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Morgan pulls out of race for county judge

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The race for Howard County Judge may be considerably easier for area voters to decide come November, as Republican candidate Mark Morgan announced this week he is pulling out of the race.

"After many hours of contemplation and study, and with mixed emotions, I

have requested that my name be withdrawn from the ballot as the Republican candidate for Howard County Judge," Morgan said in a prepared statement late Friday afternoon.

Morgan's Democratic opponent, local rancher Mark Barr, could not be reached before presstime.

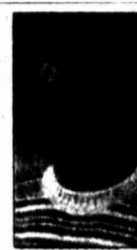
According to Morgan, the decision to pull out of the race came after he was offered a new "position" with a compa-

ny or entity, the details of which he declined to reveal.

"I've been offered a position in Big Spring that will require a full commitment of my time," said Morgan. "I was not seeking a new position. When I consider all of my options and the needs of my family, I must put my family first and this is an opportunity I felt I can't

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"When I consider all of my options and the needs of my family, I must put my family first and this is an opportunity I felt I can't pass up."



Morgan

A salute to those who serve

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While you can buy an American flag in just about any hardware or department store these days, buying one to match the one hanging in Scott Klarer's work area at Mom & Pop's Tattoo Shop may be more of a stretch than you think.

Klarer, who owns the tattoo shop, recently returned from Fort Sill in Oklahoma, where he had a chance to catch up with Col. Kenneth R. Dahl, an old high school friend who just returned from serving in Baghdad.

"Col. Dahl changed command and I got invited to the change of command ceremony for the 212th Field Artillery Brigade," said Klarer. "Being a vet, I can appreciate the formalities of certain military functions, like change of command, which is a pretty big deal, so I went. I was really honored to be there."

"We were teammates together in high school playing sports. When I heard he made colonel, he was stationed in Baghdad in charge of the International Zone and handling security for allied and coalition forces. So I sent him a congratulatory bottle of Jack Daniels. In return, he sent me an American flag that flew over the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad."

"One man can make a difference. If I sent a bumper sticker or an ink pen over there and it made some guy in a stressful situation smile for a minute and think of home in a positive way, I'm doing all right. It's a good thing."

Klarer said he also sent some novelties from his business in hopes of lifting the spirits of the men and women serving in Iraq.

"I sent him a box of bumper stickers, some copies of the *Big Spring Herald*, some tattoo magazines, ink pens — a cou-



Scott Klarer, owner of Mom & Pop's Tattoo Shop, shows off an American flag given to him by U.S. Col. Kenneth R. Dahl. The flag flew over the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, where Dahl was stationed. Below, he shows the patriotic tattoo he received in commemoration of a recent exchange with Col. Kahl.

ple of T-shirts made it over there — anything to remind him of home," said Klarer. "He told me the troops really appreci-

ated it. Seeing a bumper sticker for Mom & Pop's Tattoo Shop in Baghdad, of all places, really reminded them of home, and that people here are still thinking of them everyday."

Klarer said few of the bumper stickers found their way to an actual bumper, but Dahl was able to find a place that brought smiles to more than one American soldier.

"Bonesy — that's the colonel's nickname — put a bunch of the bumper stickers on the inside of the outhouses in Baghdad," said Klarer. "So, whenever an

American soldier or a friendly had to use the facility, they would go into one of those blue outhouses and there was a bumper sticker from Big Spring, U.S.A."

"I talked to a couple of guys when I went to Fort Sill in Oklahoma, and they were cracking up because they realized I was the guy that sent the bumper stickers they ran up on in an outhouse in the middle of a combat zone."

While most business owners are doing everything they can to cut costs during tough eco-

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Roll call

Enrollment numbers are stable: officials

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Enrollment figures for the three Howard County public school systems are fairly consistent with last year's numbers, officials said.

After the first week of the new school year, Big Spring and Forsan school districts reported slight decreases in enrollment, while Coahoma ISD noted an increase in students.

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Michael Downes said that 3,745 students were enrolled in classes as of Friday, a decrease of 16 from the same time last year.

The slight downturn was not surprising to Downes, who expects those numbers to increase in the coming weeks.

"We expected to be close to last year's figures," he said. "Typically, we'll continue to enroll new students through the second or third week of September before we hit a peak."

Forsan ISD had 689 students enrolled as of Friday, 12 less than this time last year. Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

The major decrease came at the junior high/high school campus

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Army accepting older recruits

Some make it family affair

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER

Associated Press Writer

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (AP)

— One of the Army's oldest recruits watched his 19-year-old son graduate from basic training on Friday, but 42-year-old Russell Dilling of San Antonio wasn't the only proud parent in uniform.

A 37-year-old mother and her 18-year-old son from North Carolina graduated together at the same ceremony, and just over the hill, a 41-year-old grandmother was working on her marksmanship skills.

These older soldiers are showing up more often here

and at Army training bases across the country since the service got approval from Congress earlier this year to raise its enlistee age limit, which had been at 35, to just under 42 years.

"We're finding there's a lot of people out there that wanted to join, and age was their only disqualifier," said Leslie Ann Sully, a spokeswoman for the Army's local recruit-

ing battalion near Fort Jackson. "Lots of people (over 35) are fit and are living longer, and they figure they can do this."

The change came as the Army fell well short of its recruiting goals last year and needs to bring in 80,000 recruits this year. It also is pushing a package of higher

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Obituaries

Gilberto "Gil" Guerra



Gilberto "Gil" Guerra, 83, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Sage Care Center in Lamesa. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Gilberto was born Jan. 3, 1923, in Matanza, Cuba, to Isabel and Antonio Guerra. He came to Big Spring in the early 50's to play semi-professional baseball for Cosden COPS, in the Texas Longhorn League. Gilberto also played in San Angelo and then played in Mexico for 10 years. After his baseball career, he returned to Big Spring and worked at the Spanish Inn, Cameo and later at the Big Spring Independent School District. Gilberto was a Catholic.

He is survived by one daughter, Henrietta "Olga" Salinas and her husband Ruben of Lamesa; three grandchildren, Naomi Scurlark and her husband Steve of Big Spring, Joel Morales and his wife Alicia of Lamesa, and Gilbert Morales and his wife Julie of Midland; and six great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Petra.

Pallbearers will be Benny Rodriguez Jr., Pete Ruiz, Humberto Miers, Jose Gonzales, Eric Lopez and Steve Scurlark.

The family will be at 508 N. Runnels. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Betty Ruth Koenig



Betty Ruth Koenig, 83, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Dr. Shane Brue, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Betty was born July 26, 1923, in Mason. She graduated from Shannon Nursing School in San Angelo and had worked in Midland, Odessa, and Big Spring as a registered nurse for 60 years, retiring from the Big Spring VA Hospital. She married Charles Rountree and he passed in 1952. Then she married Bob Lebkowsky and later married Leonard Koenig and he also preceded her in death. She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and great aunt.

Betty was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Gary Chrane of Big Spring; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Doug and Terry Rountree and Michael Lebkowsky, all of Webster; one sister and brother-in-law, Norma and Joe Barker of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Read White of Lewisville and Michael Rountree of Webster; three great grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Nell Kirkpatrick; one sister, Billye Wingett; and one brother, Douglas Kirkpatrick.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721.

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

Ronald Hoskins

Ronald Hoskins, 63, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Antonio Hilario

Antonio Hilario, 39, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, in a Galveston hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

MARCY ELEMENTARY WILL HOST A BACK TO SCHOOL PTO PIZZA PARTY at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The focus will be a membership drive and planning meeting, along with a free pizza dinner.

H-E-B GROCERY WILL HOST A BLOOD DRIVE from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25. The bloodmobile will be in the H-E-B parking lot. Sign up online in advance if you wish at www.unitedbloodservices.org

CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

Our sincere thanks to the kind friends, neighbors and relatives for expressions of sympathy, beautiful flowers and other courtesies extended to us during our recent bereavement

The John L. Meads Family

Jaedyn Nicole Olivas



Jaedyn Nicole Olivas, 5-day-old daughter of Richard and Jennifer Olivas of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006 at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born Aug. 13, 2006, in Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, Jaedyn is survived by her brother, Eric Olivas of Big Spring; her grandfather, Charles Kelly of Forest City, Ark.; her grandparents, Daniel and Dorothy Olivas of Big Spring and Mike and Leeta Collier of Coahoma; her great grandparents, J. C. and Glenda Statham of Big Spring, Nelda Kelly and Roy Leech of Waco, Wanda Collier of Big Spring and Mary and Junior Pharris of Haskell and her great grandmother, Edna Brooks of Waco.

The family suggests memorials be made to Covenant Children's Hospital, 3610 - 21st Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

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

Billie Jean Lightner



Billie Jean Lightner, 74, of Stanton, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

She was born to Henry and Dovie Pinkerton on Sept. 3, 1931, in Throckmorton.

Billie Jean came to Martin County from Throckmorton with her family in 1937 and lived most of her life in Stanton. She married David Lightner on Dec. 31, 1994, in Stanton.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, David Lightner of Stanton; son, Carlis Martin of Ballinger; daughter, Deborah Hagen of Broken Arrow, Okla.; daughter, Margo Wolfe of Houston; son, Michael Rhea Lightner of Hot Springs, Ark.; three grandsons; two brothers, Charlie Pinkerton and Orvil Kay Pinkerton both of Stanton; one sister, Mickey Lander of Stanton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782 or to the Martin County Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 1233, Stanton 79782.

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

Manuel Villa

Manuel Villa, 72, died Tuesday, Aug. 15. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at the Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Survivors include a son, Manuel N. Villa Jr. of San Francisco; a daughter, Linda Villa of Santa Claire, Calif.; five brothers, Frank, Tomas and Ruben Villa of Midland, Joe of Miami, Fla. and Catarino of Stockton, Calif.; and six sisters, Eledia Costilla, Rosa Reyes and Tomacina Villa of Stockton, Calif., Angelita Garza and Benita Davila of Moesto, Calif. and Eloisa Lora of Manteca, Calif.

Manuel was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Juan. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Support Groups

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.

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

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MONDAY

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-9677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Class.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

LINDA STIGMON, 43, 311.5 W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

CHRISTINE SILVAS, 1405 Sycamore, was arrested on a Lamb County warrant.

JENNIFER HURST, 23, 901 N. Gregg, was arrested on two local warrants.

FELICIA LEOS, 25, 107 E. 17th, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

DAVID HALBALDIER, 27, 2106 S. Nolan, was arrested on two local warrants.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported in the 400 block of FM 700.

IMPERSONATING A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 800 block of Caylor.

RACING ON A HIGHWAY was reported in the 800 block of FM 700.

THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa and the 400 block of Fourth.

UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON was reported in the 800 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

THEFT was reported in Eubanks Road.

SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 3900 block of Highway 350.

THREATENING PHONE CALLS were reported in the 600 block of S. Second.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. East winds around 10 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 16-18-23-33-37.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$31,844.

Winning ticket sold in: Houston.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-8

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INTERSTATE 20 ACCIDENT



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Department of Public Safety and Big Spring Emergency Medical Service personnel investigate the scene of a one-vehicle accident near the Salem Road exit of Interstate 20 Friday afternoon. No serious injuries were reported in the accident, which closed a section of the westbound lane of I-20 for about an hour.

MORGAN

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pass up. This opportunity did not exist at the time that I filed to run or during the primary election. A series of events that began in the late spring led to this new opportunity."

Morgan said he's currently working to make the transition to his unnamed new position, including changes necessary within his own accounting firm.

"I have a certain amount of work to complete in my CPA practice and I'm currently negotiating with others concerning my interest in the practice," said Morgan. "It is very important to me that my clients of the past 20 years continue in capable and professional hands. I am very excited about the future and where this new opportunity may lead."

Morgan said he plans to stay in the Big Spring community, despite his

apparent withdrawal and change in career.

"I remain deeply committed to this community," said Morgan. "I will continue in my civic work, as I have for the past 20 years. I choose to raise my family in Big Spring, and while not in elected service, will continue to support the community in all that I do."

Howard County Republican Party Chairman Margarita Durandholis said she's not sure at this time whether or not the party will be able to name a candidate to replace Morgan.

"I'm going to have to consult with the party officials before we can answer that question," said Durandholis. "This comes as a total shock to me. I'm really just flabbergasted at this point."

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Contract Bridge

Search for a Queen

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
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♥ J 10 2
♦ A Q J 10
♠ A 10 4

WEST
♦ 9 8 6 4 3 2
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declarer knew where the lady was located.

West's heart lead was covered by the ten, queen and ace. After leading a trump to dummy, South played a low spade to the ace, the first step in a campaign to avoid the crucial club guess.

Dummy was entered with a trump, and a low spade was ruffed. East following with the queen. The final step in South's plan came when he again crossed to dummy with a trump and led the jack of spades.

When East played the king, South's ace was forced to return a heart or a club, either of which would hand declarer the slam.

A club return would automatically eliminate declarer's club loser, while a heart return would be equally fatal. If the king was led, declarer would ruff, and dummy's jack would become a trick, while a low heart return would allow South to discard a club on dummy's jack then and there.

Guessing which opponent holds a critical card is sometimes unavoidable. But as South so ably demonstrated in this deal, why guess when you don't have to?

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 3♦ 3♥
6♦

Opening lead — seven of hearts.
There is a certain amount of guesswork involved in the play of the cards, but there are times when the problem can be resolved by avoiding the guess altogether.

Consider this deal where the success of South's slam contract appeared to depend upon guessing which defender held the queen of clubs. The queen could easily be overcome by a finesse, provided

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nomic times, Klarer said the end result was well worth the cost of sending a few items to his friend.

"Hey, whatever I can do to help," said Klarer. "It was good. I'm a veteran, and I have family that is serving proudly right now. I come from a long line of vets. My dad was a veteran of World War II, and my brother served in the Vietnam War. I served eight years in

peacetime Cold War, so I do whatever I can to help."

Klarer said it's important to remember how little things — like bumper stickers in strange places — can help bring a smile to a friendly face.

"I think people should live by their hearts," said Klarer. "You may not agree with the policies, and there's nothing wrong with disagreeing with authority, but the troops on the line — the guys that are getting the deeds done and aren't part of the decision mak-

ing — need to be respected and honored and supported in every way, shape and form.

"One man can make a difference. If I sent a bumper sticker or an ink pen over there and it made some guy in a stressful situation smile for a minute and think of home in a positive way, I'm doing all right. It's a good thing."

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SCHOOLS

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which reports 14 fewer students from the previous year.

"It was a little unexpected," Johnson admitted. "The state had shut down the transfer system in the weeks before school started ... and that did have a little bit of an impact on our enrollment numbers."

Like Downes, however, Johnson believes enrollment will increase in the coming weeks.

Enrollment news was a bit cheerier in Coahoma, which reported 781 students as of Friday, an increase of 10 from the same time last year.

The biggest enrollment spike came at Coahoma Elementary, which reports 18 more students than the previous year.

"It was a nice surprise,"

said Principal Patricia Bennett, who expects even more new enrollments in the coming weeks.

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enlistment bonuses and pay levels for certain jobs, as well as financial incentives for former soldiers to re-enlist.

The age limit has been climbing recently. The limit to enter the part-time Army Reserve was raised to 40 in March of 2005 and the Army raised it for active duty to 40 in January. Then, both organizations raised it to 42 in June.

The Army has taken in 405 men and women in the active duty and 711 in the Army Reserve who were 35 or older as of Aug. 4 of this year, according to Douglas Smith, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

In interviews, most of the older soldiers training at Fort Jackson said they were fulfilling ambitions put aside years ago.

"It has always been a dream of mine to be in the military and now I am fulfilling that dream," said 41-year-old Pvt. Margie Black of West Columbia, Texas, the grandmother of a 9-month-old.

As she took a break from learning how to handle her M-16 rifle, the former corrections officer said her major challenge in the first three weeks of training was climbing and rappelling the 50-foot "Victory Tower." Black is afraid of heights.

"I cried all the way up and all the way down, but my drill sergeant talked to me the whole time and got me through it. He's a good motivator," Black said with a wide smile.

She had wanted to enter the military as a teen, but having her first child at 19 put off her ambitions.

When her 21-year-old daughter discussed entering the Army, Black said

she joked with the recruiter about joining herself. She said she acted "in about 30 seconds" once she heard the age limit had been raised.

Now, her daughter is in Army basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

"I'm taking it one day at a time. If I do that, I can handle it," Black said.

On the parade grounds, about 5,000 family and friends gathered Friday under the hot sun to applaud the 1,800 soldiers who graduated from basic training.

Both the Dillings had tears in their eyes as they hugged once the ceremony was over.

"When he graduates, I

am sure I will be as proud of him as I he is of me today," said 19-year-old Robert Dilling, who wants to go on to train as a combat medic. The elder Dilling, who worked in aviation repair before joining, said he wants to become a small arms repairman.

He is scheduled to finish Oct. 6, he said, and is hoping his knees hold out.

Dilling said he got to Fort Jackson at 11 p.m. earlier this summer — one hour before his 42nd birthday, and the Army's new deadline. "It's been tough physically, but my company has been pretty supportive," said Dilling.

Angel Villa

August 17, 2004

Welcome Home (Big Daddy)

It's been a long 7 months since you went away, me and the kids want you to know that we have missed you and that we love you very much. We are very thankful to God that you will be home soon.

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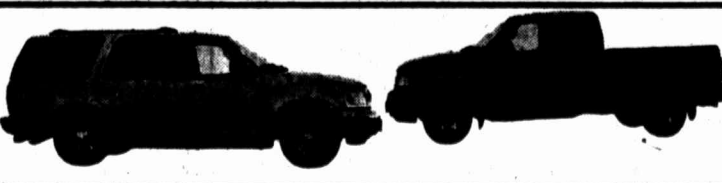
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OUR VIEWS

Donations still needed for this year's NIE effort

The Big Spring Herald is now in the process of getting its 2006-2007 Newspapers In Education started with its goal being to reach as many students as possible this year. And one of the main reasons to have lofty ambitions for our NIE program is that this will be a great year for teachers to use the newspaper in their classrooms.

This fall's congressional, gubernatorial, state senate and state representative campaigns are in full swing and the Herald's coverage of those races is just one of the important tools teachers will have at their disposal as a result of using the newspaper in their classrooms.

To do that, however, we still need all of Howard County's help. It's not something we can handle alone. For that matter, it's not something just three or four businesses can muster.

It's going to take a lot of us pitching in.

Last year, some 50 teachers signed up for the program and we delivered more than 1,000 newspapers to classrooms each Tuesday. Sadly, there were not enough sponsors to keep the program operating through the end of the school year.

That's something we don't want to let happen again.

In fact, we'd like nothing better than to increase the total number of newspapers provided to local schools this year to a level the program has never reached. And that's why requests for sponsorships have been sent to Big Spring businesses.

At the very least, we hope to receive pledges for \$10,000 — the money needed for the program to be successful at last year's coverage levels.

