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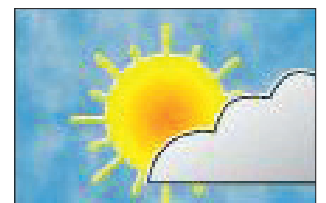


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## School lockdown ends well

*Suspicious person turns out to be a tall student*

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

ELBOW — Throughout the year, schools routinely run a variety of emergency drills.

Wednesday, the drills turned into reality at Elbow Elementary School.

A “suspicious person” report at the school southwest of Big Spring led to an hour-long lockdown of classes while Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff’s Office personnel searched the campus. In the end, however, the suspicious person turned out to be an Elbow student.

The alarm was first raised at about 9:45 a.m., said Randy Johnson, superintendent of



Johnson

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Big Spring police and Howard County deputies rushed to Elbow Elementary School after a suspicious person alarm caused officials to lock down classes Wednesday morning.**



## Forum crowd applauds Neugebauer stance on healthcare, cap and trade

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer definitely found a sympathetic audience during a town hall meeting in Big Spring Wednesday.

More than 200 people crowded into the Hall Center for the Arts auditorium to both listen to and ask questions of their congressman, and it was clear from the outset that

**U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer gestures while making a point during a town hall meeting with his constituents at the Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College Wednesday afternoon.**

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

he and the audience were on the same wavelength.

Neugebauer’s opposition to the proposed national health-care plan, the “cap and trade” green energy bill and other issues found receptive ears during Wednesday’s forum as he was constantly interrupted by applause from the audience.

“Some of my colleagues are not having as much fun at these things as I am,” Neugebauer said, referring to the hostile reception

some representatives have received when they’ve gone back to their home districts.

But the only hostility in evidence Wednesday was anger that Neugebauer and his “bosses” — as he described the audience — felt toward the direction they believe President Obama and the Democratic-controlled Congress is taking them.

**“I’ve heard two words over and over during my visits throughout the district. First, people are afraid of a government that takes over car companies and banks ... and they’re mad about it.”**

—U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer

“I’ve heard two words over

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## Council approves utility rate increases

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved first reading of an ordinance that will increase water and sewer rates for municipal customers in the coming year, part of the proposed \$41 million budget for 2009-2010.

The council cleared the way

for the rate hikes during budget work sessions in July, shortly after the city administration was notified by the Colorado River Municipal Water District that bulk rates paid by the city for water would be going up in the coming year.

“The rate increase to the city was estimated at 6 percent when we began talks

with CRMWD,” said City Finance Director Peggy Walker. “Since that time they have finalized everything, and the rate is slightly more than 6 percent. However, we believe we can absorb the difference without further increasing the rates.”

With a cost hike of approximately 6 percent being passed along to the city by its water

supplier — the Colorado River Municipal Water District — City Manager Gary Fuqua said an increase of \$1.75 on the base rate of all city water customers will pay for the \$175,000 shortfall.

The council also approved first reading of increases in the city’s sewer rates, with revenues from the increases set to be used to replenish a

city utility fund that has been declining for several years.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

# Upping the ante

## Steers play host to No. 4 Denison

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

There's going to be loads of talent on the field at Memorial Stadium Friday night.

While the Steers have their fair share of players preparing to play at major colleges in the near future — linebacker/tight end Matt Ritchey has given a verbal to Baylor, running back Monte Anderson is highly recruited — with the No. 4 Denison Yellow Jackets paying a visit at 7:30 p.m. Friday, the talent pool featured in the game increases significantly.

"We're not going to see a team with this much talent again until we get three rounds deep into the playoffs," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "Denison has a ton of playmakers on both sides of the ball. We've got our work cut out for us."

Four members of the Yellow Jackets are being recruited heavily by major collegiate programs and two — defensive linemen Jaqwaylin Arps and Jimmay Mundine — have already given a verbal commitment to the Kansas Jayhawks.

There's also running back D.J. Jones who has offers from eight Division I programs, including



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Big Spring Steers** defenders Tevian Parnell (left) and Matt Ritchey (9) combine to bring down Snyder quarterback Keenan Ward last week at Memorial Stadium during the Steers' 40-21 win over Snyder in the 2009 football season opener for both teams. The Steers host the fourth-ranked Denison Yellow Jackets at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium.

Texas A&M, Texas Tech and the Florida Gators. Jones torched the Steers last year, gaining 195 yards and three touchdowns on just 14 carries, despite playing just three quarters. One of Jones' scores came from 56 yards out with 19 seconds to play. It turned out to be the game winner.

Jones wasn't the only Yellow Jacket to have a big game against the Steers in 2008. Quarterback Jordan Taylor finished with 181 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries. Taylor also threw for 75 yards and a score, but did have two interceptions.

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**Denison at Big Spring**

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Memorial Stadium  
**Game-time weather:** Partly cloudy, 85° F  
**Radio:** KBEST 95.7, KBST AM 1490, www.kbst.com, KBYG AM 1400.

# Howard County Showdown

## Coahoma, Forsan renew rivalry Friday night

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Bragging rights are on the line Friday night in Coahoma. For a second straight year, the Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes will engage in the Howard County Showdown at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bulldog Stadium.

Don't confuse this battle with just another non-district game as both teams prepare for league play. The

players give it much more value than that.

"It is not hard to get the players excited for this game," said Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips. "We don't really have to talk about our opponent. Our players are friends with their players and they'd love nothing more than to pick up bragging rights in this game."

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

**Multiple Forsan Buffaloes** defenders converge on an Eldorado ball carrier during the Buffs' 20-13 loss Friday in Forsan.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

**Coahoma Bulldogs** wide receiver Ray Gutierrez takes off on a 75-yard touchdown reception in the Bulldogs' 20-12 win over Van Horn at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa Friday.

**Forsan at Coahoma**

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Bulldog Stadium  
**Game-time weather:** Partly cloudy, 85° F  
**Radio:** KBTS 94.3 The Fuse.

## CROSSROADS SCOREBOARD WEEK 1

<b>Denison</b> (1-0) at <b>Big Spring</b> (1-0)	<b>Forsan</b> (0-1) at <b>Coahoma</b> (1-0)	<b>Reagan Co.</b> (0-1) at <b>Stanton</b> (0-1)	<b>Grady</b> (1-0) at <b>Meadow</b> (1-0)	<b>Jesus Chapel</b> (0-1) at <b>Garden City</b> (0-1)	<b>Sands</b> (1-0) at <b>Wilson</b> (1-0)	Call 263-7331 to report Friday night football scores.
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## Obituaries

### Natalia 'Talita' Martinez

Natalia "Talita" Martinez, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel led by Teresa Rocha.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Monsignor Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Natalia was born June 20, 1928, in Big Spring to Natalia and Fred Everett. She married Pat Martinez Sr. Sept. 30, 1947, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death July 24, 1993.

Natalia was a homemaker, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

Natalia is survived by two daughters, Lori Martinez and Terri Ontiveros and husband, Tony, all of Big Spring; one brother, Manuel Puga and wife, Viola, of Odessa; four grandchildren, Patrick Martinez III of Memphis, Tenn., Krystle Martinez of Cedar Hill, and Lucas Ontiveros and Patricia Morales, both of Big Spring; one great-granddaughter, Alize Smith of Cedar Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Patrick Martinez Jr. and Michael Martinez; one daughter, Norma Jean Martinez; two sisters, Celia Fierro and Betty Jean Castro; and one brother, Manuel Talamantez Sr.

Pallbearers will be Tony Ontiveros, Lucas Ontiveros, Gus Fierro, Lupe Ontiveros, Mickey Puga and Joe Martinez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

### 'Cactus' Jack Broughton

"Cactus" Jack Broughton, 54, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Sept. 5, 1954, in Fort Sill, Okla. He had worked in the oil field for a number of years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Jaime and Justin McGallian of Abilene; his mother, Juanez Broughton of Roswell, N.M.; a brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Tina Broughton of Big Spring; a sister and brother-in-law, Lori and Steve Johnson of Roswell, N.M.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Broughton; and a nephew, Weldon Bruce Broughton Jr.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Bobbie Jean Richey

Bobbie Jean Richey, 73, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, in a Midland nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Support Groups

#### TODAY

• 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.

## Correction

A story appearing in the Wednesday edition of the Big Spring Herald's Web site incorrectly identified the group responsible for the 2006 recall election of Mayor Russ McEwen as the Concerned Citizens Council. The article should have read: "Several members of the Concerned Citizens Council, including Thomason, attempted to force recall elections for members of the city council, including McEwen, in 2006."

## Police blotter

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

- LYNDON FRALEY, 49, of 1425 Sixth St., was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- DANIEL DELEON, 29, of 705 E. 13<sup>th</sup>, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 500 block of Runnels.
  - in the 200 block of FM 700.
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 500 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- FRANKLIN LA MARR CURTIS, 43, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.
- DANIEL DELEON, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- LYNDON TRENT FRALEY, 49, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- FRANK GARZA, 59, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- BRANDI ANN HUTCHESON, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a probation revocation for possession of a controlled substance.
- BOE LEWIS PAYNE, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, no insurance and violation of a promise to appear.
- JOSHUA ANTHONY YANEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of N. McDonald Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Scott. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported near the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Nolan.

## Take Note

• The Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the high school band hall. The meeting is open to all parents of high school and junior high school band students.

• DAV Chapter 47 will sponsor the third annual 9/11 Memorial at the Mall at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 in front of the yellow ribbons at the Big Spring Mall. For more information, call Mike Tarpley, DAV junior vice commander at (432) 556-2227.

• Coahoma Class of 1999 Reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Contact Latisha Miliken Perry with questions and RSVPs: [tish\\_a\\_roo@yahoo.com](mailto:tish_a_roo@yahoo.com) or (512) 947-6680.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• 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.

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<b>91/66</b> Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 91F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>89/65</b> Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>88/66</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>91/67</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>90/69</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:06 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:05 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:03 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:25 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:02 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:26 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:01 PM



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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	89	67	t-storm	Kingsville	95	73	cloudy
Amarillo	84	58	mst sunny	Livingston	87	69	t-storm
Austin	92	70	t-storm	Longview	81	69	t-storm
Beaumont	88	71	t-storm	Lubbock	88	62	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	84	70	t-storm
Brownwood	90	67	t-storm	Midland	91	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	93	76	cloudy	Raymondville	95	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	87	67	t-storm	Rosenberg	90	72	t-storm
Dallas	88	70	t-storm	San Antonio	95	72	t-storm
Del Rio	95	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	93	71	t-storm
El Paso	90	69	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	81	68	t-storm
Fort Stockton	89	66	pt sunny	Sweetwater	88	66	pt sunny
Gainesville	88	67	t-storm	Tyler	81	68	t-storm
Greenville	84	67	t-storm	Weatherford	89	67	t-storm
Houston	90	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	92	65	t-storm

## Lottery

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Lotto Texas" game were: 06-16-19-39-45-51.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 07-11-21-29-35.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 7-2-4-9. Sum it Up: 22.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 1-4-0. Sum it Up: 5.

