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Diez y Seis Fiesta set to get under way Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It's time for a fiesta, as the Diez y Seis de Septembre Fiesta gets ready to take off Friday, Sept. 15, in the Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

Kelly Zant, a spokesperson for the Diez y Seis Festival Committee, said the festival will be the perfect chance for area residents to celebrate Mexican independence.

"Commemorating Mexico's



pendence from Spain in 1810, the Diez y Seis Festival Committee of Big Spring invites the entire community to the fiesta to celebrate and recognize the national holiday of Mexican indepen-

dence," said Zant. "This fiesta will bring the whole community together as we celebrate the rich heritage, history and culwho fought for their independence from the Spanish government during the early 1800's."

Zant said one of the main attractions for this year's festival will be music.

"The two-day event will feature a variety of Tejano bands that will bring the extraordinary sound of the accordion to life through various levels of rhythms and beats," said Zant.

"The unique sound that is incorporated using different Hacienda

electronic instruments — along with the vocal harmony of these colorful bands — brings the heart and soul of our Tejano community to life," she contin-

"Friday, between 6 p.m. and midnight, we'll feature local favorites Grupo Super Bravo, Conjunto Mi Gusto and Hilda Llamos.," Zant said. "On Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. and lasting until midnight, Hacienda Records artists

declaration of inde- ture of the Mexican patriots types of stringed, horned and Bronco Norteno, Michelle, Los Papiz, Mingo y Los Mungia Brothers and Jessie Marroquin will perform."

> Zant said there will plenty of games and contests available during the two-day event, offering something for everyone in the family.

"If washer pitching is your game, be sure and enter the Tournament slated to start Saturday at 1 p.m.," said Zant.

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Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, shown here speaking to a group of supporters in an Austin, as she conceded conceded to Republican challenger George W. Bush in the 1998 governor's race, died Wednesday night following a brief bout with cancer.

Ann Richards dead at 73

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, a darling of the Democratic Party, champion for women and minorities in government and famous for her sharp humor, has died after a battle with esophageal cancer. She was 73.

The silver-haired Richards rose to nationwide prominence when, as state treasurer, she gave the keynote address at her party's 1988 national convention. She sealed her partisan reputation with a blast at then-Vice President George H.W. Bush, saying: "Poor George, he can't help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth."

Ron Kirk, former mayor of Dallas, said Rich ards was instrumental in the lives of countless young minorities and women entering politics. She helped him get his first internship in politics during a state constitutional convention in 1974 then later, when she was governor, made him secretary of state.

"She set the table so somebody like me could become mayor of Dallas," Kirk said.

When he was a child in Austin, Kirk said, Richards fought for people like his parents.

"I didn't appreciate it at the time, but Ann Richards was one of those forward-thinking, rabblerousing young Democrats that used to go around and raise See RICHARDS, Page 3A

money to pay poll taxes so people like my mother and daddy could vote," Kirk said.

Political leaders remembered Richards for her leadership, her instincts in politics and her funloving approach to life.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry described Richards as "the epitome of Texas politics: a figure larger than life who had a gift for captivating the public with her great wit."

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said Richards never stopped enjoying life.

"I wrote her a note when I heard about her cancer and she wrote me back a wonderful letter. She was upbeat and positive and I

Large item pick up set for Sept. 22

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Who would think spring cleaning extended all the way into September?

The city of Big Spring, of course.

The city will once again offer its Large Item Pick Up program, designed help area residents get rid of large

items **DARDEN** they can't get to the landfill themselves,

Sept. 22, working through District 5 of the city. "It's a widely used program," said Todd Darden, director of public works for the city. "We're trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get these large

items to our landfill. "This is a service the city is providing as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

Darden said there are many household items area residents may have laying around that qualify for the program, which is offered at no charge to city residents.

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are tree branches, appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses,

said Darden. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick

"We can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature.'

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-ofway no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill.

Darden said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up in an effort to protect their services and the city employees helping with the program.

"The reason we need people to be cognizant of where those meters are is because a lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up.

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Local DAV chapter slates open house for Saturday

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Through its many years of existence, the Disabled Veterans of America's mission has been constant — to support U.S. military veterans injured

during time of war.

DAV chapter look to reinforce that message when they host an open house between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday at the chapter house on Seventh and Abrams streets.

commander, said refresh-

Officials with the local ments will be served and current-day conflict in and Frank Stiles will be and any inquiries conlocal DAV officers will be on hand to answer questions and possibly attract new members.

Membership to the DAV is open to all U.S. military veterans who were Ed Meiser, local chapter injured during time of war. This includes the

Iraq, Meiser said.

"We're just reaching out to the veterans in this area," Meiser said. "Our organization is all about veterans and helping veterans."

Meiser and chapter vice commanders J.L. Stevens cerning veteran claims ald.com.

on hand at the open house to answer any questions about the organization.

In addition, Patrick carnahan, the chapter's department service officer, will be present to answer questions con-

cerning treatment of service injuries.

For more information, contact Meiser at 263-5163. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringher-

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UW DINE OUT DAY

Al's & Son Barcecue, 1810 Gregg St., is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way which serves 15 local agencies: 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.

LVFD FUNDRAISER SLATED

Dancing for firefighters? You bet! Four Way Gin will be the site for the annual Lenorah Volunteer Fire Department dance and barbecue, set for Saturday, Sept. 23.

All funds raised at the event -- admission is by donation - go to help the volunteer fire department. LVFD Fire Chief Dusty Wells said they are expecting 300 to 400 people at the fund-raiser, which begins at 7 p.m. with the serving of brisket and continues with the dance from 9 p.m. to midnight. He said the department normally responds to 30 fires by this time of the year, but has been called out 58 times already in 2006.

LOVE OUR LAKE CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed for Keep Big Spring Beautiful's "LOVE OUR LAKE" Clean-up set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept.

Sign-ups will be at the tennis building north of the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Participants are asked to bring their own gear if possible. Disposable gloves and trash bags will be available.

The group could use two or three paddle boats or boats with small motors (10 hp) to assist cleaning on the lake while other volunteers work the shoreline.

For more information, call Debbie Vegman at 263-8235 or 916-9179.

Obituaries

Jane Williams Hays

Jane Williams Hays, 73, of Coahoma, died Tuesday afternoon in a Midland hospital. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday in the latan cemetery with Rev. James Edwards officiating under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hays was born to Charlie and Frankie Prater Williams on Jan. 4, 1933, in Coleman County. She married Dois Hays on June 3, 1951, in Carlsbad, N.M. She

was a Methodist.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Dois Hays of Colorado City; one daughter, Juanita Kelly of Seattle, Wash.; one son, William and wife, Margie Hays of Odessa; and one daughter-in-law, Sylvia Webb of Eastland; one sister, Betty Ake of Commanche; one brother, John Sparks of Kingman, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son,

Gary Hays.

Walter G. Froman



Walter G. Froman, 96, of Ackerly, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at noon Friday, Sept. 15, 2006, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rev. Dalton Froman, officiating and Rev. R.T. Havner, pastor of First Assembly of God, assisting.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1909, in Salina County, Tenn. and married Bertha Blagrave on Feb. 8, 1941, in Lamesa. She preceded him in death on Oct. 27, 2001.

Mr. Froman came with his family as a young boy in 1921 to the Brown Community. His parents were Samuel and Minnie Froman. Walter farmed all of his life in the Ackerly and Brown Communities. He was a devoted family man with passion for his church and family. He loved working land. He was a member of First Assembly of God where he served as a deacon for many years.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Teresa Froman of Ackerly and Rev. Dalton and Janie Froman of McKinney; one daughter,* Gardine Froman of Richardson; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, and one great-grandson.

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

Dorothy Baker



Dorothy Baker, 83, of Coahoma, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, in a Big Spring nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Sept.15, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Healthcare Chaplian, officiating and Bill Bates, pastor of United Methodist Church of Westbrook, assist-

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 12, 1922, in Desdemona and mar-

ried Rube C. Baker on Sept. 5, 1941, in Westbrook. He preceded her in death Feb. 5, 1984.

Mrs. Baker was a longtime resident of Coahoma and graduated from Coahoma High School in 1941. She worked as a bookkeeper for several businesses in the

Survivors include two daughters, Pam Baker and Dale Rumley of Coahoma, and Beverly and Gary Starr of Grapevine; four grandchildren, Rube B. Starr, Shawn A. Starr, Shelley C. Starr, and Gary D. Starr II; three sisters, Delores Stanley of Midland, Bonnie Faye Hohertz of Carrollton, and Charlene Walker of Ft. Worth; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved pets and companions, Angel and Little Bit.