So, Herald representatives have been contacting local businesses and individuals, seeking sponsorships. Gold sponsors are those that donate \$5,000 or more to the program; silver sponsors would be those contributing \$2,500; bronze sponsors contribute \$500; classroom sponsors provide \$125 to the program annually; and scholastic sponsors provide \$50.

As with any such program, however, even the smallest of donations is appreciated.

Those interested in contributing to the program at any level can contact Circulation Manager Duane McCollum, who coordinates the project, by calling 263-7331, ext. 244. He can also be contacted for more information by e-mail at circulation@bigspringherald.com.

While we freely admit we want young people to become newspaper readers, enhancing our business in the future, our commitment to the NIE program is much more than an effort to secure our role for the future.

We have always believed and will always believe newspaper readers are the best-informed segment of our society. And by creating a life-long habit of newspaper reading, we make sure that tomorrow's voters and the leaders they elect are both well educated and well informed.

Please join us in this effort. We'll all be better for it.

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The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May the words we choose, Lord, make a big difference in this life for You.

Amen

Cat's bling and criminally stupid...

Random thoughts while reading my e-mails: You just know I can't resist sharing the following Associated Press news item:

ALEXANDRIA, Ind. (AP) — This cool cat has traded in his catnip for some bling.

Sebastian, a 1-year-old Persian with long black hair, sports gold crowns on his two bottom canines, which grew sticking out from his lips in an underbite similar to a bulldog's.

His owner, dentist David Steele, said he gave Sebastian gold crowns to help strengthen the fanged feline's teeth. Steele said he was worried the teeth would break off or become a problem.

"It's possible to work on animals the same way we do humans," he said. "I did it to strengthen (Sebastian's) teeth, but it had an excellent cosmetic result. The cat gets a lot of attention now. Everyone is tickled to death when they see him."

The gold teeth protruding from Sebastian's furry face make him seem a bit menacing, like a hip-hop star's guard-cat or a movie villain's pet. The feline didn't seem too happy with his new look at first.

"He's normally around me all the time," Steele said. "After I put the crowns on, he didn't speak to me for two days."

Two weeks ago, veterinarian Larry Owen tranquilized the cat at the Alexandria Animal Hospital about 30 miles northeast of Indianapolis so Steele could do the dentistry work, which took about 15 minutes to complete.

Owen said putting gold crowns



STEVE REAGAN

on teeth can be done for any pet with a dental problem. Steele said the cost for each gold tooth is about the same as for humans — about \$900.

Before you ask, Sylvester is not getting the same treatment.

My cat is 17 years old, which means that he has 17-year-old cat teeth, which means he doesn't have teeth so much as little calcified nubs in his mouth.

But don't weep for my dear, sweet kitty. Because of his lack of teeth, I am forced to feed him nothing besides moist cat food — which entails no sacrifice on his part.

And because he's still recovering from drastic weight loss brought on by a fever, he usually goes through two cans of food a day.

So he spends his days eating, sleeping and being doted on. Needless to say, Sylvester is one happy cat.

But I'm getting away from the subject at hand.

While I certainly applaud Mr. Steele's devotion to his cat, the idea of his cat walking around with gold-plated teeth strikes me as just a bit ostentatious.

Another thing: While humans might appreciate Sebastian's new look, I wonder about what the other neighborhood cats think of the situation.

Do they think he's the greatest thing since sliced bread, or do they consider him in the same neighborhood with circus freaks?

Do momma cats have to remind their little kittens not to stare at the cat with gold teeth?

Do his friends call him nasty names behind his back?

Will he end up traumatized by his owner's well-meaning gesture?

Do I spend way too much time on this?

Time to update the Files of the Criminally Stupid:

VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP) — A man who cursed in court and gave a judge an obscene gesture was thrown in jail and ordered to write a letter of apology.

Jonathan Wilson, 31, of San Pierre, remained in the Porter County Jail on Wednesday following his outburst, which came after he failed to have a speeding ticket thrown out.

Wilson had faced no more than a fine Tuesday until he reacted with his offensive language and gesture to the ruling by Porter Superior Judge David Chidester. Chidester promptly ordered Wilson jailed and to remain behind bars until he writes a letter of apology.

Chidester said Wilson's letter must convince the judge that Wilson understands why he was found guilty and also that the correct way to challenge a verdict is through an appeal.

Dear Judge:

I'm really, really, really sorry I called you a **** and a dirty, low-down ****. I really don't know what came over me.

Obviously I need to work on my social skills.

Oh — and about the obscene gesture? I'm really sorry about that, too.

Darned hand spasms.

Please, let me go home now. I'll behave.

I promise.

Best wishes,
Jonathan

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, a large city newspaper gave front page coverage to the Big Spring 2006 Hang Gliding Pre-world event. In the same paper another article described that city's random and successful "hold-up" of Interstate 20 travelers gifting the stopped and surprised tourist with free lodging and complimentary dinner. The stated purpose was, "To get the word out about that city and what to do and see."

A personal thought reminded that we the smaller city and they the large and nationally known metro were in relentless pursuit and competition with all other cities/areas to display culture, assets and advantages and promote these valuable from becoming part of an unknown and imperfect market.

Five years ago a group of local volunteers, seized an opportunity to plant our community into the attention of more and more minds and the Hang Gliding event was born. Unknown at the time — but through the efforts of these volunteers — Big Spring would be accorded a unique U.S. record... that of year after sequential year the return to Big Spring of the Hang Gliding sport including U.S. national competitions. The "Big Empty," as some publications called West Texas, became a false label. We're advised — "No other U.S. city has ever had year after year return of U.S. Hang Gliding competition." Along with outstanding community and city administration support, this group of volunteers, who cherish and believe in their city, earned for Big Spring... the World Championship of Hang Gliding in 2007... even over the cool heights and Alps of Europe.

There are no words of appreciation kind enough to reward these devoted volunteers for the enormous amount of hours they invested.

Their pay, appreciation and satisfaction comes from within their hearts. Yards grew high, laundry piled, family time shorted, vacations canceled, hobbies ignored, jobs, employment and retirement slighted and rest time was replaced with deepening fatigue. Through their efforts, Big Spring and its natural advantages is more known now — statewide, nationwide and worldwide.

Our city will likely gain a citizen or more who'll call Big Spring home — proud to live in a small town and become a member in any one of the many volunteer organizations spawned by a dynamic lit-

tle city. Big Spring, the super friendly town, will linger long in the memories of other hundreds of hang gliding visitors as it does in those who served at the World War II Bombardier/Webb Air Force Base and who still return after decades.

With deepest respect for their accomplishment and highest personal regard for each of them — these volunteers are recognized: Jim Little, airport director, and co-chairs Paschal Odom, Troy McClellon and Terry Wofford.

Also, Donna Burcham, Skip Burcham, Barbara Brumley, Chris Chaney, Ned Crandall, John Craven, Verna Davis, Raford Dunagan, Dale Ferguson, Wayne Frost, Maruca Haas, Mike Henry, Bonnie Lambert, David Lambert, Cindy Lopez, Gloria McDonald, Dale Pittman, Susanne Reed, Mark Roman, Lyndsey Smith, J.L. Stevens, Pat Simmons, Jo Ann Staulcup, Peggy Walker, Heather Wallace, Debbie Wegman and Lora Wofford. Also Terry Jenkins and Orville Spradling as non-volunteers who worked as hard as any volunteer.

Several businesses also were extremely helpful with their donations and other contributions, as were Mayor Russ McEwen; the Airport, utilities, fire/medical and police divisions of the city of Big Spring; Big Spring Herald; St. Paul Lutheran Church; the Conventions and Visitors Bureau; Chamber of Commerce; TxDOT; Lone Star Aviation; Hangar 25; KBST and KBYG radio stations; and TV channels 7 and 9. All were generous contributing persons and organizations who were the wind and inspiration beneath the "wings" of the volunteers.

BOBBY McDONALD
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have noticed for some time that your political cartoons are vehemently anti-Bush.

Many of them have been offensive, but your publication of the cartoons on your edition of Aug. 5, 6 and 9 have been despicable.

They obviously reflect the opinions of the cartoonist, and must also reflect yours as well.

The Aug. 5 and Aug. 6 cartoon does not reflect President Bush's feeling. The Aug. 9 cartoon is a lie. You conveniently forgot that Israel had two of their soldiers kidnapped and was attacked, not the other way around. If you look back to 1948 you will see that Israel has

never attacked another country, but has been attacked many times.

I doubt that you care. I wanted you to know that not everybody agrees with your view.

MRS. E. MARTIN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

God's peace. As we all realize, we need rain. Hence, I am asking you to please proclaim Sunday, Aug. 27, as a Day of Prayer for Rain in all places of worship and in our homes of our city and the surrounding area.

As we humbly pray for this gift, we thank our God for the rains of the past, and we trust as we ask our Heavenly Father for this gifts in the name of Christ, that it will be granted. Christ tells us that whatever we ask for in his name will be given to us. Our humble admittance of this need is already a prayer, and we are confident our loving God will send us this gift, during the period of preparation and after our official Day of Prayer for Rain. We leave that in the hands of God.

REV. MICHAEL D. PFEIFER
BISHOP OF SAN ANGELO

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to provide information that may be beneficial to our elderly people in Big Spring. I hope it helps.

HMO health insurance is becoming available to the elderly, and for those who elect to take the insurance, please realize it may cancel your Medicare Part A, Part B and the Part D coverage that helps pay for your medicine. You may not realize that you lose your Medicare coverage when you sign up for an HMO health insurance plan.

You can find out if you lost your Medicare A, B, and D by calling Medicare at 1-800-633-4227. You will get a robot speaking about a menu. You will hear the robot give a first set of options from which to choose. Choose "other choices." Then the robot will give you a second set of options. From this set, use "another question." This will enable you to speak to a real person.

If you learn that you have been dropped from Medicare A, B and D, and you want to get it back, you will need to call Medicare between Nov. 15, and Dec. 31. Call Medicare. You can tell a Medicare representative that you want to drop the HMO

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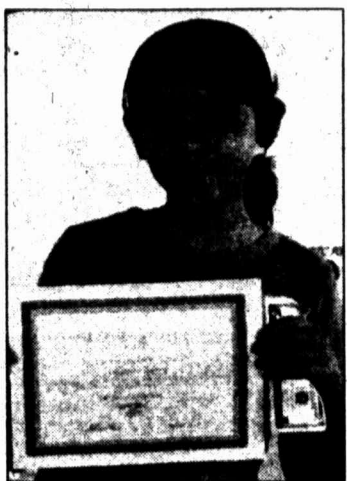
Essay: Why freedom of speech is important

Bryce Lindsey is the winner of the Hangar 25 Air Museum's summer essay contest, "Why freedom of speech is important to me and my country."

She received \$50 in schools supplies and a backpack.

Michelle Morgan and Hannah and Brady Weber received honorable mention for their essays.

Here is Bryce's winning essay:



Bryce Lindsey

I want to introduce you to the concept of freedom of speech by introducing you to Patrick Henry. In 1775 he wrote the President a letter expressing his concerns for our country. He is quoted at the end of his letter, "I

know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." It is the act of one person expressing their individual freedom of speech that spurs

others to take actions of their own. Freedom of speech is what makes our nation a great place to live. We have the freedom to make our own decisions and live our lives as free people.

It's a privilege for individuals living in the United States of America that we have freedom of speech. The value and importance of freedom of speech to this country help to make us to make us the individual people that we are. By having the right to speak freely, it helps us to express the individual creative potential we all hold. Free speech is important to each individual in the United States because without it we would not

have democracy. For example, during the presidential election of 2004, I protested President Bush at the Texas Capitol and held a sign. I spoke about my deepest political beliefs. Family members supported my right to freedom of speech, though they did not necessarily support my beliefs. It helped people understand my political beliefs and opinions.

One of the most recognized acts of freedom of speech is Martin Luther King Jr. Because he had the liberty of speech he spoke for his rights and the rights of others and no government could stop him. He influenced many people to become more involved in the world

around them and to speak up for the rights of themselves and others. Without him and the power of freedom of speech, we might still have segregation and discrimination among schools and businesses. So, without the bravery and courage of individuals like Dr. King, we couldn't enjoy all the fun things we have. Through the freedom of speech we're able to hear from everyone and make changes that are good for everyone.

Freedom of speech is important to me for many reasons. Being able to express myself to others creates my personality and makes me feel special and different from every-

one else. By having my independence of speech, I'm able to grow smarter, learning from others by having the freedom to discuss ideas and find truth and understanding. Speaking what's on my mind not only with the freedom of expression, but verbally as well. Using the privilege of freedom of speech gives me the confidence and makes me a proud, true American.

In conclusion, I'd like to leave you with the words of Evelyn Beatrice Hall, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will fight to the death your right to say it." Will you join me in encouraging others to express their right to freedom of speech?

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and get back your Medicare Part A, Part B and Part D. Doing this between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31 will be the only time you can do this. It is important.

ORAND CARROLL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the letter from Marillyn Miears, that is how the democratic system works. You cast your vote for the person you want in office to pass

laws and handle business.

I for one am 100 percent behind this ordinance. My family and I should be able to sit down and enjoy a meal in a restaurant without having to be subjected to someone's smoke.

Smokers do not realize how uncomfortable it is for non-smokers to be in the same room.

I have had smokers who have quit smoking tell me that now they can't stand to be in the same room and not because they crave a cigarette, but because they can't stand the smell or the smoke. They didn't realize while they were a smoker how

they were making others uncomfortable until they quit and were then subjected to the smoke.

If you think you don't want to live here because of this ordinance, then you don't want to live in Midland, Lubbock, Dallas, Arlington, etc., because all of those cities and many more have the same type of ordinances and you will see lines of people waiting to get in to eat.

Just Saturday we were in Lubbock and had to wait 45 minutes to get a table at Olive Garden.

We have been to many restaurants in Midland and have never seen them

hurting for customers because of their ordinance. I just wish their ordinance had the safe zone at the front door that our council has mentioned so we don't have to hold our breath and walk through a wall of smoke to get inside.

I believe this is a positive thing for Big Spring and I applaud the council for considering it. I applaud the restaurants in Big Spring who have already taken the steps to make their places non-smoking.

And Ms. Miears, if you voted in the last election for the council seat in your district, you haven't

lost your say in what goes on in Big Spring. Those decision making powers were given to the candi-

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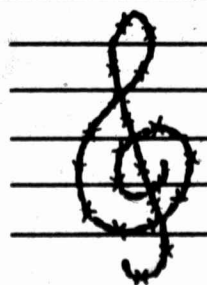
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Writings by JonBenet Ramsey suspect in the spotlight

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
AP National Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — The writings are the stuff of love letters: unrequited obsession, reaching beyond the grave, from a man who pledges all to someone he can never have.

They were written to a dead 6-year-old girl by a teacher named John Mark Karr, who also claims he killed the child, JonBenet Ramsey, in her parents' home 10 years ago. And now anything he's ever written is headline fodder.

Boulder prosecutors are in contact with a former classmate of Karr's because a yearbook signed by him more than 20 years ago may explain why a ransom note in the Ramsey home was signed "S.B.T.C.", the *Rocky Mountain News* reported Friday.

In the 1982 yearbook, Karr ended his missive with the line: "Though, deep in the future, maybe I shall be the conqueror and live in multiple peace." Investigators wonder if "S.B.T.C." means "shall be the conqueror."

The newspaper also published excerpts of the worshipful e-mails Karr sent to University of Colorado journalism professor

Michael Tracey, who produced several documentaries on the Ramsey case.

"JonBenet, my love, my life. I love you and shall forever love you," according to an e-mail Karr sent on Dec. 23, 2005, just before the anniversary of her death. "I pray that you can hear my voice calling out to you from my darkness — this darkness that now separates us."

"Sometimes little girls are closer to me than with their parents or any other person in their lives. When I refer to myself as JonBenet's Closest, maybe now you understand," he wrote in another message.

Police asked JonBenet's mother, Patsy Ramsey, if she would meet with Karr. The mother was willing, but she died from ovarian cancer in June before investigators went any further, family attorney Lin Wood said.

And she never saw Karr's words because his messages were secretly being intercepted by authorities. "He thought that he was corresponding with Patsy, but he wasn't," Wood told *The Associated Press*.

Karr, 41, is in a Thailand jail awaiting deportation to face U.S. charges of first-degree murder, kidnapping and child

sexual assault. He told reporters he was with JonBenet when she died in the basement of her Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996 but her death was "an accident."

Karr is scheduled to fly to the United States on Sunday, a police official said Saturday.

"The tickets for John Mark Karr's departure are ready," Thailand's immigration police chief, Lt. Gen. Suwat Tumrongrongskul, told reporters. "He is leaving for the United States on Sunday evening."

A U.S. Embassy official, speaking on condition of anonymity, could not confirm Karr's departure date, saying that authorities were working through legal paperwork to expedite his deportation.

Friday, Suwat recanted details he gave of Karr's confession — details that raised suspicions that Karr was lying to gain entry to a sensational killing that fascinated him.

Suwat initially said Karr confessed to sexually assaulting the girl and giving her drugs. But her autopsy showed no signs of drugs. He also told reporters that Karr had claimed to have picked up JonBenet at school, though her death came

during the holiday break.

On Friday, Suwat confirmed to the AP his account of the sexual assault. But asked if Karr gave the girl drugs, Suwat said the suspect described the encounter as "a blur." Suwat said the part about JonBenet being picked from school was based on his recollection of watching a documentary about the case.

Other Karr claims drew scrutiny Friday: Prison guards searched the death row cell of Polly Klaas' killer after learning he may have corresponded with Karr. No letters were found.

But a Northern California woman exchanged e-mails and recorded hours of phone conversations with Karr in which he described his fascination with JonBenet's and Polly's slayings, according to published reports.

Wendy Hutchens, 49, of Roseville, Calif., told police about her 2001 conversations with Karr weeks before the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office arrested him on five misdemeanor child pornography charges, *The Press Democrat* of Santa Rosa reported Friday in its online edition.

There is no public piece of evidence tying Karr, a divorced father of three, to Colorado. Eric Yoder, an investigator for the Colorado Department of Education, said Karr was never licensed to teach in the state and there is no record of him applying for a teaching job.

In Washington, federal officials said they want to question Karr about his writings and confessions, including an e-mail from Karr claiming he was under investigation in four states for child murder and molestation.

"There is no four-state federal case" in which Karr is wanted or even suspected, said a Washington official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is being handled by local prosecutors in Colorado.

Tracey, the professor, refused to discuss the e-mails he received from Karr.

The Ramseys' attorney suggested authorities may have more against Karr than his confession. "There have been e-mail confessions in the case before," Wood said. "John Ramsey has received e-mail confessions in the past and nobody was arrested."

