

Election Judges Clara Hernandez, left, Donna Cole and Donna Reyna get voters ready to cast their ballots Tuesday morning at the Northside Fire Station.

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Job search

Moore Board to discuss executive director post in Wednesday meeting

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Members of the board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring will meet Wednesday evening, with the search for a new executive director topping the group's agenda.

The special meeting consists of an executive session and consideration of any actions that come as a result of the session, and according to Board President Larry McLellan, should help narrow the search.

"We'll sit down and go over the applications and try to narrow the list down into something we can work with," said McLellan following the board's last meeting. "We're more concerned with trying to find the right person for the job than just trying to get

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—Larry McLellan,
Moore Development
board president

someone in there as quickly as we can." In the meantime, McLellan said the day to day operations of the office are being handled by a temporary employee. "Vickie (Purcell) is handling things like answering the phone and paying the bills," said McLellan.

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Polls open until 7 p.m. today

It's election day across Howard County, Texas and the nation.

Polls will be open until 7 p.m. at various locations throughout Howard County.

Locally voters will elect a county judge, two county commissioners and fill other seats, and join the rest of the state in electing a governor, lieutenant governor, comptroller and agriculture commissioner. Also on the ballot are races for state and national representative and several bond issues.

Below are the locations of Howard County polls.

- North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street — Precincts 101, 106, 109, 110, 111, 112, 114 and 115
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler — Precincts 102, 107, 108 and 113
- Prairie View Baptist Church, 10000 W. FM 2230 — Precincts 103, 104 and 105

- Life Church, 600 E. FM 700 — Precincts 202, 203 and 204
- Kentwood Older Activity Center, 2805 Lynn — Precinct 205
- Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Avenue, Coahoma — Precinct 207
- Forsan High School, 411 W. Sixth Street, Forsan — Precinct 208
- Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad — Precincts 302, 303 and 305
- Elbow Elementary School, 5001 Nichols Road — Precinct 304
- Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Kentucky Lane and Birdwell Lane — Precincts 401, 402, 403 and 410
- Jonesboro Fire Station, 142 Jonesboro Road — Precincts 404 and 406
- Salem Baptist Church, 8911 Old Colorado City Highway — Precincts 405, 407 and 408
- Sand Springs Lions Club, 131 Scout Hut Road, Sand Springs — Precinct 409



Postmaster: send military gifts this week

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Postal Service officials are reminding military families and friends of military personnel sending holiday packages and letters to service men and women overseas, including Iraq and Afghanistan, that the deadline for the most economical shipping option is fast approaching.

"In fact, it's less than a week away," Big Spring Postmaster Gary Crittenden said, noting that Monday, Nov. 13, is the deadline for sending holiday packages to troops stationed overseas using Parcel Post to all Air/Army Post Office (APO) or Fleet Post Office (FPO) ZIP Codes.

The Postal Service is encouraging early deadlines to make sure that packages reach their destination in time for the holidays, Crittenden explained. That's because those packages are headed to more than 80 military installations worldwide.

"Mail is one of the greatest morale boosters we can give our troops during the holidays." Postmaster General John E. Potter said in a press release issued by the Postal Service last week.

"When they see that package or letter waiting for them on their bunk or hear their name at their name at mail call, it brings them that much closer to family and the comforts of home."

And this holiday season, the Postal Service is able to make Delivery Confirmation — a service which provides customers with the date, ZIP Code and time the package was delivered — available for almost all APO/FPO destinations. Delivery Confirmation information can be accessed online at USPS.com.

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Crittenden

Trustees to study facility needs

Report calls for major renovation and replacement

□ Big Spring ISD trustees will convene at 5:15 p.m. Thursday.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A likely fixture at Big Spring school board meetings for some time to come will be facility needs, and this month's agenda is no different.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will begin a long, hard evaluation of local campuses when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Thursday in the high school board room.

Trustees recently learned the results of a facilities study by Dr. Paul Trautman, who recommended major renovation and/or replacement of almost every local campus.

Board members will now start discussing how to make best use of that information, Superintendent Michael Downes said.

One of the possibilities to be discussed is how to split grade levels between campuses.

Right now, students attend elementary school through grade 4, then attend Goliad Intermediate for two years, Big Spring Junior High

for two years, then the high school.

Trautman believes that's too many splits. He told trustees last month that students perform better when they have fewer "transitions" — when they swap campuses less often. He suggested that BSISD students attend elementary through grade 5, then have three years of "middle school" before attending the high school.

The trouble with that plan — or any plan to split grade levels — is finding the necessary space, Downes said.

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FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

The Department of State Health Services will give flu shots from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Health Department, 501 Birdwell Lane Suite 28B. The cost is \$10.

There is no charge if you have Medicaid or Medicare. If so, bring your card with you. This service is open to everyone.

For more information, call the Department of State Health Services at 263-9775.

According to the Center for Disease Control, those at highest risk for getting the flu or those under age 5, age 50 and older, pregnant and people with certain chronic medical conditions.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Clarence Hartfield Jr. has been named the Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for April.

The public is invited to take part in honoring Hartfield at 6 p.m. Thursday in the museum's Briefing Room at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Refreshments will be served.

Hartfield, who served in the Army from June 1961 to August 1970, will speak briefly about his experiences. He is a Vietnam War veteran.

To honor their service, the museum profiles one veteran each month.

For more information, call the museum at 264-1999.

DINE OUT DAY IS FRIDAY

Cowboys is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of Cowboys' proceeds this Friday will be donated to United Way, which serves 15 local agencies.

The following is the list of Dine Out Days that will be the Restaurant of the Week for November:
Friday, Nov. 17, Sonic Drive Ins, both locations

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Obituaries

Matt Caperton



Matt Caperton of Bronte passed from this life on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, in San Angelo. Family visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today, Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. Services will be at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bronte on Wednesday, Nov. 8, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery. Services are under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Matthew Goodloe Caperton was born March 4, 1926, in Clyde to Emmett L. and Lillian (Coleman) Caperton. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Bronte where Matt attended school, graduating in May of 1943. He also attended San Angelo Junior College and Texas A&M University.

He entered the Navy in January of 1944 and was sent to San Diego where he served in the Seaman Guard. He was later shipped to Oahu, Hawaii, to attend radio school and from there to the Marshall Islands. He served as radioman and teletype operator during World War II.

Matt and his second grade sweetheart, Armilda Jean Looney of Robert Lee, were married Dec. 26, 1946. Matt and Mil began their married life in Robert Lee and later moved to Bronte where Matt began an occupation that would be the center of his life — the selling, buying and trading of cars and trucks.

He entered the car business with his father, E.L., and his brother, R.T., in 1949. They formed Caperton Chevrolet Company and remained in business until June of 1970. Matt and Mil moved to Big Spring in the fall of 1971, as Matt took a position with Pollard Chevrolet and with the exception of a few years, was there until his retirement in 2003. Many of Matt's family and friends feel that had he regained his health, he would still be selling cars.

Active in community affairs, Matt served in various capacities while living in Bronte. Those activities included: Bronte school board, city councilman, Housing Board Authority, East Coke County Hospital District and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the American Legion, the Lions Club and the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Armilda; two brothers, R.T. Caperton and Leslie Dean Caperton; one sister, Savannah Ruth Belcher; and his son, Matthew G. Caperton Jr.

Survivors are two daughters, Janet Hickman of Bronte and Savannah Almazan of Big Spring; one son, Mark Caperton of Austin; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and family members who will miss all the good stories.

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to Barbara Johnson for her care and concern for Matt during his lengthy illness. The family would also like to thank Dr. Cheraku and his staff.

Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church in Bronte, P.O. Box T, Bronte 76933.

Matt loved life and he loved people. On the occasion of his 78th birthday, Matt made this statement about his life, "If I left this world today, I would be leaving a very rich man. I have been blessed with family love, great friends, great jobs, working with great people and loving and enjoying every minute of it."

Paid obituary

Larry Haynes

Larry Haynes, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Yvonne Ray

Yvonne Ray, 77, of El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, in El Paso. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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

• 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.

• 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.

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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:

- **TIFFANY EMERSON**, 19, of 400 Dallas, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- **RUDY CARPENTER**, 21, of 212 N.E. 10th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- **ALLAN CHANCE GANA**, 19, of 4200 Centerpoint Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 500 block of State.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DOLLY REBECCA HOGAN**, 30, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid and a charge of credit card abuse.
- **SANDRA ANN BARNES**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear, displaying an expired motor vehicle registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to yield at a stop sign.
- **DUSTY DAWN NALLEY**, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for criminal mischief and assault by physical contact.
- **ROBERT WESLEY BAIRD**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **WILLIAM TROY HOGAN**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.
- **JUAN ROBERTO MENJAREZ**, 50, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid and displaying a fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document.
- **TRACY LYNN GONZALES**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for displaying a fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document.

Take Note

• **RELAY SUPER HEROES!** The Howard Glasscock Counties 2007 Relay For Life Community Kickoff will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry Street (First United Methodist Church). Everyone is invited to help start the new campaign.

• **THE COAHOMA SENIOR CITIZENS** will have Thanksgiving dinner at the Coahoma School Cafeteria, Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 11:15 a.m. All area seniors are invited.

• **A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR ESTHER LOPEZ** has been established at Howard College by J.O. and Annabel Barker. To make a contribution, contact Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.

• **THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING** is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

• **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.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Flu shots are available at the Health Department, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- A reception for Clarence Hartfield, Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month, will be held at 6 p.m. in the hangar's Briefing Room.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.
Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday night...Clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.
Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. West winds around 10 mph.
Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.
Friday...Sunny...Cooler. Highs in the lower 70s.
Friday night...Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the lower 40s.
Veterans day...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
Sunday...Mostly sunny. Warmer. Highs in the upper 70s.
Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-17-31-33.
Number matching five of five: none.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.
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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 17-18-25-33. Bonus Ball: 14.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.
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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-4

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World in Brief

Republican control of Congress is on the line on Election Day '06

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican control of Congress was on the line Tuesday in an election colored by voters' dismay over the Iraq war and misbehavior in Washington.

At stake in the midterm election were all 435 House seats, 33 in the Senate, 36 races for governor, ballot measures on gay marriage, embryonic stem cell research, the minimum wage and more — plus the overarching fate of President Bush's agenda in the last two years of his presidency.

