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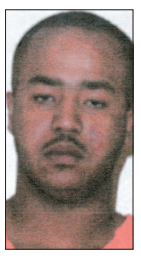
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Harbert found guilty

Receives life sentence in death of Tory Mitchell

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

After taking about an hour to find Michael Harbert guilty of murder, a 118th District Court jury wasted little time in throwing the book at him.


Harbert

The six-man, six-woman jury deliberated just 15 minutes during the punishment phase of Harbert's trial before giving him the maximum sentence for murdering former Big Spring High School track great Tory Mitchell.

Harbert received a life sentence, plus a $10,000 fine, for killing Mitchell in the early morning hours of Dec. 24. In addition, he was sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined $10,000 after being found guilty of possession of a firearm by a felon.

The sentences and fines were the maximum allowable under Texas law.

"I believe the jury had their minds made up that all the excuses and stories offered by the defendant were a thin facade to cover up the truth of the murder," 118th District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said.

The sentences will be served concurrently, meaning that Harbert must serve at least 30 years before becoming eligible for parole.

> ***"On the night of the shooting, Michael Harbert went over there with a heart filled with crime — and he shot out the heart of a champion. Find him guilty."***
>
> —District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson



Jurors soundly rejected the self-defense strategy of Harbert and his attorney, Wayne Frost of Midland, instead agreeing with Wilkerson that Mitchell's death amounted to an "execution."

Two main factors contributed to the verdicts, Wilkerson said — the weight of forensics evidence and the unbelieveability of defense witnesses.

Frost called three witnesses to buttress his self-defense strategy.

The first, Jabenia Summers, testified that she overheard Mitchell and his friend, Marcello Williams, make threatening remarks toward Harbert and his family. She said she then telephoned Harbert with the information, which led to a confrontation between shooter and victim at Midland Park Mall early in the evening of Dec. 23.

Under cross-examination, however, Summers admitted to carrying legal baggage, having

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Defendant shows no remorse, exchanges insults with family

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

If Michael Harbert was stunned or humbled by receiving a life sentence for murder, he never showed it.

A defiant Harbert cursed at and taunted family members of his victim after the conclusion of his trial in 118th District Court Wednesday afternoon.

Harbert was sentenced to life in prison and fined $10,000 for the Dec. 24 murder of former Big Spring High School track star Tory Mitchell.

Harbert also received a 20-year sentence and $10,000 fine after being found guilty of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Both sentences were the maximum allowed under the law.

But Harbert appeared anything but contrite after receiving those sentences.

As allowed by law, a relative of Mitchell's — Lehebron Farr Jr. — addressed Harbert.

"No amount of time they give you can make up for what you took from our family," Farr told Harbert. "But we just want you to know: You're nothing but a murdering coward."

From his seat next to defense attorney Wayne Frost, Harbert uttered an expletive at Farr.

Harbert's act of defiance continued outside the courtroom.

As he was being led back to the county jail, members of the Mitchell family taunted Harbert by waving and saying, "Bye-bye. Bye-bye for life."

Harbert responded in kind, saying, "At least I'm still breathing, and your cousin's still dead."

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Moore Board faces fiscal year with confidence

Directors look to place more emphasis downtown area and on smaller projects

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

To move forward, you have to look back.

Those were the words from Moore Development for Big Spring board member Richard Steel Wednesday evening, as the group of directors sat down to consider its goals and objectives for 2007-2008.


Steel

"Three years ago, this board sat down and decided to take a more focused approach to projects instead of a shotgun approach," said Steel. "We tried to lay down things we felt like we could accommodate, and last year we felt like it was good to follow that same path. We made some modifications to those plans and goals last year, but I feel confident what we have in front of us is attainable for the coming year. It's reasonable and valid."

Wegman reception today

A welcome reception for Terry Wegman, who was recently named executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at the Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St.


Wegman

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Board member Raul Marquez suggested the board look at expanding its marketing and advertising efforts to include Big Spring in an effort to reach the people most in-tune with Big Spring life — the city's residents.

"We need to get information on what we're doing to the media," said Marquez. "If the people out there know of a business that could use our help, word of mouth could be a very powerful tool."

Also in the arena of communications, Board President Larry McLellan suggested more attention be paid to the economic development agency's presence on the Internet.

"I looked at it today, and a lot of the information we have up there is old," said McLellan. "The

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United Way director resigns

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

After less than three months at the helm of the local United Way, Tim Larson submitted his resignation to the charity's board of directors this week.


Larson

Larson, who was hired the first part of June to replace former United Way director Cynthia Scott, notified the board of his decision and made his resignation effective Monday, according to officials.

The reason for Larson's departure is unclear at this time.

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Kickoff is Tuesday; tickets on sale

State Sen. Kel Seliger is the keynote speaker for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kickoff luncheon, planned for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Tickets are $10 each and may be ordered by phone at 267-5201 or by e-mail at uway@apex2000.net. Tickets are also available at the United Way office, 808 Scurry, any branch of the First Bank of West Texas, or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The meal will be catered by Al's & Son Barbecue.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Boxing Club seeking site

The Big Spring Boxing Club is seeking a building to be donated so that they can get started with their program.

Heavy bags, gloves, head gear and other equipment has already been donated, but the club needs a place to begin practices.

Any small facility will do for their start up.

Contact Willie Jenkins at 267-5822 or 264-0411.

Big Spring Jr. High equipment pick-up

Incoming Big Spring Junior High students wishing to participate in football for the upcoming season will need to pick up their equipment from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

Meet the Steers on Saturday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be hosting a Meet the Steers event at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Memorial Stadium.

The public is invited to get a first glimpse at this year's Steer football teams.

All players from junior high to varsity will be introduced.

Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

The Crossroads Youth Football Association have begun their sign-ups for the 2007 season.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Athletic Supply building in the Big Spring Mall on every Saturday during August.

Cost is $40 for flag football and $100 for tackle. Any cheerleaders who will not need a uniform can sign-up for $35. The cost is $100 if a new uniform is needed.

All children going into kindergarten through sixth grade can register.

For more information, contact Daphne Coates at 714-4688.

YMCA hosting skateboard contest

The fourth annual Summer Skateboard Contest will be held today at the YMCA Skate Park.

The contest begins at 6:30 p.m. with participants able to register until 6 p.m.

The registration fee is $8. Divisions of competition will be set up based on the number of entries.

Prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

YMCA volleyball league sign-ups

The Big Spring youth Volleyball League is now accepting sign-ups for girls and boys in grades 4-6 to play at the YMCA.

Registration fee is $45 and financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Players can register until Aug. 30.

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Rangers set modern record with 30 runs

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — The Texas Rangers had just scored an incredible 30 runs, then had to play the second game of a doubleheader.

What to do for an encore?

"Let's get 31," right fielder Nelson Cruz told his teammates. "Like, what's one more run? One more run is easy!"

Well, not really. After all, before the Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles 30-3 Wednesday, it had been 110 years since a major league team scored 30 runs in a game.

"This is something freaky. You won't see anything like this again for a long, long time. I am glad I was on this end of it," said Marlon Byrd, who hit one of two Texas grand slams.

Five runs in the fourth inning.

Nine runs in the sixth.

Ten in the eighth.

Six more in the ninth.

When it was all over, the Rangers set an American League record for most runs in a game.

"It was AMAZING in capital letters," said Travis Metcalf, who hit a grand slam after being called up from Triple-A Oklahoma earlier in the day.

Metcalf also drove in four runs in the second game, a 9-7 Texas victory. Metcalf tied a Rangers record for most RBIs in a doubleheader.

Texas didn't quite get the 31 runs Cruz called for, but it did set an AL record for most runs in a doubleheader, topping the 36 scored by Detroit in 1937.

"What am I going to remember about today? Thirty runs scored in one game and having to play another one after that," Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler said. "It was a very strange day."

The second game was a mere postscript for a wacky opener.

It was the ninth time a major league team scored 30 runs, the first since the Chicago Colts set the major league mark in a 36-7 rout of Louisville in a National League game on June 28, 1897, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Trailing 3-0 in the opener of a doubleheader, Texas couldn't be stopped. Finally, the last-place Rangers did something right.

"We set a record for something on the good side of baseball," manager Ron Washington said.

