



Animal friendly

Spay-neuter project funds being expended

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With a month already under its belt, the Big Spring Police Department's Animal Friendly Spay-Neuter Project has nearly made its way through half its funding.

More than 170 vouchers have been issued for the spaying and neutering of pets.

"Of the \$30,000 we received from the grant, we've used approximately \$12,320," said Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness.

"We issued 179 vouchers, 75 for male dogs, 31 for male cats, 41 for female dogs and 32 for female cats.

Chamness explained that the grant funding comes through the Texas Department of State Health Services Zoonosis

Division. The funds come from the sale of the animal-themed license plates.

"They recently decided to take those funds and put them into the sterilization of pets," Chamness said. "The state of Texas spends more than \$20 million each year for the euthanasia of animals. And while that number seems huge, we spend quite a bit on the same thing here in Big Spring."

Chamness said the program is based on vouchers provided by the state and allows pet owners to use the veterinarian of their choice to have their pets spayed or neutered.

"The vouchers will pay up to \$80 for dogs and \$70 for cats," said Chamness. "The owner of the animal must provide proof of vaccination against rabies, a state requirement, and a city license for the pet, a local

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Howard County Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles looks over tax assessments as her staff prepares to send out more than 37,000 tax statements to Howard County residents. Taxpayers have from Oct. 1 to Jan. 31 to pay their taxes without any penalties or interest.

Tax office gets statements ready for property owners

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Stuffing envelopes may not sound like a tough job, but when there are more than 37,000 of them facing you, it can be daunting.

That's the sight Howard County Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles face as she and her staff

race to get more than 30,000 tax statements to area property owners in the next two weeks.

"Once the values have been certified to me, I wait for all of the entities to set the tax rate," said Sayles.

"As of Oct. 1, I take the values and apply the tax rates and start the process of doing the tax rolls and printing the tax statements. This office handles tax collections for all of the entities in the area."

Once the tax statements are printed, Sayles said her staff will begin the task of making sure they get where they are supposed to go.

"After we get the statements printed, we start stuffing envelopes and try to get them mailed out," said Sayles. "The loan companies will request their statements, and we'll get those pulled and get those to them as well. Taxes actually become due as of Oct. 1, but we don't get the statements really ready until several days after that."

"We print close to 40,000 statements each year," she added. "This year we'll print about 41,000, which is up some mainly

because of the mineral values. We have about 2,000 to 3,000 statements that belong to loan companies which we don't have to mail out separately, but that still leaves about 37,000 tax statements that we have to stuff into envelopes and mail out. We just all grab a box and start stuffing. We have some people that just work with the loan companies to make sure they receive theirs, but the rest of us just get busy stuffing the envelopes."

Sayles said taxpayers have until Jan. 31, 2007, to pay their taxes and avoid penalties and interest. After that date, things can get rather costly.

"Taxpayers have from Oct. 1 to Jan. 31 to pay their taxes without any penalties or interest," said Sayles. "In February, the penalties will start at 7 percent (6 percent penalty, 1 percent interest), and increase each month."

The tax penalty and interest schedule is as follows: After Jan. 31, 6 percent penalty and 1 percent interest; after Feb. 28, 7 percent penalty and

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Death toll up to six

Amish community reeling after school shootings

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press Writer

NICKEL MINES, Pa. — Two more children died Tuesday morning of wounds from the shootings at an Amish schoolhouse, raising the death toll to five girls plus the gunman who apparently was spurred by a two-decades-old grudge.

The toll from the nation's third deadly school shooting in less than a week rose twice within a matter of hours Tuesday with the deaths of a 9-year-old girl at Christiana Hospital in Delaware and a 7-year-old girl at Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey.

Five additional girls were hospitalized.

The Bush administration on Monday called for a school violence summit to be held next week with education and law enforcement officials to discuss possible federal action to help communities prevent violence and deal with its aftermath.

State police spokeswoman Linette Quinn said the two girls who died early Tuesday had suffered "very severe injuries, but the other ones are coming along very well."

The 9-year-old girl died about 1 a.m., and the 7-year-old girl died about 4:30 a.m.

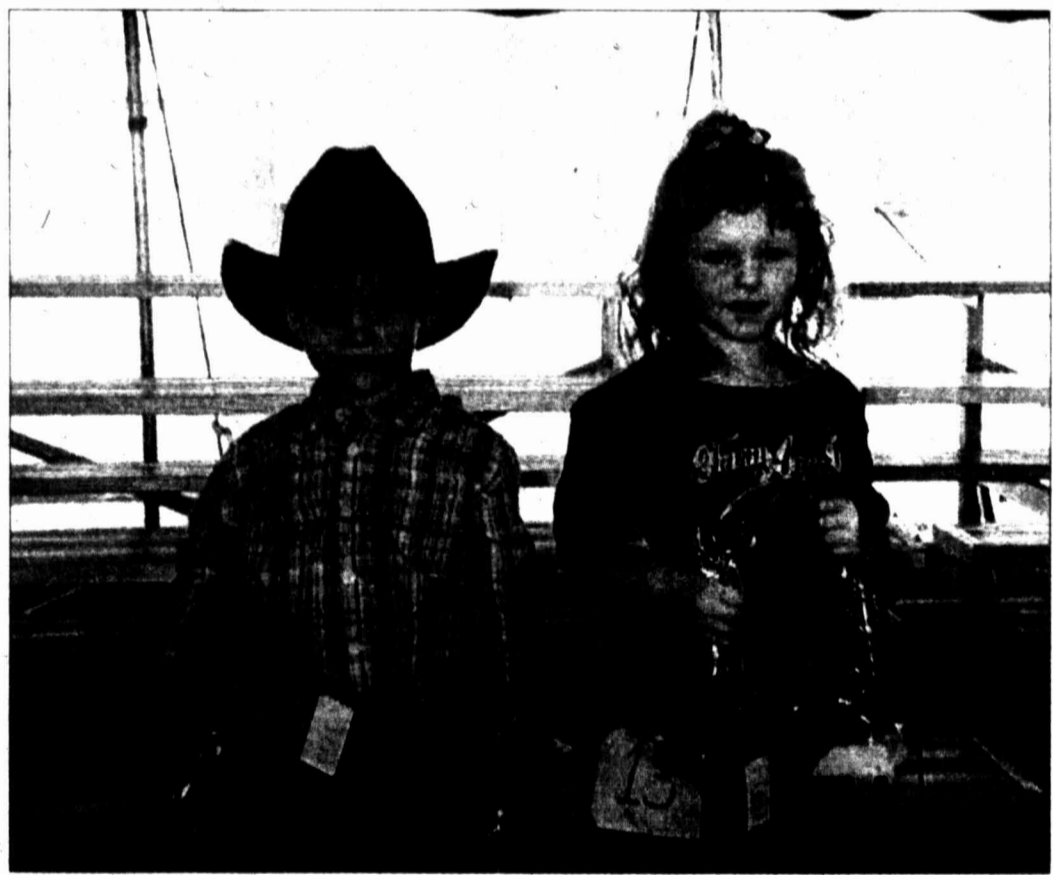
"Her parents were with her," hospital spokeswoman Amy Buehler Stranges said of the 7-year-old. "She was taken off life support and she passed away shortly after."

Authorities said the gunman, Charles Carl Roberts IV, 32, wrote what authorities described as suicide notes, took guns and ammunition and went to a nearby one-room schoolhouse, where he opened fire on several girls and took his own life, authorities said.

Roberts, a father of three from nearby Bart Township and was, not Amish, did not appear to be targeting the Amish and apparently chose the school because he was

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KOUNTRY KIDS WINNERS



Courtesy photo

Here are the winners of the Kountry Kids Contest held Saturday at the Howard County Fair 2006. They are Zachary Vela, 3, the son of Edwin and Jan Vela, and Greenley Deatherage, 4, the daughter of Terry and Michelle Deatherage. Both took first-place finishes in their age divisions, as well as taking the grand champion trophies.

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UW DINE OUT DAY

Gale's Sweet Shoppe is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

The restaurant will be having the same type event as last year — carhops, hamburger, fries and a drink for about \$5; '50s will be music playing.

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

Following that, the "Dine Out Day" locations will be:

- October 13 - Greg's Grill
 - October 20 - KC Steakhouse
- For information about UW, call Cynthia Scott at 267-5201.

AIRSHO 2006 COMING

Commemorative Air Force and Alon USA will team up to present the Fina-CAF Airsho 2006 Saturday and Sunday at Midland International Airport.

Gates open at 7:30 a.m. both days. Aircraft will be available for viewing from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Show times are noon until approximately 4 p.m. both days.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6 to 12. Children five and under get in free.

For more information about the Fina-CAF Airsho 2006, please call (432) 563-1000 or go to www.airsho.org

JUST CLOWNING AROUND

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — A real clown is running for mayor of Alameda, and even his sister won't vote for him.

Kenneth Kahn, 41, a professional joker known as "Kenny the Clown," admits he's running a long-shot campaign for City Hall's top spot. "People ask me, 'Do we really want to elect a clown for mayor of the city?'" he said. "I say, 'That's an excellent question.'"

Sylvia Kahn said her brother's candidacy is a "mockery of our system."

"I don't think it makes any sense, because, to me, running for mayor is not where you start as far as community involvement goes," she said.

Obituaries

Lynda Proffitt



Lynda Proffitt, 53, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at the College Baptist Church with Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born Oct. 4, 1952, in Riverside, Calif. and married Dan Proffitt on Aug. 18, 1971, in Big Spring. Lynda resided in Big Spring all of her life and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1971. Lynda and Dan worked together at Proffitt Day Care for 25 years. She was a fully accredited and certified day care director. She loved and enjoyed being involved with her family, and was a member of College Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Dan Proffitt of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Shawn and Vince Hatfield of Big Spring; one son, Blake Proffitt of Midland; three grandchildren, Joshua Hatfield, Zachary Hatfield, and Emily Hatfield; her mother, Jo Meador of Big Spring; one brother, Steve Meador of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; her mother-in-law, Sue Hooser of Big Spring; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, including Jay Proffitt and Seth Proffitt both of Austin, and Rick Proffitt of Waco. She was preceded in death by her father, James Meador in 1972, and her father-in-law, Buddy Proffitt in 1971. The family will be at 707 West 18th. The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice of Big Spring, 111 East 7th Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Ivan M. Scott

Ivan M. "Scotty" Scott, 92, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Walter McCall, Chaplain of Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Ivan was born on Aug. 14, 1914, in Sweetwater and married Willery "Pat" Scott. He retired from truck driving after several years and was a Baptist. Survivors include his wife, Pat Scott of Big Spring; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Billy and Barbara Scott of League City and Ivan Scott Jr. of Dallas; one daughter, Glenda Scott of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Charles Scott in 2004; two sisters and one brother. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Barbara Morris



Barbara Morris, 71, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with Rev. James E. Liggett officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Bellvue Cemetery in Rotan. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She was born July 9, 1935, in Fisher County to Thelma and T. E. Sparks. Barbara married V. H. "Hoss" Morris June 22, 1955, in Aspermont. They moved to Big Spring in 1981 from Paducah. She had been employed by Wal-Mart since 1982. Barbara had been very active in church and community activities. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and was president of the Episcopal Church Women of St. Mary's. She was also active in the "Walk to Emmaus." Barbara served as Smoke-Out Chairman for many years. She also served on the board of directors of Relay for Life and the Big Spring Chapter of the American Cancer Society. She is survived by her husband: V. H. "Hoss" Morris of Big Spring; one daughter, Lynne Morris of Big Spring; two brothers, Frank Sparks and his wife, Sally of Lubbock, and Charles Sparks of San Antonio; sister-in-law, Beth Bennett of Susanville, Calif.; and several cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, James Sparks. The family suggests memorials to Relay for Life, c/o Diane Wood, 3200 Greenbriar, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Police blotter

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

- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 42, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES BOETTCHER, 59, of 910 W. Third Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- TERRANCE EVANS, 22, of 1606 Wood, was arrested Monday on a Midland County warrant.
- FRANK JACKSON, 57, of 107 W. Ninth Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - in the 100 block of Third Street.
 - in the 1300 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of South Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Lancaster.

Sheriff's report

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

- RICHARD LEE OLIVAS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Howard County warrant for theft by check.
- FRANK LEE JACKSON, 47, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- KRISTLE MARIE MARTINEZ, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- MICHELLE LYNN STOAKS, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance.
- TRAVIS RYAN DAMGAARD, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a promise to appear and speeding.
- TONY RAY BINGHAM, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of operating a motor boat without registration, violation of a promise to appear, motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention and a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- MARSHA DIANNE CARTER, 30, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of tampering with government records (insurance documents) and theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5300 block of Longshore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of Stonehaven. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of the Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 3300 block of FM 700.