In a climate inhospitable if not toxic for incumbents, Democrats hoped finally to answer the rout that drove them from legislative power in 1994. Even their opponents conceded Democrats were certain to make gains and, despite brave words for public consumption, Republicans worried that control of the House would slip from their hands.

Even Senate control was up in the air, but a tougher climb for Democrats.

Bush flew to his home state of Texas to vote Tuesday, finishing a restrained five-day round of campaigning mostly in GOP strongholds. His presence on the stump was a mixed blessing for candidates attracted to the attention and fundraising prowess generated by a president but nervous about being associated too closely — or even seen with — an unpopular leader.

Election watchdogs warn of poll problems with new equipment

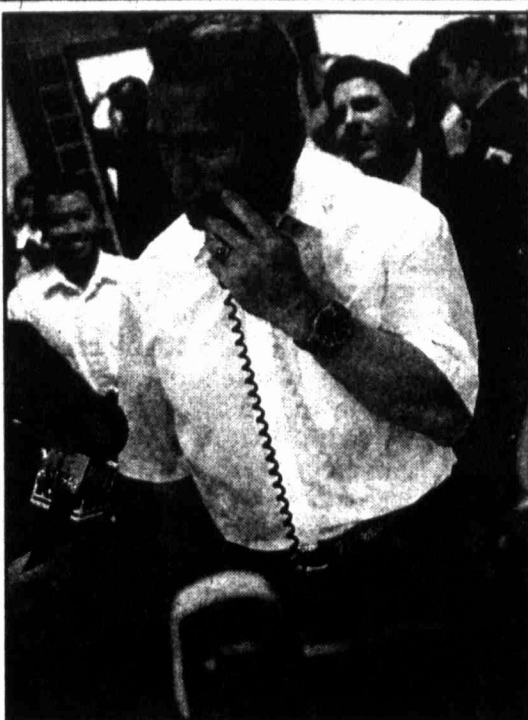
NEW YORK (AP) — With a third of Americans voting on new equipment and voters navigating new registration databases and rules governing acceptable IDs, election watchdogs worry about polling problems Tuesday.

Although turnout generally is lower in midterm elections, this year was the deadline for many of the election changes enacted in the wake of the Florida balloting chaos in 2000.

"There has not been an election in decades that has had this much change," said Wendy Weiser, an attorney with the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University's law school. "Part of it is because of the federal Help America Vote Act."

According to Election Data Services, a Washington, D.C., consulting firm, 32 percent of registered voters will see new equipment since the 2004 elections, a jump from 19 percent using new machines two years ago.

Nearly half of all voters will be using optical-scan systems that ask voters to



San Jose Mercury News photo/Dal Sogano
Surrounded by media and volunteers, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger talks to a potential voter during his visit to 'Victory '06' volunteer headquarters in Irvine, Calif.

fill in the blanks, with ballots then fed by poll workers into a computerized system. Another 38 percent will cast votes on ATM-like touchscreen machines, the ones criticized by many computer scientists as prone to hacking and other problems.

Election experts say both types are bound to cause trouble.

Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega appears headed back to Nicaragua's presidency

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Daniel Ortega insists he has changed from the days when he was a Marxist fighting a U.S.-backed insurgency. The balding, 60-year-old former Nicaraguan president has toned down his fiery rhetoric and is even promising to keep good relations with the White House.

Even though Ortega looked set Tuesday to regain the country's top office with a commanding lead over four challengers, he refrained from declaring victory before the official announcement.

"No one wins until the electoral council says so," Ortega said after meeting former President Carter, who served as an observer of Sunday's election.

Washington has made it clear it isn't thrilled at the prospect of its Cold War foe returning to power. But in an interview released by the State Department

on Monday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the United States would respect the decision of the Nicaraguan people and see what policies the next government follows before making decisions about future relations.

With more than 60 percent of the vote counted, the Sandinista leader had 39 percent, an eight-point lead over wealthy banker Eduardo Montealegre.

Iraq's interior minister charges more than 50 police with torture

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Interior Ministry said Tuesday that it had brought the first-ever charges of torture against members of the Iraqi police, who are accused of close ties to the Shiite death squads whose daily abductions and killings fuel the sectarian violence convulsing the country.

Authorities reported finding the bodies of a dozen apparent death squad victims floating in the Tigris River south of Baghdad.

Shiite death squads are generally thought to be behind such killings, hundreds of which have been recorded in Baghdad alone since the bombing of a major Shiite shrine in February ignited the explosion of sectarian revenge killings.

Some officers on the Shiite-dominated police force are accused of abetting the violence by allowing the gunmen to violate curfews and pass through checkpoints.

Israeli forces pull out of northern Gaza town after weeklong sweep

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli forces pulled out of the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun before daybreak Tuesday, the army said in a statement, completing a weeklong sweep that killed more than 50 Palestinians.

The military said the forces took up new positions inside the Gaza Strip but outside Beit Hanoun, in the northeast corner of the territory near the Israeli border. Residents reported troops and tanks withdrawing from the town overnight.

The pullout coincided with another failed effort by Palestinian leaders to forge a unity government that might lead to lifting of Western aid sanctions that have bankrupted the Palestinian Authority and caused widespread hardships.

Israeli leaders said the object of the raid was to reduce the frequency of Palestinian rocket fire at nearby Israeli towns and villages, but militants kept launching their homemade rockets

throughout the operation.

The sweep came in for harsh international criticism because of the death toll and destruction. Israel said most of the dead were militants, but some were women and children.

Mission to move Intrepid in New York scrubbed after aircraft carrier gets stuck in mud

NEW YORK (AP) — The USS Intrepid may have survived five kamikaze attacks and served in three wars, but it was no match for nasty New York City mud.

The floating museum refused to budge Monday as a fleet of tugboats furiously worked to pull the historic aircraft carrier from its pier, scuttling a carefully laid mission to redeploy the ship for \$60 million in repairs.

"We had 40 government — federal, state and local — agencies working with us. We had the sun, the moon and the stars in alignment, and it was just a very disappointing day for us," Intrepid President Bill White said after the ship became mired in the thick mud of the Hudson River near the spot where it has rested for the last 24 years.

Jeffrey McAllister, the lead tugboat pilot, said his firm's six tugs did everything they could, pulling the Intrepid with a combined 30,000-horsepower force, but mud built up as the ship shifted backward. He said the tugs were able to move the aircraft carrier as much as 15 feet before it became firmly entrenched in the mud.

"Mother Nature was against us," McAllister said.

U.S. reaffirms emissions cap opposition at U.N. conference on global warming

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — As delegates from more than 100 nations gathered for talks on the world's changing climate, many looked for signs the United States might ease its stand against mandatory reductions on global-warming emissions.

On the first day of the conference, they got their answer — it won't happen any time soon.

"I certainly got no indication (from the Bush administration) that there's any change in our position, nor is there likely to be during this presidency," U.S. negotiator Harlan Watson said.

The two-day conference opened Monday on the eve of a U.S. election that could hand congressional power to Democrats who favor the caps.

MAIL

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Crittenden, the Postal Service introduced a Military Care Kit, or "Milikit" in 2004 to make it easier for military families and friends to send care packages to their loved ones stationed overseas. Since the inception of the Milikit, the Postal Service has shipped more

than 150,000 kits. Each kit contains four Priority Mail boxes, six Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes, 10 Priority Mail labels, one roll of Priority Mail tape and 10 customs forms with envelopes. This kit may be ordered by calling the USPS Expedited Package Supply Center at 1-800-610-8734.

Crittenden said there is no charge for the kit, and the Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes included in

the kit can be shipped to any APO/FPO in the world, regardless of weight, for \$8.10.

All packages and mail must be addressed to individual service members, as required by Department of Defense regulations.

All military units are assigned an APO or FPO ZIP Code and, in many cases, that ZIP Code travels with the unit. The Postal Service places

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"The way we have the grade splits ... is based on what we have room for," Downes said. "That's backwards. I think good instruction practices should drive your facility needs, not your facilities driving your instructional practices."

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- Bids for food service and maintenance and transportation.
- An expedited waiver for TAKS testing days at the high school.
- Enrollment report.

- Personnel contract and evaluation schedule.
- Resignations, retirements and employments.

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MOORE

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"It's a temporary position. We didn't want to go ahead and hire a secretary for the office. We want that to be left up to the director we hire."

Kent Sharp, who had been director of Moore Development since January of 1998, announced his intent to leave Moore Development in late August, after accepting a position with an economic development firm in Gainesville.

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OUR VIEWS

Remember, it's time to register parade entries

While today is election day, we should all remember the Christmas season is fast approaching and will officially begin in Howard County on Saturday, Dec. 2, when Santa Claus arrives to take part in the 21st annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

Registration forms are already coming in from individuals, businesses and church, civic and school groups who are planning their entries in keeping with this year's theme — "A Poinsettia Christmas."

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. But entries will be judged in slightly different categories this year. First-place plaques will be awarded to winners in four categories — Individual or family entries; those from churches, civic groups or schools; commercial entries; and those from industries. Second- and third-place finishers will receive certificates.

And as was the case last year, the entry judged "Best of Show" will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Mayor's Trophy for best use of lighting will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshall's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

In addition, the Herald will again present a trophy to the best mounted entry from a sheriff's posse or riding club.

The parade is again set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the Herald want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

While it may seem there's plenty of time to make decisions about the Christmas season, it's important to remember that a parade this size takes time to plan and coordinate.

That's why we're reminding our readers about the need to get those entries submitted. The deadline to get those entries submitted is noon Friday, Nov. 17.

An entry form has been printed a number of times in the Herald and will be included in Wednesday's and Sunday's editions. In addition, entry forms are available at the Herald's offices located at 710 Scurry, and you can also download them from our Website at www.bigspringherald.com.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade, get your entries filled in as soon as possible and let us know what you're planning to do.

Entry forms should be mailed to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431. For additional information concerning the parade, call 263-7331.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

So come on and join us in kicking off the holiday season in impressive style.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You give us victory in our earthly fight.

Amen

Take flag out of Chevy's greedy hands

Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and shamelessness. If you were watching the World Series, you've been hit with them all, thanks to the ads for Chevrolet's Silverado pickup truck.

The spot is a montage of all-American images that pulls out all the emotional stops. You've got your Vietnam War, your houses swamped by Katrina, your Ground Zero memorial — the haunting "Tribute in Light."

That's right: When you think tragedy, think Chevrolet!

