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City officials say smoking ban now in effect

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A controversial new smoking ordinance passed by the Big Spring City Council last week is now in effect, according to city officials.

The ordinance, which officially went into effect Monday following publication of the new law in the weekend edition of the *Herald*, effectively bans smoking in public places that do not provide an adequate des-



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We have copies of the ordinance available at no charge and we're happy to answer any questions they have about the

ignated smoking area.

"We just want to let the public know that the ordinance is now in effect," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "We also want to let the citizens and business owners know that

matter." Fuqua said his offices have already received a number of calls from area residents with questions concerning the new ordinance.

"The most common questions we're getting are about the safe zone around public entrances," said Fuqua. "Smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of any public entrance to any enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. In addition, it's unlawful to smoke within 50 feet of a

public entrance to a hospital, medical clinic, doctors office, chiropractors office or day care.

"Another question we hear is whether or not we're trying to keep people from smoking in their private residence, and that's just not the case. Just a few of the public places defined by the ordinance as buildings owned by the city or other local government, retail stores, grocery stores, restaurants, libraries and all areas available to and customarily used by the

general public in all businesses."

Fuqua said area businesses still have the option to offer a designated smoking area, but they must follow special guidelines to do so.

"A designated smoking area must be physically enclosed and ventilated with a separate heating and air conditioning system," said Fuqua. "There can't be any spaces between the

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Attracting retirees

Expert says 2.5 jobs are created for each retired person that is relocated

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

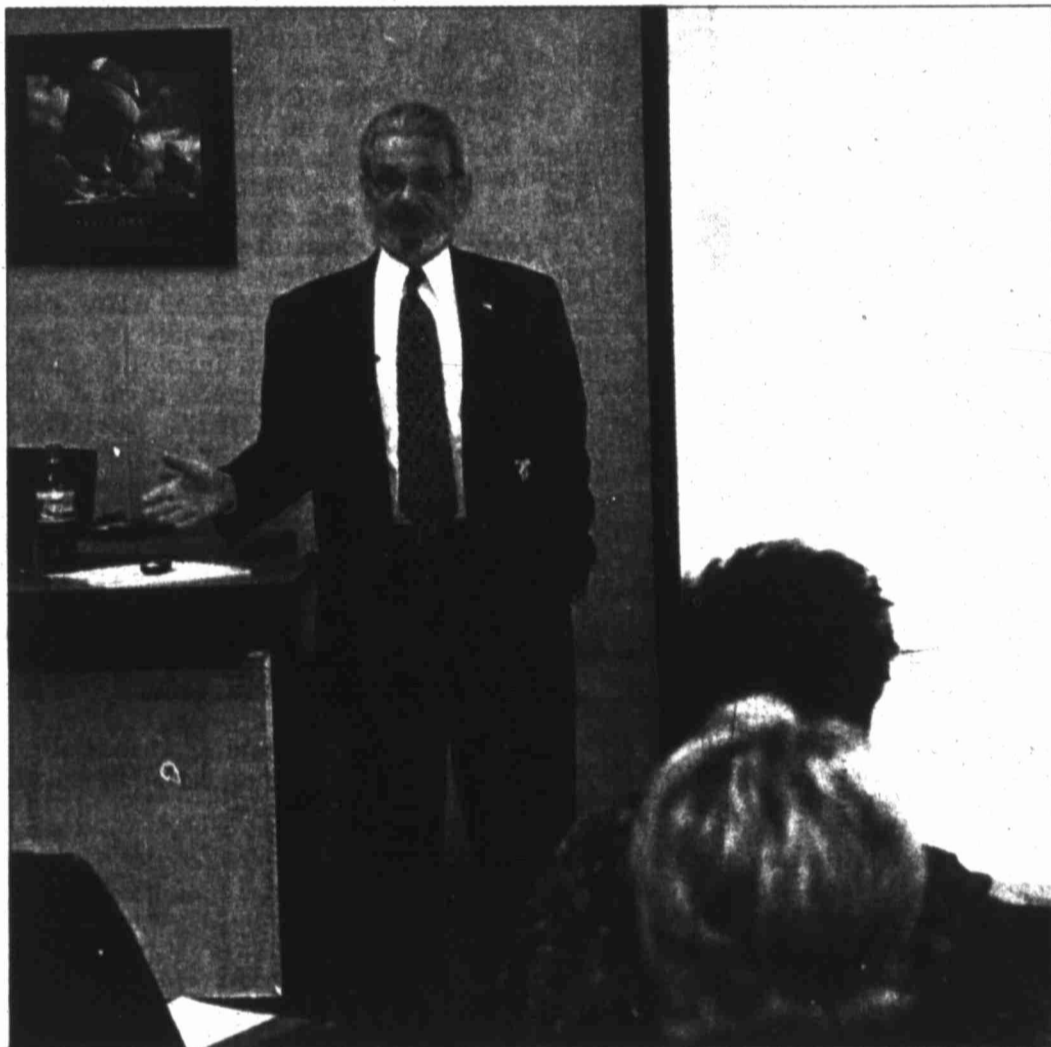
A couple of self-confessed "geeks in suits" want to help attract more retirees to live in this area.

Gene Warren and Alan Church of the Phoenix consulting firm of Thomas, Warren and Associates, were in town Tuesday to help civic leaders get the best "bang for their buck" when trying to sell people on the idea of Big Spring as a retirement destination.

Warren and Church held a seminar, "Attracting Retirees to Big Spring," at the ALON Refinery training building Tuesday afternoon.

"We help communities find out exactly what they have that will attract retirees," said Warren. "Plus, we do market research for an advertising campaign to attract retirees."

With 76 million members of the "baby boomer" generation set to retire during the next decade or so, retirees are



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Gene Warren, of the Phoenix-based consulting firm Thomas, Warren and Associates, conducts a seminar on attracting retirees to Big Spring Tuesday afternoon at the ALON Refinery training building.

set to become more and more attractive to communities.

For starters, retirees have more disposable income than their younger counterparts, Warren said.

"Retiree households spend more, on average,

than non-retiree households," Warren said. "But they don't work, so they need people to provide goods and services they need — and that creates jobs."

Warren estimated that 2.5 jobs are created for every retiree who relo-

cates to a community. "In other words, 100 retirees moving to Big Spring would be like getting a new ALON refinery (worth of jobs)," he said.

Warren said his firm See **RETIREES**, Page 3A

Alzheimer's Walk slated for Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will be hitting the pavement Saturday morning in the battle against Alzheimer's disease.

Nancy Jones, local coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association and director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), said the money raised by the annual trek — which includes both one and two mile walks — stays where it's needed most, at home.

"The money we raise each year stays right here in Howard County," said Jones. "It goes to help the families that are dealing with the disease and offers them the education and group services they need. It funds the different services the Alzheimer's Association provides. A percentage of the money is also used to help fund research on the disease."

Area residents that want to participate in the annual walk but think

their too late have another thing coming, according to Jones.

"It's never too late," said Jones with a laugh. "Never. People can still sign up to walk Saturday morning. If someone wants to walk and raise the money for it later, they can do that as well. We still have team packets here at the RSVP office if someone wants to put together a team as well. And if you don't have time to raise money, we'd love to have you just come out and walk with us and raise awareness. Last year we had about 400 people walk. This year I'd love to top 500 people."

Jones said Saturday's event — which will begin at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park — will get under way at 9 a.m. sharp, with registration set from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m.

"We have to main courses we'll walk," said Jones. "The long course is about two miles, while the short course is about a mile. Of course, that doesn't mean anyone has to walk any particular

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Large item pick up set for Friday in District 5

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Employees with the city of Big Spring will be "out and about" in District 5 Friday in an effort to help area residents get rid of some of their large trash items.

The city will once again offer its Large Item Pick Up program, designed to help area residents get rid of large items they can't



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get to the landfill themselves, working through District 5, which is represented by Councilwoman Joann Knox. "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, handi-

capped 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."

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the sched-

uled 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."

Darden said there are many household items area residents may be 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

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Bush meeting with Palestinian leader

By **NEDRA PICKLER**
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — President Bush, who says peace in the Middle East is one of the prime objectives of his presidency, is sitting down with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas for some of the hard work it will take to turn those words into action.

Bush's meeting Wednesday was a show of support for Abbas' moderate politics and his standing in the peace process, even though Abbas was weakened by the victory of rival Hamas militants in parliamentary elections ear-

lier this year.

The Bush-Abbas meeting comes on the same day that the United States and other would-be Mideast peacemakers hold their first session since this summer's fighting between Israel and Hezbollah militants in Lebanon.

The U.N. Security Council also plans an open meeting Thursday that is intended to revive the peace process.

Abbas was meeting Bush at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, where the president spent two nights while in town for the U.N. General Assembly.

Bush concluded his formal remarks there Tuesday by calling for the world

to support long-elusive peace between the Israelis and Palestinians. Bush held up Abbas' commitment to peace and a Palestinian state.

"Helping the parties reach this goal is one of the great objectives of my presidency," Bush said.

"I'm optimistic that by supporting the forces of democracy and moderation, we can help Israelis and Palestinians build a more hopeful future and achieve the peace in a Holy Land we all want," Bush said.

He challenged Hamas to reject terror-

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Obituaries

Inez Bearden



Ruby Inez Dyer Bearden, 88, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, with Rev. Elwin Collom, Home Hospice chaplain, officiating and her grandsons, assisting. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

She was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Parker County and married J. C. Bearden Nov. 30, 1935, in Dawson County. He preceded her in death Sept. 21, 1983.

A longtime resident of Ackerly and Big Spring, she was a homemaker.

Inez was a volunteer of Big Spring RSVP for 21 years and 7 months. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Derrell and Sandra Bearden of Ackerly and David and Rebecca Bearden of Houston; two daughters and sons-in-law, Faye and Stanley Noll of Havana, Ill. and Janice and Raymond Walton of Stanton; nine grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild, one brother and four sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of choice.

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

Terry Joelle Sharp McCullough



Terry Joelle Sharp McCullough passed away Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at Baptist Memorial Center in San Angelo, following a lengthy and courageous battle with multiple sclerosis.

