



Council expected to set tax rate at 71.63 cents

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to give the 2006-2007 tax rate a final nod Tuesday, putting the finishing fiscal touch on its \$32.2 million budget for the coming year.

The proposed rate, which is 71.63 cents per \$100 valuation, drew no comments from the council or audience during a public hearing two weeks prior, and passed first reading with Councilwoman Stephanie Horton the lone dissenter.

The budget, which manages to come in approximately \$346,000 below expected revenues for 2006-2007, is encouraging, according to Mayor Russ

McEwen.

"I'm encouraged because we're looking at a budget that doesn't have any increases in taxes, and that's a good budget," said McEwen. "On top of that, we're able to do some things that are good for the community. We're not scrimping, but we have a good, tight budget that we can be proud of. I feel like we're seeing some very encouraging signs."

Other items listed on Tuesday's council meeting agenda include:

- Final reading of a resolution directing the mayor to execute an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Routine Airport Maintenance Program grant.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Victim Services for lease of a building.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article 3 of the City Code entitled "Minors" by adding Section 14-30 entitled "curfew ordinance extended."

- Acceptance of minutes from the city's Convention and Visitors Bureau Committee, Animal Control Committee and Traffic Commission.

- Award of annual bids for chemicals and services.

- Consideration of initiating the process for annexation of a portion of land on the northwest side of Big Spring.

- First reading of a resolution

authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with AT&T Texas for Plexar-Custom service.

- Emergency reading of an ordinance establishing the Fire Department pay scale for 2006-2007.

- Emergency reading of a resolution amending the City Personnel Policies and Procedures by amending Chapter VIII, Section 2, entitled "Vacation" to define the number of vacation days per year to be accrued by Civil Service employees and certified police officers.

- First reading of ordinances directing the city manager to designate the placement of stop signs on Sixth Street at Scurry

Street, changing the intersection to a four-way stop intersection; and placement of stop signs on Sixth Street at Circle Drive, changing the intersection to a four-way stop intersection

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract for employment with City Manager Gary Fuqua.

- Consideration of board and commission appointments.

The meeting will get under way Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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Western Swing fans to have treat at fair

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Fans of Western Swing will be able to get their fill during the Howard County Fair, as local country music

legend Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys team up with Billy Mata and The Texas Tradition for some foot stompin' good times.

Nix is expected to get things started Wednesday evening, with shows slated at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., providing his own brand of traditional swing and country music.

"We want people to come out and support the fair and listen to us if they want to hear real country music, and we'll do our best to entertain them," said Nix. "We really look forward to this show each year, and this will be our 21st year playing the fair. It's always nice to be able to come home and play for the folks at home.

"The fair is for everyone. It has a really country atmosphere, with the livestock and the ag exhibits, and the country music really brings it all together. It really is a good event for the entire community."

Thursday night enter-

tainment at the fair will take a turn, as local gospel bands are expected to take the stage at 7 p.m.

"Thursday night is going to be a lot of fun," said Nix. "We're going to

"Billy will perform Friday night at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.," said Nix. "His musical style is really similar to ours. I met him back in the Late 1980s while we were playing some of the same shows, and we just kept crossing paths. We played a lot of the same festivals together, including the annual Western Swing Festival in Snyder."

According to Mata, Snyder is the closest the San Antonio-based musician has come to Big Spring, and he's extremely excited to be able to be part of the county fair.

"This will be our first time in Big Spring and we're really looking forward to it," said Mata, who received awards for Western Swing Male Vocalist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year in 2005 from the Academy of Western Artists. "Jody and I have been friends for a long time, and we both play the same style of music."

"I've been in music for 31 years now, and with this group for 25 years. We really enjoy it all, from dances and shows to festivals. We love playing anywhere people are willing to listen or dance, and we're really looking forward to seeing a lot of our old friends at the fair and making plenty of new friends."

Mata's resume comes chock full of country

2006 Howard County Fair Schedule of events

Tuesday
Booth set-up — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Entries for creative arts, fine arts, photography, baked goods, canned goods and produce — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Judging for creative arts, baked goods, canned goods and produce — 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Judging for fine arts and photography — 10 a.m.
Ag in the classroom — 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Fair opens — 4 p.m.
Cooking demonstration, edible centerpieces — 6 p.m.
Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys — 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Thursday
Steers arrive — 3 p.m.
Fair opens — 4 p.m.
Dominoes — 6 p.m.
Cooking demonstration, Lithuanian dish — 6 p.m.
Gospel Singing — 7 p.m.

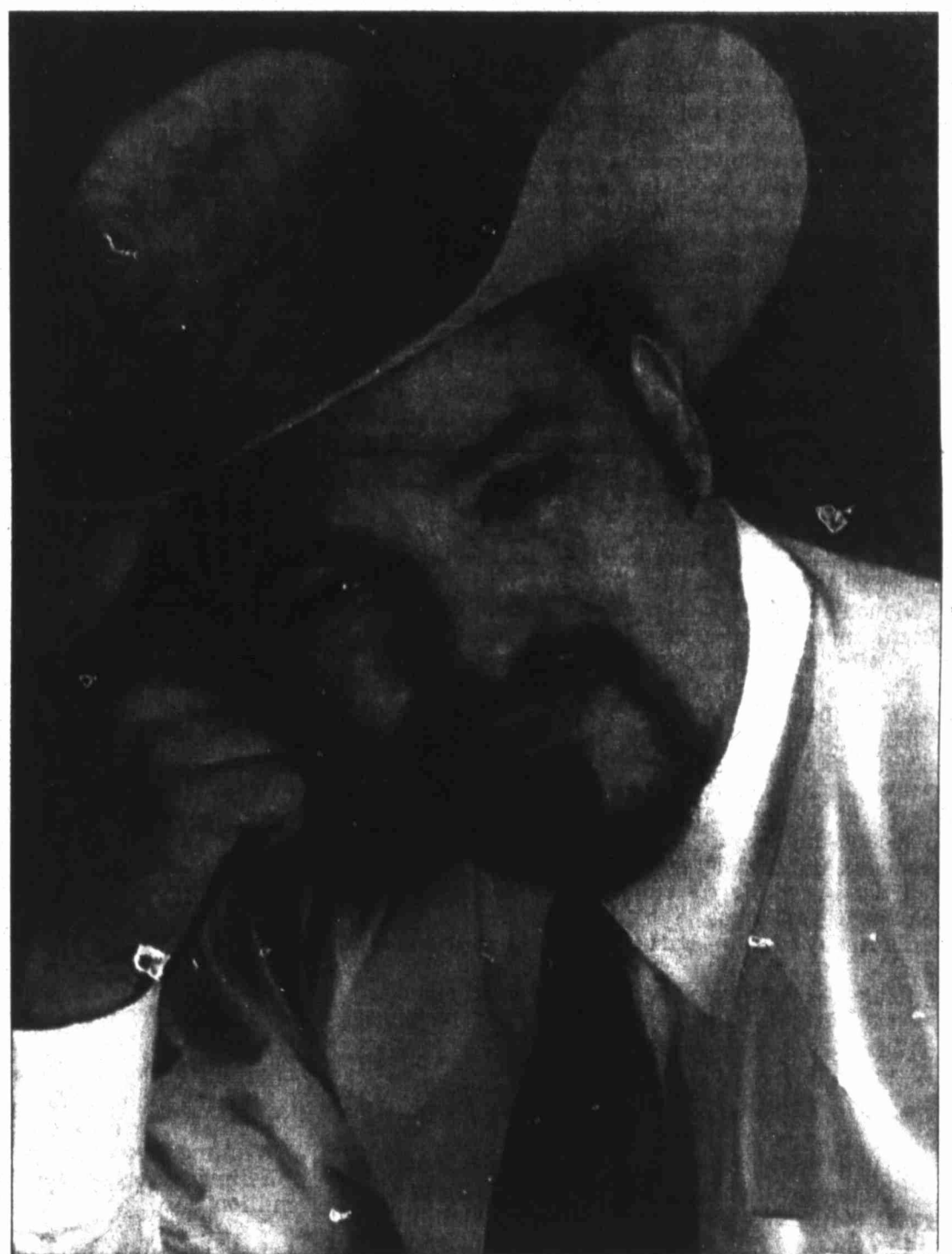
Friday
Lambs arrive — 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.
Exhibits and vendors open — 4 p.m.
County roping — 6 p.m.
Cooking demonstration, paper flowers — 6 p.m.
Billy Mata & The Texas Tradition — 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Saturday
Lamb Showmanship — 8 a.m.
Lamb Show — 9 a.m.
Tractor Pull registration — 9 a.m.
Exhibits and vendors open — 10 a.m.
Kountry Kids — 10:30 a.m.
Tractor Pull — 11 a.m.
Steer Show — 1 p.m. with Steer Showmanship following
Goats arrive — 3 p.m.
Cooking demonstration, pressure canners — 6 p.m.
Battle of the Cheerleaders — 7 p.m.
Quilt Drawing — 9:45 p.m.
Fair closes — 10 p.m. (Pick up entries from 10 p.m. until 11 p.m.)