Of course, that's not the point. The point is to get the juices flowing, the tears welling. Sucker that I am, I got a lump in my throat the size of a Hummer about three seconds in. How can you not choke up with you see those blue lights piercing the night sky?

And how can you not resent those lights — those souls — being used to sell trucks?

The ad doesn't stop there. As John Mellencamp sings, "This is our country," it shows

Muhammad Ali and Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, too. Rosa! The one human being most famous for taking public transportation.

Oh, but she's an American icon and Chevy's parent company, General Motors, likes to drape itself in the flag. Heck, all the American car companies do. But usually it's the purple mountains majesty kind of patriotism, where you're supposed to feel so proud to live in such a big, beautiful country (with such nice barns!) that you go out and buy a car.

This new kind of patriotism — the "We're all in this together" kind — is more insidious. It implies the answer to all our huge, horrible problems is: Go out and buy a car!

Buy a big, American gas-guzzler from the company that has done its very best to keep us addicted to foreign oil.

Remember, it was GM that last summer came up with the revolutionary offer that it would subsidize your gas. The deal was that if you bought certain GM cars or SUVs in certain states, the company would guarantee you'd pay no more than \$1.99 for a gallon of gas. The effect was to say: Don't be

scared into buying a more fuel-efficient car just because gas prices are rising. Energy dependence for all!

And why is it that other countries do have such enviably efficient cars while our mileage standards lag even behind China's? Because for years, GM spearheaded the lobbying effort to kill more stringent standards. Even today, it's fighting the global warming agreement passed in New York, California and nine other states that requires a 25 percent reduction in vehicle emissions by 2009.

You don't see GM's lawyers in the Silverado slideshow. You don't see melting ice caps or Saudis laughing at the bank or troops dying in Iraq. Nope, you see the sacred memory of about 3,000 terrorism victims being used to get you to your car dealer.

How infinitely more tasteful.

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LENORE SKENAZY

STRESSFUL INTERROGATION



Doing right by No. 300 million

It's all about opportunity The negative reaction by some to the recent arrival of our 300 millionth American is a reminder of the saying that "We fear things in proportion to our ignorance of them." More than one talking head has suggested the recently arrived 300 millionth American was probably born to immigrant parents — and illegal ones at that. Nobody knows if that is so since the arrival of Number 300 million was really a public relations exercise aimed at recognizing that we recently became 300 million strong.



W. STEVEN BARNETT

It's important when thinking about this issue to emphasize that last word — strong. The anti-immigration crowd wants us to believe the rising number of children from foreign-born parents is a sign of weakness....more kids for the public to educate and support.

The facts don't square with this view. Let's say for the sake of argument that Number 300 Million is a girl born in East Los Angeles to parents who emigrated there from Mexico. While she is important to mom and dad for personal reasons, she is important to retir-

ing baby boomers and the Wall Street stock analysts for economic ones.

That's because, with a little help on the education front, Number 300 Million can help fuel the economic growth and workplace productivity needed to maintain a positive Social Security balance and keep U.S. companies competitive. Were it not for her and her fellow immigrants, we would face the same troubling picture that confronts countries like France, Belgium and Germany. Fertility rates there are now below replacement level. That means that, barring some kind of intervention, these countries are not likely to ensure a future labor supply sufficient to maintain current rates of economic growth and meet pension and public health obligations.

This is a huge problem. According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's just-released Starting Strong II report, it's widespread. Of 20 industrialized countries studied, only the U.S. and Mexico remain above replacement rate. OECD also reports that several countries invest a far higher percentage of their gross domestic products (GDP) in preschool education than the U.S.

Of course, Number 300 Million can't do her part without some investment in her education.

Right now, she's at a disadvantage. In a recent policy paper from Pre-K Now, Arizona State University investigator Eugene Garcia says Hispanic children attend preschool education less frequently, enter kindergarten behind their classmates, and graduate high school and college at far lower rates. Meanwhile, studies at NIEER and elsewhere show that Hispanic children benefit from high-quality preschool education at least as much as children from other groups — and in some cases, more.

We are indeed fortunate in this country to have human capital with the potential to keep our country prosperous. Before that can happen, we need to invest in it, and that begins with early childhood education.

Number 300 Million could use a little less demonizing from the anti-immigration crowd and a little more help from policymakers who can offer her a high-quality preschool education. She also needs a name. Let's call her America.

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Parent's Co

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At one time or another we may each be at the top ... well, maybe all except for the fish! They never get to the top of the pecking order except whatever they have estab the aquarium. It's strange how mals find their our homes? Ho is totally up to will allow them

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Bird Poop:

Coming to the aid of an American kestrel in distress

The man and his boss had seen the two men walking in the rail yard for several days. Whether they had come into town on a freight train, or were part of the local scene, really didn't matter. With the shop located so close to the tracks, the business owner expected to be "hit up again" by the endless drifters.



BEBE McCASLAND

As the men approached his shop, the owner and his employee saw the taller of the two men suddenly punch the shorter man in the shoulder with his right fist. Having knocked his buddy off balance, the man then offered his left hand to steady him. They both chuckled and continued walking toward the shop.

As they neared the back doors, the man, who had doubled up his fist to belt his companion, slowly opened his right hand. He was holding a bird. The men in the building had a hard time believing what they had seen. The guy had been holding the bird when he hit the other man.

"Looks like you have a bird," said the employee. "Yeah, I wanna sell him," replied the tall man.

"Twenty-five dollars. Give me \$25 and you got yourself a hawk."

"Too much for a durn bird," said the employer

in hopes of getting the bird for less. "Don't have that much." By this time the employee sensed maybe the guy wanted booze and smokes. He offered \$2 and a cigarette. "Take it or leave it." With no hopes of getting more, the tall man thought about the offer. He paused for almost a minute.

Handing the bird over to the employee, the tall man grinned. He and his pal left. "What are you going to do with that bird?" asked the boss. "Gonna call Judy. She'll know what to do," answered the relieved possessor of a very tame bird. After his girlfriend phoned to tell me what had happened, I asked if she thought the men would hang around the rail yard for a while. She said they would probably hop another freight or disappear into the neighborhood.

Her description of a hawk-like bird with blue-gray wings, rusty back and long rusty tail, little black spots on its back and chest, blue-gray and rust on top of the head, and two black marks down the sides of its cheeks, suggested a male American kestrel. In the background, I could hear killy, killy, killy. When frightened or sounding an alarm, the kestrel screams its warning for all the world to hear.

Often called a sparrow hawk, the bird was not a hawk, but a falcon. Sparrows were a very small part of its diet. Seen perched on wires, standing on top of telephone poles, or hovering above the ground, the



The American kestrel is well suited to open, arid terrain. Smallest member of the falcon family, the carnivorous kestrel receives much of its moisture from mice, insects, bats, lizards and an occasional small bird.

smallest of the falcon family primarily hunted mice and insects.

When Judy brought the kestrel, she kept repeating that her boyfriend and his boss had to do something. They could not let that man keep the bird. Able to confirm her accurate description of a male kestrel, I stressed to her that why the man had the bird and where it had come from would always be a mystery. The rail yard and sur-

rounding neighborhoods offered many nesting areas for these birds. Grains and seeds falling from passing trains left a feast for mice. Tall growth near the tracks attracted numerous grasshoppers, which would also provide ample food.

The falcon, if free, would be tempted by such offerings. However, this kestrel had been held captive. Its diet was questionable. Whether

the men had taken it from the nest and raised

it, or bought it from someone else, we'd never know.

Underweight, the kestrel's feathers were dull rather than a vibrant color. Badly worn were the edges of its primaries and tail. The long curved tip of its upper beak indicated that the kestrel had not had rough limbs or roosts on which to clean its beak. The resistance of its taloned feet was minimal. Extremely tame, the little falcon was so imprinted on humans it was not releasable. Its long, pointed wings would never beat rapidly as it hovered in search of food.

With proper diet and exercise, the falcon could be used for educational programs. Its ordeal of captivity and improper care would acquaint audiences with federal and state laws that protect such birds. From \$2 and a cigarette came an opportunity for the "sparrow hawk" to live and thrive at a wildlife center.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Parent's Corner:

If we could just be as good as our pets think we are

At my house we have two adults, two kids, two dogs, one cat and three fish. Most of the time we get along very well and we have established our household pecking order to fit our different personalities.

many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

There is one that I particularly like: If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a

At one time or another we may each be at the top ... well, maybe all except for the fish! They never get to the top of the pecking order



DARRELL RYAN

except whatever order they have established in the aquarium. But isn't it strange how our animals find their place in our homes? How they fit is totally up to how we will allow them to fit.

Now, I am a dog person. I have had dogs all my life and I have learned a lot from them. It was once said that there is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. That's a comment I fully accept.

There are several other comments about dogs that hold extreme truths that we have all heard from time to time. A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself; dogs are quite unlike people in that they love their friends and bite their enemies; the reason a dog has so

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The temptation to finesse is often irresistible, but the fact is that some finesses might do declarer more harm than good.

Take this unusual case where South is in three notrump and has an opportunity to finesse against all four missing kings. Oddly enough, declarer's proper method of play is to reject all four finesses. If he takes any one of them, he fails in his mission, assuming the opponents defend correctly.

With all four suits having been bid, West elected to lead through dummy's second suit. Had declarer finessed the jack, he would have gone down after East took the king and made the normal return of the ten of hearts. This would have prevented South from ever making use of his long club suit, as he would have had no entry to his hand to cash his clubs after they became established.

But declarer wisely went up with the diamond ace at trick one and then played the ace and another club — bypassing the club finesse — in order to establish his clubs while he still had the ace of hearts as an entry to his hand.

East won the club with the king and returned a heart, and again South rejected an opportunity to finesse. He went up with the ace and cashed four club tricks, discarding the Q-J-5-2 of spades from dummy. He then played a diamond to the jack, establishing his ninth trick, and so made the contract.

In general, where there is limited communication between the closed hand and dummy, declarer must take special care in planning the play. In misfit hands such as this one, he must sometimes deny himself the luxury of a finesse.

Tomorrow: An auxiliary precaution.
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Brooks & Dunn dominate the CMAs; Chesney top entertainer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Kenny Chesney won entertainer of the year and Brooks & Dunn's inspirational song "Believe" won three trophies, including single and song of the year, at the 40th Annual Country Music Association Awards Monday night.

