



GOP scrambling to find replacement for Morgan

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

If a candidate expects to step up and challenge Democratic Party nominee Mark Barr, who Friday found himself without an opponent in the race for county judge, they will have to move quickly.

Margarita Durand-Hollis, Howard County Republican Party chairman, said news that county judge candidate Mark

Morgan was pulling out of the race has had her scrambling for answers from the state GOP office.

Unfortunately for Durand-Hollis and her party, the news wasn't encouraging.

"According to the rules and the election code, specifically Code 145.036, the Howard County executive committee may not appoint another candidate," said Durand-Hollis. "The reason is because it's not due to

a catastrophic illness, the candidate hasn't been nominated or appointed to fill another office and there's no political party that has nominated him for another office.

"Because of that, we only have the hope for a write-in candidate who would have to file with me before 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27. This is what we know for now, and this is what it looks like we may be doing."

Durand-Hollis said she will be holding a meeting Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Howard County Elections Administration Office — located in the county courthouse — to meet with area residents interested in being a write-in candidate in the race.

"We're going to have to move quickly on this," said Durand-Hollis. "We want to meet with area residents who are considering running in the race as an

independent candidate."

Morgan announced he would be taking his name off the November ballot Friday, citing an unnamed job opportunity as the reason.

"After many hours of contemplation and study, and with mixed emotions, I have requested that my name be withdrawn from the ballot as the Republican candidate for

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SPRING CITY SENIOR CENTER AUCTION



Perry Dean Hall holds up a pair of walkers for sale during a benefit auction at the Spring City Senior Center Saturday morning. Proceeds from the auction went to purchase new furniture for the center.

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Council

Ordinance to outlaw public smoking set for first reading

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The fate of public smoking will be in the hands of the Big Spring City Council Tuesday, as council members prepare to review first reading of an ordinance that would outlaw smoking in public places.

The council is expected to hear first reading of the ordinance, which was modeled after a similar no-smoking ordinance passed by the city of Lubbock several years ago.

City Attorney Jean Shotts — who has helped design no-smoking ordinances for several other cities — said these types of ordinances are usually quite successful once passed.

"Generally, these ordinances are very successful," said Shotts. "This ordinance was based largely upon the one the city of Lubbock passed four or five years ago. They even put in a three year moratorium to give people time to transition, and I don't believe they've had any problems at all with enforcement. There were a few restaurants that initially resisted it, but I don't know of any business now that's not in complete compliance with the ordinance."

"There was enough resistance to force a city wide election in Lubbock. However, it passed with approximately 70 percent of the vote. So I really think everyone has been really surprised how easy it was to implement. I've seen similar ordinances adopted by other cities I work with and seen very few problems with it."

The ordinance would effectively ban smoking in all public places, including offices and

office buildings that are open to the public, restaurants and department stores, just to name a few.

Shotts said bars would be exempt from the ordinance, and those businesses that want to provide their customers a smoking section will be able to, as long as they follow strict guidelines.

"Restaurants that want to provide a smoking section will have to have a separate heating and air condition system for that area to prevent the smoke from being spread throughout," Shotts told the council. "They would also be required to have the area walled off with a door that seals."

"Bars would be exempt from the ordinance, as would non-public businesses. If they don't have an office or building where customers can walk in, they wouldn't be subject to the ordinance."

Smokers that expect to be able to "step outside for a smoke" will find that activity slightly more complicated, as well.

The ordinance is expected to include a "safe zone" that prohibits smoking within 50 feet of any public entrance to a building.

"If you have a bunch of people right outside the front door, you may have to walk through several feet of smoke just to get in the building," said Councilwoman Gloria McDonald. "I really think we need to look at creating a safe zone — about 50 feet — outside the door so that wouldn't happen."

And while lighting up in a public place may be a misdemeanor, Shotts said the penalty carries some definite teeth.

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United Way officials preparing for 'Splash Day' event Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

How can saying goodbye to the summer vacation season with a huge bash raise awareness for local charities?

It may sound like a tough bill to fill, but that's exactly what the local United Way will be doing Saturday, as it gets ready to hold its Splash Day for United Way to raise awareness for its annual fundraising campaign.

Set as a kind of bookend for the annual KBST Splash In, which ushered in the summer and the opening of the city pool at the beginning of the season, the fall "splash out" should be a fun time for

everyone in the family, according to Kim Howell, a local United Way board of directors member.

"We're working with them to make the day very similar to their annual Splash In," said Howell. "They will be broadcasting live from the city pool, and the wonderful people from the local Rotary Club have agreed to handle cooking free food, which is being donated by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for everyone. We'll most likely have something simple, like hot dogs and drinks."

"I know everyone expects to hear about a fundraiser when we talk about the annual United

Way campaign, but all of this is free. Admission to the pool will be free. The food will be free. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone."

Howell said the details for the event — which is slated for 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. — are taking shape.

"We're firming up the details," said Howell. "The people from the city of Big Spring have told us to expect somewhere around 1,000 people, which blows our minds. So we're trying to make sure we're ready for that."

"One of the things we've done to prepare for such a huge turnout is to spread things out a little more. We'll have the swimming and the radio broadcast at

the pool, but we're planning to have the food and drinks at the Old Settler's Pavilion. We're also looking at having some of the inflatable games in the island that's between the pavilion and the pool. That should help keep crowding near the pool to a minimum."

And while the pool-based bash will herald the beginning of the local United Way's annual fundraising campaign, raising money isn't the focus for the day, according to Howell.

"This isn't really a fundraising event we're planning. We won't be trying to raise money,

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County schools meet federal requirements

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard County public school districts all met federal accountability standards during the 2005-06 school year, officials announced.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts received Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status under a federal evaluation system created by the No Child Left Behind Act.

To meet AYP standards in 2006, districts were required to have:

- Passing rates of 53 percent or higher

on state reading/English language arts tests and 42 percent on state mathematics exams.

- A participation rate on these exams of 95 percent or higher.

- A graduation rate of 70 percent or higher, or show improvement in this rate from the previous year.

- An attendance rate of 90 percent or higher, or show improvement in this rate from the previous year.

Those standards will gradually increase through the 2014-2015 school year, when districts will be expected to have 100 percent passing rates in both

reading and math.

In addition to the district ratings, all individual Howard County campuses met the AYP standard for 2006.

Test scores from students in grades 3 through 8 and 10 were evaluated.

"The AYP ratings are further confirmation of the great things that are happening in this school district," Big Spring Superintendent Michael Downes said.

Statewide, 87 percent of school districts and 81 percent of campuses met

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Obituaries

Cecil Winterbauer



Cecil Winterbauer, 81, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at his residence after a lengthy illness. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Chaplain, officiating.

Cecil was born July 9, 1925, in Howard County to Florence and Louis Winterbauer. He graduated from Big Spring High School, which later became the Runnels Junior High. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II in the Pacific.

Cecil owned and operated Cecil's Heating and Air Conditioning, retiring in 2000. He also farmed most of his life in the Knott Community and also coached basketball at Sands High School in Ackerly. Cecil married Linda Armstrong April 27, 1978, in Dell Rio. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a Baptist.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Linda Winterbauer of Big Spring; two daughters, Carol Grantham of Big Spring and Cindy Torres and her husband Larry of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Nick Denton and Amanda Denton of Big Spring and Christy Thurman and her husband Richard of Sand Springs; three great grandchildren, Richard Thurman III and Christopher Thurman, both of Sand Springs, and one on the way; a brother, Don Winterbauer of Houston; and a sister, Charlene Walker of Jasper.

In addition to his parents, Cecil was preceded in death by his grandparents, Willie and Miller Nichols; and a brother, Bill Winterbauer.

Pallbearers will be Carol Grantham, Nick Denton, Amanda Denton, Larry Torres, Richard Thurman II and Boyce Horton. Honorary pallbearers will be Aaron Combs, Buster Bedwell, Ronnie Thompson, Charles Kennedy, Paldio Garza and Bert Sheppard.

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

Tony Hilario

Tony Hilario, 39, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, in a Galveston hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A rosary will be held tonight, Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at 7 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born July 7, 1967, in Big Spring.

Tony had lived and worked in Las Vegas, Big Spring and San Angelo. He played the electric guitar and loved to read, write and play music for hours. He had been a member in several bands, in which playing was his favorite past time. Tony's dream was music. He was very family oriented and loved to sing to them. He also help coach soccer at the San Angelo Boys Club. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his mother, Esperanza Hilario; two sisters, Grace Garcia and Cindy Hilario; two brothers, Jimmy Hilario of San Angelo and Johnny Hilario of Las Vegas, Nev.; four nephews; seven nieces; aunts, uncles and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Juan Hilario, and his grandparents.

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

Paid Obituary

Sheriff's report

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

- JESUS ZARAGOZA, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- MICHAEL LEE JIMENEZ, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of sexual assault of a child, felony motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation, felon in possession of a firearm and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- WILLIAM CHAD WELLS, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of work release - driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- JOE LOPEZ CHAVEZ III, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of theft and displaying a fictitious inspection certificate.
- LUPE HERNANDEZ, 50, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a parole violation and a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- JULIE ALTA REDDING, 41, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- FELICIA MARIE LEOS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CHRISTENE MARIE SILVAS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a Lamb County warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- RUSSELL PAUL RUTLEDGE, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of racing on the highway and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- LEON EDDINGTON, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of pos-

Trace Patterson



Trace Patterson, infant son of Judy and David Patterson, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Joey Bacon, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Trace was born July 30, 2006, in Odessa and touched many lives during his brief life. He will be missed by all.