Sunday
Goat Showmanship — 11 a.m.
Goat Show — Noon
Pick up entries for creative arts, fine arts, photography, baked, and canned goods — 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

try to get several different bands to perform."

Friday night, however, the fair will again put on a "swinging" good time, according to Nix.



Western Swing and Country Music star Billy Mata will perform at the Howard County Fair Friday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

music legends, including performances with the likes of Asleep At the Wheel, Darryl McCall, Earl Thomas Conley, Eddie Raven, Emilio, John Conley, Johnny Rodriguez, Randy Travis, Ray Price, Rick Trevino and many special guest appearances with Leon Rausch, Tommy Allsup and The Texas Playboys.

While Mata is expected to light up the fair grounds Friday evening, the music is expected to take a rather pronounced turn Saturday as area schools show their prowess with pompoms in the annual Battle of the Cheerleaders at 7 p.m.

Contestants will be judged in two categories: Cheer and dance. First,

second and third place plaques will be awarded in each division.

For more information on the Howard County fair, visit www.howardcountyfairoftexas.com

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Retired military officers criticize Rumsfeld

By DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Retired military officers on Monday bluntly accused Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld of bungling the war in Iraq, saying U.S. troops were sent to fight without the best equipment and that critical facts were hidden from the public.

"I believe that Secretary Rumsfeld and others in the administration did not tell the American people the truth for fear of losing support for the war in Iraq," retired Maj. Gen. John R. S. Batiste said in remarks prepared for a hearing by

the Senate Democratic Policy Committee.

A second witness, retired Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, assessed Rumsfeld as "incompetent strategically, operationally and tactically"

"Mr. Rumsfeld and his immediate team must be replaced or we will see two more years of extraordinarily bad decision-making," he added in testimony prepared for the hearing, held six weeks before the Nov. 7 midterm elections in which the war is a central issue.

The conflict, now in its fourth year, has claimed the lives of more than 2,600

American troops and cost more than \$300 billion.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., the committee chairman, told reporters last week that he hoped the hearing would shed light on the planning and conduct of the war. He said majority Republicans had failed to conduct hearings on the issue, adding, "if they won't ... we will."

Since he spoke, a government-produced National Intelligence Estimate became public that concluded the war has helped create a new generation of

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Langley

Elizabeth Langley, 80, of Grapevine, formerly of Big Spring and Andrews, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Andrews Cemetery in Andrews with Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church of Big Spring, officiating.

She was born Oct. 26, 1925, at Chidester, Ark., to Henrietta and David Newton Rhodes. She married William E. Langley on April 17, 1944, in El Dorado, Ark. They moved to Andrews in 1950 and owned and operated Langley Welding and Construction until 1987, retiring and moving to Big Spring. Mr. Langley preceded her in death June 5, 1996. She had lived in Grapevine for the past year.

She is survived by a son, Ronny Langley and wife Susan of Odessa; three daughters, Beth Snowden and husband Mark of Midland, Carol Plunkett and husband Jerry of Andrews, and Nancy Medellin and husband Leo of Grapevine; eight grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

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

Billy Joe "B.J." Wilkins

Billy Joe "B.J." Wilkins, 39, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial Services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born July 31, 1967, in Cleveland, Texas, to Emma and Norvin Wilkins. He attended school in Coahoma through his sophomore year, his junior year at Big Spring High School and graduated from Midland High School in 1987. He had been an assistant manager at Furr's Cafeteria in Big Spring. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Cory Wilkins and Cody Wilkins, both of Big Spring; his mother, Sue Kautz of Big Spring; a brother, Willie Wilkins of Big Spring; his paternal grandmother, Sylvia Prescott of Albany; two nieces; a nephew; three aunts; and seven uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norvin Everett "Shorty" Wilkins; an uncle; and grandparents, Nollie Wilkins, Willie Riffe and Gladys Riffe.

The family will be at 617 McEwen. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Weather

Today — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Light and variable winds.

Monday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph after midnight.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Not as warm. Highs in the mid 70s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Around Town

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Police blotter

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

• **JERRY KOLDEN**, 35, of 1301 Mesa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **EARNEST CLARK**, 66, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **ROBERT EARL REED**, 51, of 1308 Wright, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.

• **APRIL FERN SMITH**, 25, of 1319 Wood, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **JULIE ANN MINCE**, 34, of 610 Kenney, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **GEORGE KOSTELAZ**, 47, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4000 block of Highway 80.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported: - in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

- in the 500 block of Johnson.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Magnolia. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of Scott. Service was refused.

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of Andrews Highway. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of 12th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Hillside. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• **DUMPSTER FIRE** was reported near the intersection of West Ninth Street and Anna.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-16-31-36-38-51.

Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$10 million.

Winning ticket sold in: Southlake.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-13-32-33-35.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$15,579.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston and Kyle.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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

9-2-0

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21** meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

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

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

Sheriff's report

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

• **MATTHEW CASEY O'BRIEN**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention.

• **FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **JUAN JOSE LIZCANO JR.**, 29, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of parole.

• **DAVID HEFFINGTON**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.

• **WILLIAM RYAN LOCKE**, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.

• **CLARA RANGEL**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **MARY ALICE VILLA**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.

• **TEKIA "KOKO" WILLIAMS**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of stealing/receiving stolen checks and forgery of a financial instrument.

• **RUBEN LEE TREVINO**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a Nolan County warrant for possession of marijuana - less than five pounds more than four ounces.

• **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 59, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of violation of parole and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **DAVID L. PETERSON**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole.

• **JOHNNY BRYANT HARDEMAN**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole.

• **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention and a motion to revoke probation for assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

• **JOHNNY RAY ROBINSON**, 50, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ**, 23, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **RAMON PUGA NUNEZ JR.**, 57, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container, third or more offense.

• **RUDY H. MORENO**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest and possession or use of a volatile chemical.

• **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR.**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.

• **DORA LANG AUSBIE**, 53, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• **DAVID YBARRA JR.**, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **JERRY JASON COLDEN**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 66, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for altered vehicle registration and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

• **KIRK EVAN FOWLER**, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

East Texas remembers Hurricane Rita

NEDERLAND (AP) — Petrochemical interests started to bring together the communities of Southeast Texas and West Louisiana early last year. Hurricane Rita cemented that connection.

In this town of 17,000, business leaders and politicians from both sides of the state line reaffirmed their partnership and common goals Sunday on the hurricane's first anniversary.

About three dozen people gathered at a business lunch at Sanderson's Restaurant and Bar, a steakhouse off U.S. Highway 69 where 4,000 meals a day were cooked for first responders when Rita hit — a category 3 storm like Katrina but much overshadowed by the devastation wreaked by the earlier storm.

"It just brought everyone together because we had no choice," said Democratic U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. "We weren't able to get any attention."

Rita struck along the Texas-Louisiana border, killing at least 11 people in the two states. More than 100 died in the pre-storm evacuation of Houston, in accidents and exposure deaths.

Missing Alvarado toddler found alive

ALVARADO (AP) — A 2-year-old boy was found about a mile from his home Sunday, nearly three days after he was reported missing, authorities said.

A pair of Department of Public Safety officers making a final sweep in their helicopter spotted Kevin Brown trying to drink water from a stock tank. Officer Clay Lacey said Kevin wasn't moving as he approached him but when Lacey was a couple of feet away, the child turned and looked at him wide-eyed.

The child was taken by the helicopter crew to Harris Methodist Walls Regional Hospital in Cleburne.

Authorities said he was dehydrated and covered with scratches and ant bites, but was otherwise unharmed.

Authorities said the boy disappeared Thursday evening while playing with his 4-year-old brother in the front yard of their mobile home.

The older brother went inside after being bitten by ants. When his parents came outside to get Kevin, he was gone.

Fatal delays resulting from surgeon shortage

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Hospitals here are transferring ill patients to hospitals in smaller cities with sometimes fatal results because of a local shortage of neurosurgeons, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The delays in treatment have resulted in the deaths of at least two people recently who were sent from San Antonio to hospitals in Austin, the newspaper reported. Others have suffered brain damage or other problems because of the transfers.

While San Antonio has 34 practicing neurosurgeons, many of them do not handle emergency calls because of high malpractice costs or because their hospitals lack the facilities or nurses to handle additional patients.

