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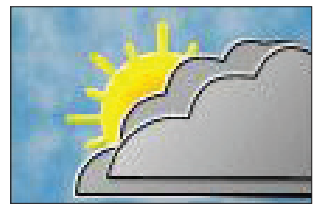
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U.S. moves to get bailout effort started

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Monday it is moving quickly to implement a \$700 billion rescue program, including consulting with private law firms on how to buy ownership shares in banks to help thaw frozen lending and get the economy moving again.

The announcement came as Europe's central banks began to take unified actions Monday aimed at easing the credit crisis.

The coordinated efforts by European and U.S. authorities to prop up the banking system brought a measure of relief to markets. European markets opened strongly Monday following Asia's lead in response to the widespread government initiatives.

U.S. stock markets also appeared headed for a higher opening after eight

sessions of devastating losses.

The administration on Monday announced the selection of a team of interim managers, picked an outside firm to help run the program and tapped Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to head up the oversight board guarding against conflicts of interest.

Neel Kashkari, the assistant Treasury secretary who is interim head of the program, said officials were developing the guidelines that will govern the purchase of bad assets and had consulted with six specialist law firms on how the government will take partial ownership of banks.

After those consultations, Kashkari said Treasury had chosen Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett LLP to move forward to help the

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"We are moving quickly — but methodically — and I am confident we are building the foundation for a strong, decisive and effective program."

— Neel Kashkari,
assistant Treasury secretary



Above, Jeff Kenney pours a drink at his "old-fashioned" soda stand during the Old Sorehead Trade Days event Sunday in Stanton while at right, Gail Schwartz, left, and her daughter Shelby, both of Garden City, look over some custom-made jewelry.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan



Oncor increase proposal hits city

Council to address request on Tuesday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council will meet Tuesday to consider a number of new business items, including denial of proposed rate increases by Oncor Electric and measures to move forward with a water reclamation plant.



Walker

The council is expected to consider emergency reading of a resolution finding that Oncor Electric Company's requested increases to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied and finding the city's Reasonable Rate Case expenses shall be reimbursed by Oncor.

"The rate increase would effect all cities that retained original jurisdiction over rate increases," City Finance Director Peggy Walker recently told the council. "Those

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Angel Tree registration under way

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Salvation Army will begin accepting applications for its annual Angel Tree Program today, as the charitable organization gears up to put Christmas gifts under the trees of low income families.

According to Salvation Army Social Worker Paula Lafler, this is the beginning of a two-week

effort to reach out to area low-income families that may have trouble putting gifts for their children under the Christmas tree this season.

"This is really the start of the busy season for us," said Lafler. "We have the Angel Tree program getting started, and we have all of the other programs we work on during Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up as

well. So we certainly have to get a jump on things.

"We'll be accepting applications today and continue through Friday. We'll also accept applications the following week, from Oct. 20 until Oct. 24. All they have to do is come by the office between 9 a.m. and noon, or 1 p.m. and 3 p.m."

Lafler said the application process is simple.

"They need to come in and bring a picture ID for all of the adults, Social Security cards for all of the household members living there, birth certificates for children 12 and under and proof of income," said Lafler. "That means check stubs from work, food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD or any of those types of income. They need to bring those in with them, because we do ver-

ify them. They also need to bring in a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothes sizes and shoe sizes.

"The picture ID has to be a state-issued ID, not the kind you can get at certain convenience stores. Also, they need to be

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Forsan graduate dies in one-vehicle accident

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Forsan High School graduate was killed in Midland Saturday afternoon when her vehicle went off the roadway and rolled, according to officials with the Department of Public Safety.

Casie Wood, 23, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, which occurred Saturday afternoon at ap-

proximately 12:02 p.m. near S. County Road 1270 and Highway 150.

According to DPS Operator Sandra Pacheco, Wood was traveling north of S. County Road 1270 in a 2002 Ford truck when the vehicle left the road and entered a barrow ditch.

"Wood went partially into the east barrow ditch," said Pacheco. "She veered back into the roadway and overcor-

rected, entering into a left side skid and rolled the truck. According to the report, she was not wearing a safety belt at the time of the accident."

Pacheco said the accident was investigated by Midland Trooper Dwayne Dickson.

Dickson's report did not indicate weather had contributed to the crash.

"According to Trooper Dickson's report, the condition at

the time of the accident was dry," said Pacheco.

Wood, who was a resident of Midland at the time of her death, is the daughter of David and Zina Wood of Big Spring. She graduated from Forsan High School in 2003.

She earned her associate of science degree from Howard College in December 2004

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COMPLETE STORY

Obituaries

Casie Elaine Wood



Casie Elaine Wood, 23, died at approximately 12 noon Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 in a one-vehicle accident near her home in Midland. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Raye Nell Dyer of Nashville, Tenn., officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Casie was born Nov. 29, 1984 in Stanton. She was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at age 2. She has always been a fighter who refused to allow her illness to limit her activities or her zeal for life.

At a time when doctors said she would be too frail for physical activity, she ignored them and became a twirler in the state qualifying Forsan High School Marching Band. She was a twirler all four years of high school and the group qualified for state every year. She graduated from Forsan High School in 2003.

Casie earned her associate of science degree from Howard College in December 2004 while working with her mom at GreenHouse Photography. She attended radiology school at the San Angelo campus of Howard College. As of fall 2008, she was a full-time student working toward her bachelor's degree at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

She loved her family and friends with all her heart told them often. Casie made friends wherever she went and was the bright spot in any room she entered. Her concern was always for others; she never took time to worry about herself. About 18 months ago she met the love of her life, Brandon Bryant and they were engaged last fall. Brandon is a Coahoma High School graduate and current resident of Midland.

It is an understatement to say she was a Dallas Cowboy fan. She loved country music concerts, dancing, riding on the back of a motorcycle with Brandon, jet-skiing at Colorado City Lake and just being with the people she loved.

She is survived by her parents, David and Zina Wood; a brother, Brent Wood; maternal grandparents, Bobbie Ruth and Jerry Easterling; paternal grandparents, Daryl and Mary Wood, all of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Beth and Hershel Ryno of Mesquite; fiancée, Brandon Lee Bryant of Midland; uncle, Sammie Johnston; godparents, Shep and Cookie Shepard of Elmo; godmother, Carla Harrold of Big Spring; "almost" sisters, Kristi Hines and Amanda Charlton, both of Big Spring; caregiver/adopted grandmother, Lilly Howard of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

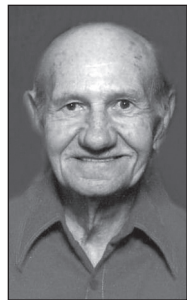
Pallbearers are Craig Caudill, Clint Caudill, Josh Caudill, Don Stabeno, Jim Rhodes, Sam Hall, Shawn Snodgrass, Bill Reid, Ryan Slate, Travis Rose, Nick Reyna and Brent Wood. Honorary pallbearers are Bob Fielder, Ray Walker, Employees of Power Resources, Inc. and the FHS class of 2003.

The family suggests memorials to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Northeast Texas Chapter, 2929 Carlisle, Suite 230, Dallas, 75204 or the charity of choice.

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

Paid obituary

Alex J. Patterson



Alex J. Patterson, 82, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory Center, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alex was born June 4, 1926, in Corsicana to Minnie and Charles Patterson. He married Violet Rodgers on Sept. 12, 1945, in Stamford. They moved to Big Spring in 1946 from Stamford. Alex was a barber and owned Pat's Barber Shop on West Third for over 20 years.

