipated first debate? Didn't you feel reassured that the nation's financial crisis soon will be in good hands?

Not!
Instead of a demonstration of their leadership qualities, we saw two men keeping their fingers to the wind.

On the Wall Street bailout proposal, what we got was proof that neither candidate is qualified to lead us out of this crisis.

What we saw were two typical politicians, long on rhetoric and very short on details, two men who obviously are terrified of taking strong positions on something that easily could backfire on them, especially something as important as this \$700 billion question!

That may be very politically astute, but it's not leadership!

It makes you feel like shouting at your TV, "Will the real leader please stand up?"

If either of them had stood firmly for or against the bailout, if either had explained why it is or isn't necessary, if either had encouraged his followers and fellow members of Congress to follow whichever position he was espousing, then we could have identified a leader who perhaps could "lead" us out of this mess.

Instead, Obama and McCain told us that they hoped to be able to sup-

port the bailout package — once they read the fine print.

Oh, yes, we also heard Obama giving us more of his meaningless poetic rhetoric, telling us that it's about Main Street, not Wall Street. Ó blah, blah, blah; and we heard McCain using his tired one-liners. But neither spoke to the American people with humility or candor about the tough times ahead. Both candidates missed a great opportunity to rise above the other, not only in the polls but also in displaying the leadership qualities that we expect to see in our next president.

In fact, their failure to lead is partially responsible for Monday's nose dive in the stock market — the largest point drop in Wall Street history!

If they had taken a stronger stand Friday, perhaps the bailout bill would not have been rejected by the House of Representatives Monday. If they were ardently in favor of the bailout, as they said they were Monday, why didn't they tell us that Friday?

Why did the stock market have to plummet before these so-called leaders realized that they have to lead? Both McCain and Obama are partly responsible. First, each failed to deliver more of his respective party's members to vote for the bailout. Second, they allowed their own allies in Congress to engage in a finger-pointing and bickering fight that hurt the U.S. economy.

Now the McCain and Obama camps are blaming each other for the failure of the bailout bill. The issue has been so disgustingly politicized that you hear Republican spinners blaming Obama for not getting more Democrats to vote for the bailout bill and Democrats

blaming McCain for not delivering more Republican votes.

In fact, they are all correct because we not only have a financial crisis but also a leadership crisis. Dancing around important issues — that's what they do best.

The Republicans accuse Obama of never using the word "victory" when he speaks about Iraq, and the Democrats accuse McCain of never using the words "middle class" when he speaks about the U.S. economy, but there are other key words, such as "illegal immigration," that both candidates are cowardly avoiding.

The first debate was supposed to be about foreign policy and national security, yet Latin America was totally ignored. We didn't hear a word about U.S.-Mexican efforts to fight drug trafficking and crime along our southern border or about the pending free trade agreement with Colombia or about Hugo Chavez's efforts to turn the whole hemisphere against the United States.

McCain and Obama will have two more debates and just a few more weeks to stand up and show they are really ready to lead. Will they help break the congressional gridlock? If not, what does that say about the clout of the two men heading the Republican and Democratic tickets?

Will they show us how to get out of this mess, or will they keep putting their fingers to the wind?

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True Crime
If you are up to some real-life murder mysteries, the library now has "Fatal Vows: The Tragic Wives of Sergeant Drew Peterson" (364.152 HOS J) by Joseph Hoosey.

Just to remind you of the story line: In October 2007, 23-year-old Stacy Peterson vanished from the Chicago suburb of Bolingbrook, leaving behind her husband and children. Retired Police Sergeant Drew Peterson, 30-years Stacy's senior, steadfastly asserted his innocence and maintained that

his wife had simply fled their tumultuous marriage and run off with another man.

Joseph Hoosey is a reporter for the Chicago area's Herald News since 1999 and has been on the cusp of every major development in the Drew Peterson case. He is the only member of the media to cover Kathleen Savio's inquest, having broken the stories of her death and, later, the disappearance of Stacy Peterson — review from Amazon.Com.

New Mysteries
• "Angel's Tip" by Alafair Burke. Pridelful New York City detective Ellie Hatcher catches a case where young women are murdered with a twist — their hair is hacked off. She catches the threads and finally weaves the answer to a parent's worst nightmare, the death of their child. This is a good, suspenseful story.

Alafair Burke is the daughter of author James Lee Burke known for titles as "Purple Cane Road," "Cadillac Jukebox" and others starring Dave Robichaux. In fact, in one of his books, he introduces Dave's adopted daughter named Alafair.

Alafair has hit the publishing

world in much the same way her father did. Her books are thoughtful, carefully drawn out mysteries.

• "Poison Pen: Death Lies Between the Lines" by Shelia Lowe. Claudia Rose is a forensic handwriting expert who is called in to investigate the case of a high-powered Hollywood publicist found dead in her hot tub. In "Poison Pen," I think you will find a little different take on how to solve a murder by use of handwriting analysis.