"This year has in ways been the most emotionally satisfying year and also the most emotionally draining year of my life," said Chesney, who went through a high-profile marriage and split with actress Renee Zellweger last year. "There have been so many ups and downs, it's been like a huge emotional roller coaster ride."

Chesney also won the honor two years ago.

One of the night's more poignant moments came from a winner who wasn't even there — Keith Urban. The Aussie country star, who last month



Courtesy photo
Kenny Chesney won entertainer of the year at the CMA Awards show.

entered a rehabilitation center for alcohol abuse, won male vocalist of the year for the second year in a row.

When Urban's name was announced, he received a standing ovation, and his award was accepted by Ronnie Dunn. Dunn read a letter from

Urban in which he thanked his friends and family and actress-wife Nicole Kidman, whom he married earlier this year: "To my wife, Nicole, I love you."

"I'm looking forward to coming home and seeing you all soon," Urban said in the letter.

Dunn added: "We love you Keith — good luck, brother."

Besides accepting the award for Urban, Dunn was busy accepting awards and also hosting the show along with his partner, Kix Brooks. The pair also won music video of the year for "Believe" and opened the night by performing "Building Bridges" with guests Vince Gill and Sheryl Crow.

"This has been another huge year for country music," Kix Brooks said. "Tonight, we're here together to show off what it's really all about, and

that's the greatest music on the face of the Earth."

The gospel-tinged "Believe" was co-written by Ronnie Dunn and Craig Wiseman, who also co-wrote Tim McGraw's smash "Live Like You Were Dying." Both won song of the year honors for "Believe."

"Every time it comes on the radio now I have to pull over, like I'm hearing it for the first time," Wiseman said backstage of "Believe." "Ronnie really brought something to that song that's something beyond."

As expected, Brooks & Dunn also won vocal duo award. The group has owned the category since 1992, winning every year except in 2000 when Montgomery Gentry won.

"I'm sincerely shocked the voters haven't gotten tired of seeing us walk up there," Brooks said backstage.

"American Idol" winner

CMA Awards

Entertainer of the Year: Kenny Chesney.
Single: "Believe," Brooks & Dunn.
Album: "Time Well Wasted," Brad Paisley.
Song: "Believe," Craig Wiseman and Ronnie Dunn.
Female Vocalist: Carrie Underwood.
Male Vocalist: Keith Urban.
Vocal Group: Rascal Flatts.
Vocal Duo: Brooks & Dunn.
Musical Event: "When I Get Where I'm Going," Brad Paisley and Dolly Parton.
Musician: Randy Scruggs.
Music Video: "Believe," Brooks & Dunn.
Horizon Award: Carrie Underwood.

Carrie Underwood won female vocalist and the Horizon Award.

"Two years ago I was sitting at home watching these very awards and watching all these other people win and having the best night of their life, and this is the best year of my life," Underwood said through tears.

Backstage, she said she was pleased to be nominated, let alone win two. "I would have taken male vocalist if they had given it to me," she joked.

The multiplatinum band Rascal Flatts took the vocal group award, capping what singer Gary LeVox described as an "amazing year."

RYAN

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man! You have probably heard these comments many times but have you ever stopped to think about just how true they really are?

We could all learn from our dogs if we are willing.

Here are some ideas that I call my dog philosophy:

- If I want my dog to do something, I give him a treat.

- I have learned to praise my dog for his good actions.

- I have learned that I need to let him know who's boss and if I want him to swallow his pills I should give them to him in peanut butter.

These ideas have also been known to work with people. We all respond to treats and praise. We need to know who is boss, what are the expectations and what are the

boundaries.

And we know that, as the songs says, just a spoon full of sugar helps the medicine go down; if what we are expected to do becomes fun then it gets done.

This is not always possible but can be worked out most of the time. However, we give our dogs whatever time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. In return, our dogs give us their all. Now that's a pretty good deal!

Dogs are not our whole life, but they certainly make our lives whole. And dogs are smart. If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.

Someone once said that you can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the

dog will give you a look that says, "Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!"

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us?

When we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul of chicken, pork and beef, they must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

But before we get to thinking too much of ourselves let's remember the advice that Ann

Landers gave, "Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

Will Rogers made one his usual comments which tells of his thoughts toward dogs when he said, "If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." He also said, with that usual gleam in his eye, that women and cats will do as they please, and men

and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

To sum this all up, I could say that some of our animals come into our lives and go quickly; some become friends and stay awhile and we are never quite the same because we have made a friend.

For me, I would like for my goal in life to be as good of a person as my

dog already thinks I am.

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

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Bedtime Stories

MY ADVENTURES WITH ROLY POLY

This story is pretty funny. It happened a very long time ago when I was just a little boy. I had forgotten about it, but I was reading a newspaper just the other day and the story I was reading reminded me of my story. It is about a little roly poly. Do you know what a roly poly might be? Do you know what a little pillbug might be? They are the same thing. Have you ever been playing in your yard and saw a funny little bug that looks a lot like an armadillo? This little bug can roll itself up into a tiny ball. It is a cute little bug. Do you like bugs? You don't? You will love this little roly poly after you hear his story.

It all started one bright sunny day in the woods near my home. I just happened to be walking in those woods, so I know the whole story because I was there and saw it happen. Rusty Redbug, Anthony Ant, Mary Kaye Katydid, Harry Housefly, Tammy

Termite, and Jody Firefly were all gathered around in a circle, choosing sides for a baseball game. They had all seen the children in my neighborhood playing baseball and they wanted to play, too! Do you like to play baseball or softball? Finally, they had chosen their team mates. It would be Rusty Redbug, Tammy Termite, and Anthony Ant on one team. Mary Kaye Katydid, Harry Housefly, and Jody Firefly would be the other team.

They were ready to play! No, they weren't! No one had a baseball! How could they play baseball without a baseball? What would they do? What could they do? Just go home and be sad because they did not have a baseball? As I have said before, this is a bedtime story, and bedtime stories always have happy endings, don't they? How could this story have a happy ending? After all, they had no baseball. They had no bat, either!

Then, along came old Roly Poly. He was always very happy. He never frowned. He was just a very good bug. Roly Poly saw the baseball teams. He saw the sad looks on their faces. "What is wrong?" asked Roly Poly. "We have seen the neighborhood children playing baseball and we think it would be fun if we could play, too," cried Rusty Redbug. "But we don't have a baseball." "We don't have a bat, either," said Mary Kaye Katydid.

Now, being the very good bug that he was, old Roly Poly knew what to do and was wanting to help. "I can roll myself up into a ball, and you can use me for the baseball. How do you play this game of baseball?" asked Roly Poly. Rusty said to Roly Poly, "I will be the pitcher. I will throw you at the batter. He will try to hit you with a big stick!" "Wait a minute there, Rusty

Redbug," said Roly Poly. "You mean that you are first going to throw me at someone and then they are going to try to hit me with a big stick? That may be fun for all of you, but it sure doesn't sound like fun to me!"

Rusty Redbug thought and thought and then said to Roly Poly, "Would you play with us if I promised to throw you very gently and the batter will promise to hit you very gently, too?" "I suppose I could try," said Roly Poly. "But be very careful!" Every one of the members of the teams promised to be very careful with their new friend. "But where will we find a bat?" said Anthony Ant.

This is where I helped them myself. I was very happy to help. I had been carrying a toothpick around in my pocket for a long time and this was exactly what they needed. I dropped my toothpick on the ground near

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Tammy Termite. She saw it and screamed to the teams, "Here is what we need. This will do perfectly for a bat."

Rusty very carefully picked up Roly Poly. Roly Poly made himself into a ball, squinched his eyes, and then was ready for the flight to the batter. Rusty threw Roly Poly very gently towards the batter. The batter swung at Roly Poly. He missed. It didn't really matter that he missed for Roly Poly was already scared. But he would not let his friends down!

Rusty again threw Roly Poly toward the batter. He swung at Roly Poly. He hit Roly Poly. "OWWW, OWW, OW," said Roly Poly as he was flying into the woods. "That hurt!" He landed on some bushes that were not very soft. "OW, Ow," he screamed and

screamed until he finally came to a stop.

Rusty Redbug, Anthony Ant, Mary Kaye Katydid, Tammy Termite, Harry Housefly, and Jody Firefly were all running to help poor little Roly Poly. They did not want to hurt him. He was okay, a little shaken up, but okay! They would not ever try to play baseball again using Roly Poly for a baseball.

As I was walking out of the woods that day, I thought about how all the animals, birds, and bugs help each other, even when they are just playing.

But one thing always bothered me after that. Later on, I did see all these animals and bugs playing golf, and basketball, and tennis. And I wondered what they were using for a ball! If old Roly Poly isn't somewhere playing some ball game right now, he would say, "Good Night!"

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Wacky Facts

■ The Archaeopteryx is the link between dinosaurs and birds. It had bones, teeth and a skull like a dinosaur's, but it also had feathers and could probably fly.
■ In 1842, Sir Richard Owen used the Greek words "deinos" (meaning "terrible") and "sauros" to coin the term dinosaur. — *World Almanac for Kids*

KID NEWS

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Wacky Facts

Thousands of years ago herds of mastodons wandered what is now New York. Excavated in 1866, the conserved and reassembled Cohoes mastodon is a permanent fixture at the State Museum in Albany.
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Laugh Lines

How funny was the snake?
Hiss-sterical!
What do you call a clumsy lion?
King of the bungle!

Why did the fish make such a good musician?
She knew her scales!

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In The News

T.M.X. Elmo doll is flying off the shelves

The fur was flying in toy stores around the country recently as parents rushed to buy the latest Elmo doll for their kids. The furry red monster has tickled toy buyers since it stepped from "Sesame Street" to store shelves 10 years ago. Fisher-Price, the company that makes Tickle Me Elmo, says that sales of the new version have been monstrously good. Fisher-Price is owned by Mattel Inc.

T.M.X. Elmo is more active than his giggly predecessors. T.M.X. — the "X" stands for "extreme" — has three tickle spots. The more you tickle him, the more he does.

ANXIOUS FOR ELMO

In New York City, the Times Square Toys "R" Us opened one hour early to accommodate impatient shoppers lined up outside the store. Wal-Mart reported that T.M.X. Elmo was selling at the rate of five to six dolls per minute in its stores. After disappearing from store shelves, T.M.X. Elmos began popping up on the Web site eBay. Prices reached a not-so-funny \$305 for some of the dolls.