Alex is survived by his wife: Violet Patterson of Big Spring; one daughter: Helen Richardson and her husband Ronnie of Big Spring; one son: Dale Patterson and his wife Linda of Big Spring; daughters-in-law: Reveille Patterson and Jo Vann, both of Big Spring; son-in-law: Bootie Sherman of Big Spring; nine grandchildren: Teresa McGuire and her husband Jerry, Cecil Sherman and his wife Dafna, Janet Kilgore and her husband Ben, Leslie Stevens and her husband Thomas, Angie Patterson, Tori Patterson, Mike Knowles and his wife Lisa, Melanie Patterson, and Brian Patterson and his wife Amanda; 15 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son: Harvey Patterson; one grandson: Alex Sherman; and six brothers and sisters.

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

Paid obituary

Juanita Hull



Juanita Hull, 92, of Stanton died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, in a Big Spring nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton with Bill Welsh, minister of Belvue Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Aug. 14, 1916, in Midland County and married Willie Hull Nov. 11, 1953, in Garden City. He preceded her in death April 2, 1989.

Mrs. Hull was raised in Stanton and was a lifetime resident of Martin County. She worked as a bookkeeper and was a homemaker. She was a member of Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton.

Survivors include two daughters, Loveta Pope of Pampa and Dorothy Long of Big Spring; a son, Homer Lee Hull of Stanton; 14 grandchildren; 28-great grandchildren; 9 great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Virginia Peterson of El Centro, Calif., Bobbie Lou Hill of Midland and Evonne Minton of Odessa.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Forg and Lillian Atchison; stepmother, Virgie Atchison; one son, Bobby Don Hull; and one sister, Margie Stinchcomb.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- CODY ALAN WINGO, 20, of 1109 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on charges of no driver's license, no insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- RICHARD LOES, 30, of 1608 Bluebird, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- DAMIEN ERIK ALCALA, 30, of Amarillo, was arrested Saturday on a charge of introduction of contraband into a correctional facility.
- DANIEL GEIEGO, 29, of Amarillo, was arrested Saturday on a charge of introduction of contraband into a correctional facility.
- LAURIE FLORES, 25, of 1501 Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- KIMBERLY MICHELLE SIMS, 30, of 1315 Tucson, was arrested Sunday on two local capias warrants.
- ARIEL FUENTES, 18, of 1305 Lincoln, was arrested Sunday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- RICKY BOB YANEZ, 23, of 1605 Lincoln, was arrested Sunday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 200 block of Union, in the 1100 block of 12th Street and in the 500 block of Scott.
- THEFT was reported: in the 1100 block of Lamesa, in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane and in the 300 block of Owens.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1000 block of 12th Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.
- CONTRABAND IN A CORRECTION FACILITY was reported in the 1900 block of Simler.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: in the 1400 block of 18th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of Bell.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION – ASSUALT was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 100 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

Your Local Weather

Tue 10/14	Wed 10/15	Thu 10/16	Fri 10/17	Sat 10/18
70/56 Showers and thundershowers likely. High near 70F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph.	66/56 Few showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 50s.	77/58 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	81/55 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	79/54 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

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Sheriff's report

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

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

- MATHEW LUIS ALMAZAN, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for accident involving damage to a vehicle and a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a vehicle.
- CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MARKQUIN HARRIS, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and a judgment/sentence for a motion to revoke probation for bail jumping – failure to appear.
- SHEILA REGINA LOYD, 34, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (Dallas County).
- ARTHUR DEE NANNY JR., 49, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- FABIO BARRAGAN, 20, was arrested Saturday on charges of theft by check, driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.
- KENNETH LABRON MACLIN SR., 51, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ III, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MIGUEL ANTONIO ARENIVAZ JR., 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- TRAVIS ALAN ROBERTS, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MONTE ALLEN HENDRICKS, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.

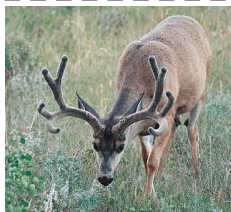
Fire/EMS

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 12000 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Ridge Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of E. 11th Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 100 block of E. 16th Street.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of E. 11th Place. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. Service refused.
- TRAUMA 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 1200 block of College. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of mile marker 171 of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Grafa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Oak. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Comanche Trail Park. One person was transported to SMMC.



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News briefs

Pediatricians: Kids from newborns to teens should get double recommended amount of vitamin D

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's leading pediatricians group says children from newborns to teens should get double the usually recommended amount of vitamin D because of evidence that it may help prevent serious diseases.

To meet the new recommendation of 400 units daily, millions of children will need to take daily vitamin D supplements, the American Academy of Pediatrics said. That includes breast-fed infants — even those who get some formula, too, and many teens who drink little or no milk.

Baby formula contains vitamin D, so infants on formula only generally don't need supplements. However, the academy recommends breast-feeding for at least the first year of life and breast milk is sometimes deficient.

Most commercially available milk is fortified with vitamin D, but most children and teens don't drink enough of it — four cups daily would be needed — to meet the new requirement, said Dr. Frank Greer, the report's co-author.

The new advice is based on mounting research about potential benefits from vitamin D besides keeping bones strong, including suggestions that it might reduce risks

for cancer, diabetes and heart disease. But the evidence isn't conclusive and there's no consensus on how much of the vitamin would be needed for disease prevention.

Fire officials fear a night of strong, dry winds will spread wildfire north of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A wildfire that had burned more than 2,000 acres and forced more than 1,000 people from their homes north of Los Angeles was only smoldering early Monday, but worries were rampant as several hours of severe winds were expected to hit the region later in the day.

Fire officials were working quickly to surround the blaze 20 miles north of downtown that they said may be a "sleeping giant" if predicted Santa Ana wind gusts of up to 60 mph arrive.

"There's been no open flames for hours," Los Angeles County Fire Department spokesman Ron Haralson said Sunday night. "But the winds are going to grow and we risk a flare-up."

The fire, which broke out about 2 a.m. Sunday, burned through 2,066 acres of rugged terrain in the Angeles National Forest, destroying a house, a garage, several sheds and three mobile homes. More than 1,200 people had evacuated and were advised not to return to their homes overnight.

"It jumped the ridge and came down like a madman," said Barry Demeter, who told KABC-TV his home had burned as he led his horses away. "I left when the embers were falling around the house."

Chinese milk producer blames subcontractors for chemical-tainting problems

BEIJING (AP) — A dairy ensnared in China's chemical-tainting scandal says it was a victim of unscrupulous behavior by the independent providers from whom it buys raw milk.

Speaking on a television talk show late Sunday, the president of Bright Dairy said his company, one of the largest in the Chinese dairy industry, had been "too nice" toward milk collection stations that bought milk from farmers.

The comments appeared aimed at restoring consumer confidence in the wake of the scandal that has dinged the reputation of some of China's best-known food companies.

"We thought they were operating in good conscience," Guo Benheng said on state television's economics channel.

"I'd say we made an innocent mistake, although an innocent mistake is still a mistake. We are definitely making corrections," Guo said, according to a transcript of his remarks posted on official Web sites Monday.

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government structure the stock purchase program.

"We are moving quickly — but methodically — and I am confident we are building the foundation for a strong, decisive and effective program," Kashkari said in a speech Monday to the Institute of International Bankers.

Kashkari, however, pro-

vided few details about how the program will actually buy bad assets and ownership shares in banks. He focused mainly on the nuts and bolts of getting the program running.

He said five veteran government officials had been chosen as interim heads of key components of the program including Tom Bloom, currently the chief financial officer at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, to serve as

the chief financial officer for the rescue program.

Kashkari said seven policy teams at Treasury had been created to focus on the different aspects of the program including buying bad assets such as mortgage-backed securities. Another team would work on buying residential mortgages, which he said were currently clogging the books of regional banks, and another would focus on the program to buy equity stakes in pri-

vate banks as a way to boost their capital.

