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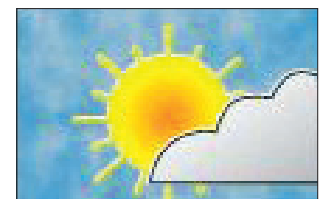


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City, county combining in war on crime

Judge, mayor, chief, sheriff warning enough is enough

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Criminals be warned, the law enforcement agencies of Big Spring and Howard County are fed up. That's the message city and county officials delivered during a press conference held Wednesday morning in the courtroom located on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and Chief of Police Lonnie Smith, joined by Howard County Judge Mark Barr and Sheriff Stan Parker, took turns addressing the criminal activity their respective law enforcement agencies are trying to stamp out in the

Crossroads area, an effort that seems to have united the city and county. "A couple of years ago the city of Big Spring decided to form a narcotics task force and it has been very successful," said McEwen. "Unfortunately, however, it was successful from day one, which indicated what a difficult problem we had. I am so encouraged today because, for the first time I can ever recall, the Sheriff's Department and the Police Department are working in concert, and it's a testament to these two guys (Sheriff Parker and BSPD Chief Smith) and their desire



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Howard County Judge Mark Barr, left, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Sheriff Stan Parker and Police Chief Lonnie Smith held a joint press conference Wednesday morning to announce a county-wide crackdown on criminal activity in the Crossroads area.

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Coahoma facilities hit by vandals

By **ALEX NEWSOM**
Herald Intern

COAHOMA — Coahoma Independent School District school buses did not run Wednesday morning due to vandalism that was discovered at 6 a.m. Fire extinguishers located on every bus had been set off, the hoods were up and the dipsticks were pulled on all 20 of the buses. Superintendent Randy Brown said in addition to cleaning up the buses, all of the engines were inspected and the oil changed as a safety precaution. "We contacted the media to announce that we wouldn't run routes and to let parents know that if they couldn't get their kids to school, we would go pick them up. Despite our worries, attendance was good. We really appreciate the parents stepping up and allowing this to be just another school day," said Brown.

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Bowen, Johnson top BSHS grads



Courtesy photo/Bill Riggs
Valedictorian James Bowen, left, and salutatorian Ariel Johnson will lead the Big Spring High School Class of 2009 when it holds commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Friday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

James Bowen and Ariel Johnson will lead the way when Big Spring High School's Class of 2009 holds commencement exercises Friday. Bowen and Johnson are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the BSHS graduating class, which will receive diplomas during ceremonies scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Bowen, the son of James and Alma Bowen, is graduating with a 4.0 grade-point average and plans to major in pre-med at the University of Texas at Dallas, where he has received an academic distinction scholarship. He is a Region 18 gifted and talented student of the year, a two-time state gold medalist in journalism, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a past Rotary Club Student of the Month. In addition, Bowen is a Class 4A All-Region Band finalist and All-Area Band participant and has been selected to the U.S. Achievement Academy.

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Froman, Hobson tops at Borden County

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

GAIL — Borden County High School officials have announced the top graduates for the Class of 2009. Anna "Katherine" Froman, daughter of Ken and Layne Froman of Gail, is class valedictorian. She is a member of the National Beta Club and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate. In addition, she was senior class president and chosen "most likely to succeed" by her classmates. In University Interscholastic League



FROMAN



HOBSON

academic competition, she was a state qualifier in Spelling and Vocabulary the

past three years. She also participated in Ready Writing, Prose Interpretation and One-Act Play.

In athletics, she participated in cheerleading, basketball, softball and track and field.

Froman plans to attend Midland College in the fall with a major in pre-medicine.

Krystle Renee Hobson, daughter of Danny and Renee Hobson of Gail, is class salutatorian.

She is vice president of the senior

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Obituaries

Judith Prince

Judith Prince, 65, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 27, 2009, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Jeffrey. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of the Garden City Highway. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Seventh Street and Gregg. Service refused.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- CHARLETTE BRADFORD-MACLIN, 50, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of speeding.
- ERNEST CLARK, 69, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- VITO GARCIA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm.
- DAKOTA HERNANDEZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear.
- CHRISTOPHER HUDGINS, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.
- JAVIER PAYEN, 39, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- JAMES ALONZO TERPENING, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- ABEL VIGIL, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, criminal trespass, assault Class C and failure to appear.
- CURTIS WOODRUFF, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a local warrant.
- JOHN-MANUEL RAY ZAPATA, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of prohibited weapon and theft.

Take Note

• We are currently seeking Class of 1999 classmates from Big Spring High School. Our 10-year reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Please send your mailing information to bshs1999@gmail.com to receive information on the reunion or contact Jennifer Davidson at (432) 213-0257.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

Police blotter

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

- ABEL VIGIL, 23, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 25, was arrested Wednesday on local warrants and charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and criminal trespass.
- CHARLETTE BRADFORD-MACLIN, 50, of 2504 Gunter, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- JAMES TERPENING, 29, of 801 W. Marcy Apt. 31, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ERNEST CLARK, 68, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Utah.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 800 block of 18th Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.




Support Groups

- 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 the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- TUESDAY**
- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.
 - Celebrate Recovery, a 12-Step program, meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 308 Aylford.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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.

Your Local Weather

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Bulletin Board

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THURSDAY

- 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.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

Lottery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-19-21-23-42-54. Number matching six of six: 0. Number matching five of six: 12. Prize: \$2,930. Number matching four of six: 972. Prize: \$54. Number matching three of six: 21,477. Prize: \$3. Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$10 million.

drawn: 8-12-26-32-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Matching four of five: 87. Prize: \$401. Matching three of five: 2,246. Prize: \$11. Matching two of five: 24,429. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-7. Sum It Up: 16

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-5-1-5. Sum It Up: 16

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the Student Advisory Committee for the Texas Association of Journalism Educators and the National Society of High School Scholars.

During high school, his activities included being editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, senior class vice president, president of the French Club and membership in the National Honor Societ, Steer Band, Key Club, Journalism, Student Council, Interact Club and the gifted and talented program.

Johnson, the daughter of Owen and Beate Johnson, will graduate with

a 4.0 average and plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in biochemistry.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and distinguished student awards from the American Legion and Optimist Club.