Survivors include parents, David and Judy Patterson of Big Spring; two brothers, Chance Patrick Newton of Big Spring and Dylan Stone Patterson of Sulphur Springs; two sisters, Jaycee Leigh Newton of Big Spring and Christian Ann Patterson of Sulphur Springs; and his paternal grandparents, Sam and Linda Buchanan of Big Spring.

Trace was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ted and Marilyn Covington.

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

Ronald Jerry Hoskins

Ronald Jerry Hoskins, 63, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Graveside services will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 26, 1943, in Englewood, Calif. and married Katie Knox. She preceded him in death. Ronald loved to fish and was a very kind and caring person. He was a member of the Lutheran faith.

Survivors include a sister, Janice Hollinger of Dubberly, La.; and an aunt, Chris Mosley of Shreveport, La.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Jess Slaughter

Jess Slaughter Jr., 81, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Today - Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon. The chance of rain is 40 percent.

Tonight - Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds.

Tuesday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

session of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- JUAN MANUEL NIETO, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense, open container.
- ANTHONY RENE ACOSTA, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- TYLER RAY PHILLIPS, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- SHELBY W. LEFEVER, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- TRACY WAYNE HUMPHREY, 39, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of speeding.
- RICHARD S. MARTINEZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- JOSHUA SEGUNDO, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- RUBEN JAMES GONZALES, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- KEVIN DESHAWN LARRY, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for violation of a protective order.

Police blotter

The Big Spring police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday:

- TRACY KRUSE, 41, of Colorado City, was arrested Saturday on a local citation and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARY VIASANA, 36, of 802 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JAMES BROWN, 40, of 1002 S. Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSHUA SEGUNDO, 22, of 505 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- BRIANA OCHOA, 28, of Richland Hills, was arrested Sunday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- RUBEN GONZALES, 19, of 1009 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated, unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- DAVID MARTINEZ, 22, of 1109 Sycamore, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a firearm by a felon, public intoxication and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported: in the 1500 block of Wood Street and in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported: in the 2500 block of Randolph, in the 300 block of Fourth Street and in the 600 block of Lamesa.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 300 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 1600 block of Johnson and in the 1800 block of Johnson.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of 10th Street.
- ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1700 block of Runnels.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 187 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of Abrams. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5300 block of Opal Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Winston. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of South Second Street in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-13-28-36-40-53. Number matching six of six: none. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$22 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-11-19-28. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$27,772. Winning tickets sold in: Dublin. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 5-0-0

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One thing after another, as bad news buffets Dell

By MATT SLAGLE
AP Technology Writer

DALLAS — It wasn't too long ago when Dell Inc. was riding high on the success of its patented direct-sales model to consumers and businesses, boldly predicting during an April 2005 meeting with analysts that the computer maker would soon swell from \$50 billion in revenue to \$80 billion.

But then the PC market slowed, profits tumbled and share prices took a hit. Complaints began to mount about its customer service. Dell, meanwhile, continued doing what it had been doing.

Then came last week, a stretch Dell would surely rather forget. Dell issued the largest electronics recall in U.S. history, reported dismal second-quarter earnings and acknowledged a probe by federal investigators for accounting issues.

Suddenly, the world's largest PC maker is looking vulnerable.

So what happens next to the squeaky-clean company built on efficiency, the one that used to inspire fear in competitors with its low prices and sheer size?

It still has the ingredients for success, analysts said, but desperately needs some adjustments. "It's not really as if disaster has struck," believes Roger Kay, an analyst with Endpoint Technologies Associates. "It's just that they've had a run of bad news."

The latest streak began last Monday, when Dell and the Consumer

Product Safety Commission issued a voluntary recall of 4.1 million notebook batteries made by Sony Corp. because they could overheat and catch fire.

Three days later, Dell said second-quarter profit fell 51 percent, to \$502 million from \$1.02 billion in the same period a year ago. Sales edged up 5 percent to \$14.1 billion, to meet already lowered Wall Street sales and earnings per share expectations.

Dell's woes certainly seem out of place considering that last week, chief competitor Hewlett-Packard Co. easily beat Wall Street's expectations for third-quarter profits and raised its fourth-quarter and full-year guidance.

"It's kind of what HP has just risen to, yet the perception is that HP is on the mend and Dell is in decline," said Kay. "What people forget is that every day Dell is selling lots of computers to lots of people — and they're not blowing up."

Chief Executive Officer Kevin Rollins, repeating an explanation he's been delivering for a year now, again blamed overly aggressive pricing, a slowing marketplace and component prices that weren't lowering as expected.

He also told investors that steps are being taken to remedy the problem. For example, Dell has funneled millions to improve its customer service and has begun offering chips made by both Intel Corp. and Advanced Micro Devices Inc.



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Auctioneer David Lefever solicits item bids during a benefit auction at the Spring City Senior Center Saturday morning. Money raised at the event went to purchase new furniture at the center.

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Howard County Judge," said Morgan. "I've been offered a position in Big Spring that will require a full commitment of my time. 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 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's opponent, local rancher Mark Barr, said now it's simply a matter of "wait and see."

"It came as a shock to me," said Barr. "It was kind of bittersweet. I've really been looking forward to the campaign, which has given me a chance to get out in the county and meet people

and find out what's going on.

"At this point we're just going to have to wait and see what the Republican Party is going to do. I would think they would need to find someone they think can win, and that may be hard to do at this point."

For more information on becoming a write-in candidate for the November race, contact Durand-Hollis at 264-0973.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Gilberto "Gil" Guerra, 83, died Friday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Cecil Winterbauer, 81, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Alvie Morris, 92, died Thursday. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 2:30 p.m. (MST) at Ft. Bayard National Cemetery in Silver City, New Mexico.

COUNCIL

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"Because this ordinance is health related, the fine can range between \$1 and \$2,000," Shotts recently told the council.

Also on the agenda are the following items:

- Final reading of an ordinance calling for a bond election Nov. 7.
- Final reading of a res-

olution to execute a lease with Solitaire Homes.

- Awarding of a bid for installation of siding on a building at the airpark.
- Presentation of the annual tax report.
- Contract with the Howard County elections administrator.
- Consider extending leases to cell sites.
- Adopt the annual budget for 2006-2007.
- Agreement with

Howard County to operate the Senior Citizen's Center.

- Lease agreement with Cornell Corrections.
- City manager's report, to include board and committee appointments.

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SPLASH

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we'll be trying to raise awareness," said Howell. "Each year we've kicked off the campaign the same way, with a luncheon at Garrett Hall. This year we're doing things a little different. This year we're working on planning an entire week of kickoff activities, and this splash out is one of them."

Agencies assisted by the United Way include: YMCA, Victim Services, Girl Scouts, Westside Day

Care Center, Westside Community Center, Salvation Army, Northside Community Center, Isaiah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, Big Spring Humane Society, Boy's Club of Big Spring and American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter.

For more information on the United Way and the upcoming campaign, contact local United Way Director Cynthia Scott at

267-5201.

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SCHOOLS

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AYP standards in 2006. In 2005, 78 percent of campuses met AYP targets.

"We are pleased that a growing number of campuses are meeting AYP goals," said Shirley J. Neeley, state commissioner of education. "While

this is a strong performance, the NCLB Act requires all campuses and districts to meet increasing AYP targets through 2014, so we must continue to improve performance levels."

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Opening lead — ace of clubs.

There are two sides to a coin, as any numismatist will tell you, and there are also two sides to a bridge hand, as any bridge player will tell you. This is especially noticeable in team-of-four events, where the same hand is played at two different tables.

Consider this deal, which occurred at the 1980 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Yugoslavia and the United States.

Nothing much happened at the first table, where, with Yugoslavia North-South, the bidding (with East-West silent) went: 1♥-1♠-2♥-4♥. West led a diamond, taken with the ace, and declarer cashed the ace of trumps, on which West showed out. South then entered dummy with a spade, finessed the jack of hearts and eventually lost a trump trick and a club to score 650 points.

At the second table, Ira Rubin and Paul Soloway, North-South for the U.S., got to six hearts as shown in the diagram. The Yugoslav West started with the ace and another club.

You might think Soloway would go down one, but he managed to make the slam by presenting East with a chance to make a mistake. Instead of leading a low trump to his ace at trick three, he led the nine of trumps.

East covered with the ten, a mistake many defenders might make, and this impulsive action ultimately proved fatal. Soloway won with the ace and, after West showed out, had an easy time trapping East's Q-8-5 of trumps. The only trick Soloway lost was a club, and he scored 1,430 points for making the slam.

Leading the nine of trumps instead of the three was a play that could cost declarer nothing, but it had the enormous advantage of inducing a defensive error by East.

Tomorrow: A step-by-step process.
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OUR VIEWS

It's time for local business to make plans for Ag Expo

It's already time for local businesses wanting a unique opportunity to reach local farmers and producers to begin reserving booth space at the 2006 Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon set for Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

The Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is an excellent and affordable way for businesses to display their wares to the area's farmers and ranchers.

According to Nancy Newell, executive assistant for the chamber, she and other staffers "are looking forward to working with everyone" on the Ag Expo and want to make it "a really good time for everyone."

Newell said booths — approximately 10 feet by 10 feet in size — will be available for \$100, and include two tickets to the luncheon, as well as exhibitor badges. Additional tickets for the luncheon can be purchased for \$10 per meal.

For more information about reserving a booth or about the Ag Expo, contact the chamber by calling 263-7641.