In real life, Lowe is a handwriting expert, author of best selling books and software. She has turned her eye to mystery that marries the two — handwriting analysis and murder.

• "Doggie Day Care Murder" by Laurie Berenson. Another fun mystery writer is Laurie Berenson, who writes the Melanie Travis mysteries. Melanie shows standard poodles on the dog show circuit (last Saturday, I was in Lubbock and went to a dog show, very interesting).

In Berenson's newest book, owner Steve Pine is found shot to death on the floor of his dog day care center. There are plenty of suspects, a disgruntled

customer whose Shih Tzu met a male Beagle with disastrous results; his sister; neighbor Adam Busch; and many more. This is a lighthearted look at both murder and the dog business.

Books on CD

• "Absolute Certainty" (AUCD F CON R) by Rose Connors is the story of assistant DA Marty Nickerson. Have they convicted the wrong person?

• "The Book of the Dead" (AUCD F PRE D) by Douglas Preston combines a FBI agent rotting in prison, his psychotic brother and an ancient Egyptian tomb with a curse. All will come together at a celebrity-studded New York gala.

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Reference/Civil War

• "The Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Civil

War: The Soldiers, Generals, Weapons, and Battle" (973.7 DAV W) by William C. Davis. It is chockfull of interesting photos, facts about the soldiers and the battles of the war. A great book to just page through and read.

Another engrossing book is "Defining Moments in Books" (809.04 DAN L) compiled by Daniel Lucy. The book begins in 1890 and ends in 2006. Books that define literature start with "The Time Machine" by H.G. Wells published in 1895 and ends up with a key event when Orhan Pamuk wins the Nobel Prize in Literature. It is a microcosm of important literature and introduces important books, characters and events in literature.

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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

Pure, mixed, designer — choose your dog carefully

Shared Knowledge from Animal Control

By Trellis Lucas

There are more than 300 recognized breeds of dogs in the world. They range from the tiny two-pound toy breeds to the large 200-pound mastiff type breeds. There is a size and type for every dog lover from couch potato to the long-distance jogger.

There are multiple registries that recognize these breeds. The most widely known are AKC (American Kennel Club), UKC (United Kennel Club) and the CKC (Canadian Kennel Club). These agencies only register pure breed dogs with a proven pedigree. Most pure breed dogs have many generations of careful breeding to retain and improve breed characteristics and type. This includes size, structure, coat type and inbred traits so the dog can do the job it has been bred for, be it companion dog or working dog.

A good breeder has spent time learning about the breed and will

select the healthiest mentally and physically sound specimens for breeding. When you select a purebred puppy, you will have an animal that should mature to be like his parents in size, coat type and physical abilities.

A mixed breed dog can be a cross of two pure breeds, or a combination of several generations of different breed mixes. A mixed breed may or may not reproduce a

likeness of its self. Size, body type, coat type and color may vary widely in a mixed breed litter. A mixed breed puppy may turn out similar to either parent, or a combination of the two. It just might turn out to look or act like neither of its parents, but more like a grandparent or great grandparent, long forgotten. It might look like its parents and have a totally different temperament.

The mixed breed puppy

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The myth of mixed breeds and cross breeds being healthier is just that, a myth. Animals with health problems will reproduce those problems.

Because of genetics, no breed or cross breed is safe from inherited health problems. The myth of hybrid vigor, that less than scrupulous breeders of mixed breeds speak of, saying that mixed breeds are healthier, just isn't true. If you breed a German Shepherd with