She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to Odyssey Healthcare, Inc., 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Eddie Ward

Eddie Ward, 54, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Guadalupe Garcia

Guadalupe "Lupe" Garcia, 94, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Michael Bigham

Michael Bigham, 44, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Bonnie May Sheid

Bonnie May Shied, 82, a greatly loved mother and grandmother, passed away Sept. 13, 2006.

Graveside service will be 10:30 a.m., Friday at Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery, Dallas. Visitation will be 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday at Blessing Funeral Home, 401 Elm St., in Mansfield.

Bonnie was a homemaker and member of New York Avenue Church of Christ in Arlington. Bonnie and J.O. lived in Snyder and Big Spring, before moving to Arlington in 1997.

Her husband of 64 years J.O. Sheid, Jr., preceded her in death. Also preceding Bonnie is her twin brother Billy, her brother Marc and sisters Eulene and Kathleen.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jolene and Jack Wasson; grandson, Jody Wasson; sister-in-law, Evelyn Durham; sisters-in-law, Eileen Stringer and Cloma Teaff; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Mary Burt; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Betty Sheid; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Blessing Funeral Home.

Audrey B. Barton

Audrey B. Barton, 85, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, in a local nursing home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born Jan. 5, 1921, in Two Harbors, Minn. and married Robert G. Barton.

Mrs. Barton had lived in Big Spring for the past six months. She was a member of the Congregational Church in Valley City, N.D.

Survivors include her husband, Robert G. Barton of Big Spring; one daughter, Dr. Deborah Barton and husband, Ed Smith of Big Spring; one son, Richard Barton of Portland, Ore.; four grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Congregational Church, 217 4th Street NW, Valley City, N.D. 58072.

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

Fire/EMS

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

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa. One person was transported to the VAMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North

Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of West

Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service was refused.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of West Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-16-34-47-54. Number matching six of six: none.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$8 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-19-26-28. Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$29,007. Winning ticket sold in: Texas City.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night, in order: 6-2-7

Jury Panel Canceled

The jury panel scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday in Howard County Court, presided over by County Judge Ben Lockhart, has been canceled.

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Police blotter

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

• ROCKY RODRIGUEZ, 25, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxi-

· CHASE HANLEY, 22, of Abilene, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

 JUANITA ROBERSON, 24, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a local capias warrant. • DAVID WAYNE BLEDSOE, 24, of 908 W. Fourth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County

warrant. · SPARKLE AMOUR LETT, 21, of Lubbock, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to identify. • MICHAEL ALLEN SEAY, 28, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a local capias war-

• CATHERINE MAYBERRY, 36, of 1200 Lloyd, was arrested Wednesday on a local citation.

• TERESA CHRISTON, 43, of 1316 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended. THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Interstate

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• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of FM 700.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Ninth Street. ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1900

block of 25th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

 CHASE PATRICK HANLEY, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

· ALFRED RIOS, 51, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense. · MELANIE HENDERSON, 23, was arrested

Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for harrassment. • NICOLE GRACE DANIELS, 23, was arrested

Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order. CARL JAMES LANDRY, 54, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

 DAVID HELLUMS, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping - failure to appear (two counts).

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Suicide can be spotted, prevented with knowledge

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

People who are contemplating suicide often send signals they want to end their life.

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Often times, suicide can be prevented by recognizing the signs and intervening in a sensitive and timely manner, said Shelley Smith, West **Texas Centers for MHMR** CEO.

"Most people will let you know that they want to end their lives," Smith said. "We run into problems when we don't recognize it as a red flag."

People who make statements, such as: "I can't go on any longer;" "I hate this life;" "Everyone would be better off without me;" "Life is not worth living;" and "Nothing matters anymore," are all signals that need attention.

Signs of suicide include: Appearing depressed or sad most of the time and being preoccupied with death or dying and perhaps writing a will or notes or poems about suicide or death.

· Feelings of hopelessness and losing interest in most activities.

Withdrawing from

family and friends. · Change in sleep habits, either sleeping too much or too little.

· Feeling tired most of the time and frequently complaining about headaches and stomachaches.

· Gaining or losing a significant amount of weight.

If you suspect someone of being suicidal, be compassionate and invite them to expand on their thoughts, said Janet

director for West Texas Centers for MHMR.

Ask the person if they feeling suicidal. Persuade them to get help.

Refer them to an appropriate mental health provider.

Do not leave them alone if they are feeling suicidal.

Accompany them to the closest emergency room, or call the WTCMHMR Crisis hotline or 911.

Some people do not give any signs that they are suicidal, Payne said.

Twenty-nine people committed suicide from 1999-2003 in Howard County, Smith said, noting its seriousness.

The Mental Health Association in Texas reported 2,355 suicides in Texas in 2003 — an increase of 15 percent

friends, said Bill Maddox, a spokesman for Public Strategies Inc., an Austinbased consulting firm. But, he said, Richards would check in with him to find out what he knew about the goings-on at the

Payne, mental health from the numbers reported in 1998.

> Friends, loved ones and acquaintances often recall conversations they had with the deceased and wished they had known that the deceased was really crying out for help,

Payne said. "One of the most difficult things I see in my job is working with people who wished they had just known that the things they discussed just before their death was a signal," she said: "They really wanted them to recognize that they were in distress and wanted someone to reach out. Don,t hesitate to ask if someone is suicidal. Be direct in your questioning.

"It is difficult for the people who are left behind to think that they may have been able to prevent the suicide."

last spoke about a month

Texas Democratic Party chairman Boyd Richie said people of all political persuasions are saddened by her death.

"We lost a true Texas hero in Ann Richards.

Suicide is a high risk factor among youth, and parents should be sensitive to teens' needs at this

One of the biggest myths of suicide is that talking about it, encourages it, Smith said. "You can't address a public health issue without talking about it."

This week, Sept. 10-16, is National Suicide Prevention Week.

West Texas Centers for MHMR operates a Mental Health Crisis Hotline for people who need immediate assistance.

The number is 1-800-375-4357.

"It is not just for people who need help themselves, but for people who may not know how to react to a friend or family member who has shown suicidal tendencies," Smith said.

Ann knew the real meaning of public service, and ering others was evident throughout her entire political career," Richie said. "Ann was a trailblazer and a real trea-

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Don Rogers, 74, died **Funeral** Tuesday. Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Chapel. Smith Graveside Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Sweetwater Cemetery

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think she was going to go out with guns blazing," Hutchison said Wednesday night.

Texas Democrats in Congress had just discussed Richards at their weekly lunch and were planning to call her next week, said Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-San Antonio.

"She was a dear friend and an inspiration. It just breaks your heart," he

Richards was diagnosed with cancer in March and underwent chemotherapy treatments.

Her four adult children spent the day with her died before she Wednesday night at her home in Austin, said Cathy Bonner, a longtime family friend.

"They're a strong group of people but they're brokenhearted, of course,"

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"There will be cash

prizes and trophies for

the winners. Tournament

organizer will be Manuel

Ontiveros. There will also

be many different booths

with games, face painting

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"Along with the traditional festival food fare of

hamburgers, barbecue,

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PICK UP

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wrap up for the year with

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Bonner said.

New York-based society columnist Liz Smith, a Texas native and close Richards friend, said she thought Richards was strong when she began undergoing treatments at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, a place Richards dubbed Cancerville."

The two had been emailing regularly. But about three weeks ago, Richards stopped e-mailing, indicating something was wrong, Smith said. Richards would still have send others Smith updates.

"I would try to write her every day and send her jokes, political clippings," Smith said.

A few days ago, Smith said, Richards' daughter called and told her how worried she was that her mothery wasn't going to make it.

Richards guarded her condition from

food booths specializing

in festive foods and many

delights from the Tejano and Mexican cultures.

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gorditas and tacos will be

available, and for the first

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to make **POW/MIA** event part of your plans

riday will be POW-MIA Recognition Day and locally, a two-part observance involving the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee and the Hangar 25 Air Museum will give residents a chance to remember those who should never be forgot-

Members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee conduct a ceremony at the memorial on National POW/MIA Recognition Day each year to recognize the major sacrifice prisoners of war and service men and women listed as missing in action made for our nation and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. The general public is always encouraged to attend.