Take Note

- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

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Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds around 10 mph.
Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.
Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.
Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.
Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.
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Sunday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.
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Columbus Day — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-20-28-31. Bonus Ball: 23.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2.
Prize: \$2.15 million.
Winning tickets sold in: Bryan and Eules.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-27-34-35.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$29,999.
Winning ticket sold in: Humble.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night, in order:
3-9-8

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon, in order:
6-2-9

Support Groups

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

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

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.
All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Correction

A photo caption in Friday's Sept. 29 edition of the Herald mis-identified a member of the Marshall family preparing for the 2006 Howard County Fair. The people in the picture were Bobbie Marshall; her daughter, Amy Parker, and her husband, Larry Marshall. Mr. Marshall was originally identified as Amy's husband, Steve Parker. We regret and apologize for the mistake, as well as any embarrassment it may have cause.

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Legislators briefed, honored at Destination Dignity lunch

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR briefed area legislators and members of their staff during Wednesday's Destination Dignity Luncheon in Big Spring.

The luncheon is held prior to each session and gives members of the mental health and mental retardation authority an opportunity to provide information on the center's goals and objectives and what they've accomplished the past two years.

"Once the session starts, it's difficult to get any down time, so we use this opportunity during Destination Dignity Month, which is a celebration of life for our consumers to meet with our lawmakers in a relaxed, informative atmosphere," said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR's CEO.

"Many people don't know the scope of what our Center does and how

many lives we touch," Smith added. "We have found that this luncheon is an excellent opportunity to share information and have some one-on-one time with people who shape policy."

Smith also presented the Clyde J. Alsup Outstanding Service Awards. Mike Henry, KBST news director, received the Outstanding Media Award; Sweetwater businessman Ronnie Cox was the recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award; and NAMI Andrews Chapter was honored with the Outstanding Advocates in Action Award.

Alsup was one of the leaders, along with others who helped create the Texas Centers in the 1990s. The awards were given in his memory to people who unselfishly give of themselves and need throughout the state, Smith said.

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MHMR CEO Shelley Smith presents three Clyde J. Alsup Outstanding Service Awards during the Destination Dignity Community Luncheon. Pictured with Smith are the award winners: Mike Henry, KBST Outstanding Media Award; David Peralta, NAMI-Andrews Chapter, Advocates in Action Award, and Ronnie Cox, Outstanding Community Service Award.

Madam County Judge Dallas Brewer and Nolan County Judge Tim Fambrough addressed the crowd of dignitaries. Judge Lockhart serves as chairman of the center's board of trustees.

Judges Brewer and Fambrough are members of the center's board of trustees.

Janet Payne, director of mental health services, gave an overview of the center's services which it

provides to 2,000 people. She said the center's Comprehensive Community Center provides

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bent on killing young girls as a way of "acting out in revenge for something that happened 20 years ago," said state police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller.

"This is a horrendous, horrific incident for the Amish community. They're solid citizens in the community. They're good people. They don't deserve ... no one deserves this," Miller said.

The names of the dead were not immediately released.

Of the injured, a 6-year-old girl remained in critical condition and a 13-year-old girl was in serious condition at Penn State Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, where she was out of surgery, spokeswoman Buehler Stranges said. She said



Charles Carl Roberts

the names of the injured were not being released.

Three girls, ages 6, 10 and 12, were flown to Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, where they were out of surgery and remained in critical

condition together.

The teacher and another adult fled to a nearby farmhouse, and authorities were called at about 7:30 a.m. Miller said Roberts apparently called his wife from a cell phone around 11 a.m., saying he was taking revenge for an old grudge. Miller refused to say what the grudge could have been.

"It seems as though he wanted to attack young, female victims," Miller said.

Miller told NBC's "Today" that Roberts lost his daughter "approximately five years ago" and that may have been a factor in the shooting.

Miller said a teacher had to take the kids to a farm house to call police because there wasn't one at the school, and he was keeping with Amish tradition.

Parents refused to fly in planes ... again in keep-

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— and had to be driven to see their children at hospitals. Miller told "Today." Some were taken to the wrong hospitals in the confusion, Miller said.

From the suicide notes and telephone calls, it was clear Roberts was "angry at life, he was angry at God," and co-workers said his mood had darkened in recent days, Miller said.

In a statement released to reporters, the gunman's wife, Marie Roberts, called her husband "loving, supportive and thoughtful."

"He was an exceptional father," she said. "He took the kids to soccer practice and games, played ball in the backyard and took our 7-year-old daughter shopping. He never said no when I asked him to change a diaper."

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2 percent interest; after March 31, 8 percent penalty and 3 percent interest; after April 30, 9 percent penalty and 4 percent interest; after May 31, 10 percent penalty and 5 percent interest; and after

June 30, 12 percent penalty and 6 percent interest, including an additional 1 percent attorney's fee.

For taxpayers age 65 or those currently have a Social Security disability pension, there is a special installment plan that help them avoid penalty and interest.

"There is a pro-

Once people receive their tax statement, if they have a question we hope they'll call us," said Sayles. "We want to make this process as easy for everyone as we possibly can."

The Howard County Tax Collector's Office can be reached at 264-2232.

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requirement. They also need to provide the breed of the animal, and weight is very important with the dogs.

"Once all of the requirements are satisfied, they will be given a voucher to take to their vet," Chamness continues. "They can have the procedure done, after which the vet can turn the voucher in to us to be compensated."

Stray animals are not eligible for the program, according to Chamness, unless someone in the community wants to take responsibility for the animal.

"If someone calls us and says they have a stray in their neighborhood and want to have it spayed or neutered, we can't do that," said Chamness.

"However, if that person is willing to take responsibility for the animal, its shots and city license, we can certainly provide them with a voucher."

Chamness said the program targeted city dog owners last year, but the scope is expanding this season, thanks to extra funding.

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OUR VIEWS

City boards need those willing to serve community

The Big Spring City Council considered several appointments to a number of boards and committees during its last regular meeting, but was unable to fill all the positions that needed filling simply because they didn't know enough people interested in serving.

Even worse, with two people coming off the animal control board — S. Kay Smith and Shelley Gomez — each having indicated they aren't interested in continuing to serve on the board, Mayor Russ McEwen suggested that council members consider doing away with the board.

So, during the council's Oct. 10 meeting of the council will consider whether or not to continue the animal control board's existence.

And while that board began as an ad-hoc committee, as McEwen noted during that meeting, the members of that body were the driving force in making sure Big Spring enacted an ordinance banning the tethering of dogs.

While somewhat controversial, we still believe it was an excellent ordinance — one that was far past due — and has benefited the entire community since its passage by the council.

So, we think the council needs to be looking for nominees for that board, not considering doing away with it.

By a like token, it is up to all of us as citizens of Big Spring to be willing to serve when called upon if at all possible.

And if you happen to feel you're qualified to help out, it wouldn't hurt to let the council person for your district know you're willing to serve.

As of that last council meeting, in addition to the two seats open on the Animal Control Board, one seat remains open on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, one on the Citizen's Advisory Board, one on the Civil Service Commission, one place on the Planning and Zoning Commission and one place on the Teen Court Board.

City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council that part of the problem lies in letting citizens know what seats are available on the boards, and hopes are residents will step up and "get involved."

We do, too.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not belittle and insult others, Lord, but be loving and giving through You.

Amen

Would GOP win lead to revived draft?

If the Republican Party retains control of both houses of Congress in November, I believe George W. Bush will reinstitute the military draft in 2007.

This is only speculation, of course. But as I see it, the case for a post-election draft is compelling enough to warrant contemplation now — as there would be no way to prevent it after Nov. 7. Bush is renowned for disregarding all polls except those on Election Day, so no amount of popular opposition to a draft after that day would deter him if that's what he chooses to do.

The recent disclosure of the previously classified National Intelligence Estimate on terrorism reinforces the case for a revived military draft. Bush has known since April that the NIE, using evidence gathered by all 16 U.S. spy agencies, determined the war in Iraq has intensified, not reduced, the worldwide terrorism threat.

That conclusion obliterates the last tenuous justification for the war. We've squandered 2,700 American lives, nearly a half-trillion dollars and a century of international respect invading a country that had nothing to do with 9/11, in search of weapons of mass destruction that didn't exist, toppling a tyrant who posed no geopolitical threat, to establish a democracy that can't sustain itself. Now our own government concludes this lamentable war is inspiring the metamorphosis of Muslim youths into tomorrow's terrorists far faster than we can kill them.

It would be alarming enough if Bush had simply ignored the

NIE's findings. The apparent truth is worse: It seems the report inspired Bush to reaffirm his commitment to stay this disastrous course, as if the NIE were just another political critic to be neutralized.

Bush declared at an August press conference that "We're not leaving [Iraq] so long as I'm the president." Leaving, he said, "would say we've abandoned our desire to change the conditions that create terror." He said this four months after the NIE told him the war itself was the key condition exacerbating the global terrorist threat. Instead of using the best available American data to recalibrate his Iraq policy, Bush launched a pro-Iraq War promotional tour to fool the pre-election public into believing the war is achieving the very aims the NIE says it is failing to achieve.

What kind of leader ponders the facts and then disregards them? One, I submit, desperate to avoid having his entire legacy reduced to having committed the most egregious blunder in U.S. military history. Bush, I figure, sees his choices as, 1) admit for all time that the war he launched was wrong, or, 2) go all-in on the war effort and hope events eventually vindicate his choices.

Bush, it's safe to say, won't choose Option 1. Bush genuinely believes the Iraq War will save the Western world — no silly intelligence summary will convince him otherwise — and after Nov. 7, he'll have two years left to prove it. He'll have every incentive to pull all the remaining stops. Plus, Option 2 comes with a consolation prize: Since it will be a future president's task to pull U.S. troops out of Iraq, history might be tricked into believing Bush's bloody, costly strategy might have worked if only given a few more years, decades or generations, but

for that later president's actions.

Reinstating a military draft after November would carry few political risks despite being highly unpopular. If the GOP turns back a strong Democratic challenge to congressional control this year, Bush would unquestionably declare a reaffirmation of the "mandate" he claimed after the 2004 election despite needing a tainted Ohio vote to squeak by at the wire. A restored GOP-led Congress, attributing its unexpected Election Day victory to the Bush team's magic touch, wouldn't dare oppose it — and two years hence, could blame the lame duck president should the policy implode.

It's logical to presume Bush would then gamble everything on the ultimate victory he steadfastly believes can be achieved. The military already has instituted a "back-door draft," blocking scheduled discharges and calling up service personnel for third and fourth tours of duty, to make up for missed recruitment targets. National Guard and Reserve units have been overextended by combat duty. A draft bolstered military would not only bring instant relief, but sufficiently pump up the ranks for what I suspect is Bush's ultimate desire: invasions of Iran and Syria.

A revived draft, as I see it, would hasten the end of America's righteous world leadership which the Iraq War already has imperiled, and pitch us onto a slippery slope to world war as other nations are forced to respond. This, I believe, is what is at stake in the upcoming election. I recommend choosing carefully.

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Examining a parent's right to know

Opponents of California's Proposition 85, which would mandate that a parent be notified before a minor has an abortion, basically argue that teens will tell good parents — open-minded parents like them — if they are pregnant. But if pregnant teens don't talk to their parents, it probably is for good reason. As in: Their parents are close-minded, abusive or neglectful. They have a fifty-sounding sentence that looks good until you think about it. As they told The San Francisco Chronicle's editorial board last week, no law can make kids talk to their parents.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Wrong. When minors need parental consent to do something they want to do, they talk to their parents. In this case, Proposition 85 does not require that parents consent to their daughters' abortions. It requires that parents be notified — unless there is a medical emergency, a judge waives parental notification based on the child's maturity or best interests, or parents stipulate in writing that they don't want to know. (A form would allow parents to waive the notification requirement for 30 days, until a specific date or until their daughter's 18th birthday.)

The folks behind Proposition 85 are essentially the people who

pushed a similar measure, Proposition 73, which 53 percent of California voters rejected in November. No doubt many of those voters don't want to limit legal abortions. But also, apparently, the opponents' argument that — if Proposition 73 passed — children from dysfunctional families would be harmed, resonated with Californians.

I pause when I think of ACLU attorney Maggie Crosby's lament, that "there are some kids who could no more fly to the moon than make it to court." Yet would hapless teens be better off without a parent's help? Better to have a law that mandates parental notification, unless a judge waives the requirement. Meanwhile, the law has to recognize a parent's fundamental right to know if his or her 14-year-old daughter is pregnant.

This right exists not because children are chattel, but because parents love, nurture and want to protect their children. Yes, there are sorry exceptions, but the law should presume that parents know how to guide their daughters better than a clinic. After all, parents will be watching over their daughters long after a clinic's work is done. And they'll be better watchdogs if they are alert to their daughters' choices about boys — or men.

As the law now stands, many teens don't tell their parents because they don't have to — they know that no matter how well off their family is, they can get a government-paid abortion by pleading

poverty, and their folks will be none the wiser. That's just not right.

It's also not right when the law tells kids they can make all the wrong moves — sex without contraception — and enjoy the right to hide it from their parents. In my experience, many teens who get pregnant harbor a strong desire to have a child — a baby friend. Those girls easily could get pregnant again.

The local Planned Parenthood folks estimated that, at their clinics, three in four teens get birth control after an abortion. Those girls do not need a law that presumes they know more than their parents — they need adult supervision.

I asked Planned Parenthood Golden Gate President Dian Harrison if she could think of a parental notification law her group could support. Her answer: "It's hard to envision the need for such a law when the majority of teens are already talking to their parents." And, "Notification laws can't mandate family communication, but they can put teens at risk."