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Lady Steers fall to Abilene High, Cooper

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

ABILENE — There might be nothing that a coach fears more than an untimely injury that affects the depth of a roster.

The Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team has had more than its share of injuries already this season.

The loss of several key players, including three seniors, has hurt the team's confidence, according to Head Coach Amanda Whitaker.

"Getting healthy should do great things for the way we play," she said. "Some of the girls that have been out are team leaders. Getting them back can only help our confidence."

The Lady Steers were a player healthier when they played a dual match Tuesday with Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars and Abilene High's Lady Eagles at Cooper High School in Abilene.

Clarissa Carisalez, whom Whitaker calls one of the team's best all-around players, returned from an ankle injury that kept her sidelined for two weeks. Her return was almost enough to give Big Spring its first win of the season.

The Lady Steers came within a set of defeating Cooper, but yet another injury during the game would slow their attack. Cooper won the match — 25-19, 18-25, 25-8.

"We played pretty good with Cooper," said Whitaker. "The first two sets looked really good for us. We were fighting hard."

Senior Jordan Chesworth — Big Spring's leader in assists — aggravated an injury early in the third and decisive set.

"Jordan has joint problems in her knees and they started hurting her in the last game against Cooper," said Whitaker. "She's one of our leaders and the rest of the team really looks to her to set them up. She showed a lot of heart and played through the injury, but the impact was obvious."

Chesworth was still responsible for 17 assists in the three matches. Senior Callie Partee led Big Spring with nine kills and two blocks. Carrisalez had eight digs and two aces.

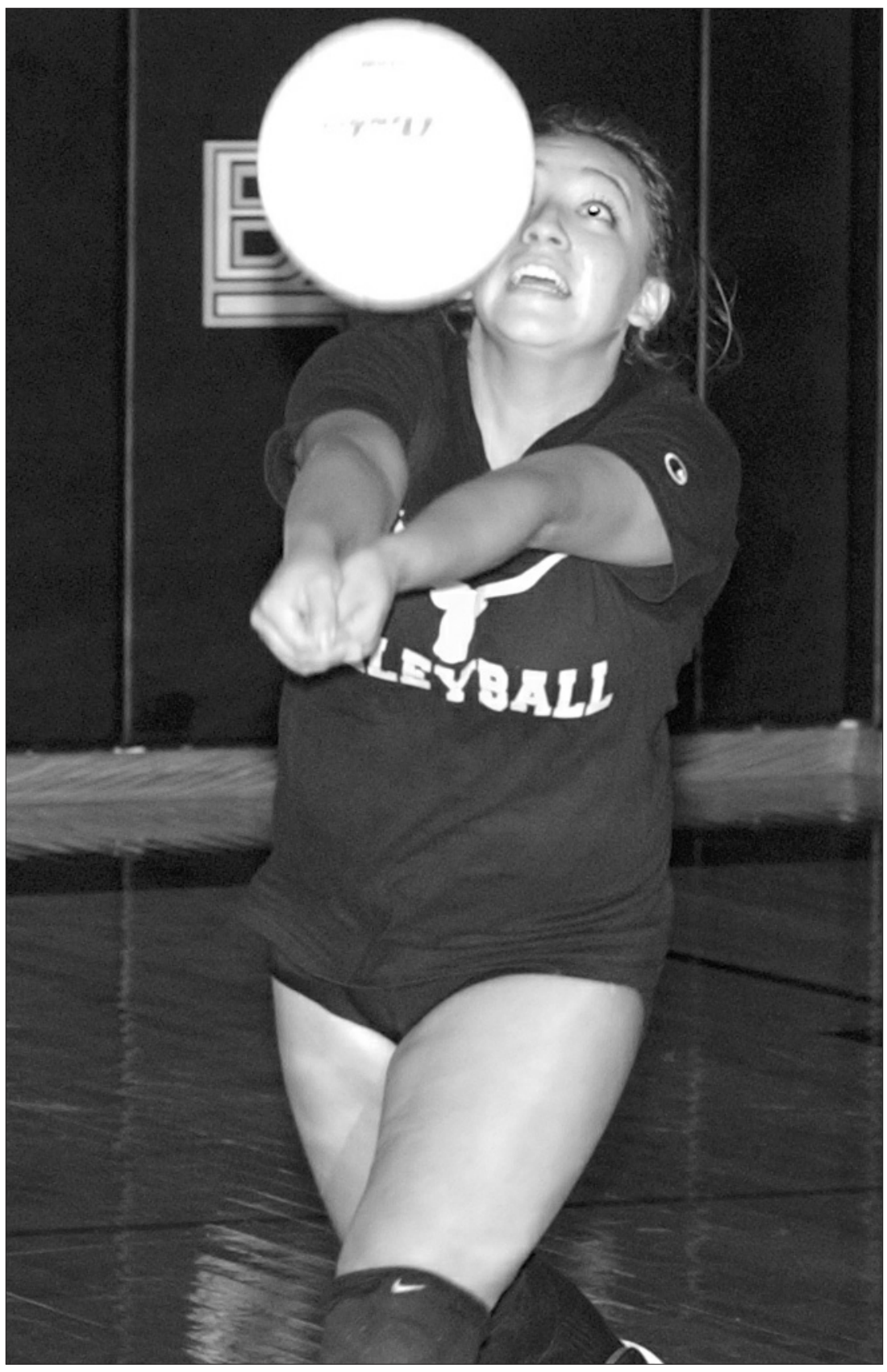
The Lady Steers found it tougher to compete with Abilene High. The Lady Eagles spiked their way past Big Spring — 25-5, 25-6, 25-15.

"Abilene High has a good program," said Whitaker. "Their coach has been there around 15 years and she's got a bunch of girls that play club ball together. Still that's not an excuse for us. We were completely uncompetitive in the first two games."

Hali Torres led the team with four kills. The Lady Steers self-destructed through the first two games of the match, committing 30 errors.

"Errors really effected how this game turned out," she continued. "We had our hits getting blocked into the ground that we weren't recovering. We played a team that was overconfident while we're not yet playing with a lot of confidence. You could see the confidence on the faces of the Abilene High girls.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Clarissa Carrisalez bumps a ball to a teammate in practice Wednesday at the Big Spring Junior High. The Lady Steers will take part in the Nita Vannoy Tournament in San Angelo Friday and Saturday.

Area teams prepare for scrimmages tonight



Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma running back P.J. Daylong turns the corner on a sweep play during the Bulldogs' scrimmage with O'Donnell Saturday. The Bulldogs will scrimmage Rotan at 6 p.m. today.

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Speed kills on a football field ... especially at the quarterback position.

Coahoma's Bulldogs found that to be true last season.

"Faster quarterbacks hurt us a lot last season and we're going to see several of them again this season," said first-year Bulldogs Head Coach Jay Kennedy. "We're going to see a good, quick quarterback in Brandon Davenport next week against Reagan County. We need to be tested against that before we play them."

Coahoma will get that test at 6 p.m. today as Rotan's Yellowhammers, who boast the speedy Josh Reese as their signal caller, come to visit.

"Rotan bloodied our nose last year," said Kennedy. "They've got a lot of speed. Some of their players went to the state track meet last year. Their quarterback is the state champion in the 200 meters. We have to concentrate on containing him. Last week, he scored two touchdowns in their scrimmage and both of them were by reversing his field."

Rotan presents a major change of pace from what O'Donnell's Screamin' Eagles challenged the Bulldogs with last week.

"I was impressed with O'Donnell, especially defensively," commented Kennedy, "but they can't match up with Rotan's speed. It's going to be a big difference. That's good though. We need to see a different type of scheme before the season. Obviously, not everyone is going to play the same."

The scrimmage will be handled different compared to last week's.

"It's going to be a longer scrimmage this week," explained Kennedy. "It will be controlled at first, but then we'll do a game-like situation towards the end. We're going to play a full half. We're anxious to see how we respond to that."

A community pep rally will follow the game with fans invited to come out and meet the Bulldogs.

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Obituaries

Vera Clayton

Vera Jane Clayton, 67, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, in Home Hospice House of Odessa. No services are planned at this time.

She was born Dec. 18, 1939, in Jacksonville, Texas and married Carlon Thomas Clayton. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Randy Lee Clayton and Richard Eagen; and a daughter, Terri Kendrick, all of Stockton, Calif.; a brother, Tommy Buxton of Big Spring; a sister, Margie Adams of Rusk; and several grandchildren.