Methodist Health Care System in San Antonio often turns away such cases for those very reasons.

Possible 40-year term debated for teen

EL PASO (AP) — A decision by the El Paso County Attorney's Office to possibly seek a tougher punishment for a 16-year-old girl accused of smuggling cocaine into the United States has drawn criticism from some youth advocates.

The El Paso girl, whose name was withheld because she is a juvenile, faces trial in October after she was arrested on a charge of trying to smuggle nearly 50 pounds of cocaine across the Mexican border.

A grand jury last week granted El Paso County Attorney Jose Rodriguez's request that the teen be tried under the state's determinate sentencing statute.

The move gives a jury the flexibility to punish the teen past her 21st birthday, according to Rodriguez's office. In this case, the change means the teen faces up to 40 years in juvenile detention facilities and then prison.

Youth advocates condemned the decision at a Saturday meeting organized to discuss the issue.

Rodriguez said in a statement last week that his office hopes the decision will deter El Paso's ongoing problem with teenagers transporting drugs across the border.

Advocates: Death row appeals system flawed

EDINBURG (AP) — Texas allows inadequate legal work in the final stages of death penalty cases and provides minimal oversight for attorneys who handle the life or death claims, judges and advocates contend.

"It's a problem. It needs to be addressed," said Judge Cheryl Johnson, a Republican on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. "But I don't think there are any easy solutions to it."

Writs of habeas corpus are the court challenges meant to ensure no one unfairly convicted is executed. Habeas attorneys are supposed to find any misconduct or mistakes made by the defendant's trial lawyers, investigators, prosecutors, judges and jurors in the case.

But if a state habeas attorney doesn't find or address a detail, the inmate may never get another chance to raise it.

Activists say there are several examples in Texas of faulty work in writs of habeas corpus, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Sunday editions.

In one case, an attorney working on a death row inmate's final state appeal filed an incomplete and vague petition with at least one error.

Border bills come up short when it's time to pay for them

By SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

House Republicans have whipped through a series of bills to crack down on illegal immigration with hopes they might provide an election boost in November.

But there's wide disagreement on what they would cost and little inclination among lawmakers to come up with the money in any case.

The House has passed and the Senate is debating legislation to build 700 miles of fence on the U.S.-Mexico border with no certain idea of how much

it would cost.

Estimates range from \$2 billion, cited by Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., chairman of the appropriations subcommittee for homeland security, to \$7 billion, the figure used by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Homeland Security officials told congressional aides it would cost about \$5 billion. The department would not confirm that figure nor address the cost of the 107 miles of fencing already up along the nearly 2,000-mile border.

The cost can vary depending on whether the government or a private contractor builds the

fence.

"We're trying to figure out how much it will be, but we have been funding it," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said last week.

In a vivid demonstration of how hard it is to come up with the money, Hastert played to the cameras at a news conference by slapping red check marks on a placard to show border security accomplishments by House Republicans.

He left two items unchecked: funding for Border Patrol agents and for a Homeland Security contract for a high-tech border fence called the

Secure Border Initiative.

The Senate put \$1.8 billion in a Pentagon bill for 370 miles of fence plus another 500 miles of vehicle barriers. But they shifted the amount to a homeland security bill, where some of the money will pay for additional Border Patrol agents and jail space for immigrants awaiting deportation.

Lawmakers, however, repeatedly have passed legislation ordering increases in border security without the money to pay for them.

The 2004 intelligence bill Congress passed called for doubling the number of Border Patrol

agents by hiring 2,000 new ones each year for the next five years. It also authorized building or expanding detention centers for illegal immigrants by 8,000 beds a year during the period.

So far, however, Congress has put up enough money to pay for only 2,500 of the agents and only half the beds.

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The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Islamic radicalism and that the overall terrorist threat has grown since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Several members of the Senate Democratic leadership were expected to participate in the hearing. Dorgan said Republican lawmakers had been invited.

Even before the session convened, Republicans counter-attacked.

"Today's stunt may rile up the liberal base, but it won't kill a single terrorist or prevent a single attack," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said in a statement. He called Rumsfeld an "excellent secretary of defense."

It is unusual for retired military officers to criticize the Pentagon while military operations are under way, particularly at a public event likely to draw widespread media attention.

But Batiste, Eaton and retired Col. Paul X.

Hammes was unsparing in remarks that suggested deep anger at the way the military had been treated. All three served in Iraq, and Batiste also was senior military assistant to then-Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.

Batiste, who commanded the Army's 1st Infantry Division in Iraq, also blamed Congress for failing to ask "the tough questions."

He said Rumsfeld at one point threatened to fire the next person who mentioned the need for a post-war plan in Iraq.

Batiste said if full consideration had been given to the requirements for war, it's likely the U.S. would have kept its focus on Afghanistan, "not fueled Islamic fundamentalism across the globe, and not created more enemies than there were insurgents."

Hammes said in his pre-

pared remarks that not providing the best equipment was a "serious moral failure on the part of our leadership."

The United States "did not ask our soldiers to invade France in 1944 with the same armor they trained on in 1941. Why are we asking our soldiers and Marines to use the same armor we found was insufficient in 2003," he asked.

Hammes was responsible for establishing bases for the Iraqi armed forces. He served in Iraq in 2004 and is now Marine Senior Military Fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies, National Defense University.

Eaton was responsible for training the Iraqi military and later for rebuilding the Iraqi police force.

He said planning for the postwar period was "amateurish at best, incompe-

tent a better descriptor."

Public opinion polls show widespread dissatisfaction with the way the Bush administration has conducted the war in Iraq, but division about how quickly to withdraw U.S. troops. Democrats hope to tap into the anger in November, without being damaged by Republican charges they favor a policy of "cut and run."

By coincidence, the hearing came a day after public disclosure of the National Intelligence Estimate. The report was completed in April and represented a consensus view of the 16 disparate spy services inside government, according to an intelligence official.

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OUR VIEWS

Don't forget your tickets for annual AgExpo, Luncheon

The importance agriculture plays in the Crossroads Area's economy will become visibly clear this week when some 500 local farmers and ranchers attend the annual Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon at the Howard County Fairbarns.

Slated to begin at Thursday morning, the exposition will again feature numerous exhibits designed to be of interest to agribusinesses not only in Howard County, but producers in Glasscock, Martin, Scurry and Borden counties as well.

There will, however be a difference this year. "Instead of offering the morning classes like we have in the past," explained Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, "we're going to have a tour of the area farms. We're providing the transportation, which is being donated by Howard College, and seating is limited. We're really hoping the area producers will sign up for the tour. Bonnie Franklin is going to be handling catering during the tour, so we're really looking forward to it because she has some really good food."

Perhaps more importantly, however, the day's activities will include the Ag Appreciation Luncheon set for noon. Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will be the event's keynote speaker.

The luncheon is not only a forum for recognizing the county's producer of the year and agribusiness of the year, but an opportunity for us to show appreciation to the area's farmers and ranchers for doing business in our community.

While local businesses have traditionally been at the forefront of this recognition effort, each of us should recognize that the area's farmers and ranchers play a much more important role than just spending their money with local firms.

Every one of us, regardless of our chosen profession, benefits from the work of farmers and ranchers.

These producers are, after all, the people we depend on to grow our food and produce the fibers that clothe us.

Every bite of food we eat and virtually every piece of clothing we wear can be attributed to the efforts of farmers and ranchers, and that's something each of us should remember — not only on Thursday, but each and every day.

But we do have an opportunity Thursday to make it very clear that we do recognize the importance in our lives.

Tickets for the luncheon, which will be catered by Al and Son's Barbecue, are priced at \$10 each but will not be available at the door, so you'll need to get your tickets soon. Area farmers and ranchers can pick up their free tickets at State National Bank, Big Spring Farm Supply and Porter-Henderson Implement.

We hope to see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we know when to bail out and head in Your direction, Lord.

Amen

Much done, but more left to do

The fourth special session of the 79th Legislature was a success in many ways.

After years of varying opinions on how to fix the broken school finance system, the House and Senate passed a bill that not only brought significant property tax relief to all taxpayers, but also included important education reforms.

Thanks to leadership and cooperation among both chambers, House Bill 1 provides all teachers, school nurses, counselors and librarians with a much deserved \$2,000 across-the-board pay raise.

The bill also restores the \$500 health insurance stipend. Additionally, one educator compensation award program was expanded and another created in order to further supplement educator salaries.

The Awards for Student Achievement Program was created by Gov. Rick Perry and applies to schools serving the most economically disadvantaged students that are also rated exemplary, recognized, or in the top 25 percent of schools most improved in reading or math.

The program's funding was expanded from the initial \$10 million to \$100 million beginning in the 2007-2008 school year. Seventy-five percent of the awards must go directly to teachers who are shown to have improved student achievement.