Sadly, many teens will remain at risk — as in, having unprotected sex or sex with older men — as long as their parents remain in the dark. For these girls' sake, the law should not presume that their parents are the enemy.

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Introduced by: howling dust & the blue north in early fall.

The blasts of cold rattled windows and animals scurrying for protection from the stinging bits of sand. Although the forecasters had called for an abrupt lowering of the night time temperature, they did not correct anticipate the severe this prelude to win.

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Bird Poop: Taking in one very cold Common Poorwill

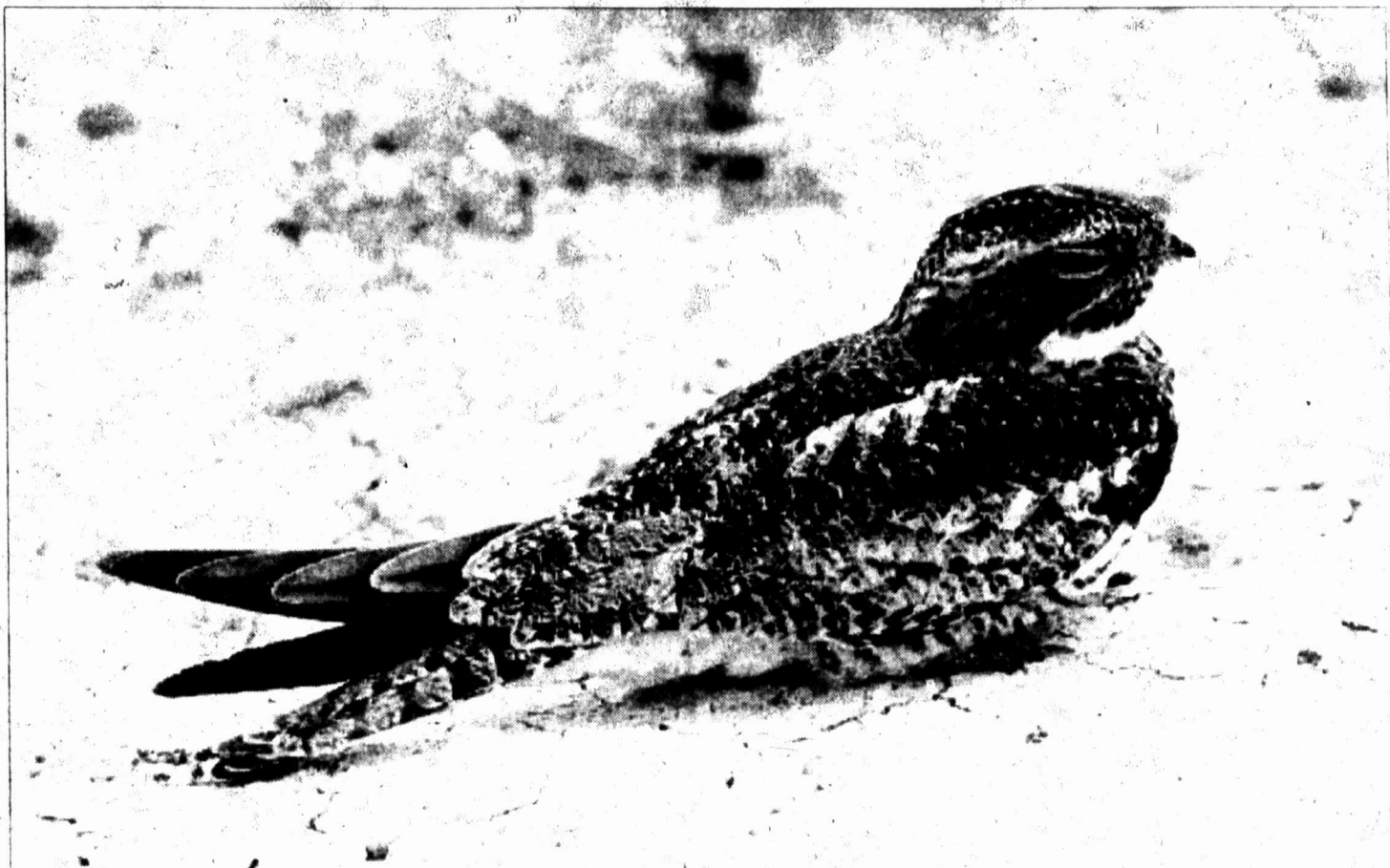
Introduced by a howling dust storm, the blue norther hit in early fall. The blasts of cold wind rattled windows and sent animals scurrying for protection from the stinging bits of sand. Although the forecasters had called for an abrupt lowering of the night time temperature, they did not correctly anticipate the severity of this prelude to winter.



BEBE
MCCASLAND

Sometime during the night the winds subsided. Looking out the window the next morning, we noticed the roofs and lawns of our neighborhood were covered with frost. The outside temperature was 29 degrees. Forecasts had been updated on the morning news. We could expect cold days and freezing nights for another three to four days. During the week that followed, we noticed damage to trees and shrubs throughout town. The extreme cold for the first week of October had taken its toll. With such a sudden change in temperature, migratory

birds, as well as permanent residents, would be affected. Excited, the first caller tried to describe what she had found. The bird looked as if it were dead, but it wasn't limp or stiff. Its feet were cold. It wouldn't move. "I think its an owl," she continued. "Do the feathers make the bird appear to be a piece of old tree bark?" I asked. Enthusiastically, she replied, "Oh, yes!" When she brought us the bird, we already had an idea of what she had found. In the lady's carefully wrapped towel was a Common Poorwill, with mottled, soft grey feathers. To someone unaccustomed to handling birds, the plumage would have resembled that of an owl. If she had seen it flitting about her neighborhood as it caught insects in flight, the lady would have thought the bird was a large moth. With the advent of cold weather, the Common Poorwill's food source had suddenly vanished. As a means of fasting and survival during a cold spell, the bird started to hibernate. Reacting to hunger rather than the cold, the Common Poorwill had



Courtesy photo
Resting on the ground or perched lengthwise on a branch during the day, the nocturnal Common Poorwill is seen hunting during the evening and early morning. As a bird of arid, open lands, it is named appropriately for its whistling cry.

begun a state of torpidity. Because it could lower its respiration, heartbeat, and body temperature, the bird would use its inactivity to survive through an absence of insects during a portion of winter. This deep sleep, or torpor, would allow the Common Poorwill to hibernate rather than migrate. When insects

were plentiful again, the bird would awaken to a feast. Phone calls continued, with Common Poorwills being found under apartment stairwells and bushes. As the only bird known to hibernate, the Common Poorwill fascinated those who found one. With its gaping mouth accented with

bristles or "whiskers," it was a unique find. A man had even experienced the groggy bird's defensive hiss. Letting the Common Poorwill do what nature had intended, we maintained the birds until the promise of warmer weather. In some cases, with a forecast of several weeks of mild days and cool

nights, we allowed the birds to warm and wake up with the sun's assistance. Heating pads were also useful. Once back in the wild, the birds would again regulate their existence if they encountered another blue norther and meager supply of insects. Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Answering a question many of you were asking

One of the benefits of writing this column is many people feel as if they know me and can ask me all sorts of questions when I'm out and about. I love it. Keep the questions coming, but one question I repeatedly get is: "What are donations that the Volunteer Services Council and the communities' donations used for?" This year volunteers provided an "Internet Cafe" for our patients which consisted of new computer equipment, including a centralized printer and 10 computer stations. The entire project totaled just under \$13,000.



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Thanks to your generosity this has even enabled some patients to take college courses, attend computer classes or to communicate with family members and friends via e-mail and attend computer classes while they are hospitalized. **WANT LIST** I'm sure many of us have bags or luggage that we don't use and they are probably just taking up needed space in our closets and garages. The patients are in need of these to put their possessions in when they are discharged from the hospital. These can be brought to the Community Relations Office. We can also use your magazines that are not more than six months old and any of the small hotel toiletry items you may have picked up on

your travels that get thrown in your luggage. **APPLAUSE TO OUR DONORS** Gale's Sweet Shop is donating day-old cookies and volunteer Shirley Bodin is packaging and handling patient deliveries for our Operational Cookie Project. Thanks Gale and Shirley. Our patients are delighted with your good works. We are fortunate to have you. The Master's Touch donates greeting cards that keep a card rack supplied thanks to volunteer Dorothy Sheppard. **SECC CAMPAIGN** Hospital co-chairs Janice Byrd and Tom Kilgora and volunteer co-chairs Dorothy Sheppard

and Cyneather Woodruff have teamed up to provide a hotdog luncheon for the employees today at the Allred Building. State Employee Charitable Campaign Committee members are assisting them with signing up for this year's campaign. **VOLUNTEERS ON THE ROAD** What fun it is to travel with 17 volunteers and staff members to San Angelo to attend the Regional Volunteer Services meeting. It's exciting to meet with fellow volunteers from around the state to network, tour, train and, yes, dine and shop a little bit. It is always a

good feeling to have Big Spring be as the strongest group in number and strength. Never can enough be said what a caring and giving community Big Spring is, and the volunteers at Big Spring State Hospital are a shining example, as they represent the community across the state. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** Our Volunteer Services Council Board meeting will be Thursday. Just a reminder, we already are thinking about Christmas. Please mail any donations to the Community Relations Office, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

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Some schools are rejecting incentive grants for teachers

AUSTIN (AP) — A handful of Texas schools are rejecting thousands of dollars in state money intended to reward teachers for high test scores in low-income areas.

Teachers have resisted the merit-pay program, which was approved in legislation in May and has been touted by Gov. Rick Perry, saying it fosters animosity and raises the stakes of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

"A lot of our staff felt this would be a distraction to what we have our minds set to do: raise TAKS scores and improve student achievement," said Bea Cantu, principal at Bellaire Elementary School in Hurst, one of at least 21 schools that will send back \$90,000 in grants.

Most of the 1,161 schools that were

awarded grants expect to use the money for merit programs this year. Debbie Ratcliffe of the Texas Education Agency said she expects 98 percent of qualifying campuses to participate.

"It's time to start treating teachers as individual professionals and not as just a monolithic profession," said Perry, who has been promoting the program across the state. "When you reward excellence the same as mediocrity, all too often mediocrity becomes the standard."

But critics argue the nation's biggest incentive pay program will not produce academic gains that proponents suggest.

At Bellaire, where just two of 47 teachers at the school voted for a plan to distribute the bonus money, teachers also worried about the time it would take to fill out the required paperwork.

"Most of us felt our time would be better spent working with the kids to improve their skills rather than working on the incentive-pay plan," said Tammy Woods, a fifth-grade science teacher.

"We also felt there would be hard feelings no matter what happened because not everyone who worked to accomplish our goals would be rewarded," Woods added.

Teachers at schools returning grant money said they worried about tying the bonuses primarily to scores on the TAKS, which is already used to grade school performance and determine whether students in some grades should be promoted.

Although the concept is largely untested in public schools, the Legislature created the biggest merit pay plan in the

nation, earmarking \$100 million for teacher bonuses this school year and another \$260 million next year.

Bonuses are supposed to range from \$3,000 to \$10,000 apiece, with at least 75 percent of each school's grant distributed to classroom teachers.

About 15 percent of the regular schools and independent charter schools in the state were awarded grants this summer, ranging from \$40,000 to \$295,000.

Actual bonuses, which will be based on TAKS scores next spring, will be paid after the school year ends.

"It is a voluntary program, but it is surprising that teachers who often complain their pay is too low are passing up an opportunity to share in performance bonuses that reward them for a job well done," said Kathy Walt, a spokeswoman for Perry.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Education commissioner urges schools to be on alert

AUSTIN (AP) — A recent rash of deadly school shootings has increased the threat of similar, copycat crimes in the nation's schools, Texas Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley warned school administrators Monday, urging them to be particularly vigilant in the coming days.

"Acts of violence such as these have the potential to induce others to commit similar acts," she wrote in a letter to school administrators at each of Texas' 1,200 school districts. "We must never let our guard down when it comes to the safety of our students and we must be particularly vigilant during the times surrounding such incidents, when the potential for copycat acts is at its highest."

Her warning came the same day that a heavily armed milk truck driver stormed a one-room Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., barricading himself inside and opening fire on a dozen girls, killing three of them before committing suicide. At least seven others were injured.

"Since these most recent incidents involved perpetrators entering campuses with weapons, you may wish to consider additional steps to ensure that weapons and unauthorized individuals are not entering your campuses," Neeley wrote.

Jury selection to begin in retrial in smuggling deaths case

HOUSTON (AP) — Jury selection could take up to two weeks for the retrial of a truck driver who faces a possible death sentence for what prosecutors say is his failure to help the illegal immigrants packed into his tractor-trailer in what became the nation's deadliest

human smuggling attempt.

Authorities say Tyrone Williams was part of a smuggling ring that tried to transport more than 70 illegal immigrants from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic in his airtight tractor-trailer from South Texas to Houston in May 2003.

Nineteen of the immigrants died after succumbing to the heat inside, which authorities estimate climbed to 173 degrees.