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# Area roundup: Grady confident vs. No. 4 Meadow

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor  
LENORAH — Grady's Wildcats don't make a habit of having the 45-point mercy rule that governs six-man football utilized against them. In fact, it rarely happens that Grady is on the wrong side of the statute. However, the Meadow Broncos accomplished the uncommon feat last season, routing the Wildcats, 70-20. The game was called with 5:47 to play

in the contest. The Wildcats get a chance at retribution at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they pay a visit to Meadow. "Our kids are pretty motivated to play Meadow," said Grady Head Coach Joe Helms. "We lost to them badly. We were reeling from some injuries and our inexperience showed against them. We feel like we're going to be more prepared for them this season." The Broncos (1-0) are currently

ranked fourth in the six-man Division I poll and are coming off a 64-20 win over Spur, which is in Grady's district. They return five starters on each side of the ball, including all-state running back Rico Rocha. Rocha totaled more than 3,400 yards last season and torched Grady for 283 yards and five touchdowns. "Our entire defensive scheme is going to be focused around stopping (Rocha)," said Helms. "He's a talented

back and they're definitely a run-oriented team. We've got to make a concentrated effort to stop him. He is touching the ball 90 percent of the time. It's all about prep. We're hoping we can simulate what he's capable of in practice." Grady (1-0) used the 45-point mercy rule to its advantage in its opener last week, drubbing Sanderson, 46-0.

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## SHOWDOWN

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Coahoma Head Coach Stacey Martin agrees the matchup essentially gives hype to itself. "No. There isn't a problem getting these guys ready to play Forsan," said Martin. "We are making the point that this is a game for us to use to get better. We're going to prepare for Forsan, but we're looking to improve as the district season draws closer. We do want to beat them, though, and we'll be ready to play." Forsan and Coahoma were at opposite ends of the spectrum in games that ended with a similar score last week. The Buffs came up short at home against Eldorado, 20-13, while Coahoma held on to top a feisty Van Horn squad at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa, 20-12. Both teams are facing a change in offensive philosophy and the coaches saw things they like in their season openers. For the Buffs, Phillips was satisfied with the effort and liked the compo-

sure of his team, but also knows some mistakes must be corrected. "We saw some great potential from our young players, but with that comes some errors that have to be fixed," admitted Phillips. "We feel like we were a few plays from beating Eldorado by two touchdowns. Every mistake we saw is fixable and that's a good thing. It's just a matter of taking care of it in practice." Coahoma's offense didn't come out firing, but took off in the second half. Quarterback Josh Paniagua ended up passing for 288 yards and two touchdowns. Wide receivers Lupe Abrego and Ray Gutierrez each topped 100 yards receiving. "It took a little bit of time for us to get going. Our scrimmage with McCamey was cut short, so this was our first live action without a controlled scrimmage," said Martin. "Josh was playing too fast in the first quarter. Once he slowed down, we got into a rhythm offensively. He's capable of having games like that all year." Both coaches were much more satisfied with their defensive efforts in the openers. "I was very proud of what we did

defensively," said Phillips, whose Buffs held Eldorado's vaunted run offense to 95 yards. "Ryan Flores did an excellent job anchoring the defense from his linebacker spot. He's a guy we know we can count on for leadership. We feel like we're in a great situation on that side of the ball." Entering the season, the Bulldogs had questions to answer throughout its front seven due to inexperience. The defensive line answered the call against a Van Horn run-oriented offense, holding the Eagles to 136 yards on 44 attempts, which computes to a mere 3.1 yards per carry average. "Our defense kept us in that game in the first half," raved Martin. "Our offense was sputtering early and we needed our defense to step up. They answered the call. We used a lot of players on defense. We're concerned with our experience and are trying to develop some solid depth at the position during the non-district part of the schedule." Traditionally, Forsan and Coahoma haven't met on the gridiron consistently. The two schools first played in 1939. The Buffs and Bulldogs squared off twice that season with Forsan tak-

ing both games, 12-7 and 26-8. Since then, they have played 21 more times. Coahoma barely holds the advantage in the all-time record, winning 12-of-23 games. The Bulldogs have one the past three meetings with the Buffs, including last year's contest, which was decided by a missed extra point, 21-20. Forsan's last win in the series came in 2002, 34-20. As for the future of the rivalry, both coaches would prefer to keep each other on the schedule. "I think this is a rivalry that needs to be played more often. It's great for both communities as well as for Big Spring," said Phillips. "I haven't talked with Coach Martin about scheduling them next year, but it's a call I'll make once we start putting together next season's schedule. "I think it's a good game for both communities," agreed Martin. "As long as both schools stay about the same size, then I'd like to see it continue. It peaks some interest and excitement throughout the county. We'll have to see how realignment goes, but I'd like to keep playing those guys."

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# Missouri man pleads guilty to killing 3 people in Texas

**BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Missouri man pleaded guilty Thursday to capital murder for killing a pregnant woman, her husband and son at a Texas Panhandle farmhouse in 2005.

Levi King, 26, entered his plea in Lubbock and then prosecutors began the punishment phase. The state is seeking the death penalty.

King pleaded guilty to killing Michell Conrad, 35, her husband Brian Conrad, 31, and her 14-year-old son, Zach Doan. They were found slain in their remote farmhouse. Michell Conrad was six months pregnant.

Her 10-year-old daughter survived and called 911.

Texas law enforcement officials did not released the 911 tape, any details about how the girl survived or what she might have seen. It was not clear whether she would testify. Authorities have never released a motive for the slayings. Earlier this year, the judge in the case issued a gag order.

King pleaded guilty last year in the shooting deaths of Orlye McCool, 70, and his 47-year-old daughter-in-law, Dawn McCool. Their bodies were found by a relative in a rural Pineville, Mo., home on Sept. 30, 2005 — the same day authorities in the Texas Panhandle discovered the bodies in the Conrads' home.

Missouri authorities said King drove Orlye McCool's pickup

truck from Missouri to the Conrads' home in Texas.

King was caught the same night trying to re-enter the U.S. at the Mexican border in El Paso, Texas.

Shortly after investigators brought the truck back to Missouri from El Paso, a name tag with Brian Conrad's name was found in the vehicle.

Investigators said ballistics tests linked one of four guns found in the truck to the Texas killings.

King was sentenced to two consecutive life terms without parole for the Missouri killings. The Texas punishment would take precedence under an agreement with Missouri.

## ELBOW

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Forsan Independent School District.

"Some teachers were on the playground with their students when they noticed a person who they did not recognize enter through the back of the school building," Johnson said. "We called a code red, which is a lockdown situation ... and sheriff's deputies and Big Spring police units came out and did a complete sweep of the campus. As it

turned out, the person was one of our older students who is quite tall for his age and was in a different location than expected."

When a FISD campus enters lockdown mode, all entrances are locked and students and teachers are locked into their classrooms while law enforcement conducts a sweep of the building. Lockdown drills are routinely conducted at Elbow and other public school campuses in Howard County, but this marks the first time in Johnson's memory that the school put the drills to real-world use.

"We practice these things, but we've never had to work this out in a real situation before," he said. "I was very excited by the response from law enforcement, our staff and our students. Each one of those groups did what they do best — they protected each other."

Normal class scheduled resumed shortly before noon, Johnson noted.

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## REP

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and over during my visits throughout the district," Neugebauer said. "First, people are afraid of a government that takes over car companies and banks ... and they're mad about it. "One of the things I want you to know is that I'm mad, too," he added. "I believe that if you work hard and do the right things, you should enjoy the fruits of your labors. Well, the government doesn't grow much fruit, but they take a lot of it away from you."

Most of Neugebauer's ire was directed at the proposed national healthcare insurance program now pending in Congress. While admitting the current system certainly needs improving in areas, he said the Democrats' overhaul would be too costly and too ineffective.

The congressman said the plan would add \$2 trillion to the national deficit during the first year of its implementation and \$10 trillion over the next 10 years.

"Do you know how long it would take you to count to two trillion? Thirty-two thousand years," Neugebauer said. "Some of you better get started now."

Neugebauer said improvements can be made to the healthcare system without resulting to a multi-trillion dollar overhaul.

"We have the best healthcare system in the world right here in the good old USA. The question is, what can we do to improve it?" he asked before outlining some possible solutions:

- Portability — "Insurance coverage shouldn't be tied to your employer," he said. "You should be able to take it with you when you

leave that job."

- Tort reform — Neugebauer praised recent efforts at lawsuit reform in Texas which he said has led to a notable decrease in medical costs.

- Pooling insurance plans for small businesses — "That would let the healthcare system operate under a model that makes more sense than it currently does," he said.

The furor over the proposed bill has forced some people to lose sight of the ultimate goal of any reform efforts, Neugebauer said.

"Buying insurance shouldn't be the goal of this bill," he said. "Having affordable, available and accessible healthcare should be the goal."

The cap-and-trade bill is ostensibly designed to help slow the rate of global warming by "capping" the amount of pollutants businesses are allowed to release.

Companies that need to exceed those limits will be required to purchase credits from businesses that pollute less (the "trade" portion of the bill).

Neugebauer blasted the bill as too costly and too ineffective and would result in increased energy bills for consumers.

"(The bill's proponents) are looking to spend \$1.9 trillion to make a very small dent in carbon dioxide emissions," he said. "If we're going to spend \$1.9 trillion on something, let's spend it on a program to develop energy here in the United States."

Some of those untapped or underutilized sources of energy he touted include nuclear, coal and wind, he noted.

Touching on the prevailing spirit of partisan politics in Washington now, Neugebauer said he was more than

willing to discuss his ideas with his Democrat counterparts, but efforts at cooperation are often foiled by a congressional leadership more interested in pushing their ideas than working on practical solutions.

"I would love to work with the President or any of my Democrat colleagues," he said. "But working together is a two-way street ... Too many people are concerned about who will get credit for the idea so they can get re-elected. They should be concerned with doing what's right for the American people."

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## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Natalia Martinez, 81, died Tuesday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Residential customers can expect to see an increase of \$1.25 in the base rate for sewer service, bringing the total rate to \$13. The increase in the base rate would equal \$125,000. The plan also calls for a 20-cent increase in consumption, bringing that rate to \$1.50, generating \$95,000.

Commercial customers will also see an increase in their sewer rates, with \$3.25 added to their base rate, bringing it to \$20. The increase is expected to generate \$30,000 in revenues. Commercial customers will also see

a 30-cent increase, bringing the consumption charge to \$2, with an estimated increase in revenue of \$100,000.

During the work sessions City Manager Gary Fuqua said he hates to see rates increase, especially in tough economic times, but warned taking no action to replenish the city's utility fund — which is currently \$640,610, much lower than the staff-recommended \$2.5 million — could spell disaster.

"It's a lot like the maintenance on your home or property and your bank account. Your bank account is getting a little low and you know you're going to have to repaint the house in a few years, so you know you need to

start saving up a little money, and that's what we're looking at doing," said Fuqua. "We're just trying to prepare ourselves in case of an emergency."