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

Take Note

• **MOSS ELEMENTARY MEET THE TEACHER** will be from noon until 1 p.m. Friday. Class rosters will be posted throughout the building.

• **A FISH FRY BENEFIT FOR BRAYLEE FOX,** 5-month-old infant who had a heart transplant, will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St. Plates are $7 and include catfish, french fries, hush puppies and cole slaw. To-go plates will be availab.e. Midnight Express will perform from 8 p.m. until midnight. The fund-raiser is sponsored by the Big Spring Bass Club and Eagles Bingo Airies No. 3188.

• **THE PUBLIC IS BEING AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE A PHOTO** of bluebonnets, with proceeds going toward the Boyce Hale Scholarship — a $500 scholarship presented to a Forsan High School senior. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at 264-2546 or go by Professional Pharmacy at 1000 Main St.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF ALBERT "BERT" CARRILLO**, who was killed in a traffic accident near Fort Stockton. The fund has been set up at the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union to help offset burial expenses. The Credit Union is located at 1110 Benton. Call 263-8393 for more information.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN CREATED** to help Garland and Malynda Helmstetler raise the $25,000 needed for medical treatment that the family's insurance will not cover. Malynda, director of Mobile Meals, has been diagnosed with breast cancer that cannot be treated by radiation and chemotherapy. Doctors have told the family she should begin treatment on Aug. 1 so that the cancer does not spread to other organs. Donations may be made payable to Malynda's Cancer Fund at the Federal Employees Credit Union located on FM 700.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager, or Cruz Rodriquez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. for donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

• **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).

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

• **TIFFANY GIBSON,** 18, 823 W. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• **JUAN CARLOS CORDOVA,** 30, 829 W. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.

• **MICHAEL L. DICKSON JR.,** 25, 432 Tierra Blanca, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid and a citation.

• **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK,** 67, 4000 N. Highway 87, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT-LANGUAGE** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

• **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 800 block of FM 700 and the 100 block of Gregg.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Michael.

• **ROBBERY** was reported in the 1500 block of FM 700.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place and the 200 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday (Officials reported having 60 inmates in the county jail at the time of this report):

• **ALESHA PACE,** 33, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **WILEY JACOB LIVELY,** 18, was arrested by DPS on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• **JUAN CARLOS CORDOVA,** 30, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid-enhanced.

• **BOBBIE L. GIBSON,** 42, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

• **MICHAEL L. DICKSON,** 25, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **MICHAEL WAYNE HAYES,** 19, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of theft of service.

• **BILLY BOB ALVARADO,** 28, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear, and a bondsman off bond warrant for criminal mischief.

• **TUTERRENCE D. DAVIS,** 29, was arrested by deputies on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated kidnapping.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

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

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of E. Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-8-20-29.

Number matching five of five: none.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-19-31-33-35-47.

Number matching six of six: none.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-4-6.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

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 United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• 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.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• 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.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

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RANGERS

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Hours after announcing manager Dave Trembley would return for the 2008 season, the Orioles absorbed the most lopsided loss in franchise history and set a team record for hits allowed in a game (29).

"I'd say whatever we threw, they hit it. It's that simple," Trembley said. "They say hitting is contagious, and that certainly was the case in the first game. I've never seen anything like it."

The Rangers had totaled 28 runs in their previous nine games, including two runs on seven hits in their last two.

"I knew we'd get the bats going, but I never expected anything like this," Washington said. "When the faucet is on, you want it to stay on. You never want to cut it off."

The Rangers set a team record for runs scored in a doubleheader — before the second game even started.

"You don't want to be the one to make the out. You feel like you have to get a hit every time up," Byrd said.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Ramon Vazquez, the bottom two batters in Texas' lineup, each homered twice and finished with seven RBIs. The last time two teammates had as many as seven RBIs in a game was 1962, when Elston Howard had eight and Mickey Mantle added seven for the New York Yankees against the Kansas City Athletics.

"That was ridiculous. I have never been in anything like that in my life," said Saltalamacchia, who went 4-for-6 with a walk and scored five runs. He came in batting .179 and finished at .262.

David Murphy had five of the Rangers' 29 hits, the most by a major league team since Milwaukee had 31 in a 22-2 victory over Toronto on Aug. 28, 1992, according to Elias.

Texas' 30 RBIs set a major league record. The Rangers had 57 at-bats, tying the AL mark for a nine-inning game set by Milwaukee in its 1992 rout of Toronto, and finished with more runs than outs made (27).

"Thirty is a football score, not a baseball score," Metcalf said. "It was just a great day."

Yankees 8,
Angels 2

At Anaheim, Calif., Andy Pettitte tossed seven strong innings to win his fifth consecutive start and New York salvaged the finale of a three-game series.

Pettitte (11-7) beat John Lackey (15-8) and came to the rescue for the Yankees yet again, one night after the Angels roughed up New York's pitching staff in an 18-9 rout highlighted by Garret Anderson's 10 RBIs.

The victory was Joe Torre's 1,150th as New York manager, surpassing Casey Stengel for sole possession of second place on the franchise list behind Joe McCarthy (1,460).

Bobby Abreu homered for the Yankees, who moved within five games of AL East leader Boston. They're 1 1/2 back of Seattle in the wild-card race. The AL West-leading Angels remained two games in front of the Mariners.

Devil Rays 2,
Red Sox 1

At St. Petersburg, Fla., B.J. Upton hit a two-run homer and Tampa Bay beat Daisuke Matsuzaka (13-10) for the third time this season.

Edwin Jackson (4-12) allowed one run in six innings.

Al Reyes retired Jason Varitek with two on for his 19th save in 21 opportunities.

The Red Sox stranded 14 runners and fell to 9-3 against the Devil Rays this season.

Indians 11,
Tigers 8

At Detroit, Franklin Gutierrez hit a three-run homer and Cleveland beat Justin Verlander (13-5) to increase its AL Central lead to 1 1/2 games over the Tigers. The Indians overcame homers by Carlos Guillen, Magglio Ordonez and Marcus Thames.

Gary Sheffield will be out of Detroit's lineup for at least the rest of the current homestand because of a sore right shoulder that has bothered him for more than a month.

Twins 8,
Mariners 4

At Minneapolis, Michael Cuddyer's grand slam fueled a seven-run first inning against Miguel Batista (13-9), and the Twins ended Seattle's five-game winning streak.

Carlos Silva (10-12), who entered with the second-worst run support among AL starters, cruised with the big lead and completed seven innings for his first victory this month.

Athletics 4,
Blue Jays 1

At Toronto, Esteban Loaiza (1-0) came off the disabled list and won his season debut, outpitching A.J. Burnett (7-7) to help Oakland finish a three-game sweep.

The Athletics (64-64) have won four straight and eight of 10 to reach .500 for the first time since the All-Star break. Alan Embree earned his 16th save.

Royals 7,
White Sox 6

At Chicago, Billy Butler homered and drove in three runs for the Royals, who ended a three-game skid and kept the White Sox from completing their first series sweep at home since last August against Detroit.

Brian Bannister (10-7) won for the fifth time in seven starts and lowered his ERA to 3.28, eighth-best in the AL. Kansas City struck early against struggling Jose Contreras (6-16).

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Sands vs. Trent and Borden County

SANDS — The Sands Mustangs missed out on playing their first scrimmage due to the rains that drenched West Texas last weekend.

They were forced to cancel their practice date with Hermleigh's Cardinals after the field they were supposed to play on in Snyder was flooded.

Head Coach Wayne Henderson says that missing the scrimmage sets his team back at all as they get set to scrimmage Trent's Gorillas and Borden County's Coyotes at 6 p.m. today in Trent.

"I don't truly it thinks it sets us back too much," he said. "It might have benefited us in the long run because it gave us more time to work on things. We're a young team that needs all the practice we can get."

"By having a little bit of an extra time it let us refine what we were doing," I think the players understand their assignments a little better now. We're more prepared for this scrimmage than we were for the last one had it taken place."

While Henderson isn't very familiar with Borden County heading into the scrimmage, he feels that Trent will provide his young team with a much needed challenge.