Williams abandoned the trailer at a truck stop near Victoria.

Jury selection was set to begin Tuesday.

A jury convicted Williams last year on 38 transporting counts in the deaths, but the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the decision.

Girl held captive for two months by her stepfather rescued

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A 14-year-old girl believed to have been held captive by her stepfather for about two months inside a travel-trailer was rescued by police on Monday.

"She was delirious. She was not in her right mind," Brownsville police Sgt. William Dietrich told The Brownsville Herald for its Tuesday editions. Police said the girl was locked in the travel-trailer.

Her stepfather, an undocumented immigrant, has not been found.

Police went to the home after the girl's mother told U.S. Customs officers at the Gateway International Bridge on Monday morning that she was concerned about the welfare of her daughter, who is from Mexico, Dietrich said.

Building owner of club fends off wrecking crew

BRIDGE CITY (AP) — The owner of a dilapidated and storm-damaged club where Fats Domino and Freddy Fender

once played used trailers and a truck Monday to keep a wrecking crew from razing the building.

Sparkle Paradise hadn't been open since 1999 but Tiny Richardson, the 78-year-old owner, said he had been trying to repair the building when Hurricane Rita hit.

City officials, Orange County sheriff's deputies and contractors were on hand Monday as wrecking crew tried to begin a city-ordered demolition.

Jerry Jones, Bridge City's public works director, said the next step will be to file an injunction to continue the demolition.

Jury convicts Brownsville teacher of relationship with student

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A Brownsville high school teacher was found guilty Monday of having an improper relationship with a student.

The jury convicted Steven Ray Brooks, 49, on four of six felony counts filed against him for relations with the student in 2004 and 2005, when the girl was 16.

Brooks, who has been on paid administrative leave during the trial, was a criminal justice instructor at Hanna High School when the alleged relationship took place.

Prosecutors said the teenage girl, who has not been publicly identified, became infatuated with Brooks and "he returned her affection."

Defense lawyer Richard Zayas said he and his client were surprised by the jury's verdict.

"I thought it was going to be all one way or the other way. I did not expect a split, which doesn't make sense," Zayas said in a story in Tuesday editions of The Brownsville Herald.

Improper relationship between an educator and student is a second-degree felony with punishment ranging from two to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000

fine. The law prohibits school employees from engaging in "sexual contact, sexual intercourse, or deviate sexual intercourse" with a student.

"We send (students) to school for a specific purpose: to learn to become better citizens, not to become victims of teachers, of administrators that might take advantage of their immaturity," Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos said.

Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 6.

Man convicted in death of 93-year-old Tyler woman

TYLER (AP) — A Smith County jury has found a man guilty of capital murder in the death of a 93-year-old woman whom prosecutors said was killed and robbed for drug money.

Clifton Lamar Williams, 23, was convicted on Monday for the July 2005 death of Cecelia Schneider.

The punishment phase of the trial was scheduled to begin Tuesday. Williams faces life in prison or the death penalty.

Prosecutors said Williams entered Schneider's house through the back door, beat and stabbed her to death, and then set her body and bed on fire. Williams then fled in the victim's car with her purse containing \$40, prosecutors said.

In closing arguments, prosecutors said Williams' DNA and fingerprints were found in the victim's car and that he led police to Schneider's discarded purse.

Defense lawyer Melvin Thompson said Williams did not kill Schneider and that his client had been made a scapegoat for a crime committed by another person.

He argued that there was no DNA evidence placing Williams in the Schneider's house.

"The bottom line is there's no evidence and without evidence you can't convict," Thompson said.



SALLY SHEEP SLEEPS

Sally Sheep wasn't always a very healthy sheep. She is now! But long ago, she wasn't very healthy, or happy! It all started when Sally was a very young sheep. She loved to stay awake all day long, even when the other sheep were taking their naps. She also loved to stay awake most of the night. She just didn't like to go to sleep.

She would always stay awake and watch the stars twinkling, or listen to the other animals who stayed awake all night long but slept all day. Sally thought she was having fun, but those long nights of having no sleep soon caught up with her. She would find herself becoming cranky and unfriendly to the other sheep. She did not want to be mean, but she just wasn't getting enough rest. Do you like to sleep? It really makes you feel good when you wake from a nice sleep, doesn't it? Do you know that you will get very mean and cranky too if you do not go to bed and go to sleep each night? Are you



mean and cranky now? I didn't think so. You must sleep a lot. Are you in bed now?

Sally was walking down the sheep path one day heading down to the sheep pond to find a drink of nice, cool, fresh water. As she met one of her friends, Miss Samantha Sheep, who said, "Good morning" to her, she answered in a very gruff voice, "Oh, and what's so good about it?" This startled Miss Samantha, who was just trying to be friendly. The next day, and for many days after, Miss Samantha Sheep did not even say "Good morning," or anything else to Sally Sheep. Sally Sheep was going to lose a good friend because she was so cranky. Good friends are a very nice thing to have, aren't they? Do you have good friends? Are you a good friend to someone else?

Sally Sheep was in the sheep pasture that very same day, looking for some good grass to eat as all sheep do. She saw another of her friends coming towards her from the hilltop. "Now, what does she want?"

thought Sally. "Good afternoon Sally. I just wanted to tell you there is some very nice, green grass on the other side of the hill and you are welcome to join all of us if you would like to. We would love to have you with us." "The grass is fine right here," Sally gruffly said to her friend, "Why would I want to join you and the rest of the sheep?"

Sally Sheep was going to lose all of her friends and didn't even know it. She did not know that because she wasn't getting enough rest that she was being very nice to all her friends. She really was cranky! Then, the time came when the sheep owner asked all the pretty sheep to come to the barn and get their haircuts. Haircuts! Did you know that sheep get haircuts? I did! It is the time of year when all of the wool on the sheep is cut off to make blankets and sweaters for you and me. The sheep love these haircuts. Each one could not wait to see how the sheep owner was going to use their wool. They were excited to see who had the prettiest wool to make the loveliest blanket or sweater. Each one wanting to be the one with the best wool.

It was soon Sally Sheep's turn to have her haircut. The owner looked at her and said,

"What is wrong with you? You

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have awful wool. Have you been taking good care of yourself? I can't use your wool, for it would make an ugly sweater or blanket." Now, if there is ever anything a sheep would want, it would be to have perfect wool. And Sally's wool was ugly because she just wasn't taking very good care of herself by not getting enough sleep. Would Sally Sheep change? Will she ever get all her good friends back? Will she ever be really happy again? Of course she will! Remember in the first part of this story when I said that Sally is happy now? She soon knew what was wrong with her.



She just wasn't getting enough sleep! She wanted to fix this problem. And she wanted her friends back.

The very next day after all of the other sheep had their haircuts, Sally went to bed and fell fast asleep a very long time before the other sheep did. She felt so good when she woke up the next day. She walked down to the sheep pond to get a cool drink of water when she met her

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old friend, Miss Samantha Sheep. "Good morning, Samantha. How are you?" she asked. "Why, why, I'm fine," said Samantha, surprised that Sally had spoken to her. It surprised her even more when Sally smiled at her.

That same day, Sally Sheep went to see all of her friends to tell them about a nice pasture of even greener grass that she had just found. She invited them to come with her and have dinner there. They went. They had dinner on this beautiful, green grass. They even seemed to start

liking Sally again. Maybe they could all be friends again someday. They did become best friends again. Sally always got to bed early and slept all night and she became healthier and happier. She even took naps in the warm afternoon sun sometimes.

Then came time for the yearly haircuts. All of the sheep went down to the barn just as the sheep owner had asked them to do. One by one, they had their haircuts. Then came time for Sally to get hers cut, too. The sheep owner looked at Sally and said, "You look so much better this time. What did you do to make yourself so pretty? Did you get lots of rest?" The sheep owner did not know it, but this was exactly what Sally did! The owner was so happy. Sally was happy too, for she could not wait to see if her wool would be a sweater or a blanket. And she wanted hers to be the prettiest!

Do you have a wool sweater? Do you have a wool blanket? Is it pretty? It just might be made from Sally Sheep's wool!

Sally Sheep is asleep now and can't tell you "Good Night." She asked me to tell you. "Good Night!"

GOP leads

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press Wire

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GOP leaders dismiss idea they should have done more about Foley

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WASHINGTON — House Speaker Dennis Hastert and other GOP leaders are dismissing suggestions that they should have done more to investigate an e-mail from Rep. Mark Foley to a former teenage page that had raised a "red flag" with the boy's parents and his congressional sponsor.

Hastert rejected a call by a leading conservative newspaper that he resign, a spokesman said Tuesday.

"The speaker has and will lead the Republican conference to another majority in the 110th Congress," said Hastert spokesman Ron Bonjean.

Hastert said his top aides and Rep. John Shimkus, a fellow Illinois Republican overseeing the page program, acted appropriately by trying to resolve the matter as an internal GOP problem rather than mounting a more formal investigation that would have involved Democrats.

With their party having been left out of that discussion, Democrats criticized Hastert and other Republicans, referring at times to the GOP handling of the affair as a cover-up intended to protect their congressional power. The scandal, breaking just five weeks before the November elections, put Republicans on the defensive on an unexpected front.

The Washington Times, one of the most reliably conservative voices in the nation's capital, called for Hastert, R-Ill., to "resign his speakership at once" for not doing enough to investigate questions about Foley's e-mails.

"Either he was grossly negligent for not taking the red flags fully into

account and ordering a swift investigation, for not even remembering the order of events leading up to last week's revelations, or he deliberately looked the other way in hopes that a brewing scandal would simply blow away," The Times' editors wrote in Tuesday's editions.

"Mr. Hastert has forfeited the confidence of the public and his party, and he cannot preside over the necessary coming investigation, an investigation that must examine his own inept performance," The Times said.

Bonjean, Hastert's spokesman, said Tuesday that the speaker is "working every day on ensuring the House is a safe, productive environment for members, staff and all those who are employed by the institution."

Meeting with reporters Monday, Hastert said his aides and Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-La., heeded the wishes of the parents of the former House page, who wanted such questionable e-mails to stop but didn't want the matter pursued. Shimkus and the House clerk told Foley last fall to cut off all communication with the former page, who lived in Louisiana.

Hastert says neither Shimkus nor his own aides saw the 2005 e-mail, noting that it was far less sexually explicit than the electronic messages that ABC News revealed last week.

"There wasn't much there other than a friendly inquiry," Hastert said of the 2005 message from Foley, R-Fla., described as "sick" by the boy. The message asked for a photograph and mentioned a different teen who was in "great shape."

Hastert said neither he nor other GOP leaders

were aware until last Friday of the reportedly far more lurid computer exchanges two years earlier between the Florida Republican and another page. He urged anyone with sexually graphic e-mails that preceded Foley's resignation to contact authorities.

Foley's attorney, David Roth, told a news conference in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Monday that Foley was "absolutely, positively not a pedophile" and had never had inappropriate sexual contact with a minor.

ABC News reported that its initial report prompted another former page to come forward with a graphic e-mail.

Hastert said he does not recall being told last spring by Rep. Tom Reynolds, the House GOP campaign chairman, about the questionable e-mail, but he doesn't dispute Reynolds' account.

"I don't think I went wrong at all," Reynolds said at a Monday evening news conference in his western New York district, surrounding himself with about 30 children and about as many parents. "I don't know what else I could have done."

Shimkus, appearing with Hastert, said new measures would be implemented to keep pages safe, including a toll-free hotline for pages, former pages and families to report any incidents confidentially.

ABC News reported instant messages between Foley and a San Diego teenager who suggested he was uncomfortable in an exchange discussing dinner plans for when the boy was to come to Washington.

"and then what happens," Foley messaged at one point.

"I have the feeling that



Florida State Rep. Joe Negron gets a hug from State Republican Party Chair Jean Jordan at the Republican Party of Florida news conference at the Orlando Airport Monday. Negron was selected to run for the U.S. House seat vacated by Mark Foley who resigned amid reports he sent sexually explicit letters to an under-age boy.

you are fishing, and I'm not sure what I would be comfortable with you see," the teen said.

Democrats have argued that the matter should have been brought to the attention of the page board or the House Ethics Committee.

The FBI has been in inquiry into Foley's computer contact with pages, and Hastert wrote Monday to Florida Gov. Jeb Bush asking for an investigation into whether state laws were broken.

Supreme Court to hear deportation, death penalty cases

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A day later than usual, work begins in earnest Tuesday at the Supreme Court with justices weighing when immigrants convicted of crimes may be deported and whether to reinstate a death sentence in California.

The traditional start of the court's term was Monday, which this year fell on Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement. The court met briefly for routine business without Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, who are Jewish.

A year ago, Chief Justice John Roberts was officiating at his first session and President Bush had not yet revealed his choice to fill the seat of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who had announced her retirement.

Bush's first pick, White House counsel Harriet Miers, eventually withdrew her nomination because of fierce opposition from conservatives who usually are allies of the president. Justice Samuel Alito was nominated at the end of October and took his seat on the court three months later.

The hallmark cases of the first full term of the current lineup of justices will come later when the court hears disputes over abortion, race and the environment.