The council approved first reading of the water rate increases on a unanimous vote, while the sewer rate increases were decided by a 5-1 vote, with Councilwoman Stephanie Hor-

ton voting against the measure.

Final reading of both measures is expected to reach the council during its Sept. 22 meeting.

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Tim Knox

Denison at Big Spring  
Forsan at Coahoma  
Reagan County at Stanton  
Grady at Meadow  
Sands at Wilson  
EP Jesus Chapel at Garden City  
Colorado City at Anson  
Midland High at Midland Lee  
Permian at San Angelo Central  
Lake View at Fort Stockton  
Baylor at Wake Forest  
New Mexico at Texas A&M  
North Dakota at Texas Tech  
Louisiana, Monroe at Texas  
Buffalo at UTEP  
Georgia at Oklahoma State  
BYU vs. Oklahoma  
Missouri vs. Illinois  
Oregon at Boise State  
South Carolina at NC State  
Nevada at Notre Dame  
Alabama at Virginia Tech  
Miami, Fla. at Florida State  
Colorado vs. Colorado State  
Cincinnati at Rutgers

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## STEERS

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Several colleges have shown interest in Taylor as well with Rice being the only one with an offer currently on the table.

However, it's unknown how much Taylor is going to be available Friday after suffering an injury in Denison's final scrimmage against Rockwall two weeks ago.

"Taylor didn't play for them last week. We saw the injury on film. It looks like he either suffered a knee injury or a high-ankle sprain," said Ritchey. "We don't know his status going into Friday, but we don't think he'll be 100 percent even if he is out on the field. He might not be the same type of runner we saw a year ago."

Denison wasn't exactly lacking in its season-opening 57-16 win over Little Elm last week. Backup Hudson Milford stepped in to take the snaps and the Yellow Jackets offense didn't miss a beat.

Milford finished the game 10-of-13 passing with three touchdowns, 176 yards and an interception. He rushed for 49 yards on five carries, averaging better than nine yards a pop.

His presence gives the Steers defense plenty to worry about.

"We thought (Taylor being out) would change our scheme a bunch until we saw the backup," noted Ritchey. "He's not as tall, but he's still a fast runner and has a stocky build. He might be a better passer than Taylor. What's impressive about Denison is their backups are maybe just a shade underneath their starters as far as talent goes."

Milford wasn't the only backup to shine in Denison's win over Little Elm. Jones only carried the ball seven times before being benched for the night. He gained 80 yards and scored twice.

Joseph Williams then came in to carry the rushing load, picking up 164 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries. In all, Denison finished the night with 369 yards rushing and 545 yards of total offense.

Even with all these gaudy stats, Denison's high ranking and the fact the Yellow Jackets won their first 12 games last season before being ousted from the playoffs by eventual state champion Sulphur Springs, Ritchey says the Steers are not going to be intimidated.

"A lot of confidence comes from last year's game," he said. "We made a long trip and might have been an extra point from winning that game. Based on our increased size and strength, while still keeping a lot of our speed, we feel we match up with Denison well."

Big Spring lost to Denison, 44-37, last year, almost making the most of the 360-mile trek it took to get to the Yellow Jackets. The Steers took advantage of early mistakes by the Yellow Jackets and jumped out to a quick 16-0 lead. The deficit was cut to 23-18 by halftime, though, and the Steers entered the fourth quarter down 24-23.

Down 37-31 and facing a fourth and nine with less than two minutes to play, quarterback Matt Ritchey threw a desperation pass to Thaddeus Straughter, who caught it for a 66-yard gain, setting the Steers up at the Denison 5. Ritchey punched it in a play later, tying the game. However,

Big Spring missed the extra point, leaving the game tied at 37 with 1:01 left on the clock.

It was more than enough time for the Yellow Jackets, who simply fed Jones. Eventually, the all-state running back broke loose around the right side for a 56-yard touchdown with 19 seconds to spare, breaking Big Spring's heart in a thrilling game.

The makeup of the Steers offense is different in 2009. Big Spring is now more of a threat throwing the ball with senior Tyler Tannehill back at quarterback.

Coach Ritchey is hopeful the Steers can expound on the success Matt Ritchey had throwing against Denison a season ago. As last year's quarterback, Ritchey threw for 187 yards and rushed for 143.

While no one on the coaching staff expects Tannehill to put up Ritchey's rushing totals, they are hopeful Tannehill can expose Denison's secondary the way Ritchey did at times.

"Tyler gives us our biggest advantage. They've seen him on film, but seeing a player in person is a different story," said Coach Ritchey. "Tyler had an average game last week. He missed some check downs and reads that he's normally going to make. He brings something new Denison is going to have to prepare for and I'm sure they have been doing so. I know they had heard of Tyler before they ever watched him on film. They have to defend the run and the pass."

"Matt had a big game passing against them last year," he added. "I think we can get to them with the passing game, especially with the game Monte (Anderson) had last week. Denison is going to have to ori-

ent their defense to stop him."

Anderson finished with 266 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries in Big Spring's 40-21 win over Snyder last week. Both the running back and Ritchey praised the efforts of an all-junior offensive line for the big night. It's a performance Ritchey says is pivotal against Denison Friday.

"The big question I have is how our offensive line responds to their defensive line," he admitted. "This is going to be the best defensive line they're going to see in the regular season. They're 10 times better than anything we saw against Snyder. Our juniors are going to have a big test."

Defensively, Snyder was able to expose an inexperienced secondary last week as the Tigers passed for 297 yards. Their biggest plays came on play action passes.

"We understand we're unexperienced in the secondary and we gave up some big plays," said Ritchey. "We learned a lot from the Snyder game film. Hopefully, Friday will be a little better. That doesn't mean we won't give up big plays, but we hope to grow up a lot in secondary."

Helping matters in the defensive backfield is the return of starting strong safety Dennis Merworth, who Ritchey says plays a pivotal role.

"Dennis is a quarterback of the defense at safety," said Ritchey. "He's a presence we need back there to keep everyone properly aligned."

Merworth sat out the season opener due to a strained calf muscle. With him returning, Big Spring can say something it never could in 2008.

"We're at 100 percent health-wise," said Ritchey with a smile. "It feels great to say that. I didn't think I'd ever get to say it."

# Wisconsin-reared Romo OK seeing Favre in purple

IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo is looking forward to seeing Brett Favre on Friday, even if No. 4 is wearing purple.

While the sight of Favre playing for the Vikings rankles many Wisconsin natives, Romo doesn't mind. The Dallas Cowboys star is for all quarterbacks, or any other athletes, hanging around as long as they can, wherever they can.

"I've gotten used to it now," Romo said Wednesday. "You see him with the Jets last year, you see him with the Vikings this year. The thing that

people don't realize is you don't just get chances to play in the National Football League because, I mean, you have to be a good player.

"He's one of the best to ever play the game. I think that sometimes people might forget how special. Not really forget, but they just think kind of, 'Oh, he's coming back, whatever.' But at the end of the day, the guy's a talented football player. There's obviously a team that wants him for that reason. It's going to be fun to go out there and play against him."

Romo probably won't get to see

Favre play, and Favre is just as unlikely to see Romo, when the Dallas Cowboys and Minnesota Vikings meet in the preseason finale Friday night.

The Cowboys have seen enough from Romo this summer to know he's ready for the regular season. Although Favre might benefit from more playing time with his new teammates, coaches probably won't risk an injury to their soon-to-be 40-year-old newcomer.

Romo will still make the trip and certainly will find time before the

game to hang out with Favre, whose best days with the Green Bay Packers came while Romo was growing up in Burlington, Wis.

Romo was in high school when Favre won three straight NFL MVP awards and led the Packers to consecutive Super Bowls. Now Romo is going into his seventh year in the NFL and Favre keeps chugging along, even if this is his third team in as many years, with heavy doses of drama and short-lived retirements

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## OUR VIEW

# Let's remember that voting is real patriotism

Are you truly patriotic? That's a question that we seem to ask our readers every year about this time. Buying and displaying patriotic symbols ... just waving the flag isn't enough. The real test to determine how patriotic we are in West Texas is to simply look at the number of people who vote.

You see, exercising one's right to go to the polls, participating in the determination as to who those that will govern us are, is probably the most patriotic thing most of us will ever do.

And there's no question in our collective mind that voting is a far greater show of patriotism than waving a flag or wearing the red, white and blue.

So, if you aren't registered, get registered.

The cutoff date to register in order to vote in the Nov. 3 election, which covers 11 proposed state constitutional amendments, several of which could have quite an effect on the Crossroads area, will be here quicker than most realize.

Howard County residents will have until the first part of October — Oct. 5 to be exact — to register to vote in the November election, but it is never a good idea to wait until the last minute.

And don't forget that the Big Spring Independent School District is holding a rollback election on Oct. 10, and the final day to register to cast a ballot in the election is Sept. 10 — exactly a week away.

If you're one of those who aren't sure about the status of their registration, find out. You can get more information by simply calling Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom at 264-2273.

"If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office," said Bloom. "They can fill out the voter registration card and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election."

"For those who can't get out, they can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process."

Bloom said the registration cards require a Texas driver's license or identification card number, or the last four digits of the prospective voter's Social Security number.

So make sure you're registered this year and then make sure you go to the polls.

It is, after all, the truly patriotic thing to do.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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# How they missed Jaycee

Since 1999, when he was placed under California parole supervision for a 1976 rape in Nevada, Philip Garrido, 58, was subject to drug testing, required to wear a GPS device and subject to twice-monthly visits by his state parole officer. In 2006, a neighbor called 9-1-1 to report that children were living in Garrido's backyard in squalor, but the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department failed to search the registered sex offender's premises.

Last month, UC Berkeley Police Officer Allison Jacobs became suspicious of Garrido, figured out that he was a registered sex offender who was accompanied by two adolescent girls, and contacted Garrido's parole officer. Jacobs told reporters that when she mentioned the girls, whom Garrido said were his daughters, the parole officer responded, "Garrido doesn't have any daughters."

Garrido and his 55-year-old wife, Nancy, have been arraigned on a total of 29 charges of rape and kidnapping in connection with the 1991 abduc-

tion of 11-year-old Jaycee Lee Dugard. They have pleaded not guilty.

Throughout the Bay Area, people are wondering how a registered sex offender under parole supervision could manage to hide Dugard, now 29 — and apparently sire two daughters, ages 11 and 15.

"We are beating ourselves up over this," Contra Costa County Sheriff Warren Rupf told reporters. He offered his "apologies to the victims" as he accepted "responsibility" for what did not happen.

Gordon Hinkle of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation told The Chronicle that Garrido essentially outfoxed parole officers by building a fence that served as "a false front" for a "secret" backyard.

The department issued a press release that noted that the parole officer's "diligent questioning and follow up ... led to Garrido revealing his kidnapping of the adult female."