She is senior class president, vice president of the French Club and a student council representative. In addition, she participates in the Key Club and high school band. In athletics, she is a two-time all-district golfer and was a member of the junior varsity volleyball and swimming teams.

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Emergency responders prepare to transport a local woman to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a two-vehicle crash near the intersection of Sixth Street and Gregg. According to witnesses at the scene, the woman, who was driving a Ford Bronco, tried to make it across the busy intersection, hitting a GMC pickup driven by a Big Spring man. The driver of the pickup wasn't injured in the accident.

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to make sure the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County will be protected properly.

"There aren't any turf wars, these guys are getting along. And I know for a fact it has made a difference already, and it's going to make even more of a difference in the future as far as cutting out the criminal activity. I'd like to echo what the judge has said. We're sick and tired of it, and we will do what is necessary to curtail the criminal activity in our community."

Barr said jail overcrowding has allowed the criminal element to operate with a sense of impunity in the past, but with the completion of the county's new \$11.57 million jail facility, times are changing.

"It's about time the citizens of Howard County and Big Spring heard from their leaders, and that's why we're all here," said Barr. "We recognize that we have a problem. Things have changed. We're facing a different kind of criminal out there and it's all driven by the drugs on the street. In Howard County we've probably been a little lax in times past because of our jail situation. Now, however, things have changed. We have a new jail, and if you're participating in unlawful activities, you're going to face the consequences."

According to Chief Smith, the formation of the Police Department's Narcotics Task Force in 2007 has dealt a significant blow to the drug-driven crime in the city, and thanks to agreements between the city agency and the sheriff's office, that sheriff will

extend into the county.

"When we formed the narcotics unit for the BSPD — which went into effect October of 2007 — we ran a summary between then and May of 2009. We've made 390 arrests," said Smith. "Of that, 261 were for possession, 65 for delivery and 64 other cases, which could be filed federally or dealing with things such as weapons, stolen property and things such as that. We've also filed forfeiture on \$160,968. Not all of that money has been awarded to us, although we have received several sizable forfeitures, which goes back to help offset the expense to the taxpayers."

"Also, within the first part of the year when Sheriff Parker took office, we entered into an inter-local agreement where our narcotics officers will go into the county and work in ves-

tigations in the county. Not that we have it all knocked out in Big Spring, but they have some of the same dealers in the county that we have in the city, and vice versa. They have stash houses in the county and they do business in the county. This way our officers can go out into the county and face them head-on, on their own turf."

And while the idea of the city and county law enforcement agencies working in unison was somewhat foreign in the past, Smith said that's no longer the case, as both agencies continue work to unite them on every level, including information technology.

"Our personnel has the same attitude we have," said Smith, pointing to himself and Parker. "We're wanting the citizens of Howard County and Big Spring to feel

safe and know they have law enforcement that's interested in them and wanting to do the best we can for them. That's his (Parker's) investigators and police detectives that are working together daily. If you see one, you'll see the other with them. Some people are getting confused because they don't really know if it's the Sheriff's Department that's coming or the Police Department that's coming, but it doesn't really matter. We're working together.

"Last night the city council gave us the go-ahead to purchase some upgrades and computer software, and that's so the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department will have the same data base and the same records management system. That way we'll be able to share more information, and we feel that by doing that the

citizens are going to be better served."

Parker echoed Smith's sentiments, saying the cooperation is already yielding results.

"The chief (Smith) and I have worked together for more than 20 years, and I think it's important that we continue this working relationship," said Parker.

"The city and the county have allowed us to do this, and it's something that's going to continue. It's worked out very well," he added. "Last month we cleared roughly 40 residential burglaries that happened in the city and the county, and I think that's what's important in all this — that we do combine these efforts and this information."

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VANDALS

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The school buses are already up and running

for the afternoon, so the morning routes Thursday were unaffected.

The agricultural shop was also vandalized with various condiments, mostly ketchup

and mustard; and at the pre-kindergarten's playground, a slide was broken and spray paint was used.

According to Brown, the administration has

no suspects at this time. He has contacted the Howard County Crime Stoppers, and says that a reward will be offered, though the amount has not been determined.

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class and was named "Miss BCHS" and "Most Beautiful" by the student body.

In UIL academics, she participated in Cross-Examination Debate and One-Act Play.

In athletics, she was

active in cheerleading, tennis, softball, cross country, track and field and basketball, in which she was named Academic All-State her final two years in school.


Hobson plans to attend South Plains College in the fall and major in nursing.

BCHS will hold commencement exercises at 7 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

To the class of 2009: Congratulations! May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray without ceasing. You are the light of the world. Christ died for you. You will be judged by your words. Influence is a better goal than affluence. Kindness is a needed virtue. Be truthful. Sex is for marriage. Jesus is faithful. The Bible reveals the will of God. Church is beneficial to college students. Choices become habits. Self-control is better than being controlled by others. Purity is more than avoiding conception, infection and detection. Laziness is ungodly. Spend money that you have instead of money you wish you had. Entering Christ, living in Christ and dying in Christ are the marks of success. Parents need your daily prayers. The Bible is the best textbook. Pick a date who'd make a good mate. Love God obediently. Obey God lovingly.

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OTHER VIEWS

Hiding behind Senate tradition really hurts TYC

Two years ago, the Texas Youth Commission was a national embarrassment.

An internal investigation by the agency in early 2007 had uncovered sexual abuse at the West Texas State School in Pyote. But that was only the beginning.

After the Dallas Morning News publicized the TYC report, allegations poured in from around the state of systemic physical and sexual abuse in 22 juvenile prison facilities.

A U.S. Justice Department investigation of another TYC facility in Edinburg found conditions so bad that they violated the constitutional rights of juvenile inmates.

Legislators and Gov. Rick Perry went to work to reform the Texas Youth Commission and improve the safety and treatment of incarcerated youths.

They changed policies and leadership and brought in a new executive commissioner, Cherie Townsend.

In one of the boldest moves of the reform effort, Perry appointed Will Harrell to fill a newly created position as head of TYC's office of independent ombudsman. It was an unlikely pick for Perry — Harrell was a former executive director of the ACLU of Texas. Harrell's performance over the past 18 months has borne out his selection.