This year, however, the observance will be expanded. The first part of the program set for 6 p.m. will be held at Hangar 25 and will include opening remarks by master of ceremonies Don Boling, as well as the introduction of William H. King, who is being honored as September's Veteran of the Month.

The second session will take place at the Vietnam Memorial. The traditional "Missing Man Table" ceremony will be performed and those in attendance will be provided with and introduction to and explanation of that ceremony. A candle lighting will follow.

"We (members of the committee) feel that it's doubly important to not only remember our POWs and MIAs, but to honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11 and to recognize the people who put their lives on the line for us here in Big Spring and Howard County every day," explained Jerry Groves, the publicity chairman for the committee.

The committee is still taking orders for the pink Texas granite memorial bricks that can be inscribed with three lines of up to 14 letters per line. They are priced at \$30 each and order forms are available at the Sparenberg Building downtown.

We encourage everyone to take some time out of their evening activities Friday and join us at Hangar 25 and the Vietnam Memorial.

Lest we forget.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Thank You, Lord, for your love and comfort.

Any which way to get at Bush, GOP

Democratic leadership is giddy about yet another smoking gun "proving" what a liar President Bush is. This time, the Senate Intelligence Committee has issued two "Phase II" reports concerning pre-war intelligence on Iraq that supposedly cast doubt on the administration's claim there was a connection between Saddam Hussein and Al

This has Democrats dancing in the streets, kind of like they were with news of a delay federal the response to Hurricane Katrina, which they gleefully attributed to Republican racism.

It is not enough for DAVID Republicans LIMBAUGH answer merely that,

"this is old news." They need to respond forcefully and indignantly. The Democrats are claiming, once again, that President Bush lied about a life and matter: alleging death Saddam/Osama connection to build public support for attacking Iraq. Republicans dare not take this charge lightly.

First, let's not overlook that Republicans don't have a real majority on the committee, as several of the GOP committee members are decidedly antiwar and the staffer for one of them - Sen. Chuck Hagel — is reputedly a strong Democrat partisan, having worked on Sen. Kerry's presidential campaign.

The Democrats have continually politicized the committee, especially with this latest release. Committee Chairman Pat Roberts said, "I have some real concern with the final version of this report. Very simply, the conclusions are misleading and are not supported by the facts." Roberts added, "Overall, I am disappointed that some of my colleagues have twisted the facts to reach conclusions that support other agendas."

Next, let's not forget the Democrats' deception on this issue. They have repeatedly said President Bush claimed not only that there was a connection between Saddam and Al Qaeda, but that Saddam was connected to the 9/11 attacks.

Bush did not say that, but exactly the opposite. As I point out in my new book, "Bankrupt," President Bush said, "We've had no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with September 11." I quote Secretary Rice as making the same point. As usual, on the subject of lying about Iraq, the Democratic leadership has much explaining to

But what about the relationship between Saddam and Al Qaeda? "Fox News Sunday's" Wallace asked Secretary Rice whether she was a aware of a prewar Defense Intelligence Agency report concluding that "Iraq is. unlikely to have provided bin Laden any useful CB - that's chemical or biological - knowledge or assistance." Wallace asked, "Didn't you and the president ignore intelligence that contradicted your case?'

While I doubt Rice's answer will get much "mainstream" media play, it is persuasive. She said, "There are intelligence reports and conflicting intelligence reports all the time. That's why we have an intelligence system that brings those together into a unified assessment by the intelligence community ... That particular report I don't remember seeing. But there are often conflicting intelligence reports.'

In "Bankrupt," I quote CIA Director George Tenet affirming that intelligence is an inexact science and that there were definitely dissenting opinions on matters contained in the National Intelligence Estimate. But the agencies made the best judgments they could

based on the best intelligence information available, and the president not only had a right, but a duty to rely on the considered judgment of our intelligence experts.

Secretary Rice said the best intelligence pointed to strong ties between Saddam and Al Qaeda "going back for a decade." I cite in

dence, and it is powerful. Chairman Roberts said that these latest reports offer little new information, reiterating that our intelli-

'Bankrupt" a good deal of that evi-

gence was flawed. But to admit our intelligence was flawed is a far cry from saying that those who relied on it were lying.

The Bush administration was not guilty of cherry picking data to support its case for war. It is the Democrats who are now cherry picking information designed to discredit the president who correctly relied on our intelligence agencies concerning Saddam/Al Qaeda connection and Iraqi WMD. As Chairman Roberts said, "Instead of focusing on the implementation of reforms and on current and future threats, **Intelligence Committee Democrats** remain obsessed with looking backwards O On behalf of national security the Committee needs to and must extricate itself from O what has become a time-consuming and unnecessary effort and return to forward-looking oversight on the nationis Intelligence Community.

As we just passed the fifth anniversary of 9/11, it is time for Democrats to put the security interests of their country over the political interests of their party. But all signs are they will do anything to win in November, even if it means continuing to undermine national security and the war.

To find out more about David Limbaugh, please visit his Web site at www.davidlimbaugh.com.

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Honor 9/11 victims by catching their

t's five years after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and Osama bin Laden remains free. Two thousand nine hundred and seventy six Americans died that day and the man who plotted their murder has yet to face justice.

Despite all the "dead or alive" rhetoric uttered by President George W. Bush in the wake of 9/11, the effort to capture bin Laden has stalled. Like O.J.'s search for "the real killers," Bush pays lip service to the idea of catching bin Laden, but doesn't seem to look very hard.



If bin Laden had been a common criminal who shot a police officer, the full might of policemen around the country would be hunting him sdown. He'd end up dead or rotting in a jail cell, not free to skulk raround the world planning new ways to kill us.

This makes it somewhat odd that the Bush administration can't seem to muster any enthusiasm to go after the worst mass murderer in the history of our nation. Sure we spent a few weeks poking our heads into caves in Afghanistan, but after the initial desire for

vengeance wore off, it's as if the President forgot which particular bad guy sent planes crashing into buildings.

Instead of capturing the man who actually caused the death of Americans, Bush used our military to topple a despot in Iraq who might have been thinking about doing so. Clearly Saddam Hussein deserves whatever punishment he gets, but he did not attack the United States and according to a just-released Senate report, has no ties to Al Qaida.

To put this in easy-to-understand terms this would be like if The Joker robbed the Gotham Art Museum and Batman arrested The Penguin. Sure, The Penguin has probably gotten away with some crimes - he's a genuinely evil little fellow — but he didn't commit this one so you can't arrest him for it.

Saddam Hussein horribly oppressed and even killed his own people. He committed all sorts of crimes that he deserves to be punished for, but he didn't commit this one. Hussein's impending conviction might bring joy to the many Iraqis he persecuted, but it won't bring even a measure of vengeance for what happened on

For the best part of the last five years, the American people have

allowed themselves to be distracted by a trick any fledgling magician must master. Bush has everyone looking at his pretty assistant while he stuffs cards, one of those really long scarves and the odd rabbit into his sleeve. The President has everyone so worried about Iraq that we've stopped even asking when he might consider

trying to capture the worst villain this nation has ever known. While bin Laden has been forced to live a life on the run, hiding in caves and whatever desolate outpost might harbor him, he at least gets to breathe. His life might not be one of leisure or pleasure, but

he still lives and wherever he is, you have to imagine he's laughing at us. Two thousand nine hundred and

seventy six Americans will never go home again. They won't get to hug their fami-

lies, they will never get to tell them they love them or do anything else ever again.

That should be enough reason for President Bush to find Osama bin Laden and bring him to jus-

Daniel B. Kline's book, "50 Things Every Guy Should Know How To Do," is available in book stores everywhere. He can be reached at dan@notastep.com.

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San Jose Mercury News

As a General Motors vice president and the executive in charge of its full-size trucks, Gary White knows a lot about big pickups.

He looks at a segment that's grown by 340,000 trucks in yearly sales in 2005 compared with 1999, a period that covers the arrival of the Toyota Tundra (1999) and the Nissan Titan (2004), plus major redesigns of the Dodge Ram (2003) and the Ford F-150 (2004).

But those days of continued growth might soon

Over the next few months, GM will launch its totally redone Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra trucks, and Toyota will bring out its all-new, big-as-Texas (where it'll be built) Tundra.