The expo and luncheon is a one-day event, from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., and is being held in conjunction with the Howard County Fair.

The luncheon will get under way at noon that Thursday under the fair's entertainment tent.

Organizers begin setting up for the luncheon that morning at 8 a.m. and continue through 10 a.m., and will be open to the public beginning at 11 a.m.

As always the expo and luncheon will feature a number of annual awards — the ag producer of the year and the ag business of the year.

An as yet unannounced guest speaker will provide the luncheon's keynote.

While booths must be reserved no later than Sept. 20, there's no time like the present to make your plans to join all of us at the Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon.

We hope to see you here.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we clear the air with You, Lord, through prayer.
Amen

Justice Department on steroids

San Francisco Chronicle reporters Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams should not go to jail if they do not reveal their source for stories on a grand jury investigation into steroids in sports. For one thing, they haven't broken any laws.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles subpoenaed Fainaru-Wada and Williams to find out who leaked grand jury transcripts in violation of a court order. Apparently, prosecutors have been unable to identify the leaker, so they have resorted to the heavy-handed threat of incarceration in order to intimidate the reporters into breaking their pledge of confidentiality.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey White ruled last week that the law compelled him to deny a motion made by Chronicle lawyers to quash the subpoenas.

Trial attorney John Kecker told me White ruled correctly because, "The feds have the law on their side," even if "they don't have common sense or good policy on the side."

As for those of you who see the prosecutors' heavy-handed play as a well-deserved comeuppance for arrogant journalists, you should understand that the same rules that allow the courts to jail reporters who won't give up sources can be used against any

citizen who will not want to testify against a sibling, a co-worker or a neighbor.

That's why you want the courts to use discretion and take circumstances into consideration. In this case, prosecutors should note the federal government's history of not going after journalists unless the national security depends on it, a state law that shields California reporters and the fact that the two reporters stand to serve more time than any defendants.

Mark Corallo, who worked as spokesman for former Attorney General John Ashcroft, signed an affidavit for the Chronicle. He noted that Ashcroft took the steroids case so seriously that he announced the 42-count indictment against individuals tied to BALCO (Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative) on television.

Still, Corallo believes the Department of Justice under Ashcroft — a veritable Satan to many civil libertarians — would not have served subpoenas on Fainaru-Wada and Williams. Corallo himself approved only one subpoena for a media person, and that was for a matter of "grave national security."

"In the balance that is required under the DOJ guidelines," he wrote, "the public's interest in the free dissemination of ideas and information clearly outweighs the public's interest in effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice — particularly in a case where the BALCO criminal defendants plead guilty and have

served their sentenced time in prison."

The longest prison term served by a BALCO defendant was four months behind bars — yet Fainaru-Wada and Williams could face up to 18 months, a full grand jury term, for reporting leaks about the BALCO case.

Corallo summed up the reporter subpoenas as "a waste of government and taxpayer resources." In an affidavit, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer argued that the reporter subpoenas undermine the state reporter's shield law, which was supported by 75 percent of voters in 1980: "To jail a journalist because he protected his source is an assault not only on the press, but on Californians, as well."

Yes, my view is colored by my profession. I know how important it is for sources to believe a journalist's promise to protect their identity.

But I don't argue that reporters are above the law. If Fainaru-Wada and Williams break into someone's home to get information, they should go to jail.

Kecker told me, "From the government's point of view, it's a much more serious thing to stand up to the government than it is to commit a crime."

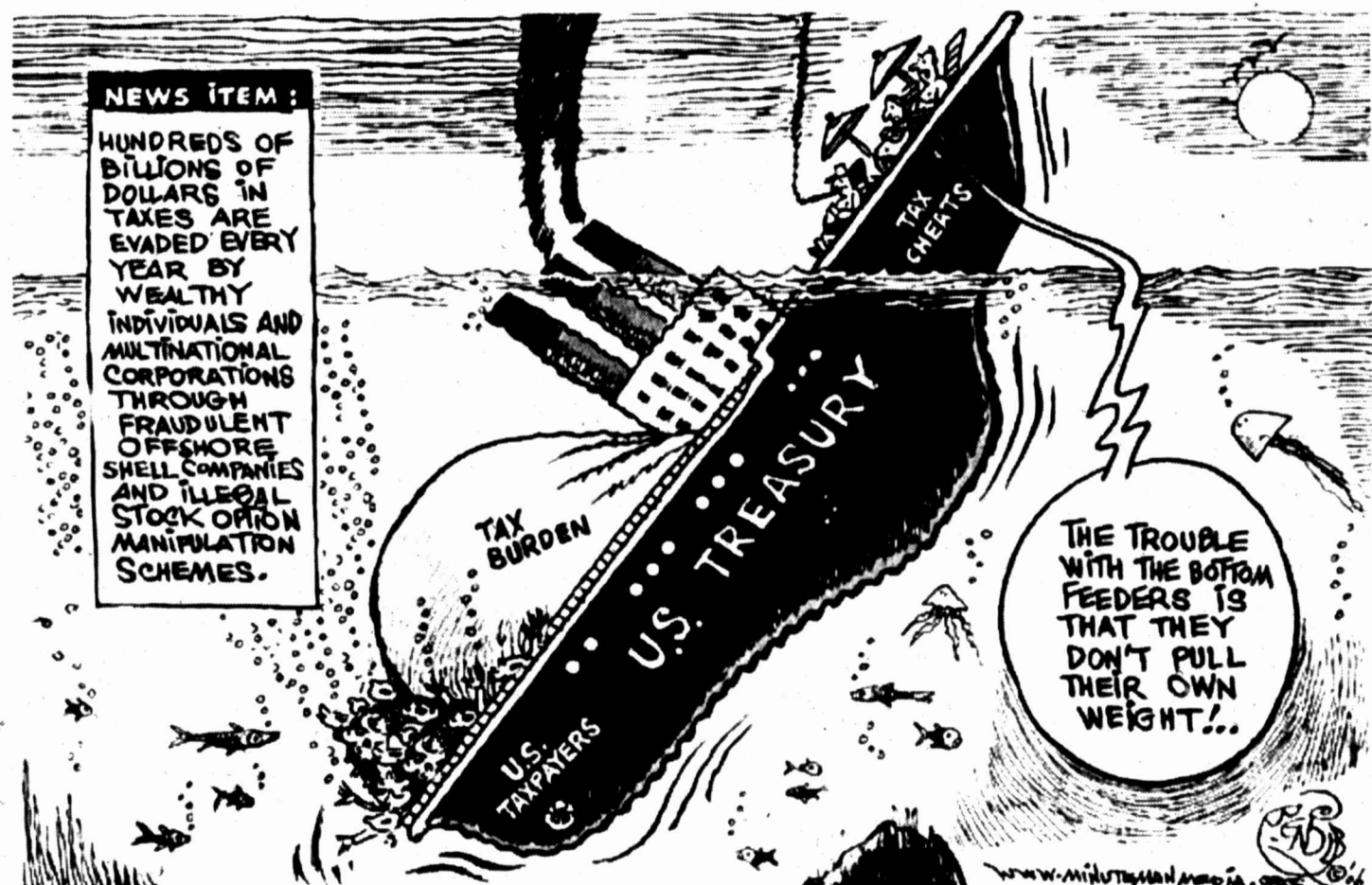
Must be true — otherwise, the feds would want to reserve prison for real criminals.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS



Integrity rather than ideology

By handing Joseph Lieberman a loss in his primary battle with anti-war candidate Ned Lamont, Connecticut Democrats dealt a potentially fatal blow to bipartisanship nationwide.

Basically, the voters told Lieberman that even though he was an honorable representative who served the state and nation well for 18 years, he deserved to lose his job because he agreed with the Republicans on the war.

Lieberman lost the primary by less than three percent to a candidate whose prime virtue was that he agreed with the Democrats on all their traditional issues.

Though he didn't quite say it this way in his ads, Ned Lamont's campaign message was basically, "vote for me, and I'll be a real lefty who won't ever think for myself."

This vote sends a pretty clear message to any future Democratic candidates that they had better fall in lockstep with the party platform or they too will be swept out of the clubhouse.

The most troubling thing about Lieberman's loss is that his willingness to stand by his decision to support the war, even when he knew it could cost him his job, did not seem to count for anything with the voters.

Had Lieberman, once he saw Lamont emerging as real threat, simply changed his opinion on

Iraq and taken his support away from the President, he would have won in a landslide.

Though I'm no fan of the war and disagree with Lieberman on nearly everything, it's hard not to support someone who actually has the courage to stand by his convictions even when it will hurt his career.

Integrity is in short supply in Washington.

The vast majority of our congressmen willingly modify their positions depending on the direction of the political breeze and too many votes are made based on polling data, not personal convictions.

It seems that nearly every senator and representative makes choices based on how they will impact his re-election campaign and a future run for the White House.

To the public, this willingness to please can be seductive. Our elected officials will actually give us what we want if enough of us ask for it, as long as we keep them in their cushy jobs.

It's like having a girlfriend who takes on your hobbies, only eats food that you like and agrees with your opinion on everything.

Date that girl for a while and you begin to see the downside. It turns out that you may not always be right and that your choices don't always turn out well.

She's surprised when you break up with her — since she worked so hard to please you — and can't understand why you're with that new girl who puts you in your place every now and then.

With politicians, however, most members of the voting public never seem to lose their desire to be with someone who always agrees them.

Instead of voting for people who will approach each issue with an open mind and make the best decision they can at that time, we seek out people who will parrot our views no matter the outcome.