Judge's ruling in deer decoy crash divides 'big football town'

By JoANNE VIVIANO
Associated Press Writer

KENTON, Ohio — It was intended to be a prank: steal a decoy deer, place it on a country road and watch as motorists swerved to avoid it.

It ended with two teenagers suffering serious injuries when their car hit the decoy and rolled into a ditch.

When a judge ruled this week that two boys — both high school football players — can complete the football season before they serve 60-day sentences at a juvenile detention center, it caused a division in this northwest Ohio city.

On one side are those who say allowing Dailyn Campbell, a 16-year-old quarterback, and 17-year-old teammate Jesse Howard to play shows that football players get preferential treatment.

On the other are those who say either the boys deserve another chance or that they will stay out of trouble if they're part of the team.

"I've never seen anything that has been so much an issue in the community," said Arch

Rodgers, principal of 670-student Kenton High School. "The worst part is this has drug out so long and the longer it drug out, the more it created friction in the community."

Robert Roby Jr., one of the injured teens, said he believes Campbell and Howard received special treatment because they're football players.

"They could have killed me and my friend so easily over a stupid prank. For me it feels like they got a little slap on the wrist," said Roby, 19, who graduated from Kenton High in 2005 and played baseball and golf.

"Kenton is a big football town and a lot of people don't look past that to see what really happened," he said.

The Wildcats, which won state championships in their division in 2001 and 2002, draw about 4,000 fans for games in this city of about 8,000.

Howard's father, C.J. Howard, said members of the community have made crude remarks when his family shops at a nearby Wal-Mart store and that his younger children are taunted by older

youth when they play.

He said his son would not be the focus of such attention if he didn't play football.

"I don't know why it's about football players. Why isn't it about student council or track?" Howard asked. "He admitted what he did and he faced the consequences like a young man should."

School Superintendent Doug Roberts said the crash has drawn attention because the emphasis is the news media and the community placed on football.

Authorities say a group of teenagers stole the two-legged decoy deer from a

yard, rigged it so it would stand and placed it in the road Nov. 18. The decoy was at the top of a hill on the curving road, Roby said, and he didn't see it until it was right in front of his car.

"I panicked and

swerved to go around it," he said. Roby's seat belt gave way, his head broke the car's sun roof and he fell to the ground. He heard his passenger, Dustin Zachariah, hit the ground. Prosecutors say Zachariah, now 18, suf-

fered brain damage. Investigators say Howard was among the boys who watched the cars. He and Campbell pleaded no contest to vehicular vandalism, possession of criminal tools and petty theft.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The HOWARD COUNTY will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 8.41 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 28, 2006 at 10:00 AM and September 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at COMMISSIONERS COURT ROOM, 2ND FLOOR.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Judge Ben Lockhart, Commissioner Jerry Kilgore
Commissioner Emma Brown, Commissioner W.B. (Bill) Crooker
Commissioner Gary Simer

AGAINST: PRESENT and not voting;
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditures categories:

Maintenance and operations	7.6% increase
Debt service	(3.1)% decrease
Total expenditures	7.4% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,452,430,276	\$1,881,152,697
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$3,439,579	\$8,805,862
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,243,330,648	\$1,510,640,943
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$3,084,748	\$6,447,020

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$1,570,000

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$0.54546 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$0.48787 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$(0.05759) per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$(10.56)% (Decrease)

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$33,005	\$34,847
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$6,601	\$7,769
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$26,404	\$27,078

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$144.02. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$132.11. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be a decrease of \$11.91 in taxes.

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
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Texas briefs

Wildfires threaten homes in West Texas

PALO PINTO (AP) — Wildfires spreading through West Texas late Friday threatened ranch homes, downed power lines and forced gas lines to be shut off as firefighters struggled to move around the blazes.

The largest fire torched about 1,350 acres in Palo Pinto and Stephens Counties and was likely caused by a truck driving on a bald rim after blowing a tire, said Traci Weaver, spokeswoman for the Texas Forest Service.

Weaver said the rugged terrain in the region and the dark conditions hampered firefighters as they tried weaving around the burning acreage to see how many homes were in danger.

"They're still trying to get back there and assess it all," Weaver said. "They're having a hard time getting in there."

Another 50-acre wildfire outside Abilene, moving along drought-stricken fields between Clyde and Baird, crept within yards of about 20 homes and damaged one "pretty significantly," Weaver said. No injuries were reported.

Weaver said firefighters would likely remain busy throughout Saturday, when more hot and dry weather is expected across the state.

Allstate to stop offering coverage near coast

IRVING (AP) — Allstate will no longer offer property coverage to about 26,000 policy holders near the Texas coastline whose homes could be susceptible to significant wind damage.

The decision affects properties in 14 inland counties or about 3 percent of Allstate's homeowner policies in Texas.

After Hurricane Rita plowed into Texas last September, industry estimates put overall insured windstorm losses last year at \$2.4 billion in southeast Texas, including interior counties.

Allstate also announced it would no longer offer mobile home coverage to properties in parts of Harris, Bee, Brooks, Fort Bend, Goliad, Hardin, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Wells, Liberty, Live Oak, Orange, Victoria and Wharton counties.

Both policies will take effect Dec. 3. "We strongly believe that the steps we've been taking, while difficult, are the responsible thing to do," Rich Crist, Allstate Texas field vice president, said in a statement.

The company had already announced that it would drop windstorm coverage to homes in counties directly along the coastline to limit hurricane losses.

Undocumented immigrant arrested in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — An illegal Mexican immigrant who was previously deported after a felony conviction was arrested Friday on charges that he strangled an elderly West Texas woman.

Juan L. Leal, 29, was charged with murder in the death of Asuncion Flores Montes, 78, who died Aug. 12 at her home in Socorro. Authorities initially believed Montes died of natural causes, but El Paso County Sheriff's spokesman Rick Glancey said an autopsy concluded that she was strangled and had suffered a head injury.

Few other details about the case were released. State criminal records show that Leal was convicted of aggravated sexual assault in El Paso in 2002. He served about two years in state prison before being released to federal immigration officials in April 2005.

Leal was then deported as an "aggravated felon," according to Border Patrol spokesman Patrick Berry. Glancey said Leal's arrest also included an outstanding warrant charging him with violating a protective order and making a terroristic threat in July 2005.

Leal remained in El Paso County jail on \$500,000 bail. Federal authorities have also placed an immigration hold on Leal, said Leticia Zamarripa, a spokeswoman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement in El Paso.

Armstrong joins state parks advocacy group

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Texas land commissioner Bob Armstrong has joined the board of Texans for State Parks, an advocacy group pushing for more funding and better upkeep for state parks.

Armstrong was elected Texas land commissioner in 1970 and served in that office until 1982, overseeing the

management of more than 22 million acres of public land.

He was assistant secretary for land and minerals management in the U. S. Department of the Interior from 1993 to 1998 and was natural resources and energy adviser to then-Gov. Ann Richards from 1991-93.

Armstrong praised the work of Texans for State Parks, which was organized in 1997 and is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and future of Texas' parks.

"It is with a great amount of anticipation that I join them in their continued efforts to secure adequate funding for the future of Texas' parks," Armstrong said.

Organization president Beth McDonald said the group hopes to use Armstrong's knowledge in educating legislators amid the current state parks funding crisis. She said "we expect changes to begin taking place very shortly after the next Legislature convenes."

The State Parks Advisory Committee, appointed at the governor's request, will unveil details of its funding recommendations at a Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting next week.

Friday, the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife submitted its formal legislative appropriations request for the coming two-year budget cycle. The agency is seeking to restore millions of dollars in salary, opera-

tions and capital spending cuts and wants more money from the state's general revenue fund for upkeep of parks.

Friedman: Willie should lead energy efforts

FORT WORTH (AP) — Independent gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman on Friday reiterated his top pick to implement his energy plan that emphasizes renewable sources: Willie Nelson.

Friedman said the country singer/songwriter and benefactor of biodiesel was a natural choice to lead a state energy department or commission, which he wants to create. He also said Nelson "would never have his hand in Texas' pocket."

"My plan is to appoint the best people I can find, get out of the way and let them work ... people whose only agenda is to do the right thing for the people of Texas," Friedman told the Fort Worth Rotary Club. "... I really believe that musicians can better run this state than politicians."

A Texas biodiesel supplier partnered with Nelson to develop the BioWillie brand of the clean-burning fuel for truckers. It is made from used vegetable oils or soybeans and is blended with diesel, and does not require modification to diesel engines.

Nelson is on the board of directors of Dallas-based Earth Biofuels.

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Monday — Breakfast: cereal, Pop Tarts, juice, milk; Lunch: Fish strips, tossed salad, fresh fruit, macaroni and cheese, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: breakfast pockets, juice, milk; Lunch: Burritos, refried beans, corn, orange quarters, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: donuts, juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: toast, peanut butter/jelly, fresh fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Grilled chicken, orange rice pilaf, green beans, pears, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce/tomato, pickles, French fries, peaches, milk.

Coahoma ISD
Monday — Breakfast: Waffles, syrup, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sweetened rice, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Canoe Dogs, tater tots, apples, milk, Hot Pockets.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Pop Tarts, sausage, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti with meat, corn, bread, salad, milk, burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick, apple, juice, milk;

Lunch: Shake and Bake chicken, baked beans, mac/cheese, bread, milk, corn dogs, baby carrots.

Friday — Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, salad, apples, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday — Breakfast: muffins, graham crackers; Lunch: Barbecue rib sandwiches, pinto beans, pineapple/orange salad, chips.

Tuesday — Breakfast: waffle sticks; Lunch: Meat and bean chalupas, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, tortillas, pears.

Wednesday — Breakfast: breakfast sausage rolls; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake.

Thursday — Breakfast: hotpockets; Lunch: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, Mexicali corn, Spanish rice, picante sauce, fruit cups.

Friday — Breakfast: cereal/graham crackers; Lunch: Sub sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, baby carrots, brownies.

Big Spring ISD

Monday — Chicken fajitas or sloppy joe, refried beans, Spanish rice, pear half, tortilla, milk.

Tuesday — Pig in a blanket or pizza pocket, green beans, macaroni and cheese, orange wedges, milk.

Wednesday — Chicken fried steak or chalupa,

mashed potato, English peas, apricot half, roll, milk.

Thursday — Deli sandwich or taco salad, pickle spears, chips, rosy apple sauce, rainbow freeze, milk.

Friday — Beef and bean burrito or meatball sandwich, oven fries, Mexicali corn, sliced peaches, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday — Steak fingers, potatoes, broccoli with cheese, bread, pudding, milk.

Tuesday — Ham and cheese sandwich, fresh vegetables, lettuce and tomatoes, gelatin, milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue sandwich, chips, pickles and onions, beans, cake, milk.

Thursday: Chicken

spaghetti, salad, garlic, peach cobbler, milk.

Friday: Catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit, milk.

Westbrook ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Toast and jelly or cereal, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken pattie, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fresh strawberries, bread, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Morning sausage roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, Pork-n-Beans, carrot sticks with Ranch dressing, Cherry Shape-Ups, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, corn, green salad with broccoli florets, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage and bacon, biscuit, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos with cheese, salsa, tossed salad, ranch beans, pear halves, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Ham sandwiches, lettuce and tomato, baked tater tots, orange smiles, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Hamburger, cheeseburger, french fries, hamburger salad, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk;

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, english peas, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuit or cereal, buttered toast, orange juice; Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, garden salad, peaches, milk.

Thursday — Cinnamon French toast, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fajita, chicken casserole, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday — Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Baked fish, corn-dog, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, apple, french bread, milk.

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IN BRIEF

Steers scrimmage set for Lubbock

The Big Spring Steers' preseason scrimmage will be held Friday in Lubbock vs. Pampa.

The scrimmage, which will feature the respective schools' ninth grade, junior varsity and varsity squads, will be held at the Lubbock Monterey High School practice field.

Freshmen and junior varsity will scrimmage at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity at 7 p.m.

There is no admission to the scrimmage, but officials urge people planning on attending to bring their own chairs, as there are no bleacher facilities at the Monterey practice field.

The Steers open the regular season at home against Odessa High School Sept. 1.

Coahoma Booster Club meeting set

The Coahoma Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom at the high school.

The annual Meet the Bulldogs Night for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, in the cafeteria.

Youth volleyball sign-ups under way

Registration for Youth Volleyball League play has started at the YMCA.

Families with children in Grades 3-6 are eligible to play.

The registration fee is \$45 per player and the deadline to register is Saturday, Aug. 26.

Players will be divided into two age groups — third- and fourth-graders in one division and fifth- and sixth-graders in the other.

Teams will be formed Aug. 31 at a coaches meeting and clinic and league play begins Sept. 16.

For more information, call 267-8234.

Quarterback Club meetings slated

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans of the Steers to attend.

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

Marlon Jones fails initial drug test

Five-time Olympic medalist Marlon Jones failed an initial drug test at the U.S. championships. In June, people familiar with the results told The Associated Press Jones had a sample tested positive June

Tiger makes PGA leaderboard more intriguing

By NANCY ARMOUR

AP National Writer

MEDINAH, Ill. — The rumble that shook Medinah Country Club late in the afternoon had nothing to do with the rain showers rolling through the area.

Look out below, all you leaders at the PGA Championship. Tiger is moving on up.

The standings at the year's last major suddenly looked more jammed than Friday afternoon traffic. Two dozen players were within four shots of each other, and no one was too far back to be counted out.

And just in case that wasn't pressure enough for the unlikely quartet atop the leaderboard, Tiger Woods closed with a 20-foot birdie putt to pull within one stroke.

"I think it's a great leaderboard," said Billy Andrade, one of the four leaders at 8-under. "I think you've got the best players in the world and that's what we want. We want to entertain, and we're going to do that this weekend."

Either that, or the fans are going to have a meltdown simply

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Phil Mickelson watches as Tiger Woods and his caddy Steve Williams celebrate Tigers' birdie putt on the 18th hole during the second round of the 88th PGA Championship at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill., Friday.



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Kevin Millwood pitches in the first inning against the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park in Detroit Friday. The Rangers won 2-1.

Rangers nip Tigers, 2-1

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — The Texas Rangers did what a lot of teams have failed to do against Detroit.

Akinori Otsuka allowed a leadoff triple in the ninth before getting the middle of Detroit's lineup to hit three straight groundouts, saving a 2-1 win over the Tigers on Friday night.

"To do that against that club is phenomenal," said Don Wakamatsu, who filled in for Texas' suspended manager Buck Showalter.

The Rangers were in a position to beat Detroit, which has had several

late-inning comebacks, because Kevin Millwood pitched seven strong innings and Mark Teixeira hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth.

Texas has won seven of nine — after losing 11 of 16 — to stay in the AL West race.

Dmitri Young homered for the suddenly skidding Tigers, who have dropped seven of their last 10 games but still have the best record in baseball.

After Craig Monroe's triple in the ninth, the Rangers moved their infield in. Otsuka then got Young, Magglio

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Ohio State grabs No. 1 in first poll

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Troy Smith, Ted Ginn Jr. and the rest of Ohio State's blazing Buckeyes provided a peek into the future at the Fiesta Bowl with a warp-speed win that left a lasting impression.

With a flurry of quick-strike scores, Ohio State took out Notre Dame 34-20 and served notice that big things could be in store for 2006.

For the first time since 1998, Ohio State is preseason No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25.

"I think that anytime we're ranked No. 1, it puts a bull's-eye on us," center Doug Datish said after practice Friday night. "But on that same note, we're Ohio State and we always have the big bull's-eye on us anyway."

The Buckeyes received 35 of a possible 65 first-place votes from a panel of media members in the poll released Friday. Notre Dame was No. 2, the best preseason showing for the Fighting Irish since they were second in 1994.

"There wasn't a clear-cut No. 1, which I guess if you're a college football fan you have to really like," said Jason Franchuk, a poll voter from the Provo Daily Herald in Utah. "I just remember watching the Fiesta Bowl and being really impressed with that (Ohio State) team."

AP's Top 25	
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and 2005 records:	
1. Ohio St. (35)	10-2
2. Notre Dame (10)	9-3
3. Texas (8)	13-0
4. Auburn (3)	9-3
5. West Virginia (6)	11-1
6. Southern Cal (3)	12-1
7. Florida	9-3
8. LSU	11-2
9. California	9-4
10. Oklahoma	9-4
11. Florida St.	8-6
12. Miami	9-3
13. Louisville	9-3
14. Michigan	7-5
15. Georgia	10-3
16. Iowa	7-6
17. Virginia Tech	11-2
18. Clemson	9-3
19. Penn St.	11-1
20. Nebraska	8-4
21. Oregon	10-2
22. TCU	11-1
23. Tennessee	8-6
24. Arizona St.	7-5
25. Texas Tech	11-2
Others receiving votes: Alabama 141, Utah 52, Boston College 41, Georgia Tech 39, Boise St. 23, Arkansas 18, Wisconsin 18, South Carolina 15, Tulsa 11, Texas A&M 10, BYU 4, Purdue 4, UTEP 4, Iowa St. 3, Mississippi 3, N. Illinois 3, Michigan St. 2, Arizona 1.	

Texas will start the defense of its national title as the No. 3 team in the country. Auburn was fourth and West Virginia fifth.

Southern California, preseason No. 1 the past two years, was No. 6.

"It's not a problem," USC receiver Dwayne Jarrett said when he found out about the Trojans' ranking. "We're just going to take that and roll with it."

Florida, LSU, California and Oklahoma rounded out the top 10.

No. 11 Florida State and No. 12 Miami will renew their rivalry on Labor Day night in the Orange

See POLL, Page 10A

Longhorns in hunt for another national title

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

Vince Young has left Texas and Rhett Bomar was busted off the team at Oklahoma. Even so, expect the battle for the Big 12 to be won in the South.

The league had four teams ranked in The Associated Press preseason poll released Friday, with three from the South Division. As for the North, Nebraska is the only team get-

ting any national respect.

Defending national champion Texas tops the league rankings at No. 3.

It's not much of a fall from No. 1, but the Longhorns likely would have been an overwhelming favorite to repeat as champs if Young had stayed for his senior season. Instead, the quarterback skipped off to the NFL where he was drafted by the Tennessee Titans.

Texas opened last season at No.

2. Even with Young gone, the Longhorns garnered eight first-place votes. And they'll get a chance to move up if they can beat top-ranked Ohio State on Sept. 9.

"When the season starts, you just jump on a roller coaster and grab and hang on," coach Mack Brown said.

The biggest question facing Texas is how to replace Young. Freshmen Colt McCoy and Jevan Snead are competing for the job.

Texas opens the season Sept. 2 against North Texas, giving the freshmen little prep time for Ohio State.

Oklahoma was the early darling of the Big 12 before coach Bob Stoops booted Bomar and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn from the team earlier this month for breaking NCAA rules through their employment at a car dealership.

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University of Texas coach Mack Brown celebrates at the end of the game after the Longhorns beat top-ranked USC, 41-38 and claimed the national championship at the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4.