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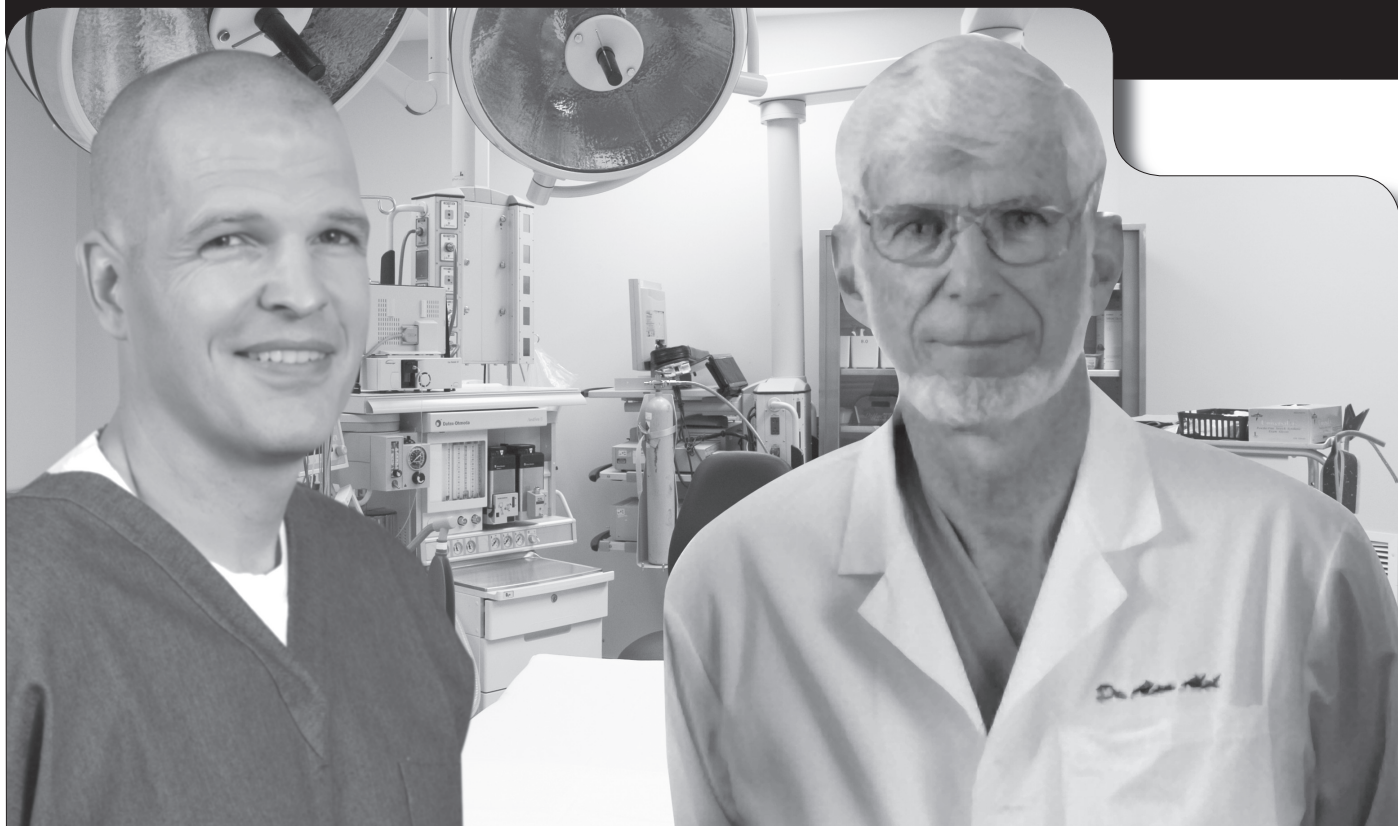
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

boundaries are illusions. What you think is a wall is really just a curtain. Things can be easily adjusted to accommodate you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone you love is pleasant enough on the outside, but hurting on the inside. You're the one who can help. Though you may not probe with questions, in your heart you silently acknowledge the pain and heal with your attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The routine is getting stale. Strike out with an open mind and no agenda. When you discover something on your own, there's an excited thrill. The intrigue keeps you coming back for more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've had so much going on lately that you'd love the luxury of being a happy homebody for a few days. Alas, there's still some shuttling about to do before you can really relax. Power through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Either you're a networking genius, or you're just luckier than you've been in a long time. Get out and shake some hands. You could make the social connection of a lifetime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in between phases. Part of you still feels like a child, and that's the part that wants to come out. You will be as successful as you are tolerant of your

need for play and innocent discovery.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Unknowingly you send out an empathetic vibration. The new people you meet are inclined to open up to you in unexpected ways. Some of the information you learn may shock you, but keep mum.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're beginning with the end in mind, which is the best way to attack your endeavors. Just know that your plan is going to change a lot and be willing to rework it as you go. Stay loose.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a female born Sept. 17, 1963. May I ask you if I will be falling in love anytime soon? I have been single for a while and I am ready for true love."

The course of love has not run smoothly, but this is getting ready to change. You and all Virgos will be receiving a power boost to your heart this November, when Pluto joins Jupiter in your true love sector. Pluto is a compelling presence, intensifying your desires. You may feel as though the emotional stakes of drawing your heart's desire to you has been amplified. With the planet of honesty, Pluto, in the sector of sharing, figuring out what holds you back from intimacy is also an important piece of attracting love. That's because

the heart will not be placated by superficial wants at this time. Single Virgos might feel inexplicably fascinated by the idea of an intensely passionate or physically charged relationship -- if not an actual one. Coupled Virgos might find their love bond deepening and transforming in previously impenetrable ways. Expansive Jupiter only shares this romantic spot with Pluto until January, so look to this period for massive changes. December is especially amorous!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Artistic design of all forms often comes quite naturally for those born during the sun in Libra. That's because this sign is adept at creating harmony and peaceful relations, not just among complementary people, but between objects, textures, colors and space. Donna Karan's Libra sun joins with the planet of the masses, Neptune, endowing her design sensibility with universally glamorous appeal.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I live overseas. A few months ago, my niece, "Linda," came to visit for the second time. She is 17 years old.