This leaves us with a battle for control between extremists.

It's no longer OK to be a moderate Republican or a conservative Democrat.

Having balanced views and an open mind leads a politician to the unemployment line. This extremism also leads to governmental gridlock since neither party has clear enough majority to get anything done without compromise and blindly following the party line leaves no room for that.

Joe Lieberman may not share my views, but he does share my willingness to take an unpopular stand and stick with it, even if it might damage his career.

I'd rather have a Congress full of men of integrity, than one filled with men who agree with me on every issue.

That clearly puts me in the minority, but it makes me, like Lieberman, an independent and our hack-riddled, party-controlled government could use a few more of those.

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To carb or not to carb, that's the real question

High protein with low carbohydrate? High carbohydrates with low protein? Low fat? No fat? No sugar, salt or white flour? Vegetarian?

Many people are confused by so much — and often so conflicting — weight-loss and exercise information. The latest in dietary news doesn't stay 'the latest' long.

Relax, said Dr. Jenna Anding, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist.

Before digging into the latest diet craze, she said, try these three simple tips:

- Increase physical activity;
- Eat out less often; and
- Reduce portion sizes.

In case that still looks a little daunting, information from the International Food Information Council Foundation may help.

"Researchers theorize that the upward trend in the number of overweight Americans is caused, on average, by an imbalance of only 100 extra calories per day," according to the IFIC's newsletter, Food Insight.

The newsletter goes on to list several relatively painless ways to cut 100 calories a day from the diet, such as:

- Drink eight ounces of diet soda instead of eight ounces of regular soda.
- Instead of two cups of whole milk, drink two cups of fat-free milk.
- Share a small bag of french fries with a friend. Anding believes the cause of the nation's current problem with weight is more than 100 calories per day, but said eliminating those extra calories is still a step in

- Eliminate fried food;
- Decrease frequency of snacking;
- Monitor eating patterns and keep a food diary; and
- Eat breakfast on a regular basis.

Eating a nutritious breakfast is important, Anding said, "because your body is still at work when you are sleeping — breathing and pumping blood and other bodily functions — and all that takes energy. So when you wake up, your energy level may be a little low (and needs to be replenished)."

Also, she added, people who don't eat a nutritious breakfast might be more likely to start snacking in mid-morning. And unless they have their own nutritious snacks with them, they are more likely to choose high-sugar, high-fat snacks because often those are the only ones available.

Snacking can be included in a healthy food plan, as long as the snacks are healthy ones. Anding suggested fresh fruit, pretzels, popcorn (low-fat version), low-fat milk and yogurt, nuts, lean meats and cheese. "Again, the key is to watch portion



Kori Myers

the right direction. "Trimming 100 calories (a day) is definitely a start, but I think you're going to have to increase physical activity because we know diet is not enough," she said. Her advice: If you really want to know how to lose weight and maintain a healthy weight loss, look at the habits of people who have already done so.

Information from the National Weight Control Registry can help there, she said. This organization, founded in 1994 for the study of successful and healthy weight loss and the strategies that make it possible, has more than 3,000 current participants.

"It's a registry of people who have lost an average of 30 kilograms — more than 60 pounds — and kept it off for five years," Anding said. Some of their more common strategies, she said, are:

- Physical activity for at least an hour a day;
- Generally follow a low-fat diet that's also low in calories;
- Eat out only about three times a week, on average — eat most meals at home;
- Cut portion sizes;

sizes," she said.

Anding follows her own advice. For her own family, she said, "We prepare as many meals at home as possible. We keep healthy food around the house, but we are human. We occasionally have chips and we definitely eat our share of cookies during Girl Scout cookie season. We don't have 'forbidden' foods — we just use common sense and moderation."

Just as eating healthy is a family affair, so is exercise. Anding advised families to get some kind of physical activity together — she and her husband take their 15-month-old son for brisk walks in his stroller in the evening, "when weather and mosquitos permit," she said. "It's a great way to relieve stress, the exercise is good for us, and hopefully our son will adopt the habit of being physically active as he gets older."

Anding said the recent announcement from Kraft Foods that the company will join in the fight against obesity "is a step in the right direction." The company plans to stop marketing in schools, add more nutrition information to labels and limit single-serving sizes on some of its products.

CNN quoted Betsy Holden, Kraft's co-CEO, as saying: "Just as obesity has many causes, it can be solved only if all sectors of society do their part to help. Kraft is committed to product choices and marketing practices that will help encourage healthy lifestyles and make it easier to eat and live better."

Anding agreed. To really conquer the problem

of obesity on a national level, families, schools and communities must work together. "Really getting a handle on healthy weight is a community effort," she said.

But getting a handle on individual weight control, she said, starts with increasing physical activity, eating out less and

reducing portion sizes. Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well."

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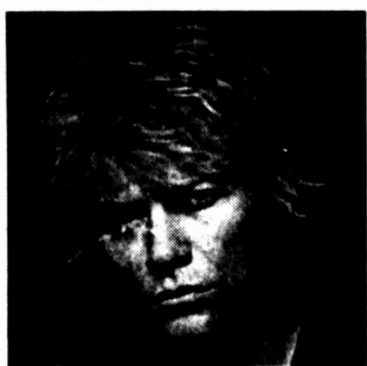
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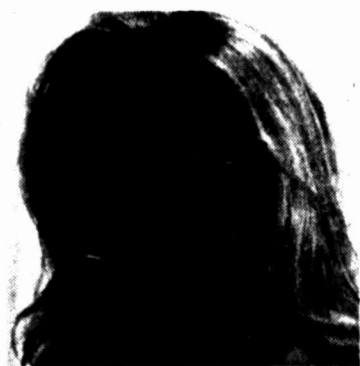
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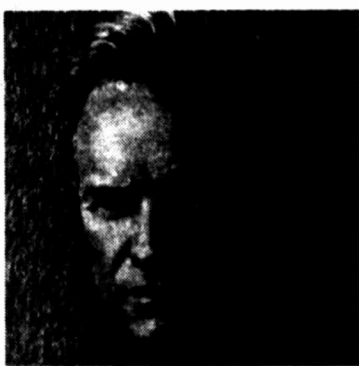
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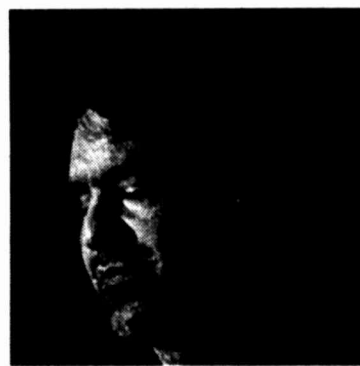
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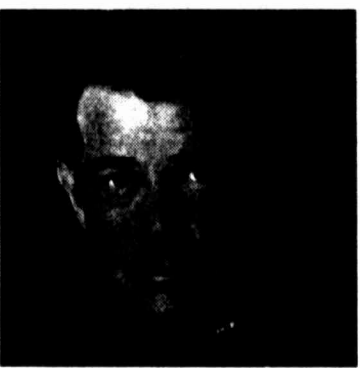
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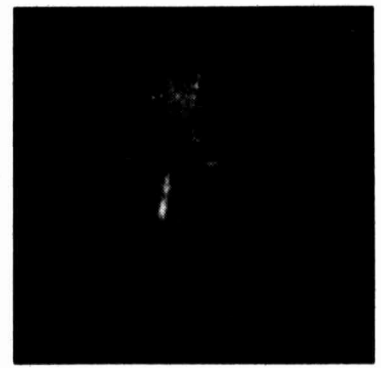
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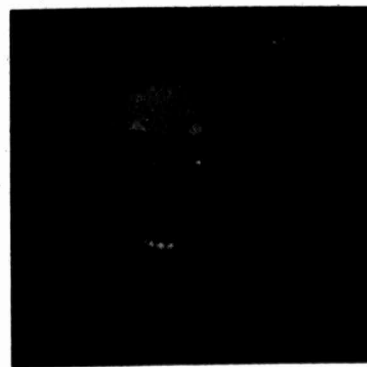


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Searchers discover decapitated woman's body

SHALLOWATER (AP) — Searchers looking for a missing Lubbock woman have discovered the decapitated remains of a female.

The body was sent for analysis after being found Sunday hidden by tall grass that lines a cotton field off a dusty road near Shallowater, said Lubbock County Sheriff David Gutierrez.

The head was found a few feet away from the body. But it's unclear if the woman was left there decapitated or if wild animals disturbed the body.

Investigators think the woman had been dead eight to 10 days. They could not estimate her age, said Sheriff's Capt. Don Carter.

The search party had been looking for 61-year-old Peggy Merimon, a woman who went missing with Kay Harrelson, 51, on Aug. 9. The women were last seen leaving Lubbock State School with an unknown man.

Mike Bowles, Merimon's brother-in-law, said he saw the body after it was discovered. A wedding band was visible and the woman was dressed in men's blue underwear and a T-shirt, Bowles said.

"I couldn't recognize it at all," he said. "I'm hoping it's not Peggy."

After the body was found, sheriff's deputies and Department of Public Safety officials looked through the site for hours while a helicopter flew overhead.

"There were a couple of articles of clothing that may or may not be related," Carter said.

City to consider illegal immigration measure

FARMERS BRANCH (AP) — A city councilman wants to follow the lead of other towns by making it tougher for illegal immigrants to live and work in this Dallas suburb.

