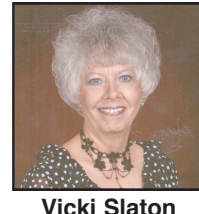




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'Source of inspiration'

Medal of Honor recipient statue unveiled

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

It seems that about the only person who would have made a fuss about honoring George O'Brien Tuesday would have been O'Brien himself.

George O'Brien, Big Spring's only Medal of Honor winner, was memorialized with a statue during Veteran's Day. The statue, which depicts O'Brien when he was a Marine Corps lieutenant during the Korean Conflict, was unveiled during Veteran's Day ceremonies at the Big Spring VA Medical Center Tuesday.

More than 20 family members and hundreds of local residents were on hand for the ceremony.

"We are very humbled and very appreciative," said O'Brien's son, Rob. "Speaking for myself and my family, this statue not only honors my father

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Above, Jerry Worthy gestures to the crowd after unveiling a statue of George O'Brien, Big Spring's only Medal of Honor winner, during Veteran's Day ceremonies at the VA Medical Center Tuesday. At left, Christina Menchaca, Belinda Garcia and Maira Alvarez lay a wreath at the base of the medical center's flagpole.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

Chamber Bucks make it easier to buy Big Spring

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Local officials are always urging consumers to "buy Big Spring." Now, they're handing you a little extra incentive.

"ChamberBucks," which work like a gift card but are used at more places, will be available through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce through Jan. 31.

The local Chamber is partnering with 12 local businesses which will



ValVerde

honor the gift cards, said Debby Valverde, executive Chamber director.

"This is something we did five or six years ago in the hopes that people would try Big Spring first," ValVerde said. "We know you can't find everything in Big Spring, but

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Election mop-up prompts meeting

Commissioners convene Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Canvassing the Nov. 4 election tops the to-do list for Howard County commissioners, as the court prepares to hold a special meeting Friday morning.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the canvass

of the election had to be completed before the next scheduled convening of commissioners, making the special meeting necessary.

"We basically had two different dates we could have canvassed the election," said Barr. "However, the second date simply didn't work out, and that's why we're holding the spe-

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Barr

DPS aims for driver's license checkpoints

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's top law enforcement agency has asked Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott for a ruling on the legality of setting up statewide driver's license checkpoints but 15 lawmakers say such a move would be unauthorized immigration policymaking.

A number of state legislators argue the Department of Public Safety Commission overstepped

its authority Aug. 25 by issuing new rules requiring applicants to prove they are legally in the U.S. before they can receive a Texas driver's license or identification. Two weeks later, lawmakers were further disturbed after learning the commission's chairman, Allan B. Polunsky, wanted a ruling on the checkpoints.

"A state agency is making im-

migration policy for the state of Texas, and that is not their job," State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio said in a story Tuesday for the Houston Chronicle's online edition.

Polunsky did not return the newspaper's calls for comment.

State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio and 14 other Texas lawmakers sent Abbott a letter asking him to ignore the

commission's legal opinion request because the Legislature has not authorized a DPS checkpoint program.

It's unclear when Abbott will issue his opinion.

Staffed by state troopers or local police, the checkpoints would stop drivers to review their licenses, vehicle registrations and proof of insurance.

Checkpoints have not been al-

lowed in Texas since the state Court of Criminal Appeals ruled in 1994 they must be authorized by a "politically accountable governing body at the state level." That case involved a sobriety checkpoint in Arlington. In 1979, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that random traffic stops to check driver's licenses, where

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Hangar 25 memberships

Hangar 25 Air Museum is offering 10 percent off during its annual membership drive. The special offer runs until Jan. 1. The museum highlights Big Spring's role in aviation, honors veterans and holds various activities — many of them youth-related.

One-year memberships, with the 10 percent discount, are student, \$13.50; individual, \$27; family, \$54; sponsor, \$90; supporting, \$225; patron, \$450; and founder, \$900. Checks or money orders may be made to Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Drive, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 264-1999.

Drivers Safety Program

AARP Drivers Safety Program offers "one very good deal" Friday for its safety-conscious members.

Members can bring a friend or spouse to a drivers safety classroom course for \$10.

By bringing someone with them to the classes, both can attend for \$10. Both class attendees will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the course.

The course will begin at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave.

Call 267-1628 to register.

WTO funds available

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New coach focused on rebuilding Lady Steers

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

There's been a revolving door at the head coach position for the Big Spring Lady Steers basketball program.

Mike Warren comes in as the fourth new head man in just as many years this season. However, the reason Warren was brought in was to provide some stability to the program. He's a Big Spring High School graduate and the son of Dr. Charles Warren, meaning his roots within the community are strong.

"Mike has ties to this area and that was the biggest reason we wanted to bring him in," said Big Spring Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey. "We believe he'll stick around and help stabilize our girls' basketball program."

Warren is going to have his work cut out for him. He

inherits a team that finished 0-28 last season. Still, that doesn't lower his belief in this team's ability to perform to a high standard.

"I'm going to have high expectations for these girls," said Warren. "We're going to work hard on the fundamentals — dribbling, shooting and passing. Between our first scrimmage and our second scrimmage, I saw a lot of progress on the defensive end. That was very promising to me for us to scrimmage Van Horn and Fort Stockton and hold those teams to zero points in a couple of periods."

Defense will be Warren's emphasis from the start, believing the best chance for the Lady Steers to win is to get some easy scores.

"We're going to spend a lot of time working on our defense," said Warren. "We're going to run a man-to-man

this year. It might take part of the non-district schedule for us to learn how to play man-to-man as a team, but we're already showing good progress."

Offensively, Warren says the Lady Steers still have a long way to go, but that the foundation is in place.

"We're a little bit behind on the offensive side of the ball," noted Warren. "We're going to continue to work on our offense and form shooting. We're going to run a four-in-and-one-out offense and try to get down the floor quickly with a fast break. We want to score off our defense and if our defense does its job then we should get some points there."

"We don't have a lot of size, but Cerbi Ritchey has joined us from the volleyball team

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Lady Steers guard Linzee Yarbar drives past a defender in action from Dec. 29, 2007 in Slaton. The Lady Steers begin the 2008-2009 season Friday, playing host to the Snyder Lady Tigers at 7:30 p.m. in Steer Gym.

Christoval rallies past Bulldogettes

Lady 'Cats fall in opener

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogettes came out of the locker room cold at half-time, allowing Christoval to rally from a 5-point deficit at the intermission.

Christoval outscored Coahoma 19-6 in the third period and eventually ran away with a 46-37 victory in what served as the opener for the 2008-2009 girls basketball season for both squads.

The Bulldogettes trailed by 2 after one frame, but posted a 16-9 advantage in the second period for a 25-20 lead at the half.

Coahoma was led by Kylie Gee's 12 points, while K'Leigh Fowler and Berkley Iden scored seven apiece.

The Bulldogettes next game is at 4 p.m. Saturday at Andrews.

Christoval 11 9 19 7-46

Coahoma 9 16 6 6-37

Christoval (1-0) — Holt 20, Carles 12, Jackson 6, Bailey 5, Sanders 3.

Coahoma (0-1) — Kylie Gee 12, K'Leigh Fowler 7, Berkley Iden 7, Shelbi Paige 5, Kalea Neff 4, Hilari White 2.

Free throws — Christoval 7-21, Coahoma 13-25. 3-point goals — Christoval 3 (Carles 1, Holt 1, Jackson 1), Coahoma 4 (Iden 1, Paige 1, Neff 1, Fowler 1). Total fouls — Christoval 22, Coahoma 21. Fouled out — Fowler.

Morton 54, Grady 48

MORTON — A slow start cost Grady's Lady Wildcats an opportunity to win their season opener Tuesday.

Morton jumped out to a 6-point advantage in the opening stanza and held onto the lead for the final margin.

The Lady 'Cats were led by Eva Dyck's game-high 18 points, while Maegan Blocker provided 15.

Grady travels to Forsan for its next game. Tip time is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Grady 8 13 10 17-48

Morton 14 12 12 16-54

Grady (0-1) — Eva Dyck 18, Maegan Blocker 15, Julia Schuelke 3, Kaitlyn Blocker 3, Lauren Robinson 7, Tasha Enriquez 2.

Morton (1-0) — Jaketha Ross 8, Stormi Harvey 17, Sylvia Castillo 3, Edna Duncer 15, Daniella Olson 11.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Forsan Lady Buffaloes guard Faith Belew lays in for two points in the Lady Buffs' season-opening 59-40 victory over Colorado's Lady Wolves in Colorado City Tuesday night.

Lady Buffs open with road victory

Forsan shuts out Lady Wolves en route to 19-point victory

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

COLORADO CITY — Can a season-opening win be a good omen for the rest of the campaign? Forsan's Lady Buffaloes are about to find out.

The Lady Buffs tipped off the 2008-2009 girls basketball season Tuesday night in Colorado City, coming away with a 59-40 victory over the Lady Wolves.

"It was very good for us to start the season this way," said Lady Buffs Head Coach Robert Hillger. "We put up some nice numbers, so it's good."

Forsan achieved its final margin of victory in the first period. The Lady Buffs used a full-court press that often led to a half-court trap, forcing the Lady Wolves into several turnovers.

By the time the first eight minutes of the game elapsed, Forsan was already out to a 19-0 lead.

The Lady Wolves used a press of their own to try and fight their way back into the game in the second quarter, but could only pull within 10 points at 21-11.

"We adjusted well to their press," noted Hillger. "They came out in the second quarter and really put us in a press. It took us a few minutes to adjust, but we didn't really panic."

Forsan led by as much as

30 points in the second half, but a late Lady Wolves run kept the deficit at less than 20 points in the end.

Tori Gauer benefitted most from Forsan's high-pressure defense. Gauer converted several layups and also showed a sharp-shooting skill along the baseline to lead the Lady Buffs with a game-high 19 points.

Amanda Longorio was the only other Lady Buff in double figures with 11. Faith Belew chipped in nine points, while Sandi Golleher scored eight.

"We're a much deeper team than we were last year. We brought up a couple of good kids from last year's junior varsity who helped us out a lot," said Hillger. "I think we'll match up well once we get to district, but McCamey is pretty good. I think it's going to take all of our pre-district games before we really start to mesh together."