Kashkari announced that investment consultancy Ennis Knupp & Associates had been chosen as the private firm that will help Treasury review proposals from asset management companies. He said that 70 companies had made bids to become the master custodian firm and that a final selection of the winning firm would be announced by Tuesday.

He said more than 100

companies had submitted bids to become one of the five to 10 firms that will operate the program to buy and manage the bad assets from financial firms.

Kashkari's speech Monday marked his first public appearance since being selected a week ago to run the program.

His comments came as The Bank of England, the European Central Bank and the Swiss National Bank jointly announced they would work together

to provide unlimited short-term funds to make money available to ease the credit freeze. The Bank of Japan said it was considering a similar move.

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increases would have gone into effect Aug. 8, so this council had until that date to either deny or suspend the increase. If the council had taken no action, it would have gone into effect automatically."

Understanding the impact the rate increase would have on the citizens of Big Spring is no easy matter, according to Walker, especially when the documentation Oncor has provided doesn't seem to match up.

"The rate increase would effect every citizen in the city that uses Oncor. They (Oncor) sent an information packet to the city of Big Spring to try to get us onboard," said Walker. "According to that literature, the rate increase would translate into a 2.7 percent — which amounts to \$5.09 to the average con-

sumer — increase for residential customers. However, in the information they provided to the state's utility commission shows the residential rate increase as 17.6 percent. So it's really hard to say at this point what the effect will be on customers."

Walker said the matter was turned over to the Lloyd Gosselink Law Firm, which represents the steering committee, but whether or not the increase happens, local customers can expect their bills to begin going up Jan. 1.

"We'll just have to wait and see what happens with the rate increase," said Walker. "However, regardless of what happens with this, Oncor will be raising its rates Jan. 1 to support an advanced metering program, which was approved by the state. That increase will cost residential customers an additional \$2.29 per month and non-residential customers \$3.90 per month,

and will remain in effect for the next 11 years."

Among the agenda items are:

- Approval of specifications and permission to take bids for five new 2008 or 2009 model police vehicles; two new 2008 or 2009 model quarter-ton cab pickups; a new 2008 or 2009 model tractor with cab; a new 2008 or 2009 model 14-cubic yard dump truck; a new 2008 or 2009 model square body sanitation refuse truck; two 72-inch deck mowers; a new 2008 or 2009 model batwing mower; a used forklift; and a new 2008 or 2009 model sewer jet vacuum truck.
- Approval of annual bid awards for aluminum sulfate, calcium hydroxide, tub grinder services and anhydrous ammonia. The council is also expected to reject all bids received for radio and tower maintenance and re-bid.
- Consideration and approval for the city to file a request for authorization

of reclaimed water use with TCEQ and authorizing the city manager to execute all documents. The council will also consider approval of an interlocal agreement with the Colorado River Municipal Water District calling for the construction and operation of a water reclamation plant to capture and treat water from the city's wastewater treatment plant.

- Emergency reading of a resolution approving the sale of approximately six acres of property to CRM-WD for the water reclamation plant.
- Approval of an agreement for medical director of emergency medical services with Dr. Donald Hubbard and authorizing the mayor to execute the agreement.
- Approval of an agreement with Wes-Tex Communications concerning fiber and tower lease
- Approval of an interlocal agreement with Big Spring Independent School

District for law enforcement services.

- Approval of an agreement with Covenant Medical Group to provide employment physicals.
 - Approval of an airport project participation agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation's Aviation Division.
 - Discussion and approval of final Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramp transition plan.
 - The council is also expected to meet in an executive session during the meeting to discuss pending litigation.
- The meeting is expected to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

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sure to bring either the Social Security card itself, or a print out from the Social Security Office. It has to appear on something official, even DHS (Department of Health

Services) records."

Once the names and gift ideas are collected and put on the Angel Trees in the form of cards, area shoppers will have the opportunity to brighten a child's holiday by choosing one and purchasing items for them.

The trees will be erected in area stores and shops, according to Laf-

ler.

For more information on the Angel Tree program, call 267-8239 or stop by their office, located at 811 W Fifth Street.

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while working with her mother at GreenHouse Photography, Wood attended radiology school at the

San Angelo campus of Howard College. As of fall 2008, she was a full-time student working toward her bachelor's degree at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Bap-

tist Church. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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OTHER VIEWS

Curb increased Amazon rain forest destruction

Just over a month ago, Brazilian President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva signed a decree creating a fund that seeks donations from developed countries to protect the Amazon rain forest and combat global warming. None too soon it turns out.

Last week Brazilian officials acknowledged that, after three years marked by notable reductions in tree-cutting, deforestation has accelerated. Actually, accelerated hardly covers it. Try raced: Deforestation has increased 228 percent from this time last year.

Brazilian officials blame the increase on lax policing in the Amazon region by mayors running for re-election. Cracking down on people who cut trees and clear the land isn't politically popular, apparently. International environmental groups, however, blame the increase on the worldwide hike in food prices. Amazon farmers want more land to grow more cash crops and livestock.

Whatever the cause, the country should put a stop to the speeded-up destruction by increasing law enforcement in the region and creating more alternative job opportunities for would-be deforesters and farmers.

Traditionally, Brazil has told the rest of the world to mind its own business when it came to the fate of the Amazon rain forest. But if President da Silva is serious about soliciting other countries' financial assistance to preserve the unique ecosystem, he must first prove that there will be enough of it left to make the investment worthwhile.

The Amazon rain forest is vast, bigger than Western Europe. Though Colombia and Peru host some of the Amazon, Brazil has the lion's share — 60 percent. Of that 60 percent, some 20 percent has been destroyed. Brazil should take immediate steps to curb deforestation, then ask other nations for money to save the rain forest for good.

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A SHORT PRAYER

Be with us dear Lord, when our losses make it difficult to see a bright future.

Amen

Evidence grows that Israel, with U.S. aid, is preparing to attack Iran

Month after month, the nation's attention seems to ping-pong back and forth between the world's two egregious nuclear malefactors, North Korea and Iran.

For the last few weeks, all eyes have been on North Korea, as the nation's idiosyncratic leadership began reopening a plant that manufactures weapons-grade plutonium. Christopher Hill, an assistant secretary of state, met, to no effect, with North Korea's leaders in Pyongyang last week — a visit that would have been inconceivable while hawks still dominated the Bush administration.

But, as anyone might guess, the problems in Iran did not suddenly freeze while everyone looked east. In fact several recent developments leave the strong suggestion that Israel is preparing to attack Iran — with significant help from the United States.

You may remember that Israel carried out a major military exercise involving more than 100 F-16 and F-15 fighter jets over the Eastern Mediterranean last June. At the time, American officials said the exercise appeared to be a rehearsal for a bombing attack on Iran's nuclear facilities. And Shaul Mofaz, an Iranian-born former army chief of staff and defense minister, warned that "if Iran continues with its program for developing nuclear weapons, we will attack" — just as Israel bombed a suspected nuclear site in Syria last year.

The likelihood of an American attack has diminished. American commanders "think it would complicate the situation in Iraq and the

region," John Bolton, the former U.N. ambassador, told me. He favors an attack but says "the Bush administration was much more inclined to do it a few years ago." Secretaries Condoleezza Rice and Robert Gates, at State and Defense — relative moderates within the Bush administration — now dominate discussion of issues like this.

Would Washington support an Israeli attack? Recently, the administration has given clear signals that it would not. But then, why did the Pentagon announce last month that it planned to sell Israel 1,000 new GBU-39 bunker-busting bombs? They are small weapons that can be dropped from the wings of the fighter jets in Israel's air force. Each can penetrate 6 feet of reinforced concrete. If several aircraft hit the same target the total penetration could be much deeper.