The second program, the

Educator Excellence Awards Program, is available to any district and will be funded with \$228 million starting in the 2008-2009 school year. A majority of teachers on each participating campus must vote to approve participation. Sixty percent of the funds must go to teachers shown to have improved student achievement, while the remainder may be used for stipends for mentoring, hard-to-staff subjects and campuses, and to reward other staff who contribute to student achievement.

I am pleased to report that Texas students will also benefit from several improvements to the education system that will be implemented in the coming years.

Beginning this school year, districts will receive \$275 per student in grades nine through 12 to be spent on high school completion and success initiatives starting in sixth grade. The funds are intended to increase graduation rates and may be used to promote college readiness or to offer additional study options such as dual credit or advanced placement courses. I believe this is a huge step toward helping our college-bound students get ahead.

Additionally, the Texas Education Agency will begin to calculate annual student achievement and report to parents and teachers whether each student meets, exceeds or falls below expectations. This is imperative for keeping our students on track for graduation and post-high school success, whether each student's plan is higher education, technical school or succeeding in the workforce.



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Politics, spirituality both in flux

Confab, noun. "An informal conversation; to have a conference in order to talk something over."

America needs to have a spiritual conversation. We need to have a confab, a meeting of the minds, an intellectual assessment on the role of religion and the importance of individual faith in our country, while respecting others' choices of different beliefs or none at all. We need to find a balance between those who practice spiritualism without religion, and those who think only religion brings spirituality.

It's time. Extremists — on both sides — have dominated the discussion and dictated its tenets for too long. They have tried to shape our values and shame us with guilt. Why have we allowed it? Plug your ears, unless you are one of the above, and let them continue to shout. The rest of us, the majority of Americans — moderates, atheists, seekers, and doubters — will talk.

It's time to talk when socially conservative Christians berate spiritual progressives as less than faithful. It's time, when the former narrowly define their faith by three exclusive issues — for war, against abortion, and opposed to all-things and all-people-homosexual, including gay marriage — while ignoring the broader spectrum of social consciousness, evidenced in environmental activism, ministry to the underprivileged, and provision for the elderly, among other moral works. It's time, when self-proclaimed Christian pastors

would rather preach their version of patriotic, i.e., Republican, politics than the encompassing teachings of Jesus Christ to love your neighbor as yourself.

A recent study, entitled, "American Piety in the 21st Century," written and commissioned by Baylor University researchers and conducted by the Gallup Organization, found that the foundations of faith and the practice of those beliefs are changing in the United States. Americans are moving away from traditional denominational labels, but they still seek out places to demonstrate their faith, whether it be in churches, charitable or social activist organizations.

Don't label me a Southern Baptist, but I'll tell you where my family worships and prays, and share our early morning experiences working at the food bank. That's the new spiritual mentality in this country. Labels restrict and labels compartmentalize, labels lie. "Christian" takes on a universally negative connotation based on the actions of a not-so-representative few. The same with "Muslim," or any other religious label. Jesus was a white man, and all Muslims are terrorists; atheists are eternally doomed to damnation in hell. But none of these statements are based in truth, not to mention reality.

Anyone surprised by this survey's results that showed a waning of denominational association should simply look at the political trends in the United States; the latter reflects the former. A few Democrats there, but most of us are huddled in the middle, voting for the candidate, not the party. We are issue voters, not party supporters, unlike our parents and

There are a couple of worthy goals that I hope we will address in the 80th Legislature. I would like to see rapid progress in getting our teachers to the national average in pay. Despite the recent pay raise, Texas still lags in that figure.

I also think we need to assess the effectiveness of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test, as well as whether the test has been counterproductive to meeting its intended objective. I believe it may be time to replace the TAKS test with end-of-course exams based upon the recommended curriculum.

I recognize the importance of preparing students not only for college, but for any path they choose in life. I am interested in expanding technical and workforce training programs in our high schools because not every student chooses to pursue higher education.

While it should always be our goal to encourage further study, we should also utilize the time we have today to help students succeed tomorrow. I look forward to working with educators in this district to accomplish more for our schools.

We must never stop supporting our schools or stop trying to improve them. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders, workers and, yes, teachers.

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grandparents in an earlier time who voted according to political affiliation. The religious trend in this country is moving the same direction, not Catholic or Episcopalian, but Christian, Muslim, Jew, or atheist.

After being blindsided two years ago in the presidential election by Republican manipulation of religion for political purposes, Democrats are trying to capitalize upon the opportunity presented by the upcoming mid-term elections to discuss values and beliefs in non-threatening, non-political, all-inclusive terms. Democrats have realized that a person's faith — or lack of one — is not simply private, it is personal, and it is OK to talk about it in public, if one chooses.

This search for emotional and spiritual honesty is what Chris Bell, Democratic candidate for Texas governor, does on the campaign trail. Bell advocates government-funded stem cell research and suggests that budgets are moral documents in the choices they reflect; for example, to continue to provide medical care for needy children under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) instead of brutally slashing those services as Gov. Rick Perry and the Republican-controlled state legislature did in 2003.

Americans are re-aligning and re-defining themselves, politically and spiritually. It's a good time for a confab.

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Get more from your dental insurance with a little planning

Fall is the time of year we think about school, football, holidays and dental insurance. Dental insurance? It may be wishful thinking on my part, but anyone fortunate enough to have dental insurance really needs to think about it every fall!

You see, most insurance plans have calendar year maximums that renew every January 1. For people needing even modest amounts of treatment, one year's maximum often will not cover most of their treatment. By doing some late this year and some early

next, you will receive twice the benefit. Beware waiting until December to see your dentist, though. The later in the year you wait, the less likely your dentist is to be able to get you in. There are often many other last minute requests for treatment.

Now, for some commonly asked questions:
Won't my plan yearly maximum cover a lot of treatment?
No, most plans cover a maximum of \$1,000 to \$1,500. Guess how much insurance plans covered 30 years ago — \$1000 to \$1500. It doesn't go nearly as far as it did 30 years ago. If plans had kept up with the true cost of dental treatment, they would be covering at least \$3,000 per year.

Will my insurance cover all my expenses up to the maxi-

mum?
No, while many plans do pay most or all of diagnostic and preventative charges (exams, x-rays and routine cleanings), other procedures are covered at percentages of UCR.

What is UCR?
Usual, Customary and Reasonable is what it stands for, but it is a bit of a misnomer. Each insurance company seems to have its own UCR numbers for what each procedure should cost. These numbers are almost always lower than a true average of dental offices in a region. It would appear that these are arbitrary numbers that each company claims is the usual.

Are some procedures reimbursed better than others?
Yes, most plans do diagnosis and prevention at near 100 per-

cent of UCR. Routine fillings and extractions are usually at 80 percent of UCR. Crowns (caps), dentures, partials, surgery and root canals usually are only covered at 50 percent of UCR.

Dental implants, the best way to replace teeth, are usually not covered at all.

Are some insurance plans better than others?
Yes, the plans vary according to how much the employer or patient pay for them. Network, or PPO, plans tend to cost the employer less, but there is a penalty for seeing "out of network" dentists.

Better plans let patients see the dentist of their choice and have higher calendar year maximums (\$2,500 is the best I've seen).

What if I elect to go out of

my PPO plan's network?

Your co-pay (the amount you are responsible for) will be higher, but you may find it worthwhile to see the dentist of your choice.

So here's my advice: Use your insurance wisely. Use it every year for diagnostic and preventative care. Then if problems are found, they will likely be small and fixable with routine and well reimbursed procedures.

I always tell my patients that dental insurance is great for keeping you out of serious dental trouble.

Once serious trouble has developed, most plans won't go near far enough to fix them.

Dr. David Ward maintains a dental practice in Big Spring located at 1500 Scurry.



DAVID WARD

Childhood obesity is now biggest health risk for kids

When it comes to childhood miseries, there is little more tragic than the woe of the overweight child.

From the trauma of taunting and teasing, to the embarrassment and pain of physical limitations, illness, disease and emotional difficulties, children are uniquely vulnerable to lifelong injury from excessive weight carried in the early years.

And all the research seems to indicate that it will indeed be lifelong, because contrary to age-old belief, heavy children generally do not grow out of their overweight.

With two-thirds of American adults now overweight, it's no surprise that the numbers among children are skyrocketing, as well. That's because unlike adults, who must make their own dietary choices, children are largely at the effect of the nutritional environment in which they are raised, in the home, in school, in their

neighborhoods and communities.

Children are being drawn into obesity unawares, and by the time they're old enough to take more control of their dietary practices, the groundwork has long since been laid; poor eating habits are already entrenched, and the excess weight has already become a fact of life.