Yet the outcome of the first cases on the schedule could affect thousands of immigrants who have run afoul of the law in the United States.

The case of Mexican national Jose Antonio Lopez, a permanent U.S.

resident since 1990, is the latest chapter in the court's decision-making at the intersection of immigrants' rights and U.S. criminal law.

Solicitor General Paul Clement, the Bush administration's Supreme Court lawyer, said appeals courts are split over whether immigrants convicted of state drug felonies can avoid deportation if the same crimes were considered misdemeanors under federal law.

Clement said 77,000 aliens with criminal records received deportation orders in fiscal year 2005. Fewer than 100,000 of them had serious criminal records.

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State Department confirms Rice-Tenet meeting cited in book

By ANNE GEARAN

Associated Press Writer

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice did receive a CIA briefing about terror threats just about two months before the Sept. 11 attacks, but the information was not new, her chief spokesman said.

In doing so, Sean McCormack confirmed a meeting — on July 10, 2001 — that his boss had said repeatedly she could not specifically recall. She had said earlier that there were virtually daily meetings at the time.

A new book by reporter Bob Woodward of Watergate fame describes the White House meeting as an emergency wake-up call that Rice had brushed

off. Rice was President Bush's national security adviser at the time and was promoted to the top diplomatic job last year.

Although spokesmen for the State Department and the National Security Council indicated Sunday that such a meeting had taken place, Rice was still saying Monday that she was not sure about it. She said she would have remembered the sort of forceful warning the book claims was conveyed there.

"We can confirm that a meeting took place on or around July 10, 2001," McCormack said late Monday.

"The information presented in this meeting was not new, rather it was a good summary from the threat reporting from

the previous several weeks," he added.

Woodward's book "State of Denial" recounts the meeting among then-CIA Director George Tenet, Rice and the CIA's top counterterrorism officer. The book said the session stood out in the minds of the CIA officials as the "stark warning they had given the White House" on al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his network.

McCormack said that after the meeting, Rice had asked that the same material be given to Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and then-Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Materials from this meeting were made available to the independent Sept. 11

Commission, and Tenet was asked about the session when interviewed by the commission, McCormack said.

The meeting is not part of the commission report.

Ashcroft said Monday that he should have been notified of any such report dealing with a pending attack on the United States. "It just occurred to me how disappointing it was that they didn't come to me, with this type of information," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"The FBI is responsible for domestic terrorism," Ashcroft said. He said both Tenet and Black should have been aware that he had pressed for a more aggressive policy in going after bin Laden and his followers in

the United States and should have briefed him as well. Rice knew of this advocacy, he suggested.

According to the Sept. 11 Commission, Ashcroft was briefed on July 5, 2001, "warning that a significant terrorist attack was imminent." The report noted that the briefing addressed only threats outside the United States.

Woodward wrote that the meeting among Tenet, Rice and Black stood out in the minds of Tenet and Black as the "stark warning they had given the White House" on al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his network.

Tenet asked for the meeting after receiving a disturbing briefing from Black.

North Korea says it will conduct nuclear test

By BO-MI LIM

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Tuesday it will conduct a nuclear test in the face of what it claimed was "the U.S. extreme threat of a nuclear war," ratcheting up tensions amid international pressure to return to negotiations on its atomic program.

The United States said it would raise the latest statement in a U.N. Security Council meeting, and South Korea raised its security level.

"The government has taken measures to strengthen the security level in relation to the North Korea nuclear test, and has begun discussions with related countries," South Korea's presidential office said in a statement after an emergency meeting.

The statement from Pyongyang gave no precise date as to when a test might occur.

"The DPRK will in the future conduct a nuclear test in a condition where safety is firmly guaranteed," the North's Foreign Ministry said in a statement, using its official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, said the U.S. would bring up North Korea's statement for discussion Tuesday morning in a regular meeting of the U.N. Security Council.

"A nuclear test by North Korea would be extraordinarily serious," Bolton said. "The threat is serious enough that we're certainly going to take this action in the council this morning, by raising

it." Pyongyang has said it has nuclear weapons, but has not conducted any known test to prove its claim. South Korea's spy agency has said the North could test a nuclear bomb at any time.

"The U.S. extreme threat of a nuclear war and sanctions and pressure compel the DPRK to conduct a nuclear test, an essential process for bolstering nuclear deterrent, as a self-defense measure in response," said the statement carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

China, North Korea's neighbor, ally and chief benefactor, had no immediate comment.

Japanese Foreign Minister Tarō Aso called the North's nuclear test plans "totally unforgivable," and said Japan would react "sternly" if

the North conducted the tests, according to Kyodo News Agency.

In Finland, European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana said such a test "is always bad news."

Multilateral talks on North Korea's nuclear program have been stalled for almost a year, with Pyongyang boycotting the six-nation talks in protest over U.S. financial restrictions imposed for its alleged illegal activity, including money laundering and counterfeiting.

Efforts to bring the North back to negotiations have taken on added urgency after the communist nation test-fired seven missiles in July.

Reports have also suggested the North might conduct a nuclear test, citing suspicious activity at a possible underground test site.

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Assume you're in three notrump and West leads a heart, on which you play dummy's jack. If East covers with the king, you have an easy time making 11 tricks. You win with the ace, lose a diamond finesse to East's king and eventually wind up with five diamond tricks, two spades, two hearts and two clubs.

But if East plays low on the jack of hearts at trick one, as he should,

you go down against proper defense. When you later lead the jack of diamonds, East ducks, and from that point on you're in trouble, since you can't bring dummy's diamonds home.

However, if you play the hand more carefully, you can't be stopped from making five notrump. The proper play from dummy at trick one is the five of hearts, not the jack!

Observe the effect of this play. You win East's ten with the ace, lead the jack of diamonds and finesse. If East ducks, you try another finesse, losing to the king. East's return is immaterial because, whatever he does, you cannot be denied access to dummy with either the queen or jack of hearts to score your five diamond tricks.

Playing a low heart from dummy at trick one is obviously correct if you stop to consider the play of the hand as a whole. It guarantees at least 11 tricks, regardless of how the cards are divided. The same cannot be said of putting up dummy's jack.

But the sad fact is that many declarers would impulsively play the jack of hearts at trick one and, after East followed low, then start to think about how to play the hand. They would play in haste but repent at leisure.

Tomorrow: A logical inference.
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possession, he said. Lopez, of Sioux Falls, S.D., was ordered deported after he pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting possession of cocaine. The crime is a felony under South Dakota state law, but only a misdemeanor under the federal Controlled Substances Act if it is a first offense for cocaine possession, as it was in Lopez' case.

Still, an immigration judge and review panel as well as a federal appeals court all concluded that Lopez' crime should be considered an "aggravated felony" that severely limits immigrants' ability to fight off deportation, be granted asylum or become naturalized U.S. citizens.

Lopez has a wife and two children and before the immigration judge's ruling, he was released on good behavior after serving 15 months of a five-year prison sentence.

His parole officer called him one of the best parolees he had ever supervised.

Lopez' case is consolidated with that of Reymundo Toledo-Flores, a Mexican national who is objecting to having his latest conviction for illegally entering the United States classified as an aggravated felony.

The government is asking the court to rule against the immigrants. The American Bar Association, and civil and immigrant rights groups want immigration judges to have greater discretion in deportation proceedings and object to categorizing relatively minor drug possession crimes as aggravated felonies.

In the death penalty case, California prosecutors want the court to reinstate the death penalty for a man convicted of killing a 19-year-old woman during a bur-

glary. Fernando Belmontes won a reversal of his death sentence when a federal appeals court said a jury instruction failed

to inform the panel that he could live a productive life behind bars based on his good behavior during an earlier commitment to a California correctional

facility for youth. Belmontes beat Steacy McConnell to death with a dumbbell bar in the burglary of her Victor, Calif., home in 1981.

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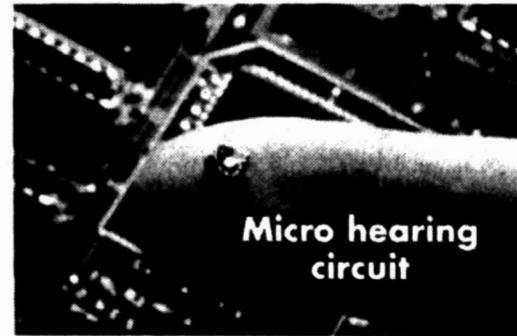
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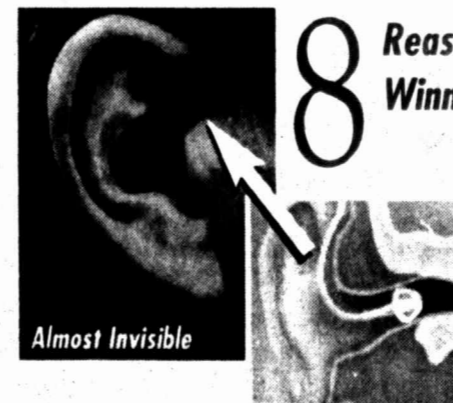
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While the school is 0-5 and has been outscored 265-12 this season, St. Gerard had a rich football history dating back to the 1930s. The school won the Texas Catholic Interscholastic League state championship in 1965.

But the school's pool of football players has declined with its student enrollment. The school has 104 students this year, a drop of nearly 50 percent in 10 years and down from more than 530 in the early 1970s, school president Maurice Abadie said.

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Green Bay Packers defensive Charles Woodson (21) breaks up a pass intended for Philadelphia Eagles receiver Reggie Brown (86) in the second quarter at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia Monday.

Photo by Jerry Lodriguss/MCT

Eagles soar, beat Packers 31-9 on MNF

By **ROB MAADDI**

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb looked like his old, scrambling self. Brett Favre looked, well, old.

McNabb ran for two touchdowns and threw for a pair, leading the Philadelphia Eagles to a 31-9 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Monday night.

Meanwhile, Favre, who has enjoyed many memorable moments on Monday night throughout his 16-year career, would like to forget this one. Favre misfired badly on several passes, including two interceptions that led to Philadelphia scores. He left with a slight head injury late in the fourth quarter.

McNabb finished 16-of-30 for 288 yards and had 45 yards rushing. He

scored on runs of 6 and 15 yards, and connected with Greg Lewis on TD passes of 45 and 30 yards.

"I decided to go back to my style of play," McNabb said, "and if the opportunity is there, take full advantage."

Playing without injured running back Brian Westbrook, the Eagles started slow and trailed 9-7 at halftime following three field goals from Green Bay's Dave Rayner, including a 54-yarder.

Correll Buckhalter, starting for Westbrook, lost two fumbles inside the Packers 5 in the first half.

But McNabb used his legs in the third quarter to ignite the offense and lead the Eagles (3-1) to their third victory by a double-digit margin.

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Red River rivalry

OU, Texas set to renew series

By **JIM VERTUNO**

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas ended an embarrassing losing streak to Oklahoma last year. Now the Longhorns would like to start a winning one.

With Division I-AA Sam Houston State out of the way after a 56-3 victory, the Longhorns (4-1, 1-0 Big 12) quickly turned their attention to their cross-border rival and the annual matchup in Dallas.

"Now our focus is on Oklahoma," said freshman quarterback Colt McCoy, who was redshirting last season when Vince Young led Texas to a 45-12 victory.

That was the mantra for five years when the Sooners (3-1) were whipping Texas by scores of 63-14, 14-3, 35-24, 65-13 and 12-0 from 2000-2004. It wasn't until last year's victory that it seemed to mean anything.



Texas Longhorn defensive end Brian Robison (39) sacks Oklahoma Sooners quarterback and forces the fumble in the fourth quarter of last season's Red River Rivalry. The Longhorns will need a similar effort at The Cotton Bowl in Dallas on Saturday.

PHOTO BY TOM PENNINGTON/KRT

The losing streak put Texas coach Mack Brown on the defensive while some wondered if the Longhorns could challenge the Sooners for supremacy in the Big 12 South.

All that changed with a dominating performance by Texas which went on

to win the national championship.

The Longhorns remember how different it was to hear their fans singing the "Eyes of Texas" after a victory instead of listening to taunts from Sooners fans as they left the field.

"I feel like we got the

monkey off our back," said senior defensive end Tim Crowder, who has taken his share of lumps in the rivalry. "(This year) means more to me because it's my last one."

Crowder and the older Longhorns know the pain of the losing streak. A handful of other key play-

ers, such as McCoy and sophomore tailback Jamaal Charles, have never lost to the No. 14 Sooners.

"I've been dreaming about it (the game) my whole life," McCoy said. "It's going to be fun."

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Baseball playoffs' first pitch tonight

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**

AP Baseball Writer

—All eyes on the Big Apple.

After trying for the best record in baseball this year, the New York Yankees and Mets might be set for another Subway Series.

That's what everyone's gearing up for on Broadway, at least. But six other teams like their playoff chances, too, and they plan to spoil the party.

It all starts Tuesday afternoon with the post-

season opener in Minnesota, where rested ace Johan Santana will be on the mound for the resurgent Twins against Oakland lefty Barry Zito—a matchup certainly worthy of October.

The St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Padres play at 4:09 p.m. EDT, followed at night by the surprising Detroit Tigers trekking into Yankee Stadium.