Why does Israel need those bombs? Israeli military analysts have been saying they are for attacking underground weapons depots in Gaza or southern Lebanon. Perhaps.

But then, why about the same time did the Pentagon agree to sell Israel sophisticated upgrades for the country's Patriot anti-missile missiles — and send more than 100 technicians to install them? If Israel attacked, Iran has warned that it would fire volleys of ballistic missiles in response.

And there's more: Just last week came the news that the United States has deployed an advanced early-warning radar system in Israel for detecting incoming missiles. It is so sophisticated that, for now, U.S. Army crews will be stationed there to operate it.

Bolton and others advised against "reading all of that into this," as he put it. The United States continually sells military equipment to Israel. Most years the United States gives Israel about \$2 billion in mili-

tary aid, and it must be spent on American arms.

What is more, Abbas Milani, an expert on Iran at Stanford University, told me that the Iranian press of late has been saying "the time is past" when the United States might attack. And while there is some concern about Israel, the Iranian papers correctly note that the country is locked in negotiations to form a new government that aren't likely to be settled for several weeks. Israel would not attack before a new government forms.

At the same time, though, Israelis certainly saw Mahmoud Ahmedinejad, the Iranian president, telling the United Nations last month that "the Zionist regime is on a definite slide toward collapse, and there is no way for it to get out of this cesspool."

Still, all of this may be a hall of mirrors. The United States may be arming Israel purely for defensive reasons. Israel's military exercises and blustery threats may simply be the state's way of warning Iran. On the other hand, the Bush administration's statements cautioning Israel may simply be an attempt to prevent Iran from blaming Washington if Israel does attack.

In any case, Bolton said, "Israel's decision will not be based on what the Pentagon wants." And if Israel does attack, Iran will consider Washington responsible, no matter what the administration has said.

"So if the U.S. is going to be blamed anyway," Bolton offered, "we ought to go ahead and assist them."

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Iran envisions 'a world without America'

By **CLIFFORD D. MAY** and **JAMES JAY CARAFANO**
The Heritage Foundation

Which world leader is on record musing about "a world without America" — a goal he calls "attainable"? Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Until recently, it was possible to believe that whatever Ahmadinejad's intentions, Iran was a long way from acquiring the capabilities it needs to achieve its goals. But a blue-ribbon commission has reported to Congress on what appears to be an Iranian drive to obtain the means to carry out an EMP (electro-magnetic pulse) attack.

An EMP attack is produced by launching a ballistic missile with a nuclear weapon attached — and detonating it high above the earth. This produces a massive pulse of ionized particles that could damage or even wipe out many electrical and information systems. Such an attack would disrupt telecommunications, banking and finance, fuel and energy, food and water supplies, emergency and government services and much more, threatening millions of lives.

We've seen a blacked-out South Texas in the wake of Hurricane Ike. We've seen New Orleans after Katrina. Now imagine that scenario over most of the continental United States. There would be a "world without America" — at least as we know it.

No one disputes that Iran is developing a

robust long-range missile force. Few question that Ahmadinejad's regime is working on nuclear weapons development. Less well known is that Iran has conducted missile tests from sea-based platforms, detonating warheads at the high-point of the missile trajectory, rather at the aim point over the target. These facts have now been documented in official government reports.

Connect the dots, and you find the picture of a workable research program for developing a covert means to deliver an EMP attack against the United States.

A short-range ballistic missile could be carried on one of the thousands of commercial freighters sailing under "flags of convenience" that sail around U.S. waters every day. Without ever piquing the interest of the Navy, the Coast Guard, or the Customs and Border Protection, that ship could sail within range and deliver its payload over American territory. Even a modest warhead placed at the right spot over the East Coast could take down 75 percent of the electrical grid.

The genius of such a covert attack is that it doesn't come with an obvious "return address." The ship might be registered in Liberia. The crew might be Lebanese. The ship might disappear into the night — or be scuttled quietly.

Another advantage for a would-be attacker is the bang that can be

achieved for the buck. An EMP attack would allow an enemy to wreak an enormous amount of destruction for a modest investment. It would mean no electricity, no food on the shelves, no phone, no fuel deliveries. Life would look more like the barter system of the 19th century, not to mention the millions that would die from traffic accidents, fires, failed hospital equipment, disease and the other chaos that would result from such an attack.

A lot can be done to deal with this terrible threat. For starters, we need to build comprehensive missile defenses that can shoot missiles down fired anywhere shortly after they lift off. We also need to develop national plans to mitigate vulnerabilities to an EMP attack and recover quickly from a strike if one does occur.

America, however, also needs to dust-off its nuclear deterrent. Of all the nations that could pull off an EMP attack or hand that capacity to a transnational terrorist group, Iran is the only country that has directly threatened to destroy the United States. While much America's infrastructure is vulnerable to EMP, the nuclear strike force is not. We need to inform Iran that if an EMP attack were unleashed on America, Iran could well be held responsible and suffer massive nuclear retaliation.

Perhaps deterrence won't work. Middle East scholar Bernard Lewis

argues that to a devout believer in Ayatollah Khomeini's apocalyptic ideology, mutually assured destruction may be "more an inducement than a deterrent." Still, it's worth making it clear that a steep price will be paid for such an attack.

In the end, President Reagan was right: Massive retaliation is not a morally supportable option when there are real alternatives. Comprehensive missile defenses, vigorous counter-proliferation programs, and making U.S. infrastructure more resilient are really the best ways to protect and defend the nation. The next president needs to make these a priority.

Indeed, demonstrating that America takes the threat seriously is perhaps the best message we could send to Ahmadinejad and those he represents.

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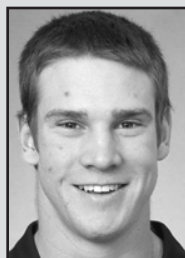
Ryan Tannehill

Former Big Spring quarterback, current Texas A&M receiver

The milestones keep coming for Tannehill. Last week against Oklahoma State, he caught the first and second touchdowns of his college career.

This week against Kansas State, not only did Tannehill top 100-yards receiving for the first time, but he went ahead and had his first 200-yard receiving game.

Tannehill finished with 210 yards and a score on 12 receptions. He currently leads the Aggies in catches and receiving yards.



Tannehill

Baylea Fox

Big Spring senior netter

Fox has served as the Lady Steers' libero, or defensive specialist for most of the 2008 season and lived up to her title over the past two games.

She registered a combined 15 digs last week in matches against Denver City and Abilene Cooper.



Fox

Jordan Valle

Big Spring senior CC runner

Valle won his third consecutive — and fourth this season — cross country race Saturday in Georgetown.

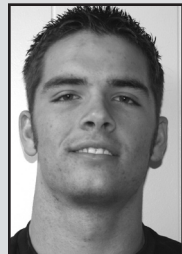
He finished the 3-mile course in 14:54.1, more than six seconds ahead of the rest of the field.

Jake Schwartz

Garden City senior running back

Schwartz was an honor mention all-state selection as an utility back in 2007 and lived up to that billing Friday in Garden City's victory over Sterling City.

Schwartz scored five touchdowns — four receiving, one rushing — leading the Bearkats to their first district win of the season.



Schwartz

Robbie Noland

Stanton junior running back

Noland notched his third 100-yard rushing game of the season Friday in the Buffaloes' 21-14 win over Forsan.

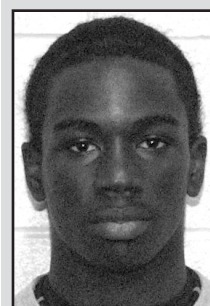
Noland finished with a personal best 272 yards and two touchdowns on 42 carries.

Zamir Linton

Big Spring senior utility back

The speedy Linton started at running back for his injured cousin Monte Anderson Friday and must have made the family proud with his performance.