Brown finally won The Big One; now he'd really like another one

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — What an off-season for Mack Brown. The Texas coach picked up his national championship ring, visited the White House and even hit the NASCAR circuit, dropping the green flag at a Nextel Cup race at Texas Motor Speedway. He threw the ceremonial first pitch at a Texas Rangers game and also fit in time to get a new left knee, a titanium model to repair damage from his days as a college running back. It came with a nifty

scar in case anyone asks to see it. He also trimmed 30 pounds. Best of all, he got to talk about what it feels like to win a national championship instead of facing the old questions about why he couldn't. "Coach February" is history. "It's been a fun year for us," Brown said. "You win all the games and you're really not sure what happens afterward. We figured the best way to move forward was to embrace being national champions. Be proud of it

and build on it." Now it's time to get back to work. If Brown learned anything since that 41-38 win over Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl, it's that while one national championship is nice, a second would be even better. And Texas fans expect him to be back in the hunt right away, even without Vince Young at quarterback. "There is a fine line between hunger and pressure, when everyone is talking about 'Can you

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Bowl. No. 13 was Louisville, followed by Michigan, Georgia, Iowa, Virginia Tech, Clemson, Penn State and Nebraska. The final five were Oregon, TCU, Tennessee, Arizona State and Texas Tech. Unlike the past two seasons, when USC started the season as an overwhelming No. 1, the Buckeyes received 54 percent of the first-place votes, and all the teams in the top six received at least three votes for No. 1. Notre Dame had 10 first-place votes, Texas eight, West Virginia six and Auburn and USC three. Ohio State closed the 2005 season on a seven-game winning streak and was No. 4 in the final AP poll. The Buckeyes' two losses were to Texas and Penn State by a combined total of 10 points. The emergence of Smith, a dual-threat quarterback whose junior season started with a suspension, gave the Buckeyes a new identity. In Ohio State's first five seasons under Jim Tressel, defense had become the Buckeyes' forte, complemented by a play-it-safe offensive mentality. Tresselball won Ohio State a national title in 2002 with Maurice Clarett powering the offense on the ground. With Smith running the show, Ohio State has a new MO.

These Buckeyes run a jet-powered spread-option offense, turning Smith loose the way Texas did Vince Young. During the seven-game winning streak, Ohio State averaged 38 points per game. "There's no question we'd love to be explosive," Tressel said. "We have some kids who can do those type of things." Smith passed for 2,282 yards, ran for 611 more and accounted for 27 touchdowns on the ground and through the air last season. He did all that despite sitting out the first game for taking money from a booster and then snaring the job for two games. Smith solidified his status against Michigan and Notre Dame, throwing for 642 yards. He also has a couple of excellent running mates in Ginn and tailback Antonio Pittman. Ginn, the super-fast receiver and return man who was a freshman star in 2004, was having a disappointing sophomore season until he burned Notre Dame for 167 yards on eight catches, including touchdowns of 56 and 68 yards. Pittman had the second-best sophomore season of any running back in Ohio State history with 1,331 yards rushing — only two-time Heisman winner Archie Griffin did better — capped by a game-clinching 60-yard yard touchdown sprint against the Fighting Irish. The Buckeyes must replace seven defensive starters, including line-

backer A.J. Hawk and two other first-round draft picks. "You miss the maturity, the leadership and the game experience," said Tressel, who's 50-13 with Ohio State. All the top teams seem to be missing something. Notre Dame's 17 returning starters include its Heisman contender, quarterback Brady Quinn, but also most of the defense Ohio State torched. Texas would have been a lock to enter the season No. 1 if Young hadn't left early for the NFL. Without him, the Longhorns are loaded but leaderless. USC must replace Reggie Bush, Matt Leinart and enough offensive talent to start an NFL expansion team. Auburn's smallish defense was last seen being run over by burly Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl. West Virginia proved it belonged among the nation's elite with a 38-35 win over Georgia in the Sugar Bowl. But how will last season's fabulous freshmen, quarterback Pat White and backfield mate Steve Slaton, respond to high expectations? LSU and Cal have quarterback questions. Speaking of quarterbacks, how will Florida's Chris Leak do in Year 2 under Urban Meyer? And how will Oklahoma hold up after starting QB Rhett Bomar was kicked off the team for taking a no-show job? The Cornhuskers, a dominant force in the early years of the Big 12, haven't won the league crown since 1999. Texas Tech cracked the poll at No. 25, as coach Mike Leach tries to find yet another rubber-armed quarterback to run his wild passing attack. The Red Raiders started last season ranked No. 21 and moved as high as No. 10 before losing at Texas. Texas A&M, coming off a disappointing 5-6 season, didn't make the poll but received 10 votes.

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With Bomar, media in the Big 12 had picked the Sooners as the top team in the South. Without him, the Sooners are No. 10 in the AP poll, even with uber-running back Adrian Peterson recovered from last season's nagging leg injuries. Bomar's departure forced Stoops to turn back to senior Paul Thompson, who started the first game

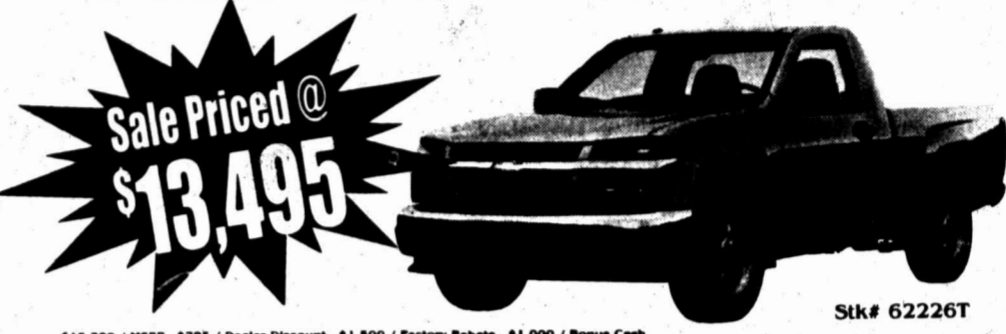
last season (a loss to TCU) before switching to wide receiver. The annual Red River Rivalry in Dallas, set for Oct. 7 this year, has typically determined the South champ. Texas snapped a five-game losing streak to the Sooners last season. Up in the North, last season's 8-4 finish with an Alamo Bowl victory over Michigan was enough to earn Nebraska a spot at No. 20 heading into coach Bill Callahan's third season.

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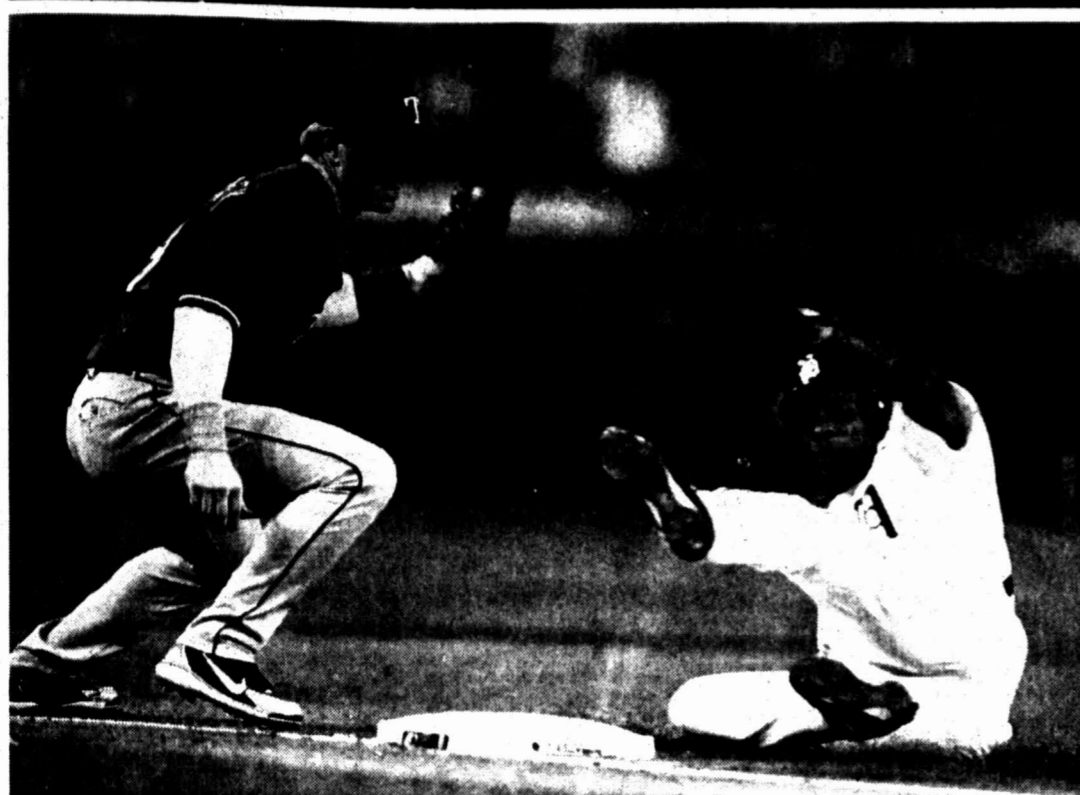
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Detroit's Craig Monroe slides into third base with a ninth inning lead off triple as Texas Rangers third baseman Hank Blalock spins around to apply a late tag at Comerica Park in Detroit Friday. The Rangers won 2-1.

RANGERS

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Ordonez and Carlos Guillen out on soft groundouts for his 24th save in 27 chances. "We couldn't ask for it any better," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "We got a man on third, nobody out, and we had three, four and five — all good hitters. "It looked like it could be a magical win for the home team, but the pitcher made pitches and we couldn't get the ball to the outfield. I have no problem with that because that's why this is a great game." The Tigers have won six games when trailing after eight innings and 11 when trailing after seven. "I was getting ready to run down the tunnel to

celebrate," losing pitcher Zach Miner said. "We've done it so many times, it was bound to not happen for us." Millwood (12-8) allowed only one run and three hits — two to Young. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter to win consecutive starts after going 0-3 in his previous four. "Between the last start and this one, I decided to stop thinking so much," Millwood said. "I just tried to play catch with the catcher and simplified things a lot." After Young's single in the first, Millwood retired 17 of the next 18 Tigers with the exception being Young's solo homer in the fourth, which tied it at 1. "He's a horse," Leyland said. "That's the Kevin Millwood the Texas Rangers signed." Millwood signed a \$60 million, five-year contract

in the offseason. Teixeira's solo home run in the sixth inning put the Rangers on top. "I was just trying to get a good pitch to hit," Teixeira said. "I was lucky to get a changeup in the zone." Miner (7-4) gave up two runs, eight hits and one walk over six innings for the Tigers. The rookie has won only one of his last seven starts after winning six straight. "Miner was good. Millwood was better," Leyland said. "He had good stuff and obviously shut us down." Detroit relievers Jason Grilli and Wilfredo Ledezma combined to pitch three innings of hitless relief. The Rangers went ahead 1-0 in the fourth on Ian Kinsler's RBI single, the third hit of the inning.

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repeat? Can you repeat?" he said. Texas coaching icon Darrell Royal had warned him to expect as much. Less than 24 hours after the Rose Bowl, Brown had just finished accepting the various national championship trophies when he was approached by an elderly Texas fan who shook his hand. "Coach, you got a free pass at Texas the rest of your life," the man said. "You don't ever have to win another football game." Brown thanked him, then got a swift poke in the back from Royal, who won two undisputed titles in 1963 and '69 and a

share of a third in 1970, and knew better. "You got six weeks, big boy, until spring practice starts," Brown says Royal told him. "Don't you think for one minute that free pass lasts beyond today." Sigh. Still, there was time for fun. In February, Brown signed another powerhouse recruiting class. Then the entire team went to the White House and spent 90 minutes with President Bush. "That's a day they'll never forget," Brown said. "When you're watching your team walk down the steps of the White House to meet the president, that's pretty cool." After squeezing in a couple weeks of spring

practice in March to start the search for a new quarterback, Brown and Royal went to a Rangers game in April. Brown threw the ceremonial first pitch and to his relief, got the ball to the plate without skipping it in the dirt. "You cannot throw the ball in the ground," Brown said. "I haven't thrown a baseball in probably 35 years." A week later he was at the Nextel Cup race trying to hold on to the flag as the cars roared past. "I was afraid I was going to drop it," he said. By May he was undergoing surgery to replace the joint in a left knee that crumpled like tin foil in his playing days at Vanderbilt and Florida State. He jokes that the pain of his rehabilitation regimen has given him

new appreciation for players who get hurt. He also managed to lose about 30 pounds to get down to about 190, a few pounds less than his playing weight. The svelte look prompted his only regret from his championship season. "All the pictures taken of me at the national championship game, I'll always be fat in them," Brown said. Brown also spent the summer trying to figure out how to win another. For the first time in three years, he didn't have to worry about filling holes on his staff. Four assistant coaches, including co-defensive coordinator Gene Chizik, were offered NFL assistant jobs but turned them down, giving Brown a continuity of leadership.

His biggest question on offense is at quarterback, where freshmen Colt McCoy and Jevan Snead are battling to replace Young. Brown has said he'll play both, dancing around a subject that created some of harshest criticism of his career in previous years. Texas fans still debate the merits of the 2000-01 quarterback combo of Chris Simms and Major Applewhite and remember that Young backed up Chance Mock for six games in 2003. Yet the old Brown who was at times defensive and sensitive seems to

have disappeared. For good reason. Brown is riding a 20-game winning streak and for the first time in six years didn't have to answer questions all summer about why he couldn't beat Oklahoma. Brown said a few people did ask if he planned to retire. But he's under contract through 2014, so why stop at one national championship when he can chase another? "Until you win one, you're not sure it will ever happen to you," Brown said. "I'm having more fun now than I've ever had."

PGA

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trying to keep track of who's doing what. Henrik Stenson, Luke Donald and Tim Herron joined Andrade at 8-under, one stroke in front of Woods (68), U.S. Open champ Geoff Ogilvy (67) and former PGA winner Davis Love III (69). If that's not enough, David Toms (67) is at 6-under. And don't forget about Phil Mickelson (71). The defending champion checked out what seemed like every inch of Medinah's considerable terrain, including clipping the trees with his tee shot on the 18th. The ball dropped into the rough and his approach shot barely cleared the bunker. But it got within 15 feet of the pin, and he holed it for a birdie that left him at 4-under. "I fought hard the first two rounds to keep myself in it," he said. "I'm only four back with two rounds to go."

That deficit means nothing the way Medinah is playing. At 7,561 yards, the course is the longest in majors history and was supposed to be up to the challenge. Instead it's looking more and more like a pushover. The soft course yielded another record day, with 61 players scoring under par. That beats the record of 60 that was set only a day earlier. And the cut of even-par 142 at Riviera in 1995. "The rough is tough, but there are spots where you can get away with it," Donald said. "The greens being as soft and as pure as they are, people can make putts. I think that's why the leaderboard is so bunched up right now. "It just means I'm going

to have to keep playing solidly," he said. "If I slip up at all, I could be in the middle of the pack come Saturday." That could be said of any of the leaders. Unlike Woods and Mickelson, who have won five of the last seven majors, the guys on top don't have

one between them. Andrade hasn't made the cut in a major since the 2003 PGA Championship at Oak Hill and, as the seventh alternate, was still at home in Atlanta a mere three days ago. The only Swede who's ever won a major is Annika Sorenstam.

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Ferguson a classic model Parcels likes in the middle

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Jason Ferguson let out one of his hearty laughs when the Dallas Cowboys nose tackle heard Bill Parcels was comparing him to a classic car, specifically a 1948 Packard.

"If he would have said '78 Impala or something like that, I think I would have known. That's too far back for me," Ferguson said. "Whatever he says, I hope that car runs good. I still have some gas in mine."

That's certainly what Parcels has in mind when referencing the bulky sedan from before Ferguson's time.

is depending on to get back into the playoffs for the first time since 2003.

When Parcels was restructuring the Dallas defense to primarily three-man fronts last year, he needed players familiar with the system. Ferguson fit the bill and got a \$21.5 million, five-year free agent contract that included a \$9 million signing bonus.

"He always tells me it's hard to play when you're rich," Ferguson said. "I'm like, 'Hey, man, I ain't like you. I just got my money.' I'm still hungry, and I still want to get some things done. I'm not trying to shut it down because I've got money. I'm still trying to work hard, and trying to go the playoffs."

The least-experienced depth on defense is behind Ferguson at nose tackle. Pepper Johnson played in only two games as a rookie, and there are also two first-year players in camp, though Parcels may eventually move one of his ends inside.

"I try to keep it on the road running ... If you park cars like that, the fenders come off, the wheels come off and it'll be stripped down to nothing," Parcels said.

Ferguson is going into his 10th NFL season since being drafted in the seventh round by the New York Jets when Parcels was the coach there. This will be his second with the Cowboys, this time without six-time Pro Bowler La'Roi Glover at the same position.

"I'm going to need more from him," Parcels said. "Jason can do this. He'll be able to do this just about as long as he wants to."

Glover was released for salary cap reasons in March and signed a three-year deal with the St. Louis Rams. That left Ferguson, a prototypical nose tackle at 6-foot-3, 310 pounds, to man the middle of the defense Dallas

Except for Ferguson, who has played in all but one game since missing all of 2001 because of a torn right rotator cuff.

Slowed by a sprained ankle in his first Cowboys training camp, Ferguson still played in all 16 games, though he didn't start until the final five. His 42 tackles were second-most among Dallas defensive linemen, and 16 more than Glover had before he went to another Pro Bowl.

"That's a position I'm not certain how that's going to happen yet," Parcels said.

Parcels anticipates Ferguson playing on more than half the defensive



DeMarcus Ware (94) and Jason Ferguson (95) of the Dallas Cowboys bring down Washington Redskins running back Clinton Portis during action at Texas Stadium last season.

ing Glover around, but he realizes the benefits.

"I'm playing more, just doing what I do really. Just trying to go out there and stop the run on first and second down, and get some negative plays hopefully," Ferguson said. "The main thing is just getting me the opportunity to lead more. You can lead when you play. If you ain't playing, you can't lead."

Parcels anticipates Ferguson playing on more than half the defensive

downs, or just about everything outside of nickel coverages.

"Nickel coverages and everything, you usually have 450 or 500 (plays) of those during the course of the season," Parcels said. "So, if I could get say 550 out of him, I think we'd be in pretty good shape."

Ferguson said he doesn't mind piling on the mileage.

"I'll ride with him," Ferguson said. "I definitely can't be satisfied (with 2005) because we didn't go

to the playoffs and do the things we were supposed to be doing."