Forsan hosts Rankin at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Gym.

Forsan 19 15 11 13-59

Colorado 0 19 6 15-40

Forsan (1-0) — Shelby McDonald 5, Tori Gauer 19, Faith Belew 9, Sandi Golleher 8, Charlene Stanley 2, Kelsey Jones 5, Amanda Longorio 11.

Colorado (0-1) — Ilesha Taylor 4, Brianna Biggers 4, Diesha Smith 4, Michelle Billingsley 10, Jade Cannon 4, Lauren Munoz 6, Emily Hicks 2, Megan Bullard 6.

3-point goals — Forsan 3 (McDonald 1, Gauer 1, Jones 1), Colorado 1 (Munoz).

Sports in brief

Crossroads high school football playoffs schedule Friday

Class A, Division I bi-district

Stanton vs. Van Horn, 7:30 p.m., Pecos

Six-man Division I bi-district

Garden City vs. Ira, 7:30 p.m., Lenorah

Six-man Division II bi-district

Sands vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m., Lamesa

Saturday

Class 4A, Division II bi-district

Big Spring vs. Canyon, 5 p.m., Wolfforth

Steers playoff tickets available at ATC Thursday and Friday

Tickets for the Big Spring Steers' playoff game Saturday

in Wolfforth can be purchased beforehand at the Athletic Training Center Thursday and Friday.

Student tickets are \$2 and adults are \$7. All tickets sold at the gate cost \$7.

Big Spring is the home team for the game so all fans should sit on the side of Tiger Stadium with the bigger press box.

Registration for Big Spring Youth Basketball have begun

The YMCA has begun accepting sign-ups for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls through Dec. 1.

Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Games are scheduled to begin Jan. 10. Practices begin

the week of Dec. 8.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2. Teams will be formed following this meeting.

The registration fee is \$50 and includes a reversible mesh jersey, injury assistance and a participation award at the end of the season.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Chicano Golf Association holding meeting Monday

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding a meeting to elect new officers for 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Montelongo's Body Shop.

Support Groups

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.; 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.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

CHANGING DATES

• The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blasingane at 263-9748.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-17-18-28-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-4-7-4. Sum It Up: 19

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-4-5. Sum It Up: 14

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Mega Millions lottery:
5-27-38-42-55

• Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Canterbury South. Please contact Jennifer Mendez at 263-1238 or leave a message.

• Confidential memory screenings are being offered by Accolade Home Care as part of National Memory Screening Day, a national initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA). They will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Room 214 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. For information, call Accolade Home Care in Big Spring at 264-1164.

• Big Spring High School sweatshirts and hoodies are available by calling Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Sweatshirts are \$20 each; hoodies are \$25.

• 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.

• 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.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First

Police blotter

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

- CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ, 21, of 1600 Fifth Street, was arrested Tuesday on 20 local warrants.
- THOMAS RIOS, 27, of 1321 Mulberry, was arrested Wednesday on two local capias warrants.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1300 block of Sheppard.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of 18th Street.
- ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.
- RAFAEL TREVINO JR., 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - MATTHEW YBARRA, 17, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of a firearm.
 - CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear and theft of a firearm.
 - EVANGELINA JAIME, 36, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of violation of a promise to appear, displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts) and parent contributing to the non-attendance of a student.
 - THOMAS DEL BOLTON, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense and driving while license suspended/invalid – enhanced.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the area of Wildfire Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Richie Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

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.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.




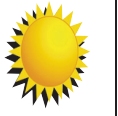

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all

Your Local Weather

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 78/49 Sunshine. High 78F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	 72/41 Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 62/39 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	 70/43 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 74/42 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 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.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- 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.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- 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.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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Lakers rally past Mavs, open season perfect 6-0

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Down after one quarter, two and even three, the Los Angeles Lakers found themselves in an unfamiliar place.

Yet even with the Dallas Mavericks getting terrific games out of Jason Kidd and Erick Dampier, Kobe Bryant and friends found a way to pull out another one.

Trevor Ariza turned an offensive rebound into an emphatic, go-ahead dunk early in the fourth quarter and added an equally emphatic block in the final

minute to help the Lakers pull out a 106-99 victory over the Mavericks on Tuesday night. Los Angeles improved to 6-0, its best start since going 7-0 in 2001-02 — which also was the last time the Lakers won the championship.

“Nobody panicked,” said Bryant, who scored nine of his 27 points in the fourth quarter. “We just kept at it.”

Despite being without Josh Howard — their

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T.O.: Cowboys need to revisit last season

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Terrell Owens hopes his coaches spent their bye week looking back at what made the Dallas Cowboys so successful last season.

In other words, how they got T.O. the ball.

The outspoken wide receiver with the well-worn reputation for wanting to be involved simply hasn't been during the Cowboys' midseason swoon. He's been held to a pair of catches three times this season, doesn't have a 100-yard receiving game and has caught more than one touchdown pass just once.

And only once has he been the Cowboys' leading receiver — when he caught five passes for a measly 33 yards in a 13-9 win over Tampa Bay, the team setting a dubious franchise record for fewest total yards in a victory in the process.

“We have to go back to

the drawing table and look at the things that made us successful last year, moving me around a little bit, really just making an effort to get the ball in my hands on certain routes,” Owens said Tuesday, during a signing for his new book in Manhattan.

A lot of the offensive woes have to do with the injury to quarterback Tony Romo, which certainly didn't help the Cowboys' downward spiral. A 4-1 start and aspirations of a first-round playoff bye have been replaced by a pedestrian 5-4 mark and the very real possibility of missing the postseason altogether.

“The reality is, you can have a lot of confidence but if you're going out there on the football field and not matching the play with the confidence, you're not doing so good,” Owens said. “I think that's very indicative of our record. You can't be good on paper, you have to do it on the

field.” Romo hasn't played since he broke the pinkie finger on his throwing hand during a loss to Arizona on Oct. 12, but he practiced during the Cowboys' bye week and is expected to start Sunday night at Washington.

The Cowboys expect to have other important pieces back, too. Injured cornerback Terence Newman, left guard Kyle Kosier and running back Felix Jones all hope to play, and recently acquired wide receiver Roy Williams should be on the field.

It's a critical game for Dallas, which finds itself looking up at the front-running New York Giants and second-place Washington in the brutal NFC East. The Cowboys are a game back of the Redskins and lost to them earlier this year.

It'd be an opportune time for Owens to have a breakout performance, especially if he's matched up

against cornerback DeAngelo Hall. Remember, Owens was fined \$35,000 by the league in December 2006 for spitting in Hall's face during a game against his former team, the Atlanta Falcons. The two reportedly settled their feud later with Deion Sanders serving as a mediator.

“At the rate he's playing, I'm looking forward to a big day,” Owens said, smiling. “I'm no stranger to playing against him. I've had success against him just as much as everybody else has, so if he's out there, I'm looking forward to playing him.”

Owens was in New York for a whirlwind publicity trip that included an appearance on the “Late Show” with David Letterman and a trip to the Sports Museum of America, where he donated a signed replica of his college jersey from

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LADY STEERS

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and she gives us a bigger presence inside,” he continued. “I think we've got some good guards. Hopefully, Cerbi can do a good job inside and the defense will play on her and it will open up our guards for penetration.”

Only two seniors —

Dominique Green and Crystal Woodson — populate Big Spring's roster, meanwhile there are also three freshmen — Ritchey, Bridgette Tuitt and LaShonte Anderson — who will start the season on the varsity squad.

“We've got two seniors on this team,” noted Warren. “There's a lot of sophomores and three freshmen. We do have a few girls, who played on

the varsity last year. So that gives us some experience. That will be needed because it's a big step to go from playing junior high ball to a varsity level.”

For now, Warren is being patient with the team, asking only that a total effort is given to the rebuilding process.

“All I ask right now is that the girls have a good attitude and work hard,” said Warren. “These girls

have accepted me as their coach. I'm the fourth in four years for these seniors. But the attitudes have been good and I think everything will take care of itself if we can just continue the hard work.”

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Harris County man to die for slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Apparently irate over his girlfriend leaving him, George Whitaker III showed up at her parents' house brandishing a .45-caliber pistol and demanded to get in.

His ex-girlfriend, Catina Carrier, wasn't at the home in Crosby, east of Houston in Harris County. But by the time he left, the woman's sister was fatally shot and her mother and another sister were seriously wounded.

On Wednesday, Whitaker was set to die for the slaying of 16-year-old Shakeitha Carrier more than 14 years ago. Whitaker, 36, would be the 16th Texas inmate executed this year and the first of two scheduled to die on consecutive nights this week in the nation's most active death penalty state.

Whitaker's conviction and death sentence for the 1994 fatal shooting was upheld in the appeals courts and the U.S. Supreme Court last year refused to review his case. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles earlier this week unanimously rejected a clemency petition asking the former mechanic's death sentence be commuted to life in prison.

Angelina County Jail death under investigation

LUFKIN (AP) — Texas Rangers are investigating the death of a Lufkin man who was found unconscious in the Angelina County Jail.

Texas Ranger Pete Maskunas said Thomas Joseph Kirksey, 28, was unresponsive after being taken from the jail to Memorial Health System of East Texas, where he was pronounced dead at 5:10 p.m. Monday. An autopsy has been ordered.

Natassha Kirksey said she repeatedly called the jail throughout Monday afternoon and was told her husband, who she said was high on PCP at the time and probably suffering from paranoia and hallucinations "was uncontrollable."

"They said he was uncontrollable and he was not cooperating with officers. So I called back every 30 minutes to check on him," she said in a story in Tuesday's online edition of The Lufkin Daily News. "I called and I called and I called. And they kept telling me the same thing:

that he was uncontrollable."

Natassha Kirksey told the newspaper a hospital nurse told her Thomas Kirksey was stunned with a Taser gun five or six times before suffering cardiac arrest. Sheriff Kent Henson said Thomas Kirksey was not being stunned with a Taser gun when he died.

Henson declined further comment because of the ongoing investigation.

Officer shoots, kills robbery suspect

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio police officer shot and killed an armed man suspected in a recent string of robberies across the city.

Police Chief William McManus said Tuesday's shooting happened as officers were searching for a suspect who had just robbed a Fred's Fish Fry restaurant.