So, what's all the fuzz about? Before its debut on ABC's "Good Morning America," the new, improved Elmo had been kept under wraps for months. Even within Fisher-Price, only about 50 people had seen it. Most had been involved in the toy's development and had signed agreements that forbid them to talk about it.

Elmo has always been a top-selling toy, especially around the holiday season. December may seem far away, but in Toyland, the countdown to Christmas and Hanukkah is underway. The latest frenzy was likely fueled by the secrecy surrounding the doll's debut. Add to this the suggestion that there's a limited supply, and you have a best-selling combination.

MULTI-TASKING TOY

Another factor, according to toy-industry insiders, is Elmo's high-tech hijinks. T.M.X. Elmo laughs, slaps his leg, falls on the floor, rolls around and stands up. It is more complicated and takes longer to produce the latest version.

Mattel hopes its more extreme Elmo can compete with video games and other high-tech gadgets at kids' fingertips. "With today's technology, this Elmo is even more incredible," says Neil Friedman, of Mattel. Kids will be the final judge of that!
— *Kathryn Satterfield*

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WAY COOL

RETURN TO THE WILD AND WOOLLY DAYS OF YESTERYEAR

By Karalee Miller McClatchy Newspapers

WHAT ANIMALS ROAMED ABOUT DURING THE ICE AGE?

The animated film features several of the best-known Ice Age animals, including mammoths, mastodons and ground sloths. Here's a brief look at some of the key characters of this cold time.

MAMMOTHS: Three species of mammoths — the Columbian mammoth, Jefferson's mammoth and the woolly mammoth — lived on the mainland of the United States at the end of the last Ice Age. Mammoths are closely related to elephants, particularly Asian elephants. Mammoths could grow as tall as 10 to 12 feet and could weigh 6 to 8 tons.

GROUND SLOTHS: These plant-eating beasts evolved from tree sloths in South America. They made their way north by an interesting means of transportation — they drifted on trees and debris to the West Indies, then migrated over the Central American land bridge to North America. Well, that's one way of getting from point A to point B. Ground sloths, distantly related to anteaters and armadillos, stood about 20 feet tall and weighed several tons. Though equipped with large claws, ground sloths were herbivores, munching on leaves, tree roots and twigs. The shape of their hip bones reveals that they may have been able to stand on their hind legs, like dogs.

SABER-TOOTHED CATS: These large cats are perhaps the best-known animals from the Ice Age. These carnivores had long, sharp teeth and were lethal to their prey — stabbing or breaking the neck of prey even when it was much bigger.

MASTODONS: These hefty creatures, relatives of prehistoric mammoths, survived until about 10,000 years ago. A mastodon's head had a flexible trunk, small ears and tusks. Some remains of mastodons have been discovered with fires, indicating that humans may have cooked the meat of the animal and eaten it.

Fans everywhere have warmed up to the animated film, "Ice Age: The Meltdown." "Meltdown" is the sequel to the popular 2002 movie "Ice Age" and takes place at the end of the Ice Age. Warm weather? Great. One catch, though. The big thaw is going to destroy the valley and replace it with a big ol' river. So Diego, Manny and Sid need to warn their friends and help get everyone to safety. In honor of the film's Nov. 21 DVD release, we're taking a look back at the Ice Age and the cool animals from that chill chapter in time.

WHAT IS THE ICE AGE?

Throughout history, there have been several instances when the Earth was so cold that the continents were blanketed with large sheets of ice, or glaciers. The most recent period of recurring widespread glaciations is the Pleistocene epoch — often referred to as the Ice Age, which lasted from approximately 1.6 million to 10,000 years ago. During the Pleistocene, ice sheets covered all of Antarctica; large parts of Europe, North America and South America; and small areas in Asia — all at once. Cold temperatures and little melting of snow led to the formation of glaciers and immense accumulation of snow.

About 11,000 years ago, the end of the Pleistocene occurred, and we moved into an interglacial stage called the Holocene epoch. Although it's not out of the realm of possibility that we could experience another Ice Age, geologic history indicates that ice ages eventually come to an end and do not occur again for several hundred million years.

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Help!

Dealing with 'cool'

DEAR AMERICAN GIRL: My best friend and I have been buds since kindergarten. She's very nice, and so is her family. The only thing is, she's not cool! I want to change that, but I don't want to change the side of her that is nice. — *Help With Bud*

■ What's "cool" changes all the time, but your friendship has lasted for many years. Don't risk losing a good friend over the latest fad. If you try to change this girl, you could insult her as a friend. So let her be herself. Of course, you can always talk about the things you think are cool. Your friend might not have heard the latest song or seen the new style, and she might like it. But if she isn't interested, don't push it.

DEAR AMERICAN GIRL: I've changed so I can fit in. Most of my friends like me better now than before, but I'm not sure it's worth it! If I change back, I'm afraid no one will like me. — *Big Mistake*

■ Your friends might like the new you, but if you don't, what's the point? Deep down, you need to know your friends like the real you. So go back to being yourself. If you lose a few friends, they weren't really friends to begin with. Pretending to be someone you're not is hard work. Instead, you'll be happier finding friends who like you just the way you are. Visit americangirl.com to get or give advice.



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Try This

A new Frosty flavor

There's nothing better than a cold Wendy's Frosty any day of the year.

The fast-food chain recently fiddled with their famous frozen treat and has introduced some new Frosty varieties — another flavor, vanilla, and a line of "Fix 'n Mix" ones. We tried them all to see whether we love 'em or want to leave 'em. Here's our opinion: **ORIGINAL CHOCOLATE:** Love it. No one can resist this classic creamy Frosty.

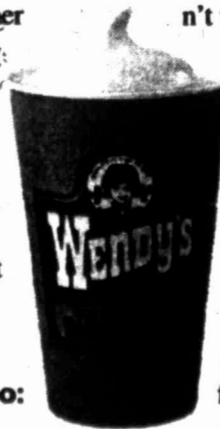
VANILLA: Leave it. There's not much flavor here, so if you want a vanilla Frosty, go for a Fix 'n Mix. Which brings us to ...

VANILLA FIX 'N MIXES: Oreo:

Love it. I'll take one of these any day. **M & M's:** Love it. This colorful treat full of M&Ms will make you want to say "Mmm." **Butterfinger:** Leave it. This combo doesn't work well.

Notes: Fix 'n Mixes come with a one-ounce packet of your choice of toppings, which you mix into the Frosty yourself: M&M's, Butterfingers, or Oreos. So if you're on the road, these are a no-go. Also, the containers are filled to the top and the mixes are difficult to mix in without spilling anything.

Bottom line: Overall, most were pretty good. But to us, the original chocolate Frosty is sacred. Dare we say ... perfect? — *Melanie Lynch, Fort Worth Star Telegram*



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Texas briefs

Students accused of plotting school attack

ROUND ROCK (AP) — Two high school students have been charged with conspiracy to commit capital murder after authorities uncovered what they described as a potentially deadly attack plot at their Central Texas school.

The boys, whose names were not released, were arrested Thursday, Williamson County Sheriff's Department Detective John Foster said.

Foster would not discuss specifics of the McNeil High School students' alleged plan after announcing the arrests Monday. He would not say how police and school officials learned of the plot but added that "we were very fortunate to discover this before it did happen."

"It jeopardized the lives of people there at the school: students and teachers," Foster said. "There were no specific targets other than the school and its occupants."

Round Rock Independent School District spokeswoman JoyLynn Occhiuzzi would not give the students' ages or grades other than that both were juveniles, which in Texas means younger than 17.

A letter to parents went home with students Monday explaining the incident, Occhiuzzi said.

Family members charged in alleged torture of Lubbock boys

LUBBOCK (AP) — Three people have been charged with aggravated assault for allegedly abusing two boys who were burned with a battery charger and forced to eat habanero peppers, Lubbock officials said.

The Lubbock County District Attorney's Office on Monday filed charges against the boys' father, Steve A. Lively, 40, and stepmother, Melissa D. Lively, 37.

Each parent faces four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Police say they beat and starved the boys.

The boys' stepbrother, Jason C. Lively, 19, has also been charged with aggravated assault for alleged abuse including pinching one of the boys with pliers and shooting him with a BB gun.

"The conditions were not life threatening, but they would have been over time," Lubbock Police investigator Derek Danner said.

Authorities discovered the abuse two months ago when an officer responded to reports of a 16-year-old begging for food at a convenience store, according to police reports.

The boy had injuries including facial bruises and cuts on his arm. Police said the boy told officers he had been injured in a fight.

When officers took the boy home, the boy's siblings told police that the boy and his brother stole food regularly from the family's refrigerator. They said the boys were burned with a battery charger when they were questioned about the missing food, according to police reports.

In subsequent interviews, the boys told investigators that they had lived in a closet for three months and that their father beat them and fed them peppers as a

form of punishment. They said their food was limited to a package of Ramen noodles a day.

The age of the second victim was not available.

Kyle B. Sexton, 20, a family friend, has also been charged in connection with the abuse, police said.

Police said the boys had not been to school for more than a year.

Fort Bliss soldier who fled to avoid Iraq deployment convicted

FORT BLISS (AP) — A Fort Bliss soldier was convicted Monday of deserting his military police unit to avoid being deployed to Iraq for a second tour of duty.

U.S. Army Spc. Jack N. Angus III, 24, of Desert Hot Springs, Calif., was convicted of intent to avoid hazardous duty in a combat zone and absent in desertion by a military jury after a one-day trial.

The jury of five enlisted soldiers and five officers took about 15 minutes to convict Angus and about 30 minutes to sentence the soldier to three years in a military prison. He will also be kicked out of the Army with a bad conduct discharge, a Fort Bliss spokesman said.

Angus fled the West Texas post in October 2005 in advance of a December deployment with the 978th Military Police Co., a Fort Bliss spokesman said. Angus' unit is still in Iraq.

Angus, who had previously served in Honduras and Iraq, was arrested in March in California.

2 Texans killed in head-on collision

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21st annual **HERALD**
Community Christmas Parade
5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2
Parade theme: "A Poinsettia Christmas"
Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 17

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PARADE RULES

- The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.**
- Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
- Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
- Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
- Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
- For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring basketball officials are needed
The Big Spring Basketball Officials Association is looking for officials at this time. Anyone interested in officiating the upcoming 2006-07 season, junior high, freshman and sub-varsity basketball games should contact Rodriguez at 517-08263-8731.