Government statistics indicate that only two percent of American children have a diet that actually conforms to the recommendations established with the Food Guide Pyramid, and the average child's daily caloric intake has increased by almost 200 calories a day over the last 15 years, concentrated in foods and beverages high in sugar and simple, low-nutrient carbohydrates.

Almost a quarter of American children are now overweight, with more than 15 percent of both children and adolescents actually clinically obese already.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) classifies children and adolescents in the 85th percentile of weight — that is, those heavier than 85 percent of children their age — as being overweight,

while those in the 95th percentile are classified as being severely overweight, or obese.

But whether it's referred to as obese or severely overweight, the consequences are serious. Children who have weight problems, even in early childhood, are twice as likely to be obese in adulthood, and to have the significant health problems associated with obesity. The odds are very poor that they'll reach and maintain normal weight for their lifetimes.

But their troubles start while they are yet young. The American Heart Association finds that 25 percent of children aged 5 to 10 already have the early signs of heart disease, including elevated blood cholesterol or high blood pressure. Other studies indicate that as many as 10 percent of adolescents may already have plaque buildup in their arteries.

Type 2 diabetes used to be called "adult onset," but not anymore, since more than half of new cases are now found in children. By the mid '90s, there were 10 times as many cases of Type 2 diabetes in adolescents as there were only 15 years earlier.

Asthma, sleep apnea and other respiratory difficulties plague the overweight child, and there are painful orthopedic problems from the strain caused by chronic excess weight on growing limbs and joints.

Some experts say that perhaps the most tragic effects of overweight on children are the social and emotional consequences for youngsters who are unlike their peers: depression, eating disorders, withdrawal and low self-esteem.

In the end, the overall life expectancy of an obese child can be cut short by as much as 13 years from that of a

healthy-weight child.

There are specific strategies for helping overweight children that differ from those employed for adults, but many medical professionals don't have any idea what those might be.

Indeed, in a 1999 federal study, more than a third of the doctors and nurses and about half of the dietitians surveyed said they don't treat overweight children if the

patient doesn't show signs of other medical problems related to obesity. And most said they won't start treatment in kids who don't already want to control their weight, because attitude is a critical component for success.

But obesity is hard to treat at any age, and without question, prevention is the best hope for

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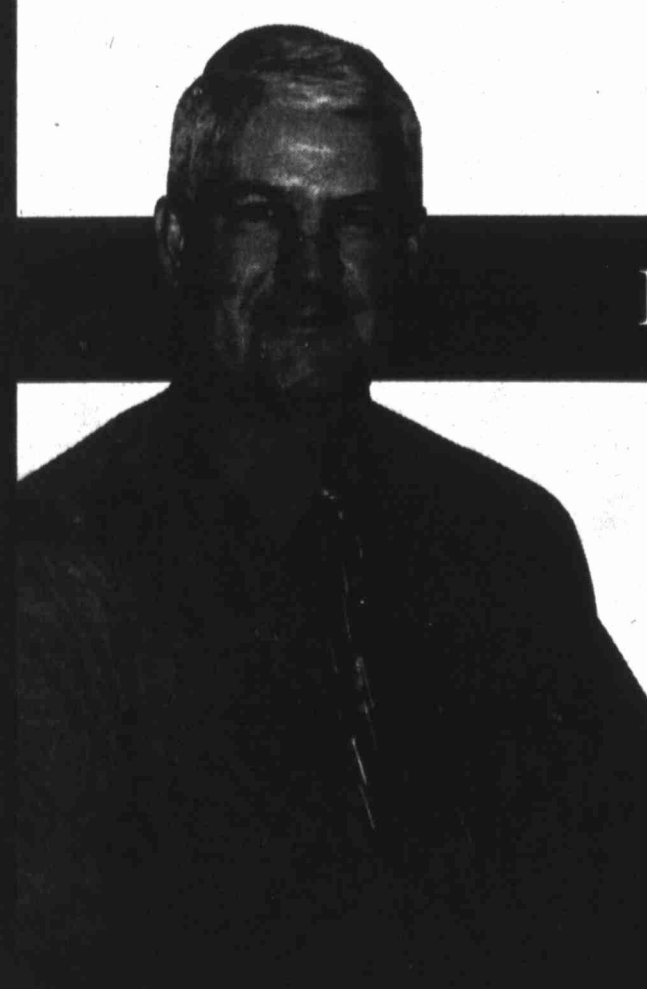
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Within limits, fish can be safe part of most balanced diets

Fish is brain food, the old saying goes. But eating a lot of fish might not be very smart for some women.

Some varieties of fish, especially those caught in the ocean, "are rich sources of omega-3 fatty acids, which may provide a number of health benefits, including a reduced risk of heart disease," said Dr. Jenna Anding, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist.

"But eating large amounts of fish caught from the ocean might not be very smart if you are pregnant or trying to become pregnant."

That's because research has shown some types of fish contain high amounts of methylmercury, which can harm an unborn child, she said.



KORI MYERS

So the common sense advice — enjoy fish in moderation — is best for women who are or may become pregnant, Anding said.

"Methylmercury is typically found in high amounts in certain types of fish, such as swordfish, tilefish, king mackerel and shark," she said. "These fish are unusually large and have lived for a long time, which means they have had more time for the methylmercury to build up in their bodies."

Over time, when fish is consumed, the methylmercury can build up in a person's bloodstream, she said.

"The body removes the metal naturally, but that process may take up to a year, especially if the levels are high," Anding said. "Most women don't know if they have high levels of methylmercury in their bloodstreams or not."

In adults, methylmercury may cause sleep disturbances, difficulty concentrating, numbness or

weakness in the legs, and impaired vision, Anding said. Some people might not have any symptoms at all.

But if an unborn child is exposed to too much of the metal, the result can be brain and/or spinal cord damage, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, and blindness and/or deafness.

That's why women who are or are trying to become pregnant should avoid eating any of these large species of fish, she said.

However, other types of fish can be consumed safely during pregnancy. Up to 12 ounces per week of shrimp, canned light tuna, salmon, pollock and catfish, can be consumed during pregnancy, Anding said.

"Albacore (white) tuna is higher in mercury than canned light tuna," she added. "If a woman includes Albacore tuna in her diet, she should limit it to 6 ounces a week. The other 6 ounces of fish should come from low-mercury sources."

Fish caught locally can also be consumed during pregnancy, but with caution, Anding said.

"Check local advisories about the safety of fish caught in local lakes, rivers and coastal areas," she said. "If the source of fish is solely from a local area, and no information about the safety of the water is available, limit consumption to no more than 6 ounces per week."

Remember: Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well.

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Documentary shows immigrants' families difficulties from other side of the border

By ANABELLE GARAY
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — What happens to the women left behind by husbands and sons who leave to work arduously and illegally in the United States?

Director Heather Courtney set out to answer the question using video letters exchanged between people living on separate sides of the border. The result was her documentary, "Letters from the Other Side," which airs Tuesday on Public Broadcasting Service stations in Austin and Dallas and nationally in October.

"These video letters illustrate the true tragedy

of our immigration policy," she said.

Part of the documentary details the circumstances of Eugenia Gonzalez, whose husband left for the U.S., eventually lost contact and stopped sending money. Her sons also have left to look for work. She and her two daughters remain behind, trying to get by selling cactus products in local markets.

In one scene, tears well in one son's eyes as the soft-spoken Gonzalez tells him in Spanish: "I love you very much and send you a hug ... and we really feel your absence."

It was while making a documentary about illegal immigrants in Texas called "Los

Trabajadores/The Workers," that Courtney thought about telling a story from the women's perspective.

Two years later, Courtney left in her 1989 Volvo station wagon for the Mexican state of Guanajuato with a Fulbright Fellowship and a video camera.

"I wasn't setting out to make an advocate piece or political piece," she said.

What she found were families who drifted apart just to survive economically, Courtney said.

The idea for the video letters surfaced after one woman asked Courtney if she would show her footage to her sons in the U.S.

CHILDREN

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our children, because as we age, it becomes harder and harder to lose excess weight. Physical changes occur that make it physiologically more difficult, and the poor habits that led to the initial gain become more and more ingrained.

Yet for responsible parents and adults, once we understand what's really at stake for the overweight child, it also gets harder and harder to ignore the progressing

problem.

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Quarterback Club meeting is Monday

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

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

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

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.

Ryder Cup rout: Europe wins easily

STRAFFAN, Ireland (AP) — Favorites or underdogs in the Ryder Cup, it doesn't matter to the Europeans.

They wanted to win for Darren Clarke and the memory of his wife, for a captain who relied on instincts, for each other. Boasting their best team ever, they backed it up by turning the Ryder Cup into another rout Sunday, winning 18 1/2-9 1/2 to make history as the first European team to win three straight times.