Linton scored on two 3-yard runs in Big Spring's loss to Frenship Friday. He finished with 86 yards rushing and passed for another 27 yards.



Linton

Valle wins third consecutive race

Herald Staff Report

GEORGETOWN — Big Spring's Jordan Valle continued his dominance of cross country meets Saturday.

Valle raced to his third consecutive, and fourth overall, victory at the Georgetown Invitational, finishing the 3-mile course in 14:54.1. He was more than six seconds better than second place Donovan Torres.

Valle has won four of five races he has competed in this season. He finished second at the University of Texas in San Antonio Classic.

As a team, the Steers placed seventh. Kade Parker finished 11th with a time of 15:40.4

and Shane Allen placed 24th, finishing in 16:08.7.

On the girls side, Catherine Leubner came in 17th, finishing the 2-mile course with a time of 12:19.1.

Big Spring's next race will be the District 4-4A meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Oct. 30. Leubner will enter the race as a favorite to advance in the girls division.

On the boys side, Valle is heavily favored to claim his first district crown and the Steers have a strong chance of advancing as a team to the Region I meet.

Boys Results

1. Jordan Valle, Big Spring 14:54.1; 2. Donovan Torres, no

school 15:00.5; 3. Collin Smith, Austin High 15:01.2; 4. Stinson Parker, Cedar Park 15:06.1; 5. Justin Adame, Corpus Christi Carroll 15:17.2; 6. Howard Gill, Feast VI 15:23.5; 7. James Bonn, Lockhart 15:28.4; 8. Dennis Hodapp, St. Michaels 15:28.9; 9. Joey Niland, New Braunfels 15:32.2; 10. Mark Pinales, Stony Point 15:36; Notables: 11. Kade Parker, Big Spring 15:40.4; 24. Shane Allen, Big Spring 16:08.7; 62. Sammy Segundo, Big Spring 16:56.7; 155. Daniel Segundo, Big Spring 18:41.4; 161. Dalton Greiner, Big Spring 18:49.5; 203. Sergio Torres, Big Spring 20:05.7.

Girls Results

1. Reagan Tindell, Belton 11:23.5; 2. Ashley Benes, Bowie 11:36; 3. Emily Dunn, FEAST 11:41.9; 4. Ashley Steel, McNeil 11:42.2; 5. Marianna Hurtado, SA Madison 11:54.3; 6. Marissa Lee, Bowie 11:56.3; 7. Janessa Dunn, FEAST 12:04.6; 8. Maria Salinas, LUHSV 12:06.3; 9. Janel Campbell, Ingram 12:10.3; 10. Courtney Hale, Georgetown 12:11.3; Notables: 17. Catherine Leubner, Big Spring 12:19.1; 166. Crystal Ramirez, Big Spring 17:11.8.

No. 14 Denver City routs Lady Steers

Herald Staff Report

DENVER CITY — Call it a tuneup before the start of the second half of the volleyball district season. Although, the opponent might have been better than some of the district foes Big Spring's Lady Steers compete against.

The Lady Steers fell to Denver City's Lady Mustangs — ranked 14th in Class 2A — in straight sets, 25-11, 25-15, 25-14.

"This was a good test for us in the middle of the district season," said Lady Steers Head Coach Meghan Blake. "Denver City swings a heavy ball and has a very good offense. It's the type of game we needed before getting back into district play."

Big Spring is currently 1-3 in District 4-4A play, good enough for fourth in the standings. Fourth is all the Lady Steers need to be in their five-team district to qualify for the postseason.

They start the second half of district play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday when the Plainview Lady Bulldogs pay a visit to Steer Gym. Plainview is currently fighting for the district's second seed with Abilene Cooper. Frenship sits atop the standings undefeated.

"I know we're good enough to play with every team in this district," said Blake. "It's been a tough year early on, but the talent is there for us. We're playing with as much confidence as we have been all season. We should be able to beat Plainview."

The Lady Steers fell in straight sets to the Lady Bulldogs in Plainview Sept. 30, 25-15, 25-19,



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball coach Meghan Blake instructs the Lady Steers during a timeout Saturday in Denver City. The Lady Steers fell to Denver City — ranked 14th in Class 2A — in straight sets.

25-16. However, Blake left the match feeling the Lady Steers were the better team.

"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," 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."

**Denver City
defeats Big Spring
25-11, 25-15, 25-14**

Kills — Andrea Claxton 7, Desiree Anderson 5, Macy Graves 4, Halee Thomas 3, Sloan Davis 1.

Assists — Cerbi Ritchey 12, Belle Feaster 2, Claxton 1, Valerie Ross 1.

Digs — Baylea Fox 6, Ross 2, Davis 1, Claxton 1, Ritchey 1.

Blocks — Graves 1.

Special teams haunt Dallas

Arizona blocks punt in overtime for upset

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Sean Morey is that coveted yet usually unsung NFL player — small and scrappy, a special teams performer in the best sense of the word.

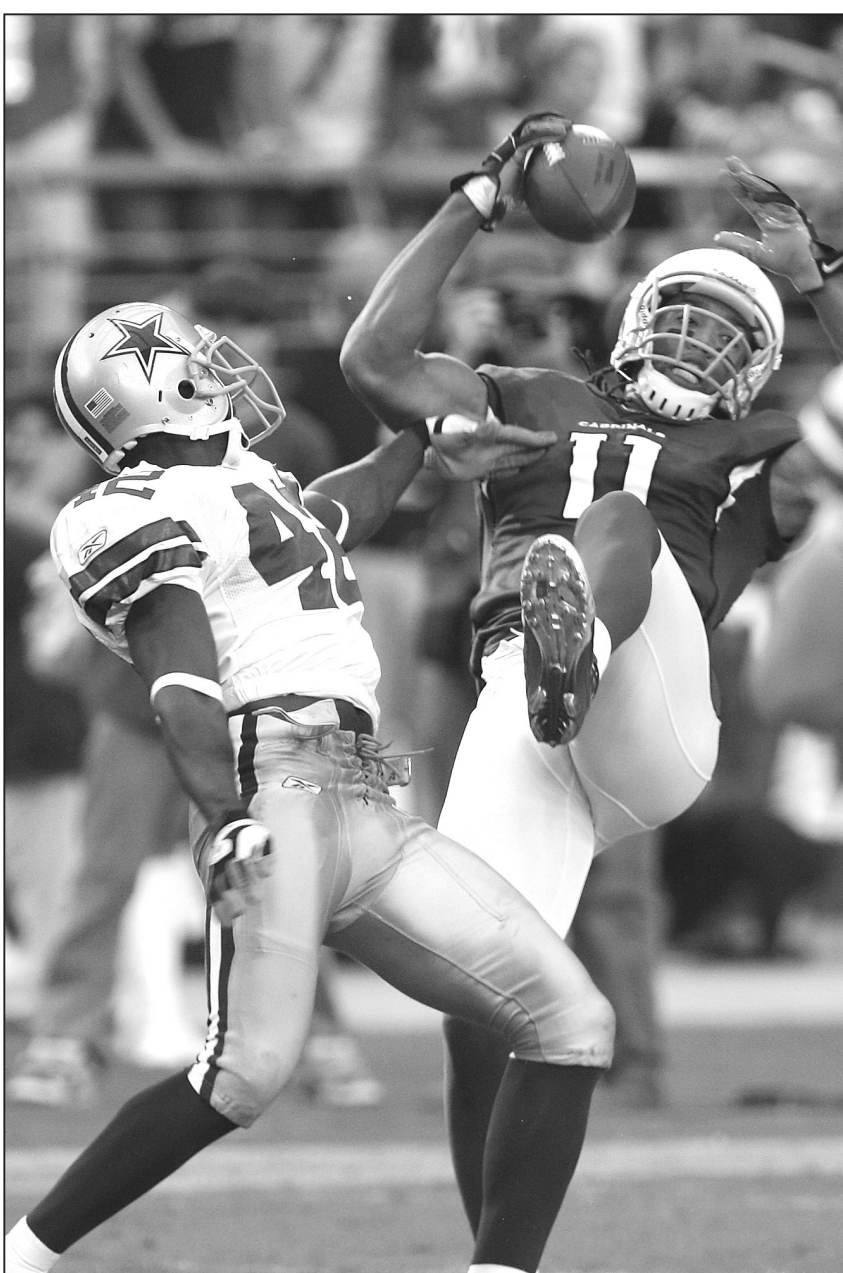
Never was that more true than on the final play of the Arizona Cardinals' game Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys.