Men's softball tournament
On Nov. 11 and 12 there will be the Eastern Season Fall Softball and Winter Tournament held at Cotton Mize Field. The cost is \$130 for softball team and per washer team. There will be a tournament between the two events if you are interested in competing in both events. Anyone interested in participating, as an individual or a team should contact Ant Herrera before the deadline at (432) 263-4588.

Youth basketball tournament update
The Mid America Youth Basketball Winter Tournament covering seven states is now taking applications. The local tournament is available at a \$125 cover package. Anyone interested in participating should contact MAYB at 284-0354 or mayb@mayb.com.

Quarterback Club meeting scheduled
Big Spring School's Quarterback Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Spring High School Athletic Training Center. Mark Tissue, booster club's president encourages all players of BSHS football to attend and the teams' families attend. For more information call Tissue at 816-4588.

AP Top 25 Football Poll
The Top 25 teams Associated Press Football Poll, with the number of first place votes in parenthesis. Poll is on results through Nov. 6.

- Ohio St. (65)
- Michigan
- Louisville
- Texas
- Auburn
- Florida
- USC
- California
- Dame
- W. Virginia
- Arkansas
- LSU
- Tenn.
- Boise St.
- Rutgers
- Wisconsin
- Oklahoma
- Forest
- Ga. Tech
- Va. Tech
- Oregon
- Boston C.
- Maryland
- Tx. A&M
- BYU

Other teams in poll: Nebraska, Clemson, 33, Oregon, 33, Hawaii, 11, Houston, Texas Christian 2

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AP Top 25 Football Poll

The Top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football Poll, with the number of first place votes in parenthesis. Poll is based on results through Nov. 4.

1. Ohio St. (65)	10-0
2. Michigan	10-0
3. Louisville	8-0
4. Texas	9-1
5. Auburn	9-1
6. Florida	8-1
7. USC	7-1
8. California	8-1
9. N. Dame	8-1
10. W. Virginia	7-1
11. Arkansas	8-1
12. LSU	7-2
13. Tenn.	7-2
14. Boise St.	9-0
15. Rutgers	8-0
16. Wisconsin	9-1
17. Oklahoma	7-2
18. W. Forest	8-1
19. Ga. Tech	7-2
20. Va. Tech	7-2
21. Oregon	7-2
22. Boston C.	7-2
23. Maryland	7-2
24. Tx. A&M	8-2
25. BYU	7-2

Others teams receiving votes: Nebraska 63, Clemson 33, Oregon State 33, Hawaii 11, Houston 2, Texas Christian 2.

Running for a state championship

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

When the UIL state cross country meet gets under way this weekend, Coahoma's Bulldogs will be represented by a pair of individual competitors — senior Stephen Ewing and freshman K'Leigh Fowler.

Ewing and Fowler will compete against a field of top Class 2A performers, and according to coach Chris Sumrall, anything is possible when the athletes take the field this Saturday.

"Based on what they did in Lubbock (at the regional qualifying meet) anything can happen," Sumrall said. "They both finished in the top 10, and that's pretty impressive. As a team, we finished seventh, but only the top three schools advance. Still, I am extremely proud of every member of this team. They all did very well and represented Coahoma in the right way. Now it's just time for everyone to pull for Stephen and K'Leigh."

Ewing, in his final quest for a state title, qualified to advance by running a 17:25, and crossing the finish line in the ninth position.

"Stephen ran really well in the regional meet," Sumrall explained. "It was more than just his time, it was the way he performed. He ran the type of race that was needed and he executed what we had worked on and talked about all season. It was really a great day for him."

As for Fowler, a freshman with a bright future, she crossed the line in 10th place with a time of 12:30 to advance to Round Rock. According to Sumrall, Fowler is going to be a runner for the rest of the state to have to contend with for years to come.

"She was impressive," he said. "You need

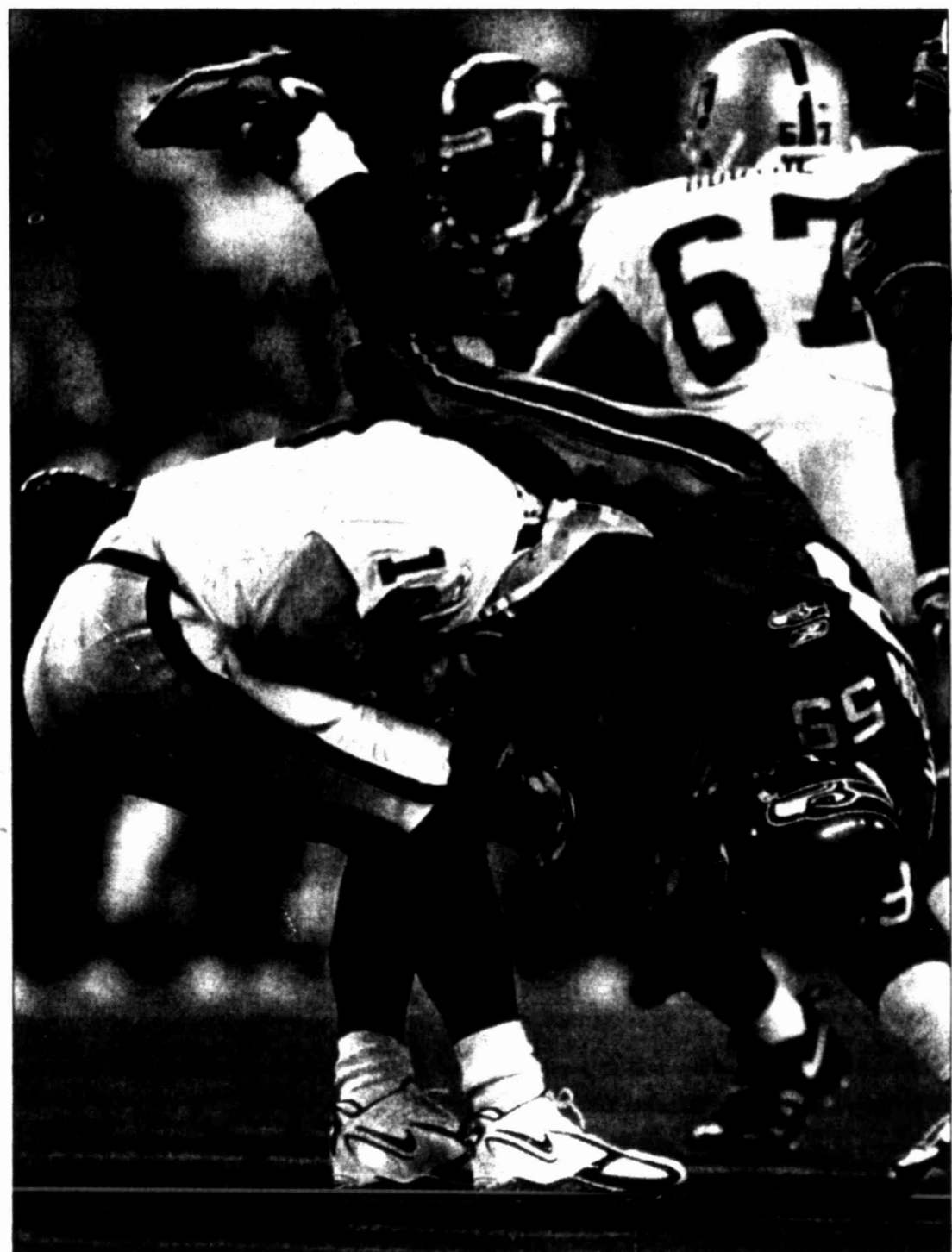


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Coahoma cross country coach Chris Sumrall is pictured with state qualifiers (from left to right) freshman K'Leigh Fowler and senior Stephen Ewing.

to know that K'Leigh has only been running for five weeks (due to a knee injury that prevented her from competing for much of the season) and for her to be able to run that time she posted, that's just an impressive feat. Her future looks very good and we expect her to do well for several years."

The Coahoma girls' team that advanced to the regional meet finished in seventh place, but as was the case in the boys' field, only the top three teams qualify to advance. Coahoma was in a group of schools that had

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MCT photo/Rod Mar/Seattle Times
Seattle Seahawks' Julian Peterson (50) sacks Oakland Raiders quarterback Andrew Walter (16) in the first quarter at Qwest Field in Seattle, Monday. The Seahawks won 16-0.

Seahawks dismantle Raiders 16-0 on MNF

By GREGG BELL

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — The Oakland Raiders look much better than they've been lately.

Oakland's latest Monday night debacle resulted in another shutout, nine more sacks allowed and defensive end Tyler Brayton kneeling Seattle's Jerramy Stevens in the groin late in Seattle's 16-0 victory through rain and wind.

Craig Terrill had three of the sacks against Raiders quarterback Andrew Walter and Maurice Morris ran 30 times for a career-high 138 yards to help Seattle (5-3) — playing without injured league MVP Shaun Alexander and Pro Bowl quarterback Matt Hasselbeck — get a needed win after losing three of its previous four games.

Oakland (2-6), coming off two straight victories, became the first team in NFL history to be shut out twice on Monday night in the same season. The Raiders lost 27-0 at home to San Diego in the opening week — and allowed nine sacks in that game, too.

However, this night may be remembered most for Brayton's knee to the inside and upper half of

Stevens' thigh at the end of a running play with 1:54 remaining.

Brayton and Stevens were pushing and grabbing at each other's shoulders away from a 4-yard run by Mack Strong with 1:54 remaining in the hot-tempered game that Seattle was leading 13-0. Brayton abruptly ended the clench by raising his right knee into Stevens as an official watched just yards away.

"I made a mistake," said Brayton, who is often quiet off the field but fiery on it. "I let my emotions get the best of me — and that's not a good thing when you do that."

Brayton got a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct and was ejected. The four-year veteran walked directly off the field into the locker room while the Qwest Field crowd chanted derisively.

"He'll be disciplined by the league, for sure," said Raiders coach Art Shell, a league vice president for football operations before returning to coaching this season.

Stevens said Brayton was frustrated after getting blocked repeatedly on running plays as the Seahawks ground out the final minutes.

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Big Spring expected to be crowned state champs

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

One team. One vision. One state championship.

The Big Spring Steers cross country team is headed to Round Rock with its sights set on claiming a Class 4A state championship this Saturday and anything less will be unacceptable.