Terry was born in Clarksville on May 19, 1960, to Robert and Mireille Sharp. She was raised in West Texas and graduated from Coahoma High School in 1978. She was a member of the first Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Terry made her home in Midland and worked for many years as a secretary for Marathon Oil and later as an engineering tech for Santa Fe Energy. Prior to her illness, she was an avid gardener and found joy in working with plants and flowers native to the West Texas area. Terry also loved shopping at flea markets and collecting antiques. She enjoyed owning and riding horses, was involved in roping, loved animals and always had many pets. Terry was a very independent and strong-willed person and was very proud of her Swiss heritage.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mireille Sharp, in 1998, her paternal grandparents, John and Clara Sharp and her maternal grandparents, Charles and Lucille Berthoud.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Alma McCullough of Midland; her father and step-mother, Robert and Lidia Sharp of San Angelo; sister Chantal Milliken and husband, Brad of Midland; sister, Joyce Cormier and husband, Jed of San Angelo; three grandsons, Colby Carruth and Lateen McCullough of Midland, and Kyler Hodges of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Sydney McCullough of Midland; an aunt, Faye Wagon of Texarkana, Ark.; an aunt and uncle, Bernard and Daisy Froidevaux of La-Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland; two cousins, Kaye Hancock of Ruston, La., and Rebecca Kron of Little Rock, Ark.; and four nephews, Craig Milliken and Eric Milliken, both of New York, Brent Cormier of Frisco, and Lane Cormier of Corpus Christi.

Family visitation will be held at Johnson's Funeral Home Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held at Johnson's Funeral Home Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at 2 p.m., with burial following immediately afterward at Sherwood Cemetery. Kevin McSpadden will be officiating the services.

The family would like to thank the caring staff of Baptist Memorial Hospice and the Baptist Memorial Division 5 staff for the loving care extended to Terry and her family during her illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National MS Society of Baptist Memorial Hospice.

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Take Note

• **RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED** for the Sands/Ackerly Homecoming 2006 which will be held Saturday, Sept. 30. Registration will begin that day at 1:30 p.m. followed by a program and a business meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Later, there will be a catered meal served in the cafeteria. To make reservations for the meal, notify Sissy Jones at 432-267-7732 or Dorothy Rogers at 432-399-4312. The deadline is September 20. Sands Mustangs will be playing Klondike Cougars at 7:30 p.m. at Mustang Field.

• **THE ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth. Lunch will be served at noon for \$6.25 per person. Lunch will be Mexican food, including dessert and drink

Frank Cortinez

Frank Cortinez, 77, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice Chaplain, officiating.

He was born Oct. 4, 1928, in Hondo and married Julia Davala in 1951 in Hondo. She preceded him in death on Jan. 24, 1993.

Mr. Cortinez came to Big Spring from Post. He had worked as a gas service attendant for Jack Lewis at Big Spring Tire for 23 years. Frank liked to play pool, sing and play the guitar and tell jokes.

He was a Catholic.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Magana of Big Spring; two grandsons, Steven Magana and Abel Magana, Jr. both of Big Spring, and one granddaughter, Rosalinda Magana of Lubbock; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Santos Cortinez and Tab Cortinez both of Hondo; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers and one sister.

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

Pascual Mendoza Porras Sr.



Pascual Mendoza Porras Sr., 79, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Rosary Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father James Plagens officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 18, 1927, to Jesus and Dolores Porras in Big Spring. He married Olivia Subia March 5, 1948, in Big Spring. Pascual served his country in the U.S. Navy. He worked at the former Webb Air Force Base until closing when he transferred to the Veterans Administration Medical Center and retired after 29 years of service. Pascual's main hobby was playing bingo.

Pascual was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church where he actively served in many capacities. He was a curcillista, eucharistic minister, and was very active in the St. Thomas Youth Group Organization.

He is survived by his wife, Olivia, of Big Spring, his three sons, Pascual S. Porras Jr. and his wife, Jante, Luis Porras and his wife Lisa, Larry and his wife Peggy all of Big Spring; four daughters, Nora Porras and her husband, Joe Bustamante, Cathy and her husband, Tim Green, Hilda Porras all of Big Spring, and Juanita Porras of Austin; one brother Tony and his wife, Irma Porras of Odessa; and one sister, Dora Guerrero of Bossier City, La. He is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Jose, Jesus, Pedro and Benito Porras; two sisters, Petrita Porras and Maria Vella, one great-grandson, Jashawn Smith.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Joe Manuel Bustamante Jr., L. T. Hinijos, Luis Porras Jr., Bryan Porras, Ysa Porras Rubio Jr. and Wesley Porras.

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

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J.D. Moore

J.D. Moore, 73, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at his residence. Funeral Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Today — Increasing clouds. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 20 to 25 mph.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Police blotter

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

• **JAVIER CASILLAS**, 41, of 206 N.W. Second Street, was arrested Monday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and failure to identify.

• **ARNULFO CHAVERA**, 26, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid and four local warrants.

• **JESUS CERVANTES JR.**, 24, of 3619 Connally, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.

• **MELISSA YOUNG**, 37, of 800 Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LIONSO JIMENEZ JR.**, 27, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify.

• **CAMERON SEAGO**, 29, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- in the 1800 block of FM 700.

• **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 3200 block of Randolph.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 3200 block of Randolph.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

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

• **RYAN DOUGLAS KENDRICK**, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **CONRAD LEVELL MEZICK**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of open container and violation of a promise to appear.

• **JESUS CERVANTES JR.**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.

• **ARNULFO CHAVERA JR.**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of accident involving damage to a vehicle and driving while license invalid - enhanced.

• **ALBERT MARTINEZ JR.**, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to stop and render aid.

• **JAVIER CASILLAS**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and failure to identify - giving false information.

• **JEREMY CARL FORTENBERRY**, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance (Bench warrant), possession of a controlled substance and possession/transportation of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Owens. Service was refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4100 block of South Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

A single ticket has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Tuesday night's drawing — worth \$12 million — was sold in the Bronx in New York.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 2, 19, 44, 45 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 43.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-18-24-26-29.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize: \$28,789.

Winning ticket sold in: Katy.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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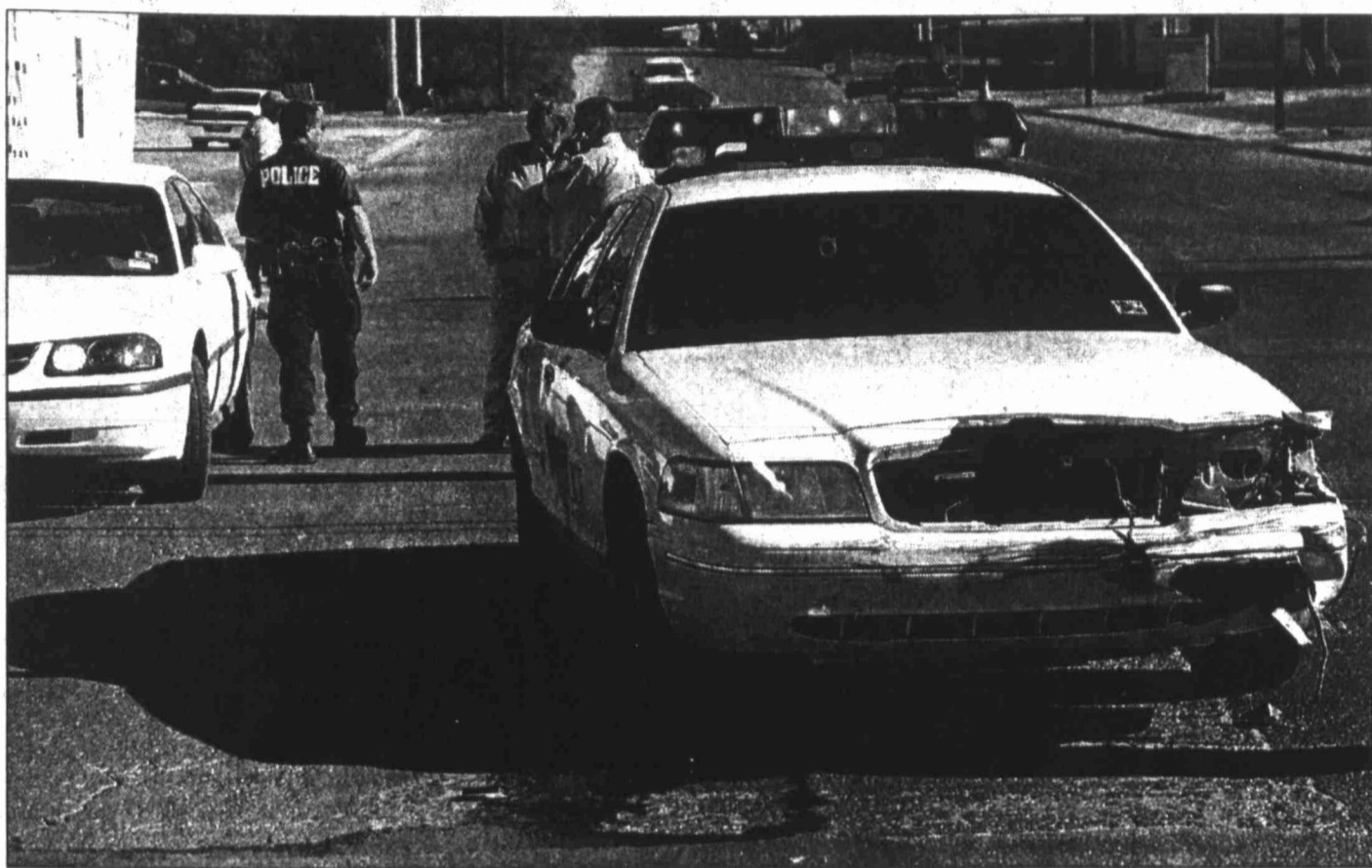
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Big Spring Police Department officials look over the site of a collision between a BSPD vehicle and a car driven by Cameron Seago of Big Spring. Reports state Seago ran a red light, striking the police car. Seago was cited for running a red light, no insurance and driving while intoxicated. No injuries were reported.

BUSH

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ism, recognize Israel's right to exist, honor existing agreements and work for peace.

Hamas is sworn to Israel's destruction. Abbas has been trying to persuade Hamas leaders to moderate their anti-Israel policies and join with his Fatah Party in a coalition government.

U.S. officials have been concerned that Abbas has not shown greater leadership, while Fatah leaders complain that the United States has done next to nothing to support Abbas.

After the Hamas-led Cabinet took office in late March, the U.S. and European Union, the two biggest donors to the Palestinian Authority, cut off millions in aid. Abbas wants to resolve the political stalemate in hopes of restarting the flow, but discussions have stalled over the U.S. demand that Hamas fully renounce violence, recog-

nize Israel and agree to abide by commitments made by the previous Palestinian leaders.