City Councilman Tim O'Hare blames undocumented immigrants for much of the city's problems. He wants the City Council to consider prohibiting landlords from leasing to illegal immigrants, penalizing businesses that employ undocumented workers, making English the city's official language, ceasing publication of any documents in Spanish and eliminating subsidies for illegal immigrants in the city's youth programs.

Advocates say adopting such an ordinance would be racist.

City council members were scheduled to discuss the tough immigration-related measures on Monday, but no formal decision would be made at the meeting.

The provisions to be discussed echo a strict illegal immigration ordinance passed by Hazleton, Pa. last month. The ACLU, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund and other groups have filed a lawsuit challenging Hazleton's ordinance. The suit contends the ordinance is discriminatory and unworkable. It also said the Constitution gives the federal government exclusive power to regulate immigration.

Farmers Branch Mayor Bob Phelps said he fears the city could get sued if the measures O'Hare wants are enacted.

Former major leaguer assaulted by his son

HOUSTON (AP) — A high school baseball star drafted by the New York Mets was arrested Sunday after family members reported he shoved his father, a former Major League All-Star and Astros coach.

Jeremy Barfield, 18, was arrested shortly after 8 a.m. and was expected to be charged with a misdemeanor,

said Lt. John Martin, a spokesman for the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

His father, Jesse Barfield, 46, was treated and released from the hospital after tumbling down a flight of stairs, authorities said.

"The father was lower on stairs than Jeremy was and ... at some point during argument, Jeremy shoved him and he ended up falling down the stairs and struck his head pretty hard on the floor," Martin said.

The arresting deputy said the Barfields were getting ready for church Sunday morning and went to check on what was delaying Jeremy, Martin said.

"Dad went to see what was taking so long, and they got into an argument," he said.

Jesse Barfield played with the Blue Jays and Yankees between the 1980s and early 1990s. He has coached for the Astros and Blue Jays.

Texas men remain jailed in cell phone case

DETROIT (AP) — Three Texas men facing federal conspiracy and money laundering charges after purchasing dozens of prepaid cell phones remained jailed Sunday, their lawyer said.

Brothers Adham Othman, 21, and Louai Othman, 23, and their cousin Maruan Muhareb, 18, all of Mesquite, Texas, were being held at the Saginaw County Jail on bonds of \$10,000 each.

Friends and family have collected \$30,000 for the men to post bond Monday, said their attorney, Nabih Ayad of Dearborn Heights. They will surrender their passports, he said.

The men were arraigned on the federal charges Wednesday, the same day a Tuscola County judge dismissed state terrorism charges against them at the request of the county prosecutor.

The Palestinian-American men were arrested Aug. 11 after buying the phones at a Wal-Mart store in Caro, about 80 miles north of Detroit. They had been accused of collecting or providing materials for terrorist acts and surveilling a vulnerable target for terrorist purposes.

Tuscola County authorities were alarmed not only by the approximately 1,000 cell phones allegedly found in their van, but also by images of the Mackinac Bridge on their digital camera, which led to the surveillance charge.

FBI and state police have since said there was no imminent threat to the 5-mile-long span linking Michigan's two peninsulas and no information linking the Othmans and Muhareb to known terrorist groups.

Ayad has said his clients are victims of racial profiling, and authorities held them for days to try to find something to charge them with.

Wildfires continue in West Texas

CADDO (AP) — Crews of volunteer firefighters and teams of aerial support continued Sunday to fight wildfires that have engulfed about 7,500 acres in Palo Pinto and Stephens counties since Friday night.

The fires, together called the Caddo II Complex, were only 40 percent contained by Sunday night, said Traci Weaver, a spokeswoman for the Texas Forest Service. No injuries or deaths have been reported thus far, but one hunting cabin was burned. Six homes threatened by the fires were saved, Weaver said.

Drought-parched grass and wind gusts have kept firefighters working almost round-the-clock in the area, about 85 miles west of Fort Worth.

Over the weekend, wind gusts reached an estimated 30 mph, but on Sunday they eased to about 10 mph, said National Weather Service meteorologist Daniel Huckaby.

This is the worst year on record for wildfires, which have already claimed nearly 2 million acres across the state since January.

Texas professor dies after falling 300 feet

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — A Texas biology professor lost his balance at 12,800 feet while descending South Maroon Peak in the Maroon Bells wilderness area and died after falling more than 300 feet.

Pitkin County sheriff's officials identified the man Sunday as 66-year-old Dr. Sterling Smith, of Denton, Texas. He taught at Texas Woman's University and was recently elected to the Denton Independent School District board.

Smith had been leading his climbing partner and two men they had met earlier that day down from the summit Saturday when he fell, said sheriff's Deputy Mike Ferrara.

Dr. Brian Ogg said he and his father, James, were the two men with Smith and his climbing partner and saw what happened.

"He turned around to look back up at us, and we could see him lose his balance," Brian Ogg said in a story in Sunday's online edition of The Aspen Times. "We saw him fall the first 10 or 20 feet, then he disappeared."

Rescuers retrieved Smith's body Sunday morning. Smith spent the past 30 years teaching biology and microbiology at TWU. His wife, Jeanette Smith, spent 40 years in public education.

Smith previously had told the Denton Record-Chronicle that he was close to completing his goal of climbing all of Colorado's 54 mountains that are 14,000 feet tall or higher.

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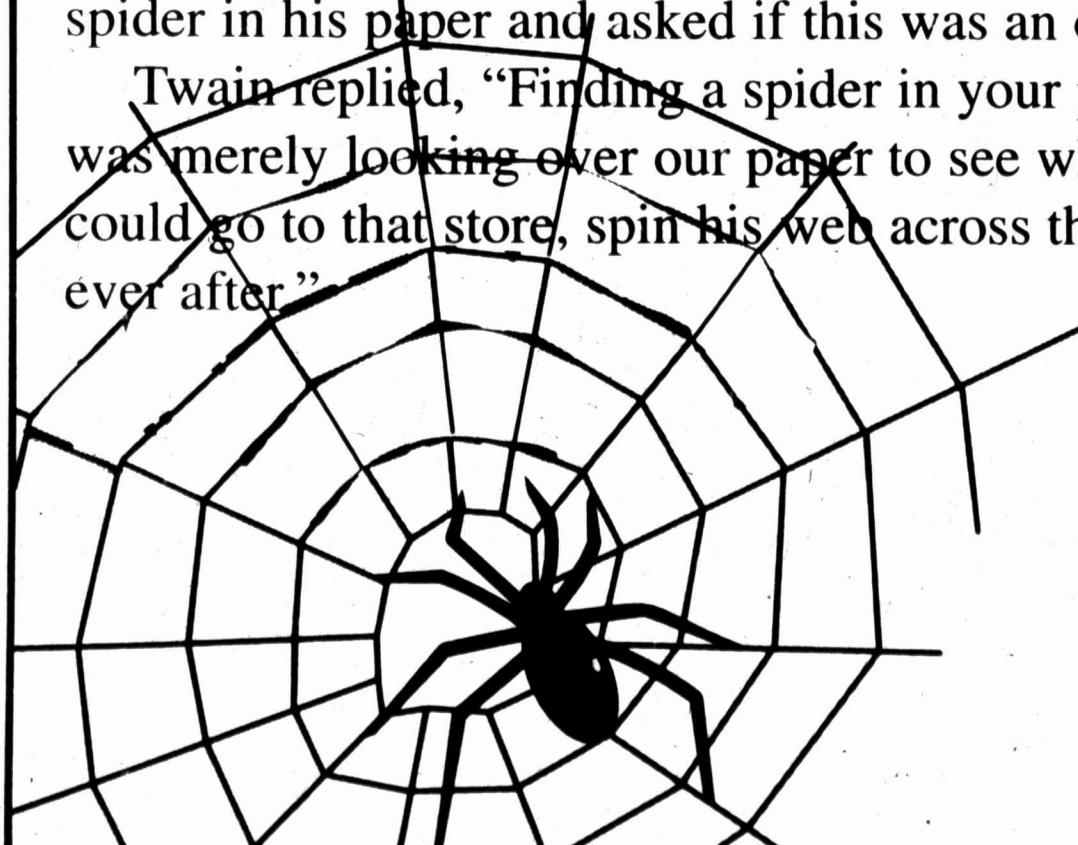
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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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 tonight 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 tonight 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.