There's no question who owns this Ryder Cup — the trophy and the tournament.

Europe won 8 1/2 points from the 12 singles matches — the total the Americans needed for an unlikely comeback — and the final score matched the largest margin of victory set in 2004 at Oakland Hills.

Only a gesture of sportsmanship kept Europe, which has won five of the last six Ryder Cups, from the biggest rout by either side since this format began in 1979. J.J. Henry needed to make a 25-foot birdie putt to halve his match, and Paul McGinley conceded the putt.

Tampa Bay QB has spleen removed

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Simms had his spleen removed after taking several hard hits in Sunday's 26-24 loss to the Carolina Panthers and was resting comfortably in a hospital.

"Chris is doing well and we anticipate a full recovery," team physician Dr. Joe Diaco said in a brief statement, adding the 26-year-old son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms was in stable condition.

Simms had a blood transfusion as part of his treatment and was expected to be hospitalized for several days, Peter King said during a break on NBC's Sunday Night Football, citing a conversation the Sports Illustrated reporter had with Simms' mother, Diana Simms.

Simms, who left the game briefly but returned, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.



Big Spring High School's Jordan Valle crosses the finish line during the Big Spring Invitational Cross Country Meet Saturday at Birdwell Park. Big Spring easily won the boys' team title.

Herald photo/Mike Grimes

Steers race to meet title

By MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Cross Country team has dominated meets this year, and Saturday's results weren't any different.

The BSHS boys dominated the competition as they easily won the team title at the Big Spring Invitational Saturday at Birdwell Park.

Competing on what some coaches said was the toughest course runners would face all year, the Steers had six athletes take off from the starting line against close to 50 other runners. For half of the race, BSHS held the top six spots in the field. And when it was all said and done, the team won its fourth straight meet, as each local runner finished in the top 10.

Zack Dawson ran a 16.51.78 to finish first. Finishing second with a time of 17.37.14 was Big Spring's Michael

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'Horns again at top

By JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — It may be early but Texas is already back where it ended last season: At the top of the Big 12 standings.

The seventh-ranked Longhorns claimed first place by beating Iowa State 37-14 Saturday

in the only Big 12 Conference game on the schedule. Eight other teams get started in league play this week, and Oklahoma and Oklahoma State finally get into the mix on Oct. 7.

"It's time to play now," Texas quarterback Colt McCoy said.

Texas' win was its 16th straight in Big 12 play, breaking the league record set by Kansas State from 1997-98. The Longhorns' last conference loss came Oct. 9, 2004, against Oklahoma — their opponent when they return to Big 12 play in two weeks.

"This was a fun week. It was a fun week to coach because guys get excited about the conference race," Longhorns coach Mack Brown said. "This week, they had a pep in their step a lot like they did for the Ohio State game."

Texas (3-1, 1-0 Big 12) gets Division I-AA Sam Houston State on Saturday before playing six Big 12 games in as many weeks. The Longhorns don't get a bye until the week before their final regular season game.

"It's hard. There is nothing easy about it, but you have to go out every week and play hard," Texas guard Kasey Studdard said. "You can't take any team lightly and that is what our coaches preach to us."

More important than the opening win against Iowa State is the Dallas

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NFL ROUNDUP



Eric Seale/Detroit Free Press/MCT

Detroit wide receiver Eddie Drummond (18) can't hang onto the ball thrown into the end zone during game action against the Green Bay Packers. The Packers defeated the Lions, 31-24, Sunday.

Palmer, Cincy rally past Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Carson Palmer wasn't about to lose this one. Not against the Pittsburgh Steelers, the team he says he hates — the team he spent eight exhausting months rehabilitating his mangled knee mostly for the chance to face.

Alternating between brilliant and awful, the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback threw two touchdown passes to T.J. Houshmandzadeh less than a minute apart midway through the fourth quarter following Steelers turnovers and the unbeaten Bengals rallied for a 28-20 victory Sunday over the Super Bowl champions.

Only three games into the season,

the Bengals (3-0) own a two-game lead in the AFC North over the Steelers (1-2), who couldn't withstand a second mediocre game in seven days by their own rehabilitating quarterback.

Ben Roethlisberger, recovering from an offseason motorcycle accident and appendicitis attack, was an ineffective 18-of-39 for 209 yards. Palmer had three fumbles and two interceptions, yet withstood them with four touchdown passes. He went 18-of-26 for 193 yards.

Packers 31, Lions 24

DETROIT (AP) — Brett Favre joined elite company with the 400th touchdown pass of his career, then

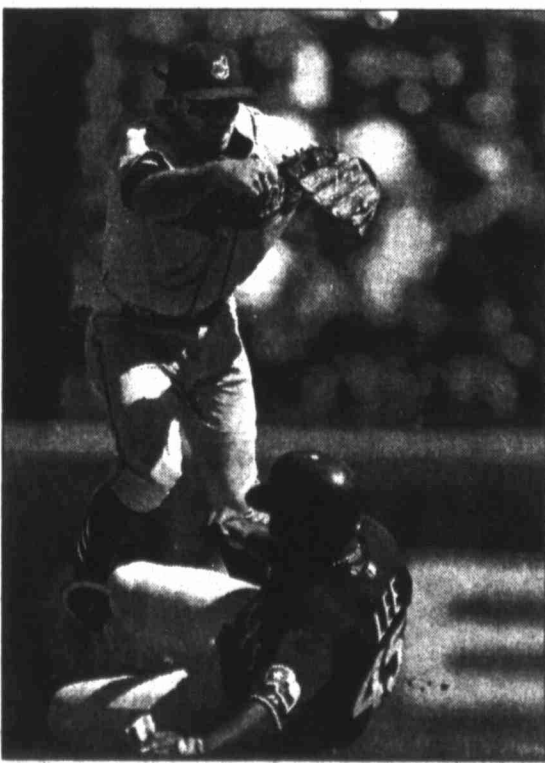
added two more scores to lead Green Bay to its first win.

With his first TD pass of the game — a 75-yarder to rookie Greg Jennings — Favre joined Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the only quarterbacks to reach 400 touchdown passes. Marino has 420.

The Lions (0-3) remained winless under new coach Rod Marinelli. Mike McCarthy earned his first victory as coach of the Packers (1-2).

Favre reached the milestone in his 228th game, one more than Marino needed to throw No. 400. He finished 25-of-36 for 340 yards with

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Khampha Souphanh/MCT

Sliding Texas baserunner Carlos Lee breaks up a double play attempt by Cleveland second baseman Joe Inglett in the fifth inning of their game Sunday in Arlington.

Indians run over Rangers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Grady Sizemore wasn't thinking about another home run when he hit a flare down the left-field line. Then Cleveland's speedy leadoff hitter saw the ball rolling behind the outfielder and his coach waving him home.

Sizemore's first-ever inside-the-park homer, and major league-leading 90th extra-base hit, came an inning after he homered into the second deck of seats in right field. His first multihomer game highlighted the Indians' 11-6 victory Sunday and spoiled the Texas Rangers' home finale.

"It's usually those first two or three steps out of the box that give you a chance to do it or not," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "He was getting after it like he always does. With the way the ball bounced, he

was able to get it."

Sizemore said he had never had an inside-the-park homer at any level, not even Little League.

"It was definitely exciting," Sizemore said.

Carlos Lee made an unsuccessful sliding attempt to catch the looping fly ball in the sixth. The ball rolled past him into the corner, and Sizemore easily scored.

"A lot of guys would have been coasting to first base seeing if it was going to fall," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "He is probably one of the few guys that would have been going that hard out of the box to score on it."

When Lee came to bat in the seventh and ninth innings, the potential free agent was greeted with a chorus of boos.

"It's a play that we'd like to make, but we didn't," Showalter said.

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showdown with Oklahoma. The teams have represented the South Division in the Big 12 title game each of the past seven seasons, and Texas in 2001 was the only one to overcome a Red River loss on its way to the South title.

For Iowa State (2-2, 0-1), the loss shouldn't be as painful because it comes outside of divisional play. The Cyclones, who've missed out on the North title because of overtime losses each of the past two seasons, get North foes Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri all in Ames.

AND THEN THERE

WERE TWO: Four Big 12 teams entered the week with unblemished records, and only two emerged without a loss. Missouri and Texas A&M each made it to Big 12 play with 4-0 nonconference records. The Tigers start conference play with a home game against 0-4 Colorado while Texas A&M gets a visit from Texas Tech.

"You don't ratchet up," said Missouri coach Gary Pinkel, whose Tigers moved into the AP poll at No. 25. "Are we holding back out there? No, you don't do that. You play as hard as you can."