The Steers will arrive as one of the state meet's favorites, having conquered the district and regional meets held in Lubbock that past two weeks. In fact, the Steers would have won the Class 5A regional meet with the times the team posted.

Anchored by Zack

Dawson throughout the season, the Big Spring team took first place over 24 other teams challenging for a chance to compete for the coveted state crown with a total of 65 points.

In cross country running, the team with the fewest number of points comes out on top. In second place, finishing 33 points behind the Steers, was El Paso Chapin with 98 total points.

Dawson would not only lead the Steers past Chapin and the other pretenders, but he would win the race by a margin more than 10 seconds to spare. His time was an impressive 15:21.28

"Zack just had a super performance," Coach Randy Britton said. "What can I say about this team? They dominated the race from start to finish. It was truly an outstanding performance by Zack."

Michael Rodriguez, the Steers' state qualifier from 2005, finished in ninth place with a time of 15:49.12 and has been as consistent a performer as Dawson this year.

Dawson, in fact, has said that Rodriguez has been extremely helpful and has pushed him to where he is today.

"He is a great runner," Dawson said of his teammate earlier in the sea-

son. "He has the experience of having competed in the state meet and we're going to need Michael to continue to lead us to the state championship. As a team we all push each other, but when you have someone with his experience, it's definitely an advantage."

Chris Salazar and Jessie Sanchez finished in the top 20 at the regional meet. Salazar finished with a time of 16:04.84, good enough for 17th place and Sanchez crossed the tape at 16:07.57, earning 19th place for the Steers. Chris Martinez finished in the 27th spot, Shane Allen was 50th and Jordan

Valle rounded out the Big Spring finishes in 62nd place.

The Steers were pitted against a field of 188 regional qualifying runners.

"It was an outstanding team effort," Britton explained. "Our times were good enough to with the 5A division."

"In the girls' division, although they didn't qualify for the state meet, I really proud of their performance as well," the BSHS coach added.

Saturday's state championships will be determined at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

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Spurs knock off New York Knicks in Madison Square Garden, 105-93

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer
NEW YORK — Tony Parker and the San Antonio Spurs looked at the group of Knicks who came out for the second half and realized it wasn't the same one that started the night.

And then the Spurs knew they were in for a game.

"The second group played harder, that's for sure," Parker said.

Parker scored 24 points, including five down the stretch to halt New York's frantic comeback attempt, and the Spurs held off the Knicks 105-93 on Monday night.

Reserve Brent Barry added 19 points for the Spurs, who blew almost all of a 23-point lead after Knicks coach Isiah Thomas went deep into his bench with his team seemingly out of the game late in the first half.

That nearly worked.

"I'm a fighter myself and I want people who are going to fight and compete," Thomas said. "And if you're not going to fight and compete, then I'm the president and we can give you a pink slip, too."

The Knicks used a 20-2 run in the fourth quarter to pull within 92-91 with just over 4 minutes to play on a jumper by Stephon Marbury, who had the Madison Square Garden fans on their feet after they heavily booed him during a horrendous game Saturday night.

"The fight has to be in us every single night," Thomas said. "I thought our young guys, when they came in, maybe because they were a little naive about the league and maybe didn't know who they were playing against, they only knew one way to do it, and that's to fight. They fought their tails off and consequently gave some of our veteran players the courage to fight."

But Parker knocked down a jumper, and after Tim Duncan converted a three-point play, Parker nailed a 3-pointer that gave the Spurs a 100-91 lead with 1 1/2 min-

utes left.
Duncan and Manu Ginobili each scored 15 points and Parker had 10 assists for the Spurs, who won on consecutive days following a victory in Toronto on Sunday.

"It's been kind of tough the second night of back-to-backs, we don't have the same juice," Ginobili said, referring to the Spurs' struggles in those situations last season. "But I think today we did a great job. They just surprised us for a moment. They started making shots and going at us, and we know they can do it because they have talent and strength to push us."

San Antonio made 13 3-pointers, five by Barry.

Marbury scored 18 points and Nate Robinson added 15 for New York, which dropped its third straight following a season-opening victory at Memphis.

Leading by six early in the second quarter, the Spurs held the Knicks scoreless for more than 4 minutes during a 22-5 burst. Parker had two beautiful passes on consecutive possessions, finding Duncan for an alley-oop in transition, then firing a behind-the-back pass in the corner to Barry for a 3.

"In the NBA, a coach's nightmare is going up 20 in the first half, because you know it is going to turn at some point," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "There's too many possessions, too many 24-second clocks. Emotion shifts very quickly."

The Spurs led 52-29 with 3:34 remaining in the half. Thomas then sent out four new players who helped the Knicks close the half with a 12-2 spurt that made it 54-41.

That group - with Robinson, David Lee, Malik Rose, and Mardy Collins joining starter Quentin Richardson - also opened the second half, while players such as Marbury and Eddy Curry, who help comprise the NBA's highest payroll, watched from the bench. Rose and Collins hadn't even scored this



New York Knicks' Nate Robinson dives for a loose ball against San Antonio Spurs' Francisco Elson in the second quarter at Madison Square Garden in New York, Monday, November 4, 2006. The Spurs

season.
"The guys that were out there, they were getting the job done," Marbury said, sitting in the locker room after the games.

"They were playing with energy and getting us back in the game." The Knicks got within 11 points early in the third quarter before Parker and Bruce Bowen knocked down consecutive 3-point shots to give San Antonio a 62-45 cushion. The Spurs seemed firmly in control from there, leading by as many as 19 early in the fourth quarter before New York nearly rallied and made a contest of the game.

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"I threw him on the ground four plays in a row," Stevens said.

Before the game, Seattle coach Mike Holmgren challenged his defense to step up more during the absences of Alexander and Hasselbeck. The response was Seattle's first shutout since a 42-0 win in its previous Monday night appearance, last Dec. 5.

"They took it to heart," Holmgren said. "Our defense had a few things to prove."

Defensive coordinator John Marshall helped, changing the game plan by adding more blitzes after Kansas City rolled up 499 yards against the Seahawks last week. That effectively shielded a pass defense that had repeatedly been out of place on opponents' big gains this season.

Terrill had two sacks on three successive plays in the second quarter, after

having two in his first 25 NFL games. Grant Wistrom had his first two sacks of the season.

Every time the Raiders even looked like they wanted to throw deep, Walter began moving in self-preservation.

"It seemed like when we dropped back to pass, something bad happens," Shell said.

Because he had no time, Walter tried to throw deep just once to Randy Moss against Seattle's suspect secondary. Safety Ken Hamlin broke up that pass at the Seahawks 40 late in the third quarter.

"We blitzed a lot more. And the quarterback held onto the ball a little bit," Wistrom said. "Obviously, that helped us out."

Walter was 16-for-35 with 166 yards.

Meanwhile, Seneca Wallace threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Deion Branch in his first win as an NFL starter. However, the offense relied mostly on Morris one week after the Seahawks totaled just 47 yards rushing on a sea-

son-low 18 attempts. Against the Raiders, Seattle had 39 carries for 207 yards.

Alexander was scheduled to have an MRI on

his broken left foot Tuesday. If it's completely healed, he'll play Sunday when the Seahawks host the Rams (4-4).

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a chance to advance, but in the end, the Bulldogettes came up just a little short. They finished competition with a total of 218 points.

"We had a chance this past Saturday," Sumrall admitted, as he spoke of the team as a whole. "We simply came up a little short. We have improved so much this season - I am extremely proud of all of these kids. Last year we finished in 11th place, and this year we ended up third. As young a team as we are, I think we can look forward to the future with high hopes."

The state meet will be held Saturday at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

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Kubiak despite

By KRISTIE RIEKE

AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON — Greg Kubiak didn't envision his head coach getting started.

At the halfway mark of the Houston Texans' first two games and carry the losing streak.

But it's not all about improvement day. The biggest concern about the Texans' progress of the year.

"We're heading into an excellent defensive stand with our youth in the to get better."

Houston's defense has five other years or less of experience some growing pains through the first three.

They're still ranked the league in yards held their opponents yards in four of the

"At first we were a little nervous about Kubiak said. "But we're going to come together."

Leading that group is the Houston Texans' offensive coordinator DeMeco R

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Kubiak optimistic despite first half

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Gary Kubiak certainly didn't envision his first season as a head coach getting off to such a rocky start.

At the halfway mark of the season, the Houston Texans have won just two games and carry the NFL's longest road losing streak.

But it's not all bad news as Kubiak sees improvement in his team every day. The biggest reason for optimism about the Texans, he says, is the progress of the young defense.

"We're heading in the direction of having an excellent football team from a defensive standpoint," he said. "And with our youth I think we're only going to get better."

Houston's defense includes two rookies and five other starters with three years or less of experience. They had some growing pains early and were giving up the most yards in the league through the first three games.

They're still ranked near the bottom of the league in yards allowed but have held their opponents to less than 300 yards in four of the last five games.

"At first we were not good at all and it was a little nerve-racking there," Kubiak said. "But I think they're starting to come together."

Leading that group are rookies Mario Williams, the No. 1 pick, and second-rounder DeMeco Ryans. Ryans leads the



MCT photo/George Bridges
Houston Texans coach Dom Capers is having a much tougher time than what he said he anticipated.

Texans with 73 tackles and Williams is Houston's sack leader with 4 1/2.

Williams, who has been bothered by a sore arch on his right foot, showed flashes of the type of player Houston expected him to be against the Giants. He sacked Eli Manning once and was in his face a few other times.

Nellie has a great return to Dallas

By The Associated Press (AP) — Don Nelson was the coach who helped make the Dallas Mavericks the successful franchise it is.

He is also the coach who ruined their night to celebrate their most recent achievement - reaching the NBA finals last season.

The Golden State Warriors, the team Nelson took over this summer for a second time at age 66, beat the Mavericks, the team he coached from 1998-05, 107-104 on Monday night.

"I never expected this win," Nelson said. "I didn't think we'd be able to beat a good team at this point of the season, but I was wrong. I'm very proud of my squad. You take the win when you can get it."

Nelson and Mavs owner Mark Cuban are squabbling over \$6 million, which is likely why there was no formal recognition for the winningest coach in Mavs history. Still, he received a warm ovation from fans and took pride in the unveiling of a banner recognizing Dallas for being the 2005-06 Western Conference champions.

"At 66, you don't find a lot of emotion except for love and death. But it was a special (night) for me," Nelson said.