Notes: After practice, Terrell Owens said he was still "day to day" and not sure if he will play in Monday night's preseason game. He's been through four practices since missing 14 in a row with a hamstring problem. "I was a little sorer than usual, but I worked through it," he said. Parcels had also said earlier Friday that he was "not sure" if Terrell Owens will play. ... WR Charlie Adams failed his physical Friday with the Cowboys, thus voiding his trade from the Denver Broncos. Parcels said Dallas is still in the market for another receiver. ... Parcels said he will "probably start" Drew Bledsoe at quarterback Monday night in the preseason game against New Orleans. Tony Romo, who took every snap in the opener, might be the only other quarterback who plays.

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*** CARS ***

- 2006 Ford Five Hundred LE - Medium Pewter w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, 13,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
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- 2004 BMW 325 SC1 - White w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/28,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2004 Lincoln Town Car Signature - Silver w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/27,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2003 Lincoln Town Executive - Black w/Leather, All Power, Locally Owned w/53,000 Miles. Was \$20,995. **NOW \$19,995**
- 2003 Lincoln Town Car Signature - White w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/22,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$21,995**
- 2001 Cadillac DeVille - Beige w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner. Was \$17,995. **NOW \$13,995**
- 2000 Mercury Sable L.S. Premium - Beige w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/82,000 Miles. Was \$8,995. **NOW \$7,995**
- 2000 Nissan Maxima SE - Pearl Tricoat, Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Locally Owned. Was \$12,995. **NOW \$11,995**

*** TRUCKS ***

- 2005 Ford F150 Supercab XL 4X4 - White, 5.4, V-8, Air, Automatic, Local One Owner w/50,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$19,995**
- 2005 Ford F150 Supercrew - Silver w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/20,000 Miles. Was \$24,995. **NOW \$23,995**
- 2005 Chevrolet SSR - Aqua Blue w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/6,900 Miles. Was \$34,995. **NOW \$33,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - White/Tan, Leather, All Power, One Owner w/46,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. **NOW \$24,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - White/Tan w/Cloth, All Power, One owner w/60,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$21,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - Blue/Silver, Leather, All Power, Locally Owned, Fiberglass Bed Cover, 40,000 Miles. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**
- 2001 Ford F150 Supercab Lariat - Silver w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/84,000 Miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**
- 2000 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT V-10 - Red w/Cloth, All Power, Locally Owned w/85,000 Miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercab XLT 4X4 FX4 - Silver, All Power, Local One Owner w/29,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Gray w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/47,000 Miles. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**
- 2002 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - White w/Leather, All Power, One Owner w/57,000 Miles. Was \$19,995. **NOW \$18,995**
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*** SUV'S ***

- 2005 Ford Escape Limited - Red w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/18,000 Miles. Was \$20,995. **NOW \$19,995**
- 2004 Ford Explorer XLS - Tan w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/55,000 Miles. Was \$16,995. **NOW \$15,995**
- 2003 Mercury Mountaineer - Tutone Green, All Power, Local One Owner w/76,000 Miles. Was \$16,995. **NOW \$15,995**
- 2003 Buick Rendezvous - White w/Tutone Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/57,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. **NOW \$16,995**
- 2003 Toyota Sequoia SR5 - Gray/Silver, Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Local One Owner w/39,000 Miles. Was \$24,995. **NOW \$23,995**
- 2003 Hummer H2 Luxury - Maroon w/Leather, DVD, OnStar, New Tires, Local One Owner w/61,000 Miles. Was \$35,995. **NOW \$34,995**
- 2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT Z71 - Green w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/79,000 Miles. Was \$12,995. **NOW \$11,995**
- 2002 Chevrolet Blazer LS - White, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/55,000 Miles. Was \$13,995. **NOW \$12,995**
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Dijon-Wine Steak Kabobs with Mushroom Wild Rice

The delicious shiitake mushroom originated in Japan and Korea. Today they are grown in many regions of the United States.

Total preparation and cooking time:
30 minutes

Marinating time: 6 hours or overnight

- 1 pound boneless beef round tip steak, cut 1 inch thick
- 1/2 small red onion, cut into 3/4-inch wedges
- 1 small yellow summer squash, cut lengthwise in half then crosswise into 1-inch slices
- 1 small red or green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces

Marinade:

- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons coarse-grain Dijon-style mustard
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Mushroom Wild Rice:

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups thinly sliced assorted wild mushrooms (oyster, cremini and shiitake)
- 1 6-ounce package long grain and wild rice blend

1. Cut beef steak into 1 1/4-inch pieces. Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.
2. Soak eight 9-inch bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes; drain. Remove beef from marinade; discard marinade. Alternately thread beef, onion, squash and bell pepper pieces evenly onto skewers. Place kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill uncovered, 8 to 10 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.
3. For Mushroom Wild Rice, heat 2 teaspoons oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add mushrooms; cook and stir until tender. Remove and keep warm. Meanwhile, cook rice according to package directions, omitting salt and butter. When rice is done, stir in mushrooms.
4. Serve kabobs over Mushroom Wild Rice.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving:

350 calories, 9g fat (2g saturated fat, 4g monounsaturated fat), 69mg cholesterol, 737mg sodium, 36g carbohydrate, 1.7g fiber, 31g protein, 4.7mg niacin, 0.5mg vitamin B-6, 2.5mcg vitamin B-12, 4.1mg iron, 26.8mcg selenium, 6.3mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B-6, vitamin B-12, iron, selenium and zinc.

Mushroom Merlot Burgers

The classic bistro flavors of mushrooms and wine truly enhance the flavor of this open-faced burger.

Total preparation and cooking time:
55 minutes

- 1 pound ground beef (95% lean)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 4 large portobello mushrooms
- 4 slices French bread, cut diagonally 1/2 inch thick
- 2 ounces goat cheese (1/2 cup)
- 4 romaine lettuce leaves
- Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Sauce:

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced shallots
- 1 cup Merlot or other dry red wine
- 1/4 cup ready-to-serve beef broth
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1. To prepare sauce, heat oil in large nonstick skillet over low heat. Add shallots; cook and stir 6 to 8 minutes or until caramelized. Stir in wine, broth and thyme. Cook over medium-high heat 8 to 10 minutes or until liquid is reduced to 1/2 cup. Combine butter and flour; whisk into sauce. Stir in salt and pepper. Cover; keep warm.
2. Combine ground beef, parsley, salt and pepper in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick patties. Set aside.
3. Place mushrooms on grid over medium, ash-covered coals; grill, uncovered, 16 to 18 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. About 10 minutes before mushrooms are done, move them to outer edge of grid. Place patties in center of grid; grill 11 to 13 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning once. Place bread slices on grid; grill until toasted, turning once.
4. Reheat sauce, if necessary. Spread 1/2 of cheese on toasted bread slices. Top each with lettuce leaf, mushroom and burger; drizzle evenly with sauce. Crumble remaining goat cheese over tops; sprinkle with parsley, as desired.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving:

454 calories, 15g fat (7g saturated fat, 5g monounsaturated fat), 79mg cholesterol, 557mg sodium, 40g carbohydrate, 3.5g fiber, 33g protein, 11.5mg niacin, 0.5mg vitamin B-6, 2.2mcg vitamin B-12, 5.2mg iron, 50.6mcg selenium, 6.7mg zinc

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B-6, vitamin B-12, iron, selenium and zinc, and a good source of fiber.

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Dijon-Wine Steak Kabobs with Mushroom Wild Rice

Great Grilling

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FAMILY FEATURES

Beef is one of America's favorite foods to grill. It not only serves up great taste for grilling — it's also lean and full of nutrients. Today's beef is leaner than ever before, with 29 cuts now meeting government guidelines for leanness, and beef provides nine essential nutrients we need each day. Beef is an excellent source of protein, zinc, vitamin B-12, selenium and phosphorus and a good source of niacin, vitamin B-6, iron and riboflavin.

In *The Healthy Beef Cookbook*, co-author and nationally acclaimed Chef Richard Chamberlain, owner of Chamberlain's Steak and Chop House in Dallas, shares his expertise for preparing delicious and healthy beef, helping people "go lean with protein."

"People love beef, but many don't know how to cook lean cuts," Chamberlain says. "This cookbook offers complete recipes — more than 130 delicious and healthy lean beef solutions that are easy to prepare for anyone."

With these simple recipes, you can fire up the grill and enjoy the beef you love that is good for you too.

Like the recipes you see here? *The Healthy Beef Cookbook* (Wiley, \$21.95), created through a partnership with the nutrition experts at the American Dietetic Association and the beef experts at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, on behalf of The Beef Checkoff, is now available wherever books are sold and on Web sites such as www.amazon.com and www.BeeffitsWhatsForDinner.com.

EASY STEPS TO GRILLING LEAN BEEF

Grilling lean beef is easier than you may think, thanks to these tips from Chef Richard Chamberlain:

- When grilling a "tapered" piece of beef, place the thinner end away from the fire to cook the meat evenly.
- Be patient ... too much turning does not cook beef properly.
- Turn steaks and roasts with tongs, not with a fork. A fork will pierce the beef and allow flavorful juices to escape.
- If you forget to marinate beef in the morning for a stir-fry or salad, simply slice into strips and the marinating time is cut to only 20 minutes.

BEEF FLAVOR PAIRINGS: THE POWER OF UMAMI

Did you know your taste buds have a fifth sense, in addition to sweet, salty, bitter and sour? Known as *umami* (no-MOM-ee) from the Japanese word for "delicious," this fifth sense is described as meaty and savory — or the flavor of beef. Pairing umami-rich foods — like beef — with tomatoes, wine, soy sauce, mushrooms, cheese, corn, spinach or beets can add an explosion of flavor the next time you grill.

Mushroom Merlot Burgers



Weddings

Who's Who

Haynes and Braden

Carla Kay Haynes and Duane Charles Braden exchanged wedding vows Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall with Father Tom Barley officiating.

Parents of the bride are Howard and Carolyn Haynes of San Angelo.

The groom's parents are Charles and Janet Braden of St. Lawrence. Grandparents of the groom are LeRoy and Elaine Pelzel of Miles and Alfrida Braden of Wall.

Serving as Maid of honor was Kirsten Niehues of Wall. Bridesmaids were Heather Braden and Paula Braden both of San Antonio, M'lynn Taylor of Midland, and J'Layne Kemp of Muleshoe. Flower girls were Emma Braden and Kristen Schwartz both of Wall.

Best man was Chris Braden, brother of the groom, of San Antonio. Groomsman were Wade Haynes, brother of the bride, of San Antonio, Courtney Strube of St. Lawrence, Lane Pepper of Bandera and Chris Smith



Duane Charles Braden and Carla Kay Haynes

of Irving. Ushers were Doug Wilde of San Angelo, Reid Niehues of Wall and Whit Braden of Lubbock.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Wall High School and received a bachelor's degree in special education in 2000 from Angelo State University.

The bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and received an associate's degree in diesel technology in 1997 from South Plains College. He is self-employed in farming.

After a wedding trip to Alaska the couple will live in St. Lawrence.



Krista Michelle Thomas and Thomas Francis Barresi

Thomas and Barresi

Krista Michelle Thomas of Kihei, Maui, formerly of Coahoma and Thomas Francis Barresi of Kihei, Maui, formerly of Saratoga, Calif., were united in marriage at sunset, July 4 on the beach in Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Rose Thomas, Coahoma and Jack and Sue Thomas, Palm Harbor, Fla. Her grandparents are Bill and Lucille King, Coahoma and George Thomas,

Parker, Colo. The groom is the son of Joseph and Maureen Barresi of Saratoga, Calif. Krista is a sales executive and Thomas is a boat captain. Both work for Maui Classic Charters in Kihei, Maui.

A dinner reception was held in their honor on Aug. 6 at the home of the groom's parents in Saratoga, Calif. The couple honeymooned in Lake Tahoe before returning to Maui.

Kelsie Wallace of Big Spring has been named a United States National Award Winner in cheerleading. The United States Achievement Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.



Wallace

Kelsie, who attends Forsan Junior High School, was nominated for this award by Cindy Graves, a teacher at the school.

Kelsie will appear in the Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

She is the daughter of Sharon and the late Lin Wallace of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Tom and Darla Ferguson of Big Spring.

Angelo State University conferred 206 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 205 graduates during 2006 summer commencement exercises Aug. 12.

Summer graduates from the Big Spring area included Anthony Aguilar, M.A.; Tiffany Monique Brown, B.A.; and Cathryn Annette Richardson, M.S.N.

McMurry University announced Dean's Scholarships for 2006-2007. The scholarship is a four-year, academically merit based scholarship from \$3,500 to \$4,500. Among those receiving the scholarships was Darilyn Rene Chew from Big Spring.

Cave and Dulaney



Robin Belle Cave

bead that represented a bird's egg.

The bride's sister, Sterling Abbott of Dallas, was the matron of honor. She wore a black and mocha lace gown and carried a bouquet coordinating with the greenery and flowers in the bride's bouquet.

The best man was Walter Elder, the groom's long-time friend from San Angelo. Ushers included John's friends from Lubbock, Barry Pritchard and Jeffery Wilchenski. Other ushers were brothers of the bride, Matthew Cave of Weatherford and Mark Cave of Denton.

The Ellsworth String Quartet, directed by Jane Ann Wilson, performed classical selections and arrangements of popular tunes. The house party included Robin's sister-in-laws, Rebecca Cave and Christina Cave, Jim and Wanda Crownover, and Norman and Joyce Stamps.

The party remained at the Lubbock Club for a reception. Three square tiers of Italian cream wedding cake were iced with ivory and adorned with a champagne colored whimsical pattern. The cake was displayed on an antique, heirloom lace tablecloth. Cold Stone Creamery served selected flavors of ice cream from their charming cart.

The couple left under a shower of bird seed. Mr. and Mrs. Dulaney have departed for a cruise to various ports in the Western Caribbean.

Robin's aunts, Shirley Johnson, Elaine King, Ginger Price and Tanis Price, honored her with a bridal luncheon at the Firewater Café Saturday.

The bride received her master of science degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and is a physical therapist for Covenant Health Systems in Lubbock. The groom is employed by Chambers Engineering and is pursuing a mechanical engineering degree from Texas Tech University.

John and Robin will reside in Lubbock.

Robin Belle Cave and John Stephen Dulaney of Lubbock were married Aug. 12, 2006, in The Lubbock Club, located on the 14th floor of the Wells Fargo Building. The background for the ceremony was a panoramic view of Texas Tech University and downtown Lubbock. Jackie Qualls, youth minister for Southwest church of Christ in Mineral Wells, performed the ceremony.

Dr. and Mrs. James R. Cave of Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, are parents of the bride. Parents of the groom are Mrs. Lurlene Dulaney of Beaumont and the late Jimmie Dulaney. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Eilene Cave and the late James Cave, formerly of Roby, and the late Foster Sims and Florine Price of Sterling City. The groom's maternal grandparents are the late William Stanley of Hemphill and the late Jewel Stanley McCain of

Nacogdoches. He is the paternal grandson of the late James and Jeanette Dulaney of Tyler County.

Given in marriage by her father, Robin wore a gown fashioned of mocha-colored Alencon lace over ivory, satin-faced taffeta with a modified A-line skirt. The strapless neckline featured a scalloped lace edge and led to a delicate double bow detail on the bodice. The elegant sweep train had a scalloped lace edge around the hem. Her candle light veil was edged with pearls spaced at intervals. She carried a bouquet featuring varied greenery with white flowers, including Freesia, Queen Anne's Lace, Scabiosa and Hydrangea.

The groom, groomsmen, ushers and father of the bride wore classic black tuxedos with mocha vests and ties. Their boutonnières were of grapevine, entwined to look like very small birds nests, and embellished with a small

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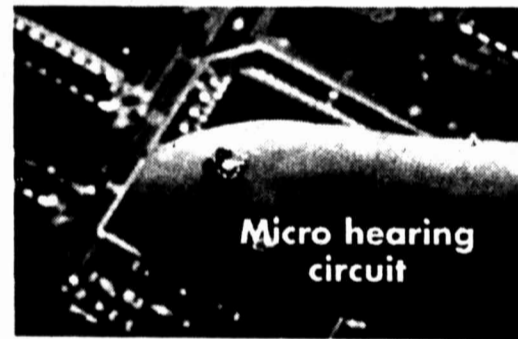
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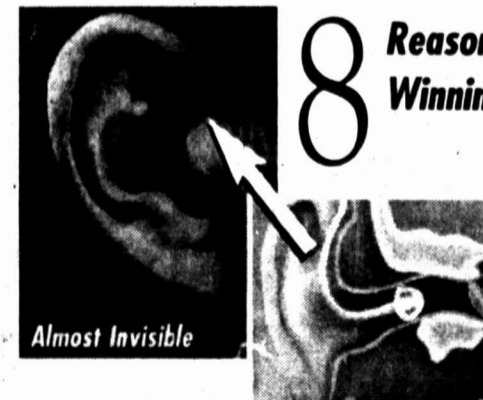
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Michael Heath Williamson and Magen Sue Schrecengost

Schrecengost and Williamson

Magen Sue Schrecengost and Michael Heath Williamson will be married at 2 p.m., Nov. 18, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Magen is the daughter of Tammy Schrecengost and Rocky Schrecengost, both of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Richard Burrow of Big

Spring and Ralph and Alice Schrecengost of Albuquerque, N.M.

Michael is the son of Donna Williamson of Big Spring and Ronnie Williamson of Abilene. He is the grandson of Hilton and Lanelle Witt of Big Spring and Patsy and Bonnie Williamson of Abilene.



Ricky Garcia Jr. and Amber Marie Alvarez

Alvarez and Garcia

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alvarez of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Amber Marie Alvarez of Austin to Mr. Ricky Garcia Jr., also of Austin. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Garcia Sr. of Midland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Rosa Alvarez and the late Jesus Alvarez and Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Torres.

She is also the daughter of Patsy Rubio and the granddaughter of Sofia Rubio and the late Francisco Rubio.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Guadalupe Bautista and the late Reinaldo Bautista and Mr. and Mrs. Rodolfo Garcia all of Midland. The couple will wed Aug. 19 at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Midland.



Stephanie Leigh Whetsel and Matthew Wayne Pitchford

Whetsel and Pitchford

Stephanie Leigh Whetsel of Forsan and Matthew (Matt) Wayne

Pitchford of Millsap will be united in marriage at 6 p.m. Sept. 23, 2006, at First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Marty and Donna Whetsel of Forsan. She is the granddaughter of Helen and the late D.R. Bates of Big Spring and Emily and the late Doyle Whetsel of Forsan.

The future groom is the son of Alvin and Gail Pitchford of Millsap. He is the grandson of the late Bob and Martha Pitchford, Shirley Pitchford of Weatherford, Barbara and James Harper of Mineral Wells and John Dingler of Millsap.

Stephanie is a graduate of Forsan High School and is attending Howard College to become a medical assistant. She is employed by Merle Norman.

Matt is a graduate of Millsap High School and attended Howard College. He is employed by Aethon LLP.