Abbas met Monday with Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, the first working session between high-ranking Israeli and Palestinian officials in four months. Afterward, Livni said Israel wants to reopen a serious dialogue with Abbas.

The U.S.-backed peace plan aimed to establish a Palestinian state by 2005, but Israel and the Palestinians have failed to carry out their obligations.

The efforts for peace were further set back this summer after militants allied with Hamas tunneled from the Gaza Strip into Israel to kidnap an Israeli soldier.

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Pascual Porras, 79, died Tuesday. Rosary Services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. J. D. Moore, 73, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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floor and ceiling of the enclosure and the door to the enclosed area must stay closed when someone isn't coming or going.

"Spaces screened by partitions which do not extend to the ceiling or aren't solid, office land-

scaping or similar structures are not considered enclosed areas. Certain public enclosures can not have a smoking area, including schools, theaters and movie houses, performing arts venues, hospitals and several others."

Businesses that want to offer designated smoking areas will have to have a

permit to do so, according to Fuqua.

"Business owners that want to have a designated smoking area must have a permit to do so," said Fuqua. "The permit fee is \$50, and a code enforcement officer will come out and make sure the area complies with the ordinance. The permit must be renewed annually."

Fuqua said enforcement of the ordinance will be handled by the Big Spring Police Department.

For a copy of the ordinance, contact city hall at 264-2500.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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distance. We have some people that come out and support by just walking a short distance. It's all for a good cause."

Local residents Cindy Lopez, Rebecca Peacock

and Wayne Jones are currently serving as coordinators for the annual event, according to Jones.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As

Alzheimer's progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations.

According to statistics provided by the Alzheimer's Association, the number of people in

Texas diagnosed with the disease is expected to rise 76 percent by 2025.

For more information on the walk, contact Jones at 264-2397.

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the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up.

"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."

Large item pickups will

wrap up for the year with District 6 on Oct. 20.

For more information on the Large Item Pick Up program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Web site at www.ci.big-

spring.tx.us, or contact the city at 264-2504.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

RETIREEES

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estimates that 75 percent of retirees moving to a new community will buy a house, pumping even more money into the local economy.

And retirees bring other factors to a community as well.

"They tend to volunteer a lot," Warren said. "That's another benefit to

the community." Although the goal — attracting new members of the community — is laudable, Warren and Church also realize that most small communities don't have a large advertising budget to recruit new residents.

"We also explain how to do this in a cost-efficient way ... so the city makes a profit," receiving more in benefits from new residents than it spends in recruitment efforts,

Warren said. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331,

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OUR VIEWS

Let's volunteer to help clean up at lake Saturday

It's that time again ... time for the annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful cleanup around Comanche Trail Lake scheduled for Saturday — an opportunity for area residents to help beautify one of Big Spring's true community assets.

A year ago some 50 volunteers turned out for the cleanup, and KBSB officials are hoping at least 75 people will show up this time around.

According to KBSB spokesperson Debbie Wegman, several Boy Scout troops and civic clubs have already signed up to take part in the effort, but additional volunteers are still needed. "We're encouraging other groups in town to get involved and help us make our lake something to be proud of," she said.

KBSB will have its tent erected near the Dora Roberts Community Center, and will have plenty of trash bags and disposable gloves for volunteers to use during the cleanup.

Work is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. with volunteers concentration on picking up trash along the lake's shoreline.

Others, however, will go a bit further. Some volunteers are scheduled to bring paddle boats and row boats, allowing the cleanup to gather the trash that's just off the shore.

In addition, Wegman said organizers are hoping to get about two or three volunteers with boats powered by small motors — no more than 10 horsepower — for use that morning.

Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own tools, if they have them. "If you have a trash grabber or even a rake or a hoe, bring it with you," Wegman said.

Volunteers will sign up Saturday morning at the tennis building, located north of the DRCC building.

For more information on the clean up, contact Wegman at 263-8235 or 816-9179.

We here at the Herald want to encourage anyone who can to volunteer and take part in the cleanup effort Saturday.

There must be dozens and dozens of West Texas communities that would dearly love to have a lake like ours, and we all need to take some ownership of not only the lake area, but all of Comanche Trail Park.

It's time for all of us to take a little pride in having one of the prettiest attractions in West Texas in our community.

Let's not only volunteer to help in Saturday's cleanup, but do our best to make sure we don't litter when we visit the park. And if you haven't see someone else's trash on a trip to the park, please pick it up and deposit it in a dumpster or trash barrel.

That, after all, is the responsible and right thing to do.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Tomorrow's plans we do not know, Lord, but we trust You to show us the way.

Amen

'Non-alignment' against the U.S.

It's supposed to be an opportunity for Third World countries to build bridges of cooperation, a meeting of 116 developing nations to hasten their development.

But unfortunately, for them and for us, it is likely to turn into a gathering of whining anti-American despots.

The 14th Non-Aligned Movement summit, taking place this week in Havana, will gather some of the world's greatest haters of everything we stand for — freedom, democracy, free enterprise and the pursuit of happiness.

Some of them will be there because they have good intentions, a genuine interest in finding ways to improve the lives of their people.

But you can count on the summit to be led by others of who have self-serving agendas.

One of them wants support to stop sanctions against his efforts to build nuclear weapons. Another one wants backing in his bid to get a seat on the U.N. Security Council, so he can have a bigger podium from which to thrash the United States. And yet another one — the host — wants one last U.S.-bashing hurrah before he dies.

Whenever you put Cuba's Fidel Castro, Venezuela's Hugo Chavez and Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

in the same room, you know you can expect verbal diatribe. But this time, in light of the state of the world today, their selfish interests and the summit's location, we can expect to be totally sickened by the venom they will spew.

And that's just from the top three U.S. haters. The president of Syria and high-ranking delegates from North Korea will also be there.

Castro has spent nearly five decades attacking the United States. Crawling out of his death bed, he surely sees this as his last chance to leave a legacy among the world's bleeding-heart liberals, who admired him simply for defying this country — even if he thrashed the human rights of his people as the world's longest-lasting dictator.

Chavez, trying to follow in Castro's footsteps, has been traveling around the world and meeting with every enemy of the United States, especially the leaders of countries that support terrorism, and hypocritically accusing this country of being the biggest terrorist nation on Earth. If you are a member of the "axis of evil," you can count on Chavez's friendship. With Venezuela's oil wealth, he has been buying the loyalty of his Latin American neighbors — while almost half of the Venezuelan people live in poverty.

Ahmadinejad, who has been increasingly defiant of efforts by the United States and other nations to restrain Iran's nuclear

program, is likely to join Castro and Chavez in condemning the U.S. economic embargo against Cuba, while Castro and Chavez join him in blasting Israel for bombing Lebanon.

Without even having started, a draft of the summit's final declaration already condemns — quite hypocritically — "the attempts at hegemonic domination" and "the unjust international economic order."

Although he is said to be recuperating from intestinal surgery, Castro, who ceded power to his brother Raul July 31, will reportedly host a welcome dinner for heads of state.

And although the United States has been invited to the summit as an observer, the Bush administration has declined.

It's the right decision.

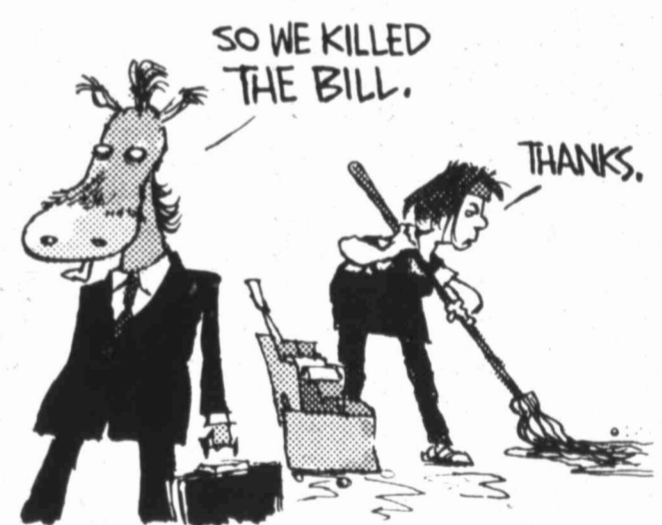
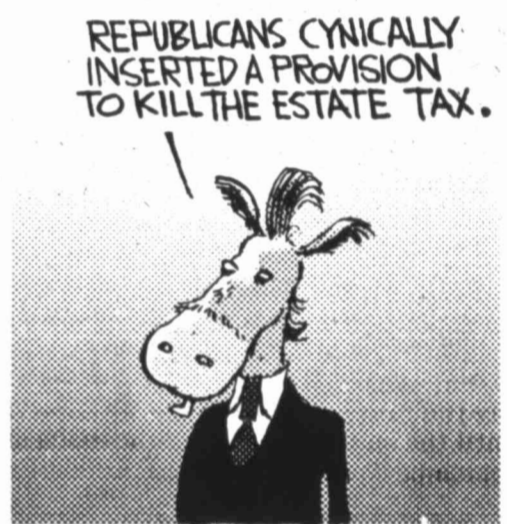
Why should we submit ourselves to listening to the rambles of our enemies?

The Non-Aligned Movement was started during the Cold War, in 1961, by nations seeking to avoid alignment with either the United States or the Soviet Union. But with Castro, Chavez and Ahmadinejad leading the pack — and with Cuba taking over its chairmanship from Malaysia for the next three years — it is likely to become an alignment against the United States — only 90 miles away from our shores.

Stay tuned!
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MIGUEL PEREZ



Indian bones get a proper burial

There is a special grave in the Cochran County Cemetery in Morton. It contains the bones of an Indian. The bones were found years ago by a rancher who took them to the museum in Morton.

The bones were undisturbed for more than 50 years until the museum moved into another building. Someone found the bones among cans of paint in a cardboard box. A note indicated the bones were those of a Native American.

A group of volunteers decided to give the bones a traditional Indian burial.

They contacted someone at the Texas Historical Commission who told them they could do anything they wanted with the bones except display them.

When the group approached the county commissioners court for permission to bury the bones, the commissioners were sympathetic to the cause and not only donated one burial site but also nine more

in the county-owned cemetery, just in case other Indian bones are uncovered.

The volunteers asked Ken "Yazzie" Chambellan, a physician's assistant at Cochran Memorial Hospital, to help with the burial.

Chambellan is a member of the Navajo tribe. He chose to wrap the bones in a red blanket with a Native American design and seal them in a pine box.

At the burial service, he sprinkled cedar ashes around the gravesite and spread smoke from native grasses.

He played his flute and spoke for 2-1/2 hours.