McManus said Officer Marc Valero shot 42-year old Alfonso Escamilla as he walked toward him with a gun in hand, ignoring the officer's commands to drop the weapon.

Escamilla, who police believe was connected to five other robberies, died at Wilford Hall Medical Center.

Police said Escamilla's in-laws told them he had stopped at their residence and said in effect that he would not be taken easily, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its online edition.

Grandmother wakes up to find 3 dead in home

DALLAS (AP) — An elderly grandmother woke up in her Dallas home Tuesday to find her daughter and granddaughter dead, along with the granddaughter's estranged husband, police said.

Police are calling the three deaths a double murder-suicide.

The estranged husband of Janice Hill, 24, is the suspect in the killings, Dallas police spokesman Sgt. Gil Cerda said. Keith Hill, 26, was found dead in the home with a rifle by his body. There was no sign of forced entry.

Janice Hill and Jeanne Carroll, her 52-year-old mother, were also found dead in the home when Hill's elderly grandmother woke up around 1 p.m. Tuesday. She is in her 80s, hard of hearing and never heard the rifle shots,

Cerda said.

Yellow police tape surrounded the ranch-style East Dallas home, located on a street next to Eastfield College, a Dallas community college. Crime scene technicians and medical examiner's personnel entered the house with stretchers, at one point loading a black body bag into a van.

About 100 yards south of the home, Keith Hill's vehicle was hooked up to a tow truck to be carted away. Police said they believe he parked there, walked up the residential street with his rifle and was let into the home early Tuesday.

Janice Hill was assaulted by her husband in Grand Prairie on Oct. 9, Cerda said. Keith Hill was arrested on Oct. 23 and she sought a restraining order five days later.

Police were at the home as recently as Sunday. Janice Hill called police, saying she has been receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown person whom she believed was her husband. The caller never spoke, Cerda said.

Pamela Cantrell-Brown, who grew up in the neighborhood with Carroll, said Carroll had moved in to care for her elderly mother.

"Jeanne was a very lovely, very outgoing, very vivacious person," Cantrell-Brown said. "She was always friendly, always upbeat."

Police seize ton of marijuana on Texas truck

LUNA PIER, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State Police inspected an overweight tractor-trailer from Texas and found a ton of marijuana hidden on board.

Inspectors found the drug Sunday after a stop near Luna Pier. Troopers tell The Monroe Evening News the marijuana was hidden among crates containing 45,000 pounds of plastic pellets.

The shipment bound from San Antonio to Detroit was 140 pounds overweight.

Troopers arrested 30-year-old El Paso, Texas, residents Samuel Parga and Jorge Saucedo on charges of possessing marijuana with intent to deliver. They remain jailed pending a hearing Thursday.

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but everyone who has served in the military."

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O'Brien's son said his

father, who died in 2005, was very tight-lipped about his military exploits.

"He never mentioned it, ever," Rob O'Brien said. "He never thought it was a big deal. He just considered it him doing his job."

However, a long-time friend of the family thought different. Jerry Worthy donated the statue to the VAMC in honor of his friend.

"He was in my wedding party 50 years ago," Worthy said. "For every-

thing he's done ... I thought this would be the perfect way to honor him."

The only thing Worthy was worried that might put a damper on the ceremonies was the fabled West Texas wind.

"I dreamed the other night that the wind picked up while I was pulling the cover off the statue ... and it blew me away," Worthy said. "I tell you, I woke up in a sweat."

But the elements behaved.

"I just want to say 'thank you' to all the people of Big Spring who have been so much help in getting this done," Worthy said. "In 100 years, this statue will still be here. It will remind us that we should always give thanks to those who sacrifice for their country."

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COUNTY

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cial meeting Friday."

As for their part in making the Nov. 4 election final in Howard County, Barr said it's a fairly simple process.

"We basically just need to put our stamp of approval on the results," said Barr. "We'll look over the reports and make sure

everything is lined up the way it's supposed to be."

Barr said the court will also consider some budget amendments — presented by County Auditor Jackie Olson.

"I talked to Jackie (Olson) about the amendments, and its routine items," said Barr. "They are just things that came in at the end of last year's budget. I don't expect there to be anything major."

Also Friday, Barr hopes to be able to introduce the new director for the County Health Center to the court.

"I'm not 100 percent sure she'll be able to be there, but if she can I plan to introduce her to the commissioners court," said Barr.

County officials received word they received an \$80,000 planning grant from the Health Resources and Services Administra-

tion more than a month ago to help with the establishment of the County Health Center.

Since then, a county committee charged with interviewing and hiring a project director for the effort have been hard at work.

Once open, the health center will provide basic health care services to the county residents, regardless of their ability to pay, according to County Indi-

gent Health Director Irene Dominguez, who hopes to have the center open for business by Sept. 1, 2009.

The meeting is slated for 9 a.m. Friday in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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officers did not have reasonable suspicion, were unconstitutional.

However, the ruling does not prevent state "spot checks that involve less intrusion or that do not involve the unconstrained exercise of discretion," the justices wrote. "Questioning of all oncoming traffic at roadblock-type stops is one possible alternative."

Some say the proposed driver's license checkpoints and the new driver's license rule requiring proof of legal U.S. residency could be problematic.

"Our number one concern is the potential for profiling since it puts the immigration identifier on the license," said Luis Figueroa, legislative staff attorney with the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "It leads to potential profiling, whether it's a police officer who is going to scrutinize

someone closer, or a landlord who may not want to rent out a property."

Gov. Rick Perry favors the checkpoints, said spokeswoman Allison Cas-

tle.

"Police officers and law enforcement believe this is an important technique in protecting the public, and to that end, the governor

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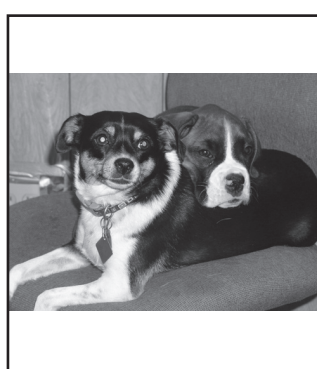
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OTHER VIEWS

The first dog:
not our choice

As if the pre-inaugural to-do list wasn't daunting enough, Barack Obama must move quickly to fulfill a promise made to his most important constituency. He has to get his daughters that puppy.

In his acceptance speech Tuesday at Grant Park, the president-elect addressed Sasha, 7, and Malia, 10. "I love you both more than you can imagine," he said. "You've earned the new puppy that is coming with us to the White House."

The whole world was watching. By morning, the Obamas were flooded with advice on how to choose the First Dog. Once again, Obama had shown he could capture the imagination of red and blue Americans alike. And once again, they resorted to partisan bickering.

The American Kennel Club, which has been on the case for months, urged the Obamas to get a poodle. An August poll of 42,000 Americans selected the breed largely because of its low-dander coat. (Malia has allergies.) Animal-welfare groups chimed in with pleas for the family to adopt a shelter dog, and the humorless wags at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals declared that buying a purebred would be "elitist."

Get a mutt, people barked. Get an older dog. Get a pit bull and name it Sarah. Bow wow wow.

Americans love their presidential pets, often more than their presidents. LBJ had his beagles, Him and Her. The first Bush administration had Millie and Ranger, mother-and-son springer spaniels; the current Bush administration has Scottish terriers Barney and Miz Beazley. The Fords had a golden retriever named Liberty who, like Millie, charmed the country by whelping a litter in the White House. The Reagans briefly had a bouvier des Flandres named Lucky, a gift from the 1984 March of Dimes poster child. The rambunctious Lucky was exiled to the Reagans' California ranch and replaced with a Cavalier King Charles spaniel, Rex.

It's important to note that the last time we had a Democrat in the White House, he really blew it. The Clintons and their darn cat were joined in their second term by Buddy, a chocolate Labrador retriever. When they moved out, they dumped the cat on Clinton's secretary, Betty Currie, and took Buddy to their new home in Chappaqua, N.Y., where he was killed by a car while running loose.

From all appearances, Sasha and Malia are, dare we say, a little more responsible. It turns out Malia has been diligently researching dogs for quite some time. The family is leaning toward a "goldendoodle," a hybrid that combines the affable enthusiasm of a golden retriever with the poodle's superior intellect and hypoallergenic coat. Even better, they've decided to obtain one through a rescue organization. Such groups find new homes for unwanted dogs, often specializing in a particular breed or type.

If you'd like to rescue a goldendoodle (or any dog), you'll find plenty of options via Google, though if your heart is set on a puppy, you'll likely have to wait a little longer than you would if you happened to be the next president's darling daughters. But let's not hear a peep from anyone about that undemocratic perk. As their father says, they've earned it — just as they've earned the right to decide which bundle of fur is going to be digging up the White House lawn and gnawing on the taxpayers' furniture.

We got to pick the president. Let Sasha and Malia pick the puppy.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Barack Obama's first 83 days

Every new president tries to emulate Franklin D. Roosevelt's famous "100 Days" strategy of 1933 with a blitz of new initiatives, but Barack Obama is so special he'll need only 83.

Based on in-depth research — via right-wing Web sites — here's Obama's agenda between Inauguration Day and Easter Sunday.

Jan. 20: Deliver Inaugural Address (in Farsi) on YouTube.

Jan. 21: Redecorate Oval Office as cave.

Jan. 22: Get fitted for turban (Barack).

Jan. 23: Get fitted for burkha (Michelle & girls).

Jan. 24: Name new puppy: Roe-ver Siswade.

Jan. 25: Veggie Monday.

Jan. 26: Bill Ayers Medal of Freedom ceremony.

Jan. 27: Enroll girls in madrassa.

Jan. 28: Poison water supplies (red states).

Jan. 29: Ahmadinejad state dinner.

Jan. 30: Redistribute wealth.

Jan. 31: Nuke Wasilla.

Feb. 1: Hugo Chavez at Camp David.

Feb. 2: Outlaw fur.

Feb. 3: Repeal Second Amendment.

Feb. 4: Talk-Like-A-Kenyan Day.

Feb. 5: Dick Cheney? Two words: extraordinary rendition.

Feb. 6: Rumsfeld trial begins at The Hague.

Feb. 7: Soak rich.

Feb. 8: Soak middle class.

Feb. 9: Declare basketball national pastime.