Births

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Traci Elice Beltran and Zynoel Gonzalez

Beltran and Gonzalez

Patsy McDowell of Big Spring and Ric Beltran of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Traci Elice Beltran of Big Spring to Zynoel Gonzalez of Big Spring.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Edward and Sylvia Mendez of Big Spring, Ricardo Beltran of Big Spring and the late Ester Bravo. Traci has a degree professional photography, having graduated from Hallmark Institute of Photography in Turners Falls, Maine. She is employed as the office administrator at Life Church.

The groom is the son of Fred and Anita Gonzalez of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Ulysses and Carmen Gonzalez of New York and the late Domingo and Jesusita Rios. He is currently serving in the Coast Guard.

The wedding will take place Saturday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m., in the chapel of First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring.



Cidni Jade Roberts

Cidni Jade Roberts, a girl, was born Aug. 13, 2006, at 10:28 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Parents are Denny Roberts and Ava Dominguez of Big Spring.

Maternal grandparents are Patsy Heckler of Big Spring and Eddie Dominguez of Alamogordo, N.M. Paternal grandparents are Judy and Daniel Roberts of Big Spring.

Breakfast and lunch menus are on Page 8A

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Local ambassador Clarence Hartfield Jr. and Terry Blackshear, liaison with Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office, enjoy some of the refreshments provided during Thursday's Business After Hours social held at Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Reflections Unit. The event was sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Women & Investing seminar slated Aug. 31

Herald Staff Report

Casie Fillingim, CPA, CFP, of Fillingim Financial, will present a seminar on "Women & Investing" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31.

The seminar will be held in the First Presbyterian Church Auditorium at Runnels and Eighth streets.

The seminar is designed to help you take charge of your financial life. Cost is \$35 and includes a workbook.

Deadline to reserve a seat is Aug. 28. Reservations can be made by calling 263-7641.

The seminar is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Gale's Sweet Shoppe will provide refreshments.

San Angelo center readies for Sheep and Goat Field Day

The 33rd annual Sheep and Goat Field Day, conducted by the Texas A&M University

System Research and Extension Center in San Angelo, is set for Sept. 7.

Texas A&M and Angelo State University will co-host the event, which will start with registration at 8 a.m. It will be held at the center, located just north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

This year's theme will be hair sheep production.

Morning topics will include: "Dorper vs. Rambouillet — Lamb Production;" "Performance of Dorper and Rambouillet Ewes While Grazing Rangelands;" "Dorper vs. Rambouillet — Parasite

Resistance;" and "Dorper vs. Rambouillet — Expected Economic Differences."

Proceeds from lunch will benefit Angelo State University's meat judging team and meat science programs.

The afternoon session will feature talks on sheep and goat parasite control and the new rainfall index insurance program now available to producers.

The field day will conclude with industry updates and a legislative update.

One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit will be available.

For more information, contact the center at 325-653-4576.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.



TOMMY YEATER

Ford announces sharp cuts in 2006 production

By SARAH KARUSH
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. on Friday announced sharp cuts in its 2006 North American production that will force it to temporarily shut down plants in the U.S. and Canada as it struggles to boost profits against intense foreign competition.

The company said fourth-quarter production would be down 21 percent, or 168,000 units, from last year. Third-quarter production will be 20,000 units below what was previously announced and 78,000 units below last year.

For the full year, Ford plans to produce about 9 percent fewer vehicles than last year for a total of just above 3 million.

"We know this decision will have a dramatic impact on our employees, as well as our suppliers," Chairman and Chief Executive Bill Ford said in a note to employees. "This is, however, the right call for our customers, our dealers and our long-term future."

He said it was the company's biggest North American production cut in more than 20 years.

In response to the announcement, Fitch Ratings downgraded Ford's debt further into junk status, while

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services placed the company on review.

Dearborn-based Ford, which lost \$254 million in the second quarter, vowed last month to speed up its North American restructuring.

"We know this decision will have a dramatic impact on our employees, as well as our suppliers. This is, however, the right call for our customers, our dealers and our long-term future."

Bill Ford told employees the cuts are part of that acceleration and said full details of more actions will be announced in September.

The nation's second-largest automaker said the cuts are an effort to match inventories to demand and avoid costly incen-

tives. The plan also reflects reduced expectations for big trucks and sport utility vehicles considering high gas prices, the company said.

The new plan will result in temporary halts in production this year at assembly plants in St. Thomas, Ontario; Chicago; Wixom, Mich.; Louisville, Ky.; Wayne, Mich.; St. Paul, Minn.; Kansas City, Mo.; Norfolk, Va.; and Dearborn, Mich.; Ford said.

Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas, said the plan reflects the need "to match production and inventories with consumer demand."

"In doing so, we'll reduce incentive spending and inventory carrying costs for our dealers — with the intent to improve residual values for our customers and stabilize operating patterns for our plants and our suppliers," he said in a statement.

The Wall Street Journal, citing unidentified sources, reported Friday that Ford is considering shutting down more factories and cutting salaried jobs and benefits by 10 percent to 30 percent.

Ford spokesman Oscar Suris declined to comment on the report.

See **FORD**, Page 5B

Business briefs

RadioShack President and COO Babrowski to leave Aug. 31

NEW YORK (AP) — RadioShack Corp. said President and Chief Operating Officer Claire Babrowski will leave the company effective Aug. 31 to pursue other interests.

The Fort Worth electronics retailer said it has no plans to fill her positions, because Chairman and Chief Executive Julian Day intends to take a more direct role in overseeing day-to-day operations.

Babrowski has been with the company since July 2005.

Boeing wins EU regulatory approval to buy spare parts firm Aviall

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Boeing Co. won European Union regulatory approval Friday for its biggest acquisition in nearly a decade, its \$1.7 billion cash purchase of aircraft spare parts distributor Aviall Inc.

The European Commission said its analysis showed the deal would not cause antitrust problems in Europe. Although both firms distribute spare parts for airplanes, the deal will only have a limited overlap and will continue to face strong competition from

rivals, it said.

Dallas-based Aviall and Chicago-based Boeing specialize in different kinds of spare parts, it said, and Aviall distributes few Boeing proprietary parts.

Aviall will become a wholly owned subsidiary reporting to Boeing's commercial aviation services unit and is expected to boost earnings modestly in 2007. Aviall has about 1,000 employees.

Boeing agreed to pay \$48 a share for Aviall, and will assume \$350 million in debt.

Companies need EU approval for mergers if all those involved have a joint global turnover of more than \$6.4 billion or if at least two of them have each more than \$320 million turnover in Europe.

Aviall's businesses include global parts distribution and supply chain services for aerospace, defense and marine industries worldwide. Its 2005 revenue totaled \$1.3 billion, and Boeing said it expects 25 percent growth in 2006.

Boeing had \$54.8 billion in revenue in 2005 and was expecting that total to grow to \$60 billion this year, before the Aviall deal was announced. The company has ridden the momentum of its commercial airplane business to a strong start to 2006, announcing 29 percent higher first-quarter profits last week.

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Thornton, Bibb receive scholarships

Terrell Bibb and Trey Thornton each received a \$12,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo this summer at the Texas 4-H State Roundup in College Station. Bibb also received a \$2,000 scholarship from Texas Fairs & Events Education Foundation Inc.

Pictured above are Bibb and Susanne Markwell, president of the Howard County Fair Board. Thornton is pictured at right.



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Dawson County Farm Tour planned

Beginning 7:30 a.m.,
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Special to the Herald

The annual Dawson County Farm Tour and Agriculture Appreciation Day is Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m., participants are invited for coffee and donuts, provided by Mesa Underground Water Conservation District, at the Dawson County Community Building, South Eighth and Houston Avenue in Lamesa.

Transportation will be provided by Benny Boyd. Loading will begin at 8 a.m. and vehicles will exit at 8:05 a.m.

Points of interest on the tour include the Ag-Cares Research Farm and Delaney Vineyard.

Speakers will be Dr. Wayne Keeling, system agronomy, weed science; Dr. Randy Bowman, Extension agronomist, cotton; Dr. Terry Wheeler, soilborne plant pathology; Dr. Dana Porter, Extension ag engineer, irrigation; Mr. Jim Bordovsky, Extension ag engineer, irrigation; and Tommy Doederlein, Extension agent, integrated pest management.

At noon, participants will return to the community building for an awards program which will recognize farm cooperator awards.

A catered meal will be served and a number of door prizes will be presented during lunch for persons who participated in the bus tour.

Private applicators will receive two continuing education units — one general, one IPM — for attending the farm tour.

Organizers will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities. Contact Jeff Wyatt at the Dawson County Extension Office, (806) 872-3444, to advise of any special needs or for more information.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Adrian Bara, 1910 N. 14th Street, Lamesa
Richard Henry Burk, PO Box 171933, Arlington
Quinton Dale Burton, 419 Westover Road, Big Spring
Lenard Carson Jr., 102 S. Peach, Pecos
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Hilda Fuentes, 502 S. Seventh Street, Lamesa
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Claudet Garza, 3106 E. Elm, Laredo
Eugene Gentry, 203 N. 18th Street, Lamesa
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Ebaline Flores Mendoza, PO Box 291, Mertzon
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Jimmy Vasquez, 4000 W. Illinois Apt. 160, Midland
Brenda Vera, 1901 Ave. M. Snyder
Alicia N. Vernon, 9614 Dover Ridge, San Antonio
Tyler J. Voss, Fannin County Road 4925, Leonard
Jerry Lee Wrightsil, 2816 Ridge Road, Fort Worth

County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Danielle Horvath, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Priscilla Irene Hernandez, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$374 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jose Perez, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Melissa Wiltsie, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Maria Lopez Hilario, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$385 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Eladio Zubiate, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Zachary White Terry, evading arrest, \$500 fine,

\$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Jessica Granado Matthew, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$500 fine, \$385 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: David Franco, criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$270 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: David Franco, resisting arrest, \$270 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Jessica Blanco, driving while license suspended with a previous conviction, \$2,000 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

District Court Filings: Joseph Sparrow vs. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, injury or damages.
The Industrial Company vs. Sid Richardson Carbon Co., accounts, notes and contracts.
Anestacia Key vs. Edward Steven Bullock, family protective order.
Kelly H. Baxter vs. Bruce Wilkinson et al, other civil.

Marriage Licenses: Joshua Dean Spencer, 24, and Autumn Bree George, 22, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds: Grantor: Charlie Burden and Karen Burden
Grantee: Ricky L. Spencer.
Property: A 2-acre tract out of Section 46, Block

31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Celia Torres Lopez
Grantee: Richard Lopez
Property: The N/2 of the E/130 feet of Lot 4, Block 18, Cedar Crest
Date: Aug. 10, 2006

Grantor: Janel Robertson
Grantee: Julie Roberts
Henrichs and Ronald Henrichs
Property: A tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 11, 2006

Grantor: Strickland and Knight Equipment Co.
Grantee: Robert Hunt
Property: A tract out of the east line of Lot 1, Block 3, Highland Caprock
Date: Aug. 11, 2006

Grantor: Gregory L. Moore
Grantee: Robert K. Fowler
Property: Lot 8, Block 13, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: Aug. 11, 2006

Grantor: Strickland and Knight Equipment Co.
Grantee: Ted Mack
Seymore and Shayla Seymore
Property: Lot 4 and the W/2 of Lot 3, Block 1, Highland Caprock
Date: Aug. 11, 2006

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Grantor: Janice Cearley
Grantee: Librado Hernandez
Property: Lot 40, Block 3, College Park Estates
Date: Aug. 10, 2006

Grantor: J.D. Hyden and Bonnie Hyden
Grantee: Ronnie Stinson and A.J. Woodall
Property: A tract out of Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 10, 2006

Grantor: Lyna Faye Horton
Grantee: Ryan Williams
Property: Lots 17 and 18, Block 12, Amended Edwards Heights
Date: Aug. 11, 2006

Grantor: Beatrice Yarbar Price
Grantee: Marie Baird and Robert Baird
Property: Lot 3, Block 3, William Green Addition
Date: Aug. 11, 2006

Grantor: Jacoby J. Hopper and Stephanie G. Hopper
Grantee: Robyn Chrane
Property: Lot 19, Block 5, College Park Estates
Date: Aug. 14, 2006

Grantor: Neal B. Barbee and Lori Barbee
Grantee: Keith Rich and Brianne Rich
Property: Lot 27, Bates Addition, Coahoma
Date: Aug. 14, 2006

Grantor: Jamie Owen
Grantee: Amber N. Brockman
Property: Lot 4 and 5, Block 9, Washington Place
Date: Aug. 15, 2006

Grantor: HUB Investment Corp.
Grantee: Andrew Smith and Kendra Smith
Property: Lot 34, Block 8, Suburban Heights
Date: Aug. 15, 2006

FORD

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Company officials would not say what specific impact the production cuts would have on workers. In general, hourly workers placed on temporary layoff receive 95 percent of their wages through state unemployment benefits and a supplement by Ford.

The United Auto Workers had no immediate comment on the announcement.

Fitch downgraded Ford and its finance arm Ford Motor Credit Co. to "B" from "B+" and lowered its senior unsecured debt to "B+" from "BB-."

"Implicit in the production cutbacks are expectations of continued weak pickup sales that have resulted in extended inventories," the agency said.

"Volume declines in Ford's pickup segment, along with continued declines in mid-size and large SUVs, are likely to accelerate revenue declines and negative cash flows in 2006."

Standard & Poor's said it had put Ford's current "B+" long-term and "B-2" short-term ratings on review.

The agency said the cuts "reveal the magnitude of turnaround efforts needed to deal with Ford's deteriorating product mix, lower market share, and excess production capacity in North America."

Bank of America analyst Ron Tadross said the cuts are a sign that "Ford is getting more realistic about its share trajectory." He said he would not rule out similar cuts at rival General Motors Corp., which is in the midst of its own restructuring.

Ford shares fell 19 cents, or 2.3 percent, to \$7.98, in early afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

BRIEFS

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Dell: Sony to keep supplying batteries

HONG KONG (AP) — Dell Inc. Chairman Michael Dell said Sony Corp. will continue to supply batteries to the computer maker, despite a massive recent recall.

He also said Friday that a probe into the company's accounting by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission will not make "any material difference in our financials."

The world's largest computer maker by shipments said earlier it has been cooperating with the SEC since August 2005 on an informal investigation of its accounting practices, including how the

company booked its revenue in past years.

Earlier this week, Round Rock, Texas-based Dell also said it recalled 4.1 million potentially flammable batteries supplied by Sony Corp. for laptop computers.

"We have worked extensively with Sony to ensure that they have made the right changes in their process. Based on the improvements that they've made, and measures that they have taken, we believe they can continue to be one of the suppliers of batteries to us," Dell told a press conference in Hong Kong.

Asked how demand for personal computers was shaping up in the third quarter, Dell said demand is "OK" but did not elaborate further.

Dell, who's also the computer maker's founder, blamed "aggressive pricing pressures" for its tepid second-quarter earnings.

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When people say "I love you," sometimes it means "I have to get off the phone." Other times, it means "don't go" or "take out the garbage." Then there's the rare occasion when it actually means "I love you." Mercury and Saturn align now to help you differentiate. By being terribly perceptive, you can read a universe into a few words.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some connections are mundane. Others click with a click so loud, you're almost deafened by the union. Your job is to find the people you snap to and keep in contact with them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Go forward with your heart wide open. You're the one who could start a motion toward world peace now, in so much as

world peace starts with the decision of one person to make peace with one other person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though you're an excellent judge in matters of character, taste and all sorts of things, this is your day to "judge not, lest you be judged." The scrutinizers are everywhere!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationship issues are ever-present. You may wish for a rest from them, but you must admit their fascination extends beyond you and into the netherworld of relationship interests. (It's especially true if you tell your tale to a Leo!)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you think money will solve your problem, think again. Maybe it'll solve part of the problem, though ... the easy part. You're adept at creating just enough money to fix any situation that displeases you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're brilliant, though you don't feel comfortable when others

notice. Dare to accept the number of compliments that'll be hurled your way today. It just might make you feel terrific.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Are you addicted to love, or are you merely addicted to the "you" that emerges when you're in the presence of that certain someone? Flying solo tonight helps you answer the question.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's tricky to be aware of negative forces without allowing yourself to focus on them too much (thus, inadvertently attracting them to you). You're typically good at figuring out tricks, and today's no exception.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every adult goes through the fundamental process of giving up childish ways and thinking. That doesn't mean you have to give up playing. You're lucky when you return to the playground in some way today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People around you talk a lot about power lately — giving it up,

owning it, taking it back ... it all seems rather confusing to you. You do what you do because it feels right, and that is the most empowering choice of all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One of the truly optimistic signs of the zodiac, your motto is to walk on the sunny side of the street. Besides the fact that it's bright and pleasant there today, you'll also enjoy running into other people who stroll that way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Thinking requires energy and attention. If your mind is diverted to the same thing several times, it's an energy drain. Taking control of unfinished business ensures that the unfinished business won't take control of you.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Do you remember the tale of Pandora's Box? It begins in an idyllic setting, when there were enough parking spaces for all of humanity, nobody ever had to grapple with com-

puterized operators or technical assistance, and lines at the grocery store were never more than two people deep.

Then Pandora, a curious and pure Virgo, opened the box. What happened subsequently was either a nightmare or a wild and wonderful dream, depending on whom you ask. Sin and cynicism were let loose upon the world. Oh, and evil. (Apparently, it had been stuffed into that box by Jupiter, but that's another story.) Some rue this innocence lost, while others celebrate it. Without it, there'd be no wicked wit, no drama and nothing "cool" (as "cool" relies on a marriage of dark and bright energies).

During the solar transit of Virgo, we all can be hypercritical, finding remnants of the "box incident" all over our character and lives. Virgo energy is fiercely driven to improve. It has to be reminded to lighten up. Consider this your cosmic reminder. During the next four weeks, you'll make the most progress

by being amused with yourself. Perfection is relative. Make humor your lifeline.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Led Zeppelin legend Robert Plant's splendid voice and soulful music speaks to generations of fans. Leo lions sustain themselves on such all-around approval — they thrive on the unparalleled attention that the rock 'n' roll life can give. I see musical innovation from Plant this upcoming year. He'll pop up in a collaborative project with a new artist who'll introduce him to a whole new fan-base.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Yesterday, standing in a cashier's line, I noticed a young man holding a little girl. She looked about 2 years old. In front of them were, I assume, the child's mother and grandmother.

Periodically, the little girl would cry out, softly, in pain. The man would then kiss her on the head and she would be quiet. Grandma asked Mom, "What is he doing to her?" Mom replied, "I don't know," and "I don't think he is hurting her." This went on for some time.

My history of 20 years working with the Welfare Administration leads me to think the man was either nipping her ear or pinching her thigh just enough to hurt. I no longer have any legal standing, and my instinct — to walk over, point my finger and say, "Quit hurting that child!" — probably would have started a fight with no positive result. I didn't even know for sure what he was doing.