"We asked for blessings and I talked about living in peace and harmony," he recalls. "Buffalo soldiers escorted me and I placed the bones in the grave."

His remarks included the words from an Indian poem:

"I was born upon the prairie where the wind blew free. There was nothing to break the light of the sun."

"There were no enclosures. Everything drew free breath."

"I want to die there, not within walls."

"I know every stream and every wood between the Rio Grande and the Arkansas."

"I have lived and hunted over the country I loved."

"I have lived as my fathers, and as them I have lived happily."

"The white man has the country I loved and we wish only to wander on the prairie until we die."

"I want no blood upon my land to stain the grass."

"I want the land clean and pure. I wish it so all who go through among my people my find peace when they come in and when they leave."

"Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not here. I do not sleep."

"I am the thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow."

"I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain."

"When you wake in the morning hush, I am the uplifting rush of birds in flight. I am the soft starlight at night."

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Parent's Corner:

Think about how you handle adversity

Science is becoming a very popular course of study in our schools. We are studying more science and adding more equipment to our science labs. Most kids enjoy their science classes and especially love their lab time.



DARRELL RYAN

I heard a story not long ago that combines this scientific interest with an interesting moral. See what you think.

A young woman went to her mother and told her that her life was not going well and how many things were difficult for her.

She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to simply give up.

She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on the stove with a high heat.

Soon the pots came to boil. In the first pot she placed a carrot, in the second she placed an egg and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them boil, without saying a word.

About 20 minutes later she turned off the burners. She fished the carrot out and placed it in a bowl. She pulled the egg out and placed it in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee bean out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see."

"A carrot, an egg and some coffee beans," she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrot. She did and noted that it was soft.

The mother then asked the daughter to take the egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg.

Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

"What does all this mean?" the daughter asked.

Her mother explained that each of these objects

had faced the same adversity. Each had been boiled in water and each reacted differently.

The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected the liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, the insides became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

Which are you? she asked her daughter.

"When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity wilt and become soft and lose strength?"

"Are you the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Do you have a fluid spirit, but after hardships or some trials, become hardened and stiff? Does your shell look the same, but on the inside you have a hardened heart?"

"Or are you like the coffee beans? The beans actually change the very

circumstance that brings the pain. It releases the fragrance and flavor as the water gets hot."

Are you like the beans, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you? When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level?

How do you handle adversity?

Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

The brightest future is usually based on a forgotten past. You can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

May we always be mindful of the old Irish blessing, "May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy."

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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A Valuable Defensive Signal

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K J 5, ♥Q 8, ♦7 5, ♣A K Q 10 9 4. WEST: ♠A 7 3, ♥9 7 5 3 2, ♦J 8 6, ♣7 5. EAST: ♠Q 9 4, ♥A K J, ♦10 9 3 2, ♣8 3 2. SOUTH: ♠10 8 6 2, ♥10 6 4, ♦A K Q 4, ♣J 6. The bidding: North 1♣, East Pass, South 1♦, West Pass, 3♦, West Pass, 3NT. Opening lead — three of hearts.

Perfect defensive play is extremely difficult, and it would be next to impossible without the aid of the many useful conventions that have been devised through the years. One defensive weapon, the suit-preference signal, is not used nearly as often as it should be. Although suit-preference signals are utilized mostly in suit contracts and in connection with a ruffing situation, there are times when such a signal can be profitably applied to notrump play.

Here is a typical illustration. West leads a heart against three notrump. Declarer hopefully plays the queen from dummy, but East wins with the king and continues with the ace, West playing the deuce to indicate that he led from a five-card suit.

When East next cashes the jack of hearts, catching South's ten, West has a chance to use a suit-preference signal. Since his 9-7-5 are all equals at this point, the card he plays on the jack is, or should be, significant to East.

If West were now to play his lowest heart, the five, he would be asking his partner to shift to the lower-ranking side suit — in this case, diamonds. (A club shift is obviously out of the question.) If West were instead to play his highest heart, the nine, he would be asking his partner to shift to the higher-ranking side suit — in this case, spades.

Note that without a suit-preference signal to guide him, East would probably choose the safer-looking diamond return at trick four, allowing declarer to escape with nine tricks.

But with West signaling for a spade return by playing the nine of hearts on the jack, it becomes easy for East to shift to a spade and so defeat the contract two tricks.

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Why not check this out at the library?

Thanks to all those who purchased books at the annual Friends of Howard County Library Book Sale. The sale will continue downstairs from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day the library is open until the end of September.

Everything in the sale is half price and bags and/or boxes are available. You may pay for your purchases to the circulation desk. The Friends of the Library will also have a table at Howard County Fair during fair hours.

Three of the world's major religions all have a common root in one man, Abraham. You will find his name mentioned in texts from Judaism, Christianity and Islam. A biography has just been published that examines his life and influence. Written by David Rosenberg, "Abraham: The First Historical Biography," may be found in the McNaughton New Book section. In a review from Booklist, the ancient patriarch Abraham lives here as a vibrant historical presence. Rosenberg warns, however, that readers will not see this remarkable man of antiquity if they persist in looking for him over the shoulders of Christian or Islamic guardians of orthodoxy.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

Instead, Rosenberg invites readers to see Abraham against the cultural background of ancient Jerusalem in the 10th century B.C. Hardly the unlettered nomad of Christian imagination, the historical Abraham, Rosenberg argues, studied Sumerian and Akkadian texts intensely before embarking on his epoch-making journey to Canaan. It was these archival sources, melded with oral tradition, that produced the biographical narrative that enshrined Abraham in scripture.

Rosenberg's explanations of how the God of Scripture and first Hebrew appeared together on the stage of history draw on both immense research and shrewd speculation. Many devout Bible readers will resist those speculations as incompatible with traditional religious faith, so be prepared to have your mind expanded.

Bernard Cornwell is a very versatile writer. From the Richard Sharpe series (story of an English enlisted officer in the early 1800s), the Copperhead series (American Civil War), the Arthurian legend and finally the Middle Ages,

readers can all find something to please their palate. While this is not a new book, "The Winter King" (F COR B) it will stand out from the crowd with this exemplary kick-off to a trilogy about the legendary warrior-king. Cornwell's Arthur is fierce, dedicated and complex, a man with many problems — most of his own making. Guinevere, Merlin, Lancelot and Galahad are narrated forcefully and with dry wit by Derfel Cadarn, one of Arthur's warriors, who later becomes a monk. Cornwell knows his history; the battle scenes are particularly fine but it does not get in the way of people of flesh and blood meeting on a darkened field of combat.

Another neat donated book is "Trash to Treasure: The Year's Best Creative Crafts"

(745.5 LEI A) from Leisure Arts Publications. It is full of neat, fun ideas to re-use old chairs, mail boxes, soft-drink cans, frames, fence pickets, quilts, shirts and a whole variety of other items.

One morning last week, I was standing on the back patio and heard a rat-tat-tat. I looked around to see what was making the sound and on the utility pole was a woodpecker. As I have written in an earlier column, if you are interested in attracting birds to your backyard, then you should check out "Audubon North American Birdfeeder Guide" (598.072 BUR R), edited by Robert Burton and Stephen W. Kress. The book is filled with beautiful photos and illustrations along with

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Pirate radio challenges federal authorities as it proliferates

By MARTHA MENDOZA

AP National Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — To Stephen Dunifer, it was yet another revolutionary moment. To the untrained eye, it looked more like a geek fest.

Over four days, a dozen men and women shyly bumped shoulders as they studied schematics and tinkered with romex connectors, resistors, microphone cords, meters, sockets and capacitors.

In the corner of this cluttered electronics lab, hunched over a computer, sat Dunifer, their teacher, "the patron saint of pirate radio." Part rock star, part Johnny Appleseed and fully the bane of the Federal Communications Commission, Dunifer has long, gray hair, large, clear glasses and a deep commitment to what he calls "Free Radio."

"We're not stealing anything. We're claiming something that's rightfully ours," he says.

His goal is to create FM radio stations faster than the FCC can shut them

The FCC's beef, insisted spokesman David Fiske, is with neither the public dissent nor the abundance of Frank Zappa music. The problem is that pirate radio stations can make it impossible for the public to listen to licensed broadcasting and can cut into air traffic control communications, he said.

down.

"It's always been our position that if enough people go on the air with their stations, the FCC will be overwhelmed and unable to respond," he says.

Pirate radio is radio without a license, radio without government regulations. It's "america the criminal" at midnight on Human Rights Radio in Springfield, Illinois and pre-dawn erotica on Freak Radio in Santa Cruz, Calif. It's an inordinate amount of Frank Zappa at WFZR in West End, Pa. (a station dedicated to playing his music) and the "Voice of the American Patriot" ("no support for liberals disguised as wannabe Conservatives") at NLNR

in Butte, Mont.

The rapidly proliferating scofflaws are usually only audible within a few miles of their "homebrewed" transmitters. They find unused sections of the FM dial, fire up their mini-transmitters, raise their antennas and set up their station.

Some opt to broadcast on the Internet as well, opening up their audience to the entire globe. Costs typically range from about \$250 to \$1,500.

Pirates draw loyal audiences in their communities but complaints from the larger, licensed public and private radio stations who say the microbroadcasters interrupt their signals. And they are a thorn in the side of the FCC, which is tasked

with shutting them down.

Ten miles away from Dunifer's radio camp, at an undisclosed location in San Francisco, an FCC enforcement team is part of a nationwide campaign to thwart the pirates.

A record 185 unlicensed broadcasters received fines, cease and desist letters or had been raided by the by early September, up from 151 enforcement actions in all of 2005 and 92 in 2004, according to John Anderson, an expert on pirate radio who tracks FCC enforcement at University of Illinois' Institute of Communications Research. His data show a steady increase in pirate radio enforcement dating back 10 years.

"There are a lot more

stations out there these days, thus there are a lot more stations for the FCC to find and bust," said Anderson.

Despite federal laws that ban unlicensed radio, efforts to shut down the stations are rarely popular and appear to be ineffectual, at least some of the time. For example:

• The neon sign says "ON AIR" at the storefront KNOZ station in Sacramento, Calif., even though broadcaster William Major was fined \$10,000 by the FCC in June. Major says he's been wrongly painted as a pirate station, and that the FCC just overlooked his license application which he says is still pending. And the fine? "It's 10 G's," he said. "I don't have 10 G's. But they're being real gentleman about it, you know what I mean? They gave us the fine and they're letting us do our thing."