As ombudsman, Harrell has conducted more than 200 site visits, resolved 358 complaints and visited with almost 3,000 incarcerated youths. Harrell's efforts to review and improve existing procedures were instrumental in turning the agency around. Today, the Texas Youth Commission is a model for juvenile corrections reform.

As an interim appointee of Perry in mid-2007, Harrell required confirmation by the Senate during this legislative session. With the support of his home senator, Kirk Watson of Austin, the hearing should have been a mere formality.

However, at least one Texas senator objected to Harrell retaining the ombudsman position and stealthily blocked a hearing for his nomination.

With the session coming to an end, Harrell abandoned his effort to obtain a hearing last week. He'll temporarily remain at TYC as director of special projects. Perry must make a new interim appointment for ombudsman, who will need to seek Senate confirmation in 2011.

This was a case of politics at its worst in Austin. Harrell is clearly qualified for the position. If a senator had an objection, he should have been forthright enough to express it in an open hearing rather than hiding behind the tradition of Senate collegiality.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, bring a smile to our face and relieve our stress.

Amen

Making a little census sense

At first glance, it seems like a crazy idea, a counterproductive movement born out of frustration. But when you hear the people who are calling on illegal immigrants to boycott the 2010 census, some of their arguments make a lot of sense.

The boycott, organized by the National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders, is meant to pressure politicians to fix our broken immigration system before the U.S. Census Bureau starts counting the U.S. population April 1, 2010.

Because so many Washington politicians, including President Barack Obama, have vowed to tackle immigration reform this year, April 1 seems like a good deadline to try to keep them honest. After all, the Obama administration and the Democratic majority in Congress are moving very fast on many other important issues, and the Latino clergy members are giving them an extra three months to pass the comprehensive immigration reform they promised!

Nevertheless, for introducing the "radical" boycott idea, these Hispanic evangelical leaders have come under tremendous criticism from other Latino leaders. Some say they understand the motive but can't agree with the method. Others have charged that while the boycott may be well-intended, it ultimately will prove to be misguided and irresponsible because it would hurt the very immigrant communities the ministers are trying to defend. Others have gone as far as to question whether the whole thing is some kind of Republican conspiracy to undercount Latino immigrants in the 2010 census.

Of course, if the latter were true, it would mean that respected Latino clergy members followed a political agenda and conspired against their own communities, which is absurd!

These church leaders rightfully are speaking out in defense of their illegal immigrant brethren.



MIGUEL PEREZ

They are seeking a path to legalization for the 12 million illegal immigrants estimated to be living in the United States. They say they are tired of seeing how society tells these immigrants that they don't count — except for once every 10 years, when they are told they need to be counted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The coalition's leaders argue that the census figures that can be used to empower the immigrant communities are the same statistics that are used by anti-immigrant forces to persecute illegal immigrants. They argue that the towns that need their immigrant populations to be counted so they can get federal funds are often the same towns using those funds to discriminate against immigrants.

"Our church leaders have witnessed misuse of otherwise benign Census population data by state and local public officials in their efforts to pass and enact laws that assist in the perpetration of civil rights violations and abuses against undocumented workers and families," the coalition's chairman, the Rev. Miguel Rivera, said in a statement announcing the boycott.

It's a difficult choice. For many years, Latino leaders have joined local politicians in encouraging illegal immigrants to participate in censuses. They have gone through all kinds of publicity campaigns to convey the message that illegal immigrants need not fear census workers and that federal law prohibits the Census Bureau from sharing information with immigration authorities.

Of course, these community leaders and politicians want everyone to be counted because census results will be used later to determine how billions of federal dollars are allocated among states, municipalities and even local community service organizations.

Can illegal immigrants gain from participating in the census? Of course! There is no question that there is a lot to be lost or gained from the results of the census. The higher the population of any particular area the more funding that area can

expect from the federal government. Any area that is undercounted undoubtedly would lose its fair share of the federal budget.

For this reason, in the urban areas where most illegal immigrants reside, there have been many efforts to persuade illegal immigrants to cooperate with census workers. Some federally funded agencies that provide services to illegal immigrants could suffer budget cutbacks. And that's why suddenly asking illegal immigrants to boycott the census sounds a bit illogical.

But is it? Because census results also are used to determine political district lines and because some political careers may hang in the balance after those lines are redrawn, the census becomes a great weapon to hold politicians accountable.

Be on the lookout; the time has come again. Politicians will tell us they are working hard to ensure that minorities are counted accurately, but in fact, they will be trying to protect their seats.

There is no doubt that an effective illegal immigrant boycott of the census would hurt the immigrant communities and the municipalities where they live. But it would hurt the politicians even more! And that's why many Hispanic ministers have decided to ask their brethren to be ready to make some sacrifices and to give the politicians a deadline for keeping their immigration promises.

If the Obama administration and the Democratic majority in Congress keep delaying immigration reform, if they want illegal immigrants to come out of the shadows only for the census, they may be setting themselves up for a huge surprise. If several million people simply disappeared because illegal immigrants boycotted the census, the politicians would have no one to blame but themselves.

"Antes de contar, deben legalizar," the church leaders are saying in Spanish. It means "before they count, they should legalize," and for this census, with so many politicians in power who allegedly support immigration reform, it makes a lot of sense.

Still politicizing our security

Democrats are outraged that former Vice President Dick Cheney is publicly defending the Bush administration's policies regarding the war on terror.

How dare he defend the Bush record in the face of the partisan slander that began during Bush's first term and continues to this day unabated? Why, he's demeaning the office he serves.

It must have slipped their minds that radical environmentalism's high priest, former Democratic Vice President Al Gore, has galvanized the world over, maliciously excoriating the Bush administration. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't believe there was ever the slightest complaint from the Democratic decorum police.

Does this ring a bell? "He betrayed this country! He played on our fears. He took America on an ill-conceived foreign adventure dangerous to our troops, an adventure preordained and planned before 9/11 ever took place."

How convenient, also, for Democrats to overlook that Cheney didn't start any of this.

But it's not Gore's attacks to which Cheney is responding. He's reacting to the far more current but equally vicious attacks against the Bush administration by President Obama himself.