What could I have done in this situation? — Concerned Patron

Dear Concerned: It can be dangerous to accuse someone of abuse, even in public, especially since you don't know what he was actually doing. However, there is nothing wrong with saying, neutrally, "Your little girl seems to be in pain. I hope she's OK." This calls attention to his actions, lets him know he isn't getting away with anything, and makes Mom and Grandma more aware. It takes nerve to do this, and you could be mistaken, but we wish more people had the courage to speak up when they see something wrong.

Dear Annie: Our annual vacation is coming up soon. We take our boat to a lake several hours away and are joined by my brother's family for a week of boating and quiet times around the campfire. My brother also brings a boat.

The problem is our other brother, "Doug." For the last two years, Doug and his family have invited themselves to come with us. They don't have a boat, and expect the rest of us to share ours and all the accessories.

We enjoy their company at other family gatherings, but this is an invasion. Crowding into our



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tents and our boats detracts from my family's chance to have time alone. How do we stop these visits without causing a family argument and hurt feelings? — Not My Brother's Vacation Guide

Dear Vacation Guide: You can reschedule your vacation at another time and not inform Doug, but we opt for a more direct approach. Tell Doug you like having him around, but the accommodations are too crowded. Insist that he bring his own tent and other accessories. Obviously, a boat is expensive and yours may need to be shared, but we think you can put up with it once a year for the sake of family peace.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Need to Get Away," whose husband was reluctant to travel due to his colostomy. I

can sympathize with that husband.

I had colostomy surgery in 1999. When I travel, I use a closed-end colostomy pouch that is disposable. I carry an extra pouch inside a small plastic bag in my pocket. When I need to change, I remove the old bag, place it in the plastic bag for disposal, and attach the new bag. I have done this in airplane restrooms and many other places throughout the U.S. and Europe. It is simple and discreet.

Until I was told about the closed-end pouches and how well they worked, I did not travel either. This information changed my life. — Living a Normal Life in Spite of a Problem

Dear Living: Thank you for providing this information. We hope others with the same problem will try your suggestion.

Dear Annie: Several months ago, I decided to end my five-year relationship with a woman who finally admitted I was not her idea of marriage material. "Candice" was content to continue dating me, but I was looking for something more. Given the fact that we are in our late 40s, I expected little, if any, histrionics when I announced my decision to break up. Boy, was I mistaken!

Apparently, Candice

needed a dramatic story to explain the demise of our relationship. That story, which she has shared with many mutual acquaintances, portrays me as a raging alcoholic who ransacked her apartment when SHE informed ME that our relationship was over. Obviously, that makes for great gossip, but it is a complete fabrication.

How do I respond to those former friends and associates who now view me with disdain? I have been publicly shunned on more than one occasion by persons I thought knew me better. It seems the more I try to defend myself against this incredibly false accusation, the guiltier I appear. How do I deal with this matter? — Need to Leave Louisville

Dear Louisville: Candice sounds like a real piece of work. You dodged a spiteful bullet. Instead of becoming angry or defensive, we recommend you "reluctantly" confess to your still-remaining friends that it's "so sad" Candice couldn't deal with your dumping her. Wait until they press you for details before you divulge any more, and make sure they know how much you sincerely pity her, and that you hope she will find a way to get over you before psychiatric help becomes neces-

sary. They will take it from there.

Dear Annie: One of my good friends is getting married, and she asked me to be a bridesmaid. I am honored, but she wants each bridesmaid to buy a \$250 dress with shoes dyed to match, and get our hair and makeup done at the same pricey salon so we can look the same. She also expects us to plan her bachelorette party. In addition, she is getting married out of town, which will add roughly \$200 to the costs.

When I added up the expenses, the total bill will be close to \$1,000. I cannot afford this much. I am a university student and already in debt. I can't justify spending so much on clothes I will never wear again.

I gently asked the bride if she could let us do our own hair and makeup, or buy the dresses second-hand, but she said her expectations were not unrealistic and she is only getting married once.

I want her to be happy on her big day, so how can I resolve this dilemma without damaging the friendship? — Going Broke in Lethbridge, Canada

Dear Going Broke: Brides should make an effort not to impose undue financial burdens on the parents and bridal

party, but Bridezillas like your friend don't pay attention to those details. You have the choice of going into debt or bowing out, telling your friend you are so sorry, but you simply cannot afford the honor of being her bridesmaid.

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Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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Breaking Benjamin's new album really good

Some bands fold under the pressure of following up a career-slingshot album. Bands like Pearl Jam, who will most likely never top their freshman effort in "Ten," understand this concept all too well, and continue to flail through disc after disc with only a mediocre effort.

Apparently, someone forgot to explain this concept to the guys in Breaking Benjamin.

With a brand new album out and the first single, "Diary of Jane," already making a heavy mark on radio spins around the nation, the band's latest offering, "Phobia," is most likely as close as the band will ever come to topping their first album, "Saturate."

And that's pretty doggone close. But to understand the albums, you first have to understand the band. Hence, a quick history lesson.

In late 2000, guitarist Aaron Fink and bassist Mark James Klepaski made a surprising and unexpected decision: They left Lifer, an alternative metal band that was signed to Universal and was gaining commercial acceptance. Fink and Klepaski departed Lifer — which was originally called Strangers with Candy — so that they could join forces with singer Ben Burnley and drummer Jeremy Hummel and form Breaking Benjamin.

Why would Fink and Klepaski leave a band that had a contract with Universal to form a new alter-

native rock band that, at the time, was unsigned? According to Breaking Benjamin's press releases, the ex-members of Lifer had so much faith in Burnley's songwriting talents that they were willing to take a gamble and uproot themselves.

So in late 2000, Breaking Benjamin got started with a four-man lineup that consisted of Burnley on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Fink on lead guitar, Klepaski on bass, and Hummel on drums.

Breaking Benjamin wasn't the first time that Fink had worked with Burnley; he had known the singer since high school. All four members of the band are from Wilkes-Barre, a small town in northeastern

Pennsylvania.

When Breaking Benjamin started playing around Wilkes-Barre, they were far from a carbon copy of Lifer. Instead, they favored a radio-friendly post-grunge approach that was aggressive and forceful yet melodic. The band's various influences include, among others, Live, Bush, Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots and Nirvana.

Burnley has been quoted as saying that at age 14, he taught himself to play guitar by listening to Nirvana's seminal 1991 release "Nevermind" over and over. Korn and Tool have also been cited as influences, but unlike Korn,

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Breaking Benjamin doesn't have strong hip-hop leanings and isn't quite alternative metal — hard alternative rock, certainly — but not quite alternative metal.

However, that isn't to say that Breaking Benjamin hasn't been influenced by certain aspects of Korn's sound. The Pennsylvanians do incorporate the sort of choppy, downtuned guitars that are quite prevalent in alterna-metal, and even though Breaking Benjamin has a lot in common with post-grunge bands like Creed, De-fault, and Third Eye Blind, they tend to be a bit heavier.

In 2001, Breaking Benjamin's Wilkes-Barre gigs caught the attention of a local radio DJ named Freddie Fabbri, who was an on-air personality at alterna-rock station WBSX-FM. Fabbri put their song "Polyamorous" in rotation, and he also financed the recording of their self-titled debut EP — which, in 2001, ended up selling about 2,000 copies in and around Wilkes-Barre.

It was also in 2001 that Breaking Benjamin signed with Hollywood Records, which united the band with Ulrich Wild — a busy producer/engineer who has worked with Powerman 5000, Stabbing Westward, White Zombie, Static-X, Pantera, Slipknot, and quite a few others. Wild serves as both producer and engineer on Breaking Benjamin's first full-length album, "Saturate," which Hollywood released in August 2002.

"We Are Not Alone" followed two years later, complete with a few ill-fated collaborations with ex-

Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan. The band also landed a primo spot on the Evanescence tour in support of the effort, as three of the album's singles made their way onto the Billboard charts ("So Cold" and "Sooner or Later" both peaked at number two in Mainstream



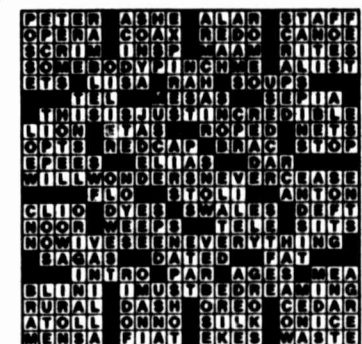
Rock).

And here we are today, with the birth of Breaking Benjamin's third album, "Phobia," before the band heads out on nationwide headlining dates with Evans Blue and Dropping Daylight in tow.

So how does "Phobia" measure up?

These guys are nothing if not consistent. "Phobia" finds them picking up exactly where they left off with 2004's "We Are Not Alone," mixing heavy hard rock dynamics with a moody demeanor that never slips into full-on dejection, thanks in part to their proficient grasp of the accessible melody and ever-rousing chorus.

Darkness permeates "Phobia's" tracks — bookended by a useless intro



Diversions and outro — but the quartet always remembers the silver lining hanging in its off-cloudy skies. Songs like "Until the End" exhibit this resilient attitude, affirming that while life can be tough, "Why give up? Why give in?... So I will go on until the end."

Breaking Benjamin mix urgent up-front vocals with dense underside riffing ("The Diary of Jane," "Topless"), while still being able to effortlessly pull off songs with vulnerable edges ("Here We Are," "Breath"). This is heard even more in the gentle acoustic version of "The Diary of Jane" not listed on

the back cover; it sounds natural and not just like a strained bonus novelty — featuring Dropping Daylight's Sebastian Davin, the version may even be better than the original.

As is often the case, certain tracks work out much better than others, as in the tough angst of "Dance with the Devil" versus the forced warbling of "Unknown Soldier." The main problem with the guys has always been that while everything is pulled off capably, there isn't always much to distinguish them from the rest of the post-

grunge/alt-metal pack.

But what Breaking Benjamin lack in distinctiveness, they make up in a certain charm that makes them 100 times more appealing than most of their testosterone-clogged peers. Phobia will not win over any skeptics still holding out on the band, but for those already happily settled in the Benjamin camp, it makes for another satisfying listen.

Breaking Benjamin, "Phobia" — 4.5 Stars
Song stuck in my head

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— "Through the Glass" by Stone Sour
Most disappointing new album — "Christ Illusion" by Slayer

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Hannah Montana (30) August 21 5 pm 23 5 pm
Hannah Montana Lilly decides to be a cheerleader so she can spend more time with Miley. (30) August 22 5 pm 25 11 pm
Hannah Montana Miley and Lilly try to scare 'mean girls' Amber and Ashley with a fake bear attack. (30) August 26 6 pm 28 11 pm
Hannah Montana Miley must pair up with Oliver for a drama-class project. (30) August 20 6 pm 20 11 pm 24 5 pm
Hannah Montana A new pupil turns out to be Jake Ryan, who stars in a hit TV show. (CC) (30) August 25 9 pm
Hannah Montana Hannah Montana is on her first billboard, and Miley discovers a pimple has been added to her face. (CC) (30) August 25 9:30 pm
Higglytown Heroes Wind destroys Fran the Squirrel's Acorn Day barrel; a painter helps the kids design a card. (CC) (25) August 22 6:30 am
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Higglytown Heroes The street sweeper clears the streets of confetti during a parade; the zookeeper helps rescue the kids' drawings. (CC) (25) August 21 6:30 am
Higglytown Heroes The Higgly kids travel to the top of a mountain in order to break an ancient curse. (CC) (30) August 23 10:30 am
Higglytown Heroes A truck driver delivers a shipment of Kip's dad's special bowling balls; a lifeguard watches over the kids when they visit the swimming pool. (CC) (30) August 24 10:30 am
Higglytown Heroes The gang tries to document the existence of a mysterious creature. (CC) (30) August 20 6:30 am
High School Musical (2006) ★★x Zac Efron, Vanessa Anne Hudgens. Students compete against two teenage singers. (1:36) (CC) August 24 7 pm

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Johnny & the Sprites August 20 7:25 am 22 8:55 am 23 8:55 am 24 8:55 am 25 8:55 am
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JoJo's Circus JoJo learns about new perspectives from her cousin Charlie; Mr. Tickle and the gang go fishing at the Clowny Town Bridge. (CC) (30) August 23 8 am
JoJo's Circus Trina tries to teach her cat to perform tricks; class picture day at Clown School. (CC) (30) August 22 8 am
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JoJo's Circus JoJo and her class celebrate frogs; Goliath gets a new toothbrush and toothpaste. (CC) (30) August 25 8 am

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Kim Possible Kim accidentally reveals that a popular TV star's stunt show is fake. (CC) (30) August 24 3:30 pm 24 11:30 pm
Kim Possible Kim goes under cover as an X-games competitor to pursue a tattooed thief. (CC) (30) August 22 3:30 pm 22 11:30 pm
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Kim Possible Kim and Ron infiltrate a dog show in search for a stolen diamond. (CC) (30) August 21 3:30 pm 21 11:30 pm
Kim Possible No one invites Dad to the Crooked D Ranch Research Roundup. (CC) (30) August 26 2 pm
The Koala Brothers The Koala brothers help Sammy find a lost bee; Alice's hiccupps interfere with her work at the café. (CC) (25) August 24 9:30 am
The Koala Brothers (CC) (30) August 26 10:30 am
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The Koala Brothers Archie learns about participation; Josie accidentally breaks Sammy's favorite mug. (CC) (25) August 22 9:30 am
The Koala Brothers Ned receives a toy plane as a gift; George and Archie enter a race. (CC) (25) August 23 9:30 am

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The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (CC) (30) August 21 4:30 am 22 4:30 am 23 4:30 am 24 4:30 am 25 4:30 am 26 4:30 am

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Phil of the Future Phil and Keely stage a cheerleading event to impress Keely's mother. (30) August 20 9 pm
Phil of the Future Phil tries to find out if Keely's crush is cheating on her; Pim plots against a couple at school. (25) August 20 1:35 pm
Phil of the Future Phil is left in charge while his parents are away. (CC) (30) August 26 2 am
Phil of the Future Lloyd plans to play American folk music at a school assembly; Curtis visits the dentist. (CC) (30) August 21 11 pm
Phil of the Future Phil jeopardizes his family's chance to return to the future when he refuses to play pranks on the town mayor. (30) August 20 2 am
Phil of the Future Phil has problems with a bully; Pim has a problem with her conscience. (30) August 24 2 pm 25 2:30 am
Phil of the Future A malfunctioning gadget switches Phil's and Curtis' personalities. (30) August 20 3:30 pm
Phil of the Future Phil resolves to make Keely's birthday the best ever. (30) August 24 11 pm
Phil of the Future After an accident, Keely is placed into an advanced math class. (30) August 22 11 pm
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The Proud Family Suga Mama enlists Oscar's help after her driver's license expires and she has to take the renewal exam. (30) August 26 3 pm
The Proud Family Penny gives her chance to win \$1 million to Oscar. (30) August 21 1:30 am
The Proud Family Penny adopts a homeless duck that causes chaos with her family. (CC) (30) August 20 1:30 am

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Shane's Kindergarten Countdown (CC) August 23 9:55 am
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Shorty McShorts' Shorts (CC) August 24 6:55 pm
Sister, Sister Jordan is leery about swing lessons with Tamara, but when a jazz legend visits he might be persuaded. (CC) (30) August 21 12 am
Sister, Sister Tia and Tamara help Victor prepare a wedding proposal; Tyreke and Jordan participate in a fraternity bake sale. (CC) (30) August 22 12 am
Sister, Sister Tia is offered a WNBA internship but is hesitant to accept it; Lisa worries about the wedding. (CC) (30) August 23 12 am
Sister, Sister Lisa prepares for her wedding; Tia and Tamara get ready for their summer vacations; Ray accepts a job. (CC) (30) August 24 12 am
Sister, Sister Tamara gets a first date for the school dance, but Tia seems to be left out in the cold. (CC) (30) August 25 12 am
Stanley Stanley loses a school race; Stanley learns about the T-Rex. (CC) (30) August 21 9 am
Stanley Stanley and Lionel learn to cooperate; Stanley learns about camouflage. (CC) (30) August 22 9 am
Stanley Stanley is too short to pick apples from the tree; Stanley finds cleaning his room can be fun. (CC) (30) August 24 9 am
Stanley The class pet disappears; Stanley wants to hide when his day at the beach doesn't go as planned. (CC) (30) August 23 9 am
Stanley (CC) (30) August 25 9 am
Stuck in the Suburbs (2004) Danielle Panabaker, Brenda Song. Two friends want to reveal a pop star's true persona. (1:25) (CC) August 22 7 pm
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody Cody doubts himself when Zack is chosen for a dance contest instead of him. (30) August 23 5:30 pm
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody Maddie and the prom committee decide to have their prom at the Tipton. (30) August 21 10 pm
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody The twins and Maddie compete in the Battle of the Bands at the Tipton. (30) August 21 5:30 pm
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody The boys' father arrives in town with his band. (CC) (30) August 22 10 pm
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody Zack launches a scheme to salvage a popular singer's discarded personal items. (CC) (30) August 22 5:30 pm
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody Mr. Tipton wants to make an ad for the hotel and the staff is auditioned to see who will be in it. (CC) (30) August 24 5:30 pm
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody The French ambassador staying at the hotel has a daughter who Zack and Cody want to date. (CC) (30) August 22 1 pm 23 1:30 am
The Suite Life of Zack & Cody London develops a crush on a visiting scholar; Zack's slop-

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That's So Raven Raven tries to save Alana; Cory and William give Victor chicken pox. (30) August 25 11 pm
That's So Raven On her date with Devon, Raven must bring his sister; Victor and Tanya are alone until Eddie and Chelsea come along. (CC) (30) August 22 12:30 am
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And Starring Pancho Villa as Himself (2003, Comedy-Drama, ESP) ★★★ Antonio Banderas, Eion Bailey. The Mexican leader makes a deal with American filmmakers. (1:50) (CC) August 22 3:50 am
Assume the Position With Mr. Wuhl Actor Robert Wuhl examines facts and myths in American history. (ESP) (CC) (:30) August 20 11 am 26 4:30 pm

B
Barcelona (1994, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Taylor Nichols, Christopher Eigman. Two American cousins pursue life and love in Spain. 'PG-13' (1:40) (CC) August 24 4 pm
Because of Winn-Dixie (2005, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Annasophia Robb, Jeff Daniels. An adopted dog changes a lonely girl's life. 'PG' (1:45) (CC) August 21 11:30 am
Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989, Comedy, ESP) ★★★ Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter. Dopey dudes time-travel to fetch celebs for school project. 'PG' (1:30) (CC) August 21 7:30 am 26 5:25 am
Billie Jean King: Portrait of a Pioneer Archival footage, photos and interviews profile the professional tennis player. (ESP) (CC) (1:00) August 23 5 am
The Bridge of San Luis Rey (2004, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Robert De Niro, F. Murray Abraham. An 18th-century monk investigates five deaths. 'PG' (2:04) (CC) August 23 6 am