"This time," White said, "somebody's going to get

That's his way saying that some automaker isn't going to sell as many trucks as it used to.

Big trucks remain a huge and profitable segment for the few automakers that play the pickup game. That's especially true of the domestic makers.

Total sales of the segment's six trucks - F-Series, Silverado, Ram, Sierra, Tundra and Titan were 2.45 million in

But, as Craig Bierley, GMC's product director noted recently, sales of those trucks are down about 13 percent this

That's due to a combination of higher gas prices, since big trucks get notoriously bad fuel economy. and the realization by buyers that new models are coming soon.

"But there's a stability in that number in terms of the people that absolutely need the capability of a pickup truck," Bierley said. Most analysts don't forecast as significant a decline with big trucks as has been seen with full-size and mid-size sport utility vehicles.

One truck expert expects the new Silverado and Sierra models to do well, even with more competition from the also-new Tundra.

"The question is, will GM consider the new pickups a success?" said Mike Levine, founder of PickupTruck.com. relative market terms, yes, but in absolute terms, with climbing gas prices and higher interest rates, I don't think these trucks will sell the same total numbers" as the previous versions.

Ultimately, Levine said, the new Tundra will affect sales of the Dodge Ram most directly, and it will make Ford "extra motivated to buff up its next F-Series."

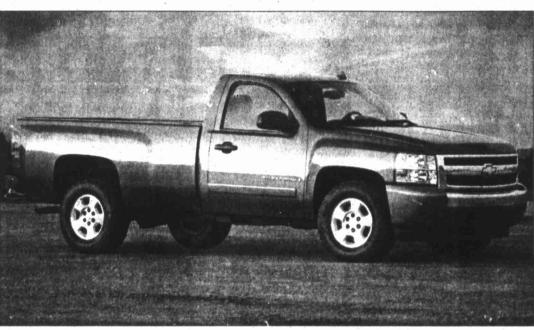
In describing the newgeneration Silverado and Sierra, White called them "pure American — confident and strong, but not over the top or pretentious." He compared them to John Wayne.

Rosenblum, Steven GMC's marketing director, makes another analogy, personalizing the new Sierra as a U.S. Marine in full dress uniform.





The 2007 Toyota Tundra



Chevrolet's 2007 Silverado

"It's stoic, confident, not joking," he said. "It's got broad shoulders."

GMC buyers want something that's traditional, he said. While 30 percent opt for front bucket seats, the remaining 70 percent buy their truck.

Beside new exteriors, the new GM trucks feature two different instrument panels — one for traditional buyers who will appreciate things like double glove boxes and big door handles and a fancier one with wood trim and special gauge treatment.

The GM executives point to a long list of improvements, many of them shared with the fullsize sport utilities such as the Chevy Suburban and Tahoe and GMC Yukon that came out earlier this year.

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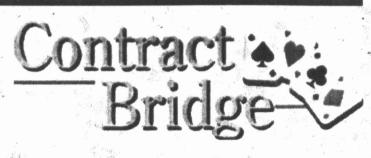
Front and rear tracks are wider than in the past, and improvements including a stiffer chassis, a new coil-over-shock front suspension and new steering make for a better

Silverado and The Sierra will come in regu-

lar, extended and crewcab models, and with three boxes ranging from 5-feet-8-inches to 8-feet long. Engine choices include a 4.3-liter V-6 and four V-8s- (4.8-liter, 5.3liter, 6.0-liter and 6.2-

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However, a resourceful declarer can often improve on a 50-50 chance, so that even if the key card is unfavorably placed, he might still

Take this deal where the outcome

seems to rest only on which defender has the king of clubs. The standard play is to lead toward the queen at some point, and if East has the king, South's troubles are over.

The other possibility, that West has the king, is the chief cause for concern, and that was where South concentrated his attention. He won the spade lead with the king and cashed the A-K of trumps. Next came a spade to the ace and a spade ruff in dummy. South then cashed the A-K of diamonds, thus completing all the key preliminary steps.

With all the spades and diamonds

eliminated from both his own hand and dummy, declarer now cashed the ace of clubs and returned a low club toward his queen. When East fol-lowed suit with the ten, it seemed that South had to guess whether to play the queen and hope East had the king, or play low and hope West now had the king alone. (If West had the K-J at this stage, the party was over.) However, thanks to South's

advance preparations, it did not matter which of these two situations existed — he could cover both possi-bilities by playing the queen. When West took the queen with the king, he was forced to return a spade or a diamond. This allowed South to discard his remaining club while trumping in dummy, and the slam came rolling

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High school dropouts face steeper costs in U.S., study finds

By BEN FELLER

AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON Dropping out of high school has its costs around the globe, but nowhere steeper than in the United States.

Adults who don't finish high school in the U.S. earn 65 percent of what people who have high school degrees make. according to a new report comparing industrialized earnings nations. No other country had such a severe income

. Adults without a high school diploma typically make about 80 percent of the salaries earned by high school graduates in nations across Asia, Europe and elsewhere. Countries such as Finland, Belgium, Germany and Sweden have the smallest gaps in

dropouts and graduates.

The figures come from "Education at a Glance," an annual study by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The report, released Tuesday, aims to help leaders see how their nations stack

The findings underscore the cost of a persistent dropout problem in the

between United States. It is rising incomes. as a national concern as politicians see the risks for the economy and for millions of kids.

> The new report says 44 percent of adults without high school degrees in the United States have low incomes — that is, they make half of the country's median income or less.

Only Denmark had a higher proportion dropouts with

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Toyota said it will sell

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Also, the United States is below the international average when it comes to its employment rate among adults age 25 to 64 who have no high school

degree. Even U.S. adult education and job training do little to close gaps, because too few dropouts take part, said Barbara Ischinger, director of education for the OECD.

cantly from the 127,000 it sold in 2005.

Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra: The new trucks pick up many of the changes introduced earlier this year to GM's full-size SUVs. That means stiffer rides and much-improved interiors.

Choices are plentiful three cab configurations. three box sizes, five engines, five suspension setups, even two instrument panels. Two-wheelabout 200,000 of them drive Silverados and Sierras equipped with the

"Those with poor initial qualifications remain disadvantaged throughout their life, because they have fewer opportunities

to catch up later on," she About one-third of students in the United States

don't finish high school on time - or at all. Estimates on that dropout rate vary, though, and state data are

often shaky.

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Dodge Ram: Chrysler has added a big worktruck version of the Ram, the 3500 Chassis Cab for 2007. It joins a lineup of distinctive truck models that includes the Ram Mega Cab, the Ram Power Wagon and the Ram SRT10. And its 2007 Rams with Cummins diesel engines can now burn B20, a fuel blend that's 20 percent biodiesel and 80

percent regular diesel.

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liter). The 6.2-liter V-8 produces 400 horsepower and is used only on the Sierra Denali model. The 4.8- and 5.3-liter V-8 have Active GM's Fuel Management system which boosts fuel economy by shutting down four cylinders when they're not needed.

Safety features include dual front air bags, side head-curtain air bags and stability control that's standard on crew-cab models and optional on extended-cab versions.

Production on the new GM trucks is expected to begin in October with extended-cab and crewcab models. They'll go on sale by late November. Within six months, all

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light- and heavy-duty verincluding the sions upscale Sierra Denali will be on sale.

Here's a quick glimpse as the world of big pickups, circa the 2007 model year.

Ford F-150: The favorite vehicle in the United States for two decades, the F-Series truck gets two new body styles for 2007, added payload and towing capacity and a longer warranty.

The new F-150 FX2 Sport model has the look of a custom truck with its dark billet grille, monochromatic paint and 18inch wheels. The F-150 Harley-Davidson SuperCrew features 22inch wheels, dark exterior paint, black leather seats and plenty of

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Ford said it lowered F-150 prices, too, as its 2007 models range from \$19,120 to \$39,565. Nissan Titan: Offered in

King and Crew Cab models, the 2007 Titan gets more horsepower (from 305 to 317) and torque from its 5.6-liter V-8. There's also a new chrome package option with 18-inch wheels and step rails.

Toyota Tundra: Toyota built a new factory near San Antonio, symbolically putting its new pickup in the heart of truck country. It will still make trucks in Indiana, too.

The 2007 Tundra goes on sale in January. In top

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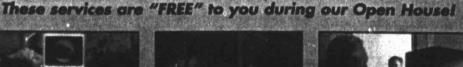
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Quarterback Club meeting is Monday

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Mondays 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

For more information call Tissue at 816-3458.