"He inherited a group of freshmen two seasons ago that are now juniors so they're a very experienced team," said Henderson. "It's the type of test we need. We're not too experienced and most of our starters are going to be sophomores. It's a challenge we need to face now before we face a team with this much experience when the games start counting."

Kermit at Stanton

STANTON — Sands wasn't the only area team that lost its chance to play its first scrimmage of the season. Stanton's Buffaloes also fell victim to the flooding downpours.

The Buffs get their first opportunity to see another opponent at 6:30 p.m. today against Kermit's Yellow Jackets in Stanton. It's a game experience that Head Coach Lee McCown values.

"We like what we've seen in practice so far, but we want to see who can step up against someone wearing another jersey," he said. "A different opponent brings out a little better in the players."

Stanton will be fielding a team that is returning five starters on each side of the ball, giving them a lot of confidence about their district chances.

"We're very optimistic about this year's team. We've got a wealth of experience and return some key players," said Buffs head football coach Lee McCown. "There's work to do, but this team has the heart and determination to be successful."

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We did show a lot more confidence and effort in the last set though."

The schedule won't be getting any easier for the Lady Steers as they travel to San Angelo for the Nita Vannoy Tournament Friday and Saturday.

"We should be seeing even better competition in San Angelo than what we saw at the tournament in Fairfield," said Whitaker. "We did really good at this tournament year, finishing fourth in our bracket. There are some top teams in the area that participate."

The Lady Steers will start the 32-team tournament at 11 a.m. Friday against Springtown's Lady Porcupines. A victory will pit them against either Water Valley's Lady Wildcats or El Paso Riverside's Rangers sometime Friday afternoon.

Big Spring's health status should be improved for tournament play.

"Jordan is tough and will play through her injury, but we're getting back Andrea Claxton," said Whitaker. "Andrea was one of the player's we were hoping to depend on this season."

Whitaker also pulled up freshman Valerie Ross to provide the team with more depth.

"Valerie's a good all-around hustler," she said. "She's still a bit fresh, but she's a hard worker."

As for the tough schedule thus far, Whitaker just hopes that her team is getting the message that they can compete with top teams.

"We have to be ready," she said. "We play San Angelo Central on Tuesday and they're better than Abilene High. Things aren't about to get easier for us."

Notes: Big Spring's freshman and junior varsity teams were also in action Tuesday in Abilene. The freshmen dropped their first match to Cooper — 25-18, 25-19. Brownwood defeated them — 25-17, 25-11 — in their second match.

Coach John Sparks said that the girls did a better job of serving and communicating.

Belle Feaster and Teresa Turner played good defense and served well. Elle Torres provided the freshman team with good play on the back line. Opal Gonzales and Abigail Fierro also contributed.

The junior varsity dropped both of its matches Tuesday. Abilene High beat them, 25-13, 25-10, and Cooper topped them, 25-23, 25-3.

Sloan Davis led in assists and Tiffany Garcia provided good passing and defense.

The freshmen will play in the Snyder Tournament this Saturday starting at 11 a.m. The junior varsity's next game is a Tuesday visit to San Angelo Central.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

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A coaches meeting is also scheduled for Aug. 30. Teams begin practice Sept. 4.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Over-80 scramble rescheduled

The Big Spring Country Club was forced to cancel its over-80 scramble this past Saturday and Sunday due to rain.

The scramble has been rescheduled for this coming Saturday and Sunday. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is set for both days.

It is a 2-person scramble format with the combined ages of the team members needing to equal 80 or higher.

Entry fee is $60 per player plus a golf cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

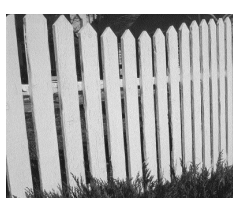
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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on September 7, 2007 for Diesel and Gasoline.
Specifications may be obtained in the County Auditor's Office, in the Courthouse, 300 S. Main St., Room 203, Big Spring, TX, or by calling 432-264-2210.
Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on September 10, 2007 for their consideration.
The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
#5482 August 23 & 31, 2007

Glasscock County Public Notice

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 152.013 Glasscock County Commissioners Court will set the increased amounts in the 2007-2008 proposed budget for the elected or precinct officers as follows, at their regular meeting on September 10, 2007 @ 9:00 AM.

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Salary	$1,500.00
Longevity	$48.00
Maintenance Agreements	$2,000.00
Equipment	$1,000.00
Postage	$1,500.00
County/District Clerk	
Salary	$1,500. 00
Longevity	$48.00
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County Judge	
Salary	$1,500.00
Longevity	$48.00
Justice of the Peace	
Salary	$1,500.00
Longevity	$48.00
Maintenance Agreements	$300.00
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Commissioner Prt#1	
Salary	$1,500.00
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Salary	$1,500.00
Longevity	$48.00
Commissioners Prt#3	
Salary	$1,500.00
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Salary	$1,500.00
Longevity	$48.00
County Treasurer	
Salary	$1,500.00
Longevity	$48.00
Maintenance Agreements	$300.00
School & Conferences	$250.00
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Salary	$1,500.00
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Applicable Taxes and Retirement will be added to Salaries & Longevity.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

At the cosmological space hub, turbo-powered Mars meets Jupiter for a high-octane gas fill-up. While they're giving us the energy to manage those superhuman energy demands that have sprung up lately, the sun's entry into Virgo is an earthy moderating force. Come down to earth, earthlings!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your heart takes the lead. If you already know you have a tendency to be a fool for love, this is the time to ask friends what they honestly think — *before* you make any rash decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will rise to the expectations you set for yourself. So don't think, "I can't do it all." Your stars are so good right now that it's possible you really could do it all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As usual, the person who can help you the most is in close proximity. The problem is, you don't want to ask — there's too much "gunk" in the way of this relationship. Now is the perfect day to clear the path for communication.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your personal life improves when you educate yourself about your partner or potential partner. Read up. You might even enroll in a class or buy a book that includes a successful seduction system.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The planets favor you when you make a proactive move. It's also an ideal time to handle technical issues you've been avoiding. It takes some doing, but you'll be impressively efficient once it's done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Feeling stuck? That's because everything is changing into the same thing over and over again. Think different thoughts, and everything changes into something different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not acting your age. Depending on the task, you assign a much more mature version of yourself or send a childish part of you to do the job. Either way, there's wisdom in your choice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People do you favors — it almost annoys you. You'd rather pay for services so there's not that awkward question lingering in your mind about how much you owe someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in an environmental improvement phase, and everyone around you benefits, since upgrades to your lifestyle affect loved ones, too. Casual connections could turn serious tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Varied influences, cultures, environments and people will get your creative wheels turning. Your imagination can be an ally or an enemy, depending on where you focus it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whatever you were procrastinating about can wait no longer. Getting the icky stuff out of the way (and, in the process, finding out that it wasn't so bad) is the best motivator for doing the rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are an excellent judge of character. Others, not so much. So watch out for loved ones. If you get a funny feeling about one of their friends or business associates, speak up.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPIC: As the sun enters the sign of the chaste Virgin today, we enter a season of assimilation and purity. Folks are headed back to school and work, which calls for organization, economy and time management. As a person, Virgo is far more enchanting than her fastidious feminine archetype, the analytical accountant and meticulous researcher. She's related to Virgin Mary, Isis and Astraea. Mary's name is rooted in the Sanskrit word Maya, meaning "sea" — Virgos are as compassionate and empathetic as any water sign. Yet, earthy she is. As Greek Astraea, she was the last immortal to leave the earth and thus form the constellation Virgo in the sky — she left because of man's unkindness, explaining Virgo's innate sensitivity. She's heavenly, too. Egyptian lore says Isis carried a shaft of wheat across the sky (symbol of harvest), dropped it and formed the Milky Way. She inspires the universe. But why is she the "Virgin"? Virgin means "she who is whole unto herself." Virgo is self-sufficient, needing no one, providing for everyone. She's in service of humanity, the invisible worker. What allows her to work so tirelessly and carefully on behalf of others and for little credit? Perhaps it's the touch of immortal in her!

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am a divorced 45-year-old woman with a 12-year-old son. "Philip" gets straight A's and is involved in sports and music, but I don't want Philip to grow up to be a "mama's boy." I've noticed he's very sensitive (which I think he's learned by observing me). It's OK for a girl to be that way, but not so much a boy. I would really like him to become more thick-skinned.