Some Antioch residents — fairly or otherwise, because who would think there might be an extra backyard? — may not consider the parole department to have been particularly "diligent."

One law that did work here: Megan's Law. Neighbors have

told reporters that they went onto the California Attorney General's Megan's Law website (www.meganslaw.ca.gov) and discovered that Garrido was a registered sex offender. They knew to keep their kids away from "Creepy Phil," as he was known.

Some civil libertarians and editorialists have argued for curbs on Megan's Law. Last month, before this story broke, the Economist editorialized: "Instead of posting everything on the Internet, names could be held by the police, who would share them only with those, such as a school, that need to know." And: "The money that a repeal saves could help pay for monitoring compulsive molesters more intrusively — through ankle bracelets and the like."

Sorry, but if only experts were in charge, Garrido likely would be written off as low risk — with only a parole violation in 1993 for a crime for which he was first paroled in 1988.

The best crime-fighting tool, which allowed parents to watch out for their children and enabled Jacobs to unravel the mystery, was knowledge.

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# Texans should expect better

A new study of official state websites focusing on the federal stimulus program finds that Texas is among the states that need to improve the quality of their online reporting. Texas usually excels in online open government, so it's surprising and disappointing that we are failing on a project of this size and importance. The office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, which operates Texas' American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) website, has a national reputation as a leader in both e-government and user-friendly public information.

Yet a recent report published by the non-profit research group Good Jobs First finds that most states, including Texas, are doing a poor job in reporting details on stimulus spending on the websites they have created precisely to educate the public about the ARRA. While a few states have created websites that give the public extensive data on the way stimulus spending is spreading through the economy, most are not living up to President Obama's promise that the stimulus would be carried out with "an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability."

Good Jobs First rated each state on how good its official stimulus website is in providing data on the numerous categories of ARRA funding, on the geographic distribution of spending around the state and on specific spending projects, especially those being carried out by private contractors. On a scale of 0 to 100, the typical state scored only 25. Texas scored 15. One of the biggest areas of

deficiency is reporting on job creation — a primary objective of the stimulus. Only four states post any jobs data on their main ARRA website. Fewer than half the states provide details on specific stimulus projects, such as a highway upgrade or a school renovation, and the contractors hired to do the work.

The states with the best ARRA websites are Maryland, Colorado, Washington, West Virginia and New York. Texas came in toward the bottom, tied for 34th place.

There are some simple steps that Texas and other states can take to make their ARRA websites more effective:

- Put a summary of key information about ARRA spending at the top of the home page of the site. A clear bar graph, pie chart or table showing the main spending flows goes a long way in helping the user begin to see what the Recovery Act is all about. There should be clear links to pages with details about the various specific programs.
- Provide a map or a table showing how overall ARRA spending and the amounts in key categories are being distributed around the state.
- Along with information on spending streams, provide information on individual projects being funded by those programs, such as a particular transit improvement or weatherization effort. Where possible, display the location of the projects on maps — preferably interactive displays that allow one to drill down for details.
- For projects carried out by private contractors, be open about the contract award process and the identity of the companies that win bidding competitions. Post the bids and the details, including the full text, of the contract awarded to the winner.
- While the federal government's Council of Economic

Advisers is responsible for estimating the overall employment impacts of ARRA and the federal Recovery.gov website will report jobs data on some (but not all) individual projects, state ARRA sites should also include employment data in their project reporting.

• State ARRA sites should make it clear when individual projects began work (or are expected to start), how long they are expected to run and what percentage was complete as of the latest reporting date.

• States should make their ARRA websites as user-friendly as possible. This means keeping all or most of the program and project information on the main site, rather than requiring users to engage in an online scavenger hunt across agency web pages. Sites should have standard web features such as a search engine and a site map.

• ARRA sites should provide readily accessible information about the ways that individuals, organizations and businesses can apply for stimulus grants and contracts. This should include contact information and selection criteria.

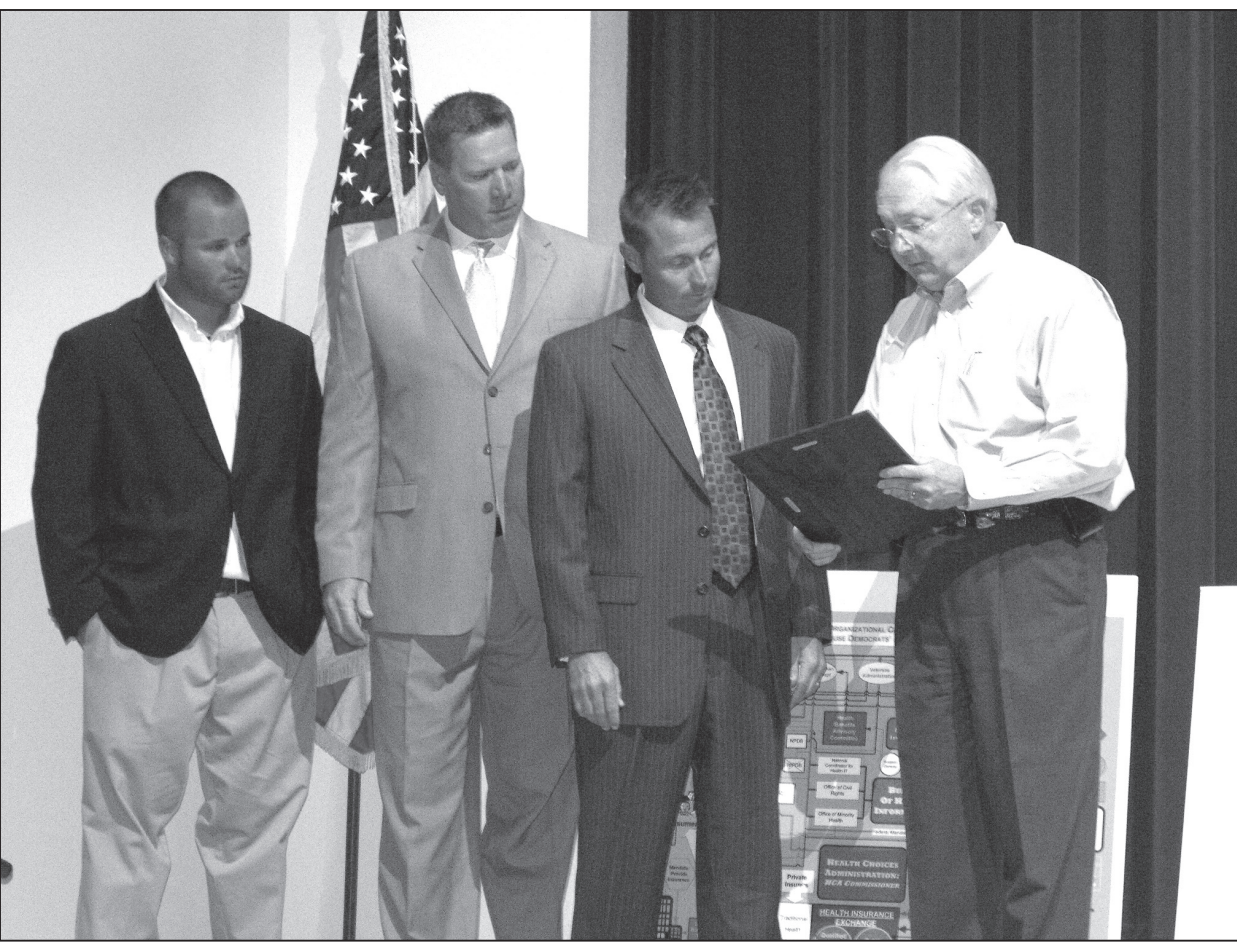
Most of these recommendations are simply matters of good web design and best practices in government transparency. Yet the use of ARRA websites to inform the public can play a larger role. Showing what government is doing to address the recession can bolster public confidence in the economy and hasten the process of recovery.

Bee Moorhead is executive director of the interfaith advocacy network Texas Impact and a former senior fiscal policy analyst with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The Good Jobs First report and an appendix can be found online at [www.goodjobsfirst.org/stimulusweb.cfm](http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/stimulusweb.cfm)

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BEE MOORHEAD



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**U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer (right) presents Howard College baseball coaches (from left) J-Bob Thomas, Jack Giese and Britt Smith with a plaque to commemorate their national championship season. The Hawks went 63-1, winning their first 57 games of the 2008 season, which set an all-time collegiate record.**

# Rangers gain ground with 6-4 win over Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Elvis left the yard after Josh Hamilton left the game.

Hours after the playoff-chasing Rangers learned injured third baseman Michael Young will be out at least two weeks, and an inning after slugger Hamilton came out because of a sore lower back, rookie Elvis Andrus hit a go-ahead two-run homer that pushed Texas to a 6-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night.

After losing two All-Star players, the victory on the field got Texas within 3½ games of the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels and 2½ games of wild-card leader Boston after both lost. It is the closest the Rangers have been in the division since Aug. 9.

Even without Young and maybe Hamilton.

Young strained his left hamstring running out a

grounder Tuesday night in the second game of a doubleheader sweep, the same game Hamilton hit two homers to break a span of 99 at-bats over 23 games without going deep.

But Hamilton, whose back has bothered him since playing on the turf in Minnesota last weekend, left after he had a leadoff double in the fourth, sliding headfirst into second and then scoring on a single by Nelson Cruz to get Texas within 3-2.

Texas has a day off before playing in Baltimore on Friday night.

Andrus, the 21-year-old shortstop moved from ninth to second in the order with Young out, hit his sixth homer to make it 4-3 in the fifth. Andrus flipped his bat away as soon as he hit the ball, and fellow rookie Julio Borbon looked back laughing while trotting around the bases.

# Vondrell McGee battles back to be No. 1 RB for No. 2 Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) — Vondrell McGee was the starting tailback for Texas when the 2008 season began. Four months later, he watched the entire Fiesta Bowl from the bench.

Undaunted, the junior has come back this season a better runner, a better blocker and — with the help of a training camp injury to Fozzy Whittaker — has reclaimed his starting job for the No. 2 Longhorns' season opener against Louisiana-

Monroe on Saturday night.

"(The Fiesta Bowl) hurt a lot," McGee said. "But it gave me motivation to step my game up."

That said, even McGee seems unsure just how long this starting role will last.

"I'm just the person who's going to start the (first) game. That's about it. We've got a lot of backs," McGee said.

A lot of backs but until now no clear No. 1. McGee

could change that.

"If Vondrell makes yards, he'll get a bunch of (carries)," coach Mack Brown said.

Texas has planned to spread the carries among McGee, Whittaker and Cody Johnson. McGee popped into the starting role with a strong training camp and a minor injury to Whittaker that limited him in practice. But Whittaker is expected to be available to play Saturday night.

## AREA

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### Reagan County (0-1) at Stanton (0-1)

STANTON — Stanton's Buffaloes are aching to get back on the field after suffering a tough loss to Grape Creek last week.

The Buffs had just tied the game at 19, when Grape Creek's Kelton Gauvain returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a game-winning touch-

down with just three seconds left to play.