"It was like a player being traded, coming back and wanted to do well against his old team," said Golden State's Jason Richardson, who scored 22 points. "He wanted this game and we wanted to play hard and get it for him."

Baron Davis scored 26 points and Troy Murphy added 20 for the Warriors, who beat the Mavericks for the four straight

time and fourth in a row in Dallas. Golden State was the only team that beat the Mavs three times last season.

"I don't know what it is," Richardson said. "Maybe we just like these rims."

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 26 points and Devin Harris scored 17 in his first start of the season.

The Mavericks fell to 0-3 for the first time since 1993-94, not exactly the start the club expected coming off its first trip to the finals.

"It's still early, we've got 79 games left," forward Greg Buckner said. "But we've got to press a little bit. We can't keep saying 'It's still early' and lose six more."

Richardson put Golden State ahead 107-97 with a layup with 2:26 left. Dallas rallied to get within three points, but Jerry Stackhouse missed a 3-point attempt with about 5 seconds left. Anthony Johnson then got the rebound and headed for the 3-point line. He instead passed to Harris in the corner. Harris passed it back and time expired before Johnson could shoot.

All the while, Del Harris - who took over when coach Avery Johnson was ejected in the first half - was near mid-court screaming for a timeout.

"You could pretty much hear him through the monitor," said Johnson, who was watching the game on television.

When Harris complained to official Dan Crawford, he apologized and gestured that he simply could not hear the coach over the boisterous crowd.

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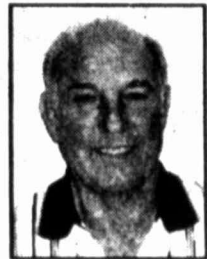
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

This Election Day features a conjunction of Mercury and Venus, so perhaps the passionate drive to communicate that is indicated with this alignment will translate into an impressive turnout at the polls. A friendly Gemini moon warms up the atmosphere with all kinds of chatter, some of which leads to a good deal or two.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're so attractive now. Smoldering glances lead to something. If you're not in a position to follow through, keep your sunglasses on or just don't look. Your good looks help you earn money, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'd like your home environment to be harmonious, yet that doesn't seem to be the goal of all involved. Tonight brings the opportunity for everyone to air their grievances and start clean again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A morning mental fog is part of your astrological weather report. So is an afternoon daydream set against the clearest of blue skies. Envision yourself doing an excellent job, and then do it for real.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a backward day, so look at it in a backward way. See the end result before you make the beginning move. A Pisces or Sagittarius person is personally invested in your success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Wanting is a beautiful feeling now. Knowing what you want is even better. But as most lottery winners can attest, getting what you want isn't a guarantee of happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A temptation is featured before lunchtime. The thing that may be harmless when taken in small doses is, nonetheless, a slippery slope. The best strategy is to stay away altogether.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Flirt with new ideas. There's still one in your brain that could open an abundant stream of income, but you have to tease it out. Capricorn and Taurus people are fine sounding boards.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Small talk is vital to doing business. You learn what you need to know to make the sale by paying attention to the minor details of this kind of interaction. You're especially effective with Aquarius people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes, when people ask you to do what you do best, you feel like a trained seal, balancing a ball on your nose for fish. That's not the way others see you, though. Tell yourself it's OK to be talented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If to hunger is human, then to be satisfied is divine. You figure out a way to embrace your human condition, at the same time leaving room for divine guidance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your forte is being warm toward others, listening to them and acknowledging their successes and their pain. When you do this, the strength of your personality expands.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Advances in your personal life make today lively. Make your mind up now where to put your focus, because the stars give you a serious push toward whatever wish you fixate on.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rock 'n' roll legends are few; And female ones, fewer, which is why the inimitably fantastic Bonnie Raitt is such a rare jewel. She performs with such haunting authenticity, listeners cannot help but be mesmerized. Scorpio artists are strong in their honesty. I predict that Raitt's no-frills, soulful approach will attract a new generation of fans to her latest release, "Souls Alike" (her 18th album!).

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6:30	News (CC)	News	Heridas de Amor	King of the Hill	News Entertainment	Vuda de Blanco	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	Dr. Young	News-Letter	Dirty Jobs (CC)	-	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC)	Phi of Future	Interruption	NFL Live	Dead Like Me (CC)
7:30	Entertainment	Wheeler-Forune	La Foa Mas Bella	The Simpsons	NCIS (CC)	Marina	Friday Night Lights (CC)	Raymond	Update/Israel	Nova (CC)	Mega Builders	Movie: Meet Joe Black (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Movie	My Date With the President's	Football	2006 World Series of Poker	-
8:30	(CC)	(CC)	Mundo de Fieras	House (CC)	The Unit (CC)	Amor Mio Amores	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Sex and-City	Light of the Southwest	Frontline (CC) (DVB)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	-	Movie: Today You Die	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	-	Daughter	Northern	2006 World Series of Poker (CC)	Eureka (CC)
9:30	Vote 2006 (CC)	Vote 2006 (CC)	Que No Vio de Latin Grammy	Becker (CC)	Campaign 2006: Election	Decisions	Election Night Special (CC)	Friends (CC)	-	Independent Lens	Dirty Jobs (CC)	-	-	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Beef: Series Vince Young	Lila Danek	NBA Coast-to-	-	ECW
10:30	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto Noicero	70s Show	News	Noticias	News	Sarited (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	45 Movie: Deliverance	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody	Coast (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	05 Movie: Falcon Down (CC)
11:30	The Insider	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Univision Hora de Risa	Letterman	Laura	W/ Rigo Vival	Late Night	10 Movie: Cool Runnings (CC)	Joe McGee	Sign Off	Mega Builders (CC)	-	NYPD Blue (CC)	In Living Color	Phil of Future	Outta Franky	NFL Live	NBA Fastbreak	(CC)
12:30	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids	Show	The Insider	Conan O'Brien	Update/Israel	John Hagee	-	Dirty Jobs (CC)	-	NYPD Blue (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Proud Family	2006 World Series of Poker (CC)	SportsCenter	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone

DENNIS THE MENACE

11-7

"WHEN IT COMES TO 'NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR,' MRS. WILSON GETS MY VOTE."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

11-7

"What's she tryin' to reach?"

HAGAR

"WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM THE MEN TO CHANGE OUR 'VICTORY OR DEATH' SLOGAN TO..."

"VICTORY OR SINCERE NEGOTIATIONS!"

BLONDIE

11-7

YOU SURE WERE CUTE WHEN YOU WERE A BABY, COOKIE.

THANKS, DADDY.

I WONDER WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE IF YOU HAD INHERITED MY LOOKS INSTEAD OF YOUR MOTHER'S?

OH, YOU'D STILL BE CUTE.

GULP.

BC

11-7

WHY THE WRONG GUY ALWAYS WINS.

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2006. There are 54 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

On this date:

In 1874, the Republican Party was symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast in "Harper's Weekly."

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress.

In 1940, the middle section of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state collapsed during a wind-storm.

In 1944, President Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1972, President Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

In 1998, John Glenn returned to Earth aboard the space shuttle Discovery, visibly weak but elated after a nine-day mission.

Five years ago: The Bush administration targeted Osama bin Laden's multi-million-dollar financial networks, closing businesses in four states, detaining U.S. suspects and urging allies to help choke off money supplies in 40 nations.

One year ago: President Bush, in Panama, defended U.S. interrogation practices and called the treatment of terrorism suspects lawful, saying, "We do not torture."

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 88. Opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland is 80. Actor Barry Newman is 68. Singer Johnny Rivers is 64. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 63. Singer Nick Gilder is 55. Actor Christopher Knight ("The Brady Bunch") is 49. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 34. Actors Jeremy and Jason London are 34. Actress Yunjin Kim ("Lost") is 33.

Thought for Today: "It's not the voting that's democracy — it's the counting." — Tom Stoppard, Czechoslovak-born British author and dramatist.

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WIZARD OF ID

11-7

MY UNCLE WAS A POLITICIAN.

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

HE FELL DOWN A SLIPPERY SLOPE AND WAS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.

AGNES

11-7

YEP, WHEN I GET MY BIG FANCY OFFICE, I WILL BE A TRUE FORCE IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

CAN I WORK THERE, TOO?

SURE! YOU WILL ANSWER THE PHONE AND SAY "HOW MAY I DIRECT YOUR CALL?" AND WHEN PEOPLE WALK IN, YOU WILL SAY "WHOM ARE YOU HERE TO SEE?" TRY TO BE VERY WOOTY-TOOTY.

AND THEN I COME FIND YOU?

HEH HEH... GOOD LUCK WITH THAT. I'LL BE AT LUNCH MOST OF THE DAY.

HI AND LOIS

11-7

DID YOU HEAR? THE STRIVEMORES ARE BUYING THEIR SON A NEW CAR WHEN HE GETS HIS LICENSE.

THAT KID WAS BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HIS MOUTH.

I THINK I WAS BORN WITH A BINKY IN MINE.

THE OTHER COAST

11-7

CONGESTION IS BUILDING OUT THERE. FOLKS, TWO MOTORIZED SCOOTERS HAVE COLLIDED OUTSIDE THE PHARMACY, AND SCOOTERS ARE SLOWING DOWN TO LOOK BACKING SCOOTERS UP AS FAR AS THE MALL...

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SNUFFY SMITH

11-7

NOW, CLASS -- DOES ANYONE KNOW TH' MEANIN' OF THIS WORD?

SHORE -- MIZ PRUNELLY !!

AN' MY MONEYS' ON YOU !!

BETLE BAILEY

11-7

BOY! IS THAT A MISNOMER!

WHAT?

LOVE HANDLES

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41 See 39 Across

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BIG SPRING

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Voter

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County voters will have to look for a source of funding for the election, as 60.13 percent of voters going to the ballot box said no to a \$10 million bond issue.

According to a poll released Tuesday by Sandra Bloom, county administrator for

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By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It was literally a battle to the finish to decide who would represent the state for District 85.

And as Wednesday morning approached, there was still no clear winner. After 1 a.m., however, it was clear that Democrats retained the seat by the narrowest of margins.

In a race without an incumbent, the election proved to be as wide as most observers predicted, with Republican

City

BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

"If you build it, he will come. And she will come. And not just and gloves, either. And the idea.

It might not be Dreams, but Big Spring on Tuesday voted in a million upgrade.

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