• Residents of Brattleboro, Vt., are also once again listening to free radio. Last summer the FCC raided and shut

down their 10-watt radio free brattleboro, prompting an ongoing federal court battle. This summer a new community radio station received permits to open and raised a 30-foot antenna.

• When federal agents raided free radio Santa Cruz in 2004, a crowd of several hundred protesters soon gathered at the 10-year-old broadcast center. The tires on the FCC agents' cars were slashed before they could leave, and then they received parking tickets before they could repair them. A few days later a fundraiser brought in more than \$25,000 and Freak Radio, which is still on the air, was launched.

The FCC's beef, insisted spokesman David Fiske,

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interesting facts on birds and their behavior. This is a good, basic book for the beginning birder. We also have a field guide on birds that are found in Texas and the adjacent states.

Written by Roger Tory Peterson, the title is "A Field Guide to the Birds of Texas" (598.297 PET R).

How about a winter trip to Wyoming? "Wyoming Handbook" (917.8704 PIT D) by Don Pitcher will take you far

beyond Old Faithful and Jackson Hole. Instead you will see grizzlies drinking at glacier made lakes, the ruts of the Oregon Trail and two-pump towns where the saloon's bar still doubles as a visitor center. Also included are sections on "no trace" camping, how to duck the crowds and how to find suitable accommodations from a fancy B&B to free campgrounds.

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place" (927.965 RAL A) is Aron Ralston's story. The whole world knows the outline of his story: with little water or food,

his right arm is pinned for nearly five days by a boulder in a narrow canyon shaft. Ralston amputates his arm with a pocketknife and then rappels and hikes his way to his own rescue.

Ralston, a former mechanical engineer, brings to life a minute-by-minute chronology of his ordeal. It is also the story of failure and achievement: carelessness at not telling friends where he was going; despair as he wrote his epitaph on the canyon wall; and even a certain unthinking in taking five days to figure out his

deliverance. But those were all trumped by Ralston's amazing resourcefulness in prolonging his supplies and finding a way out; his boundless enthusiasm for life; and his dogged force of will at enduring far longer than anyone could have expected.

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Three brothers, members of same Army unit, headed to Iraq

By JEFF CARLTON

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD — When brothers Michael, Allen and Reginald Mouton of the Army's Ironhorse Brigade got their orders for Iraq, they could have asked the military to split them up. But they say they never even considered asking.

They will ship out for the Middle East next month, an extremely rare instance of three brothers from the same unit being sent to the same base in a combat zone.

They will be, in every

sense, brothers in arms.

"Lord forbid if the ultimate price is paid. It is hard to imagine that," said Staff Sgt. Reginald Mouton, 31. But he said it is important "to be there with your brother and know you can support the other brother and you can tell your family, 'I was there with him and he didn't suffer.'"

Reginald is a medic who runs a battalion aid station for about 1,000 troops. Allen, a 40-year-old first sergeant, leads about 100 soldiers in a combat group, and Michael, 42, also a first

sergeant, does the same for a logistical support group.

During World War II, the five fighting Sullivan brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, were killed when their cruiser was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. After that, Congress considered forbidding siblings to serve together in wartime.

The Army still permits family members to serve together, but they can ask to be separated. If one of the Moutons had asked for reassignment, for example, his commanding officer could have sent

him to another base in Iraq or allowed him to stay behind in the United States.

The Mouton brothers said they take comfort in knowing they will be together in the 3,800-member Ironhorse Brigade, even though Allen said that for the Mouton family, it amounts to "putting all your eggs in one basket." The brothers are their mother's only offspring. (She also has a stepson from her remarriage.)

"I am just going to have a lot of my worry and prayers focused in one

area," said their mother, Peggy Austin, a nursing supervisor in Houston. "And that is the best way I can look at it."

Pentagon officials said they could not immediately recall any recent instances in which siblings asked not to serve together in the same unit. And the Army said it does not track how often family members serve together.

But the deployment of three brothers from the same brigade to the same forward operating base — the military would not say exactly where the

Moutons will be based — is almost unheard of, a Pentagon spokesman said.

"It is very rare," said Army Lt. Col. Lee Packnett. "There are many siblings in the Army, but rarely do you have even two in the same unit."

It will be the second tour of the duty in Iraq for the Mouton brothers but the first time all three have been in country at the same time. Reginald took part in the initial invasion but was back in

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is with neither the public dissent nor the abundance of Frank Zappa music. The problem is that pirate radio stations can make it impossible for the public to listen to licensed broadcasting and can cut into air traffic control communications, he said.

"We are completely complaint driven," he said. "If there are more enforcement actions, that's because there have been more complaints."

The FCC's 2007 budget includes an additional \$1,080,000 for Mobile Digital Direction Finding Vehicles which can be used to sniff out pirate radio stations. But that same budget includes no extra staffing for the FCC's 333-person enforcement bureau, which is tasked with policing everything from cable television to telephone

services.

They're supposed to investigate obscene broadcasts, bust unwanted faxes and regulate the airwaves.

Pirate radio in its current form dates back 21 years to Zoom Black Magic Radio in Fresno, Calif., founded by Walter Dunn to bring diversity to the FM dial. The FCC raided his station and fined him \$2,000 two years later, but like stations of today, he quickly popped up nearby.

At Dunifer's Radio Camp, students are warned about the FCC and taught how to evade the enforcement agents. At the end of four intense days, they walked out holding their own, hand-built, ready-to-use FM radio transmitter, a shiny box slightly larger than a brick.

Participants came from as far away as Namibia and as nearby as five blocks away.

Their reasons for wanting their own station were

equally diverse: a neat, middle-aged woman from Mexico, accompanied by a translator, said she wanted to bring news and political information to her community; two young men from Tucson in flowered shirts and sandals said they wanted to start a new pirate station to replace several that have been shut down by the FCC; a self-described "boring insurance clerk" in a lilac blazer was just "looking for something interesting to do"; a man with red dreadlocks, green earrings and tattooed arms was slated to take over the technology job at his local pirate station.

No one is sorrier to hear about these Radio Camp graduates than Dennis Wharton, spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters, who described Dunifer as "the patron saint of pirate radio." And he didn't mean it as praise.

He said his members, frustrated by interference

on their stations, push the FCC to enforce the rules against pirate operators.

"You'd be hard pressed to find a pirate radio sta-

tion that isn't interfering with another licensed station," he said.

Wharton conceded that the FCC's policing efforts

can be futile.

"It's like whack a mole," he said. "You knock it out in one place and it pops up somewhere else."

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Pope Benedict expresses 'deep respect' for Islam

By DANIELA PETROFF Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI said Wednesday that he has "deep respect" for Islam and that he hopes his recent remarks that sparked anger from Muslims lead to dialogue among religions.

Speaking last week at the University of Regensburg in his native Germany, Benedict cited a Medieval text that characterized some of the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad as "evil and inhuman," particularly "his command to spread by the sword the faith."

"This quote unfortunately lent itself to be misunderstood," the pontiff said in comments that he repeated in several languages.

"In no way did I wish to make my own the words of the Medieval emperor," he said. "I wished to explain that not religion and violence, but religion and reason go together," he added, drawing applause from the crowd.

On Sunday, Benedict

said that he was "deeply sorry" over the reactions to his remarks and that they did not reflect his own opinions. But many in the Islamic world were not satisfied.

The pontiff's comments Wednesday during his weekly audience at the Vatican were part of a reflection over the Sept. 9-14 trip to his native Bavaria. Benedict said he wanted to share the "sentiments and feelings" he felt during his visit.

"I hope that in several occasions during the visit ... my deep respect for great religions, in particular for Muslims — who worship the one God and with whom we are engaged in defending and promoting together social justice, moral values, peace and freedom for all men — has emerged clearly," Benedict said.

Before the audience, the pontiff, riding in an open jeep, waved to the crowd in a tightly guarded St. Peter's Square. At the end, the pontiff remained in the piazza to be greeted by some of the faithful.

Quick troop cuts unlikely, Pentagon faces tough choices to keep up the pace in Iraq

By ROBERT BURNS AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON — The dimming outlook for significant U.S. troop cuts in Iraq means the Pentagon may soon face a difficult and politically sensitive decision: either make more frequent call-ups of some National Guard and Reserve troops or expand still further the size of the active-duty Army, defense officials say.

That choice, already under discussion but with no timetable for decision, is looming in light of the fact that the simultaneous wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have put the Army under enormous strain. In particular, active-duty soldiers are not getting the desired minimum of two years at home between combat deployments.

Army officials had hoped for some troop relief in Iraq in this election year, but the surge in sectarian violence, the persistence of the insurgency and the slow pace of political progress in Baghdad have snuffed out those hopes.

Gen. John Abizaid, the

commander of U.S. forces throughout the Middle East, told reporters in Washington on Tuesday that the military will likely maintain — or possibly even increase — force levels of more than 140,000 troops in Iraq through next spring. The current total is 147,000, up about 20,000 since June.

Late last year, military leaders had indicated they hoped to reduce troop levels to about 100,000 by the end of this year for an Iraq war that has become widely unpopular at home. But Abizaid said Tuesday that rising sectarian violence and slow political progress made that impossible.

"I think that this level probably will have to be sustained through the spring," he said. "I think that we'll do whatever we have to do to stabilize Iraq and Afghanistan and use the military power of the U.S. to do that."

The U.S. military has about 21,000 troops in Afghanistan, an increase of several thousand over the past year.

Abizaid, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Joint

Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Peter Pace are expected to meet with members of Congress later this week.

President Bush, in New York for U.N. General Assembly meetings on Tuesday, told Iraqi President Jalal Talabani that the U.S. will keep soldiers in Iraq as long as necessary. "I've told the president of Iraq that America has given her word to help you and we will keep our word. The people of Iraq must know that," Bush said.

The Army has been aiming to reorganize its combat forces in such a way as to increase the number of brigades available for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, but thus far it is six brigades short of its goal of 42. That is one reason why the Army was forced in 2004-05 to use more National Guard combat units in Iraq than normal; at one point there were seven Guard combat brigades there, compared with just one now.

But even now, active-duty Army brigades are cycling in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan at a faster pace than the goal

of one year deployed for every two years at home. That puts a great deal of stress on the soldiers and their families.

"I don't know how long" that can go on, a senior defense official said in an interview this week. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the problem, which is being discussed behind closed doors.

The official likened the earlier troop-reduction plan for Iraq to the situation facing a soldier traveling down a road with a map that does not match the terrain he's seeing: The soldier has to deal with the terrain as it actually exists.