Hoping to erase the thought of the 25-19 heartbreaker, the Buffs retake the field at Buffalo Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, playing host to Reagan County.

The Owls didn't have the fortune of even contending for a heartbreak in their opener, losing handily to Colorado City, 29-0.

Quarterback Tyler Fulton shined in the Buffs' loss to Grape Creek, rushing for 110 yards and a score, while also passing for 76 yards and another touchdown. Joe Ramos kicked two

field goals — 27 and 43 yards, respectively — and caught Fulton's touchdown pass.

Last season, the Owls shut down the Buffs offense on their way to a 21-6 victory. Reagan County scored 12 unanswered points within 27 seconds to pull out the 15-point victory.

### Sands (1-0) at Wilson (1-0)

ACKERLY — The Sands Mustangs are hopeful the 2009 season starts in a similar fashion to how 2008 began.

The Mustangs were fresh off a rout of Hermleigh as they headed into the second game of the season last year. They promptly routed Wilson, making use of the 45-point mercy rule in a 47-0 victory.

The table is set for a parallel outcome in 2009. Sands defeated Hermleigh 56-20 to open the season and now goes on the road to take on what seems to be an overmatched squad from Wilson at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"Wilson doesn't have a lot of depth and they didn't turn out a lot of kids for the football team this year," said Sands Head Coach Wayne Henderson. "They don't have much depth at all and it gives us a definite advantage."

The Mustangs rode the legs of Johnny Rogers and Daniel

Armendariz to victory against Hermleigh. The duo combined for 255 yards rushing.

"Outside of those two guys, we're really a young team and it was really a matter of us figuring out what Hermleigh was doing defensively then adjusting to it. We started sealing our blocks better and the lanes opened up for Johnny and Daniel," said Henderson. "That's going to be key for us throughout the season."

### El Paso Jesus Chapel (0-1) at Garden City (0-1)

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearkats will be recognizing their seniors before Friday night's game, which is slotted for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Those seniors would like nothing more than to coast to their first win of the season.

The Bearkats host El Paso Jesus Chapel in their first home game of the season after losing to No. 6 Throckmorton Saturday, 74-46.

Jesus Chapel is coming off a 52-6 loss to Fort Hancock.

Last season, the Bearkats dominated the private school squad from El Paso, 54-0. The game was called at halftime courtesy of the 45-point mercy rule. Garden City outgained Jesus Chapel 245-6 in total yardage.

# Gospel Meeting



## Birdwell Lane Church Of Christ Come Listen To Guy Orbison, Jr.

The theme will be: **"Nothing But The Truth"**

### September 13

9 A.M. Bible Class

**TRUTH: The Love of it**  
(we'll talk about the fact that some do not care for truth)

10 A.M. Sermon

**TRUTH: The Reality of it**  
(this will discuss the idea of the existence of absolute truth)

5 P.M. Sermon

**TRUTH: The Importance of it**  
(we'll discuss the difference between truth, opinion & error)

### September 14

7 P.M. Sermon

**TRUTH: The Possession of it**  
(this will be about interpreting Scripture)

### September 15

7 P.M. Sermon

**TRUTH: The Cost of it**  
(this will center on the need to be genuine truth seekers)

### September 16

7 P.M. Sermon

**TRUTH: The Grasp of it**  
(this will show how people gradually let go of truth)

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## ROMO

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surrounding every change of address.

Has it tarnished Favre's legacy? Not to Romo.

"Shoot, history tells us plenty of people have done it," Romo said. "Everybody remembers your (best) moments. Is Michael Jordan not Michael Jordan because of Washington? He came back, he was still a good player, very productive, but you hold such a standard — can you ever reach the level you were at in your prime? I don't know. That's why they all come back, to try and do that."

Romo's swashbuckling style certainly is reminiscent of a young Favre, from the scrambles and clutch plays to the groan-worthy mistakes made while trying to do the impossible.

This season, though, Romo is working to break that habit, trying to convince himself that a sack is better than a turnover, that an incompleteness is better than an interception. He spent the offseason working on a new mindset and on doing other fundamentally sound things like keeping two hands on the ball when he's on the run.

The early results this preseason were promising. Then an ugly interception in the last game was a reminder that he's still trying to learn which risks are worth taking. The first sign

of progress was admitting that he made a mistake.

"I think every quarterback in the league should be looking at themselves from that same perspective and trying to figure out a way to minimize mistakes and turnovers," Romo said. "Believe me, there's not one quarterback in the league who hasn't done something, turnover-wise, that they can get away with saying, 'Oh, I'll never do that again.' Everyone has things that they're going to work on to try to improve upon."

He knows more mistakes will happen, but he expects there will be fewer than last season, when he had at least one interception or lost fumble in 12 of 13 games. He had a total of 20 interceptions and seven lost fumbles.

"You just have to understand what went through your mind and why you're doing certain things and what can you make and turn into something that can be second-nature to you instead of having to think. That's where practice comes into play," Romo said. "Same with a golf swing. Tiger Woods changed his golf swing. It's not going to be as natural in the beginning, but eventually it turns natural, then you get all your feel and everything back. ..."

"I'm happy with the way the progression is taking shape. I still have a long way to go."

Maybe Romo will get things smoothed out that teams will still want him to play when he's 39.

"Um, I don't know," Romo said. "I'm just trying to get better this year."



# Detecting ovarian cancer

Ovarian cancer is the fifth most common type of cancer in women. Each year, more than 25,000 women are diagnosed in America and about 16,000 will die of the disease in 2005.

The fatality rate in ovarian cancer cases is high because the symptoms of the disease mirror those of other relatively minor conditions such as digestive disorders, and often ovarian cancer isn't detected until it has spread into tissues and organs beyond the ovaries. Therefore, early detection is important in fighting the disease to prolong women's lives.

Ovaries play an important role in the reproductive system of women. The two almond-sized ovaries, located on each side of the uterus, are responsible for producing eggs as well as the female sex hormones estrogen and progesterone. Ovarian cancer develops when cancerous cells grow and produce tumors in one or both ova-

ries. However, the cause of the cancerous growth is unknown.

Several risk factors have been identified in connection with ovarian cancer. The most significant risk factor is having an inherited genetic



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mutation in one of two genes called breast cancer gene 1 (BRCA 1) and breast cancer gene 2 (BRCA 2). These mutated genes were originally identified in families with multiple breast cancer cases. However, studies have shown they are also responsible for about five to 10 percent of ovarian cancer cases.

Family history is another risk. If an individual have any immediate relatives (mother, daughter or sister) with ovarian cancer, the risk of developing the disease is five percent during the course of the woman's lifetime. Contacting a physician is strongly recommended if you have a family history of the disease.

Age is also a risk factor, as the disease is more common

in post-menopausal women. The risk of ovarian cancer also increases with age through a woman's late 70's.

Infertility has also been linked to ovarian cancer. Studies have shown that women who have had problems conceiving may be at an increased risk. Other minor risk factors do exist and you should consult with a physician to learn more about them.

Most symptoms of ovarian cancer are similar to less serious conditions. However, recent studies indicate that a few symptoms are more likely to appear in women with ovarian cancer than other conditions. These symptoms include:

- Abdominal pressure, fullness, swelling or bloating;
- Consistent urge to urinate and
- Pelvic discomfort or pain.

Additional common symptoms that are not exclusive to ovarian cancer cases, include:

- Consistent nausea or indigestion;
- Unexplained changes in bowel habits;
- Loss of appetite;
- Unexplained weight loss or gain;
- A continual lack of energy;
- Lower back pain and

## Teal Toes event tonight

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. You can learn more about this "silent" killer at the September Healthy Woman event, "Teal Toes," to be held tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the fourth floor activity rooms at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Carylton Frerich, PA-C, will be the featured speaker and guests are invited to participate by having their toenails painted teal, the ovarian cancer awareness color, by a nail artist at the event.

This event, made possible with the generous support of Caring Hearts Home Health, is open to women of all ages and refreshments will be provided. While there is no charge to attend, seating is limited to 50 guests so reservations are a must.

For more details or to RSVP, log on to [www.smmccares.com](http://www.smmccares.com) or call Kim Howell at 268-4842 or Anita Cline 268-4721.

# Healthy Woman

Pain during intercourse. If you have experienced several of the risk factors and symptoms listed, or want to learn more about the disease, talk with your primary care physician or gynecologist.

A graduate of Texas Tech's

Health Sciences Center, Carylton Frerich, a certified physician assistant, uses her considerable talents with both the SMMC Surgical department and with the OB/Gyn clinic at Family Medical Center. Call 264-7180 to schedule an appointment with Carylton today.

## Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Our oldest son married a beautiful woman from another culture, who then became pregnant with our only grandson, "Seth."

We were warned that "Zelda" was a gold digger who would leave our son after having the baby and live on the child support. Apparently Zelda's older sister had done this a few years earlier.

True to form, Zelda left when Seth was a toddler, and they eventually divorced. Zelda's plans were upset, however, because our son managed to get joint custody. Now Zelda has become increasingly hateful and manipulative.

She rarely attends counseling sessions and has initiated numerous legal procedures, always losing her demands for more money and full custody.

I worry that Zelda's behavior is harmful to Seth, now 7. She tells him to keep secrets from his dad, refuses to let Dad talk to him on the phone and won't discuss our grandson's medical appointments and camp openings with his father.

My husband and I do not live in the same state, but we visit often and take Seth on trips whenever we can arrange it.

But we find ourselves questioning Zelda's sanity when we read some of the vicious e-mails she sends him (she copies us along with our son's lawyer), threatening legal repercussions if he phones her or addresses her by her first name. (He has to call her "Ms. Smith.")

We never speak to

Zelda. She appears to have the mistaken impression that I'm on her side, but of course, I find her behavior reprehensible.

She lost her last job and does not work. She openly sleeps with a man who refuses to tell our son his name.

When she stays at her boyfriend's house, Seth sleeps in the bed with them. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. — *Trying Not To Judge*

Dear Judge: If Seth is sleeping in the same bed as his mother and a boyfriend, your son may have grounds to ask for full custody, and he should discuss it with his lawyer immediately.

Then be a source of support for your son, give your grandson as much love and stability as you can, and encourage his father to promote the strength of character Seth will need to grow up emotionally healthy.

Dear Annie: My son and his girlfriend are holding their wedding at my home, which is 2,000 miles away from where they live. The costs for out-of-town guests who wish to attend will be substantial.

My future daughter-in-law mentioned that her maid of honor would be contacting me about

a shower.

I was initially enthusiastic, but upon reflection, thought this might add a greater burden on those planning to attend the wedding.

Is it appropriate to hold a shower when it is a destination wedding? I feel a little embarrassed to send invitations to my family members. — *Deborah*

Dear Deborah: If the shower takes place where your son lives, it actually provides an opportunity for guests who are unable to attend the wedding to celebrate with the bride-to-be.