Never has a sitting president been as obsessed with scapegoating the policies of the preceding administration as Barack Obama. We are four months into his administration, folks, and he is still sneering at — and blaming — Bush and Cheney for our economic woes and national security policies.

In his much-ballyhooed national security apologia Thurs-

day, which ended up serving as rebuttal fodder for Mr. Cheney's stemwinder at the American Enterprise Institute, Obama lashed out at the previous administration.

"We're cleaning up something that is, quite simply, a mess — a misguided experiment that has left in its wake a flood of legal challenges that my administration is forced to deal with on a constant, almost daily, basis, and that consumes the time of government officials whose time should be spent on better protecting our country."

I can't imagine President Bush spewing such nastiness at his predecessor or at any of the other Democrats who ceaselessly bashed him — precisely because he didn't.

But Democrats, evincing their virtuosity at the fine arts of psychological projection and hypocrisy, reserved their outrage for Cheney, not Obama, ignoring that Obama and his party are always the ones drawing first blood.

Democratic strategist Bob Shrum says the charge that Democrats are playing politics with national security is "a smear." Democratic strategist Bob Beckel said: "I've never heard a more slanderous, disgraceful performance by a former vice president or president than I just listened to."

"The idea that Dick Cheney would suggest that the Obama administration was putting, for political purposes, at risk the security of the United States of America and lives of American people is outrageous."

No, Bob(s), what's outrageous is that the charges ring true. Why else, besides politics, would Obama and other Democrats have lambasted and discredited the Bush administration for years over its WOT policies and then adopt many of those very same policies, from extraordinary rendition to the NSA warrantless surveillance program to

recognizing that the laws of war permit the U.S. to capture enemy combatants and detain them without trial until the conclusion of hostilities to the use of cosmetically modified military commissions, which Obama had earlier called a "legal black hole"?

If rank partisanship hasn't been at play here, how does one reconcile the Democrats' demagoguery against Bush to close Gitmo come hell or high water with congressional Democrats' present refusal to fund Gitmo's closure until Obama presents a plan concerning placement of the prisoners?

Apart from recognizing it as a partisan witch hunt, how do you explain why the Obama-Holder Justice Department condemned enhanced interrogation techniques as torture, to the point that it considered prosecuting Bush officials and its Justice Department lawyers for authorizing and recommending them, yet endorsed the Bush position on torture just weeks ago, in *Demjanjuk v. Holder*? How do you explain the approval of these very techniques by the Democratic leadership, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, when briefed by the CIA and the Bush administration?

And the money question: If, indeed, Barack Obama is so convinced that enhanced interrogation methods violate our values and the rule of law, how do you rationally explain his reservation of the authority to reinstitute the practice?

Democratic strategists are free to dramatize their manufactured indignation over the charge of subordinating our national security for political gain, but their chickens are coming home to roost. Their inconsistent, untenable, reckless positions have been exposed, and they've tied themselves in knots.

How else do you explain Obama's unhinged national security speech Thursday?

PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Forsan one win from state

Coahoma drops opener of regional final series

Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — A year ago, the Forsan Lady Buffaloes and Marfa Lady Shorthorns met in an epic best-of-three softball playoff series in the Class A regional quarterfinals with Marfa coming out on top.

This season, the two teams crossed paths in the Region I finals with a berth into the state tournament in Austin on the line.

Forsan now one game from securing its first-ever state bid after defeating Marfa, 4-3, Wednesday in Game 1 at Monahans.

Game 2 is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at MUGS Softball Complex in Midland with Game 3, if needed, to follow 30 minutes after.

Despite the fact that the Lady Buffs are in unfamiliar, rarified territory, Head Coach Shanna Roberts thinks her team will have little trouble remaining grounded.

"I think they're real focused," Roberts said. "They can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I haven't had to bring them out of the clouds."

Forsan held a 4-1 lead after three innings Wednesday and managed to hang on for the one-run victory.

With the scored tied 1-1 in the third, Lady Buffs erupted for three runs on three hits and an error.

Hill was again the catalyst, leading off with a single and quick moving to second on a ground-out by Avarette.

Jones joined the freshman on the basepaths with a hard hit ball that was misplayed on the infield, placing runners on the corners.

A second grounder by Jones' twin sister Kelsey brought in Hill, giving Forsan a 2-1 advantage. Amanda Longorio doubled to push Forsan's lead to 3-1, scoring Shelby Jones from second. Back-to-back singles by Miranda Park and Haylie Burleson scored Longorio and gave the Lady Buffs a 4-1 advantage.

Marfa managed runs in the fourth and fifth innings, but couldn't threaten to take the lead from the Lady Buffs.

Coahoma falls in series opener

ABILENE — Coahoma's Bulldogettes aren't on the wrong side of hard luck on the softball field too often, but such was the case Wednesday night at Abilene Christian

University's Wells Field.

The Bulldogettes fell 1-0 in Game 1 of a best-of-three series in the Class 2A, Region I final against Early after a triple by the Lady Longhorns' Tresta Donahoo, an error and an obstruction call at home plate in the bottom of the seventh.

The loss puts Coahoma into a must-win situation in Game 2 of the series at 4 p.m. Friday at the same location as the Bulldogettes try to earn their fifth consecutive trip to the state tournament in Austin.

A third game will be played 30 minutes after the second, if needed.

The game featured a pitcher's duel between Coahoma's Heather Newton and Early's Jenna Allen. Newton gave up two hits and retired 17 straight batters at one point. She finished with 15 strikeouts.

Allen managed to sit down just three Bulldogettes batters on strikes, but held the Coahoma bats in check with just three hits as the Lady Longhorns' defense played flawlessly behind her.

Coahoma's best chance to score came in the second inning. The Bulldogettes placed runners at second and third with no outs, but failed to cash in on the golden opportunity.

Allen struck out Jennifer Castilaw, Newton got picked off third by Donahoo and Kalea Neff grounded out to third to end the inning.

The Bulldogettes didn't threaten that much again.

With two outs in the seventh, Donahoo lifted a pitch over the head of Neff in center field. As she was heading into third, Coahoma shortstop Shelbi Paige dropped the relay from Neff. Donahoo started to head home, but was blocked from the plate by catcher Berkley Iden.