I discovered the hard way that Linda is being raised by overprotective parents who give her everything she wants. She has become a cunning, devious, thoughtless, irresponsible girl. No matter how gently I'd tell her to pick up after herself, put things back where she got them, etc., she ignored my instructions every time. We had no choice but to pack her things for her so she'd make her flight on time. The visit was three weeks of hell.

The last straw was when she left me with a phone bill that took two months to pay off. I told her not to use the phone for overseas calls except in emergencies, but my roommate said Linda used the phone when I was out. She never even expressed a simple "thank you" for everything.

I cannot trust this child and don't want to see her again, but she is my niece and I feel obligated to have a relationship. Is there a way to make her see that she has become a person who leaves bad memories wherever she goes? Should I tell her parents? Shouldn't they know their daughter is growing into a deceitful person who doesn't care who she steps on as long as she gets her way? -- Resentful Aunt

Dear Woman: A century ago, it was considered bad taste to be the "scarlet woman" at such an occasion. However, 32 years ago, the only improper color was white. Now the rule is, guests are not supposed to wear clothing that upstages the bride. Still, this obviously has



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

been eating at Debbie for years, so you may as well apologize for upsetting her since that surely was not your intent. It's a minor capitulation to salvage a 40-year friendship.

Dear Annie: You left out an important possibility in your answer to "Tossing and Turning in Idaho," the mother of four young children whose neighbor is putting in a pool and isn't much interested in safety precautions.

While it is true that a child's safety is primarily the parents' responsibility, "Tossing" should inquire about zoning regulations. In most cities, zoning laws require tall fences and separate locked gates around all pools for safety reasons. City compliance officers may well take care of the problem for her. -- Former Zoning Official from Missouri

Dear Missouri: We hope the city can take care of the unlocked gate, although we doubt it will assuage a parent who worries the children will be swimming without adult supervision. Thanks for the information.

To our Muslim readers: Happy Eid.

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Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:
1. Date/Time: October 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., for the following
1. Tub Grinding/
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Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).
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News in brief

Most Asian markets recover on hopes for U.S. bailout; doubts persist about global outlook

TOKYO (AP) — Most Asian markets bounced back Wednesday on hopes that a \$700 billion bailout for the U.S. financial system will soon win legislative approval, although doubts persisted about the long-term outlook for the global economy.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index, the benchmark for Asia's biggest bourse, gained 108.40 points, or 0.96 percent, to close at 11,368.26. On Tuesday, it plunged 4.1 percent to its lowest in more than three years on disappointment that the U.S. House of Representatives had rejected the bank rescue package.

Australian stocks rallied, with the benchmark S&P/ASX-200 index jumping 4.2 percent after sinking 4.3 percent Tuesday. Markets in Taiwan and India also gained.

Otherwise, regional reaction was muted because several markets were closed for holidays, including those in Hong Kong, mainland China, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

Investors took heart from the rebound on Wall Street Tuesday amid expectations that lawmakers will salvage the rescue plan aimed at cleaning up the bad debt mess at banks and other financial institutions. The U.S. Senate was to vote Wednesday on a revised bailout plan, with a House revote expected later in the week. In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average surged nearly 500 points after plunging 777 points on Monday.

McCain, Obama call for greater bank security, attempt to cool partisan heat over economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain worked to cool the partisan heat of the financial crisis, with both calling for Congress to regroup and act quickly to prevent a feared financial collapse and foster confidence in the banking system.

The stock market embraced the new tenor, rocketing upward nearly 500 points on Tuesday, but nearly frozen credit markets — where businesses turn to raise money — showed no sign of a thaw.

Not since Franklin D. Roosevelt was voted into the White House in the depths of the 1930s Great Depression have presidential hopefuls found themselves in such uncertain economic times and under so much pressure to assure voters they are best able to prevent a feared financial meltdown.

Republican McCain and Democrat Obama both said Tuesday that politicians needed to set aside politics to save the financial system. Together, they backed a call to raise the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. guarantee

on bank accounts from a limit of \$100,000 to \$250,000.

FDIC Chairwoman Sheila Bair took up the proposal Tuesday afternoon, asking Congress for authority for an unspecified increase in insurance limits. She said most banks remained sound but contended that increasing the insurance cap would help ease the crisis of confidence.

Officials: Suspected U.S. missile strike kills 6 in Pakistan tribal region

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A missile strike by a suspected U.S. drone killed at least six people in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border, two Pakistani intelligence officials said Wednesday.

American forces recently ramped up cross-border operations against Taliban and al-Qaida militants in Pakistan's wild border zone, a possible hiding place for Osama bin Laden.

The attacks have drawn stiff protests from Islamabad, an uneasy ally in Washington's seven-year war on terror, particularly since an highly unusual Sept. 3 raid by U.S. ground troops in the South Waziristan region.