Feb. 10: Arugula: It's what's for dinner.

Feb. 11: Tim Robbins Film Festival.

Feb. 12: Washington Monument renamed for Harold Washington.

Feb. 13: Replace Gideon Bibles with Korans.

Feb. 14: Jeremiah Wright Crusade at Yankee Stadium.

Feb. 15: Outlaw snow machines.

Feb. 16: Redeploy troops from Iraq to Texas.

Feb. 17: National Flag-burning Day.

Feb. 18: Date w/Barney Frank.

Feb. 19: Mandatory sex education in utero.

Feb. 20: Declare Karl Marx Holiday.

Feb. 21: Have IRS audit Joe the Plumber.

Feb. 22: Name Rashid Khalidi America's ambassador to the U.N.

Feb. 23: Tell FBI to make sure Sarah Palin returned clothes.

Feb. 24: Hunt down bin Laden for Medal of Freedom.

Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday; Spring Ramadan begins.

Feb. 26: Chicago White Sox: America's Team.

Feb. 27: Pardon Tony Rezko.

Feb. 28: Pardon Rod Blagojevich.

March 1: Pardon Al Capone.

March 2: Run-Down-America Day.

March 3: Donate fake birth certificate to National Archives.

March 4: Raise taxes.

March 5: Destroy incentives.

March 6: Get Alito to resign, replace w/ Hillary Clinton.

March 7: Get Scalia to resign, replace w/ Bill Clinton.

March 8: Get Roberts to resign, replace w/ Chelsea Clinton.

March 9: Replace Pledge of Allegiance with Fist Bump of Allegiance.

March 10: Annex Mexico. Presto! No more illegal immigrants.

March 11: Redistribute Mexico's wealth.

March 12: Mother's Day, out. Baby Mama's Day, in.

March 13: Deport Toby Keith.

March 14: National Prayer (Rug) Breakfast.

March 15: Declare self as Anti-

Christ.

March 16: Give Sarah Palin a much closer view of Russia.

March 17: Mock St. Patrick.

March 18: Put McCain on ice floe.

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April 6: Except for Rush Limbaugh.

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Thankfully, women still won

OK, I admit it. My kids were right. I was wrong.

Barack Obama clearly was the best choice for Democrats to nominate for president.

Of course, you will figure that hindsight allows me to say that, but it really was evident even before the election last Tuesday.

Obama gives the best hope, as president, of bringing us together in a time when we desperately need leadership that is inclusive of all Americans.

The great emotion that swelled the nation, from Grant Park in Chicago to people watching election results on their TVs at home, would not have happened with any other candidate, in the primaries or in the general election.

With Hillary Clinton, who was Obama's fierce opponent in the Democratic race, I fear the partisan sniping in this country wouldn't even have taken a rest 24 hours after the election.

Some know I was a Clinton supporter earlier. I suppose, it was the woman thing. The realization that a woman finally had real political power and also was quite capable of running the country made her an appealing candidate. She appealed to many other women as well.

When Clinton failed in the Democratic caucuses to get enough delegates to beat Obama, many of her other supporters were very upset. They threatened last summer to vote for John McCain in November.

Yet, as Nov. 4 neared, we didn't

hear from them anymore. And, judging from election exit polls, women voters went strongly for Obama.

The new president-elect drew more than half of women voters, and one report said it was as high as 56 percent. Men split between Obama and McCain more evenly.

Women voters in the last couple of decades have become a force. So last week's election was a reaffirmation, once again, that issues of education, children and health care must be on a candidate's priority list.

Women voters do not look at these or other issues necessarily the same way, but candidates must learn to assess the appeal to women voters of stands they take in any given election.

Even though the leading woman candidate fell short of the White House in the primary, in a number of other ways women advanced this year as major players on the national stage.

Start with Sarah Palin. You may believe she was a drag on the GOP's chances because voters were turned off by her inexperience and folksiness, but clearly she struck a chord with many who admired her background as governor and small-town mayor, her ability to balance family and politics, and her speech-giving skills.

She was not a substitute who could appeal to many Hillary Clinton voters, as early reports about her would have us believe, but Palin obviously energized a GOP political base that was becoming ho-hum about McCain's candidacy. She got the crowds out, you betcha.

Palin likely has a political career ahead of her, which could start

with a U.S. Senate race after Alaska figures out what to do with dishonored GOP Sen. Ted Stevens.

This election, too, seemed to signal a women's liberation of a new sort.

Several leading Democratic women officeholders signed on early with Obama, rather than Clinton.

This seems to me an abrupt departure from the past, as Democratic women have tended to stick together in campaigns.

The "defectors" include Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill. As a result of their decision to publicly and passionately back Obama, they are going to have much sway in the new administration. Sebelius often is mentioned for a position in the new president's Cabinet. Can't get much more powerful than that.

Finally, this election guarantees that women will have a strong advocate in the White House, and not just the president.

Michelle Obama is not likely to be as Hillary Clinton was to Bill and try to broker a health-care compromise. But she shows promise in underscoring the concerns of women trying to balance all they have to do in life, and of being a role model in that regard.

I predict that Michelle Obama will be every bit as popular among voters as Laura Bush. That adds to the opportunity for success by a historic presidency that wants to make us whole again.

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KEVIN HERRIGAN



LAURA SCOTT

Giants ace Lincecum claims NL Cy Young

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Tim Lincecum hung up the phone after learning the good news he'd been waiting more than a month to hear.

"My reaction was 'Whoa whoa!'" the newly crowned

NL Cy Young Award winner hollered for a news conference bigger than any the San Francisco Giants had seen since the days of home run king Barry Bonds.

"I literally yelled it a couple times after I got off the phone, so it was pretty nice."

Back in spring training, Lincecum and Giants closer Brian Wilson joked about this day — how they both wanted to win a Cy Young Award.

Neither could have expected it now — not this soon.

Lincecum just finished his first full major league season, two years removed from college and all of 24 years old.

He was once mistaken for a bat boy by ballpark security when he was called up last year. Teammates tease him with

the nickname "Franchise" — a moniker Lincecum said he doesn't dare mention in public.

Lincecum, who graced the cover of Sports Illustrated this season, joins Mike McCormick (1967) as the only San Francisco pitcher to win the Cy Young — and he earned it in commanding fashion on Tuesday.

The diminutive right-hander known for his fierce competitive nature received 23 of 32 first-place votes and 137 points in balloting by the Baseball

Writers' Association of America. Brandon Webb of the Arizona Diamondbacks got four first-place votes and finished second with 73 points.

Listed at 5-foot-11 and 160 pounds, Lincecum defied detractors — and the laws of physics — by overpowering baseball's best hitters.

"I don't remember anybody in my time who had that style of pitching, who put that kind of torque on his body," McCormick said on a conference call.

"I think that article in Sports Illustrated that called him a freak probably sums it up."

Lincecum went 18-5 with a 2.62 ERA and a majors-leading 265 strikeouts, remarkable numbers for a fourth-place club that finished 72-90. Putting up those numbers on a struggling team certainly helped his cause.

"When a guy like that goes to the mound it gives you an extra bit of confidence because he was so good this year," Giants Randy Winn said.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Beware of Overkill

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠K 10 9 2

♥A 8

♦9 6

♣Q J 9 7 5

WEST

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♥10 9 7 6 5

♦7 5 3 2

♣A K 8

EAST

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♥J 4 3 2

♦A J 10 8 4

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SOUTH

♠A Q J 6 4

♥K Q

♦K Q

♣10 6 4 2

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Falsereading is an art that can be practiced by either the declarer or the defenders. However, like any other art form, it can be overdone. When this happens, it may become counterproductive and work to the disadvantage of the falsereader.

Take this case where South was in four spades and West led the king of clubs. Declarer immediately recognized the danger of an impending club ruff and decided to try to talk West out of continuing the suit. This was an excellent idea, but South went about it in the wrong way.

In his attempt to discourage a

club continuation, he dropped the ten on the first trick, hoping West would construe this as a possible singleton and stop playing the suit. But West had no problem at all. He continued with the ace and another club, ruffed by East, who then cashed the ace of diamonds to set the contract.

The error in South's approach can be seen if viewed from the West hand. If West credits declarer with the singleton ten of clubs, it means East must have the 6-4-3-2. Since East would not play the three from this holding, but would instead follow with the discouraging deuce, West knows that South must have at least one more club.

West also knows that East would play the three whenever he started with the 3-2 doubleton or the singleton three. So West continues clubs at trick two and defeats the contract.

Peculiarly enough, South's best shot to get West to stop playing clubs is to play the deuce to the first trick! West might then fear that East started with the 10-6-4-3, and shift to another suit.

From this example, we can derive a general rule: When declarer wants to encourage or discourage the continuation of a particular suit, he should signal to the defender as if he were that defender's partner. If he wants the suit continued, he should follow with a high card; if he wants it discontinued, he should play his lowest card.

NBA

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second-best scorer, co-leading rebounder and a top defender — the Mavs came out with the fire star Dirk Nowitzki criticized them for lacking in their previous game, a loss to the then-winless Clippers. This time, Dallas scored a season-best 35 points in the first quarter and a season-best 60 in the first half.

However, the Mavs scored only 39 points the rest of the way, with Nowitzki failing to score after early minutes of the third quarter. That dropped them to 0-3 at home for the first time since the 1993-94 club that finished 13-69. That's not exactly the kind of change new coach Rick Carlisle was hired to make.

"You've got to be able to finish games and you've got to be able to win at home," Carlisle said. "We ran great in the first half.

In the second half, they played better and we didn't get the same opportunities."

The Lakers went into the fourth quarter trailing for the first time all season. But they also were in the midst of a 30-9 spurt that would put them ahead for good.

Ariza celebrated his go-ahead dunk before the ball was even through the cylinder and Carlisle was calling a timeout just as quickly.

Bryant kept the roll going, but Dallas got back to within 99-97 in the final minutes.

Nowitzki passed up a potential tying shot, giving the ball to Stackhouse, who missed. After a defensive stand, Nowitzki shot an airball on a 3-pointer. After yet another defensive stop, Nowitzki passed to Stackhouse in the corner and Ariza came flying in to swat a 3-point try out of bounds with 1 second left on the shot clock. The Mavs wound up with a shot clock violation, then Pau Gasol scored a three-point play on the other end to seal the victory.