CGA, Knights to host scramble

The Chicano Golf Association, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, will host the 10th Annual Father Tournament Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf

Course. Format is a four-per-son scramble. Registration deadline is 9:45 a.m. the day of the tournament. For more information,

Tennis boosters

contact 264-7116.

meet Thursday The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters will hold their meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the BSHS cafeteria.

Junior tennis league offered

A free junior tennis league will be held every Tuesday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. The league is open to players ages 8 through 12, according to Ted Olesen, Figure 7 tennis

Participants are urged nis racquet, although a limited supply of racquets are available. For more information, log onto the center's Internet site bigspringtennis.com.

Hunter education

course Sept. 23 A hunter education course will be offered beginning at 8 a.m Sept. 23 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building. Cost for the two-day

course is \$15 per person. If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, you must successfully complete a hunter education course to be licensed in the state of Texas.

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in all 50 states. For more information or to register, contact Steve Poltevint at 3 during the evenin

Backup QB leads Steers vs. Hereford

By MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Another season, another week of late practices, another 0-2 start to open the season.

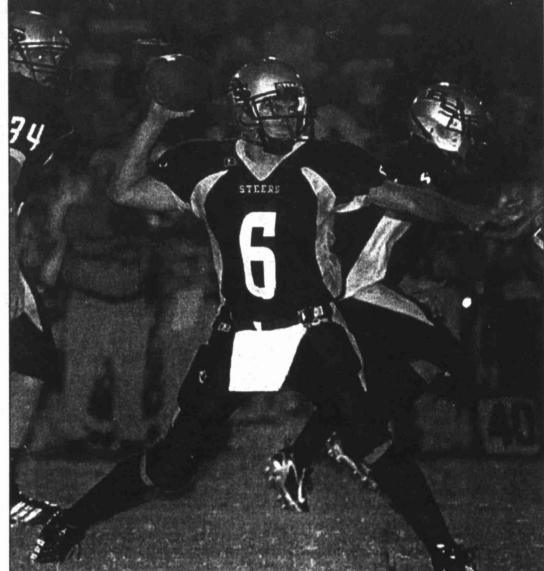
Coach Tim Holt does not enjoy taking this path to the playoffs, but he understands that there are no awards given to the team with the best record for non-district games. He also understands that this brutal schedule his Steers open with will only help this team come October.

Once district play begins fans hope to see this team come together and do something special. Unfortunately, it's still September, and that means that things will not get any easier this week as the Steers have to travel to face the undefeated Hereford Whitefaces Friday night.

Throw in some uncertainties on the offense and it's easy to understand why Holt is so concerned.

"Right now our maturity on this team is not where it needs to be," Holt explained. "As the season progresses I fully expect to see it all come together. All we have to do is play our brand of football and stop making some of these mistakes."

Holt expects a young and wounded Steers team to battle all night. Hereford will present the



Raul Aguilar (6), shown in action against San Angelo Central last Friday, will start in place of injured quarterback Ryan Tannehill when the Big Spring Steers travel to Hereford to face 3 Whitefaces in non-district football action Friday evening.

that with a rash of early quarterback

BSHS defense with multi- Spring players, including ple challenges. Combine a shoulder injury to star Ryan season injuries to key Big Tannehill, and the chal-

lenge is understandable. QB Raul Backup Aguilar has looked good in practice this week, but

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concedes he's filling some big shoes this week.

'Sure there is pressure," said Aguilar, when asked about replacing Tannehill. "The pressure is not just on me, though, it's on the entire team. We're going to need a team effort with him having to sit out, but I know that everyone out on this field expects to win. I have high expectations for this game, and that's because I know if we play as a team we can win."

That mentality is exactly what the coaching staff has been looking for this week, but whether that attitude translates into the Steers' first win of the season won't be deter-

mined until Friday. "You never know when a team will come together and gel, but the average player improved by about 20 percent from last week's game," Holt said, after a late Tuesday prac-

"If we can continue to improve like that then we're going to be fine."

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Battle of the

STANTON AT FORSAN 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

Two Buffalo teams will be in action this Friday night as Forsan hosts Stanton, with both teams looking to rebound from losses last week.

Forsan was defeated by Seagraves, 21-7 while Stanton fell to Reagan County, 14-12. The losses put both teams at 1-1 for the 2006 season.

Friday's game will serve as Homecoming for Forsan, but head coach Tommy Thompson says that won't have too much effect on his team.

"The players love Homecoming mostly because of the school traditions, the bonfire, etc.,' said Thompson. "From a coaching standpoint, it can be a distraction, but the guys are really excit-

By MIKE GRIMES

Coahoma Bulldogs are

itching for their first vic-

tory of the young season

this week, and Head

Coach Ken Cates is all but assuring one. "I don't care if we were having to

play the Dallas Cowboys

this week," Coach Cates

declared earlier this

week. "I'm expecting us to win this week."

While Ballinger High

School, this weeks oppo-

Sports Editor

COAHOMA



Forsan running back Skyller Sandridge looks for running room against Seagraves last Friday. Forsan holds Homecoming this Friday when it hosts Stanton at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming crowd to a victory."

The Stanton Buffaloes play in district 5-2A and finished the 2005 season returns 14 of 22 starters, have some talent at the

ed and want to treat the including junior QB running back position offense is no secret, a Garrett Fulton, and looks to have a strong defense.

"Fulton is their most dangerous offensive weapon — he runs their with a 1-9 record. But offense extremely well," Lead coach Lee McCown Thompson said. "They

Bearcats stand in the way of Coahoma and first win

in good shape.'

You can expect to see

plenty of action from tail-

Roberts

Cory

and a solid defense, especially against the run."

Thompson adds that Forsan will have to utilize their quickness on offense to take the Stanton defense out of the game.

The key to Thompson's See BUFFS, page 2B

strong performance from the offensive line and a nice mix of running and

passing. "The O-line needs a big game this week with

OTHER FRIDAY **GAMES**

Garden City at Midland Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Westbrook at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

New Home at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

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nent, may not be as good the team that wears silver helmets with stars on them, the Bearcats do have something that the **Dallas Cowboys want and** need. A win this year.

"They (Ballinger) scored close to 30 points last week, but I feel like we match up with them all over the field." Cates said.

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> Coahoma Coach Ken Cates

"All we need to do is be (sophomore) and Dakota more consistent in all three phases of the game (offense, defense, and special teams) and we will be

Teaff (senior) as the Bulldogs try to use the ground game to keep the home team's spread offense off the field. They will be trying to fill the shoes of injured linebacker/tailback Donnie

Garcia, who might be out for the season because of a broken foot.

'These young men are plenty capable of stepping up and making big plays," Cates promised. 'We just need for everyone to block and execute so that we can have a ball controlled offense.'

On defense the 'Dogs are going to have to slow down a spread offense that tries to distribute the ball from two different

See 'DOGS, page 2B

Matthews hits for cycle in Rangers' win

DETROIT (AP) - Gary Matthews Jr. walked into the clubhouse and his Texas teammates were waiting.

Matthews got drenched in a celebratory beer bath after hitting for the cycle Wednesday night and leading the Rangers over the Detroit Tigers 11-3.

Matthews did it in order, to. He led off the game with a single, doubled in the second inning, tripled in the fourth and hit a 418-foot homer leading off the sixth.

The All-Star center fielder also walked in the

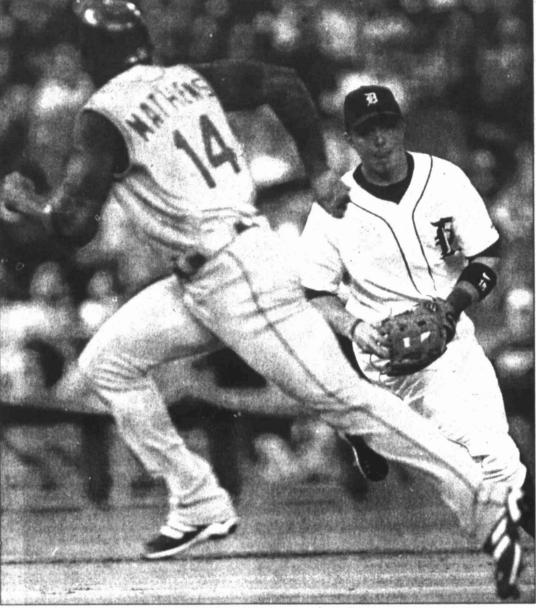
"It's special," Matthews said. "Everything lined up tonight. To go out and have days like this is really just the icing on the cake."