A kid pushed him on the baseball field, and when I told him he had a right to defend himself, he stated that the other kids wouldn't let him. He then ran to the car in tears. I'm assuming it was frustration.

I contacted his father and informed him that Philip needs a good male influence in his life. My ex, however, is restricted from seeing our son due to a history of violence toward us. And Philip informed me that his father was recently arrested for DUI. Anyway, I told my ex that I'd like him to treat his son with respect — no verbal, mental, emotional or physical abuse. He said he would. Our current agreement is for Philip to spend one-on-one time with his father for a couple of hours each week during the day (before the drinking starts), so our son has adult male companionship.

I have no male friends I can trust to take on this responsibility, nor are there any Big Brother groups in my small town. Family members live six hours away. My church is four states away. I don't want my son to be so sensitive in such a tough world. What other options are out there? — Perplexed Single Mom



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Perplexed: Having a sensitive son is not a bad thing, and we wouldn't push Philip too hard to be tough. With a father who has modeled abusive behavior, that approach could backfire. Instead, encourage whatever talents he has. You might be able to find a male mentor for Philip through his school, your job, the local civic organizations or the library. Consider joining a church closer to home. Big Brothers may also be able to help, even if there is no major group in your area. Contact them at Big Brothers Big Sisters (bbbs.org), 230 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Dear Annie: I recently held a birthday party for my son on a local train. The invitation indicated I would pick up the cost of the train ride for the invitees, and although the children's parents were welcome to join, they would have to pay their own way. I requested an RSVP 10 days prior to the party date, as I needed an exact count and had to put up a 50 percent deposit.

One family RSVP'd that both their children would be attending, as well as the father. On the day of the party, they did not show up, nor did they bother to call. We held up the train while I phoned to see if they were coming, and was told one son had gotten scared about riding the train and didn't want to go. The train did not allow refunds for no-shows.

Is it wrong to ask for my out-of-pocket expense for their tickets? — Miffed in Michigan

Dear Miffed: This was rude, but not intentionally so. The father should offer to reimburse you for the extra expense, but planning extravaganzas for children's parties is always risky, and you must allow for the cost of no-shows. Sorry.

Dear Annie: Losing your hair is difficult. Having to wear a wig is a challenge. Having people ask if you are wearing a wig is insulting.

I am going through chemotherapy and have chosen to keep it private. I can still do my job and don't want my career to suffer. Losing my hair is a pretty good trade-off for the alternative. Why would anyone feel the need to ask if I am wearing a wig? Please tell your readers that this shows poor manners. — Wigged One

Dear Wigged One: If your wig is quite different in color and style from your natural hair, that may be what is provoking the questions. Still, it doesn't make it less rude, and you are not obligated to respond.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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State briefs

Killer asks for forgiveness; becomes 400th executed inmate

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Johnny Ray Conner asked for forgiveness and said he'd be waiting in heaven for loved ones, including his victim's relatives, as he became the 400th Texas inmate executed since the state resumed carrying out the death penalty a quarter-century ago.

"Shed no tears for me," Conner, 32, said as tears flowed from witnesses on both sides of the death chamber Wednesday evening.

He received lethal injection for the slaying of Kathyanna Nguyen, 49, during a failed robbery at her Houston convenience store in 1998. Conner's two sisters were among people watching through a window as he died. Nguyen's daughter and a sister were among those watching through another window.

Health officials say Val Verde jail illnesses not linked

DEL RIO (AP) — Health officials said the illnesses of four Val Verde County jail inmates who suffered from strange and similar symptoms don't appear to be related.

A medical team including federal disease experts visited the Val Verde Correctional Facility last week to investigate the possibility of a disease outbreak.

All four of the inmates were held at the southwest Texas jail at some point starting in July. Two of the men died in area hospitals after coming down with symptoms that included erratic behavioral changes, incontinence and respiratory illness.

"So we feel fairly confident there's not an ongoing exposure, that people are as safe as they always have been within the facility," said Dr. Sandra Guerra-Cantu, regional medical director of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Guerra-Cantu said two of the inmates were infected with HIV, and one of those also had tuberculosis.

Army major, relatives indicted in bribery case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A U.S. Army major and his wife and sister were indicted Wednesday in federal court on charges of bribery, conspiracy, money laundering and obstruction, accused of taking bribes from Defense Department contractors in 2004 and 2005.

Maj. John Cockerham, a contract officer, and his wife, Melissa Cockerham, are accused of taking at least $9.6 million in bribes while Cockerham was stationed in Kuwait and responsible for contracts for DOD services, including bottled water for soldiers in Kuwait and Iraq.

The Cockerhams were arrested last month at Fort Sam Houston, where the major had been reassigned. His sister, Carolyn Blake, was arrested at her home in Sunnyvale, for allegedly helping the couple accept and deposit money in off-shore accounts.

Maj. Cockerham is accused of guaranteeing that contractors would receive lucrative contracts in exchange for cash deposited in bank accounts and safe deposit boxes by his wife and sister in Kuwait and Dubai.

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been twice convicted of theft, as well as being arrested for shoplifting at the mall the same day she allegedly overheard the conversation.

Frost's second witness, Tyrone Smith, arrived in the courtroom in an orange jumpsuit and handcuffs as he is currently in Howard County Jail awaiting charges here and in Midland County.

Smith said that he had "heard on the street" that Mitchell had threatened harm to Harbert and his family, although he confessed he had never actually heard Mitchell make any such threats.

Frost's final witness was Felicia Aldridge, the mother of Harbert's children who was arrested along with him the night of the fatal shooting.

She testified about the altercation between Mitchell and Harbert in Midland Park Mall, painting Mitchell as the aggressor who wanted to fight, with Harbert steadfastly refusing.

Turning to the actual shooting itself, Aldridge said that she and Harbert went to 2619 Fairchild in Big Spring late on Dec. 23 to visit a friend, not knowing that Mitchell was at the residence.

She said she remained in the car while Harbert went to the door, at which point he was met by Mitchell, who disappeared from view for a moment and returned with a gun in his hand.

In contrast to Tuesday testimony by Sheila and Marcello Williams, Aldridge said neither of them were in sight, nor did they appear to tell Harbert to leave the residence.

According to Aldridge, Mitchell pointed a handgun at Harbert, who retreated toward the street.

She then testified that she heard several gunshots, although she did not see who fired what. Harbert then got into the car and they left the scene.

During closing arguments, Wilkerson said that forensic evidence completely discredited Aldridge's testimony. He said the pathologist's report — which stated that Mitchell died of three gunshot wounds to the back fired from less than an inch away — made a mockery of Aldridge's statement that the shots were fired from a distance.

"Just pay attention to the forensic evidence," Wilkerson told jurors. "You don't have to worry about its credibility, you don't have to worry about what people remembered. You just have to look at the facts."

Those three bullets, which tore Mitchell's heart effectively in half and also severely damaged a lung, were the key to the case, Wilkerson said.

"It is irrefutable evidence," he said. "Three close contact wounds, three bullets that came from (Harbert's) gun ... He chased Tory Mitchell into that home, where he finished the job he started, at close range. He chased him down, put the gun to him and shot him in the back."

Frost, in his closing, argued fervently for a self-defense ruling.

"Somebody pulls a gun on you ... I submit that you don't have to wait until they fire the first shot to fire back. I haven't seen a person alive who can outrun a bullet ... Tory Mitchell pulled a gun, and Michael Harbert had no recourse but to defend himself ... When that gun came out, it came down to this: Michael was a little faster on the draw and a little better shot."

In his final closing, Wilkerson drew a contrast between shooter and victim.

"At about the time Tory Mitchell was winning state championships (in track), Michael Harbert was committing his first felony," Wilkerson said, who closed his argument by saying, "On the night of the shooting, Michael Harbert went over there with a heart filled with crime — and he shot out the heart of a champion. Find him guilty."

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INSULTS

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Family members of both the murderer and his victim exchanged heated words for a minute or two before police dispersed the crowd.

One person involved in the incident, Tiffany Gibson, 18, of 823 W. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct-language.

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MOORE

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information on building permits is from 2004-2005. The information we have on Big Spring Independent School District is also 2004-2005.