"It was a phenomenal block," Bryant said. "He's just a tremendous athlete. Our bench was incredible. That's the kind of team we have. We pick each other up. They came in and gave us a huge boost."

Lakers coach Phil

Jackson went to his bench earlier than normal and left them in once they started rallying.

Ariza scored a season-high 13 points and Lamar Odom added 12. That was a nice supplement to the 27 points from Bryant and 22 from Gasol.

Gasol also had 11 rebounds. Andrew Bynum had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

"That's what we do, we try to change the pace of the game, play with high energy," Ariza said of the Lakers' second team.

Jason Terry scored 21 points and Kidd got the 101st triple-double of his career with 16 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. Jerry Stackhouse scored a season-high 17 points and played some tough defense on Bryant, while Dampier had 11 points and 16 rebounds, including a franchise record-tying 12 on the offensive end.

Ironically, it was Nowitzki who let Dallas down, scoring 14 points on 5-of-17 shooting.

"Everyone was in it, it was great," Nowitzki said. "If we play like that all the time, we'll have a lot more opportunities to win."

Howard missed his second straight game with a sprained left wrist. Gerald Green started in his place and keyed the strong start with eight first-quarter points before going to the

locker room with a split lip.

He had big dunks to open the third and fourth quarters, and finished with 17 points.

The Mavericks made only 15-of-46 shots in the second half. They also had 22 turnovers, five more than in any other game so far.

"We got the stops when we had to, but we couldn't get the ball in the basket on the other end," said Kidd, who was surprisingly aggressive looking for his shot, scoring 11 points by halftime.

This was the most points the Lakers allowed all season and it matched their slimmest margin of victory. Still, they did enough to head to New Orleans looking to get to 7-0 Wednesday night against Chris Paul and the Hornets.

"We know what we're capable of," Bryant said. "We feel better about ourselves than we did last year. It's early, but we're on the right track."

Notes: Bryant is 23 points shy of Larry Bird on the career scoring list. ... This was the 1,400th career game as a coach for Los Angeles' Phil Jackson, a milestone reached by only 12 others. He is 982-418, the highest winning percentage in league history. ... Terry missed a pair of free throws in the third quarter. He was 23-of-25 from the line all season until then. ... This was Kidd's fourth triple-double against the Lakers. ... Dampier had eight rebounds in the third quarter. Eight rebounds was his game high coming in. ... Dallas has been outscored 86-51 in fourth quarters at home this season.

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Community Christmas Parade

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6

Parade theme:

"Star Of Bethlehem"

Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 14th

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

\$100 Herald's Best Of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme

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First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Individual or family
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4. Industrial

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PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE.**
2. Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
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6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2008 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

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Classic Thanksgiving pies

When Judith Larsen says "no canned stuff," she means it. The Eustis, Neb., piemaker has become a celebrity of sorts and ships her pies all over the country to eager fans. She shares three recipes for Thanksgiving pies. Plus, a classic toy maker and walnut cake.

American Profile

T.O.

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Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Hundreds of fans also lined up outside the museum on a chilly, blustery morning to have Owens sign his book, "T.O.'s Finding Fitness." The book includes several workout routines for different levels of fitness, diet suggestions and inspirational stories.

"For the success I've had, it didn't come easy," Owens said. "You got to be motivated, especially for the young kids who want to be the next Derek Jeter, the next LeBron James, the next Kobe Bryant. That's what these guys did to get to this level."

The book also includes an explanation of his accidental overdose of pain medicine, how he's dealt with his own injuries and passages on overcoming adversity.

Adversity? Perhaps those are the sections his teammates ought to read.

"Everyone says we are out of the picture," Owens said, shaking his head. "There's seven games left. We're not counting ourselves out by any means."

Keeping your pet jolly during the holidays

Shared Knowledge From Animal Control

By TRELIS LUCAS

It's almost here, the holiday season with all its hustle and bustle. This time of year can be very overwhelming for our pets. All the sights, smells and sounds of the season can be as exciting or as stressful for pets as it is for us. Some of the things we bring into our home this time of year can be very dangerous for our pets, if not used with care.

Thanksgiving with all the rich foods and fall decorations, can be dangerous for pets who overindulge. Cooked chicken and turkey bones can cause serious gastric damage to pets, from upset tummies to punctured intestines. Make sure these are kept out of reach of pets.

Some of the lovely fall plants and flower arrangements can be just as attractive to pets as to us. Some can be deadly, so use them with care.

Holly and mistletoe are very poisonous. The poinsettia plant isn't deadly, but its milky white sap and leaves can certainly cause severe gastric distress. Holiday lights mean more electrical cords for kittens and puppies to chew. Be sure you have cords secured and out of the way.

Candles add a lovely sight and scent to our homes, but should never be left unattended and that is even more important if left at kitty's eye level or within puppy's chewing zone. An exuberant tail, a swat of a paw, and candle flames and hot wax can quickly become disastrous.

Christmas trees with all the sparkle and glitter can be a big attraction to pets. Be sure wires and ornaments are out of reach. A chewed electrical wire can be disastrous, resulting in severe shock to death, or a house fire.

Preservatives often used in the water in a tree stand can cause gastric upsets, so be sure it is inaccessible or not used. Avoid sugar and aspirin additives in the water as well.

Sharp or breakable ornaments, wrapped gifts and aluminum foil should be kept out of reach. String objects, especially tinsel and ribbons, are to be safeguarded at all costs. They are thin and sharp and can wrap around intestines or ball up in the stomach. Never leave your pet unattended in the room with a Christmas tree.

With guests coming and going, watch out for open doors and sneaky pets. Make sure your pets have collars and tags on in case of escape. Ask guests to keep an eye out for pets under foot and remind them that sometimes your normally friendly dog or cat may be less

than willing to deal with enthusiastic children and rooms full of unfamiliar people.

Provide a special quiet place with a blanket and fresh water for your pets to retreat to when the festivities get too stressful. This is the perfect time to have a crate or kennel for your pet, so that they can have a safe, secure place away from the hustle and bustle.

All of the rich holiday foods and drinks can be very enticing for pets. Alcoholic beverages, candies and other rich foods can cause anything from an upset tummy to death for pets. Ask guests to not give out tidbits, no matter how cute Fifi or Fido may be when they beg.

With a little forethought, precaution

and compassion, you can have a home filled with holiday cheer and a happy, healthy pet. Enjoy your holidays and remember that our beloved pets give so much the whole year through and ask for very little in return.

In this, the season of giving, it's the least we can do to ensure that our pets have a warm, stress-free and safe home for the holidays.

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

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Study: Separate Great Lakes, Mississippi basins

By SOPHIA TAREEN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Connections engineered more than a century ago between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River watershed should be changed to block the advance of invasive species that can cause irreversible damage, an environmental advocacy group says.

Separating the two basins is the only way to stop the transfer of some species, including the voracious Asian carp that is within 50 miles (80 kilometers) of Lake Michigan, says a feasibility study being released Wednesday by the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

"If you want to protect the Great Lakes, this is what you have to do. Invaders like Asian carp are unpredictable, but their effects are catastrophic and irreversible," said Joel Brammeier, Alliance president and lead author of the study. "You've got to remove their pathway."

Researchers fear the carp, which can grow up to 100 pounds (45 kilograms) and more than 4 feet (1.2 meters) long, could eat all the food that's available for other species in

the Great Lakes ecosystem, possibly leading to the collapse of the lakes' multibillion-dollar fishing industry, Brammeier said.

Scientists say more than 150 invasive species have entered the Great Lakes, multiplying rapidly and feeding on native species. Millions of dollars have been spent trying to control the zebra mussel and round goby, which already have moved between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.

There are no natural connections between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River watersheds. More a century ago, engineers linked them with a complex network of manmade canals and existing rivers to reverse the flow of the Chicago River and keep waste from flowing down it to Lake Michigan, which Chicago uses for drinking water.

Possible changes include erecting concrete walls and constructing more shipping locks, according to the study. It does not make explicit recommendations, but calls on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency to conduct further study.

There was no immediate comment from the two agencies, which were closed Tuesday.

The alliance's study — funded by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and Great Lakes Fishery Trust — gives only general cost ranges for each project, up to \$15 million. It does not say who should pay.

Although locks could enable shipping to pass

while blocking invasive species, any type of barrier would slow traffic and cost money, said Stuart Theis, executive director of the United States Great Lakes Shipping Association. Still, he would cautiously support efforts to separate the watersheds.

"We wouldn't object to efforts that would keep invasive species out of the Great Lakes," he said.

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Tom Hanks' movie "Castaway" has been showing on one of the channels and there is also a new TV program called "Cruise." Each of these owe their tales, in some form or fashion, to Robert Louis Stevenson. He is probably one of the best-loved writers in the English language. More than 30 biographies have been written about him, yet this highly readable account of the last years of his life and his death in Samoa is very different. "Treasured Islands" (828.803 HOL L),



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by Lowell D. Holmes, is the account of Stevenson's desperate search for health and his fulfillment of a life-long ambition of crossing broad oceans in tall ships to gain an understanding of what it means to share a cultural world beyond the frontiers of civilized society.

It is the story of a literary giant and his supportive but somewhat eccentric family — his wife Fanny, mother Maggie and stepson Lloyd — and the ships — the Casco, the Equator and the Janet Nicoll — that transported them to high adventure in the South Pacific between 1888 and 1890. This is a very readable account of the last years of Stevenson's life.