Matthews became the third Rangers player to hit for the cycle. He joined Mark Teixeira Oddibe (2004)and McDowell (1985).

The Rangers roughed up Justin Verlander and sent the AL Central-leading Tigers to their 10th loss in 15 games. Detroit leads Minnesota by 1 1/2 games, while Chicago moved three back.

"Justin wasn't good tonight. He didn't have his good stuff and his command wasn't there," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "We're not worried about Minnesota

I'm sure they figure they missed an opportunity today, too. Chicago lost yesterday and won today. It's going to come down to



Detroit's Brandon Inge makes the throw to first for the out during the second inning as Gary Matthews Jr. of the Texas Rangers moves to third base at Comerica Park in Detroit Wednesday. The Rangers won 11-3.

the wire, and we just have 3 innings. It was his Verlander said. "There to win enough games to get in."

Carlos Lee hit two solo home runs for Texas.

10 hits and six runs in 41- many two-out hits,"

April 13 when he went 22-3 against the White Sox.

"This was tough,

shortest outing since are a lot of pitches I'd like back _ a lot of pitches up in the zone."

Mike Maroth entered Verlander (16-8) yielded because I gave up so the game, making his second appearance since

returning from elbow surgery, and gave up a two-run homer to Matt

Kevin Millwood (15-10) gave up three runs and seven hits in seven innings. He doesn't think the Tigers are struggling at the plate.

"They're a tough lineup, you got to make your pitches," Millwood said. "If you don't, you're going to get yourself in a lot of trouble.'

Millwood is 2-1 with a 3.60 ERA against the Tigers this year.

"Kevin has been pitching well for a while, he's a horse," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "He kept pounding the strike zone and made the runs matter."

The Tigers didn't put a runner into scoring position until the fourth inning. Sean Casey hit a two-run double, his first extra-base hit in 16 games, that made it 4-2 and scored on Brandon Inge's single.

With Texas leading 5-3 in the fifth, Verlander was pulled after giving up a run-scoring single to Mark DeRosa.

"I needed to get us a stop at that point, and it didn't happen," Verlander said. "That's disappointing.'

Young made it 10-3 with a two-run homer off Jason Grilli in the eighth.

Tigers star Rodriguez didn't have a hit in the two-game series. He was 0-for-4 in Tuesday's win.

in golf at the HSBC World

But he ran into a former

Micheel quickly fell

behind on the opening

hole with a weak chip and

a bogey, and looked as if

he might lose even more

ground when his tee shot

on the par-3 second came

up short and spun 15

yards down the hill. But

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the match with an 8-foot

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Stanton's big defensive front," Thompson said. "I expect our line to control things in the trenches, which will open up things for Wes Newcomb in the running game and will give Seth Johnson time to find receivers."

Newcomb is coming off another 100-yd game against Seagraves and when he is successful it favors Johnson and the passing game.

Thompson said he hopes to have a big week from Johnson and a talented bunch of wide receivers in Justin Wilson, Adam Bailey, Alex Huckabee and Vince Penick.

"Our guys realized the importance of preparation after the loss last week, we cant underestimate anyone on our schedule,' said Thompson. "We have to be focused in our attack on both sides of the ball. Our confidence was shaken a bit last week, but we fought back and we will be ready for four quarters of football come Friday night."

Game time is slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Buffalo Stadium in Forsan.

'DOGS

Continued from page 1B

QBs, both capable of getting the job done. And after last week's game, they appear to have figured out how to get the ball in the end zone.

"This team (Ballinger) can make big plays at any Coach Cates explained. "We're going to have to play a pressure defense and our secondary is going to have to come up huge Friday night. And that's just what I'm expecting."

And if the offensive line can open some holes and keep the chains moving, that's just fans can expect as well.

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Defendant testifies in manslaughter trial

By MELISSA TRUJILLO hit five men.

charged with manslaughter after he plowed into a group of Super Bowl fans testified at Wednesday that he pan-

icked because people in

the raucous crowd were attacking his vehicle. Stanley Filoma, who acknowledged that he drank several beers the night of the New England Patriots' 2004

driving and other counts. Prosecutors say the 26year-old was drunk and trying to get away from police when he drove through the crowd and

victory, is charged with

manslaughter, drunken

Filoma drove off and Associated Press Writer
An SUV driver
Was stopped by police
only after his SUV hit a taxi, prosecutor John Powers III said. More than four hours after Grabowski was hit, Filoma's blood-alcohol content was 0.09, just over the legal limit. Filoma testified that he

had tried to back away from one group of people because they had pushed against his car, but then a second group started hitting the vehicle and one person slammed the windshield so hard it cracked. He said he did not realize the crowd included police officers, because he could not see their dark uniforms.

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WATER. **VIRGINIA** England - Tiger Woods' five-tournament winning streak was in jeopardy Thursday when Shaun Micheel won four straight holes and built a 3-up lead through 18 holes in the first round of the World Match

Championship. Woods had to birdie the par-5 18th to keep the damage from getting any worse.

It was a stunning start. not only for Woods, but for Ryder Cup teammate Jim Furyk.

Fury, who rose to a career-high No. 2 in the world after winning the Canadian Open Sunday, was helpless against the onslaught of birdies from Robert

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Tiger's win streak in jeopardy

Both needed a strong Match comeback in the 36-hole Championship - \$1.87 milmatch to departure. In other matches

through 18 holes, defending champion top-seeded Michael Campbell had a 2-up lead on Simon Khan; Ryder Cup teammates Colin Montgomerie and David Howell were all square; Paul Casey squared his match against Retief Goosen; Angel Cabrera took a 1-up lead over six-time champion Ernie Els; Mike Weir had a 2-up lead over Adam Scott; and Luke Donald had a 1-up lead

over Tim Clark. Woods has won every tournament he has flayed since the British Open at

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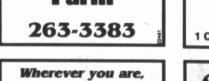


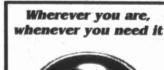




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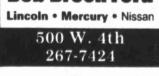
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"Everything went smooth. It's fun when you race like that.'

- Dave Blaney, on his season-best finish of fourth place in the 2006 Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway.



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Pivotal moments

Highlighting the key events for the drivers who made the Chase

Can all the ups and downs, the stops and starts, the good fortune and the bad breaks of 26 Nextel Cup races that led us to where we are be reduced to a key moment for each driver who made the Chase for the Nextel Cup? Let's see:

SETTING THE TONE



For Matt Kenseth, who goes into Sunday's Chase-opening Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway with the lead, back-to-back August wins at Michigan and Bristol were big momentum builders. Kenseth's season, though, could have gone very

bad very early. When he got turned by Tony Stewart in the Daytona 500 and slid all the way back across the track, Kenseth very easily could have been hurt.

Despite the contentious nature of his day at Daytona, Kenseth finished a decent 15th and moved on from there to win the next race at California and then finish second at Las Vegas. He hasn't been lower than third in the points standings since.

TALLADEGA (EXTRA) NIGHTS



Wins in the Daytona 500 and Allstate 400 at the Brickyard were big Sundays for the No. 48 Chevrolet team, but a Monday at Talladega was important, too.

Jimmie Johnson's victory in the Aaron's 499, which was pushed back a day because of rain, gave him a bit of vindication at a track where he'd been blamed for his roles in starting a couple of big wrecks in previous races there.

"When Dale Jarrett won the fall race here last year, he stayed out of trouble all day long," Johnson said. "At the end everybody else's cars were so beat up he had the fastest car."

FIRST IS BEST



Kevin Harvick was 23rd in the points after finishing 39th in the season's fourth race at Atlanta, but then had five finishes of seventh or better to move up into Chase contention.

Things got squirrelly again after that, though, and when Harvick finished 24th on the road course at Infineon Raceway, he was 10th in the standings, just . trying to hang on.

He finished no worse than ninth over the next six races, however, capping that streak by passing Tony Stewart with just more than three laps to go to win at Watkins Glen.