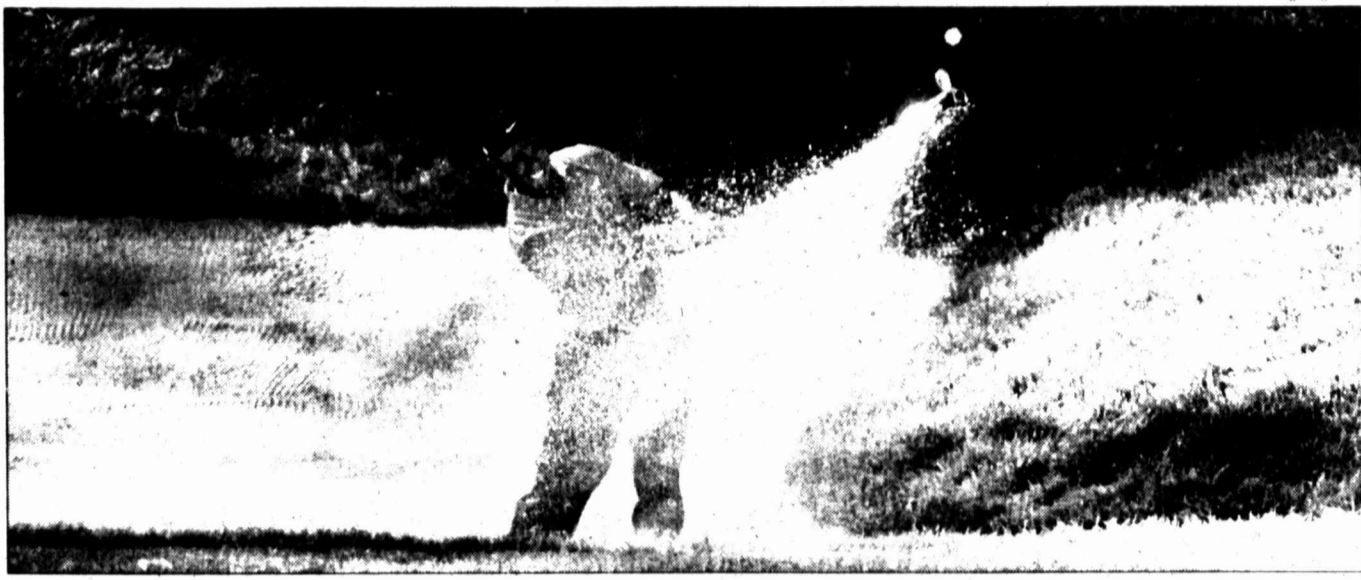
Little Leaguers hurt at World Series

Outfielder Austin Mastela of Lemond, Ill., was taken to a hospital after being beaned by a pitch during the second inning of a Little League World Series game Sunday night.

Just two innings later, Staten Island shortstop Chris Goetz was also taken to the hospital after he injured his right leg.

Both were later released.

Time only thing standing between Tiger, Jack



Tiger Woods hits out of the bunker on the 13th hole during the final round of the 88th PGA Championship at Medinah Country Club Sunday. Woods won the PGA Championship with a five-shot margin.

By NANCY ARMOUR

AP National Writer

MEDINAH, Ill. — No one is standing between Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus now.

All that separates golf's two greatest players is a half-dozen majors. And at the rate Woods is going, those six titles aren't going to keep him at bay for long.

"It's still a long way away. It's not something I could get next year," Woods insisted. "It took Jack over 20 years to get his. It's going to take a career, and I've just got to keep plugging along and keep trying to win these things."

He seems to have the hang of it.

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Parcells turns 65 still working hard

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Bill Parcells hits retirement age Tuesday. If he takes any time to celebrate, it'll come after he figures out what his team did wrong in a preseason game the night before.

A few years ago, even Parcells would have laughed at the idea he'd be studying game film on his 65th birthday. Having already walked away from coaching twice and passing on other jobs, he seemed content to get on with his life and savor his legacy as a two-time Super Bowl champion.

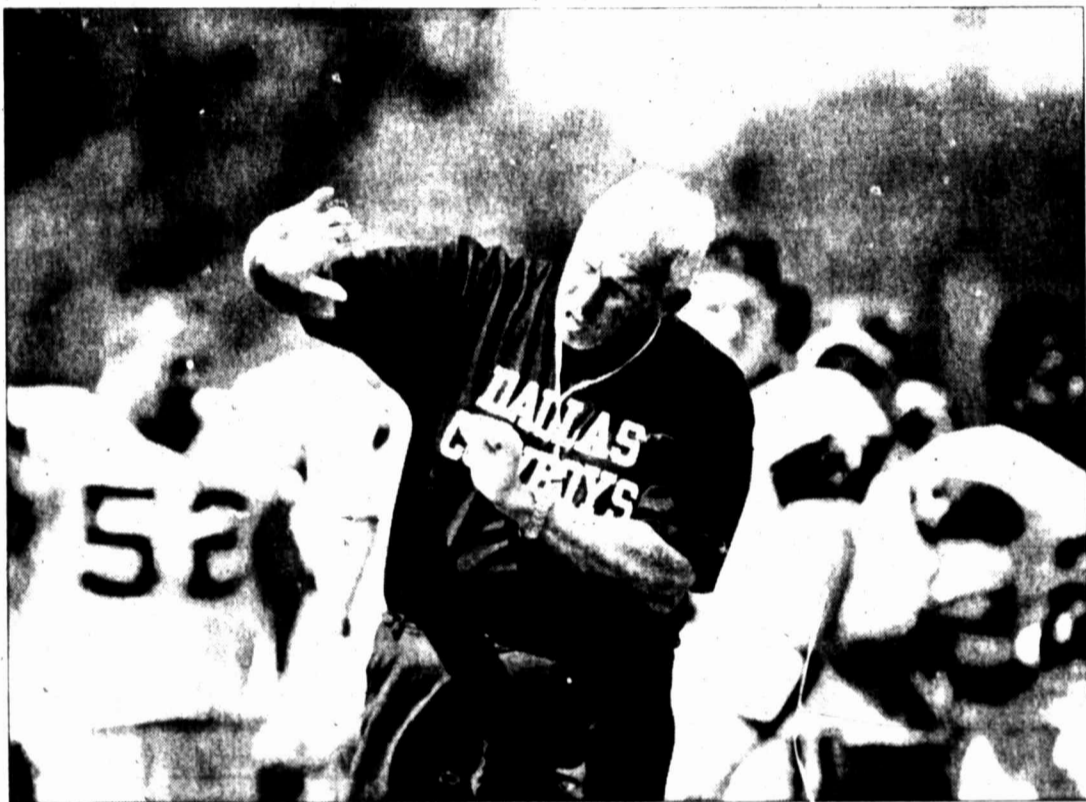
Then the Big Tuna came back for one last shot at glory with the Dallas Cowboys.

The countdown to his next retirement started ticking the day he agreed to work for Jerry Jones. Hardly anyone expected him to fulfill his four-year deal. Even those who did figured that would be it.

Yet Parcells has made it to Year 4. And he's signed an extension through 2007.

"He's not entirely mentally healthy, which makes him want to keep doing this and beating himself up," joked quarterback Drew Bledsoe, clearly savoring the chance to jab back at the coach who is going into a sixth year of jabbing him. "But I am happy for him. He can go to the movies cheaper and get senior citizen rates at the restaurants. It will be good for him."

Parcells could be taking advantage of those benefits. Or he could be spending more afternoons at the racetrack and nights



Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells at work during the Cowboys' training camp in Oxnard, Calif.

watching pals Bob Knight and Tony LaRussa run their teams.

Instead, Parcells keeps going, energized by the realization this is likely the final chapter of his career — and he dang sure wants it to be a good one.

"This is my life's work," Parcells said at the start of his 19th NFL training camp as a head coach; his 23rd overall in the league and 38th as some sort of football coach, dating to his first job: defensive assistant at Hastings College in 1964.

"This is something I have enjoyed, for the most part," Parcells said. "I have been fortunate — one, to have the opportunity to do and, two, the longevity is not a common thing in the NFL." Health drove him from

his first head coaching job, with the New York Giants. It was there that he carved his reputation as a defensive-minded task master; his two championships certainly helped.

After two years of talking about football on television, he returned to coach New England. He got the Patriots to the Super Bowl in an entirely different way, letting Bledsoe set all sorts of passing records.

A split with management that produced his most famous quote — "If they want you to cook the dinner, they at least ought to let you buy the groceries" — resulted in him becoming coach and chief football operating officer of the Jets. Another turnaround followed, with New York

reaching the conference championship.

He eventually handed the coaching job to Bill Belichick, but his longtime assistant walked away. Parcells stuck around for a year in the front office, then went back to television. It seemed like he'd be there for good, too, especially after turning down Tampa Bay (which won the Super Bowl the next season without him) and other chances to get back into coaching.

Then Jones called and offered him Tom Landry's old job, challenging him to make the Cowboys "America's Team" once again.

An old-school guy if there ever was one, Parcells liked the idea —

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Saints ready to debut Deuce, Reggie tandem vs. Cowboys

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints have their first chance to see what type of problems Deuce McAllister and versatile rookie running back Reggie Bush can cause an opposing defense.

And football fans across the country will get to see it on national TV as the Saints host the Dallas Cowboys at what is essentially a neutral stadium in Shreveport, La., on Monday night.

"It's going to be interesting to see how teams play us and see how things play out," said McAllister, who will get the first real test of his surgically repaired knee.

Bush already has one good NFL highlight under his belt — a 44-yard gain during which he reversed field on a broken play during his first exhibition game against Tennessee last week. McAllister, the Saints' all-time leading rusher with 4,529 yards, hasn't played since Week 5 of 2005, when he tore a ligament in his right knee.

He has looked strong in practice, however, and was kept out of the preseason opener Aug. 12 for precautionary reasons.

"Deuce, I'm anxious to see how he's doing," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "He's progressed believe it or not, in sever

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Blalock single gives Rangers 7-6 win over Tigers

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers picked a bad time to go into their worst slump of the year.

The second place Chicago White Sox are coming to town and have their sights set on the AL Central leaders.

Hank Blalock hit a tiebreaking single in the sixth, Gary Matthews throw to the plate kept the lead the next inning and the Texas Rangers held on after overcoming a six-run deficit for a 7-6 win over Detroit on Sunday.

Texas has won nine of 11 games to stay in the AL West race, 5 1/2 games behind Oakland.

"These guys believe in themselves," Rangers bench coach Don Wakamatsu.

The Tigers insist they do, too, despite losing nine of 12.

Detroit's 10-game lead in the AL Central has been cut to 5 1/2 games over the White Sox after padding the best record in baseball by reaching 40 games above



Texas Rangers catcher Rod Barajas (left) puts a tag on the Detroit's Magglio Ordonez to end the seventh inning. The Rangers defeated the Tigers, 7-6, at Comerica Stadium in Detroit Sunday.