As Dallas lined up to punt in overtime, Morey noticed that the personnel on the Cowboys' line had changed. No one, he said, was looking at him.

He was supposed to block for the return, but this was too good of a chance to miss.

Morey rushed untouched off the left side of the Dallas line to block Matt McBriar's kick, then backup linebacker Monty Beisel scooped up the ball and bowled over the goal line from 3 yards out.

A wacky day in the desert was over. Final score: Arizona 30, Dallas 24.



AP photo/Ross D. Franklin

Arizona Cardinals' Larry Fitzgerald (11), makes a one-handed catch over Dallas Cowboys' Anthony Henry, left, in the fourth quarter of an NFL game Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. The Cardinals defeated the Cowboys 30-24 in overtime.

Red River rising

Longhorns win over OU propels them to No. 1

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Texas rode its resounding Red River Rivalry upset right to No. 1.

The Longhorns leapfrogged No. 2 Alabama on Sunday and sit atop The Associated Press Top 25 in the regular season for the first time in 24 years after beating Oklahoma 45-35.

Texas' jump to No. 1 is the largest since Miami went from No. 6 to No. 1 on Aug. 29, 1988, after beating pre-season top-ranked Florida State 31-0 to start the season.

Texas received 39 first-place votes and 1,599 points from the media panel. Alabama received the other 36 first-place votes and 1,582 points.

"Being ranked No. 1 shows respect for what we've accomplished through the early part of the season, but nobody really knows who is No. 1 at this point," Texas coach Mack Brown said Sunday.

It certainly has been a fluid situation.

The Longhorns are the fourth No. 1 team this season, following Georgia, Southern California and Oklahoma. So it's just more of the same

POLL

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following an unpredictable 2007 season that had four No. 1 teams and eight different teams ranked second.

For the second time this season, three of the top four teams in the country lost on the same weekend.

While the losses by the previously top-ranked Sooners, Missouri and LSU weren't stunning, they did a number on the rankings.

Unbeaten Penn State moved

up three spots to No. 3. The Sooners dropped three spots to No. 4 after their first loss. Florida jumped six spots to No. 5 after pounding LSU 51-21 on Saturday night.

No. 6 Southern California is followed by Big 12 rivals Texas Tech and Oklahoma State, which upset Missouri 28-23 and has its highest ranking since November 1985 when the Cowboys were seventh.

No. 9 BYU and Georgia round out the top 10.

Missouri dropped eight spots to No. 11. The Tigers could vault right back up the polls when they play Texas in Austin on

Saturday.

"Our team has just played well for six weeks and we know more about where we are today than we did last Sunday, but we have a long way to go and a lot of room to improve," Brown said. "Every week, we're seeing teams learn the hard way that the only poll that matters, or lasts, is the final one. No one remembers who was No. 1 after six weeks last year. If we're No. 1 in late January, it becomes a statement."

Brown and the Longhorns made that kind of statement in 2005. They won the national title after spending the entire regular

season ranked No. 2 behind USC, then beating the Trojans 41-38 in the Rose Bowl.

Texas was also No. 1 in the USA Today coaches' poll and the Harris poll, with Alabama second and Penn State third. The coaches' poll and the Harris poll are used by the Bowl Championship Series to determine which teams play for the national title. The first BCS standings will be released Oct. 26.

Ohio State is 12th and LSU is 13th, a nine spot drop after getting drubbed in the Swamp.

No. 14 Utah, No. 15 Boise State and No. 16 Kansas all held their

spots. No. 17 Virginia Tech was followed by North Carolina, which jumped four spots after beating Notre Dame 29-24.

South Florida and Michigan State completed the first 20.

The final five were Wake Forest, Vanderbilt, which lost its first game of the season at Mississippi State on Saturday and dropped eight spots, Pittsburgh, Ball State and California.

The Golden Bears were the only team to move into the rankings this week. It's their second time in the Top 25 this season.

Auburn dropped out after losing its third game of the season.

COWBOYS

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"What a great environ-

ment in the stadium today," said Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt, who exchanged high fives with fans to celebrate the victory. "Fans were fan-

tastic. This is what a play-off game feels like."

Morey was special teams captain for Pittsburgh in 2005 and 2006 and has filled the same role for Arizona the last two seasons.

He noticed that in previous punts, his assignment was to double-team Dallas' Kevin Burnett to set up the return. But this time, Burnett had been moved from tackle to guard.

"I figured if I have to block the tackle, and the tackle's not going to block me, then I'm just going to make a play at the end of the game," he said.

Burnett fumed at the mistake, although no one named names.

"Missed assignments — there's no excuse," he said. "You're a grown man and this is what you make millions of dollars to do. It's a multibillion dollar corporation. There's no reason why you can't take time and make your assignments."

McBriar was hurt on the play and had to be carted off the field in the din of a crowd that included the usual large portion of Dallas fans.

Dallas (4-2) scored 10 points in the final 2 minutes of regulation, sending

the game into overtime when Nick Folk's 52-yard field goal barely cleared the crossbar as the fourth quarter ended.

"It was almost a miracle finish for us," Dallas coach Wade Phillips said.

Almost isn't good enough when you're the Cowboys, who thus far haven't been the dominating team many expected them to be.

"This season isn't going to go straight down this narrow path and be a nice and cozy Sunday drive," Dallas quarterback Tony Romo said.

Folk was in field-goal range only because a 5-yard offside penalty was called against injured Arizona linebacker Travis LaBoy as he tried to limp downfield. The penalty moved the ball from the 40 to the 35.

That was just one of the weird moments in Arizona's sixth consecutive home victory.

"It didn't seem like the bounces or the calls were going our way and sometimes you have to overcome those things," said Whisenhunt, whose team is 9-2 at home since he became coach. "Our team did that. That's part of growing up and getting mentally tougher."

Arizona (4-2) scored 17 consecutive points, including a pair of touchdown passes by Kurt Warner, to go up 24-14 on Neil Rackers' 41-yard field goal with 3:17 left in regulation.

Romo, who threw three touchdown passes but fumbled twice under fierce pressure, connected with Marion Barber on a 70-yard scoring play that cut it to 24-21 with 2 minutes left.

The Cowboys defense held, and they got the ball at their 32. Romo connected with Patrick Crayton on a 30-yard play to the Arizona 39, where the Dallas quarterback spiked the ball with 4 seconds to play to stop the clock.

LaBoy was far upfield.

"We were about 60 yards offside on the play," Whisenhunt said.

Officials, who had a difficult day all around, huddled for several minutes and even reviewed the play before Folk's tying kick.

The Cowboys scored the last time they had the ball in the first half and on their first possession of the second to take a 14-7 lead.

Romo was sacked three times and had to hurry his throw on several other occasions.

"Today I got hit blind-side for the first time in awhile," he said. "They're good. Their D-line played an outstanding football game. You've got to give them credit. That was, I thought, the difference of the game."

Before the blocked punt, Arizona's biggest play of the game came the next time the Cardinals had the ball and it was third-and-17 on their 33.