Stewart had passed Harvick a few laps earlier, and Harvick could have settled for "a good points day" with a runner-up finish. Instead, he dug in and fought back to get the win, just as he'd do by beating Kyle Busch with a pass coming to the white flag Saturday at Richmond

NOTHING'S LOUDER THAN SUCCESS



At Daytona in February, Tony Stewart criticized fellow drivers for racing dangerously. One driver he was clearly unhappy with was Kyle Busch. But in July at Daytona, when it came time for

Busch to decide which car to draft with the race on the line, Busch went with Stewart's car and wound up finishing second because of it.

"I knew he was a strong car and if I wanted a shot at finishing up front he was the car to go with," Busch said. "It doesn't matter who's driving the car, it's whoever's car

The No. 2 finish bumped Busch from 12th to eighth in the standings, and he hasn't been out of the top 10 since.

HOME COOKING

Virginia native Denny Hamlin was pumped up after finishing second to Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the May race at Richmond. "This is by far the biggest race of my career," the rookie said afterward. "I can't tell you how I feel. I'll be riding this wave for months to come."

Hamlin, it turns out, is a psychic. Since that night, he hasn't finished worse than 17th and has had a pair of Pocono wins and 10 more top-10 finishes.

UPSIDE AT INDIANAPOLIS



Sometimes, it's best to do nothing. With 16 laps left in the Allstate 400 at Indianapolis, Dale Earnhardt Jr. decided not to pit under a caution. Instead of running about 30th, that move left him second for the final restart. He passed Kyle Busch, who used the same strategy, for the lead briefly before Jimmie Johnson took control of the

Earnhardt Jr.

Still, Earnhardt Jr. held on to finish sixth and halt a points free fall that had included 43rd-place finishes in his previous two races. The move got the No. 8 Chevrolet back into the top 10 in points, and he stayed there.

HALF A POUND TO GO



Mark Martin's No. 6 Ford was sliding back in the middle portions of Saturday's race at Richmond, and his team had already tried a lot of adjustments to loosen the car up. Nothing, however, seemed to be

Martin, for some reason, decided to recommend a half-pound change in the air pressure in one of his tires. "That one change shouldn't have fixed it, but it worked," Martin said after rallying to finish fifth in the race and make the Chase. "It's like it was meant

to be."

GOOD FROM THE WORD GO



Jeff Burton says his No. 31 Chevrolet team made the Chase because of all of the changes and hard work done at Richard Childress Racing to improve from last year.

The fundamental nature of the team's improvement is reflected in the fact that Burton says the turning point for him this season came before the season even started

"We tested some late in 2005, and I knew we'd done a better job of building a platform we could build upon," Burton said. "We were just faster, and that's what we had been lacking."

GET 'EM WHILE YOU'RE HOT



Gordon

Jeff Gordon's team had struggled at tracks like Michigan and California in recent years, but he finished 13th or better in the four races there this year. His best finish was at Michigan in August, where he ran second to Matt Kenseth. Those points, along with the ones he scored in

ce finishes at Bristol and California the fo lowing two weeks, proved important when he struggled to a 31st-place finish Saturday night at

Richmond. Without the cushion he'd brought into the 26th race, Gordon would have been in big trouble.

CALLING YOUR SHOT



Kasey Kahne was 90 points out of the top 10 going into the race two weeks ago at California. He knew that he needed maximum points to try to fight his way back into the Chase, but knowing and doing are two different things.

Kahne and his Evernham Motorsports team, though, won the Sony HD

500 and led the most laps. That's worth 190 points, and you can't do any

better. It followed that up with a third-place run at Richmond that pushed Tony Stewart out of the top 10, but it was California that put Kahne in position to make that count.



RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP **PICKS**

1. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Consistency wins titles, and this team is the East Coast distributor for consistency. Last week: 1.

2. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Gets major credit for racing for Richmond win when second was fine in "big picture." Last week: 3.

3. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Has this team fallen into its old bad habit of coasting into Chase? We'll soon find out. Last week: 2.

4. Kyle Busch (car No. 5): Probably has the most on the line in the Chase opener since he won at Loudon in July. Last week: 6.

5. Denny Hamlin (car No. 11): Acts like a junior golf star who doesn't know 6-foot putts are supposed to be so hard. Last week: 4.

6. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8) and 7. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Both Earnhardt Jr. and Gordon return to the Chase after missing last year, but we believe both of these teams are more likely to contend for the championships next year. Last week: 7 and 5, respectively.

8. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): History of teams racing way into the Chase late isn't all that good once the Chase starts. Last week: 9 (tied).

9. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Sentimental story aside, this team is going to have to step up its game to be a factor. Last week: 9 (tied).

10. Jeff Burton (car No. 31): Have we seen this team's best yet? If we have, it's probably not enough to win it all. Last week: 9 (tied).

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatsracin.com.

Stewart takes the mature road at Richmond

e're always ready to pile on an athlete when he acts like he has no class, so let's be fair and give Tony Stewart credit for how he handled things after Saturday night's Chevy 400 at Richmond International

Raceway.

Stewart, the reigning Nextel Cup champion, fell out of this year's Chase as Kasey Kahne raced his way in. Stewart did not get out of his car and storm to the garage as some might have expected. He got out and, in a calm interview with television reporter Matt Yocum, discussed his disappointment and wished the drivers who made the Chase good luck. Stewart was right on the money

when he said his team's failure to make the Chase shows just how hard it is to earn a shot at the Nextel Cup title. It bears repeating that the top three finishers in last year's standings -Stewart, Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards — missed the Chase this year.

All that having been said, though, did it strike anyone else that Stewart and his team almost seemed resigned to their fate during Saturday night's

Stewart finished 18th and missed the Chase by 16 points. If he'd finished 12th, he would have slid into the top 10. Was the No. 20 Chevrolet so far off that the team couldn't have tried some kind of Hail Mary move with pit strategy or something to make up that much ground?

CREW CHANGES AT



JONATHAN FERREY FOR NASCAF

Tony Stewart fields questions following the 2006 Chevy Rock & Roll 400.

PETTY ENTERPRISES

Paul Andrews, who won the 1992 Winston Cup championship as crew chief for Alan Kulwicki, will move from Kyle Petty's team to take over as crew chief for Bobby Labonte in the No. 43 Dodge, effective immedi-

Bill Wilburn has been hired to take over as crew chief on Petty's cars.

Greg Steadman, who had been interim crew chief for Labore, will return to his position as director of competi-

"We're looking ahead," said Robbie Loomis, executive vice president of race operations for Petty Enterprises. "We feel we needed to make a change now to be best prepared going into next season."

THIS WEEK'S RACE

SYLVANIA 300

Where: New Hampshire International Speedway, a 1.058-mile paved oval located in Loudon, N.H.

When: Sunday at 1:30 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:10 p.m. Friday.

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Last year's winner: Ryan Newman. Worth mentioning: Jeff Gordon leads all other drivers, having led 1,070 laps at New Hampshire. He has led in 15 of his 23 races.

Jimmie Johnson has competed in nine races at New Hampshire and has an 8.67 average finish there — the best of all drivers with more than one start.

There have been 11 pole winners in 23 races at New Hampshire.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Two of NASCAR's biggest box-office draws, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon, are in the playoffs this season. Which will have the better finish when it's

all over? Cast your vote at: www.thatsracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION Do you think NASCAR has succeeded in raising or holding our interest with the Chase format?

Number of votes: 5,258

Response	No. of votes	Percent
Nope. The format was — and still is — a bad idea.	2,556	49%
I was already interested.	1,518	29%
Yes, I think it's working.	1,184	22%

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT **Kevin Harvick:** If you see him at the casino,

ask him to blow on your dice. ■ Matt Kenseth: He got his wish — entering the Chase with momentum on his side.

Kyle Busch: The way he's running right now, he appears to be Hendrick Motorsports' best chance at the championship.

Dave Blaney: Welcome back to the front of the field.