"I'm not really sure we're the underdog."

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Dallas vs. Philadelphia NFL game of the week

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — It's time for the next act in the circus surrounding Terrell Owens. This is the big one anticipated since he signed with the Dallas Cowboys seven months ago.

A game with huge implications in the NFC East is even bigger this week because Owens is going back to Philadelphia, where he helped the Eagles almost win a Super Bowl before

being unceremoniously dumped midway through last season.

"Hopefully, we can give T.O. something to be proud of. I know he's going to go out there and do his deal," cornerback Aaron Glenn said Monday.

"It's big for him going back," tight end Jason Witten said. "It's such a big game for us anyway because it's a division game and there's always a little extra enthusiasm out there when you're playing Philadelphia."

That's only multiplied by the T.O. factor.

The Cowboys (2-1) came off their bye week with a 45-14 victory at Tennessee on Sunday, their highest-scoring game since 2000, three years before coach Bill Parcells arrived. Philadelphia played Green Bay on Monday night.

Owens caught five passes for 88 yards against the Titans, though he dropped a touchdown pass, just five days after

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On the opening possession of the third quarter, McNabb twice kept the drive going by running for first downs on third-and-10. He got 14 yards on his first dash and jukeed for 12 more to the Packers 42 on the second one.

David Akers then kicked a 40-yard field goal to give the Eagles a 10-9 lead, and they never looked back.

On Philly's next drive, Lewis blew past cornerback Ahmad Carroll, caught McNabb's pass in stride inside the 5 and fought his way into the end zone to give the Eagles a 17-9 lead.

After rookie defensive tackle LaJuan Ramsey intercepted a tipped pass and lost 12 yards on the return, McNabb and Lewis hooked up again to put Philadelphia ahead 24-9. Lewis was wide open after running a short out route, made the catch and easily streaked into the end zone.

On the next series, Michael Lewis intercepted Favre's overthrown pass at the Eagles 13 and returned it to the 34.

McNabb scored from 15 yards to put the Eagles ahead 31-9.

Green Bay played without running back Ahmad Green (hamstring) while cornerbacks Lito Sheppard (ankle) and Rod Hood (heel) joined Westbrook (knee) on the sideline for the Eagles.

The Packers (1-3) have lost nine straight to the Eagles in Philly since a 49-0 victory in 1962. Vince Lombardi was coaching the Packers then.

Both teams squandered opportunities early.

The Eagles drove to the Packers 2 on their second possession, but Buckhalter mishandled the handoff from McNabb and Nick Barnett fell on the ball.

After consecutive passes to L.J. Smith totaling 38 yards put the Eagles at Green Bay's 4, Buckhalter fumbled again. Charles Woodson recovered at the 3.

But Vernand Morency gave it back when he muffed Favre's handoff two plays later and Darren Howard recovered it at the Packers 6.

Buckhalter didn't get a chance to give it up this time. McNabb threw an incomplete pass on first down and ran it in from the 6 on the next play to give the Eagles a 7-3 lead.

Rayner's 54-yarder in the second quarter got the Packers within 7-6. It tied Chris Jacke (1994) and Ryan Longwell (2001) for longest field goal in team history. He put the Packers ahead 9-7 with a 46-yarder late in the first half.

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McCoy has played only five college games, but has some experience with the kind of pressure this week will bring.

"Ohio State really helps us with the OU week because there was so much national attention for that game," Brown said.

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being hospitalized for an accidental overdose of the pain medication he was taking because of the broken bone in his right hand.

At the start of his most-anticipated week with the Cowboys, Owens wasn't in the locker room during the 45-minute open period Monday. The receiver generally talks to reporters only a Wednesday, so his absence wasn't unusual.

After the Titans, Owens wasn't ready to talk about his return to Philadelphia.

MLB

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Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "Nobody has more respect for the New York Yankees than we do, but I believe that when you get down to the final eight teams, whoever plays good at that particular time has a chance to win."

Many think the Yankees (97-65) and Mets have the best chance, and could be on track for their second Subway Series in six years.

Each team won its division by a comfortable margin, and both feature potent lineups. But while Yankees stars such as Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez, who will be scrutinized even more than usual this October, are postseason regulars, the Mets have several newcomers.

Cleanup hitter Carlos Delgado is a first-timer, along with his 23-year-old wunderkid teammates, David Wright and Jose Reyes.

"We match up well against anybody in the National League. If we go out there and play our game, play the way we're capable of, we'll win," Wright said. "If we don't win the World Series after making the playoffs, it's going to be a big let-down, naturally. This team, when we get off to an early lead, we don't let up."

The Mets, who cruised

"My main focus was on this game," Owens said. "We will talk about Philly next week."

Cowboys center Andre Gurode lifted weights Monday despite the 30 stitches above his forehead and beneath his eye from being stomped on and kicked by

Tennessee's Albert Haynesworth during the game. The NFL suspended Haynesworth for five games, the longest suspension for on-field behavior in league history.

"It was a crazy scene that happened," nose tackle Jason Ferguson said. "There's nothing that should make you go

that far." Haynesworth was penalized and ejected early in the third quarter after he stomped on Gurode's head, causing his helmet to pop off, then kicked him again following a 5-yard touchdown run by Julius Jones of the Cowboys.

"I've seen the replay of it and Andre's got the guy (beat)," said linebacker Greg Ellis, the Cowboys' player representative. "Andre knocked him off the ball, and Julius is in the end zone. ... You take your time to take a guy's helmet off and then to stomp on him in that manner? That just crosses the line."

Gurode didn't return to Sunday's game and wasn't in the locker room Monday, but Parcells said the lineman "is OK" and expected to practice Wednesday.

As for playing the Eagles, Parcells doesn't plan to speak to Owens or his team specifically about the circus atmosphere that will surround the receiver's return to Philadelphia.

"What do you think it was around here," said Parcells, whose team obviously wasn't bothered by the drama around Owens last week. "I told you I didn't think my team would be distracted by it, and they weren't."

Still, couldn't this week be an even bigger distraction?

"Well, I don't know," Parcells said. "It's only Monday."

One thing for sure, hype for the game is already building in unusual places.

Glenn noticed the Cowboys-Eagles game being talked about on TV before leaving home Monday, but on the daytime talk show "Live with Regis and Kelly" instead of a national cable sports show or even a local broadcast.

"On regular TV, they're talking about the game," Glenn said. "It's a huge game."

Titans DT suspended; Cowboys disgusted

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Titans defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth was given a five-game suspension — the longest for on-field behavior in NFL history — for stomping on Dallas Cowboys center Andre Gurode's head and kicking him in the face Sunday.

The NFL said Monday that Haynesworth was suspended for flagrant unnecessary roughness. The suspension, which is without pay, is effective immediately. Haynesworth will be eligible to return Nov. 19 for the Titans' game at Philadelphia.

"There is absolutely no place in the game, or anywhere else, for the inexcusable action that occurred in yesterday's Titans-Cowboys game," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said.

Haynesworth was penalized and ejected from the game early in the third quarter after stomping on Gurode's head, causing his helmet to pop off, then kicking him again following a 5-yard touchdown run by Julius Jones of the Cowboys.

Gurode received stitches above his forehead and beneath his eye. "What I did out there was disgusting," Haynesworth said Sunday. "It doesn't matter what the league does to me."

The way I feel right now, you just can't describe it."

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said Haynesworth's actions were unacceptable.

"I felt there needed to be some serious action taken from a discipline standpoint, and I believe that what the league has done right now is adequate," Fisher said.

Gurode said they hadn't been talking or having any exchanges that led to Haynesworth kicking him twice.

Tejada denies drug allegations

(AP) — Miguel Tejada is getting an unpleasant sense of deja vu. He says he already was smeared by one scandal and it looks like it's happening again.

The Baltimore Orioles' shortstop was named in a federal agent's affidavit, the Los Angeles Times reported, that said pitcher Jason Grimsley had accused five players of using performance-enhancing drugs.

The other players cited

were premier pitchers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte, both of the Houston Astros, and two of Tejada's teammates, Brian Roberts and Jay Gibbons, the Times said.

"What can I do?" Tejada, the 2002 American League MVP, said Sunday from Boston. "I spent one morning last year with Grimsley. I mean, I already got thrown under the bus with Palmeiro. No, I don't worry about that."

Rafael Palmeiro was suspended last season for using steroids and suggested the positive test may have been the result of a vitamin B-12 shot Tejada gave him.

Grimsley, who once played with Clemens and Pettitte on the New York Yankees, is now out of baseball. The reliever has admitted using a variety of banned substances and was suspended for 50 games by Major League Baseball.

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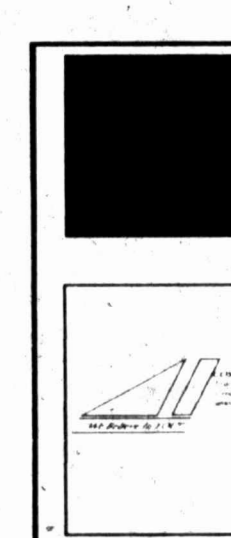
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"There's definitely bounce in the body's step today goes with coach Gary Kubiak recently.

And heading into week, the Texans looking forward to these good feelings the way to the meeting with Dallas.

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Texans enjoy first win; 2 weeks to prepare for Dallas Cowboys

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — David Carr laughed and joked with the media. Andre Johnson was smiling and unusually talkative. The defense seemed downright relaxed. Someone was even singing.

It's amazing what a win can do for a locker room.

The Houston Texans were still savoring their 17-15 win over Miami on Monday, a day after the victory that broke a five-game losing streak dating to last season.

"There's definitely a different bounce in everybody's step today and that goes with winning," coach Gary Kubiak said recently.

And heading into a bye week, the Texans are looking forward to keeping these good feelings all the way to their Oct. 15 meeting with Dallas.

It will be the first regular season meeting for the in-state foes since the Texans beat Dallas 19-10

in their first game in franchise history.

But Houston will worry about the Cowboys later. This week they'll revel in the win.

"The weight on our shoulders was tremendous. To get that off feels so good I can't even explain it," defensive end Anthony Weaver said. "We need to feel this. We need to know what it's like to win."

While the Texans performance on Sunday was far from perfect, there was marked improvement in several areas. Houston's beleaguered defense, which entered the game allowing an NFL-worst 484 yards a game, gave up just 289 to the Dolphins.

"Our backs were up against the wall," said Texans defensive coordinator Richard Smith.

"We hadn't played well the first three weeks, and that's kind of the style that we'd like to play. The guys performed and executed the game plan the

way it was designed, and we're proud of them."

The unit also found a pass rush for the first time this season and sacked Daunte Culpepper five times.

"We're going through a maturation right now, and this is a process of us learning together and growing together," Weaver said.

"We've just got to continue to get better, because we've got a lot of athletes on this defense."

Houston got some long-awaited production from No. 1 pick Mario Williams as he had 1 1/2 sacks and tipped a two-point conversion attempt that would have tied the game.

Kubiak said they scripted some plays for Williams this week in an attempt to "give him confidence to do his job."

The first-year coach continues to be encouraged by the improvement of Carr, whose quarterback rating of 108.9 leads the league.