C
Caddyshack II (1988, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Jackie Mason, Dyan Cannon. An obnoxious businessman joins a snobbish country club. 'PG' (1:38) (CC) August 20 6:45 am
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005, Fantasy, ESP) ★★★ Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore. Five children tour the wondrous factory of an odd candy-maker. 'PG' (1:55) (CC) August 20 1:30 pm 20 10 pm 24 12:30 pm 24 8 pm 26 7 am 26 5 pm
Chicken Run (2000, Comedy, ESP) ★★★ Voices of Mel Gibson, Julia Sawalha. Animated. Fowls flee from a British farm. 'G' (1:25) (CC) August 25 2 pm
Chris Rock: Never Scared The comic performs material from "The Black Ambition Tour" at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. (CC) (1:25) August 23 3:35 am
City of Angels (1998, Romance, ESP) ★★★ Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan. A smitten angel considers becoming human. 'PG-13' (1:57) (CC) August 24 8:30 am 24 5:45 pm
Collateral (2004, Suspense, ESP) ★★★ Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx. A contract killer uses a cabdriver for his jobs. 'R' (2:00) (CC) August 24 2:55 am 26 10:45 pm
Come See the Paradise (1990, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Dennis Quaid, Tamlyn Tomita. A Irish-American loves a Japanese-American in World War II. 'R' (2:14) (CC) August 25 2:45 am

D
Dave Cook's Tourgeam Dave and the guys review their experience and take on a new adventure. (CC) (:30) August 20 2:20 am
Deadwood Hearst's henchmen target Alma; those at the Gem treat Barrett rudely; Langrishe recruits a new actress. (ESP) (CC) (1:00) August 25 8 pm
Deadwood Bullock delivers campaign pitches in Sturgis; Trible decides to take matters into her own hands; Langrishe has a falling-out

with Hearst. (ESP) (CC) (1:00) August 20 8 pm 22 10:15 pm 23 8 pm 24 1:55 am 25 9 pm
Dennis the Menace (1993, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Walter Matthau, Mason Gamble. A mischievous boy's antics annoy his grumpy old neighbor. 'PG' (1:36) (CC) August 20 5 am
The Dentist II (1998, Horror, ESP) ★★ Corbin Bernsen, Jillian McWhirter. The demented dentist returns to terrorize new patients. 'R' (1:39) (CC) August 21 2:10 am
Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (2004, Comedy, ESP) ★★★ Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor. Dodgeball teams compete for \$50,000 in Las Vegas. 'PG-13' (1:32) (CC) August 22 9:45 am 22 11:45 pm 26 2:45 pm
Dying Young (1991, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Julia Roberts, Campbell Scott. A terminally ill millionaire falls in love with his nurse. 'R' (1:51) (CC) August 21 3:55 am

E
Entourage The guys travel to Las Vegas so that Vince can make a promo appearance; Eric shows his jealous side. (ESP) (CC) (:30) August 26 9:15 pm
Entourage Drama and Turtle search for Saigon on the day of the record-deal signing; Eric finds a project for Vince. (ESP) (CC) (:30) August 26 9:45 pm
Entourage Eric, Ari and producer Bob Ryan pitch a project to the studios; Drama is nervous on the first day of shooting his pilot. (ESP) (CC) (:30) August 20 9 pm 23 1:20 am 23 9:30 pm 24 11 pm 25 11:30 pm 26 10:15 pm

F
Face of a Stranger (1991, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Tyne Daly, Gena Rowlands. A wealthy widow becomes friends with a homeless woman. (1:37) (CC) August 23 8 am
Far From Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog (1995, Adventure, ESP) ★★★ Jesse Bradford, Mimi Rogers. A boy and his trusty canine become lost in the wilderness. 'PG' (1:20) (CC) August 24 5 am
Flight of the Phoenix (2004, Adventure, ESP) ★★★ Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi. Plane-crash survivors endure hardships in the Gobi desert. 'PG-13' (1:52) (CC) August 23 1 pm

G
Goodbye Lover (1998, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Patricia Arquette, Dermot Mulroney. Murder arises when a femme fatale's hot affair cools down. 'R' (1:44) (CC) August 23 1:50 am

H
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004, Fantasy, ESP) ★★★ Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. 'PG' (2:21) (CC) August 21 9 am 21 5:30 pm
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban: HBO First Look Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson return for the third film of the series about a young wizard. (CC) (1:15) August 20 1:15 pm
Hitler's Pawn A Jewish athlete trains to compete for the German Olympic team in the 1936 Summer Games in Berlin. (ESP) (CC) (1:00) August 25 5 am
House of Wax (2005, Horror, ESP) ★★ Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray. Murderous twins entomb their victims in wax. 'R' (1:47) (CC) August 22 12:20 am

I
I Heart Huckabees (2004, Comedy, ESP) ★★★ Jason Schwartzman, Isabelle Huppert. Two men hire existential detectives to examine their lives. 'R' (1:46) (CC) August 24 12:05 am

Idlewild: HBO First Look Big Boi and André Benjamin star in the musical drama. (CC) (1:15) August 21 5:15 pm 22 7:45 pm 23 11:15 am 24 11:30 pm 25 3:30 pm
I'll Do Anything (1994, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Nick Nolte, Whitney Wright. A struggling actor gets custody of his precocious daughter. 'PG-13' (1:55) (CC) August 25 6 am
In Her Shoes (2005, Comedy-Drama, ESP) ★★★ Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister. 'PG-13' (2:09) (CC) August 26 7 pm

J
Jingle All the Way (1996, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad. A father tries desperately to find a special Christmas toy. 'PG' (1:28) (CC) August 22 4 pm

L
Lackawanna Blues (2005, Drama, ESP) ★★★ S. Epatha Merkerson, Marcus Franklin. A woman takes care of a boy and helps struggling blacks. (1:35) (CC) August 20 11:30 am 25 10:30 am
Lifestories: Families in Crisis "Brotherly Love: The Trevor Ferrell Story" A Philadelphia teen is made aware of the problems facing the homeless. (ESP) (CC) (:30) August 22 5:45 am
Love Potion No. 9 (1992, Romance-Comedy, ESP) ★★ Tate Donovan, Sandra Bullock. An experimental serum works wonders for a shy biochemist. 'PG-13' (1:37) (CC) August 22 8 am
Lucky Louie Kim gets Louie a raise at the muffler shop. (ESP) (CC) (:30) August 20 9:30 pm 22 11:15 pm 23 9 pm 25 2:20 am 25 11 pm

M
The Making Of: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Johnny Depp and Freddie Highmore star in Tim Burton's remake of "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory." (CC) (1:15) August 26 2:30 pm
The Making Of: Collateral Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx star in the crime drama. (ESP) (CC) (:30) August 23 12:30 pm
Man on Fire (2004, Crime Drama, ESP) ★★★ Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning. A bodyguard takes revenge on a girl's kidnappers. 'R' (2:25) (CC) August 26 1:50 am
The Mangler (1995, Horror, ESP) ★★ Robert Englund, Ted Levine. Possessed ironing machine kills laundry employee. 'R' (1:46) (CC) August 25 12 am

Memphis Belle (1990, War, ESP) ★★★ Matthew Modine, Eric Stoltz. B-17 bomber's crew faces its last World War II mission. 'PG-13' (1:48) (CC) August 21 1:30 pm
Mike Epps: Inappropriate Behavior The comic performs at the San Jose Improv in California. (CC) (:55) August 25 1:25 am
Mr. & Mrs. Smith (2005, Action, ESP) ★★ Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie. A husband and wife are assassins for rival organizations. 'PG-13' (2:00) (CC) August 23 3 pm 23 10 pm
My Antonia (1995, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Neil Patrick Harris, Elina Lowensohn. A farm boy and a poor immigrant girl share a close bond. 'PG' (1:38) (CC) August 22 6:15 am
My Blue Heaven (1990, Comedy, ESP) ★★★ Steve Martin, Rick Moranis. An FBI agent relocates a mischievous mob informant. 'PG-13' (1:35) (CC) August 25 3:45 pm

N
Nothing but Trouble (1991, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Chevy Chase, Dan Aykroyd. Trendy four-some lands in village of Valkarvania. 'PG-13' (1:34) (CC) August 21 5:55 am

P
P.C.U. (1994, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Jeremy Piven, Chris Young. Collegians protest for political correctness. 'PG-13' (1:19) (CC) August 24 2:30 pm
Phenomenon (1996, Drama, ESP) ★★★ John Travolta, Kyra Sedgwick. A small-town mechanic is gifted with amazing mental powers. 'PG' (2:04) (CC) August 22 1:30 pm 26 12:15 pm
Picture Perfect (1997, Romance-Comedy, ESP) ★★ Jennifer Aniston, Jay Mohr. A single gal pretends to be engaged to further her career. 'PG-13' (1:40) (CC) August 21 3:30 pm

R
Racing Stripes (2005, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Bruce Greenwood, Hayden Panettiere. A man trains his daughter to race a baby zebra. 'PG' (1:41) (CC) August 20 3:30 pm 25 12:15 pm
Real Sports Interview with chairman Dick Ebersol of NBC; the history of one of the most sought after baseball cards; disadvantaged youths learn to ride horses and play polo. (CC) (1:00) August 20 10 am 23 11:30 am 23 7 pm 26 9 am
Real Time (CC) (1:00) August 25 10 pm
Rebels of Oakland: The A's, the Raiders, the 70s Oakland, Calif., baseball and football teams dominate headlines in the 1970s. (ESP) (CC) (1:05) August 26 4:20 am
The Ring Two (2005, Horror, ESP) ★★ Naomi Watts, Simon Baker. A journalist must protect her son from evil Samara. 'PG-13' (1:50) (CC) August 22 11:30 am

S
Sideways (2004, Comedy-Drama, ESP) ★★★ Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden Church. Two friends ponder their lives during a road trip. 'R' (2:06) (CC) August 20 12 am
The Siege (1998, Action, ESP) ★★★ Denzel Washington, Annette Bening. The FBI attempts to hunt down terrorists in New York. 'R' (1:56) (CC) August 20 12:20 am
Songcatcher (2001, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Janet McTeer, Aidan Quinn. A musicologist seeks to document songs in 1907 Appalachia. 'PG-13' (1:52) (CC) August 23 5 pm
Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005, Science Fiction, ESP) ★★★ Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman. Anakin Skywalker joins the dark side and becomes Darth Vader. 'PG-13' (2:20) (CC) August 25 8 am 25 5:30 pm
Supercross: The Movie (2005, Action, ESP) ★★ Steve Howey, Mike Vogel. Motocross racers are sibling rivals. 'PG-13' (1:32) (CC) August 20 8:30 am 20 5:30 pm

T
Surviving Christmas (2004, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Ben Affleck, James Gandolfini. A lonely man celebrates the holiday with strangers. 'PG-13' (1:30) (CC) August 23 9:45 am

T
Taxicab Confessions: New York, New York Part 2 New York City passengers reveal secrets to cabdrivers. (ESP) (CC) (1:00) August 24 10 pm
Trilogy of Terror II (1996, Horror, ESP) ★★ Lysette Anthony, Geraint Wyn Davies. An African death doll returns in one of three horror tales. 'R' (1:36) (CC) August 22 2:15 am
Trust the Man: HBO First Look David Duchovny and Julianne Moore star in the romantic comedy. (CC) (1:15) August 20 5:15 pm 22 3:45 pm 24 6:30 am 24 7:45 pm
Two for the Money (2005, Drama, ESP) ★★★ Al Pacino, Matthew McConaughey. Two men handicap football games for high-rolling gamblers. 'R' (2:02) (CC) August 20 2:50 am 21 10:15 pm

U
U.S. Marshals (1998, Crime Drama, ESP) ★★ Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes. Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. 'PG-13' (2:13) (CC) August 22 5:30 pm 26 10 am

W
The Wash (2001, Comedy, ESP) ★ Dr. Dre, Snoop "Doggy" Dogg. The assistant manager at a car wash alienates his lazy pals. 'R' (1:36) (CC) August 24 11:45 pm
Wayne's World (1992, Comedy, ESP) ★★ Mike Myers, Dana Carvey. A producer tries to restructure a cable access show. 'PG-13' (1:35) (CC) August 24 6:45 am
When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts "Acts I & II" Stories of the effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans residents. (ESP) (CC) (2:15) August 21 8 pm
When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts "Acts III & IV" Stories of the effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans residents. (ESP) (CC) (2:15) August 22 8 pm
The Wire Stringer and Avon reminisce; Cutty hits upon an unusual benefactor for his gym; McNulty finds a key piece of the puzzle in an unlikely place. (ESP) (CC) (1:00) August 20 7 pm
Without Limits (1998, Biography, ESP) ★★★ Billy Crudup, Donald Sutherland. Track star Steve Prefontaine strives for excellence. 'PG-13' (1:57) (CC) August 24 10:30 am



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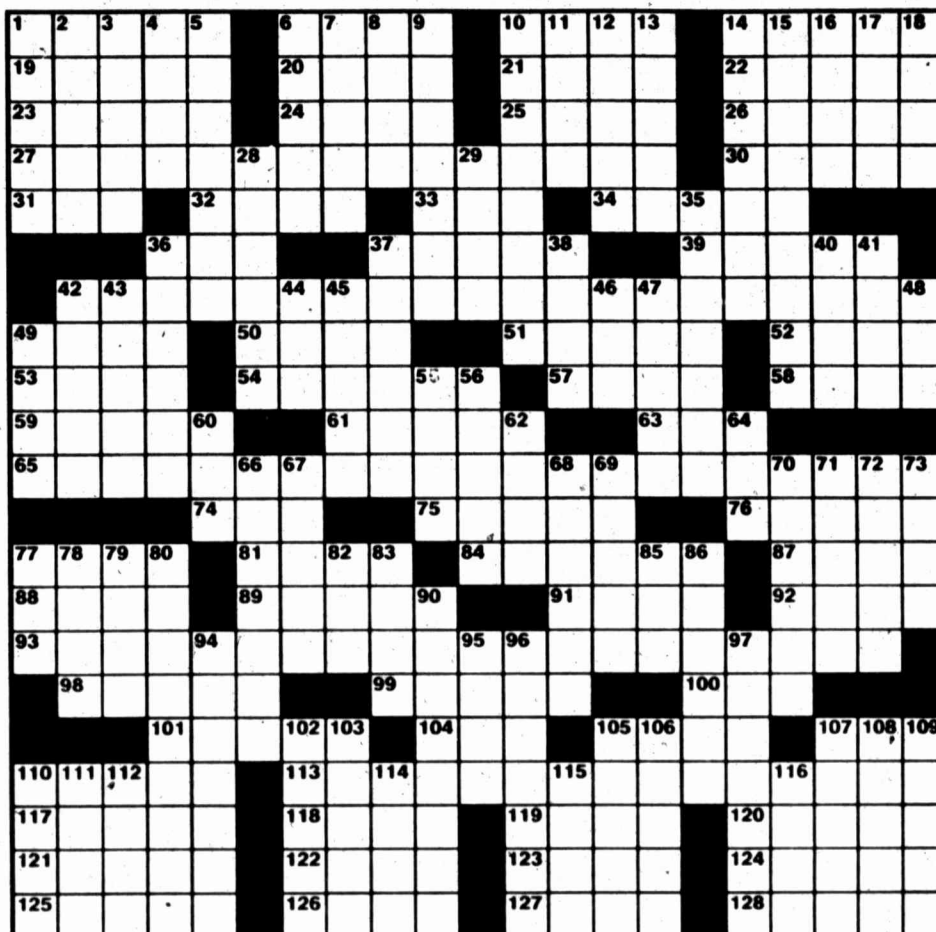
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- 87 Skillful
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- 10 Family-room furniture
11 Wife of Jacob
12 *Dilbert* cartoonist
13 Lover boy
14 Prepared for painting, perhaps
15 Rapid descents
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17 They don't get along
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35 Something bought from a lot
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38 One with 55 Down
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43 Monopoly holding
44 ___-Thérèse, Quebec
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49 Movie mogul Marcus
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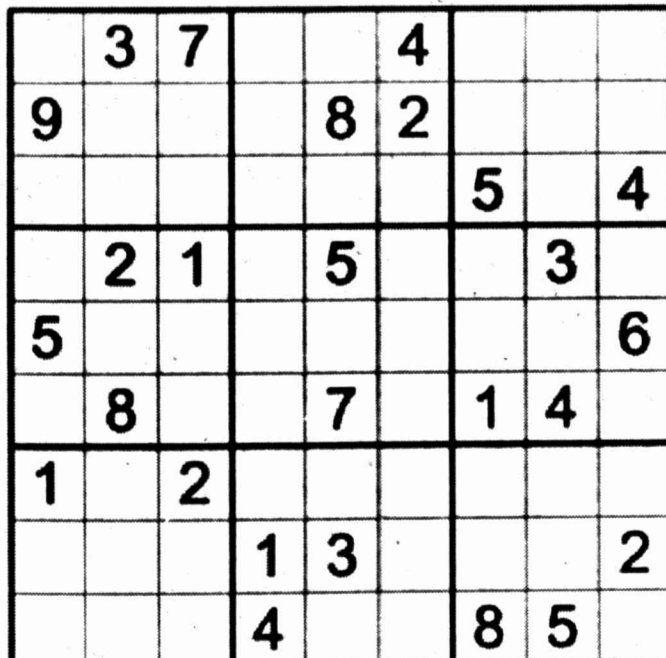


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80 One-of-a-kind
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83 Hightailed it
85 English cathedral city

- 86 Fixed charge
90 Album insert
94 Flavor obtained from orchids
95 State, in French
96 Of too many words
97 Goes bananas
102 Free from
103 Saudi neighbor
105 Child in the care of Jane Eyre

- 106 Understands, slangily
107 Calf-length skirts
108 Pass into law
109 Come to terms
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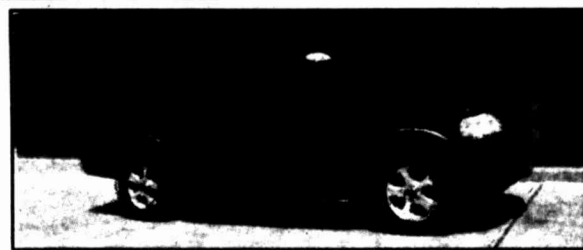
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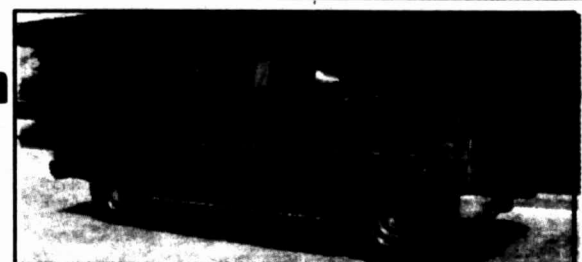
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