The two intelligence officials said the missiles struck the home of a local Taliban commander before midnight Tuesday near Mir Ali, a town in the North Waziristan region.

The officials, citing reports from their field agents, said six people were killed in the attack. Both officials asked for anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media.

New testing detects chemical melamine in 31 Chinese milk powder batches

BEIJING (AP) — An additional 31 batches of Chinese milk powder were found contaminated with the industrial chemical melamine, China's government said Wednesday, further broadening a scandal affecting products ranging from baby formula to chocolate.

The contamination has been blamed for the deaths of four children and kidney ailments among 54,000 others. More than 13,000 children have been hospitalized and 27 people arrested in connection with the tainting.

The new figure, seen on the food safety administration's Web site, brings to at least 100 the number of tested batches of milk powder found to contain melamine. A previous round of testing, results of which were posted on Sept. 16, found melamine in 69 milk powder batches. Dozens of brands sold by more than a score of dairy firms, including some of China's biggest names, have been among those tested.

Tests have also found melamine in 24 batches of liquid

milk produced by three of the country's best known dairy firms.

It was a national holiday in China and product safety officials could not be reached for comment.

Candidates agree feds play role in college affordability, but differ on philosophy, details

(AP) — The price of college continues to surge, and financial aid isn't keeping up. The Wall Street meltdown has hammered the stock market and college savings. And a college degree is ever more essential for finding a good job.

No wonder polls show voters want to know what, if anything, the two presidential candidates would do to make college more affordable.

Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain have offered similar campaign pronouncements: A college education should be affordable to anyone, and the process of getting federal aid is more complicated than it should be.

But there are differences in how each would tackle the problem.

Obama's proposals are more detailed — and more expensive.

Former friend expected to point finger at Stevens as senator's corruption trial resumes

WASHINGTON (AP) — When he first took the witness stand, oil contractor Bill Allen told a federal court jury that he really liked Sen. Ted Stevens. That said, Allen now is expected to start pointing fingers at his old friend.

Allen spent about 90 minutes testifying Tuesday afternoon, beginning what is expected to be the highlight of the government's corruption case against Stevens. The personal strain was obvious as Stevens didn't acknowledge his former fishing and drinking buddy and Allen appeared wistful over the fallen friendship.

"We really liked each other, you know?" Allen said. "Ted really worked hard. Ted loved Alaska and I loved Alaska."

Because Allen took the stand late Tuesday afternoon, however, prosecutors didn't have time to ask about the crux of the case: a massive construction project in which Allen helped renovate the senator's house.

That testimony was scheduled to come Wednesday. The founder of oil services company VECO Corp., Allen was expected to testify that his employees spent hundreds of hours transforming the senator's small A-frame cabin into a two-story home with a garage, sauna, wine cellar and wraparound porches.

BREEDS

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were inherited from both breeds.

Health problems in mixed breeds are seldom documented. Most

breeders of cross breeds do not do the expensive health testing like hip X-rays, thyroid tests, heart checks, cerf (eyes) and baer (hearing), so it's easy to say there are no health problems in mixed breeds. Your chances

of getting an unhealthy mixed breed are greater than they are of getting an unhealthy pure breed from a responsible breeder.

Designer dogs are mixed breeds. They are a new fad in recent years, but they are still mixed breeds. Most designer dogs are not an improvement of any of the breeds used to create

them. Labradoodles, Shepoodles, Schneagles, Goldendoodles, Pekapoos, Cockapoos, whatever you chose to call them, they aren't rare and none of these are really new breeds.

These breedings don't always produce the best of the two or more breeds used to produce them. Sometimes they can end up having the worst traits

of both breeds. Unspayed pets that are allowed to run free and mate have been filling shelters with these mixed breeds for years. If you really want one of these mixes, check with local animal shelters and rescue groups.

Chance are, you will find all types of mixes and the cost is much less. You can see what the animal looks like as an adult and it will have all vaccinations and be spayed or neutered. The cost will be pennies on the dollar for you and a dog will have a home.

Pure breed, mixed breed or designer dog, make a wise choice because you are taking on a 10- to 14-year responsibility. Animal shelters and rescue groups are over

filled because someone made the decision to get a pet without first finding out all the facts and then making a commitment to be a responsible pet owner. If you are the breeder of these animals, whatever your reason, accidental or planned, you are responsible for them finding a home for life. They should not end up in a shelter or be abandoned for someone else to deal with.