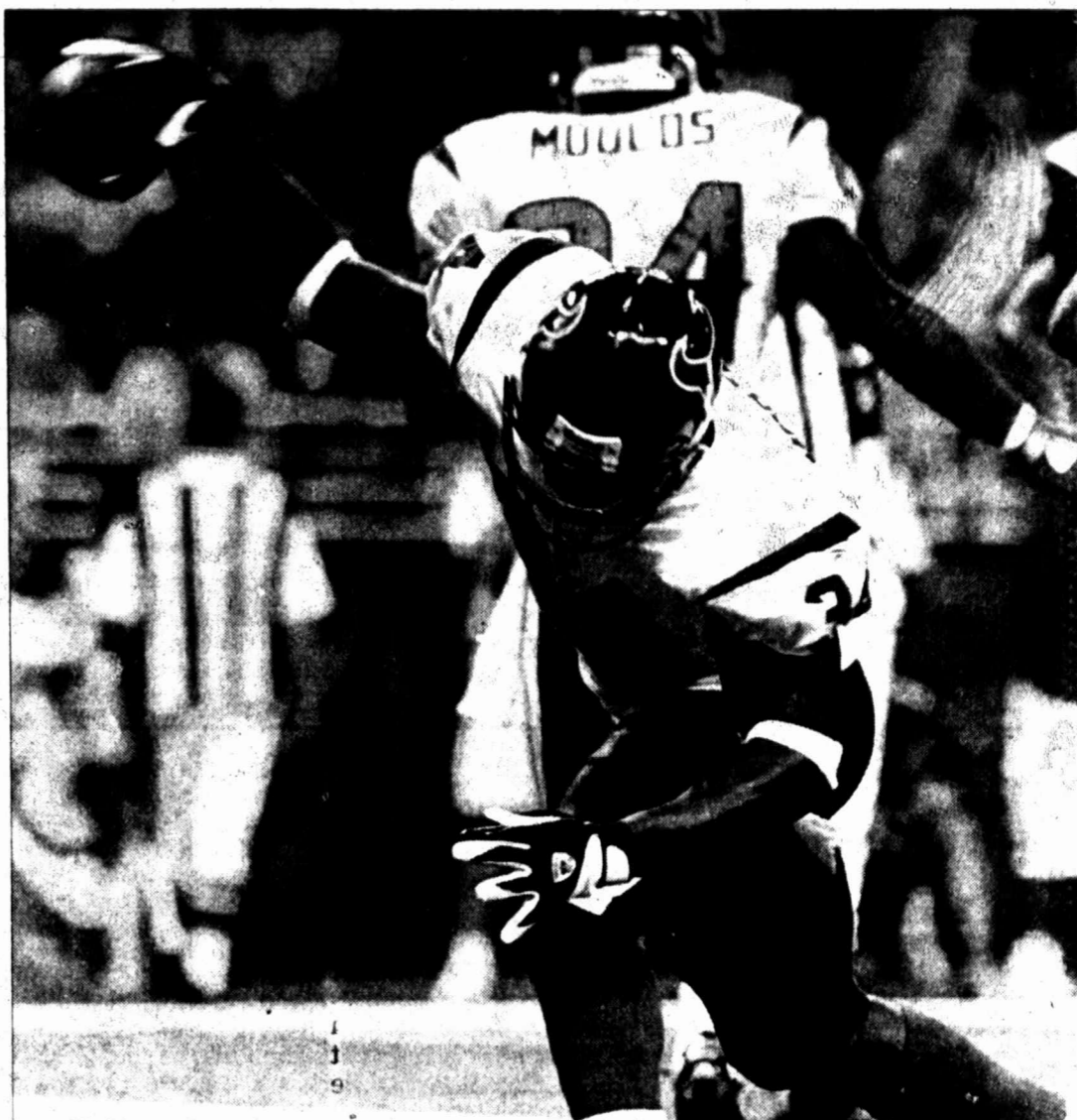
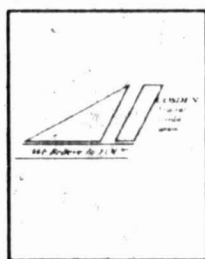


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Houston running back Vernand Morency spikes the ball after scoring a touchdown in this file photo. The Texans are now 1-3 and have two weeks to prepare for their game against the Dallas Cowboys.

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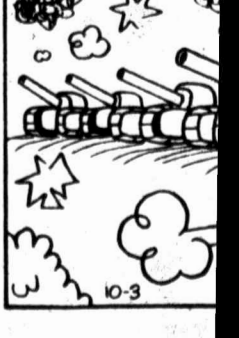
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The amiable Libra sun and sociable Aquarius moon make this a pleasant Monday.

You may actually be looking forward to work and the camaraderie you suspect awaits you on the job. Lunch feels more like a party than a break from the grind.

Tonight, there's a benefit to opening your mind and home to technological influences.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The structure of this day is best described as "go-go-go." By the end of it, though you're sleepy and unsure whether much was accomplished, you can most assuredly say that you "went."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your decisions are snappy and certain — just the way you like them. Because it doesn't take you long to deliberate, you spend most of your time in the place where you can make the biggest difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). Working for quantity over quality has the strange effect of bringing about both. So when you find yourself thinking too much, switch your brain to "off" and keep moving.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When it comes to following your artistic aspirations, "sooner" definitely trumps "later." Ten minutes daily is better than taking a whole year off when you're 90 to complete your masterpiece.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your emotions are sometimes on delay. You're just starting to feel the impact of something you experienced months ago. Breathe your way through, giving each feeling its own space.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Happiness is drawing the distinctions between what you want and what you need. You're good at this. Keep choosing carefully. Sooner or later everything you own ends up owning you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If it's possible to perform at high velocity while keeping a low stress level, you're the one who finds a way to do it. Your amazing balancing abilities have a lot to do with inner

strength. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're fired up and on the right track. Then you veer onto the wrong track and spend some time backtracking to get to the fast track. By tonight, you're stopped in your tracks — and loving every bit of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your forays into the world of style take you into your favorite kind of territory — uncharted. On this journey, your most attractive accessory is your open mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's better to make one agreement with yourself and keep it than it is to make 100 agreements that you don't keep. This afternoon features some retail therapy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You pride yourself on having a finger on the pulse of what's hip, what's now, what's ON. ... Only today, that pulse is faint and hard to feel. Sagittarius people help you get the energy flowing again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've probably heard the old adage that says when you want to get something done, ask a

busy person to do it. Well, you're the busy person everyone is asking today.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I want to move out on my own, but my parents are so old-fashioned. They don't even think a woman who's not married should live on her own. I know they grew up in a different culture, but I feel like they're now ruining my life. The only way they'll let me move is if I'm in college, as if that's any safer. I don't even want to go to college. But I also don't want to lose them forever, and they say that if I move out I can't come back. I'm not going to get married just to please them, either. What's a 20-year-old Aries with a Libra moon to do?"

Parental units aside, I feel you may be resisting the college idea for the wrong reasons. Besides being a dynamic creator with the raw force necessary to get things done, you also have a unique capacity for study and could easily have a facile understanding of law. You'd be brilliant and articulate representing clients in court. You're also well-suited for busi-

ness. My advice is to please yourself by finding a fascinating course of college study, and then try not to be too offended when your parents are also very pleased with you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: It's been almost 30 years since Sting and his Police made their monumental rock 'n' roll debut, and in "all this time," we've never tired of him. A curious artist, ever exploring music, Sting has admirably created a sound that's completely his own. Libra is a Venus-ruled sign, with discerning and distinct tastes. Will Sting reunite with The Police? Not in the near future, but the distant future shows promise.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for five years. During that time, my in-laws have never really accepted me.

Because of some minor health problems that could make pregnancy difficult, my husband and I adopted a beautiful son from another country. Although it was initially my idea, my husband agreed and loves this child unconditionally. His parents, however, have not and will not.

We recently had our son baptized. When my mother-in-law came for the baptism, she walked around our house with her sunglasses on and didn't speak to anyone. Our son tried to hug and touch his grandmother, and she turned and walked away. She told us she could never accept this child into the family. A few weeks later, my



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in-laws wanted to stop by on their way to a vacation. I told my husband that his father could come, but his mother was not welcome in my house again. My husband's father told him, "Have a nice life," and we haven't heard from them since. It's been almost two months.

I feel so bad for my husband, and I know it's my fault. I am the one with the medical problems; I initiated the adoption; I am the one who said my mother-in-law was not welcome. We are currently seeing a counselor who has told us that my husband made the right decision in defending his wife and son. This makes me feel better, but there is still a lot of guilt, and I have a strong desire to fix things. Any suggestions? — Daughter Out-law

Dear Daughter: Some parents take a long while to accept an adopted grandchild, and you did not give your in-laws enough time to adjust. Face it. You have difficult in-laws. It will take 10 times more effort to win them over than you think you should expend, but it's possible to do, especially since you have your husband's strong support. You can work

around your anger and make that effort, or you can cut them out of your lives. Talk to your husband about your options, and then discuss them with your counselor.

Dear Annie: My morning bus ride to work has been repeatedly disrupted by two teenage girls who insist on discussing the minutiae of their social life in loud, shrill tones from the moment they hop on the bus until the moment it pulls into the station. I don't exaggerate when I say this is a daily punishment.

I finally took it upon myself to firmly, but politely, tell them about the nature of public space and ask them to keep their voices down in the future. Several passengers thanked me for my efforts, and things were marginally quieter for the duration.

What should I do if the problem persists? I don't wish to lose my temper in public, but their behavior is intolerable. — Elizabeth in Montreal

Dear Elizabeth: Register a complaint with the bus driver, and see if some basic rules of decorum can be enforced. If that fails, it's worth investing in a good set of headphones.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Two Sad, Lonely and Hopeless Parents," who had to continue working past retirement age in order to keep bailing out their son and his family.

I only have one question. If the daughter-in-law doesn't work outside the home, why are they paying "more than \$200 per week" in day-care expenses? Wouldn't a stay-at-home mom be looking after her own children? Those "sad and lonely" parents should open their eyes and see that they are severely being taken advantage of. — Just Wondering

Dear Wondering: We noticed that, too, and assumed it was another way of extorting money from Mom and Dad. We hope their eyes are open now.

Dear Annie: I am at the end of my rope. My husband's parents are almost 80 and are constantly trying to manipulate their children through guilt.

Recently, my mother-in-law proceeded to tell my husband and me that

"one of her sons" needed to clean out the gutters and paint the eaves and she had no money to do it. Within the hour, I heard her ask if she should add to her collection of fine china. Later, we learned that Mom had won a jackpot while gambling. I suggested her next jackpot could be used to hire someone to paint the eaves and clean the gutters, and she replied that this was her gambling money and she wasn't spending it on home repairs.

My husband is almost 50. His job is physically demanding, and periodically, there is mandatory overtime. While one brother-in-law has helped a lot, the other one hasn't done squat.

If my in-laws have money to buy collectibles and gamble, shouldn't they be responsible for the upkeep of their home? I not only don't want to socialize with my husband's parents, but I dislike his married sisters, too. They both use this "drama mama" routine to guilt their parents and others into providing free child care.

I've never met a family so full of miserly, manipulative and whiny people. What can I do? — Getting Ready To Blow My Top in the Midwest

Dear Getting Ready: You married into this family, so it would be best to find a way to deal with them. Children should help their elderly parents when they can, and many older folks are reluctant to part with their money if they have children who will do chores for free. It's also likely that your in-laws do not recognize that their children are getting older as well, and cleaning the gutters may be too much for them.

Your husband and his siblings should talk to their parents about their chores. They might even be willing to pay someone else to do it. The cost per child would be minimal. Also, some churches and community centers have volunteers who will help with this sort of activity. Instead of being resentful, try to be resourceful. When you're ready to tear out your hair, vent to your friends. Or to us. We'll be here.

Dear Annie: I have a friend who always begins

her conversations with, "What are you doing tomorrow?" This is really annoying and puts me in an awkward position, because I don't know where she is headed or what she might want.

I'd much prefer if she were direct and asked, "Can you baby sit for me tomorrow?" or "Can you come with me to the store?" How can I get her to stop asking if my day is free? — Feeling Cornered

Dear Cornered: Some people are reluctant to be direct and mistakenly believe they are being more polite to ask your plans first. But you are right that it puts you on the spot. The correct response to "What are you doing tomorrow?" is "Why do you ask?" Then you'll find out what she wants before committing yourself.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Friend in Need," who knows "Giselle" is being beaten by her husband in front of their 2-year-old daughter.

It is heartbreaking that Giselle chooses to stay in this relationship, but someone MUST speak up for the child. Witnessing domestic violence is a form of child abuse.

It is my sincere hope that "Friend in Need," and any of your readers who know of similar situations, will report it to their local Child Protective Services agencies immediately. — Kelly Myers, Volunteer Coordinator, CASA of the Eastern Panhandle Inc., Martinsburg, W.Va.

Dear Kelly Myers: Thank you for your expert information. We hope any readers who are in this position will follow your advice.

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"JOEY'S HAVIN' HIS TONSILS AN' ADENOIDS OUT." "HOW COME GOD GAVE US PARTS WE DON'T NEED?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Just wonderin' ... Is this a good broom for sweeping up broken glass?"

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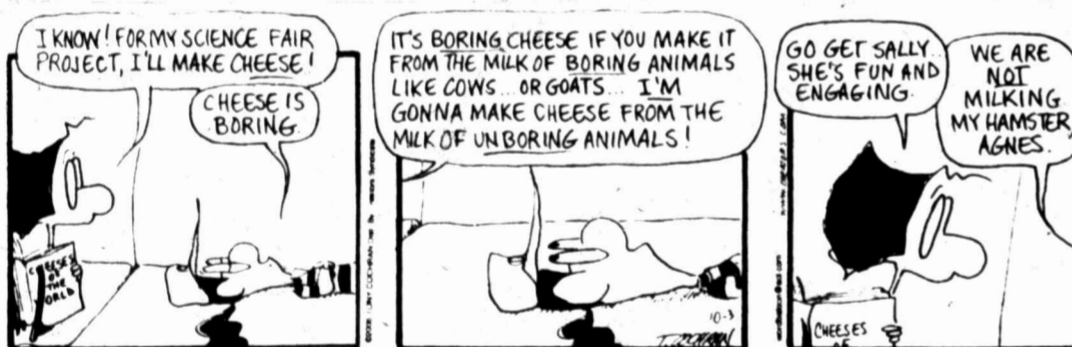
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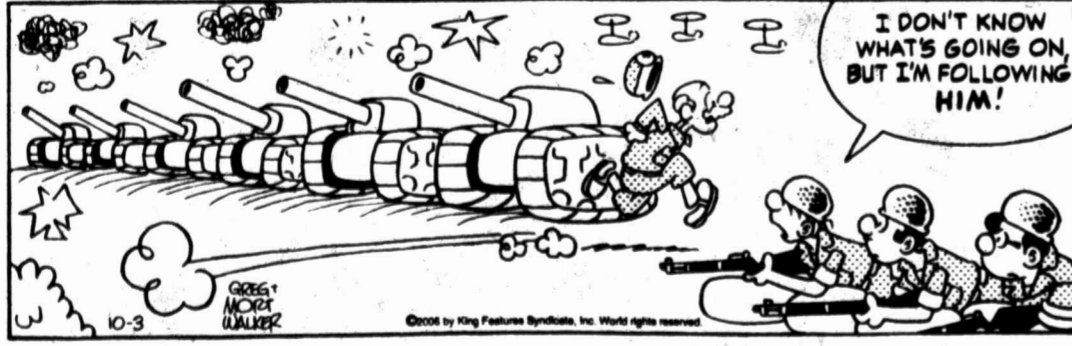
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2006. There are 89 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.