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HOLIDAY MATHS

ARIES (March 21-April

19). An objective point of view is nearly impossible to achieve now, especially in matters of love. Tell your thoughts to someone trustworthy, and see what this person comes back with. Having a sounding board is invaluable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No one has to tell you where the opportunities are, but if you keep your eyes open, you'll find they're ripe for the picking. You're doing what you love and are so attractive because of this — enjoy your sudden wave of popularity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In striving for the top

position, it's hard not to compare yourself to the other guy, but resist doing so. It's more effective to stick to what you do best than it is to let yourself be swayed by what's working for someone else.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your curiosity about the outside world compels you to search inward. You'll be determining the shifts you can make that'll allow you to attain an attractive quality or lifestyle you want for your own.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you think of people from your past, it's like being haunted by a ghost.

This is your day to confront the illusion and make peace with the elements of your life that you left long ago.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You enjoy applause, and you'll hear plenty of it. Make sure you're not acting strictly for the applause. Praise is merely a side perk when you're dedicated to a noble aim.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once you've called out the truth, the doors open, and you can walk through. This is most applicable to relationships with loved ones now. You're especially compatible with Cancer and Virgo people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Answers come at an irritatingly slow rate, and your response could be to do something impulsive. This'll at the very least let others know how serious you are about getting things done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe the promises you thought were broken were never really made in the first place. In this light, it's easy to forgive and forget, or to say "I was wrong." — or to say nothing and just go on with a free heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). All successful outcomes have their inconveniences. When you find yourself putting out fires now, know that it comes with the territory. This is a wonderful territory to be exploring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're a jewel — a diamond in the rough, cut by whom you choose to love. You may be wondering why you chose a certain someone. You may never know, but you're irrevocably altered by the relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's easy to see the truth when you look back, but you don't know it when you're in the moment today. If you're stuck replaying what you could have and should have said, chalk it up to your human condition.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born on Feb. 17, 1960, in Holbrook, Ariz. I'm the first born in this country in my family, although we're really all American! I've done my chart, and all indications are that my sun sign is Aquarius, but I read so many conflicting opinions on being born on a cusp, and I do demonstrate so many Pisces idiosyncrasies besides my own Aquarian traits, I wonder ... how close to a cusp am I?"

Your Mercury is in Pisces, so you express yourself that way ... in musical and imaginative if not telepathic ways. With Venus and Mars in Capricorn, you probably doubt all telepathic reception — in other words, you're a skeptic, even toward your own belief system! What a lovely layout of stars. Amazingly talented people are often the ones who put their own gifts through extreme scrutiny. With your impossibly high standards, you'll drive yourself hard and enjoy the process, making the unattainable commonplace. You should also know that your stars suggest financial mastery — but money isn't where your deep satisfaction comes from. I encourage you to search past what the world tells you is success. Your biggest limits are those you impose on yourself.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Diva-licious Kim Cattrall enjoys the thrill of turning heads with her stunning looks and gorgeous attitude. A renaissance woman who never defines herself by her age, this Leo has added "best-selling author" to her resume. I predict a return to television for Cattrall, not as an actress, but as a host or correspondent on a show catering to an audience of freethinking women like herself.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating
The Big Spring Independent School District's Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 5:15 P.M. on September 14, 2006, in

the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Big Spring Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system. #5054 August 21 & 28, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ACKERLY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Ackerly will hold a Public Hearing at 5:00 PM on August 28, 2006 at the Ackerly City Hall in regards to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary at the City Hall. Person with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jim Schuelke Mayor City of Ackerly #5060 August 21, 2006.

No. P-13450 IN THE ESTATE OF CLIM SHANKS DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CLIM SHANKS, Deceased, were issued on June 29, 2006, in Cause No. P-13450, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: JIMMIE D. SHANKS. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: JIMMIE D. SHANKS 904 Birdwell Lane Big Spring, Texas 79720 DATED the 10 day of August, 2006.

Joshua Hamby Attorney for Estate State Bar No.: 24034471 306 Scurry Street P.O. Box 2199 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199 Telephone: (432)263-8395 Facsimile: (432)263-4798 #5061 August 21, 2006

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Our 14-year-old granddaughter, "Sally," has become a problem since she entered middle school two years ago. Sally was a bright, happy youngster who achieved academically. But once she entered the seventh grade, she lost interest in everything except phones, computers and boys. Her grades slipped dramatically and continue to do so. Sally's pediatrician says she is extremely depressed, and he put her on an antidepressant and recommended counseling, which she is now undergoing. Recently, her parents learned that Sally has been slipping out of the house at night and driving her mother's car around, accompanied by one of her friends.

This occurred three times before one of the neighbors spotted them and informed the family. Sally fails to understand the terrible things that could have happened to a 14-year-old driving around in the wee hours of the morning. She has lost everyone's trust. Sally surrounds herself with friends who come from dysfunctional homes. She is an only child who has been allowed to make all her own decisions since she was little. Her mother, our daughter, wants to be Sally's friend instead of her parent. Until recently, Sally's father worked away from home most of the week.

Sally rules the roost. Now she wants her parents to move so she can attend another school across town. Her parents are considering it, even though the tuition is outrageous and transportation will be a logistical nightmare. Sally is our only grandchild, and we are concerned, but our suggestions are ignored. Should we just back off? — Worried Grandparents

Dear Worried: The best thing would be to recommend to your daughter that she ask Sally's counselor for the name of a family therapist. They need to work on how best to parent Sally. Beyond that, try to support the parents' decisions, and let Sally know you love her and that she can always come to you for advice and help.

Dear Annie: My husband's health is not very good. According to his doctors, the outlook is grim. I do all I can for him and love him very much. I have a friend whose wife is in a nursing home and also not doing well. We both are very lonely. Neither of us has been intimate with our spouses for years. Is it possible to love my husband as much as I do and still be interested in some TLC and friendship with someone else? I can't believe my own feelings. Is it wrong to act on this? — Somewhere in Florida

Dear Florida: Your feelings are normal, but we are not

going to give permission for you to have an affair, sorry. Marriage vows include "in sickness and health." Dinner-and-a-movie with your friend is fine, as long as it is friendship only. We understand your loneliness and desire for companionship, but there are better ways. Contact the Well Spouse Foundation (wellspouse.org), an organization that provides support for people in your position. The address is: 63 W. Main St., Suite H, Freehold, N.J. 07728.

Dear Annie: I had to laugh when I read the letter from "Nonviolent in the Midwest," who didn't want her children to play with toy guns. I also tried to keep my son from playing with toy guns. However, after watching him chew a toy pistol from a piece of toast, I finally gave up.

My son is now almost 20 and spending his summer at the Rainbow Family Festival, which is dedicated to peace and love. — With Aloha from Hawaii

Dear Hawaii: Thank you for pointing out that playing with toy guns does not necessarily make a child prone to violence. It's reassuring for parents to know.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. © 2006 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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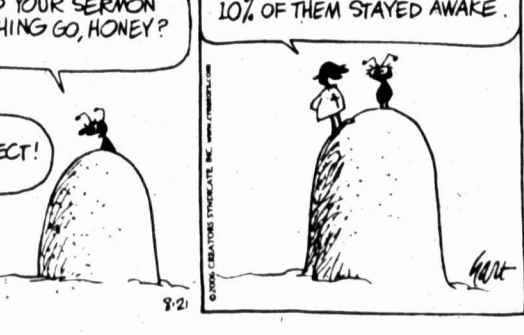
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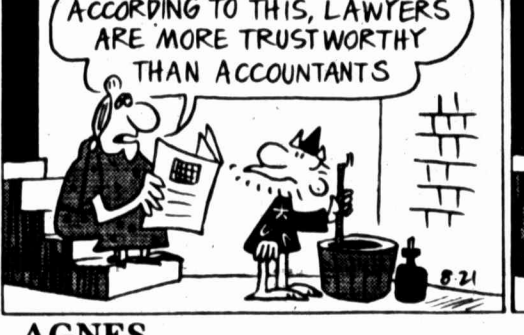
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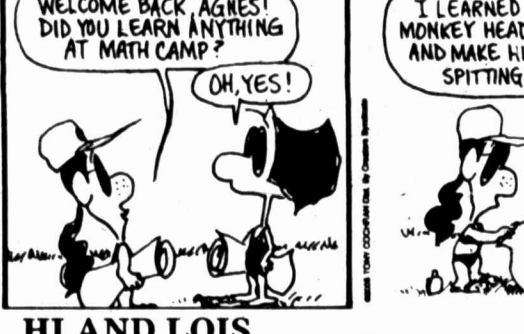
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In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates of the Continental Congress.
In 1846, the United States annexed the Territory of New Mexico.
In 1851, the schooner America outraced the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.
In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese colonial rule until 1945.
In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.
In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to Latin America.
In 1978, President Jomo Kenyatta, a leading figure in Kenya's struggle for independence, died; Vice President Daniel Arap Moi was sworn in as acting president.