Warner's pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage, but the intended receiver, rookie Tim Hightower, still caught it. Hightower powered to the first down, and the Cardinals went on for the tying score.

Notes: The Cardinals' home winning streak is their longest since 1975-76. ... Phillips said the team had doubled its special teams practice time to try to shore up some problems. ... Dallas lost running back Felix Jones with an injured left hamstring in the first half. ... Folk's 37-yard field-goal try at the end of the first half bounced off the left upright.

Wild Sunday

Ryan Longwell made a field goal with nine seconds left to give Minnesota a comeback win over Detroit.

Nine seconds? Bor-ing! Four other games were decided even later on a

wild Sunday.

He could have been talking about the whole day. Houston beat Miami when Matt Schaub ran for a TD with 3 seconds left, and Atlanta and St. Louis both won on field goals as time expired. It was the first time since 1970 that four teams got the winning points with fewer than 10 seconds left in regulation.

In Sunday's other games, it was San Diego 30, New England 10; Philadelphia 40, San Francisco 26; Green Bay 27, Seattle 17; Jacksonville 24, Denver 17; Indianapolis 31, Baltimore 3; New Orleans 34, Oakland 3; Tampa Bay 27, Carolina 3; and N.Y. Jets 26, Cincinnati 14.

Atlanta's Jason Elam atoned for a late fourth-quarter miss by booting a 48-yard field goal to give the Falcons a 22-20 win over Chicago.

In the last 8 minutes, there was a goal-line stand by the Falcons, an 85-yard kickoff return by the Falcons' Jerious Norwood, Elam's first missed field goal in 31 attempts, a drive by the Bears that culminated with Kyle Orton's touchdown pass to Rashied Davis with 11 seconds remaining and, finally, Elam's winning kick after rookie quarterback Matt Ryan hooked up with Michael Jenkins on a 26-yard completion.

"This is going to do great things for our confidence and chemistry," Elam said. "Hopefully we can do something pretty special down the stretch."

In Landover, Md., Marc Bulger led the winning drive to set up Josh Brown's 49-yard field goal that gave St. Louis (1-4) a stunning upset of the Redskins.

Clinton Portis scored to give the Redskins (4-2) a 17-16 lead with 3:47 to play in a sluggish game in which they turned the ball over three times.

Houston (1-4) beat the Dolphins when Schaub ran for a TD on fourth down from the 3 to give the Texans a 29-28 win. An earlier fourth-down conversion on an acrobatic 23-yard reception by Andre Johnson kept the drive alive.

Ronnie Brown's 6-yard run with less than 2 minutes remaining gave Miami (2-3) the lead.

In Minnesota, the Vikings' relatively comfortable win was aided by a dubious pass-interference call on Leigh Bodden of Detroit (0-5).

Trailing 10-9 with 2:22 to play, the Vikings (3-3) had a second-and-20 from their 32. Gus Frerotte threw deep down the sideline for Aundrae Allison, and the ball fell incomplete. But field judge Mike Weir whistled Bodden for interference despite what appeared to be minimal contact.

The 42-yard penalty gave the Vikings the ball at the 26. Longwell converted the kick five plays later to avoid what would have been a damaging loss for a team that has designs on making the playoffs.

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Capodanno won the opening diamond lead with the queen, cashed the ace and ruffed a diamond with the four of spades as West discarded a heart. The king of spades was taken by East, who exited with a trump to dummy's ten. Since South apparently still had to lose a club and two hearts, a one-trick set seemed inevitable.

However, declarer now made the key play of leading a low club from dummy, taken by East's jack. East returned a diamond, ruffed by South, who discarded a club from dummy. Declarer then drew East's two remaining trumps, discarding a heart and the queen of clubs from dummy.

Nine tricks had been played to this point, and Capodanno had won seven of them. South's four remaining cards were the A-8-4 of hearts and ten of clubs, while dummy had the J-10-3 of hearts and ace of clubs. West still held the K-Q-9 of hearts, and had been forced to discard all but one of her clubs.

Capodanno now put the frosting on the cake by leading a club to the ace followed by the jack of hearts, ducked to West. West won with the queen but had to lead a heart from the K-9, allowing South to score the last two tricks — and her doubled game — with the ten and ace of hearts.