Iden had the tag applied, but players are not allowed to block the plate in softball, ending Game 1 in strange fashion.

Coahoma Head Coach Tracy Tadlock thought his team played well enough to win.

"It was a tough loss, but any loss is tough, especially if you play as well as we did," Tadlock said. "We out-hit them, out-pitched them and ... out-played them. That should give us a little bit of confidence going into Friday."



Dean Humphrey/Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

Howard College designated hitter Will Calhoun is tagged out at home by San Jacinto College catcher Greg Alcazar at the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., Wednesday. The Hawks hung on for a 12-11 win over San Jacinto.

Hawks out-hit San Jacinto

Howard now last unbeaten team at World Series

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The ball was flying off the bats in Game 15 of the 2009 Division I Junior College World Series between the No. 1 Howard College Hawks and No. 7 San Jacinto Gators.

The two squads combined for seven home runs, with San Jacinto hitting five of those, as Howard held off a ninth-inning rally by the Gators to take a 12-11 victory and remain the lone undefeated team at the tournament.

Howard will play Western Nevada at 8:30 p.m. today as the two teams square off just a few days after their opener on Saturday went 10 innings. San Jacinto will take on Santa Fe (Fla.) College in an elimination game at 3 p.m. today.

There wasn't a bigger homer through the first six innings of the game than the one that came off the bat of Miles Hamblin. And it proved to be the difference in the game.

With the bases loaded with no outs in the top of the sixth inning, Howard trailed 9-8 after one run had already crossed in the frame. Hamblin took full advantage of the RBI opportunity, blasting a Chris Dickerson pitch over the 410-foot sign in left center field at Sam Suplizio Field.

The monster shot gave Howard a 12-9 advantage it held over the next three innings. It was the first home run Hamblin had hit in the postseason.

"It felt good to get that one. I felt a lot of pressure come off of me with that home run," said Hamblin. "It was a big shot, too. I don't think there's any doubt it's the biggest home run of my career."

Howard pitcher Blake Barnes kept San Jacinto's hot bats relatively cool in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings as the Gators were held scoreless.

However, they finally broke through in the ninth, after the inning had a ominous start when Brad Padia was hit by a pitch from Barnes.

One batter later, Jeff Abt hit a two-run shot to center field to cut the lead to 12-11. Danny Hernandez followed with a single, and that was enough to chase Barnes from the game.

But Howard's Hunter Hill came on in relief and recorded three straight outs, two of

Next Game

What: Howard College vs. Western Nevada.

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them pop ups to shortstop Bryan Johns to preserve the victory. Barnes took the win and Hill recorded his first save of the tournament.

"This is why we brought Hunter in," said Smith. "We wanted him to come in in big situations and save games. He made some big pitches."

Wednesday's game featured the 23 runs, along with 30 hits and no errors. Howard's Hamblin, who had two hits, and Monk Kreder each homered. Caleb Nine, Will Calhoun and Runey Davis each had two hits in the victory.

Abt, Deric Hawkins, Steven Vidaurri, Devin Shines and Ryan Burnaman all homered for San Jacinto with all but Abt's shot being of the solo variety.

Kreder was the first player to go deep, hitting just the fifth home run of the postseason, including the Region V Tournament, by a Hawk with a two-run shot to left field, giving Howard a 2-0 lead after the top of the first.

San Jacinto showed its ability to smack the long ball as well, leading off the first three innings with solo shots.

The ball continued to fly out for San Jacinto in the bottom of the third with Steven Vidaurri and Devin Shines leading off the frame with back-to-back solo shots.

Howard left-hander Anthony Collazo settled down after the two homers and struck out the next three batters, keeping the Hawks ahead, 7-5.

Collazo appeared to finally be zoned in, striking out the leadoff batter — Hornback — in the fourth inning, but then surrendered back-to-back doubles to Hernandez and Hawkins. Hernandez scored on Hawkins' hit, pulling the Gators to within 7-6.

Collazo's night ended in the fifth, when he allowed the tying run to cross when Greg Alcazar doubled to bring in Burnaman, who led off the inning with a single.

Blake Barnes took over on the mound for the Hawks and quickly retired the first two batters he faced. However, he allowed Alcazar to score from third with a balk, giving San Jacinto its first lead of the game, 8-7. The Gators extended their lead to 9-7 in the inning after Hernandez scored from second on an error by Kreder at first.

Howard now faces Western Nevada for a second time after opening the tournament with a dramatic 4-3 win over the Wildcats Saturday.

Davis ended that game with a solo walk-off home run to lead off the bottom of the 11th inning, securing Howard's spot in the winner's bracket.

It's not a surprise to Smith that the Hawks are facing Western Nevada again.

"I expected to see them again in the tournament if we kept winning," said Smith. "We knocked them off early, but they've really mowed down the competition since then. They're hitting the ball well and their pitchers are being effective. It's going to be a challenge to beat them again."

Helping the Hawks answer that challenge is ace pitcher Zach Neal. Neal faced Western Nevada in the first game, lasting eight innings. He surrendered three runs -- two earned -- on 12 hits.

"It's going to be pretty hard to talk me out of putting Zach on the mound," said Howard Associate Head Coach Jack Giese, who is also the Hawks pitching coach. "I'll sit down with the other coaches and we'll talk about it, but I'm pretty set on Zach being out there."

Upon hearing that, Smith had no qualms about the decision.

"Jack's the pitching guy. That's why I brought him in here and I'll trust his decision," he said. "I think if we used Zach tonight that he wears down San Jacinto because he throws all his pitches for strikes. He's a dependable guy on the mound. I'll feel good about him being out there."