In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airways charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.
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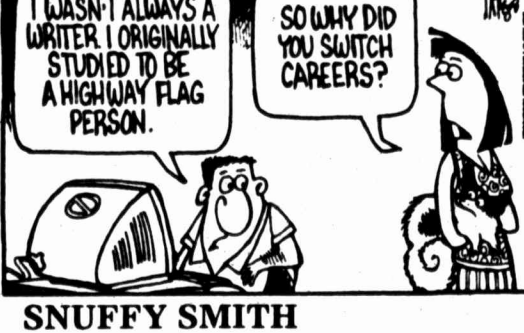
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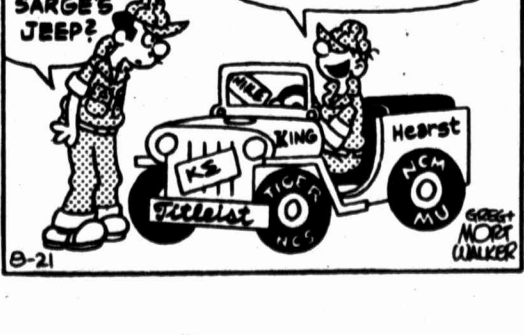
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PARCELLS

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even it was coming from the man who fired Landry and couldn't coexist with Jimmy Johnson after a pair of Super Bowl victories.

But with the Cowboys coming off three straight 5-11 seasons, Parcels knew he could leave the club better than he found it. The money wasn't bad either, especially for a guy coming off a costly divorce.

Parcels teased fans by going 10-6 and making the playoffs his first season. The Cowboys have gone 6-10 and 9-7 since, missing the playoffs both times. It's only the second time

in his career he's missed the playoffs in consecutive seasons; the other time, he had a players strike as an excuse.

Counting the loss in his only playoff game, Parcels is 25-24 in Dallas. That's not good for someone who says, "I'm too old to lose."

"He's always saying it, too," linebacker Bradie James said. "At mini-camp, he said it's never taken him this long to win, so we kind of took that to heart."

While Parcels has seen Belichick pass him in number of Super Bowl titles, some things have worked out in Dallas, such as his relationship with Jones and Jones' son, Stephen.

Parcels has remained

loyal to all decisions made by their three-man committee, including the signing of Terrell Owens. If there's been any friction between the big-ego bosses, insiders are doing a great job of covering it up.

Parcels also has taken to his players, especially the young ones. He often mentions the joy he gets of watching rising stars like cornerback Terence Newman, linebacker DeMarcus Ware, safety Roy Williams and tight end Jason Witten improve through his prodding, er, guidance.

"I think at age 50 or so I wondered, 'Hey, Parcels, is this all you're going to do in life?'" Parcels said. "Once you get through that, which I am definite-

ly through, you get to where you know chronologically you are close to the end (and) it gets a little bit more precious to you. ... Each game. Each season. It sounds a little corny, but really that's the way it is for me."

Don't get the wrong impression, though. Calling it a career is still on his mind.

He thought about it after each of the last two seasons. In January, he factored in the way Dallas crashed from potential No. 1 seed to playoff outsider over the final month and his brother's recent death.

"You don't want to be doing things when you are kind of in any emotional state, so I just asked Jerry for a couple

of days to think it over," Parcels said.

He decided he owed it to Jones to keep trying. A raise and an extra year on his contract certainly sweetened the pro side of his pro-con chart, although Jones and Parcels both insist the extension was the owner's idea.

"I told him he didn't have to do it," Parcels said.

Before gearing up for this season, Parcels spent about 10 days playing golf and pondering life with Carolina offensive coordinator Dan Henning, a friend for nearly 40 years. Although Parcels easily won their annual competition of who takes the most pills every morning, Henning said Parcels

came across as healthy and happy.

"We always mention to one another, 'How much longer do you think you'll do this?' Well, if we knew that, we'd be swami," Henning said. "But we certainly don't want to do it if things aren't comfortable. I feel comfortable here and I think he feels that way there."

Parcels recently said he'll retire once "results dictate that or you don't have the energy to do it." As of now, neither is true.

But here's one more thing to consider: Because Parcels was born in 1941, he's actually not eligible for full Social Security benefits until he's 65 years and eight months.

So check back in April.

PGA

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so far. Woods closed with a 4-under 68 for a five-shot victory in the PGA Championship on Sunday, winning his 12th career major. Only Nicklaus, with 18, has more.

The numbers keep coming. Woods has won four of the last eight majors, and is the first player in history to go consecutive

years winning at least two majors. It was his third PGA Championship, two shy of the record Nicklaus shares with Walter Hagen, and his 18-under 270 matched his scoring record in relation to par.

He also became the first player to win the PGA Championship twice on the same course, matching the title he won here in 1999.

"It's really remarkable what he does," marveled Steve Stricker. "That's just hard to believe, in

our day and age, with all of the good players. He's that much better than everybody else."

This was what Woods dreamed of all those years ago, when he taped a list of Nicklaus' records up on his bedroom wall. The boy wanted to be the best, and Nicklaus was his gold standard.

Now 30, with a wife and the maturity that comes with life's harshest tests, Nicklaus and his once-unbeatable records are still what drive him.

"I just thoroughly enjoy

coming down the stretch on the back nine with a chance to win it," Woods said. "That's why I practice as hard as I do. It's what I live for. That, to me, is the ultimate rush in our sport."

While the Golden Bear needed 25 years to pile up all of his titles, Woods has taken just 10 years to win his. Unless someone steps up — or someone new steps in — it won't be long before Woods reaches Nicklaus' 18 and blows right on by.

Woods was tied for the

lead going into the final round, and everyone knows what that means. Still, there were nine players within six strokes of him, four of whom were major champions. Someone, any one of them, should have been able to make some sort of run at Woods.

Instead it ended as it always does when Woods is in command: He got on a roll and everyone else rolled over.

Woods threw down the initial challenge, hitting 7-iron to 10 feet on the

first hole. He kept his head so still over the birdie putt that he didn't look up until it was inches from the cup, and the game was on.

More like the game was over. Woods had four birdies in the first eight holes, three which came on 40-foot putts.

He's 12-0 in the majors when he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead.

"He's just better than us," U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy said. "Someone has to be the best, why not him?"

RANGERS

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.500 on Aug. 8.

"The attitude in here is we're still the best team in baseball," said Craig Monroe, who had two RBIs. "We have some tough games coming up, but this is what it's all about."

Detroit begins a four-game series Monday at home against the White Sox.

After the Tigers scored six runs in the second inning against John Koronka, Texas' bullpen

shut them down.

Josh Rupe, Joaquin Benoit (1-1) and Ron Mahay combined for 6 2-3 innings of scoreless relief, setting up Akinori Otsuka to pitch the ninth for his 26th save in 29 chances.

In other American League games, it was: Minnesota 7, Chicago 3; New York 8, Boston 5 in 10 innings; Oakland 6, Kansas City 4; Los Angeles 3, Seattle 2; Toronto 9, Baltimore 2; and Cleveland 9, Tampa Bay 4.

In National league action, it was: New York 2, Colorado 0; Houston 3,

Milwaukee 1; Florida 4, Atlanta 3; San Diego 2, Arizona 1 in 10 innings; Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 2; Philadelphia 12, Washington 10; Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 1; and St. Louis 5, Chicago 3.

The Tigers have won 11 games when trailing after seven innings and six more when starting the ninth behind, but couldn't rally to beat the Rangers the past three games — losing by four runs combined.

"The bullpen, the whole series, did a fantastic job," said Wakamatsu,

who filled for Texas manager Buck Showalter as he served the final of his four-game suspension. "It was a big series for us."

Koronka gave up six runs, six hits, three walks and didn't have a strike-out. He started for Texas for the first time since Aug. 5 in place Vicente Padilla, who was suspended, like Showalter, for his role in an on-field alterca-

tion Wednesday with the Los Angeles Angels.

Detroit starter Jeremy Bonderman allowed six runs — five earned — 11 hits and two walks, blowing a huge cushion.

"That's sad when I can't hold onto a six-run lead," he said.

Jason Grilli (1-2) gave up Blalock's single in the sixth. Wilfredo Ledezma and Fernando Rodney did

not give up a run over 3-2-3 innings, giving the Tigers a chance to come back.

"We're playing just good enough to get beat," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said.

The Rangers overcame the 6-0 deficit with two runs in the third, one in the fourth, three in the fifth and another in the sixth.

SAINTS

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or eight days from a health standpoint when you watch him."

Dallas safety Roy Williams suspects Payton, who was a Cowboys assistant coach the last three seasons, also is eager to show a national audience what kind of offensive strategist he is.

"We know what Coach Payton is going to do," Williams said. "This is his big highlight game. It's a Monday night and he's going to show us up, and we're looking forward to it."

The Cowboys have to wait once again before seeing Terrell Owens in a game. Bothered by a sore hamstring, Owens spent

much of training camp riding an exercise bike. Owens returned to the practice field in pads last week, shortly after Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Owens needed to learn how to practice at less than 100 percent.

However, Dallas coach Bill Parcels said Owens will have to practice more before he can get into a game.

"I don't think you can play pro football practicing four to five days. I think you need more than that," Parcels said.

Dallas quarterback Drew Bledsoe, who did not play in the Cowboys' preseason opener, is expected to start.

Parcels and Payton should have a decent idea what each other is up to, since they worked together the last three seasons.

Payton, who began his NFL coaching career as an assistant in Philadelphia for two seasons and the New York Giants for four, sought out an assistant's job under Parcels before landing his first head coaching job in New Orleans this season.

Parcels described Payton this week as energetic, enthusiastic and bright, but wavered when asked if Payton was ready for a head coaching job.

"I don't think you ever know if a guy is ready. In fact, I think most of the guys are not ready. I know I wasn't ready. That's the truth," Parcels said. "I was in there and it almost got screwed up. It really did. I was very close to being off the cliff. But you get lucky, somebody throws you a raft."

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