"I really feel like this should be a part of our goals for the coming year. We should make every effort to have that information as up-to-date as possible."

Board member Frank Parker agreed, saying information past its prime could do more to hurt economic development in Big Spring than help it.

"Having out-of-date information up on the Web is worse than not having anything at all," Parker said firmly.

According to Moore Development Executive Director Terry Wegman, efforts to update the Web site are ongoing.

"I talked to Corky Mitchell, our Webmaster, and this is something we're currently working on," said Wegman. "He's on task to take care of that."

Parker said another focus of the Moore Board for the coming year should be efforts to revitalize Big Spring's downtown area.

"We're already putting $3 million into the Settles Hotel project," said Parker. "We should make it a priority to assist with the development of downtown to the extent possible within the law. A big part of our budget is this Settles project, and these goals are another means of communication with the public."

The Moore Board is currently in contract negotiations with the Settles Hotel Development Company since directors voted unanimously Dec. 8 to provide up to $3 million to help former Big Spring resident Brint Ryan — manager of the Dallas company and the founder and CEO of Ryan & Company — renovate the Settles Hotel.

According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

Also part of the boards goals for the coming year is development of a GIS (geographic information system) mapping program.

"It's hard to market your area when you don't know what you have," said Steel. "We've worked on this program for several years now, and the idea behind it was to consolidate one database for all of the area agencies."

Parker agreed, saying Moore Board would have to take the lead on the project, which includes Howard County, the city of Big Spring and other local entities.

"I also feel like we need to try to make some contacts within the real estate business," said Parker. "You can get things like the square footage of a building from the tax roll, but this program can answer questions like, 'how big is the door?' It can also give you information on electrical and other utilities."

Steel said he feels like the economic development corporation should continue fishing for the "big fish," but not at the expense of letting the smaller ones go.

"I feel like we need to market to the smaller businesses, that have five or six employees," said Steel. "We're trying to hit a home run with a 500-employee business, but with the smaller businesses you sort of spread the risk around more."

The board approved the list of goals, as well as the 2007-2008 budget by unanimous votes. Wegman is expected to present the budget to the Big Spring City Council in the next several weeks for final approval.

And while Steel and Marquez had plenty to do with planning for the coming year, the pair won't most likely get the chance to see those efforts through, as their terms expire next month.

The board considered a resolution thanking the pair, along with former board member Mike Niklasch who recently resigned to move to Florida, for their labors over the past several years.

The city council is expected to fill Marquez and Steel's seats in the coming month, as well as appoint someone to fill Niklasch's unexpired term, which is approximately one year.

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LARSON

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"I would rather not comment on that," said Larson. "I would rather give the board the chance to explain things first. I will say it was due to a difference in opinions between myself and some of the people on the board of directors, but I won't go into detail at this time."

Current board president Franklin Weber declined to go into detail concerning Larson's departure, as well, saying it's not of a negative nature.

"It's nothing nefarious or anything like that, I hope you understand," said Weber. "There's no wrongdoing involved. We all wish Tim well, and that's all I can really say about it."

Weber declined to comment on Larson's mention of a difference of opinions.

"I'll let Tim speak to that," said Weber. "I'm not going to go into that."

Weber, who recently stepped in as president when Clay Grizzle left the board, said Larson's resignation certainly makes the kickoff of the annual United Way Campaign, which is slated Tuesday, a tougher undertaking.

"The timing hurts us, there's no doubt about that," said Weber. "However, we're going to move forward with the campaign. I expect we'll appoint an interim director and go from there."

Jesse Mendoza, board member and campaign chairman for the coming year, could not be reached for comment.

Agencies assisted by the United Way include: YMCA, Victim Services, Girl Scouts, Westside Day Care Center, Westside Community Center, Salvation Army, Northside Community Center, Isaiah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, Big Spring Humane Society, Boy's Club of Big Spring and American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Talking with several children lately led to a simple conclusion about the beginning of school: *Children look forward to seeing fellow students but do not look forward to teachers assigning homework.*

This news comes as no surprise. Regardless of age, most of us place friends and laughter above study. Nevertheless, we send children to school because we know life has a serious side that requires study and learning.

We realize studying is not always enjoyable but we know it is necessary. We rework family schedules because the future of our children is a top priority. We refuse to give in when school attendance and study is disliked because we understand *the ultimate good is more important than the immediate comfort.*

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OUR VIEWS

Donations needed for NIE effort

The *Big Spring Herald* is now in the process of reinstituting its Newspapers In Education program with a goal of being to reach as many students as possible this year. And one of the main reasons to have lofty ambitions for our NIE program is that this will be a great year for teachers to use the newspaper in their classrooms.

This will be a wonderful year to use newspapers in classrooms. This fall will mark the true start of the 2008 presidential campaign. What's more, the Herald's coverage of what promises to be another attempt by Howard County commissioners to pass a bond issue will be an opportunity for teachers to give students exposure to governmental activities that affect their lives directly.

In other words, the newspaper can be an important tool teachers will have at their disposal as a result of using the newspaper in their classrooms.

To do that, however, we still need all of Howard County's help. It's not something we can handle alone. For that matter, it's not something just three or four businesses, can muster.

It's going to take a lot of us pitching in.

During the 2005-2006 school year, 50 teachers signed up for the program and we delivered more than 1,000 newspapers to classrooms each Tuesday. Sadly, there were not enough sponsors to keep the program operating through the end of the school year.

The 2006-2007 school year was even worse and a decision was made to end the program.

However, that's something we find unacceptable.

Yes, we'd like nothing better than to increase the total number of newspapers provided to local schools to a level the program has never reached.

To do that, though, we have to have the community's help. And that's why requests for sponsorships will soon be sent to Big Spring businesses.

We're hoping the community supports this effort. We need all the help we can get, but we've made a decision here at the *Herald* that regardless of what financial support we receive from the community, we're going to provide teachers with newspapers for use in the classroom.

At the very least, we hope to receive pledges for $10,000 — the money needed for the program to be successful at last year's coverage levels.

In other words, even the smallest of donations is appreciated.

Those interested in contributing to the program at any level can contact Circulation Manager Robert Smith, who coordinates the project, by calling 263-7331, ext. 244. He can also be contacted for more information by e-mail at circulation@bigspringherald.com.

Teachers wanting to use the newspaper as a teaching tool in their classrooms should also contact Smith.

While we freely admit we want young people to become newspaper readers, enhancing our business in the future, our commitment to the NIE program is much more than an effort to secure our role for the future.

We have always believed newspaper readers are the best-informed segment of our society. And by creating a life-long habit of newspaper reading, we make sure that tomorrow's adults are informed citizens. That way voters and the leaders they elect are both well educated and well informed.

Please join us in this effort. We'll all be better for the effort.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we listen to what is being said by You, Lord.

Amen

The left's Rovian hate-obsession

Those decriers of "hate" on the left just can't imbibe enough hatred for Karl Rove to quench their "tolerant" and "compassionate" appetites.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

What drives them to this persistent state of unmitigated and unforgiving rage? I'll tell you what it's not. It's not that he's an unfriendly, hateful, uncompassionate, unlikable ogre — because he is none of those things.

It's also not about Iraq, for even the Democrats' most fantastic claims can't reasonably pin that one on him — though they've tried.

The painfully obvious answer is simply that he has made his career beating Democrats and keeping them out of power most egregiously with that intractible "unilateralist" George W. Bush.

People forget that the left's infernal hatred for President Bush began way before their famous catch-all excuse, the Iraq invasion, was a glimmer in the president's eye. Their permanent antipathy began with the Democrats' 2000 electoral defeat.

It didn't matter that Bush didn't draw first blood in the endless Bush/Gore saga in Florida. It was irrelevant that Bush was on the receiving end of an unprecedented Democratic party-wide conspiracy to steal the presidential election. All that mattered was that he wasn't compliant. He wouldn't get out of their way.

When the United States Supreme Court finally said, "Enough is enough," to the Democrats' disgraceful, chad-manipulating, rule-of-law crushing, propaganda-filled Dade charade, the Democrats' misappropriated victim status in one of the most colossal PR flimflams in American history. And who was most responsible for making them victims?

That's right. That "right-wing Rasputin," the ubiquitous Karl Rove.