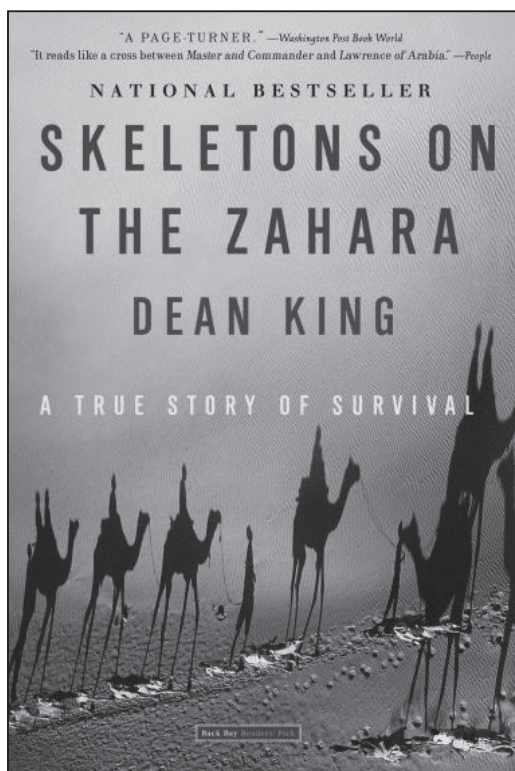
From Publisher's Weekly: When the American cargo ship Commerce ran

aground on the northwestern shores of Africa in 1815 with its crew of 12 Connecticut-based sailors, the misfortunes that befell them came fast and hard, from enslavement to reality-bending bouts of dehydration. "Skeletons on the Zahara." (916.480 KIN D) written by Dean King, is an aggressively researched account of the crew's once-famous ordeal which reads like historical fiction, with unbelievable stories of the seamen's endurance of heat stroke, starvation and cruelty by their Saharan slavers.

King (Patrick O'Brian: A Life Revealed), who went to Africa and, on camel and foot, retraced parts of the sailors' journey, succeeds brilliantly at making the now familiar sand-

scape seem as imposing and new as it must have been to the sailors.

Every dromedary step thuds out from the pages with its punishing awk-



wardness, and each drop of brackish found water relieves and tortures with its perpetual insufficiency. King's leisurely prose style rounds out the drama with well-parceled-out bits of context, such

as the haggling barter culture of the Saharan nomadic Arabs and the geological history of Western Africa's coastline.

"Zahara" (King's use of older and/or phonetic spellings helps evoke the foreignness of the time and place) impresses with its pacing, thoroughness and empathy for the plight of a dozen sailors heaved smack-hard into an unknown tribalism. By the time the surviving crew members make it back to their side of civilization, reader and protagonist alike are challenged by new ways of understanding culture clash, slavery and the place of Islam in the social fabric of desert-dwelling peoples.

Goodness gracious, most of the new books I am writing about take place in some very unforgiving places and times. "The Fever Trail: In Search of the Cure for Malaria," (616.936 HON M) by Mark Honigsbaum, is the harrowing story of the search for the elusive cinchona tree (only source of quinine) and the British explorers who were given the task of transporting it to the colonies. Innumerable odds confronted them: uncharted terrain of the Andes Mountains, untrustworthy guides, finding the cinchona tree that possessed the highest concentration of quinine and then transporting seeds and seedlings out of Peru and Bolivia. In spite of all of this, malaria remains resistant to medicines and the hunt continues for a vaccine against it. This is a gripping story of a parasite that still eludes efforts to contain it.

Now for some American history. Jay Freeman of Booklist, writes that in 1680, led by a charismatic shaman named Pope, the fiercely independent Pueblos of New Mexico

united to drive out Spanish priests, administrators and settlers. Although their newly won independence lasted only a dozen years, this was the only successful effort by Native Americans to remove European colonial control. David Roberts, who has written extensively on southwestern history, tells this story with skill, passion and a deep reverence for the traditions of the diverse Pueblo groups. Although his narrative style is quirky, it is effective. He bounces back and forth in time, moving from fascinating descriptions of Anasazi (the ancestors of the Pueblo Indians) culture to the age of the conquistadores to examinations of contemporary Pueblo life.

Roberts, of course, is clearly sympathetic to the rebel cause, so he provides ample details of Spanish cruelty and oppression while ignoring some of the unsavory aspects of Pueblo traditions. Still, this work, which combines elements of narrative history, ethnography and travelogue, is consistently interesting and will be a fine addition to Native American collections. Do check out "The Pueblo Revolt" (978.901 ROB D) by David Roberts.

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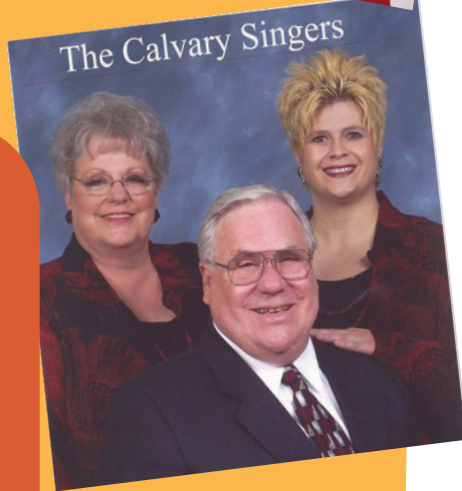
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News in brief

Administration struggling to get rescue effort up and running

WASHINGTON (AP) — At a time when most administrations are getting ready to turn out the lights, the Bush administration is still struggling to get the biggest government rescue in history up and running.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who is leading the effort, is facing a lot of criticism and second guessing at the moment over how well the \$700 billion bailout program for the U.S. financial system is being handled. Paulson was scheduled to give an update on the effort on Wednesday.

Critics are complaining that the administration is not being tough enough on the banks who are receiving the assistance, that the original centerpiece of the program — government purchases of troubled assets — has been left to languish and that homeowners struggling with mortgage foreclosures are not getting the help they need to stay in their homes.

And in addition to all of those complaints, the administration is having to contend with a number of industries, led by auto companies, who contend that they deserve a share of the rescue funds.

President-elect Obama, when he met with President Bush at the White House on Monday, urged Bush to support aid for struggling automakers and Democrats in Congress have begun drafting legislation that would give General Motors, Ford and Chrysler access to \$25 billion of the rescue funds.

Speaker Pelosi supports 'limited' aid for struggling U.S. automakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wants Congress to support a financial bailout for the troubled U.S. auto industry, which is suffering under the weight of poor sales, tight credit and a sputtering economy.

Pelosi, D-Calif., said Tuesday she was confident that lawmakers would consider "emergency and limited financial assistance" for the auto industry under the \$700 billion bailout measure that passed Congress in October. She urged the outgoing Bush administration to support a compromise.

"In order to prevent the failure of one or more of the major American automobile manufacturers ... Congress and the Bush administration must take immediate

action," Pelosi said.

The Bush administration has concluded that the bailout bill that passed earlier does not allow loans to the auto industry.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said Tuesday the companies had made business decisions "over the years that have led to this situation, but we have gone as far as we can with the authority Congress has given in order to help industries." But she said the White House was open to helping the auto industry.

Car bomb hits Afghan government office, killing 3

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A car bomb explosion ripped through an Afghan government office during a provincial council meeting Wednesday in this former Taliban stronghold, killing at least three people and wounding 28, officials said.

The attack in the southern city of Kandahar also flattened two nearby homes and damaged the nearby offices of the country's intelligence service.

Dr. Amayun Shafi at Kandahar's main hospital said the explosion killed at least three people and wounded 28.

A police official, Ezatullah Khan, said the explosion was caused by a car bomb, but no suicide attacker was involved.

The blast came as the provincial council was hearing constituent complaints. Two council members were wounded in the attack, Shafi said.

Separate car bombings kill 4, wound 22 in Baghdad; 2 sisters gunned down in Mosul

BAGHDAD (AP) — A bomb exploded in a parked car in a bustling section of downtown Baghdad early Wednesday, killing four people and wounding 15 others, police said, the third consecutive day of morning rush hour blasts in the Iraqi capital.

A half-hour later, a roadside bomb blew up in a Shiite-dominated neighborhood in northern Baghdad, officials said. Seven people, including three policemen, were injured.

Also Wednesday, unidentified gunmen in the volatile northern city of Mosul killed two sisters from a Christian family as they were waiting in front of their house for a ride to work, police said. Their mother was injured in the attack.

The Baghdad explosions follow two days of rush hour bombings in the Iraqi capital that killed more than 30 people and wounded some 70 others.

U.S. is abandoning key feature of its strategy against insurgency

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military in Iraq is abandoning — deliberately and with little public notice — a centerpiece of the widely acclaimed strategy it adopted nearly two years ago to turn the tide against the insurgency. It is moving American troops farther from the people they are trying to protect.

Starting in early 2007, with Iraq on the brink of all-out civil war, the troops were pushed into the cities and villages as part of a change in strategy that included President Bush's decision to send more combat forces.

The bigger U.S. presence on the streets was credited by many with allowing the Americans and their Iraqi security partners to build trust among the populace, thus undermining the extremists' tactics of intimidation, reducing levels of violence and giving new hope to resolving the country's underlying political conflicts.

Now the Americans are reversing direction, consolidating in larger bases outside the cities and leaving security in the hands of the Iraqis.

N. Korea says it will halt border crossings from S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea ratcheted up its threats to sever ties with South Korea by announcing Wednesday that it will halt cross-border traffic next month over what it calls Seoul's confrontational stance against Pyongyang.

The North's military is taking action to "restrict and cut off all the overland passages" across the frontier beginning Dec. 1, the country's official Korean Central News Agency said.

Relations between the two Koreas have deteriorated since South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's conservative government took over in February, pledging to get tough with Pyongyang. North Korea has stepped up the rhetoric against the South in recent weeks, warning that it will attack South Korea and reduce it to "debris" if Seoul continues what it says are confrontational activities against the communist country.



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Dating Violence

"The person I'm going out with scares me sometimes."

What Is It?

Dating violence is controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship. It can happen in straight or gay relationships. It can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination.

Controlling behavior may include:

- Not letting you hang out with your friends
- Calling or paging you frequently to find out where you are, whom you're with, and what you're doing
- Telling you what to wear
- Having to be with you all the time

Verbal and emotional abuse may include:

- Calling you names
- Jealousy
- Belittling you (cutting you down)
- Threatening to hurt you, someone in your family, or himself or herself if you don't do what he or she wants

Physical abuse may include:

- Shoving
- Punching
- Slapping
- Pinching
- Hitting
- Kicking
- Hair pulling
- Strangling

Sexual abuse may include:

- Unwanted touching and kissing
- Forcing you to have sex
- Not letting you use birth control
- Forcing you to do other sexual things

Anyone can be a victim of dating violence. Both boys and girls are victims, but boys and girls abuse their partners in different ways. Girls are more likely to yell, threaten to hurt themselves, pinch, slap, scratch, or kick. Boys injure girls more and are more likely to punch their partner and force them to participate in unwanted sexual activity. Some teen victims experience violence occasionally. Others are abused more often, sometimes daily.