Either way, only local guests should be invited, with the exception of the mothers and grandmothers of the bride and groom. Those who find it excessive can decline.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Not

Family Yet," whose fiance's

Grandpa molested his mom and sister and the family has kept the secret under wraps. Covering up to avoid social embarrassment is like hiding evidence of a crime.

She needs to tell her fiance that she cannot marry into a family that would conspire to commit a crime against children, and that the family members need to seek help for Grandpa and inform the sister-in-law, or she will have no choice but to break off the engagement and call the authorities.

I know from personal experience the lifelong effect childhood sexual abuse causes. — *Been There*

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# sudoku

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.

9				6				1	
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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Pressure Principle

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ Q J 7 3  
♥ 8 2  
♦ A Q J 9 4  
♣ K 8

WEST EAST  
♠ K 10 6 5 2 ♠ A 9 8 4  
♥ 4 ♥ Q J 6 3  
♦ K 8 3 ♦ 10 7  
♣ 10 9 7 2 ♣ A Q 6 5

SOUTH  
♠ A  
♥ A K 10 9 7 5  
♦ 6 5 2  
♣ J 4 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♣	Pass	3♥	Pass

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

There is nothing wrong with a player employing deceptive tactics or strategy. This goes for the defenders as well as declarer, all of whom may try to convince the opposition that a situation exists that actually doesn't.

Consider today's deal where East won the first two tricks with the Q-A of clubs and had to decide what to do next. Although a spade shift seemed the most natural play, East chose instead to return the ten of diamonds

into dummy's strong suit. The purpose of this unusual play was to try to persuade declarer that the diamond ten was a singleton. East was hoping that this would divert South from the winning line of play.

To appreciate the effect this had on declarer, put yourself in South's shoes at this point. After taking the ten of diamonds with dummy's jack, how would you continue?

Normally, you would try to protect yourself against a 4-1 heart division by means of a safety play. The standard procedure would be to cash one top trump and, if no honor fell, cross to dummy and lead a heart to the nine, thus limiting yourself to one trump loser if East started with the Q-J-x-x.

But in the actual case, after leading a heart to the ace at trick four, declarer was afraid to try to return to dummy with a diamond for fear West would ruff. So he simply cashed the heart king next, hoping for a 3-2 trump division, and that was the end of that.

Observe that if East had made the more normal return of a spade at trick three, declarer could hardly have gone wrong. After taking the ace, he would have cashed a high trump, tried the diamond finesse and then played a heart to his nine to bring in the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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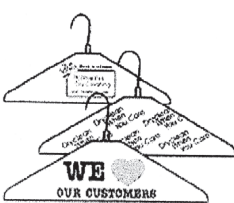
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## Gunmen kill 17 people at drug rehab center in Juarez

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Gunmen broke into a drug rehabilitation center and shot 17 people to death in a northern Mexican border city, an official said.

The attackers on Wednesday broke down the door of El Aliviane center in Ciudad Juarez, lined up their victims against a wall and opened fire, said Arturo Sandoval, a spokesman for the regional prosecutors' office. At least five people were injured.

Authorities had no immediate suspects or information on the victims. Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, is Mexico's most violent city, with at least 1,400 people killed this year alone.

Most of the homicides are tied to drug gang violence, which has taken a heavy toll across Mexico. Earlier the same day, gunmen ambushed and killed a senior security official in

the home state of President Felipe Calderon.

Dozens of sobbing relatives rushed to the rehabilitation center to find out if their loved ones were among the dead. Soldiers and federal agents patrolled the streets surrounding the center in the Bellavista neighborhood.

## Jimena weakens to tropical storm as it plows over Mexico's Baja California

LOS CABOS, Mexico (AP) — Tropical Storm Jimena was moving north along the east coast of Mexico's Baja California early Thursday, a day after hitting the peninsula as a hurricane that ripped off roofs and toppled power poles.

Jimena, which also skirted the peninsula's main resorts, weakened to a tropical storm later in the day Wednesday.

The once-massive Category 4 hurricane brought welcome rainfall to a drought-stricken state after making landfall Wednesday afternoon between Puerto San Andresito and San Jaunico, a sparsely populated area of fishing villages on the Pacific coast of the peninsula.

Wind gusts and heavy rains blew down dozens of trees and lamp posts in Loreto, the nearest significant resort town to the area where Jimena made landfall, according to Humberto Carmona, a city official manning an emergency response center. Loreto lies roughly on the other side of the narrow peninsula from where Jimena made landfall.

Officials said similar damage occurred in the small farming city of Ciudad Constitucion, where some residents said they had to flee their houses in the pre-dawn darkness after their roofs were blown off.

## Strong Indonesian earthquake kills 57, leaves dozens missing

CIKANGKARENG, Indonesia (AP) — Rescuers dug through rocks and debris with their bare hands Thursday in search of dozens of villagers believed buried in a landslide triggered by a strong Indonesian earthquake that killed at least 57 people and damaged thousands of buildings.

At least 110 people were hospitalized with injuries from the 7.0 magnitude quake just off the coast of densely populated Java island, Disaster Management Agency spokesman Priyadi Kardono said, adding 10 were in critical condition.

The earthquake Wednesday afternoon caused destruction across West Java province, where more than 18,300 homes and offices were listed as damaged, about 9,000 seriously, Kardono said. At least 5,300 people were forced into temporary shelters.

Some rural areas could not be reached by telephone and there may be more victims and damage, officials said.

Many of the deaths and injuries were caused by falling debris or collapsed structures.

## Crews gain ground on wildfire near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All residents forced to flee from a menacing wildfire have been allowed to return to survey the damage as crews took advantage of a break in the weather to strengthen their lines around the massive blaze north of Los Angeles.

"It's like, is this really our house? Is it really still here?" T.J. Lynch said about returning to his home in the Tujunga neighborhood late Wednesday. "Because we had made peace with the fact that we'd never see our stuff again."

"It looks like nothing changed, but when the sun comes up tomorrow, I expect we'll see the hills blackened and gray," the screenwriter said. "We'll hike up the hill and see how close it came to our neighbors."

Higher humidity levels allowed firefighters to set controlled burns and remove brush with bulldozers through the night to further surround the fire. Containment increased from

22 to 28 percent Wednesday.

Officials said they were pleased with the progress, but said they have much more work ahead as the forecast called for hot and dry weather in the next couple days.

Since the flames erupted beside a remote mountain highway on Aug. 26, the Station Fire has ravaged nearly 219 square miles, or 140,150 acres, of the Angeles National Forest. The blaze destroyed 64 homes, killed two firefighters and forced thousands to evacuate.

## Obama aims to take control of health care debate in address to joint session of Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aside from State of the Union speeches, presidents rarely use joint sessions of Congress as backdrops for their remarks to the nation.

But President Barack Obama will do just that next week to discuss health care. He hopes to gain control of a high-stakes debate that has been slipping from his grasp under relentless Republican-led attacks.

Scheduling of the speech for Wednesday, just a day after lawmakers return from their August recess, underscores the determination of the White House to confront critics of Obama's overhaul proposals and to buck up supporters who have been thrown on the defensive. Allies have been urging the president to be more specific about his plans and to take a greater role in the debate, and aides have signaled he will do that in the address to a joint session of Congress in the House chamber.

The speech's timing also suggests that top Democrats have all but given up hope for a bipartisan breakthrough by Senate Finance Committee negotiators.

The White House had given those six lawmakers until Sept. 15 to draft a plan, but next week's speech comes well ahead of that deadline.

It follows an August recess in which critics of Obama's health proposals dominated many public forums. Approval ratings for Obama, and for his health care proposals, dropped during the month.

## Economy flashing more signals that recovery is beginning but worries remain over durability

WASHINGTON (AP) — Productivity and factory orders are up as the economy continues to flash signals that the longest recession since World War II is coming to an end. However, worries remain about how durable the rebound will be given lingering problems in the labor market.

Many economists are looking for the overall economy, which has been shrinking for a year, to begin growing again in the current July-September period.

But the problem is that unemployment is expected to keep rising even as the nation's gross domestic product returns to positive territory.

The concern is that if businesses don't switch in coming months to rehiring workers who have been laid off, consumers won't have the ability or confidence to boost spending.

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## Jackson's family to lay him to rest in private funeral

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On Wednesday, a judge said Jackson's estate will bear the funeral costs, which were characterized by an attorney as "extraordinary." It was disclosed in court that 12 burial spaces were being purchased at Forest Lawn Glendale, about eight miles north of downtown Los Angeles, but no details were offered on how they would be used.

Jackson will rest in the cemetery's Great Mausoleum with Hollywood stars including Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and W.C. Fields.

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**NOTICE OF POTENTIAL DISTRIBUTION AND CLAIMS BAR**  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,  
v.  
MADISON REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC,  
a Wyoming limited liability company,  
RICHARD AMES HIGGINS, BRANDON S. HIGGINS, and ALLAN D. CHRISTENSEN, Defendants.  
Case No.: 2:08cv00243  
Judge  
Clark Waddoups  
United States District Court,  
District of Utah,  
Central Division

On March 28, 2008, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Utah (District Court) against the Madison Real Estate Group, LLC. ("Madison"), Richard Ames Higgins ("Higgins"), Brandon S. Higgins ("Brandon") and Allan D. Christensen ("Christensen") alleging, among other things, fraud in connection with the sale or purchase of securities. The District Court appointed Roger J. McConkie as the Receiver (the "Receiver") of Madison and of all affiliated limited partnerships, properties, and/or other business entities. The Receiver was tasked with taking control of and marshaling the assets of Madison and its entities (hereafter the "Receivership Estate") for eventual distribution to defrauded investors and creditors. The Receiver now anticipates that some funds may become available for distribution.

If you believe that you are an investor, and/or creditor of Madison or any of the following entities or properties or have provided materials and/or services to them for which you have not been paid, you are hereby notified and instructed to prepare and send a "Madison Claim Form and Questionnaire" to the Receiver Roger J. McConkie, Prince Yeates & Geldzahler, 175 East 400 South, No. 900, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111, postmarked on or before October 27, 2009. For those who have already submitted information and materials to the Receiver, you also have the option of simply affirming under penalty of perjury your previous submission using a "Madison Affirmation of Prior Submission of Claim." Claims not submitted and/or affirmed in

writing, and postmarked on or before October 27, 2009, will be barred. You may obtain a copy of the Claim Form or Affirmation and additional information regarding the Receivership at <http://madisonreceivership.com>.