He was there from the beginning. No one has been a greater enabler of the pernicious George W., not even Dick Cheney. To the left, Cheney might be the de facto president, but Karl Rove paved the way for both of these demons to be in power. He has earned himself a special place in Hades.

Anything that has gone wrong for Democrats — from successes in the War on Terror, to sustained economic growth, to the discrediting of their darling Joe Wilson — had to be laid at the feet of Karl Rove. No one else was quite as masterful at derailing their grand schemes of derailing the Republicans' grand schemes as Karl Rove, so when things went awry for Dems, Rove had to be behind it.

Thus, when Rove testified to the grand jury, Dems were just sure he committed perjury. Why? Because he is Karl Rove, the kingmaker of evil kings, most notably "King George XLIII."

They were sure Rove would be "frog-marched" out of the White House in handcuffs. Why? Because he is Karl Rove, the grand obstructer of Democrat nirvana.

Now that the mad genius has announced his intention to leave the White House, salivating leftist bloggers are fantasizing there will still be a humiliating (and criminal) end to Rove's career. They're on their knees sending up (or sideways) secular prayers that the insatiable Democratic congressional pseudo-investigative machine will virtually imprison him with endless subpoenas and ensnare him in another perjury trap.

Rove truly has driven them crazy from day one. And I do mean crazy. Remember when formerly revered CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite speculated that Rove was behind the release of the Osama bin Laden tape on the eve of the 2004 presidential election?

Even Democrat operative James Carville, who one would think through empathy alone would be less anxious to succumb to his party's negative spin on (and unintentional mythological elevation of) Rove, recently wrote a piece opining that despite his "spectacular successes" in winning elections, Rove has singlehandedly "lost an entire generation for the Republican Party."

I don't know where Sir James got his crystal ball, but I'd be a little less sanguine about the Democrats' short-term capitalization on a war fatigue they helped bring about. Before counting Republicans out for a generation, he better be sure his party handily prevails in the 2008 election, which is far from certain at this point, believe it or not.

More recently, mainstream media players are milking Rove's impending departure for all the sadistic pleasure it can provide them and their followers. They beg him to answer questions about Hillary Clinton, and when he responds they accuse him of "relentlessly attacking" her.

An Associated Press "reporter" in the Walter Cronkite mode speculated that the Machiavellian manipulator had turned his sights on Hillary as part of a calculated ploy to get the left to rally behind her because Rove allegedly fears Edwards and Obama would be tougher to be beat.

The AP reporter went on to portray Rove's recitation of the objective fact that "more people have an unfavorable than favorable opinion" of Hillary as "harsh criticism."

The only way you can win with the left is if you let them win. And Rove, as long as he can help it, is never going to let that happen.

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Pay CEOs less, workers more

Minimum wage workers made $5.15 an hour when Harry Potter became a sensation a decade ago, and nothing more until July 24, three days after the final Harry Potter release. The same year Harry Potter and the $5.15 minimum wage made their debuts, 1997, Business Week declared it was "Out of Control." Since then, CEO pay has gotten more out of control. Average CEO pay at the top 500 companies jumped 38 percent to $15.2 million in 2006 — the year we broke the record for the longest period ever without a raise in the federal minimum wage.



HOLLY SKLAR

The July 24 minimum wage increase from $5.15 to $5.85 is so little, so late, that the minimum wage is still worth less than it was back in 1997, when it was $6.67 in today's dollars. Minimum wage workers had more buying power when Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton opened his first Walton's 5 & 10 in 1951. CEOs make more in 90 minutes than minimum wage workers make in a year.

The two longest periods in history without a minimum wage increase have occurred since 1980. Those long draughts without a raise have left minimum wage workers in the dust.

In 1980, the average CEO at a big corporation made as much as 97 minimum wage workers. In 1997, the average CEO made as much as 728 minimum wage workers. Last year, CEOs made as much as 1,419 minimum wage workers.

"As the productivity of workers increases, one would expect worker compensation to experience similar gains," a 2001 U.S. Department of Labor report observed. Instead, the gains have gone to record-breaking profits, CEOs and other have-mores. Between 1980 and 2006, worker productivity went up 70 percent, average worker wages went nowhere, the minimum wage fell 32 percent, and domestic corporate profits rose 256 percent, adjusting for inflation. A red light for minimum wage was a green light for accelerating greed. Adjusting for inflation, men in their thirties make less today than their fathers' generation made in the 1970s.

It's time to stop overpaying CEOs enough to keep their families rich for many generations to come at the expense of workers paid poverty wages today. Even the state with the highest minimum wage, Washington at $7.93, doesn't match the buying power of the federal minimum wage at its peak in 1968. Worth $9.56 in today's dollars, the 1968 minimum wage was more than $2 higher than the scheduled raise in the federal minimum wage to $7.25 on July 24, 2009.

Too bad we can't use Hermione's magical Time-Turner to send the minimum wage and CEO pay both back to 1968.

The minimum wage sets the wage floor. If the minimum wage had stayed above $9, Wal-Mart and McDonald's, our nation's largest employers, couldn't routinely pay wages much lower. Wal-Mart's wages would be closer to Costco, which pays starting wages over $10 an hour. Costco CEO Jim Sinegal has long asserted, "Paying your employees well is not only the right thing to do, but it makes for good business." McDonald's starting wages would be more like In-N-Out Burger, which has a minimum wage of $9.50 an hour and has long ranked first or tied for first nationwide among fast food chains in overall excellence. Our nation's minimum wage would be closer to Harry Potter's U.K., where the minimum wage already tops $10, child poverty rates have fallen sharply, and the economy is stronger than ours.

Overpaying CEOs and underpaying workers is bad for business. Studies show that showering stock options on chief executives lowers shareholder returns, and increases the likelihood companies will cook their books, default on debt and go bankrupt. Higher worker wages benefit business by increasing consumer spending, reducing costly employee turnover, raising worker morale and productivity, and improving product quality and company reputation.

In the words of Gary Theilen, owner of Theilen Farm and Cattle in Enid, Okla., "As a small-business owner who has always paid well above the minimum wage, it has been my experience that paying living wages makes good business sense. It is good for business, workers and the community." Theilen has joined business owners from across the nation in endorsing higher minimum wage at Business for a Fair Minimum Wage (www.businessforafairminimumwage.org).

Paying workers enough to live on is the minimum employers should do.

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Dream ride

Chevrolet Corvette convertible top pick for cool cruising



The 2007 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible.

ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

There is an axiom that has pretty much held true for more than a half century now regarding the Corvette. According to the axiom, there are two types of people: those who own a Corvette, and those who want to.

It's that simple. Few can deny the Corvette's prowess, incredible performance and handling as well as its sleek, sporty styling.

The true debate, at least when it comes to Corvettes, is over what model to buy.

Over the years, some of my biggest car arguments have centered around which Corvette model is better.

I have long maintained that the convertible, equipped with the six-speed automatic, is by far the top choice.

Of course, this immediately draws the ire of the true sports car enthusiasts who believe the only way to go is with the Z06 with the six-speed manual.

While I agree, the Z06 is a great ride and winding out the gears is a blast, to me, it's a matter of practicality.

I don't race; therefore, I really don't need the 505 horsepower provided by the Z06's 7.0-liter V-8 engine.

The 400 horses provided by the 2007 Corvette's 6.0-liter V-8 base engine gallop plenty fast for me. And since I do the majority of my driving in town or in stop-and-go situations, having to constantly shift gears without going very far or very fast is more work that pleasure. Give me the automatic with paddle shifters. It's a great transmission and if I get on a winding road I can always toggle the shifters.

If the majority of my driving was on the open road (or on the track) I'm sure I'd feel a lot different.

But in the debate between coupe and convertible, the convertible wins hands-down.

Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't turn down a Corvette Coupe, but if had the pick, it's a no-brainer. With a push of a button, the new power-operated soft top can be raised or lowered in a matter of seconds transforming the ultimate rear-wheel drive sports car into the ultimate two-seat roadster.

When you factor in keyless entry and keyless ignition stop/start — along with all the other premium features — for a base price starting below $45,000 (convertible models have a base price below $53,000), it is one of the most affordable aspirational sports cars ever made.

And since we're putting a "wish list" together, be sure to add the following optional equipment: Premium Bose audio system with XM Satellite Radio, Head-Up Display (once you use it, you won't want to drive a car without it), DVD navigation and Magnetic Selective Ride Control (that allows the driver to switch suspension settings between Sport and Tour modes.)