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Andrew Collazo, Blake Barnes (5), Hunter Hill (9) and Miles Hamblin. David Rollins, Sean Nolin (3), Dylan Adamek (5), Chris Dickerson (6) and Greg Alcazar. W — Barnes (1-0). L — Dickerson (0-1). S — Hill (1). 2B — HC: Caleb Nine, Will Calhoun 2, Runey Davis. SJ: Deric Hawkins, Gregg Alcazar, Riley Hornback, Danny Hernandez. HR — HC: Hamblin, Monk Kreder. SJ: Hawkins, Steven Vidaurri, Devin Shines, Ryan Burnaman. Jeff Apt.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The planet Neptune was named after the Roman god of the sea and is believed to command the mysterious and awesome power of imagination just as his Roman namesake controlled the oceans. Today, Neptune goes retrograde, encouraging a review of our fond imaginings. Notice fanciful thoughts that could use some positive tuning.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Double-check to make sure your messages have been delivered to the correct people and are received in the spirit they were intended. Otherwise, small mix-ups have the potential to take up your time unnecessarily.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be listening along, involved story — oh, boy, is it hard to keep from interrupting. You prove your friendship and your character by being a good listener. Your undivided attention could actually heal someone.
GEMINI (May 21-June

21). You don't have to read a book on social graces or go to charm school to figure out how to create rapport with others. You will naturally find subtle, unobtrusive ways to connect with those who interest you.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life will ask you a tricky question. If you think long and hard about it, you'll probably come up with the wrong answer. Go with your gut. Your first instinct will be correct.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Do not be one of those people who say too much and ruin what would have been a favorable outcome. Whether you're doing a deal or trying to make a new friend, realize when to back off. Don't sell it when it's already sold.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be a target for innocent flirting and

shameless flattery. Oh, happy day! If you're overly modest or self-deprecating, you'll miss out on the fun. You deserve this attention so revel in it.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You enjoy your work — well, maybe not all the time and certainly not every aspect of your job. And yet today you'll be keenly aware how the professional role you play satisfies a profound need in you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A goal you once thought was unreasonable is now seeming quite within your reach. You may have to break one of your bad habits in order to get there, but this is not as hard as it would have been last week.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter how sincere an effort may be, it won't be effective unless you believe

in it with your whole being. Stop trying. Trying is not doing. Just do it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your friendships need some love and attention. It's the extra bits of kindness that will make a difference. Your connections will take you to interesting places. First, you must grease the wheels, though.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You always feel that when you're helping others, you are making excellent use of your time. Check your mood, though. If it's less than sunny, the best use of your time is to give more to yourself.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Young people make a difference in your day. You marvel at their innocence. Their lack of pretension is refreshing. Their raw emotional force will bring you back to your own honest feelings.
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a musician, singer-songwriter. The fact is that I've had no success to date. I thought that by now I'd have a record deal and be touring. But I'm a 27-year-old Virgo who's made next to no money from performing my songs. I am so bitterly sad that if it weren't for a few amazing moments that I've experienced as a performer, I would give it up completely. My question is, will I ever make it big? And what should I do next?"

anywhere other than where you are with it. When you are doing music for the right reasons — because it brings you joy — you are making it big. Forget about money. Keep your day job so that you can put time into developing as an artist and be free to do so in your own way. As an orderly Virgo, you need to set concrete goals that are completely within your control. For instance, make it a goal to write and record five songs, and when you've done it, celebrate huge — roll out your own red carpet if you must! Honor your talent and the rest of the world will follow suit.
C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Rapper, singer-songwriter and actor Andre 3000 met his fellow OutKast member Antwan Patton in high school and the group went on to multi-platinum success. Andre shows his Gemini penchant for progressive style with an experimental approach to the band's image, as well as an innovative take on the development of their sound. Geminis don't follow trends; they set them!

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First of all, there is no need to be bitterly sad. You do what you love to do and you need to stop expecting yourself to be

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
The Alcatraz Coup

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 5 3
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ 7
♣ A Q J 9

WEST
♠ Q 8 6 4
♥ 5
♦ 10 9 5 3
♣ K 8 6 2

EAST
♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q 6 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ 10 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ A J 9 7 4
♦ K Q J 6 2
♣ 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
6♥

The Ethics Committee at Alcatraz was in solemn session. South was pressing charges against a fellow inmate whom he accused of violating the proprieties of the game.
The facts were undisputed. South was in six hearts and had to lose a diamond trick, so the only question was whether he would also lose a trump trick. Had he been left to his own devices, South might well have failed to finesse against East's queen of trumps.