For the U.S. military, the road in Iraq has gotten rockier rather suddenly. An indication of that was the decision to extend the yearlong tour of duty for the Army's 172nd Stryker Brigade; some of the unit's soldiers had already left Iraq — and families had already hung welcome home banners around the 172nd's main base in Alaska — when the decision to extend their tour.

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the states by the time Michael and Allen shipped out.

The brothers say they have always been close. Michael and Allen used to race motorcycles against each other, and they still compete in video games.

Michael is building a house in Killeen, down the street from Allen's four-bedroom place.

"We're not only like brothers, but we're best friends," Allen said. "We're always there to help each other, whether it's moving or working on cars."

Allen was the first to enlist, after high school in 1984. He signed up for

three years so that he could join the Houston Police Department when he got out. But Army life suited him. Michael, then working in a drug store, joined three months later.

"Allen called home one day and gave some great reviews," Michael said. "I was like, 'Man, this sounds more exciting than what I'm doing now.'"

Allen, having proved his persuasiveness within his family, became an Army recruiter and helped Reginald sign up after the youngest brother had taken nursing classes.

Three generations of their family have served in the military. Two uncles fought in Vietnam, and Allen's 18-year-old daughter, Meagan, is in

the Air Force.

The brothers, all of whom are married with children, said they have no qualms about returning to Iraq. The hardest part is the separation from family, they said, which is another reason they are happy they will be together.

"When times get hard and you get lonely and you miss home, you have

someone from home that you can talk to," Reginald said.

As for the worry they are causing their mother, Reginald said: "No mother wants her child in harm's way. But she is a strong believer in God and does a lot of praying. She doesn't want us there, but she knows whatever is going to happen will happen."

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IN BRIEF

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 attend.

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

Hunter education course Saturday

A hunter education course will be offered beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday 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.

Students must be 12 years of age or older to be certified. Those under 17 years of age must have their registration signed by a parent or guardian.

Certification is good in all 50 states.

For more information, or to register, contact Steve Poltevin at 264-7033 during the evening hours.

Junior Tennis League continues

A free Junior Tennis League continues at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

The league, open to players ages 8 through 12, is held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Players should bring their own racquet, or one will be provided when available.

Junior Tennis League continues

STANTON — Phoenix Country Club in Stanton will host its Friday Night Golf Scramble beginning at 8 p.m. Friday at the club.

Entry fee is \$25 per person.

For more information, call 756-2556.

Dallas firm to build stadium

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Construction company Hochtief AG said Wednesday that its U.S. unit has won the contract to build a new stadium for the New York Yankees.

The Dallas-based Turner Corp., which is owned by Hochtief, was selected to build the new 50,800-seat stadium, which will replace the landmark Yankee Stadium in the Bronx.

In a brief statement, Essen-based Hochtief said the deal was worth \$615 million and construction, which has already begun, is expected to be finished in time for the 2009 season.

The company said the new stadium would reflect the original, which was built in 1923, by mirroring the landmark facade.

The new field will also be set below street level for easier access and feature 67 luxury suites.

The Yankees currently have the best record in the American League.

Steers' tennis team starts strong

By MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

The Big Spring tennis team opened district play with a convincing win over Plainview this past weekend, and took on Midland High late last night. The Steers are led by senior Roshan Schrof, who has had a great season so far in singles and doubles with partner Jeremy Landin.

"The mens team has been

playing outstanding," said Coach Benson Payne, before the Steers took off to face their next opponent. "And the ladies team has been improving each and every week."

This years mens team has strong leadership with Bryan Juan, another senior in the program.

Bryan has also played well in singles and has teamed with Ainhuan Nghiem to form a another talented doubles team

for the Steers.

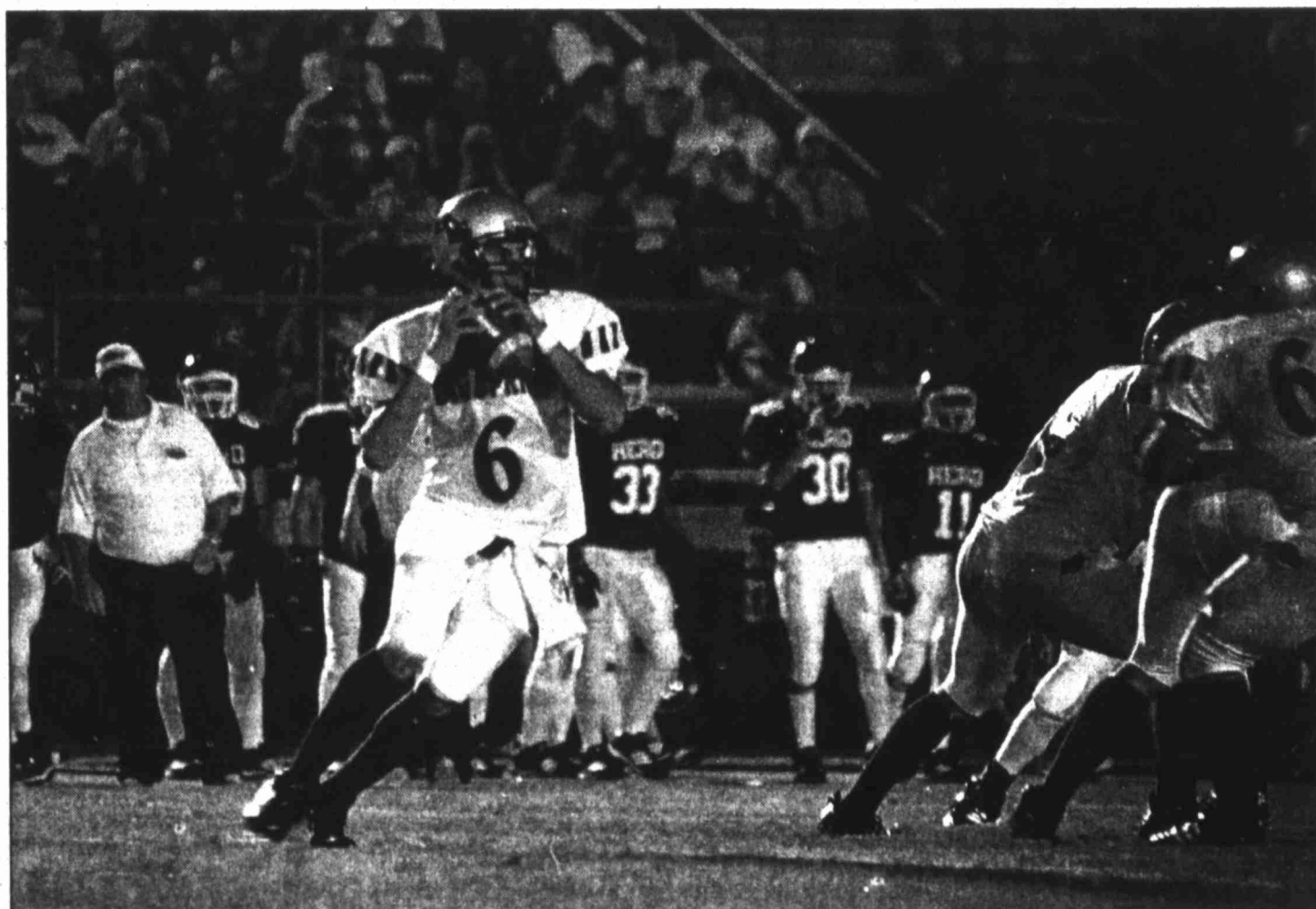
"We are going to need them to continue to play well," Coach Payne said. "Our freshman class of boys (Jeremy Langford, Jonathon Ray, Mikael Gonzales, and Jonathon Womack) are all showing signs of improvement with their big wins in singles and doubles against Plainview last week. The remainder of the team, Roger (kause), Shayne (Bowles), and Matt

(Callison) are all playing very well and awaiting their chance to play a district match."

The Lady Steers are a young team led by freshman Keely Parnell. Over the weekend she teamed up with Brianna Palmer to get a vital win in doubles. Brittany Farmer, C.J. Riddle, Sydney Flohr, Rosie Alcantar, Brandi Rigdon, and Patricia Hendricks are all contributing to the success of the program.

"All the girls are playing hard and improving every week," Coach Payne explained. "Elizabeth Wheeler teamed up with Jeremy Langford to win a very important mixed doubles match, which is very crucial in team tennis."

Next week the tennis team will travel to face Snyder, then they will resume district play by hosting Friendship on Saturday, Sept. 30.



Big Spring quarterback Raul Aguilar (6) prepares to pass during the Steers' game with Hereford Friday night. The Steers return to action Friday when they travel to Abilene to play Wylie High School. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Herald photo/Mike Grimes

Improving Carr key for Texans

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON—This week David Carr guaranteed that 2006 will be different from last year's 2-14 collapse.

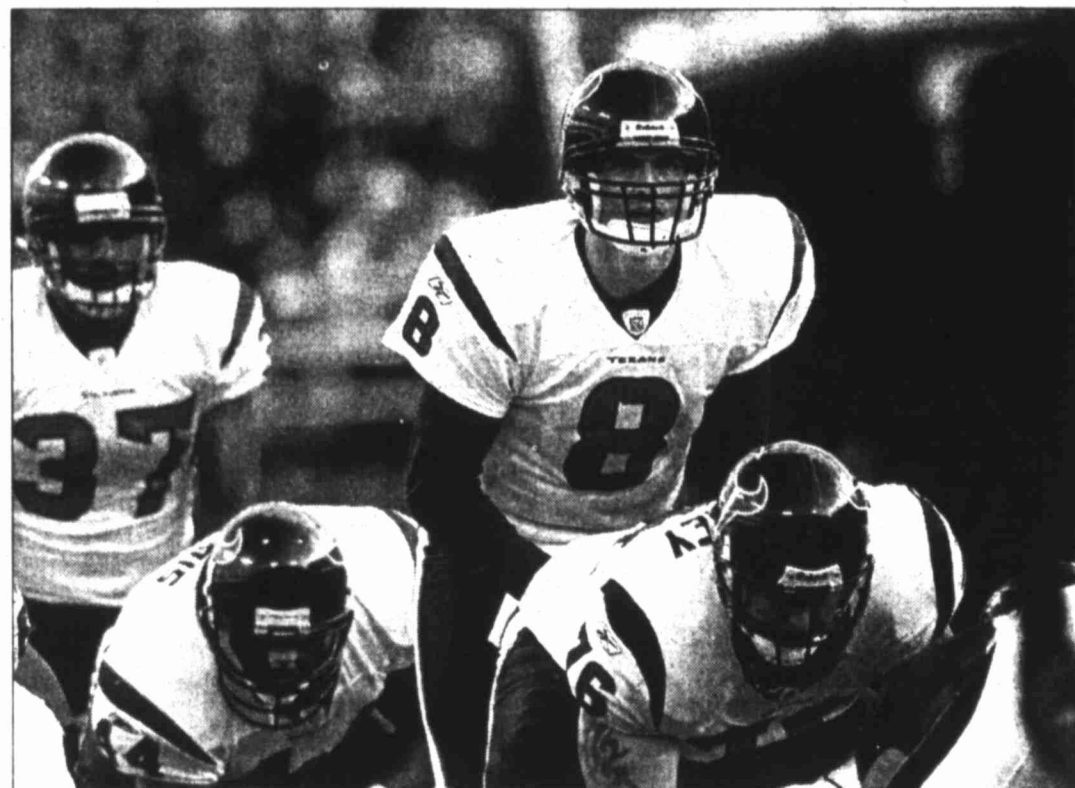
And though the Houston Texans are 0-2, there are several reasons to believe it - the biggest being the fifth-year quarterback's improvement.