If You Are a Victim of Dating Violence, You Might...

- Think it's your fault.
- Feel angry, sad, lonely, depressed, or confused.
- Feel helpless to stop the abuse.
- Feel threatened or humiliated.
- Feel anxious.
- Not know what might happen next.
- Feel like you can't talk to family and friends.
- Be afraid of getting hurt more seriously.
- Feel protective of your boyfriend or girlfriend.

You're Not Alone

- One in five teens in a serious relationship reports having been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner.¹
- 50-80% of teens have reported knowing others who were involved in violent relationships.²
- Teens identifying as gay, lesbian, and bisexual are as likely to experience violence in same-sex dating relationships as youths involved in opposite sex dating.³
- Many studies indicate that, as a dating relationship becomes more serious, the potential for and nature of violent behavior escalates.⁴
- Young women, ages 16 to 24 years, experience the highest rates of relationship violence.⁵

Get Help

Being a victim of dating violence is not your fault. Nothing you say, wear, or do gives anyone the right to hurt you.

- If you think you are in an abusive relationship, get help immediately. Don't keep your concerns to yourself.
- Talk to someone you trust like a parent, teacher, school principal, counselor, or nurse.
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when you realize how
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differently. If your
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22). Someone accuses you
of being skeptical, but you
prefer to think of yourself
as discerning. Your ques-
tions are wise and will
prevent you from wasting
time, energy and thought
on an untrue premise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
Every situation is unique.
A friend has success with
one method, and that's not
the way that will work for
you. You'll be finding
your own route to success
and it's a little rough at
first, but hang in there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). You're free from the
burden of having to pre-
sent things in a certain
light. The truth doesn't
need to be softened. It can
be stated plainly and it
will be perfectly appropri-
ate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). Have patience
for those who are going
at a different pace than
you are used to. When
you're gentle with fellow
travelers in traffic and
family members who
need extra care, you feel
good about yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). You're out of
your element in some
ways, but your old tricks
will work in this new
environment. Razzle-daz-
zle 'em with that clever
dance you do to distract

them from your in experi-
ence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18). You're a believer.
You won't wait for the
supporting evidence or the
facts. You believe in
something just because
you want to, and that
works out well for you.
There is intelligence in
your innocence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). You feel good enough
to skip, whistle or laugh
out loud. So why don't
you? It doesn't matter
who's watching, but the
more the merrier. Share
your sweet joy and you'll
be doubling up on the
recipe.

THE FULL TAURUS
MOON: It has arrived in
all its round glory, ready
to deliver on all promises.
Taurus, the bull, is the
ruler of appetite. It's not
a coincidence that the
Taurus full moon falls
around Thanksgiving.

The most basic meaning
of the word "appetite" per-
tains to the desire for food
or drink. The bounty of
the harvest season is
served up to great effect
during this time, as
Taurus is always sure to
present things in a sensu-
ally stirring light. The
mouth starts to water just
thinking about it! And
now it's also time to think
about your appetites that
go beyond the meal. What
is it that you crave out of
life? What glowing prize
makes the struggle worth-
while to you? Taurus
energy is strongly deter-

mined and will aid in the
attainment of any goal.
Taurus teaches us that
there is great power in
being still and getting
focused. Think of the
calm, massive, seemingly
immobile bull standing
in the pasture. His mind
seems blank, and that is
the key. The same crea-
ture is capable of running
at top speed with
immense power to spear
any obstacle in the way
of his target. Empty your
mind and gather your
power.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:
Ryan Gosling played an
imaginative husband of a
life-sized doll in "Lars and
the Real Girl" and his
natal chart reveals that
he's just as creative in
real life, though not at all
delusional. A practical
Capricorn moon shows
solid grounding in reality
and three important plan-
ets in Libra herald his
ability to make all of the
right connections with
living supporters in
Hollywood and beyond.

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Annie's Mailbox:
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My 34-year-
old nephew brought his
computer to a shop to be
fixed. On the hard drive,
the repairman found
three videos and 15 pic-
tures of child pornogra-
phy. My nephew was
arrested and is facing jail
time. He has asked
numerous people to send
letters to the judge attest-
ing to his good character.
Annie, his character is
NOT good. He could never
hold down a job and is
angry at the world. His
other aunt is on a mission
to have all family mem-
bers write a letter for
him. I say, let him pay for
what he has done and
maybe he can get some
help in jail and come out
of this a better person.
What do you say? --
Grandmother of Two



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Grandmother:
Unfortunately, prison
doesn't always translate
to therapy, which is what
your nephew needs.
However, you should not
write a letter if you don't
believe in what you are
saying. If your refusal
will cause a rift, simply
tell his other aunt that
you will "do your best."
And apparently, your best
is to decline. You don't
need to tell her, or anyone
else, what choice you've
made.

Dear Annie: My family
has been through some
rough times in the past
five years. My stepson's
wife died of cardiac arrest
at the age of 24, and in his
grief, he went down the
wrong path. His in-laws
are raising the children,
and we help out financial-
ly and physically. Last
winter, I was diagnosed
with a brain tumor that
left me with minor dis-
abilities and my husband
had a heart attack.

Due to our medical
problems, we had to
downscale our jobs. My
husband and I entered
counseling for a brief
time, and we finally seem
to be handling all of this
fairly well. Our marriage
is great. We actually
found our sense of humor
again.

The problem is our
friends. One by one, the
people we thought cared
about us have dropped
away. It is like we have a
disease they are afraid of
catching. One of our
friends actually told us to
call them when we "get
back to normal."

At first I was angry
because we have no
immediate family in the
area and good friends
would have been helpful.
But now I am just sad. I
could call several of them
back now, but frankly I
don't want them.

Annie, you can be the
smartest, try the hardest,
be the most careful, but
no one prepares you for
times like these and they
can happen to anyone.
How do you find great
friends who will stand by
you? -- Doing Without
Them
Dear Doing Without:
There is no magic formu-
la that will make one
friend see you through
thick and thin, while
another runs away and
hides. We're terribly
sorry your life has been
so tumultuous, but we

hope you won't give up on
finding people who know
the meaning of true
friendship. If you belong
to a church, consider
becoming involved in
some social groups there.

Dear Annie: This is for
"Not Really Married," who
hasn't had sex with his
wife for the last 20 of their
50 years together.

You were right when
you said, "Sex is only one
aspect of a relationship." I
have been married for
over 54 years to the girl I
love. I'd do it again even
though it has been well
over 20 years since we've
had sex. She had a hys-
terectomy, which later
caused her some discom-
fort during sex. Since that
happened, I stopped initi-
ating it, even though she
made herself available. If
she couldn't enjoy it, nei-
ther could I. We are still
very close, and at this
stage, sex is not needed.

She gave me two
healthy children (we lost
two) and then four grand-
children and four great-
grandchildren with whom
we are very close. What
more could I ask? We still
have plenty of close phys-
ical contact in other ways.
I feel sorry for "Not
Really Married." He is
missing so much due to
his faulty attitude. --
Really Married

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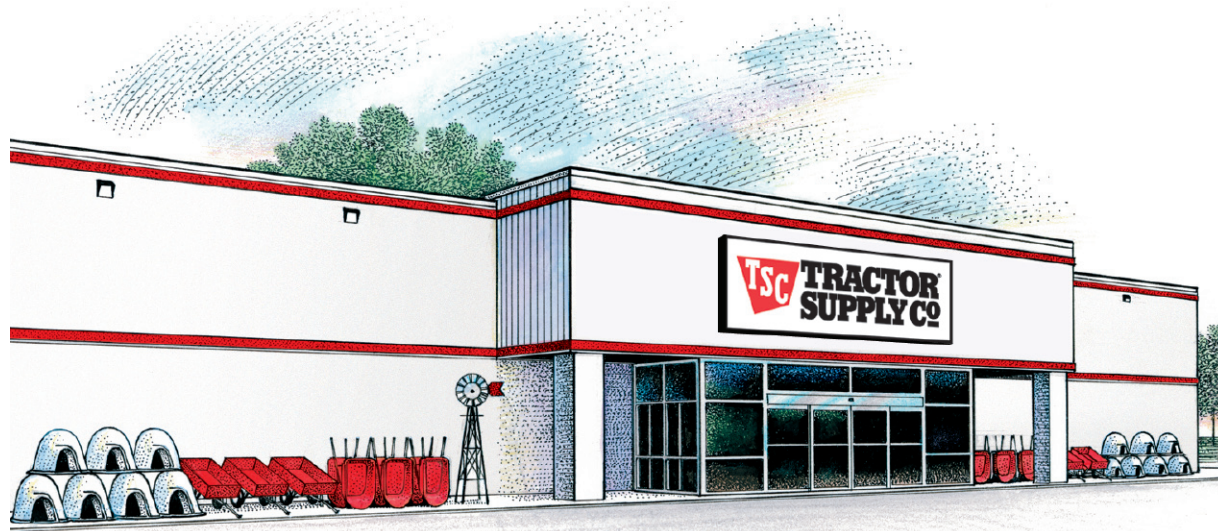
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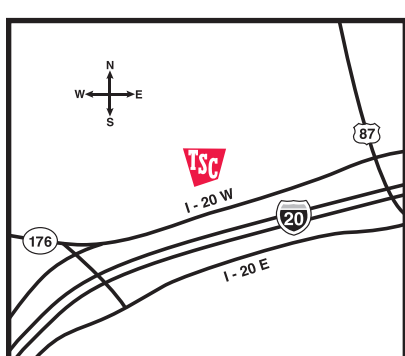
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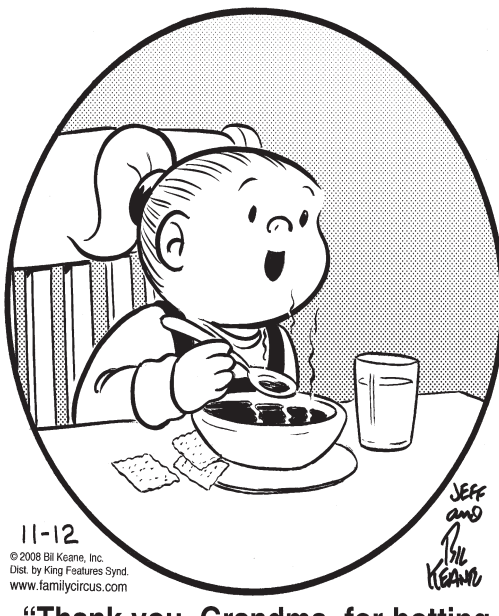
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"Is this one of those things we'll only tell Dad when the time is right?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