On this date:
In 1226, St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, died; he was canonized in 1228.
In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.
In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again."
In 1951, the New York Giants captured the National League pennant as Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ralph Branca in the "shot heard 'round the world."

In 1952, Britain conducted its first atomic test as it detonated a 25-kiloton device in the Monte Bello Islands off Australia.
In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a nine-hour flight.
In 1981, Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland, ended seven months of hunger strikes that had claimed 10 lives.
In 1986, the Soviet nuclear submarine K-219 suffered an explosion and fire in a missile tube northeast of Bermuda; the vessel sank three days later.
In 1991, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton entered the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Today's Birthdays: Author Gore Vidal is 81. Singer Alan O'Day is 66. Rock and roll star Chubby Checker is 65. Actor Alan Rachins is 64. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., is 63. Magician Roy Horn is 62. Singer Lindsey Buckingham is 57. Jazz musician Ronnie Laws is 55. Blues singer Keb' Mo' is 55. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Dave Winfield is 55. Actor Hart

Bochner is 50. Actor Peter Frechette is 50. Actor Jack Wagner is 47. Rock musician Tommy Lee is 44. Actor Clive Owen is 42. Actress Janel Moloney is 37. Singer Gwen Stefani (No Doubt) is 37. Pop singer Kevin Richardson is 35. Actress Keiko Agena is 33. Actress Neve Campbell is 33. Singer India.Arie is 31. Actress Alanna Ubach is 31. Actor Seann William Scott is 30. Actress Shannyn Sossamon is 28. Actor Erik Von Detten is 24. Actress singer Ashlee Simpson is 22.

Thought for Today: "No one can build his security upon the nobleness of another person." — Willa Cather, American author (1873-1947).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

FALLING LEAVES by Sally R. Stein
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor Baldwin
 - 5 Kama
 - 9 ___ Corleone (Brando's *Godfather* role)
 - 13 Luxurious
 - 14 Internet auction site
 - 15 Jordanian, for one
 - 16 Videocassette contents
 - 17 Greet the day
 - 18 Specifies, as a person
 - 20 Fraction of a pound
 - 22 Crabby quality
 - 24 Where kids' pants wear
 - 26 Stage whispers
 - 27 Makes happen
 - 30 Fraction of a foot
 - 32 In addition
 - 33 Fill completely
 - 35 Receded
 - 40 Something extra
 - 42 Smoked salmon
 - 43 Sticky mud
 - 44 Vermont or Virginia
 - 45 Picnic pests
 - 47 Similar
 - 48 Camper's quarters
 - 50 Balance-sheet pluses
 - 52 Hate
 - 56 Tussled with
 - 58 Galoshes
 - 60 Biblical song
 - 64 Craze
 - 65 Vending-machine opening
 - 67 Woodwind instrument
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Waikiki feast
 - 3 Sports cable network
 - 4 Leaves, as a hotel guest
 - 5 Not very many
 - 6 Recede
 - 7 Leaves, as an escapee
 - 8 Holes in needles
 - 9 Leaves, as a magician's assistant
 - 10 Tehran resident
 - 11 Brought under control
 - 12 Like Humpty Dumpty
 - 19 Former draft org.
 - 21 Pt. opposite WSW
 - 23 Tic-___toe
 - 25 Superman's insignia
 - 27 Cars for hire
 - 28 Very much
 - 29 Annapolis sch.
 - 31 Bakery call
 - 34 Alda or Arkin
 - 36 Leaves, as a rocket
 - 37 Two-wheeler
 - 38 Give off
 - 39 Family rooms
 - 41 Leaves, as a cruise ship
 - 46 Not happy
 - 49 Ordinal suffix
 - 51 Maple syrup source
 - 52 ___ Perignon (Champagne name)
 - 53 Keep away from
 - 54 Doctrine
 - 55 Author Jong
 - 57 Stick out like ___ thumb
 - 59 Scandinavian capital
 - 61 Well-qualified
 - 62 Fill with freight
 - 63 Big Apple baseballers
 - 66 Brown shade

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Wacky Facts

- Early calendars were lunar — based on the phases of the moon.
 - The ancient Egyptians were probably the first to develop a solar calendar, based on the movement of Earth around the sun.
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KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"I had an 'E.T.' T-shirt that my mom used to have to wait for me to go to sleep to take it off."
— R&B star Kelis, on her childhood fashion choices, in Entertainment Weekly.



In The News

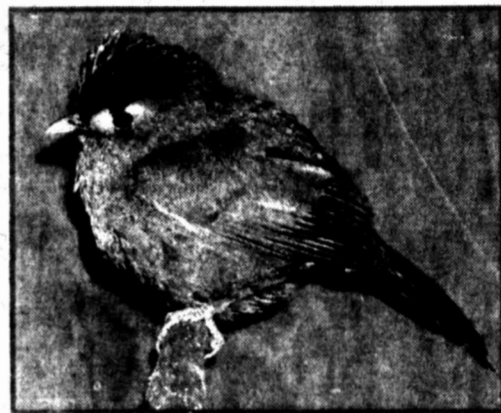


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The Bugun Liocichla is a new bird species.

A feathered friend: New species of bird discovered in India

A sharp-eyed birdwatcher in India has made a rare discovery. Ramana Athreya spotted a brand-new species of bird while working on a conservation project at Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary in northeastern India.

Last May, Athreya studied the bird up close. He made detailed notes of its markings and took photographs. He also recorded its song and collected a few feathers. Athreya's research helped scientists identify the bird as a new species. The results were published in the latest issue of the journal Indian Birds.



MEET BUGUN LIOCICHLA

Athreya named the bird Bugun Liocichla, for the Bugun tribe that lives at the edge of Eaglenest sanctuary. Members of the Bugun tribe have been helpful in working to preserve the forest and its wildlife.

The discovery has bird-conservation groups flying high. This is the first new bird species found in India in more than 50 years. The Bugun Liocichla is a type of babbler, a diverse family of birds that primarily live in tropical forests.

Scientists know of only 14 of the birds in the area. Athreya and a team of researchers aim to find more. "The most exciting part of this discovery is that such a remarkably colorful and distinctive bird remained unknown until 2006," Athreya told Time For Kids. "It makes me think of all the other less distinctive species — butterflies, reptiles, insects, plants — which are waiting to be discovered!"

— Kathryn Satterfield

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PLUTO'S PLIGHT

Students argue about whether astronomers made the right call

BY DEVON MARROW
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Fifty-five middle school students spent a recent morning deciding whether mama should serve nine pizzas or nachos. It wasn't a lunch menu request.

It was the students' chance to weigh in on the announcement by the International Astronomical Union that the solar system's smallest planet, Pluto, no longer met the requirements of a planet.

"I think it should be a planet," said one student at E.L. Wright Middle School in Columbia, S.C. "I don't think it should be a planet because you're going to have to add all those little planets to the solar system," added another.

Although nearly 500 astronomers already voted on the fate of Pluto, the students researched and debated the decision to redefine Pluto's status while Elton John's "Rocket Man" played in the background.

Some giggled and others looked over at science teacher Donna Petty when the "Star Wars" theme song began to play. "I'm corny like that," she said, then laughed.

Scientists decided the planet, a longtime controversial member of the solar system, should be a redefined as a dwarf planet.

The decision for the students, though, was split — and at times sentimental.

While some students supported Pluto remaining a planet because it's been one "ever since I was little," others wondered what would happen to the popular device for remembering the order of the planets: "My Very Excited Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas."

"She can serve you nachos," Petty said.

Eighth-grader Rebecca Towers said she didn't understand why things should change now and called the announcement evidence of flaws in the astronomers' system.

"I think they need to figure out a better classification system," she said, "It's round" is not really a good guideline." (See sidebar.)

Nikki Boyd, a student in Petty's first-period class, originally wanted Pluto to remain as a planet. But after hearing other opinions, she changed her mind.

As more planets meet the first definition of planet, Nikki said it would become increasingly difficult for students to learn about the solar system because there would be too many planets.

Petty's two classes viewed the vote to demote Pluto differently. Her second-period class was near unanimous in its support for making Pluto a dwarf planet. Petty said she was surprised by the overall sentimental tone the students from her first class shared. Nearly all defended Pluto's classification as a planet.

"They looked at Pluto like some little child that has been kicked out of the family," she said.

Science, she reminded students, is based on fact, not feelings.

"If you're a lawyer, you don't go into a courtroom and say (my client) should be declared innocent because he's got a nice suit," she said.

So, when 13-year-old Zackory Huber's turn came to say whether scientists made the right call in demoting Pluto, he said the decision was a matter of technology.

"Scientists can use newer telescopes to see beyond Pluto. It's been a planet since 1930," he said. "If it isn't a planet anymore, everybody needs to know that."

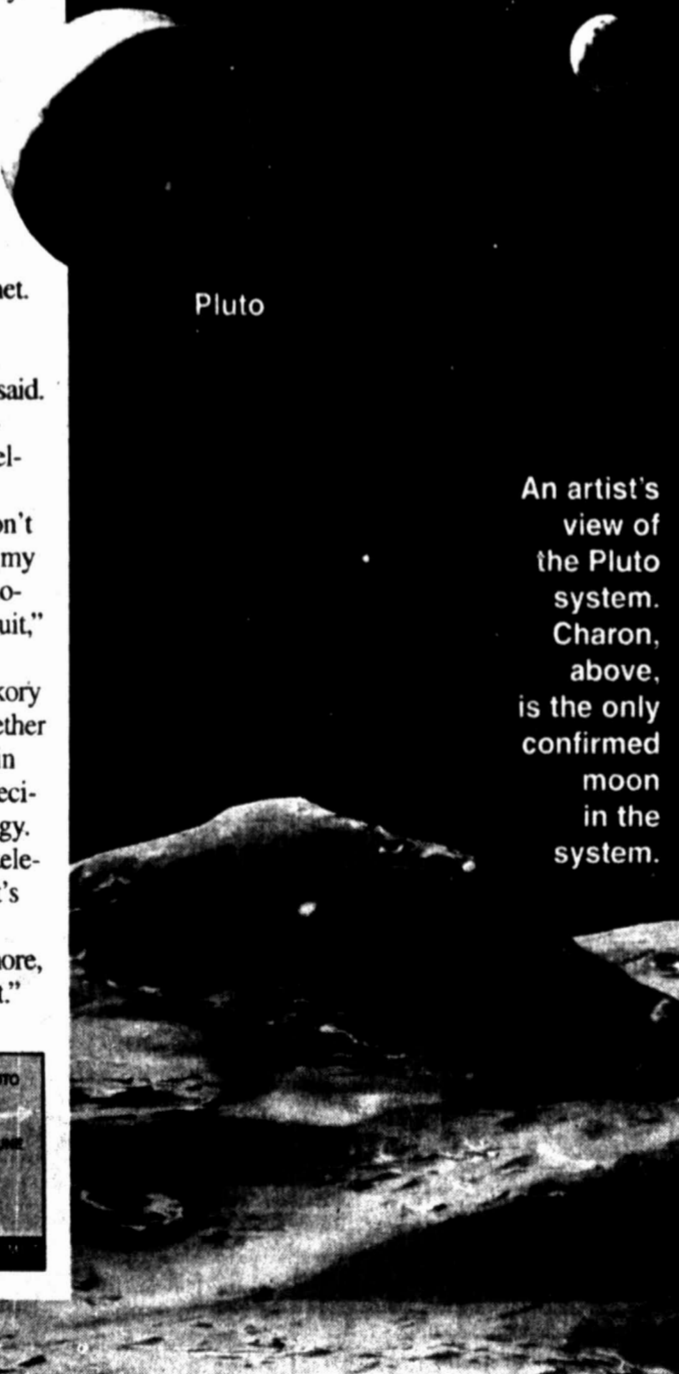
Under new guidelines by the International Astronomical Union, a planet is:

- any object that orbits the sun
- round because of gravity
- the dominant object in its region of space

The third criteria is why scientists demoted Pluto — and bumped our solar system from nine planets to eight. (Pluto is not dominant in its region. Its neighborhood includes icy debris on the edge of the solar system that Pluto has not cleared.)

For now, the "classic" eight are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

As a dwarf planet, Pluto joins a class of objects that orbit the sun, such as asteroids and comets. Two more planets, Ceres and 2003 UB313, nicknamed Zena, will join Pluto in the classification.



Pluto

An artist's view of the Pluto system. Charon, above, is the only confirmed moon in the system.

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School word search

How many of these school supplies can you find in the puzzle below?



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