All Claim Forms and any supporting documentation, and/or Affirmations must be submitted under penalty of perjury.  
The Madison entities and properties are as follows:

**Entities**

- Oklahoma Overlake LP
- Texas Lubbock Square LP
- Westgate San Angelo LP
- Lubbock Preserve at Prairie Pt. LP
- Oklahoma Sunnyview LP
- San Angelo Casa Rio LP
- Baytown Crosby Green LP
- Town Plaza Lubbock LP
- San Angelo Greystone LP
- Wellington Texas LP
- Oklahoma Oakridge Village LP
- Lubbock Riviera LP
- Coronado Hills Big Spring LP
- Abilene Meridian LP
- Lubbock Treehouse LP
- Lubbock Aspen Village LP
- Gallatin Group LC
- Castlerock Investments, LLC
- Qwest Management LLC

**Properties**

- Overlake Apartments (Oklahoma City)
  - Lubbock Square Apartments (Lubbock)
  - Westgate Villa Apartments (San Angelo)
  - Preserve at Prairie Point (Lubbock)
  - Sunnyview Apartments (Oklahoma City)
  - Casa Rio Apartments (San Angelo)
  - Crosby Green Apartments (Baytown)
  - Town Plaza Apartments (Lubbock)
  - Greystone Apartments (San Angelo)
  - The Wellington Apartments (Lubbock)
  - Oakridge Village Apartments (Oklahoma City)
  - The Riviera Apartments (Lubbock)
  - Coronado Hills Apartments (Big Springs)
  - Meridian Apartments (Abilene)
  - Treehouse Apartments (Lubbock)
  - Aspen Village Apartments (Lubbock)
- #6240 August 27, and September 3 & 10, 2009

This is the optimal moment to make plans. You'll be especially lucky with the ones that involve just you and your own daily habits and attitudes. The square between Mercury and Mars cautions against talking too much, reminding us that



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

loose lips sink ships. It's too easy to reveal secrets or accidentally offend. Stay mum and stay happy.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You can't finish absolutely everything you start. Some projects are meant to be abandoned midway. You learned from the experience, and that was the whole point. You can move on with your head held high.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Some say that love is the opposite of fear. However, it would be unwise to embrace an attacking bear. Sometimes the best way to love the "monster" is to respect it from a great distance without getting involved.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Following the route that makes the most sense will not lead to a very interesting place. Creative choices will be radical ones. Align yourself with the wild at heart, which may include: Sagittarius, Aquarius and Pisces.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You like to be sold on an idea, though not through the hard-sell techniques that some will try on you today. You prefer the deal in question to be so irresistibly juicy that you can't help but give in to it. Wait until such an offer appears.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There are times to pursue great things and big plans, and there are times to savor moments so small, if you were to blink they would be gone. Today you'll find the force of love in incremental passages.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Many agreeable notions will be presented. It feels wonderful to say yes often. You'll pack more into this day than most people do in an entire week, and it won't even take much effort.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You might fall into a momentary bout of insecurity, but don't stay there. You are special and you are loved. The evidence comes in many forms now, but you first have to believe the truth of the statement to see the proof.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You love what is sacred and also what is ordinary. You could interchange the two today as you realize the only thing that makes something sacred or ordinary is the quality of attention you give to it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are chosen for competition, though it was not your intention. This is an honor — an indication that others see you as a worthy opponent. You do not have to compete, but do acknowledge the invitation.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Small talk is important. Friendliness is the basis for so much good to come. And yet, as far as niceties go, you might be feeling temporarily tapped out. Take a social rest to rejuvenate.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Once you learn the finer points of a topic, you can't very well unlearn them. You get a taste of the so-called "good life," and it's dangerously delightful. Now there's no going back.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your work or a favorite hobby is endlessly fascinating to others. You'll field interesting questions on the topic. Answering them could enlighten both you and the person who asked.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 3). You are unique. To live in the manner that suits you best, you create your own special world. Your imaginative approach to daily life will breed huge personal success. Love fills your fall. The warmth and acceptance of a group of friends feels wonderful. There's a windfall in February. Cancer and Aries people adore you. Lucky numbers are: 30, 22, 15, 4 and 27.

**YOUR MOON SIGN:** (part four) To discover your moon sign, simply consult an astrology book or key "moon sign" into the search engine on a computer.

Virgo moon people are happiest when productive. This moon is a symbol of growth and

harvest, so they like to see the fruits of their labor ripen. They are typically generous with help and advice, but won't enable others to be lazy. These people love to solve problems in a way that keeps them solved. Quick fixes, shortcuts and cheating are not allowed.

Those born under a Libra moon are emotionally fulfilled when they operate in an equal partnership. Libra moon folks gravitate to situations where they can collaborate and contribute to a common good. It's a wonderful feeling for a Libran moon person to see their team succeed or be part of a winning project. Naturally selfless, they are often surprised when others recognize and celebrate their individual merits.

Scorpio moon individuals have a sultry and vivacious side. Desire runs deep for them, and their compelling choices have a sense of passionate urgency that makes them overwhelmingly attractive.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Charlie Sheen is enjoying success playing a version of himself on the hit television series "Two and a Half Men." He may be a down-to-earth Virgo, but Sheen's Mercury in Leo nudges him toward the spotlight. His Venus in Libra, the sign of relationships, is constantly at war with Mars in bad-boy Scorpio. Sheen likely has an idealized view of relationships that often doesn't wind up fitting into real life.

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HOWARD COUNTY- PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 152.013, the Commissioners Court must publish the salary, expenses and other allowances of elected positions proposed to be increased and the amount of the increases.

County Judge	Fiscal 09	Proposed Increase
Longevity		\$270
Travel	\$4,000	\$1,000
Commissioner Pct 1		
Longevity	\$1,800	\$120
Commissioner Pct 2		
Longevity	\$1,680	\$120
Commissioner Pct 4		
Longevity	\$1,200	\$120
County Clerk		
Salary	\$43,634	\$3,000
Longevity	\$3,840	\$120
Travel	\$2,250	\$250
District Clerk		
Salary	\$43,634	\$3,000
Longevity	\$3,360	\$120
Tax Assessor-Collector		
Salary	\$43,634	\$3,000
Longevity	\$3,600	\$120
Sheriff		
Salary	\$44,163	\$5,000
Treasurer		
Salary	\$43,634	\$3,000
Longevity	\$3,600	\$120
JP 1-1		
Longevity	\$3,120	\$120
Travel	\$2,500	\$250
JP 1-2		
Longevity	\$1,080	\$120
JP 2		
Longevity	\$1,200	\$120

The above represents increases in salary, longevity and travel. It does not include increases in benefits associated with salary and longevity increases, or any increase in various office supplies and printing line items.

This information is available in the proposed budget; contact Jackie Olson at 432/264-2210, Room 202, Courthouse, Big Spring, TX.

**A budget hearing will be conducted September 14, 2009, at 10:00 in the Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse 2nd Floor, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, TX. Any taxpayer may attend and participate in the hearing.**

Signed: Jackie Olson, Auditor  
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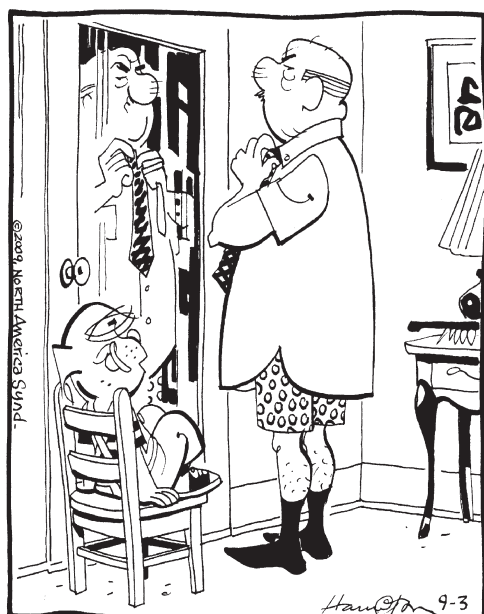
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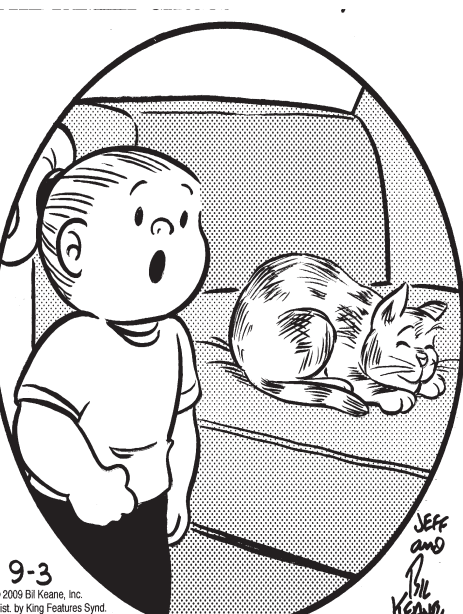
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5 :PM	News ABC	News ABC	Locura	Lopez	News CBS	Noticias	News NBC	Raymond	Granger	BBC	Cash Cab	gate, Jaye Davidson	CSI: Crime Scn	Bones	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Phineas	Scoreboard	SportsCenter
6 :PM	News ABC	Jeopardy!	Gancho	Lopez	News CBS	Noticias	News NBC	Friends	Brad	Business	Cash Cab		CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: NY		Wizards	Tennis: U.S. Open, Early Round.	College Football: South Carolina at North Carolina State.
7 :PM	Entertain	Fortune	Two Men	Entertain	Big Brother 11	Más Sabe el Diabolo	30 Rock	Friends	Upd Sprma	Texas	American Loggers	Movie: Young Frankenstein, Cloris Leachman	UFC Un-leashed	CSI: NY	Movie: Half Past Dead, Ja Rule	Movie: Ice Princess		
8 :PM	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Mañana es	Fringe	CSI: Crime Scn	Pobres	Office 30 Rock	Movie: The Flinger, Katherine Heigl	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	American Loggers		TNA Wrestling	Bones				
9 :PM	(:02) Private Practice	(:02) Private Practice	Frosa	TMZ	(:01) The Mentalist	Victorinos	Raymond			Great Lodges-	Vermintors			Movie: The Pursuit of Happiness	Game Game	Wizards		(:15) College Football: Oregon at Boise State.
10 :PM	News ABC	News ABC	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Sex & Sex	Upd	Charlie Rose	American Loggers	Movie: History of the World: Part I	Surviving Disaster	W. Williams	Suite Life So Raven	SportsCenter		
11 :PM	Nightline	Nightline	Noticiero	King-Hill	Late Show	Titulares	Late Show	Sex & Sex	Van Impe	Bill Cloud	BBC	American Loggers	MAN	Movie: Half Past Dead, Ja Rule	Life De	Baseball		
12 :AM	Insider	Jimmy Kimmel Live	La Escuelita VIP	Law Order: CI	Late Late Show	Decisiones de Famosos	Late Night-Jim	News	Swallow Upd	Smiley	(Off Air)	Vermintors	Movie: Be Cool, Vince Vaughn	Ways Die Ways Die	Replace	NASCAR	(12:15)	
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"Are ALL cats good at takin' naps?"