WHO'S NOT

■ Tony Stewart: This year's high-profile

■ Penske Racing South: May need to file a

missing persons report on these teams. ■ David Gilliland: Rough start to his Nextel Cup career.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

■ Robert Yates Racing has plenty of ideas for drivers of its No. 88 but apparently no sponsors yet. Looking at the situation with this organization now, one wonders how it won a championship just seven years ago. - Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS The top-40 drivers as of Sept. 9:

Rank/Driver Points Rank/Driver Matt Kenseth 5050 21. Elliott Sadler 2639 22. Reed Sorenson ... 2610 2. Jimmie Johnson . 5045 23. Martin Truex Jr. . . 2536 Kevin Harvick....5040 24. Dale Jarrett 2472 Kyle Busch 5035 5. Denny Hamlin ... 5030 25. Bobby Laborite ... 2438 26. Robby Gordon . . . 2400 6. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 5025 . 2343 Mark Martin 5020 27. J.J. Yeley . 8. Jeff Burton 28. Dave Blaney. . . . 2306 . 5015 9. Jeff Gordon 5010 29. Ken Schrader. 2289 10. Kasey Kahne 5005 30. Jeff Green.... 2273 . 3303 31. Joe Nemechek. . . 2184 11. Tony Stewart 12. Greg Biffle..... 32. Sterling Marlin . . . 2037 . 3039 13. Carl Edwards 3011 33. Kyle Petty 2023 14. Kurt Busch 34. David Stremme . . 1882 . 2828 15. Casey Mears 2815 35. Travis Kvapil. . . . 1765 16. Clint Bowyer..... 2755 36. Michael Waltrip . . 1748 17. Ryan Newman. . . 2753 37. Jeremy Mayfield . 1647

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

38. Tony Raines. . . . 1606

39. Scott Wimmer . . . 1560

40. Kevin Lepage. . . . 1153

The top-20 drivers as of Sept. 8:

18. Scott Riggs. 2723

19. Jamie McMurray . 2722

20. Brian Vickers 2679

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	4460	11. Jason Leffler.	2923
2. Carl Edwards	3841	12. Kenny Wallac	e2906
3. Denny Hamlin .	3801	13. John Andretti	2895
4. Clint Bowyer		14. Jon Wood	2754
5. J.J. Yeley	3558	15. Ashton Lewis	2703
6. Paul Menard	3357	16. Burney Lamar	2615
7. Kyle Busch	3237	17. Stacy Compto	n2613
8. Greg Biffle	3190	18. David Green.	2573
9. Johnny Sauter .	3003	19. Danny O'Quin	n Jr.2563
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Mother said that nothing is boring to an exciting person. Even if you're not in a very sparkling mood, today brings something interesting to recount for weeks to come. The close relationship between Mercury and Mars turns what would otherwise be dull social contact into action-packed zesty. scenarios.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). How are you going to leave your legacy on somebody's heart? Expressing your creativity in personal relationships is a move you won't regret no matter how you're received.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The fight

has many rounds, and the score is settled long after the final bell rings. So give yourself a rating as you go. Your self-

assessment will be more important than

anything others could tell you.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're just where you need to be. Believe this from a deep place in your psyche. Your sense of calm helps you deal with a million pending details. Virgo people can help, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your visioning skills are on hyper-drive. How will you get the money you need to make your vision happen? Go forward as though you already have the money. Miracles occur.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maturity means going as slow as it takes to be certain of your every move. Let your relationships develop naturally. Let your creative work ripen before you offer it for sale.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22), It's shocking to find out that friends you've known forever don't know where you were born or how to spell your name. See this as an opportunity to tell full, fascinating the account of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). **Emotions** are misunderstood by many today, but not by you. Use your skilled intuition to manage and direct your feelings toward creating a better future for you and loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It seems lately you're living for the affection of those you admire. But not

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really. At any time, you can take back your power and decide to feel any certain way you wish, regardless of how others behave.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Laziness gets a bad rap. One can be lazy without being idle. If your ambition is getting you nowhere, this is the time to try a more languid pace (and see if you're not 10 times more productive).

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your powers of discernment help you sort out your personal life. Give in on the little issues and be strong on the big ones. Someone who inappropriately dependent on you learns self-care

when you let go. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Embrace the social animal you are; networking now does wonders for your business and finances. Tonight, a delicious spirit of discovery visits your special relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships hit some disturbance. Stifled selfexpression puts a fire under you to create. Spoil yourself. Dare to be unencumbered appointments. Do your own

ASTROLOGICAL SPECIAL: SAGITTARIUS ATTRACTION SECRETS: Every sign has unique talents and abilities they can apply toward attracting the things, people and experiences they want in life. SAGITTARIUS nails the art of being This unavailable. sign understands the yearning for what's just out of reach because he or she is born with this yearning. What Sagittarius does so well is maintain the appearance of being unreachable even when he or she wants to be gotten and can be easily won. Why rob your fellow human of the thrill of chasing? Anything worth having seems even more valuable if great effort has been taken to overcome obstacles and distance along the way. On the surface, it may seem easy to be unavailable — don't pick up the phone, say "no" and do not engage the person trying to reach you. However, there's difference between being unavailable and being never available. Sagittarius knows that making a strong enough impression to withstand the tension of his or her disappearing act is key. So Sagittarius is sure to infiltrate the thoughts and imagination of his or her subject before taking off. finally Sagittarius is caught, he or she is sure to the make pay-off

worthwhile. CELEBRITY PROFILES: Marc Anthony may be a sizzling artist, but this Virgo hasn't lost his earthy roots. He's a family man, too. He and wife Jennifer Lopez will light movie screens ablaze with their chemistry and heat in the upcoming salsa-dancing homage "El Cantante." salsa-dancing predict, after the release of this very personal affair, Anthony and the divine Lopez will finally start a family of their own.

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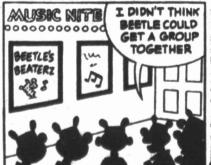
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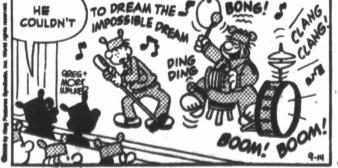


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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 2006. There are 108 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write his poem "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Maryland during the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1812, the Russians set fire to Moscow in the face of an invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte's troops.

President 1901, McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice. France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of her sports car.

In 1948, a groundbreaking ceremony took place in New

In 1959, the Soviet space probe Luna 2 became the

York at the site of the

United Nations' world head-

first manmade object to reach the moon as it crashed onto the lunar surface. In 1964, Pope Paul VI

opened the third session of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, also known as "Vatican Two." (The session closed two months later.)

In 1975, Pope Paul VI declared Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton the first U.S.-born saint.

In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before. In 1982, Lebanon's presi-

dent-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was killed by a bomb. In 1985, Shiite Muslim kid-

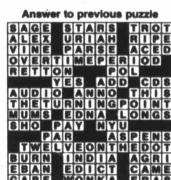
nappers in Lebanon released the Rev. Benjamin Weir after holding him captive for 16 months. Today's Birthdays: Actress

Zoe Caldwell is 73. Actor Harve Presnell Feminist author Kate Millett is 72. Actor Walter Koenig is 70. Actor Nicol Williamson is 68. Singer-actress Joey

Heatherton is 62. Actor Sam-Neill is 59. Rock musician Steve Berlin (Los Lobos) is 51. Country singer-song-writer Beth Nielsen Chapman is 50. Actress
Mary Crosby is 47. Actress
Faith Ford is 42. Actor Dan
Cortese is 38. Actress
Kimberly Williams-Paisley is 35. Rapper Nas is 33. Country singer Danielle Peck is 28. Actor Adam Lamberg is 22.

Today: Thought for "Civilizations die from philosophical calm, irony; and the sense of fair play quite as surely as they die of debauchery." Joseph Wood Krutch, American author, critic and educator (1893-1970).

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Newsday Crossword

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- 15 Ceremony
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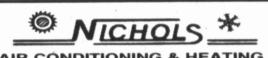
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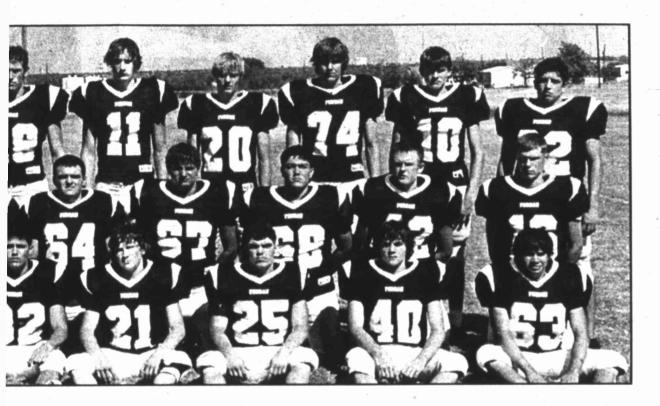
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