Carr, the No. 1 pick in 2002, has yet to live up to expectations, but new coach Gary Kubiak has taken an active role in his development and it's starting to show.

Carr has the second-best quarterback rating in the NFL at 123.7. With four touchdown passes, he is tied with three other players, including Peyton Manning, for fourth in the league. He is 40-of-53 for 427 yards with no interceptions.

Last season Carr finished with 14 TD passes and a 77.2 passer rating. Of course it's still early, but Carr's strides have been evident.

Along with Kubiak, the



Houston quarterback David Carr (8), shown in this file photo, is showing small signs of progress this season.

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addition for former Pro Bowl receiver Eric Moulds, who joined the Texans in April, has noticed a difference in

Carr's confidence in the short time he's been in Houston.

Also noteworthy is that Carr doesn't seem to be making bad decisions

when under pressure like he has in years past. He's shown maturity in staying in the pocket despite

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Cowboys doing just fine without T.O.

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING.—How's this for a shocking trend: Since Terrell Owens joined the Dallas Cowboys, they've never won a game when he scores a touchdown and never lost when he doesn't.

Silly? Overblown? Of course, as are most things related to T.O.

So before getting too deep into analyzing how the Cowboys will fare while Owens recovers from a broken hand, a better idea is analyzing how long he'll be out.

The quick answer: One game, and it's against a bad Tennessee team Dallas should be able to beat without him.

There are many reasons Owens can be expected to return the fol-

lowing Sunday, Oct. 8, for the game against Philadelphia. And revenge against the Eagles is only part of the answer.

Owens' desire to get back at the organization - for not renegotiating his contract, for dumping him with seven games left last season and for wishing they'd never signed him despite the NFC title he helped them win - is certain to be a powerful recovery device. But that'll only stimulate his resolve, not the bone that needs to regrow.

The plate and three screws added Monday should help that. Doctors initially said he'd need two to four weeks to get over it and the Oct. 8 game fits nicely in that time frame.

If Owens takes off all this week and next, a return to practice the

following Wednesday would be 16 days of healing, 17 if he waits until Thursday. That seems like plenty for a self-proclaimed "quick healer" who went from ankle surgery to starring in a Super Bowl in seven weeks.

Plus, there's a Dallas precedent for a quick return from this injury. On a Monday night in 1999, Emmitt Smith broke the same bone as Owens, the fourth metacarpal on his right hand.

He was declared out for two to five weeks, and had a plate and six screws implanted the next day. Twelve days after that, Smith ran 29 times for 127 yards against Arizona; he even gained six

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Officials cost OU vs. Oregon

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

EUGENE, Ore.— There are no bad feelings between Oregon's Mike Bellotti and Oklahoma's Bob Stoops. Both are having difficulty with last Saturday's blown call.

Bellotti because it taints the Ducks' victory, and Stoops because, well, the Sooners got robbed.

"It was unfortunate that there were errors made because it does take away," Bellotti said. "It's difficult for Oklahoma and it's difficult for Oregon."

The two coaches spoke Tuesday morning about Oklahoma's 34-33 loss Saturday, a game in which an incorrect call on an inside kick led to Oregon's winning touchdown in the final minute.

"He just apologized and said that it's unfortunate that the two of us have got to be in the middle of it," Stoops said.

The Pac-10 reviewed two plays on Oregon's game-winning drive - an inside kick that gave the Ducks possession and a pass interference call one play before Oregon's winning touchdown.

The league said the inside kick was touched by an Oregon player before it had traveled the required 10 yards, and, therefore, the ball should have been awarded to Oklahoma. Video also shows an Oklahoma player actually recovered the ball, although that aspect of the play was not reviewable under the instant replay rule.

The subsequent pass interference call against Oklahoma was also reviewed by the conference, which found it did not have indisputable evidence that the pass was tipped, as Stoops had claimed.

The league suspended the officials responsible for one game, and commissioner Tom Hansen apologized for the mistake.

Conference spokesman Jim Muldoon said the Pac-10 will put its policy of using league officials for non-conference games before its athletic directors at their next meeting on Oct. 12.

Stoops said Tuesday he was speaking for the last time on the matter, but had promised his players he would voice their concerns.

"We can't sit here and say OK," Stoops said. "It's unacceptable and inexcusable, to them (the players) and to us, because we can't get it back, and they earned it. That's the hard truth of it, and now our situation is severely altered."

Oregon, now 3-0, moved up in the polls from No. 18 to No. 15 after the win.

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For Monty, life has taken a turn for the better

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer
STRAFFAN, Ireland—Colin Montgomerie figured his Ryder Cup days were over.

He was going through a nasty divorce in 2004, unable to walk past a newsstand without seeing tabloids filled with headlines and photos about his personal life. His game was in similar disarray, knocking him well out of the top 50 in the world and the Ryder Cup standings.

European captain Bernhard Langer threw him a lifeline by making him a captain's pick for 2004.

Even now - especially now - Montgomerie hasn't forgotten.

Beyond winning the match that clinched outright victory at Oakland Hills, the 43-year-old Scot resurrected his career.

He captured the Order of Merit for a record eighth time. He gained ground on Tiger Woods while paired with him in the third round of the British

RYDER CUP

Open at St. Andrews, although he wound up the runner-up by five shots when it was over. And he was on the verge of winning the U.S. Open until chunking a 7-iron on the last hole at Winged Foot to make double bogey.

"I don't think if I was selected ... I wouldn't have won the Order of Merit last year, that's for sure," Montgomerie said. "That selection by Bernhard Langer two years ago was vital for my career. I was 41 at the time, and it was not looking good. The last few years were not good, both on and off the course. It wasn't good at all.

"That pick, I believe, saved me in many, many ways."

He is no longer a troubled soul looking for a handout. He easily qualified for this team, making this his eighth consecu-

tive Ryder Cup. And there is little doubt who is the juggernaut of this European team heading into the start of the event Friday.

"If I had to pick one player out who has been their most outstanding Ryder Cupper over the last decade, it's been Colin Montgomerie," Stewart Cink said Tuesday.

The record speaks for itself. Montgomerie is 19-8-5 in the Ryder Cup, contributing 21 1/2 points to the European cause in his career. He could break the record of 25 career points by Nick Faldo by winning four points at The K Club, and that's not out of the question. He won three points from the four matches he played at Oakland Hills, including the decisive match against David Toms.

And he might end up playing all five matches this week, with just about anyone.

"Colin is there as a leader of the team, and I'm prepared to play him with anybody," cap-

tain Ian Woosnam said. "If it comes to playing with a rookie, I wouldn't hesitate to do that."

There is something about this event that brings out the best in Monty.

No one has won more Order of Merit titles in Europe, and yet he is equally known as the best player never to have won a major, not to mention the best player to have never won an official event in America.

He didn't show much mettle at Winged Foot, perhaps his greatest chance ever to win a major. Montgomerie was in the 18th fairway and tied for the lead. But he missed his 7-iron so badly that it came up well short of the green, in grass so deep he couldn't get it close to the hole. He three-putted for double bogey, finishing one shot behind.

It raised questions, for sure, whether he could perform under the stiffest pressure.

And yet, he delivers time and again in the Ryder Cup.

Montgomerie is 1-7 in playoffs on the European tour, and 0-2 in playoffs in the majors. But in his seven Ryder Cups, he has never lost in singles, compiling a 5-0-2 record. Along with beating Toms for the clinching point last time, he hammered Scott Hoch while going first off at The Belfry in 2002, a match that set the tone for Europe's victory.

This is his favorite event, which is easy for him to say since he has never won a major.

But there's deep-rooted truth to that feeling, and it shows in the way he plays, the confidence he carries, and the goals he tries to achieve. Even last time, in such a euphoric moment, he dressed down a British television reporter who tried to suggest it was one of his highest personal moments.

"My personal record goes flying out the window, and I'm here for the team," Montgomerie said.

Arraignment held for suspect in Duquesne shootings

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Accused of shooting five Duquesne University basketball players at a party, Brandon Baynes stood silent during his arraignment.

His father, however, disputed the charges.

"My son never fired a gun in his life," A.J. Baynes said after the court hearing.

Nevertheless, his 18-year-old son was jailed Tuesday on five counts of criminal attempted homicide. Prosecutors also

lodged aggravated assault, criminal conspiracy, and weapons charges against him and William Holmes, 18, who remained at large. Holmes is also charged with reckless endangerment. Neither teenager

attends Duquesne, university officials said.

Three players remained hospitalized following Sunday's shootings. The most seriously wounded, junior forward Sam Ashaolu, 23, was in critical condition with bullet

fragments in his head.

Baynes and Holmes crashed a campus dance sponsored by the Black Student Union where they encountered the basketball players, according to police. They and two friends got into the dance

with help from Brittany Jones, who is active with the Black Student Union.

Jones, 19, was arrested Monday on charges of reckless endangerment, carrying a firearm without a license and criminal conspiracy.

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Oklahoma (2-1) dropped from No. 15 to No. 17.

"I feel very fortunate for us to have won that football game, not for the officials' errors, but for how our team played," Bellotti said. "We were lucky, we

made plays and we never gave up. It's unfortunate that any team had to lose, or the efforts of my players are questioned, because of officials' errors."

The loudest protest came from University of Oklahoma president David Boren, who wrote Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg and requested, among other

things, that the conference request that the game "should not go into the record books as a win or a loss by either team in light of the level of officiating mistakes."