Kansas State (3-1) suffered its first defeat with a 24-6 loss to No. 8 Louisville, while Oklahoma State (3-1) fell at Houston 34-25.

HICKS RETURNS: Jarrett Hicks, who led the Big 12 with 10 touchdown catches last season, played his first game for Texas Tech this season after receiving an academic eligibility waiver from the NCAA on Friday. He had three catches for 59 yards and one touchdown in Tech's 62-0 win against Southeastern Louisiana.

"I wanted to get him a few catches, and I'm glad he got some," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We played him like we had hoped, maybe even a little more than we thought we were going to."

Before this season, the only other game Hicks had missed was the season opener against Florida International last season for personal reasons.

"Sitting at home the last three weeks, listening to the games on the radio, watching it on TV, it was kind of hard," Hicks said.

OH, MEIERS: It wasn't the best week for the Big 12's quarterbacking Meier brothers.

Kansas State's Dylan Meier got tormented by Louisville's defense and completed only 14 of 33 passes for 121 yards and an interception before getting pulled in favor of freshman Josh Freeman.

His brother, Kerry Meier, was held out of Kansas' game against South Florida because of a sore right shoulder.

Now the question is whether either will be in the starting lineup when the Wildcats (3-1) and Jayhawks (3-1) meet on Nov. 18.

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Rodriguez.

"That was a great effort by everyone and a fantastic time for Zack on this course," Coach Britton said after the meet. "Michael needs to continue to run hard and regain the form that has made him a two-time state qualifier."

San Angelo Central placed three runners in the top 10. However, the day belonged to Big Spring.

"We had so many loops and turns in this course," Zack Dawson said, as he looked at the medal in his hands. "This is a good course for the team to run and to keep us focussed on the goal of winning state. It is definitely a tough course. Our team has been running about seven miles each morning and we are going to

have to continue to train at that type of pace."

On Saturday, the team will travel to Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock for a meet that will provide them with some tougher competition, Britton said, and also give them their first look this year at where District and Regional meets will be held.

"The past few years we have come up in short when it came time to advance," the tired Dawson explained. "We know we have the potential to win it all and we understand this is a do-or-die year for us. We're tired of not finishing with our best efforts, but with the work that everyone on this team has put in this season we feel like we deserve (a state championship), and that this is the year for Big Spring."

According to Britton, anything less would be a disappointment for every-

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three TDs with no interceptions. Jennings caught three passes for 101 yards and a TD.

Bears 19, Vikings 16
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Chicago and its defense are still in charge of the NFC North.

After a rough afternoon against a suddenly stingy Minnesota defense, Rex Grossman threw a 24-yard touchdown to Rashied Davis right after the 2-minute warning and the Bears (3-0) remained unbeaten.

Antoine Winfield returned one of Grossman's two interceptions for a fourth-quarter touchdown, and Ryan Longwell's third field goal with 7:27 remaining gave Minnesota (2-1) a 16-12 edge. But Grossman came through with his first career fourth-quarter scoring pass after Chester Taylor lost a fumble with 3 1/2 minutes left, and Adewale Ogunleye recov-

ered at the Vikings' 37. Grossman completed 33 of 41 passes for 278 yards.

Eagles 38, 49ers 24
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mike Patterson finished his stunning 98-yard fumble return at a walk, easing his 292 pounds into the end zone. After an outstanding effort in San Francisco, the Eagles deserved a little rest — especially the big guy.

Brian Westbrook rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns, also catching a scoring pass from Donovan McNabb for the Eagles (2-1).

McNabb passed for 296 yards and Reggie Brown caught five passes for 106 yards for as the Eagles shook off last week's embarrassing collapse against the Giants.

Patterson seized an unlikely moment when Frank Gore fumbled while trying to stretch over a goal-line pile of players in the third quarter. Patterson scooped the ball out of the pile and lumbered away, getting to midfield before most of

the Niners realized it. He eventually walked over the line for the longest scoring fumble return in Eagles history, surpassing a 32-year-old record.

Dolphins 13, Titans 10
MIAMI (AP) — Sacks, poor passes and blocking breakdowns kept the score close, and two winless teams looked the part — until the Dolphins' offense showed a little life midway through the fourth quarter.

A 50-yard drive set up a 39-yard field goal by Olindo Mare with 3:39 left to help sputtering Miami beat the hapless Tennessee Titans 13-10 on Sunday.

The Dolphins improved to 1-2 — not bad considering they've scored only four touchdowns this season. Tennessee is 0-3 for the sixth time since the franchise was founded in 1960.

Miami won even though Daunte Culpepper was limited to 168 yards passing and was sacked five times, giving him 15 this season. Ronnie Brown rushed for 90 yards, including a 27-yard gain to set up Mare's go-ahead kick. For the first time in the Titans' three games, rookie quarterback Vince Young didn't play.

Jets 28, Bills 20
ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Quarterback Chad Pennington and an opportunistic defense made up for the Jets' lack of a running game.

Pennington capped three drives of 58 yards or more with touchdowns, and linebacker Victor Hobson's 32-yard fumble return for a score clinched the Jets' victory.

Pennington, coming off consecutive 300-yard passing outings, finished 19-of-29 for 183 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown completion to Chris Baker. Willis McGahee ran for a career-high 150 yards for the Bills.

The Jets are 2-1; the Bills 1-2.

Colts 21, Jaguars 14
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jacksonville thought it could contain Indianapolis' high-scoring offense by playing keepaway. Good idea, but it didn't matter much to Peyton Manning.

Jacksonville held Manning to one touchdown pass, but Indianapolis found other ways to score — on Terrence Wilkins' punt return and a rare rushing TD by the Colts quarterback — to maintain their lead in the AFC South.

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West led the king of clubs against six hearts and shifted to the ace of spades. Chow ruffed and quickly concluded that West, having bid for 11 tricks all by himself, very likely had at most two red-suit cards.

Therefore, acting on the high probability that East had both missing red jacks, Chow ruffed a club in dummy at trick three, led a heart at trick four and finessed the ten!

When the ten held, Chow ruffed another club in dummy, returned a low diamond and again finessed the ten! When this finesse likewise succeeded, Chow was home free. He cashed the A-K-Q of trumps, then the Q-K-A of diamonds, and scored his 12th trick with dummy's nine of diamonds.

And so, West's magnificent hand wound up costing him the princely sum of 1,210 points. It also taught him that you don't take movie moguls or presidents of bridge leagues too lightly.

Tomorrow: Shifting defense.
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

If you love someone, pull their hair. This and other childish tips can now be learned in the sandbox of life as Pluto and Venus square off. Love is a form of focus. The way we choose to get each other's attention in order to feel some of that focus — whether we're age 3, 33 or 103 — is not always so pretty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's easy to take issue with the wrongs of your partner, or the world in general. It's equally easy to take no issue at all, to leave all issues alone — thus giving them no power over you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The recurring dreams you've been having about a person from your past have a much deeper meaning than you realize. It's your day to confront certain unresolved issues and finally put them to rest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You create a lovely bit of personal theater for someone you care deeply for. You exaggerate the beauty and diminish the flaws. You're revered as a person of class because of this.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your limitations will ultimately be what move you to the next level of

artistry. The stars align to focus you on what makes you so special, whether it is a talent or an inability. Both are magnificent facets of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People teach what they need to learn. Actually, you don't even know what you know until you attempt to teach it. So go forth and find yourself a student. Your subsequent education will astound you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Explore your power. Think about what would happen if you made other choices. Confidence comes from being sure you're on the right path. There's real potential for your relationship with a Gemini person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Opportunities may go unrecognized until a Pisces or Sagittarius person points them out. If you want to get the romantic fires burning again, spend time with a partner doing something neither of you have tried before.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes taking action is the thing to do. Other times, the best action to take is doing nothing at all. Though it'll be difficult for you not to speak your mind, remaining neutral today will benefit you in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever a loved one asks of you, you're up to the task. But are your requests being listened to? Learn from your past mistakes and assert your-

self sooner in a relation-
ship rather than later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Speak up at a meeting, and you'll find others are thinking the same way. An invitation comes from a higher-up — it's dangerous to accept unless you know it's strictly business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though impatient now, it's important to remind yourself that sometimes financial gain happens bit by bit instead of all at once. Style counts, and you have it. Gracious hosting gets you rave reviews with in-laws or clients.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). From time to time, you'll reinvent yourself for your own entertainment, but never because someone doesn't accept you the way you are. Those people will never understand, so it's not worth the effort.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Cancer, born July 13. Also a twin, I'm second born. I love a Capricorn who has too many secrets and lives in another state. He's my first love. He's betrayed my trust, but I still love him just as much. I'm kind of having a relationship with a Taurus. I know that this will not go far, although we've been at this for three years. He kind of has a second life, too. What should I do? I'm confused. I know these two may not be worth it."