If you have any questions about pets or animal regulations in Big Spring, contact Animal Control at AC@bigspringpd.net

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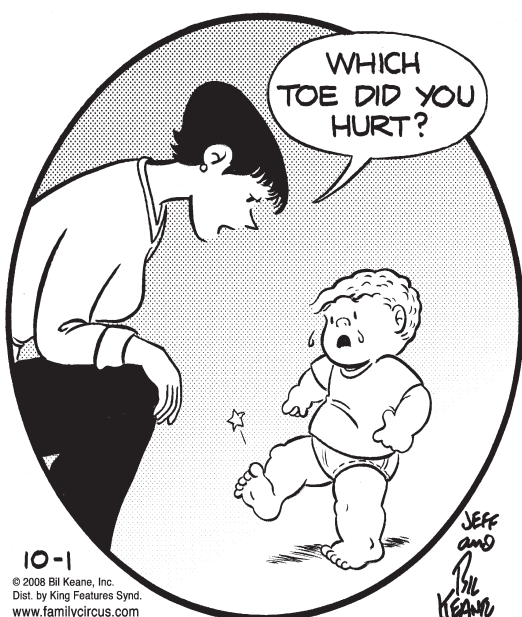
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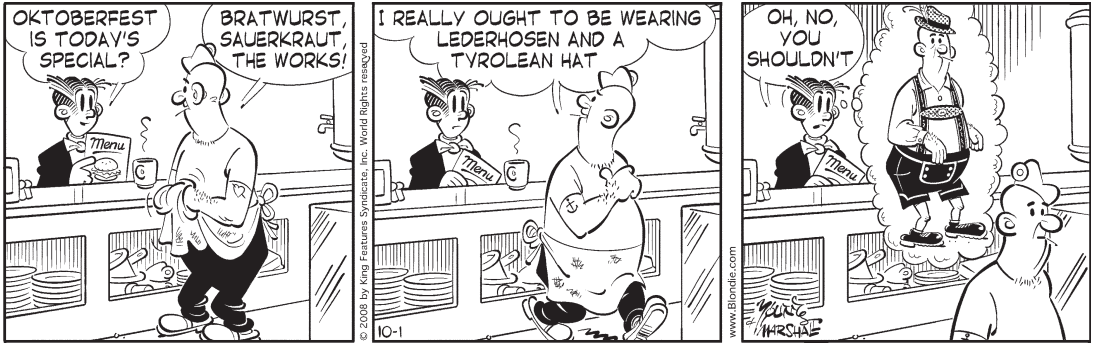


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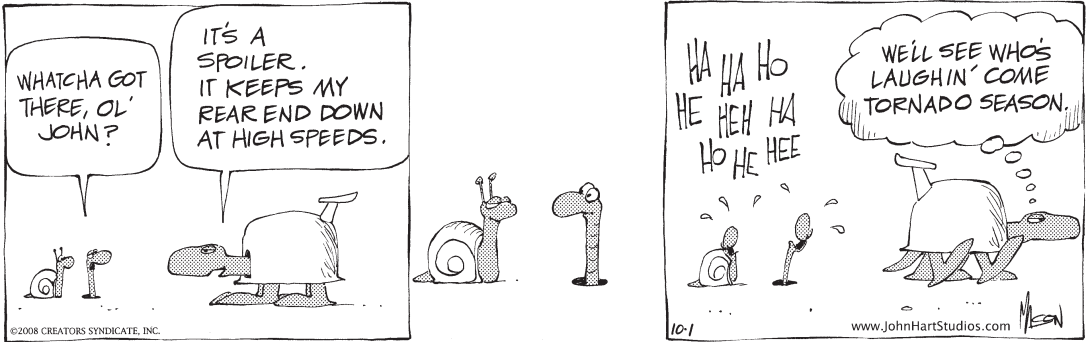
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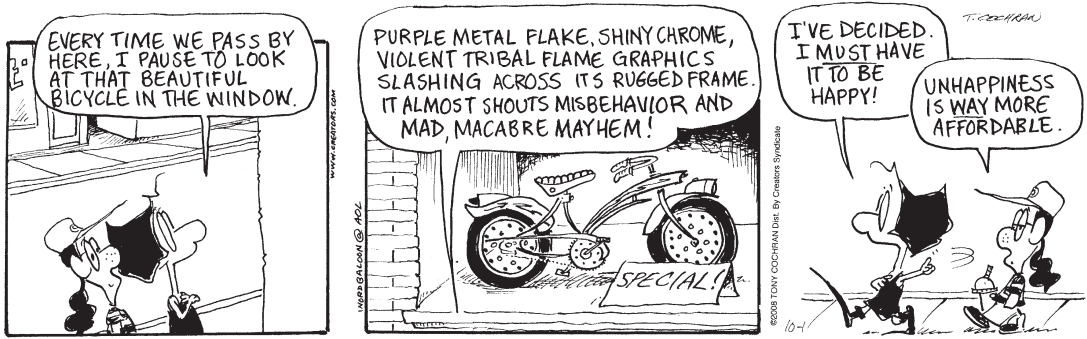
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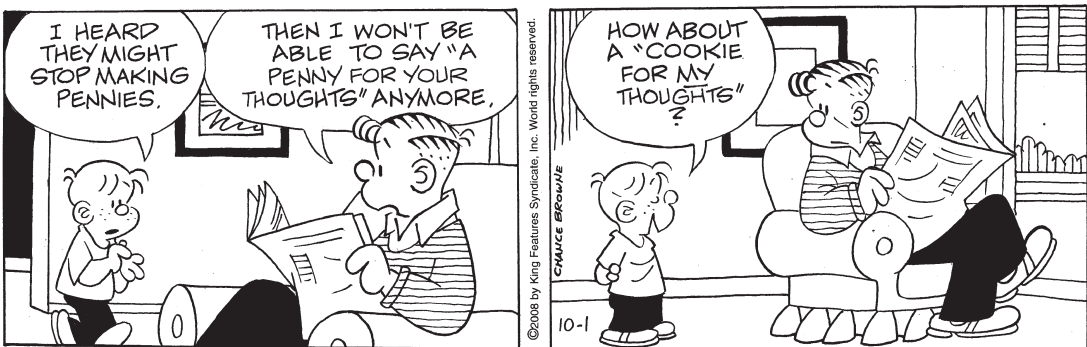
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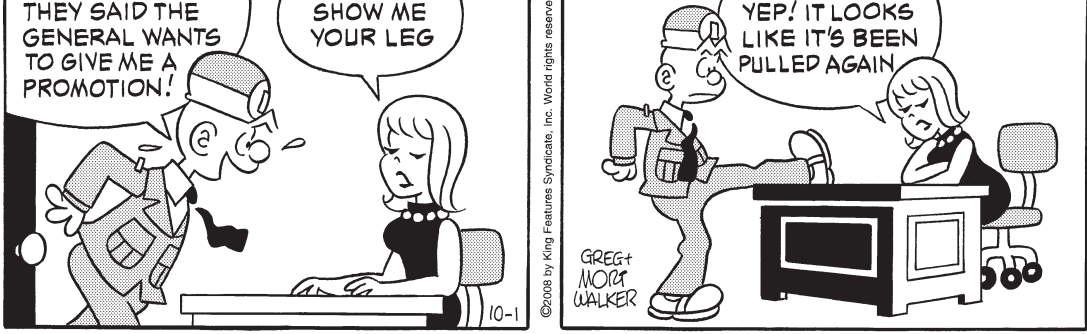
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 1, the 275th day of 2008. There are 91 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Oct. 1, 1908, Henry Ford introduced his Model T automobile to the market.