But the question never came up. As soon as the bidding was over, East, a player of considerable skill — but with a reputation for sharp practice — took a card out of his hand and was about to make a lead out of turn.
Before he could do so, however, he was told it was West's lead. So East put the card back in his hand, but not before South was able to see that it was the three of hearts!
A murmur of admiration rose from the committee upon hearing this, but the members were quickly silenced by the chairman. Obviously, South was now sure to misguess the trump situation later on, since he could not possibly imagine that East would lead a trump from Q-x-x.
But West ruined the sparkling maneuver when he decided to lead — of all things — a trump! So South made the slam, and no harm was done.
When the committee questioned East, he vehemently denied any malicious intent. East knew, he said, that it was not his lead. But he also knew — and this was confirmed by several members of the committee — that West practically always led a trump against a slam. He had therefore taken the heart out of his hand in anticipation of a trump lead.
Case dismissed.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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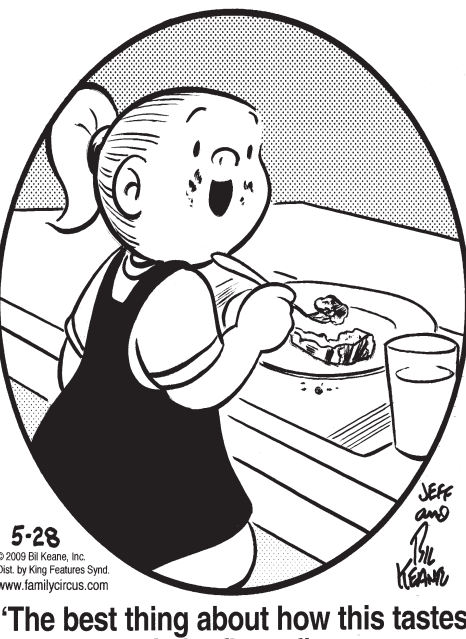
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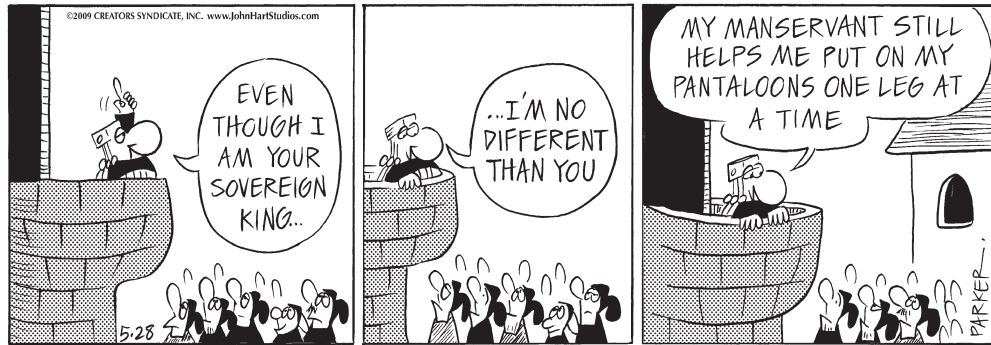
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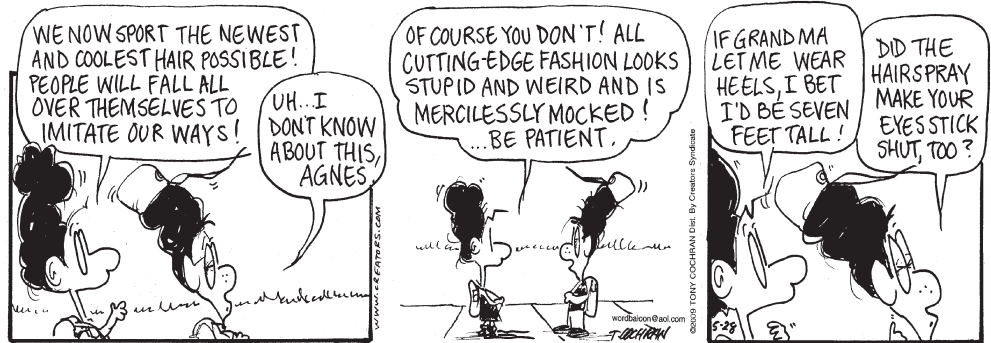
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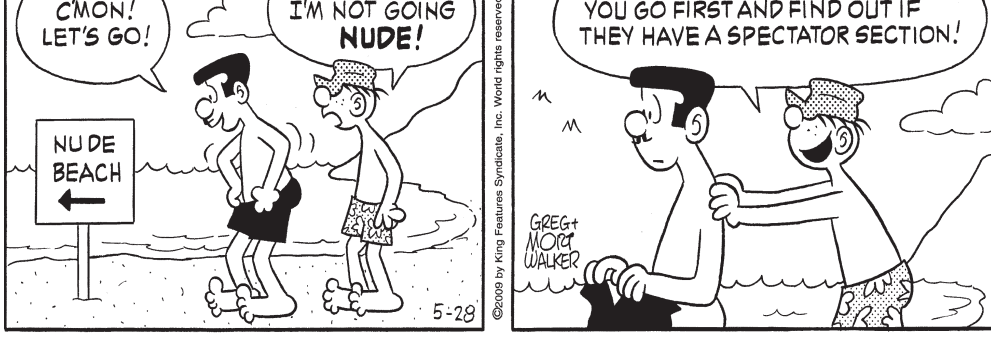
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In 1892, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco.

In 1918, the Battle of Cantigny began during World War I as American troops captured the French town from the Germans.

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the Show," opened in New York.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California. Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Britain.

In 1959, the U.S. Army launched Able, a rhesus monkey, and Baker, a squirrel monkey, aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight which both primates survived.

In 1972, Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the English throne to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, died in Paris at age 77.

In 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Ky.

In 1987, Mathias Rust, a 19-year-old West German pilot, landed a private plane in Moscow's Red Square.

Today's Birthdays:

Rockabilly singer-musician Sonny Burgess is 80. Actress Carroll Baker is 78. Producer-director Irwin Winkler is 78. Actor John Karlen is 76. Basketball Hall of Famer Jerry West is 71. Actress Beth Howland is 68. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is 65. Singer Gladys Knight is 65. Singer Billy Vera is 65. Singer John Fogerty is 64. Actress-director Sondra Locke is 62. Country musician Jerry Douglas (Alison Krauss and Union Station) is 53. Actor Brandon Cruz ("The Courtship of Eddie's Father") is 47. Country singer Phil Vassar is 47. Actress Christa Miller is 45. Singer-musician Chris Ballew (Presidents of the USA) is 44. Rapper Chubb Rock is 41. Singer Kylie Minogue is 41.

Thought for Today: "The only thing I regret about my past is the length of it. If I had to live my life again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner." — Tallulah Bankhead, American actress (1903-1968).

Answer to previous puzzle

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BRONCOS	AGHAST	
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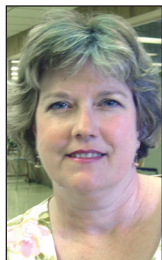
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Why not check this out from the library?

The Library is now closed Saturdays. We will be closed Friday, July 3, for the Fourth of July celebration. You only have Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to register for our Summer Reading Program. Donna has planned lots of neat crafts, speakers, projects and other fun things for young readers to enjoy. As usual, SRP is located in the basement children's room each Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. during the month of June. We will still have story time Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. in the children's room in the basement.



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I can remember watching the television show "The Price is Right" with my grandmother during the summer. Bob Barker, the consummate showman, would seduce and direct excited members of the audience into picking Door No. 1, No. 2, or No. 3. Or perhaps he would ask, "Are you sure that is the price?" In any event, Bob Barker has lived a very interesting life. You can now read about it, in "Priceless Memories" (B BAR B) written by Barker along with Digby Diehl, a celebrity "ghost" writer/assistant. This is really a very neat book.

"George: The Poor Little Rich Boy Who Built the Yankee Empire" (B STE G) is the story of famed owner George Steinbrenner. Steinbrenner used his wealth to try and purchase World Series after World Series. Funny, money may buy a phenomenal player, but managers, inter-personal relationships and other intangibles can derail a trip to the World Series. Regardless, the Yankees, since 1973, have won 10 pennants and six World Series. Written by Peter Golenbock, a very well known sportswriter, it is a candid look at the house that Ruth built, but George refurbished.