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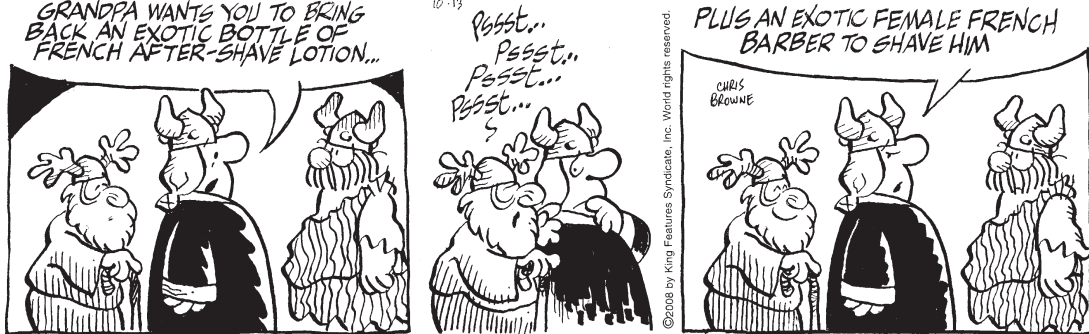
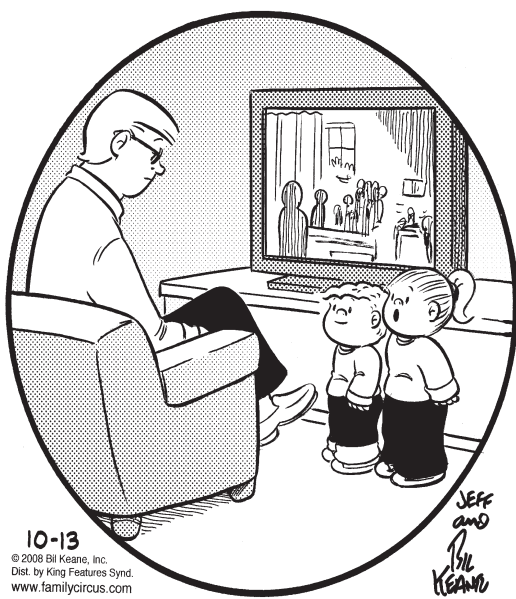
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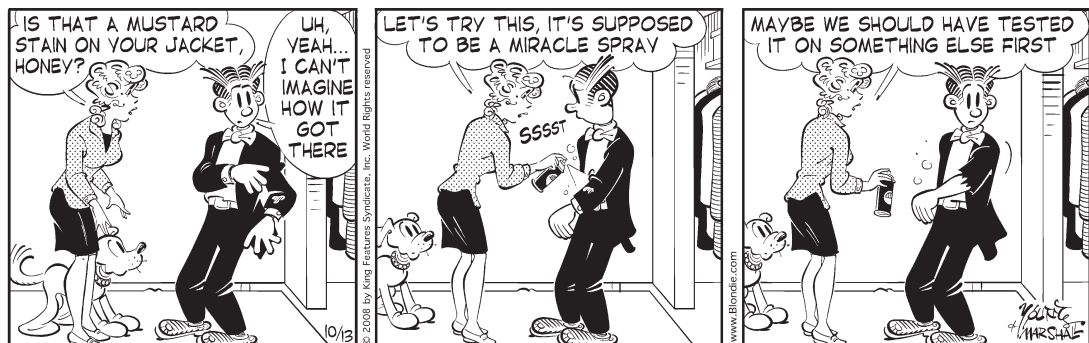
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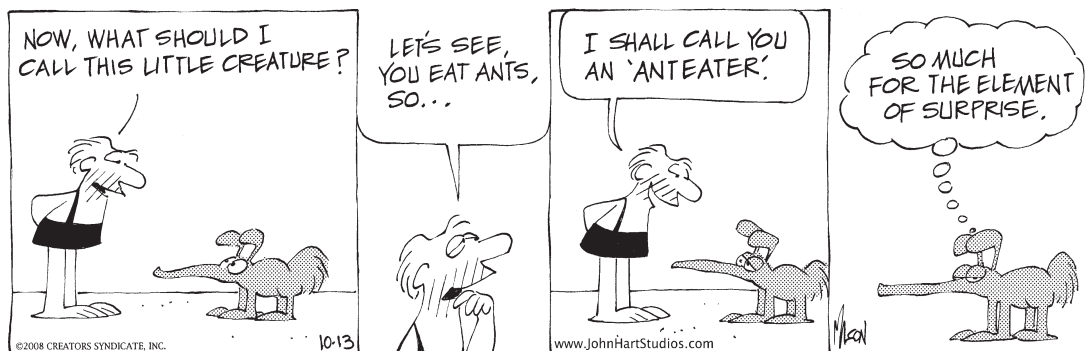
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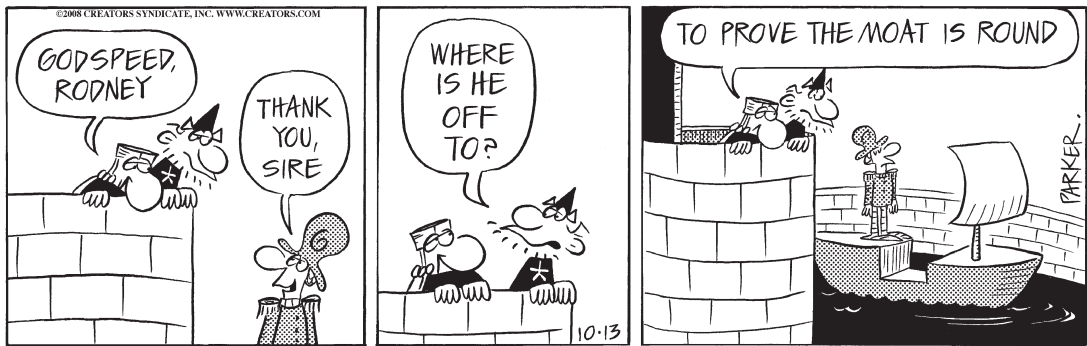
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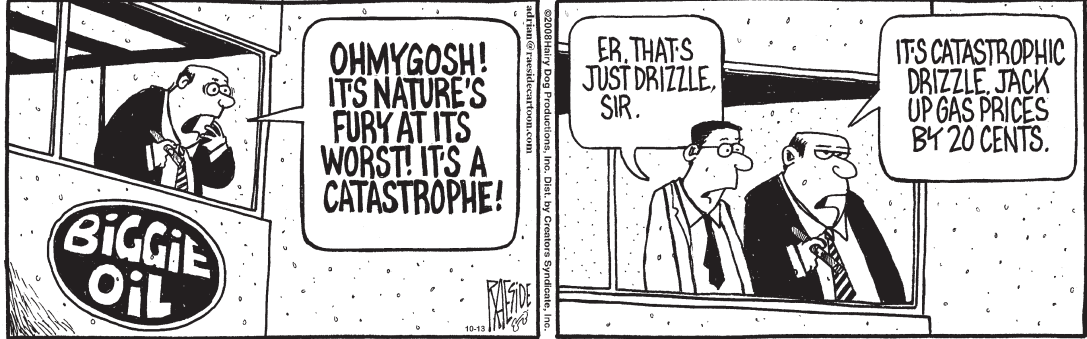
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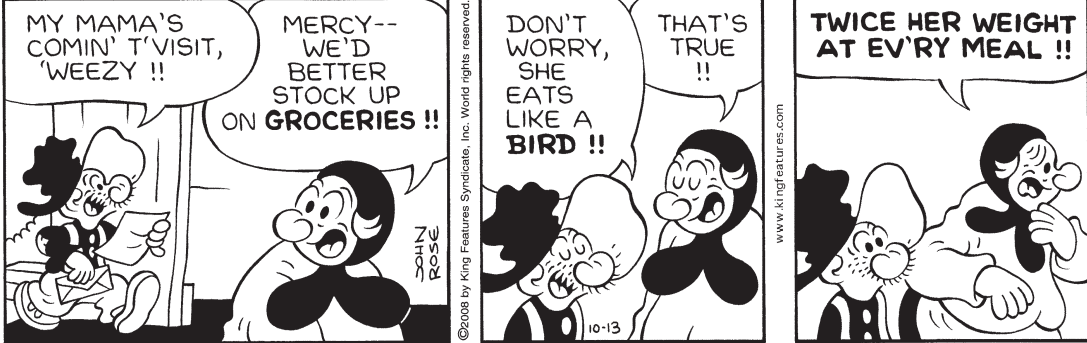
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 13, the 287th day of 2008. There are 79 days left in the year. This is the Columbus Day holiday in the United States, as well as Thanksgiving Day in Canada. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia. On this date: In A.D. 54, Roman emperor Claudius I died, poisoned apparently at the behest of his wife, Agrippina. In 1775, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet. In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City. In 1858, the sixth debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Quincy, Ill. In 1908, the Chicago Cubs won Game 4 of the World Series, defeating the Detroit Tigers 3-0 to take a

3-1 Series lead. In 1943, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner. In 1944, American troops entered Aachen, Germany, during World War II. In 1960, Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy participated in the third televised debate of their presidential campaign. (Nixon was in Los Angeles; Kennedy was in New York.) In 1974, longtime television host Ed Sullivan died in New York City at age 72. Today's Birthdays: Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is 83. Playwright Frank D. Gilroy is 83. Gospel singer Shirley Caesar is 70. Actress Melinda Dillon is 69. Singer-musician Paul Simon is 67. Actress Pamela Tiffin is 66. Musician Robert Lamm (Chicago) is 64. Country singer Lacy J. Dalton is 62. Actor Demond Wilson is 62. Singer-musician Sammy Hagar is 61. Actor John Lone is 56. Model Beverly Johnson is 56. Producer-writer Chris Carter is 52. Actor Reggie Theus is 51. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., is 50. Singer Marie Osmond is 49. Actress T'Keyah Crystal Keymah is 46. Actress Kelly Preston is 46. Country singer John Wiggins is 46. Actor Christopher Judge is 44. Actress Kate Walsh is 41. Rhythm-and-blues musician Jeff Allen (Mint Condition) is 40. Actress Tisha Campbell-Martin is 40. Classical singer Carlos Marin (Il Divo) is 40. Olympic silver-medal figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is 39. Actor Sacha Baron Cohen is 37. Rock musician Jan Van Slichem Jr. (K's Choice) is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singers Brandon and Brian Casey (Jagged Edge) are 33. Singer Ashanti is 28. Christian rock singer Jon Micah Sumrall (Kutless) is 28. Thought for Today: "There are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction. One has to go abroad in order to find the home one has lost." - Franz Kafka, Austrian author (1883-1924).

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like IMPRECISE, AHEAD, CAROLINAS, MERLE, INELEGANT, ALIEN, SYLVAN, INSPECT, ARE MUSE, BOOTS, WATERSKI, LOUPE, MITTS, CID, URGE, CASEY, TONE, BAH, TARPS, DIODE, EXTREMES, WRAPS, EXES, SOY, RIGHTON, NORMAL, ADIEU, EVALUATED, MOLAR, SERENGETI, PLATE, TEENSIEST.

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