HAGAR

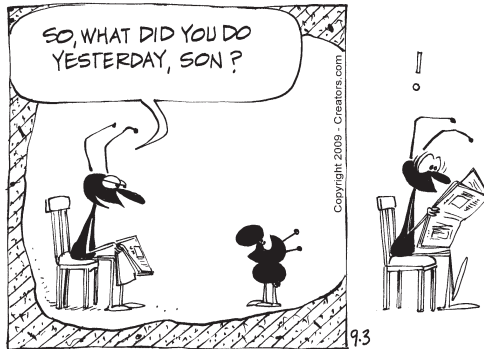


WHEN HAGAR RETURNS FROM HIS VICTORIOUS RAID ON ENGLAND HE PROMISED TO BRING ME A GORGEOUS WINK COAT!



HOW ABOUT A SIMPLE CLOTH COAT INSTEAD ?!!

BC

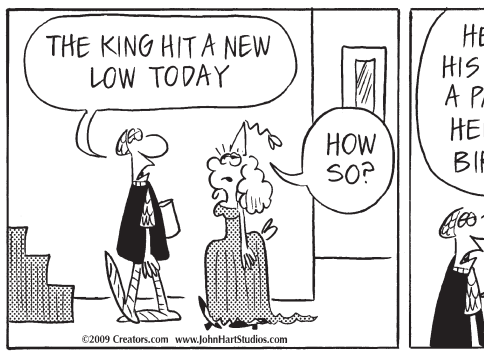


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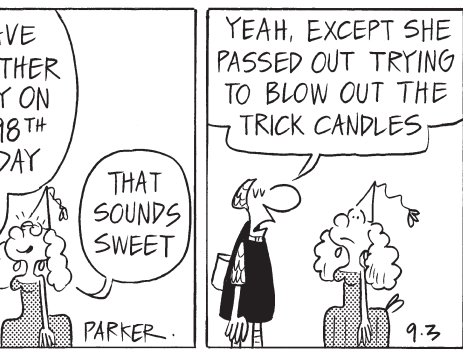


I'LL BE IN MY ROOM FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

WIZARD OF ID



THE KING HIT A NEW LOW TODAY

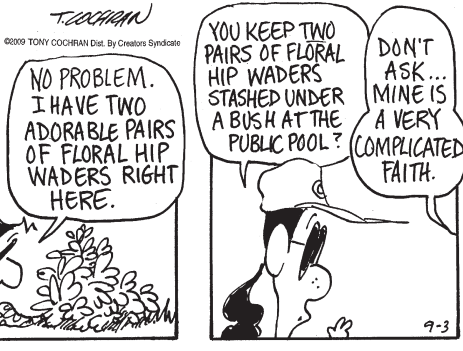


HE GAVE HIS MOTHER A PARTY ON HER 98TH BIRTHDAY

AGNES

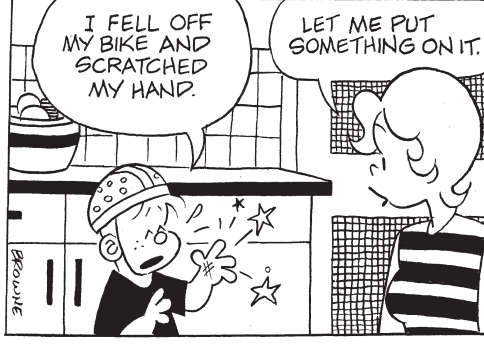


I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, AND WE'RE ALREADY AWOL !!

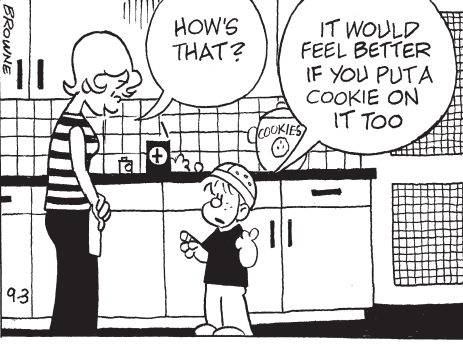


YOU KEEP TWO PAIRS OF FLORAL HIP WADERS STASHED UNDER A BUSH AT THE PUBLIC POOL?

HI AND LOIS



I FELL OFF MY BIKE AND SCRATCHED MY HAND.



HOW'S THAT?

THE OTHER COAST

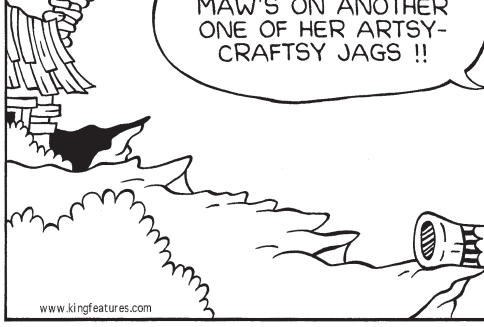


I'LL HAVE A LARGE CAFE AMERICANO. NO, MAKE THAT A CAFE LATTE.

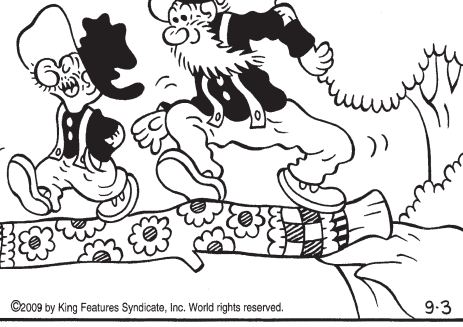


THERE IS A GOD.

SNUFFY SMITH

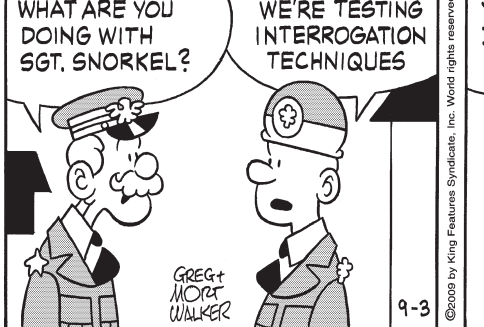


MAW'S ON ANOTHER ONE OF HER ARTSY-CRAFTSY JAGS !!



WATERBOARD ME!

BETLE BAILEY

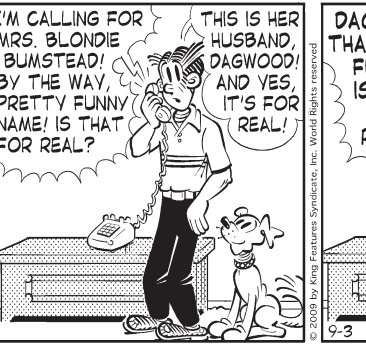


WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH SGT. SNORKEL?



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I'M CALLING FOR MRS. BLONDIE BUMSTEAD!



DAGWOOD?! THAT'S EVEN FUNNIER!



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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, September 3, the 246th day of 2009. There are 119 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- In 1189, England's King Richard I is crowned in Westminster.
- In 1497, Manuel, king of Portugal, marries Isabella of Spain. One of the conditions for the marriage is that he expel all Jews from Portugal.
- In 1783, Britain, France, Spain and United States sign peace treaty of Versailles, officially ending Revolutionary War.
- In 1879, Afghans massacre British legation at Kabul, leading to British occupation of the city.
- In 1904, Japan defeats Russian forces at Liaoyang in China.
- In 1943, The British 8th Army invades Italy during World War II, the same day Italy signs a secret armistice with the

Allies.

- In 1950, Several Viet Minh terrorists assigned to kill U.S. Minister-to-Indo-China Donald R. Heath are arrested.
- In 1957, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser begins talks in Cairo on proposed negotiations for international control of the Suez Canal.
- In 1978, Pope John Paul II becomes the 264th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.
- In 1981, U.S. Coast Guardsmen and federal agents seize 20 tons of Colombian marijuana and arrest 33 people in several raids on Long Island, New York, and offshore.
- In 1989, Thousands of blacks march and bathe at "whites only" beaches in nationwide defiance campaign in South Africa.
- In 1991, Fierce fighting in Croatia effectively scuttles a new European Community peace plan for Yugoslavia.
- In 1994, China and Russia proclaim an end to any lingering hostilities, pledging they would no longer target nuclear missiles or use force against each other.
- In 1995, A French airplane is hijacked and forced to land at Geneva's airport. Police over-

power the lone hijacker minutes after he releases all 279 passengers.

- In 1966, U.S. President Bill Clinton unleashes cruise missiles at military targets in southern Iraq twice to punish Saddam Hussein for attacking Kurds in a U.N.-designated safe zone in northern Iraq.
- In 1998, Fresh fighting breaks out near one of few remaining strongholds of the Kosovo Liberation Army, in an area believed to be packed with thousands of refugees.
- In 2008, President George W. Bush announces the U.S. will send an extra \$1 billion to Georgia to help the pro-Western former Soviet republic in the wake of Russia's invasion.

Answer to previous puzzle

J	A	V	A	U	R	G	E	C	L	B	S
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Newsday Crossword

AD VENTURE by David W. Cromer

- Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS
  - 1 Selects
  - 5 Defender: Abbr.
  - 9 Halloween option
  - 14 Bear of kiddie-lit
  - 15 Small band
  - 16 Engine part
  - 17 Earth tone
  - 18 Zesty flavor
  - 19 Cowell of American Idol
  - 20 Commercial phrase
  - 23 Producer's dream
  - 24 Comes down with
  - 25 Bug barrier
  - 29 Foul emanation
  - 31 Golfer Ernie
  - 34 Speak from a stump
  - 35 "\_\_\_, poor Yorick ..."
  - 36 Minor gaffe
  - 37 Commercial phrase
  - 40 Blows away
  - 41 Enter a pool, perhaps
  - 42 Gone, at dinner
  - 43 Old atlas initials
  - 44 Hand over
  - 45 Most clever
  - 46 Long-term investment
  - 47 Police-blotter letters
  - 48 Commercial phrase
  - 56 Pepper grinders
  - 57 "Can you repeat that?"
  - 58 Build-it-yourself chain
  - 59 C-sharp alias
  - 60 Seep

- 61 Thailand, formerly
- 62 Sordid
- 63 Skittish herd
- 64 Remnants
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- 1 Newspaper essay page
- 2 Slightly, in a score
- 3 Unable to decide
- 4 Close securely
- 5 Accomplish, as a goal
- 6 Genetic feature
- 7 Windshield option
- 8 Exercise system
- 9 Best Actor Emmy winner, e.g.
- 10 Casablanca constable
- 11 Red Muppet
- 12 Affirm
- 13 Metric-system base
- 21 Pulley component
- 22 Selected
- 25 Some convertibles
- 26 Black birds
- 27 Harder to find
- 28 Theta preceders
- 29 Cocktail garnish
- 30 Social outing
- 31 Chosen group
- 32 Margarita fruits
- 33 Exhausted
- 35 Surrounded by Fido
- 38 Standard of perfection
- 39 Commuter's headache
- 44 Cantankerous
- 45 Winter Olympian
- 46 Belief of more than a billion
- 47 Wow
- 48 Prevalent
- 49 First name in scat
- 50 Lacking depth, for short
- 51 Brake part
- 52 Tool-bench attachment
- 53 Related
- 54 Leafed through
- 55 Orange veggies
- 56 AMA members

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