Have you seen the movie "Slumdog Millionaire?" Some kind person has donated a copy to the library and it is being processed this week. We also have "Slumdog Millionaire" (F SWA V), which is the story of how Ram

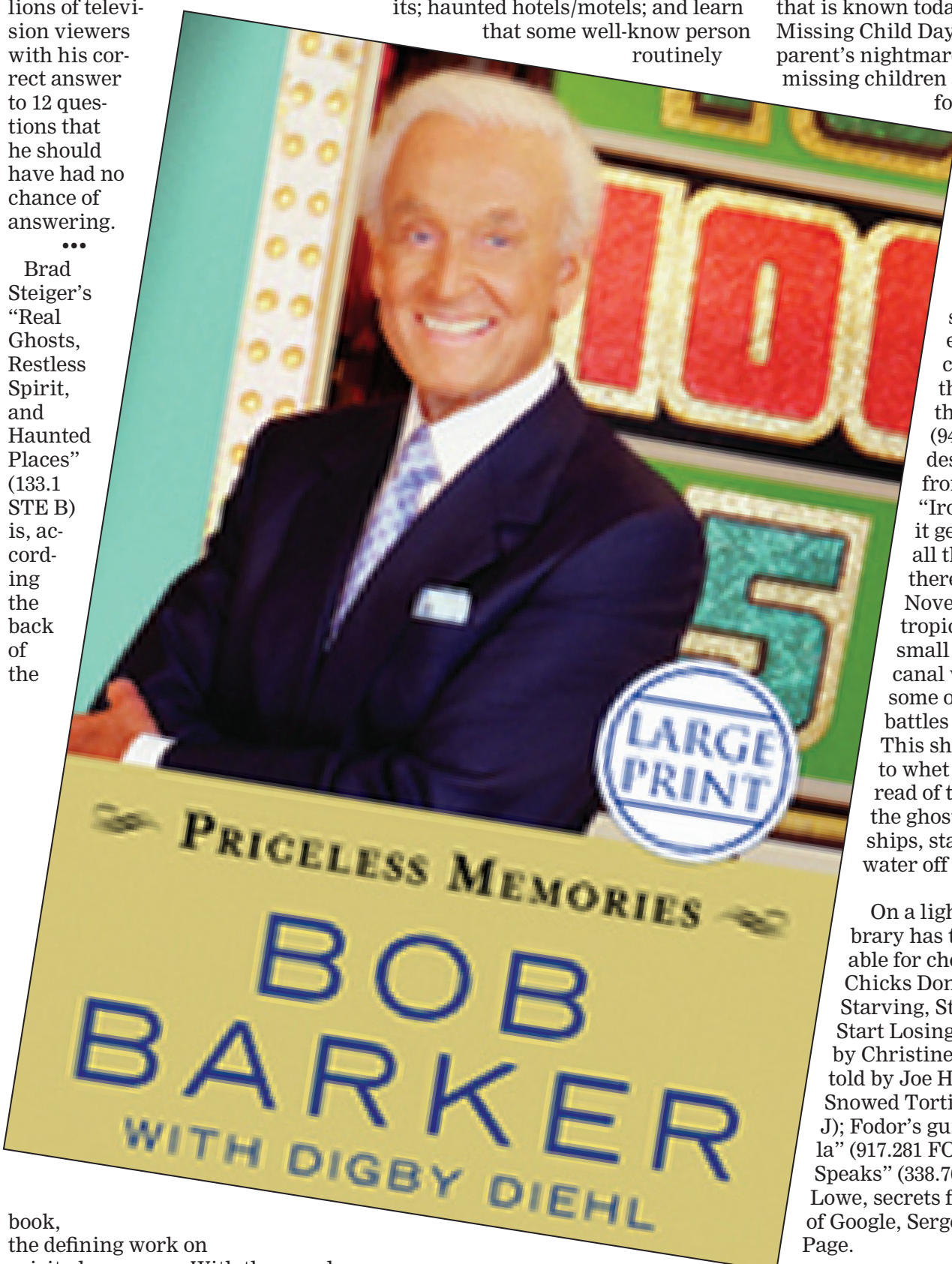
Mohammed Thomas stunned millions of television viewers with his correct answer to 12 questions that he should have had no chance of answering.

Brad Steiger's "Real Ghosts, Restless Spirit, and Haunted Places" (133.1 STE B) is, according to the back of the

book, the defining work on spirit phenomena. With the popularity of the A&E show "Paranormal States" showcasing ghosts and other spirits, it is only fitting that you read Steiger's book. Divided into 30 chapters, you will visit haunted churches

and burial grounds; speaking to spirits; haunted hotels/motels; and learn that some well-know person routinely

ance occurred on May 25, 1979, a date that is known today as the National Missing Child Day in his honor. A parent's nightmare has changed how missing children are now accounted for.



I have seen a Discovery Channel television show on this subject, and now there's a book to read and see the true majesty of "Guadalcanal: Exploring the Ghost Fleet of the South Pacific" (940.542 BAL R). A description from the front book flap reads: "Iron Bottom Sound... it gets its name from all the ships that sank there. From August to November of 1942, the tropical waters off the small island of Guadalcanal were the scene of some of the fiercest sea battles of World War II." This should be sufficient to whet your appetite to read of the exploration of the ghostly graveyard of ships, standing silent in the water off Guadalcanal.

On a lighter note, the library has the following available for checkout: "Skinny Chicks Don't Eat Salads: Stop Starving, Start Eating...and Start Losing" (613.25 AVA C) by Christine Avanti; a folk tale told by Joe Hayes - "The Day It Snowed Tortillas" (398.209 HAY J); Fodor's guide to "Guatemala" (917.281 FOD T); and "Google Speaks" (338.761 LOW J) by Janet Lowe, secrets from the founders of Google, Sergey Brin and Larry Page.

consulted mediums for guidance. Really, a very interesting book to read.

Way before the disappearance of John Walsh's son is the story of Etan Patz. Etan was allowed to walk alone from his home to school. In a short two block span, Etan disappeared and was never seen again. In Lisa R. Cohen's new book, "After Etan" (364.154 COH L) tells the complete story of Etan's parents, the police, the prosecutor and other actors in this riveting tale. Etan's disappear-

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