Meanwhile, the instant replay official at the game said he feels like he is under siege after receiving menacing phone calls and a death threat.

"They not only threat-

ened me, they threatened my wife and kids," Gordon Riese said.

Police are investigating the calls and keeping an eye on the official's neighborhood.

Bellotti said overlooked was Oregon's effort on the final play of the game - Oklahoma's field goal attempt from 42 yards out that would have given the Sooners the victory.

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yards receiving. Smith cracked 100 yards rushing the next week, too.

Smith had the benefit of being able to carry the ball in either hand and the added bonus of mostly using his left hand to begin with. Still, his quick return shows it can be done. (Cowboys fans may also recall Antonio Bryant going from a morning hand operation in Dallas

to an afternoon training camp practice in San Antonio; his operation was to remove bone spurs, a less-serious procedure, but a move borne from the same desire.)

Without Owens, the Cowboys will still have Terry Glenn, their best receiver through the first two games anyway. Make whatever you want of the fact Dallas is 1-0 when T.G. scores, 0-1 when he doesn't.

Glenn certainly benefited from having Owens on the other side, even if he was dropping passes and drawing penalties more than making plays against Washington on

Monday night. Defenses will concentrate more on Glenn without Owens out there, but coach Bill Parcells already is anticipating that.

"We can do some things with Terry," Parcells said. "We can move him around a little if we have to. ... They can take him out, but it involves a lot of work."

A bigger question - one Parcells has deferred answering until next week - is who will take Owens' spot on the field.

Patrick Crayton, the No. 3 receiver, would seem an obvious choice.

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being sacked nine times in the first two games.

Kubiak has noticed Carr's improvement as well, saying he was "unbelievable" in the fourth quarter of Houston's loss to Indianapolis. But for the perfectionist and former quarterback, flashes of brilliance aren't going to cut it, especially when the team is losing.

"He's got to be a four-quarter player," Kubiak said. "I'll keep coaching him to become that, but he is getting better as a player. But just getting better sometimes isn't good enough. You've got to take big steps. We're after him to take big steps and plan on him doing that."

Kubiak knows Carr can't make those big steps alone. Along with protecting Carr better, the biggest thing that could further his progress is improvement in the running game.

With Domanick Davis out, the Texans are relying on a trio of running backs to pick up the slack. Samkon Gado, Ron Dayne and Wali Lundy combined for 99 yards against the Colts. But for the offense to pick up, one of the three will have to emerge as the go-to guy.

Dayne, who has been slowed by injuries and is working on his conditioning, said it would be great if he could end up with 20-25 carries a game. That is something the Heisman Trophy winner has never done in his seven-year career.

"Of course I'd like to be that guy," he said of becoming the featured back. "Who wouldn't?"

Carr is unconcerned with his high rating and doesn't like to talk about his progress if the team

isn't winning. However he had a lot to say about the mind-set of the team this season.

"We've had some bad plays. We've had some mistakes, but this team is totally different," he said. "It is just a different feeling in our locker room, so hopefully it translates."

But as positive as Carr and the Texans remain, things won't get easier anytime soon. Houston hosts Washington and Miami before its bye week, which is followed

by a trip to Dallas.

And even if Carr and the offense are playing well, the defense will have to catch up for Houston to get its first win.

"We have a ton of work to do, and that hasn't changed. And that's not going to change next week or the next week," Kubiak said. "There are so many areas that we have to improve in. I think we have to continue to get better as a total unit."

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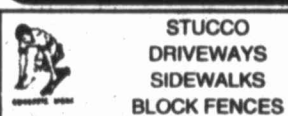
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6:30	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Horas de Amor	King of the Hill	News Entertainment	Vista de Blanco	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	Curt Landry John Hage	News-Labor	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	Science Fic.	
7:30	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	La Fes Mas Bella	Bones (CC)	Jeicho (CC)	Tiem de Pasiones	The Biggest Loser (CC)	Raymond	Update/Lead Dr. Karl Cole	Courtney: Ocean Adv.	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: The Bridge (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC) Access	Phil of Future That's Raven	The Contender (CC)	MLB Baseball: Teams to Be Announced (CC)	Movie: Men's Messace	
8:30	Grey's Anatomy (CC)	Grey's Anatomy (CC)	Barrera de Amor	Justice (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Amores	Decisions	Raymond	Light of the Southwest	American Masters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Hero	Without a Trace (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	The Parkers The Parkers	Movie: Sitch! The Movie	Movie: Once in a Lifetime	Movie: Cabin Fever (CC)		
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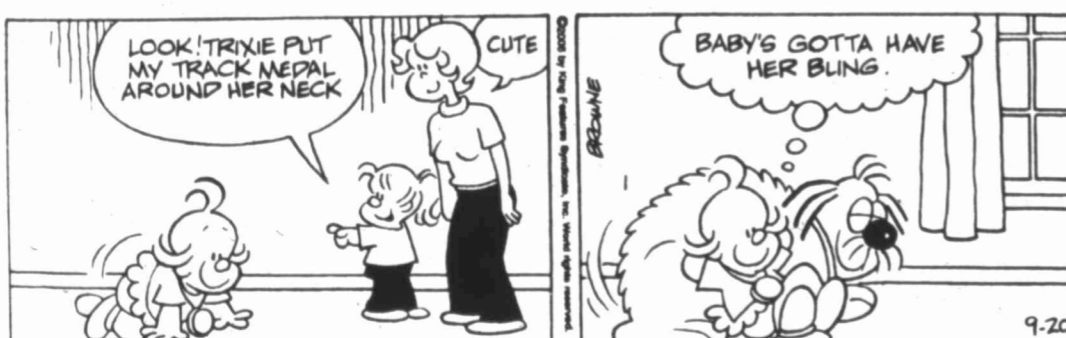
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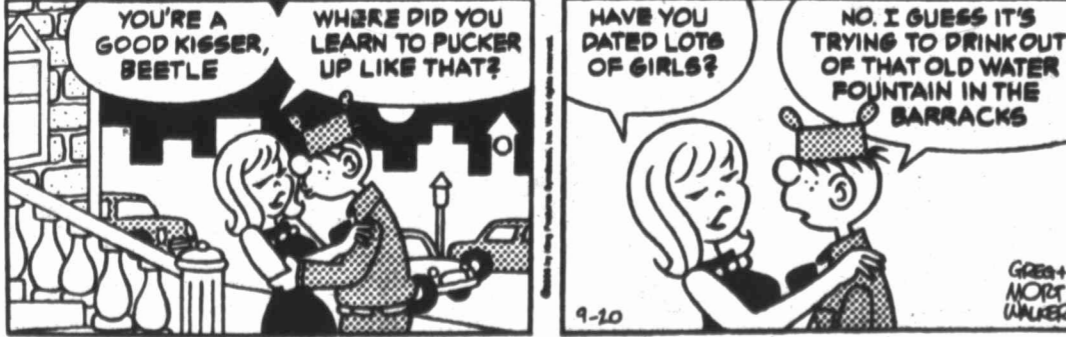
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 2006. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 20, 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan set out from Spain on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia. (Magellan was killed en route, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)

On this date:
In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.

In 1873, panic swept the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in the wake of railroad bond defaults and bank failures.

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding the assassinated James A. Garfield.

In 1947, former New York

City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.

In 1958, civil rights activist the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded during an appearance at a New York City department store when an apparently deranged woman stabbed him in the chest.

Today's Highlight in History:
In 1962, black student James Meredith was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)

In 1976, Playboy magazine released an interview in which Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter admitted he'd "looked on a lot of women with lust."

In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people.

One year ago: The Sacramento Monarchs won their first championship with a 62-59 victory over the Connecticut Sun in Game 4 of the WNBA Finals.

Today's Birthdays:
Basketball Hall of Fame coach Red Auerbach is 89. Singer Gogi Grant is 82.

Actress-comedian Anne Meara is 77. Actress Sophia Loren is 72. Rock musician Chuck Panozzo is 59. Hockey player Guy Lafleur is 55. Jazz musician Peter White is 52. Actress Betsy Brandley is 51. Actor Gary Cole is 50. Actress Kristen Johnston is 39. Rock singers Gunnar Nelson and Matthew Nelson are 39. Rock musician Ben Shepherd is 38. Rock musician Rick Woolstenhulme (Lifeshave) is 27.

Thought for Today:
"Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses." — George Washington Carver, American botanist (1864-1943).

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Little stingers
 - 6 Papas' partners
 - 11 Five percent of a score
 - 14 Enter, as information
 - 15 Entertain
 - 16 CD-
 - 17 Entrap
 - 18 Dreadlocks wearer, for short
 - 19 Mischievous one
 - 20 Tennis tactic
 - 22 Granola grain
 - 23 Feeling troubled
 - 24 Raggedy doll
 - 25 Rebellious sort
 - 28 Takes for a sap
 - 30 Chimney coating
 - 31 Unequal to the task
 - 36 African antelope
 - 37 Sharp answers
 - 39 Prolonged period
 - 40 Sum of all parts
 - 42 Major urban rd.
 - 43 Freight-train hopper
 - 44 Pricy properties
 - 47 Stevenson alter ego
 - 49 Turn up
 - 51 It's all around
 - 52 Trattoria side order
 - 57 Crumpets' colleague
 - 58 Not justified
 - 59 Come after
- DOWN**
- 1 Paltry puff
 - 2 Writer Quindlen
 - 3 Places for pampering
 - 4 Quest
 - 5 Big mugs
 - 6 Cantina order
 - 7 Get together
 - 8 Over-sentimental
 - 9 In the matter of
 - 10 Candidate's goal
 - 11 Certain astronomical band
 - 12 One always on the move
 - 13 Holding nothing
 - 21 Maiden-name indicator
 - 24 Santa __, CA
 - 25 Links-rules org.
 - 26 Early video game
 - 27 Novel's early stage
 - 28 Himalayan, for one
 - 29 Photo (media events)
 - 32 Ready alternative
 - 33 Most eerie
 - 34 Ballad topic
 - 35 Extremities
 - 37 Confederate soldier
 - 38 Often-inflated item
 - 41 Fish eggs
 - 42 British title
 - 45 Wine specification
 - 46 Side dish, informally
 - 47 Just couldn't take
 - 48 Triangular sign
 - 49 Shakespearean forest
 - 50 Fancy feather
 - 52 Sudden current
 - 53 Contribute to the pot
 - 54 Out of port
 - 55 Beer, slangily
 - 56 Former Entertainment Tonight cohost

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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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