On this date: In 1800, Spain ceded Louisiana to France in a secret treaty.

In 1918, Damascus fell to Arab forces as Turkish Ottoman officials surrendered the city.

In 1936, Gen. Francisco Franco was proclaimed the head of an insurgent Spanish state.

In 1949, Mao Zedong proclaimed the People's Republic of China during a ceremony in Beijing.

In 1958, the American Express charge card made its official debut.

In 1964, the Free Speech Movement was launched at the University of California at Berkeley.

In 1968, the Senate refused to shut down a filibuster against President Lyndon B. Johnson's

nomination of Abe Fortas to be U.S. chief justice. (Fortas withdrew the next day).

In 1968, the cult horror movie "Night of the Living Dead" had its world premiere in Pittsburgh.

In 1987, eight people were killed when an earthquake measuring magnitude 5.9 struck the Los Angeles area.

Ten years ago: Seeking to head off threatened NATO attacks, Yugoslavia's Serb leadership invited foreign experts to investigate massacres in Kosovo.

Five years ago: Conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh resigned from his ESPN sports job after stirring controversy by suggesting Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb was overrated because the media wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

One year ago: Russian President Vladimir Putin, in a surprise announcement, opened the door to becoming the country's prime minister. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 191.92 points to 14,087.55, surpassing a mid-July closing record of 14,000.41. Olympic gold-medal discus thrower Al Oerter died in Fort Myers, Fla., at age 71.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Whitmore is 87. Former President

Jimmy Carter is 84. Pianist Roger Williams is 84. Actor Tom Bosley is 81. Actress-singer Julie Andrews is 73. Rock musician Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone) is 65. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Rod Carew is 63. Jazz musician Dave Holland is 62. Actor Stephen Collins is 61. Actor Randy Quaid is 58. Actress Yvette Freeman is 51. Singer Youssou N'Dour is 49. Actor Esai Morales is 46. Baseball player Mark McGwire is 45. Actress-model Cindy Margolis is 43. Rock singer-musician Kevin Griffin (Better Than Ezra) is 40. Singer Keith Duffy is 34. Actress Jurnee Smollett is 22. Actress Brie Larson is 19.