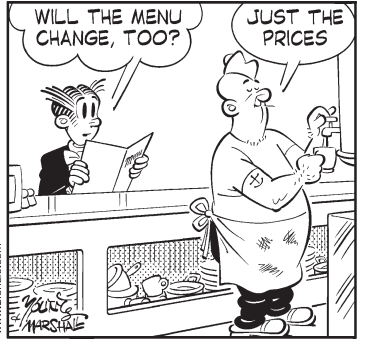
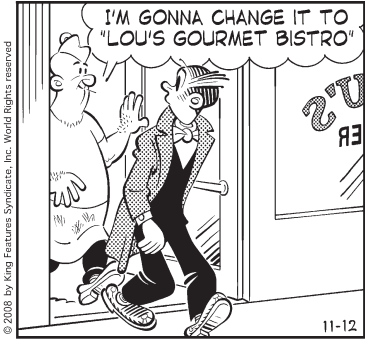
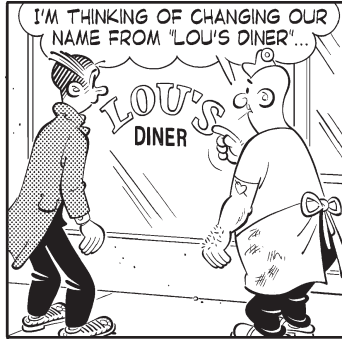


"Thank you, Grandma, for hotting up my soup!"

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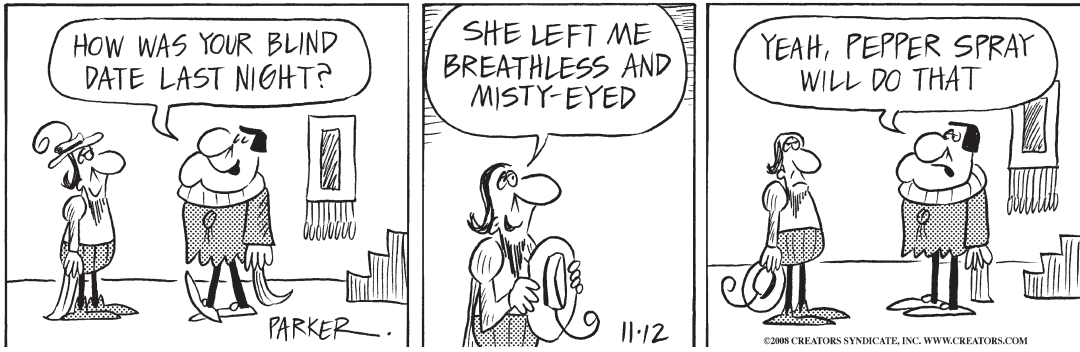
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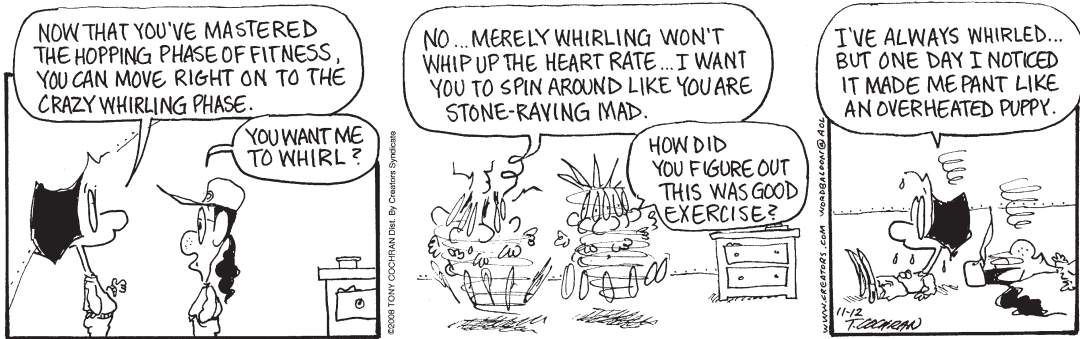
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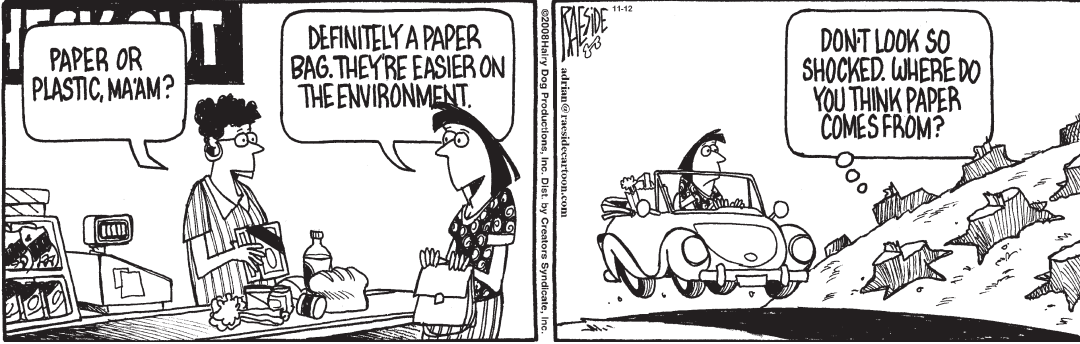
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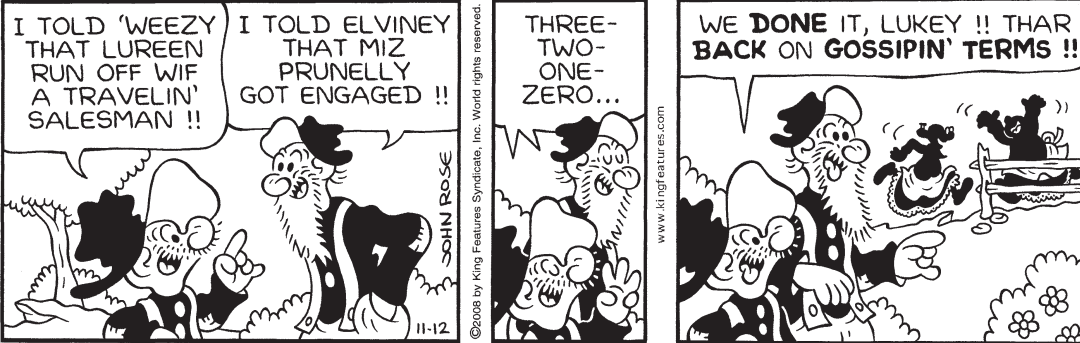
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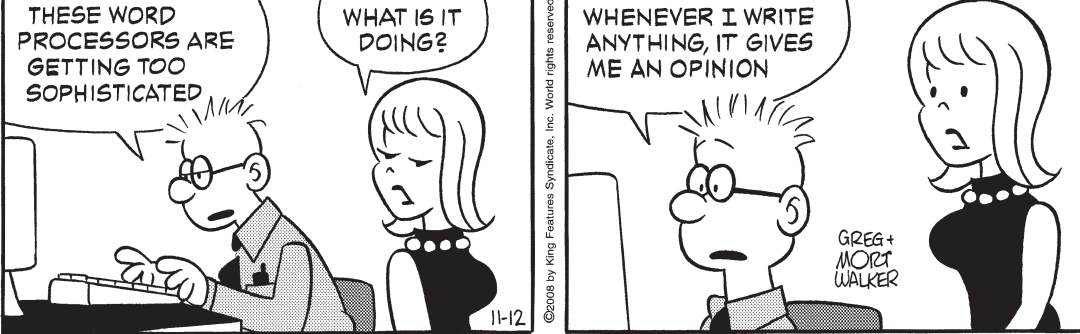
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 12, the 317th day of 2008. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 12, 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over the Japanese.)

On this date: In 1815, American suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, N.Y.

In 1908, Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun was born in Nashville, Ill.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

In 1977, the city of New Orleans elected its first black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, the winner of a runoff.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov was

elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne.

In 1996, a Saudi Boeing 747 jetliner collided shortly after takeoff from New Delhi, India, with a Kazak Ilyushin-76 cargo plane, killing 349 people.

In 2001, American Airlines Flight 587, en route from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to the Dominican Republic, crashed after takeoff, killing 265 people.

In 2004, a jury in Redwood City, Calif., convicted Scott Peterson of murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, and dumping her body in San Francisco Bay. (Peterson, who maintains his innocence, was later sentenced to death.)

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ruby Nash Curtis (Ruby and the Romantics) is 69. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 65. Singer Brian Hyland is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jimmy Hayes (Persuasions) is 65. Rock musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. & the MGs) is 64. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 63. Rock musician Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser (Blue Oyster Cult) is 61. Country singer Barbara Fairchild

is 58. Actress Megan Mullally is 50. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci is 47. Rock musician David Ellefson is 44. Actor Sam Lloyd is 41. Baseball player Sammy Sosa is 40. Figure skater Tonya Harding is 38. Actress Radha Mitchell is 35. Actress Tamala Jones is 34. Actress Angela Watson is 34. Singer Tevin Campbell is 32. Contemporary Christian musician Chris Huffman is 28. Actress Anne Hathaway is 26. Pop singer Omarion is 24. Actress Macey Cruthird ("Hope and Faith") is 16.

Thought for Today: "Money is always there but the pockets change; it is not in the same pockets after a change, and that is all there is to say about money." — Gertrude Stein, American author (1874-1946).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| ACROSS | 63 Spooky | 12 Cancun cash | 37 Do no work |
| 1 Faux pas | 64 Kind of | 13 NYSE rival | 40 Untested |
| 5 Hoodlums | golf club | 19 Titanic theme | 42 Draws |
| 10 California | 65 Onetime | singer | aimlessly |
| 14 Zilch | 66 Nifty | 21 Disconcert | 45 Sharpen |
| 15 Airline seating | 67 Not quite | 24 Like a | 46 Low-cost |
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