Your stars suggest to me that you too have a second life, dear Cancer. A secret fantasy life that

doesn't get visited nearly enough. Your attraction to these mysterious types is your desire to live out your fantasy self. This, of course, will require that you spend some time in your fantasy world, learning what other reality lives there. These love interests are, as you say, "worth it" to the extent that they're teaching you about your own desire to be unique. By the way, you're incredibly unique, and you've no need to create this, but only to play in the land inside you waiting to be discovered.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Golden California-girl Heather Locklear is a Venus-ruled Libra whose combination of talent, charisma and beauty, draws people in, whether it be to high drama ("Dynasty"), campy soap ("Melrose Place") or situation comedy ("Spin City"). She has showbiz in her back pocket, so I see a big focus for Locklear this upcoming year on her personal life and new relationship with David Spade.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Last May, my fiance and I rented a three-bedroom house with a basement and a two-car garage, and agreed to let his best friend, "Josh," move in. We would each pay \$500 a month to cover the rent and utilities. So far, Josh has paid only \$200. Plus, he keeps his room full of dirty clothes and dishes.

How can I make my fiance understand that I am tired of having the two of us pay all the bills? Josh has been looking for work, but not very hard. Also, Josh has a daughter who lives with her mother, and when their electricity was cut off, she washed her clothes in our home, even though she earns more money than I do. I asked her not to do this without first getting my permission, and she got really angry. She constantly refers to the place as "Josh's" house, which really burns me up.

I am trying to be reasonable, and I certainly don't want to have a falling out with my fiance over this, but I am tired of being broke after each payday. Please help. — Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: This sounds like the plot of "You, Me and Dupree." The situation with Josh is not likely to get better, and even if he becomes a more reliable tenant, you will still have to deal with the ex and their daughter. Your living arrangements are not working, and you must find a way to transmit this information to your fiance so he understands how serious an issue it is. If he is unwilling to toss out his best friend, you may be stuck with Josh until your lease is up. But insist that the next place you rent will be just the two of you. Make it about privacy and not about Josh, and your fiance may be more receptive.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Lisette," who hasn't spoken to her sister "Lana" in over a year. Get over it!

My sister and I were close at one time but had



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

a horrible argument. Except for an occasional family gathering we did not speak for over 10 years. At the age of 57, she had a heart attack. We reconnected briefly before she died six weeks later.

Because of pride, I wasted all those years I could have had with her and her family. Is the argument worth losing your sister permanently or carrying the guilt with you the rest of your life? Accept each other's faults and enjoy one another. — Forever Guilty

Dear Forever: You learned a harsh lesson, but please know that your sad experience will serve as a warning to others. Thank you.

Dear Annie: Thirty years ago, my wife, "Alicia," had an affair with a prominent citizen in our community. It began when she was asked to co-chair a charitable organization with him. He started driving her back and forth. She would return later and later, and then the two of them would sit in his car outside our house for another half-hour. Two years into the affair, Alicia went away on a "business trip," where she spent a week with him at a vacation resort. She also gave me a venereal disease.

Most people in our community know the two of them had a fling. Early in the affair, we went for counseling, but Alicia repeatedly lied in the sessions. We stayed together, but our marriage has

never been the same. I'm still in counseling. She won't go.

This man is now 80 years old. When he dies, Alicia will want to go to his funeral. I am not in favor of this, but I know she won't listen to me. Should I allow her to attend his funeral, and should I go also? — Still Coping Husband

Dear Husband: Allow her to attend? You apparently have no say in the matter. Alicia has been walking all over you for 30 years. Unless she takes responsibility for the damage she's done to your marriage, counseling will only do so much. Since she is going to attend the funeral anyway, we say go with her. The woman needs a leash.

Dear Annie: Many of your readers may be concerned about risks to children on the Internet. As more and more children go online, so do child predators. Families should know that children too often make themselves vulnerable targets.

In a national survey of children (8-18) last fall, we found that half of teenagers post personal information about themselves online, one-third talked about meeting someone they knew only online, and one in eight discovered an adult posing as much younger. We recommend positive communication with your child and steps, such as:

Tweens, ages 8-12, take fewer risks and should be praised for caution. Teens, 13-18, must be convinced of risks and may need to hear stories of kids manipulated because of their internet behavior.

Know what your kids do online. Ask them to show you their profiles and what activities are popular on the Web.

Let children know from the start that you will monitor their Web use. Keep computers in public rooms and limit use to when you are present.

Search the Internet for your child's name. Millions of people can see

what children post online. Parents should know, too. If children insist on meeting someone known only from the Internet, they should take a parent or other adult and meet the online friend in a public place.

Listen calmly and try not to react negatively when children are honest about online experiences. They should know they can come to you for help.

For more guidance, and to order our new, free Internet Safety Kit, visit our website (www.pollyklaas.org). Thank you. — Robert De Leo, Executive Director,

Polly Klaas Foundation
Dear Robert De Leo: Thank you for providing such sage advice. We hope our readers will consider getting your Internet Safety Kit to learn more.

Dear Annie: This is in regard to "Isolated on the Great Plains," whose parents left her 70 percent of their estate and gave 30 percent to her late brother's children. Now one of her daughters wants her inheritance early. She should give her two daughters the same amount her brother's children received, and then do a Warren Buffett and leave the balance of her estate to charity. An inheritance is not an entitlement — it is a gift. — Thinking Ahead

Dear Thinking: Many readers agree with you, although we would not want the parents to punish one child because the other is greedy. Still, an inheritance is what the parents wish to give, no more, no less.

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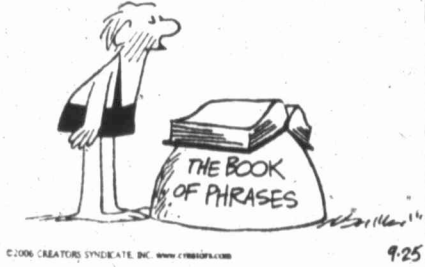
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By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2006. There are 97 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 25, 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)
On this date:
In 1506, King Philip I of Castile died.
In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an

attack on Montreal.
In 1890, Wilford Woodruff, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, issued a Manifesto formally renouncing the practice of polygamy.
In 1906, Russian composer Dmitry Shostakovich was born in St. Petersburg.
In 1919, President Wilson collapsed from a stroke after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.
In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable went into service.
In 1957, with 300 U.S. Army troops standing guard, nine black children forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class.
In 1973, the three-man

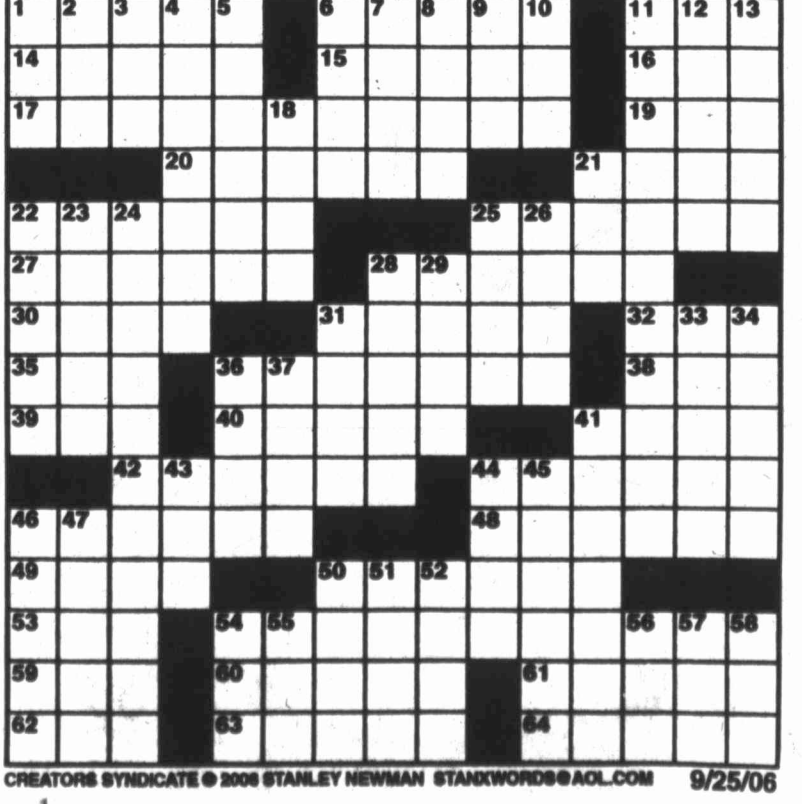
crew of the U.S. space laboratory Skylab 2 splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean after spending 59 days in orbit.
In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.
In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

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