Thought for Today: "Anything one man can imagine, other men can make real." — Jules Verne, French author (1828-1905).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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News in brief

West Texas dad convicted of killing son in crash

EL PASO (AP) — A 30-year-old father whose 4-year-old son was killed last year during a driving-while-intoxicated rollover crash in West Texas has been convicted of the boy's murder.

A jury took about 90 minutes Tuesday to convict Manuel Nunez, 30, of one count of murder in the February 2007 death of Manuel "Little Manny" Nunez. The elder Nunez had a blood-alcohol level that was three times the legal limit, prosecutors said.

The punishment phase of the trial is scheduled for Wednesday. Nunez faces between five and 99 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Assistant District Attorney Andres Ortega said during closing arguments that the jury should make a stand with its verdict, according to a story in the *El Paso Times*.

"By your verdict, you will send a message to the community," Ortega said. "Whether this type of behavior is tolerated. Whether this type of behavior putting numerous people at risk of their lives is tolerated in El Paso."

Defense attorney Francisco F. Macias asked jurors to vote not guilty.

"You know he didn't murder that child," Macias said. "He loved that child."

Teen charged in killing mother returning to Texas

ROANOKE (AP) — A 17-year-old North Texas girl and two other teens jailed in South Dakota on suspicion of

fatally stabbing the girl's mother are expected to return to Texas on Wednesday with Roanoke detectives, police said.

Early Sunday, 17-year-old Jennifer Bailey stopped to get gas at a station that was closed in Yankton, S.D., along with two other Texas teens, ages 14 and 16. Police discovered the car was her mother's and initially arrested the teens on curfew violations, police said.

Yankton police issued murder warrants for all three of them after contacting Roanoke police officers, who went to Bailey's home and found her mother's body in an upstairs hallway. Susan Bailey, 43, died from multiple stab wounds to the neck.

The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported in its Wednesday editions that police are also investigating whether there is a connection between the suspects and a 15-year-old Fort Worth girl detained Sept. 23 on suspicion of trying to rob her mother at knifepoint.

600 Ike evacuees leaving San Antonio for Galveston

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About half of 600 Hurricane Ike evacuees living in a San Antonio shelter began returning to Galveston on Tuesday, with the other 300 expected to board buses on Wednesday, officials said.

Twelve charter buses carrying 300 Galveston-bound evacuees left Port San Antonio on Tuesday, with another dozen scheduled to depart Wednesday. San Antonio city spokeswoman Gwen Schuler said officials plan to close the shelter by Thursday.

Upon returning to Galveston, many of the evacuees were expected to stay an elementary school where tents

that could accommodate up to 1,000 people had been set up.

"We're trying to be realistic about what's even available in the city should you choose to return," said Alicia Cahill, a spokeswoman for the city of Galveston, in a story on the *San Antonio Express-News* Web site. "At the moment, all of our hotels and rental units are full."

The island remains under a boil-water notice and many stores and gas stations remain closed.

Most returning residents said they understood to expect to find their homes destroyed and possessions scattered.

Nearly 1 in 3 Texans speaking Spanish at home

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly one out of three Texans speak Spanish at home, a rise attributed to an increasing number of immigrants coming from Mexico, according to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau.

At the same time, other studies suggest that children of Spanish-speaking immigrants are increasingly likely to also speak English as they come up through the American public school system.

"The pace of learning English has picked up in the state," said Texas state demographer Karl Eschbach in a story posted on *The Dallas Morning News'* Web site Tuesday. "It's an advantage to be bilingual."

The census report said 30 percent of Texans in 2007 were speaking Spanish in their homes, an increase of 3 percentage points from 2007. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, 1.3 million people spoke Spanish in 2007, compared with 890,000 in 2000.



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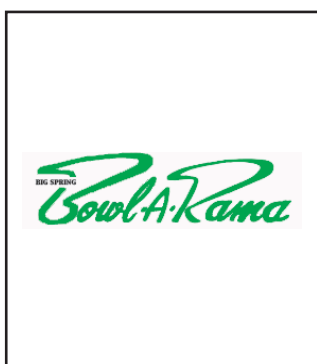
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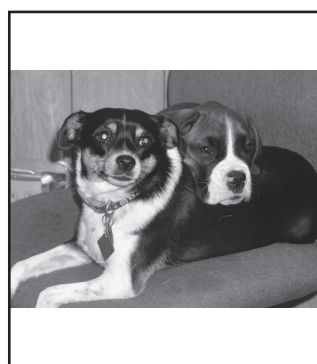
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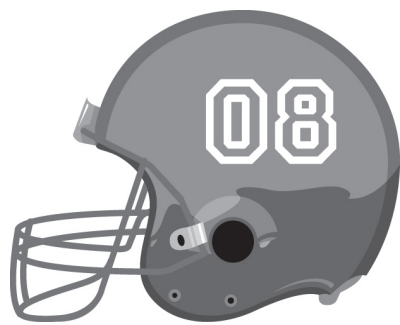
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