For those fortunate souls who are actually in the buying stage, now is an ideal time as the 2008 Corvettes are beginning to arrive in dealerships. The new model features revised styling and an all-new 430 horsepower base engine. While you might want to opt for the new '08 model with the bigger engine, you absolutely can't go wrong with the 2007 model. I know I certainly enjoyed it.

But until the kids are out of college, my wife is adamant that I'll remain in the "want to" category. Someday, however, I will move into the "owner" category.

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THE NUTS AND BOLTS



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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Glasscock County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.99 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 28, 2007 @ 9:00 AM and September 4, 2007 @ 9:00 AM Glasscock County Courthouse.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: W. E. Bednar, Jimmy Strube, Mark Halfmann, Marck Schafer, Michael Hoch
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditures categories:

Maintenance and operations	8.39% (increase) or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% (increase) or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	7.88% (increase) or _____% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	$811,547,830.00	$926,660,650.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	$540,610.00	$1,458,560.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	$615,044,490.00	$774,353,970.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	$473,610.00	$1,094,570.00

Bonded Indebtedness
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness $0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	$.362300	per $100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	$.343165	per $100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	$.019135	per $100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	_____ 5.28	% Increase OR % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

*** "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.**
**** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.**
***** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.**

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	$39,572.00	$41,389.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	$5,869.00	$5,758.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	$33,703.00	$35,631.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be $122.11. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be $122.27. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be a increase of $.16 in taxes.

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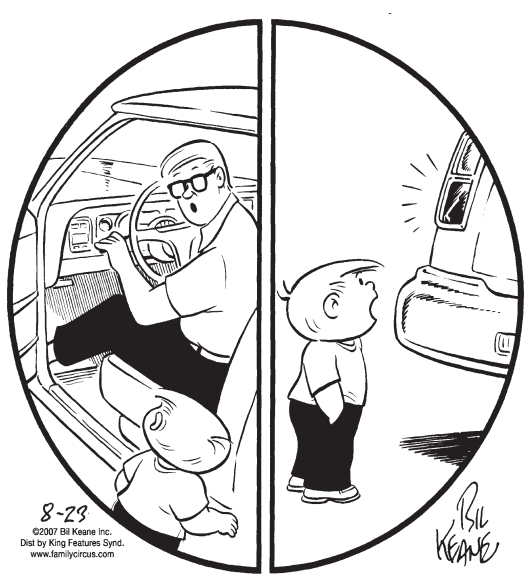
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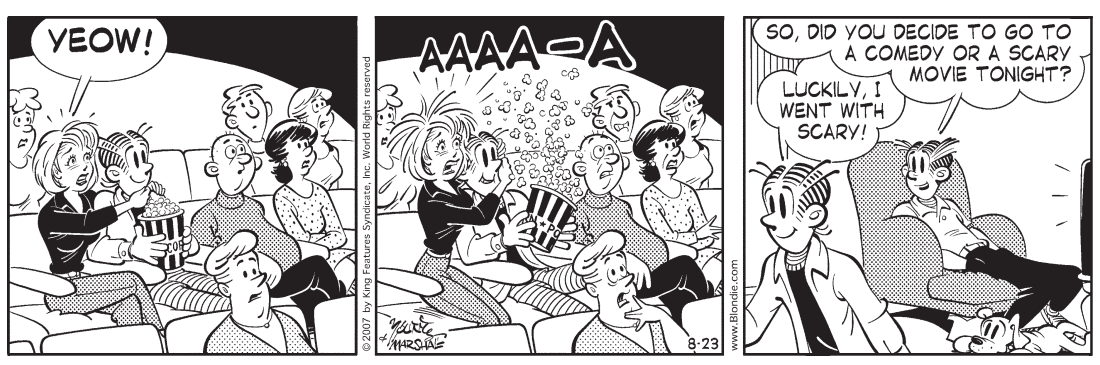
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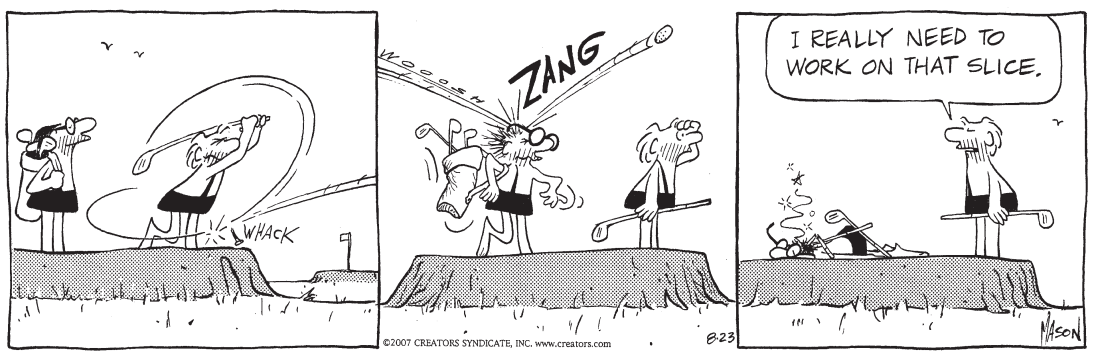
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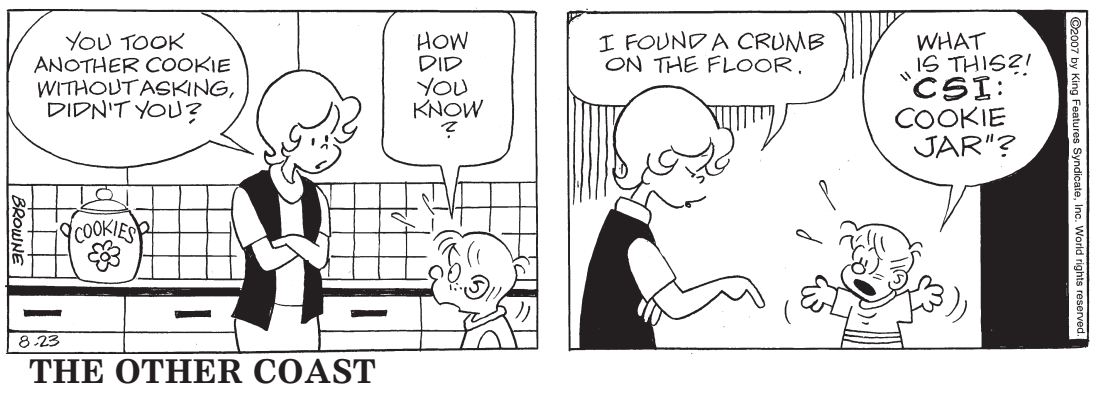
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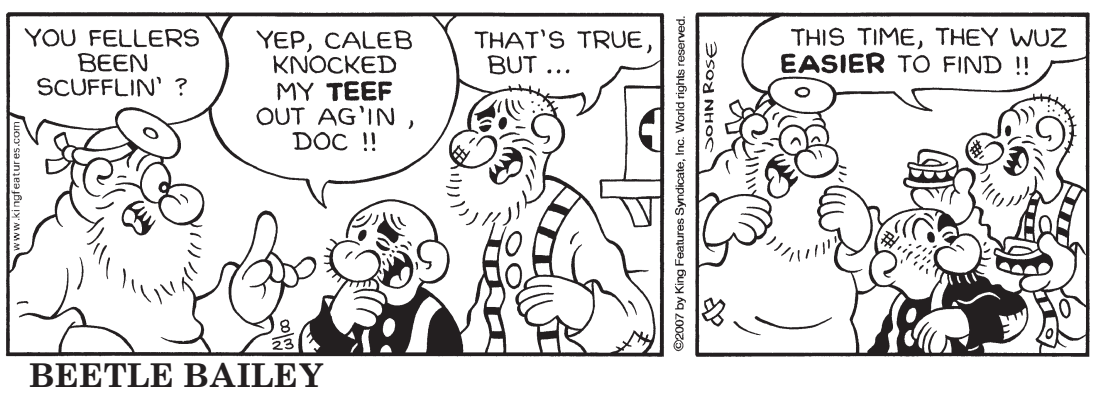
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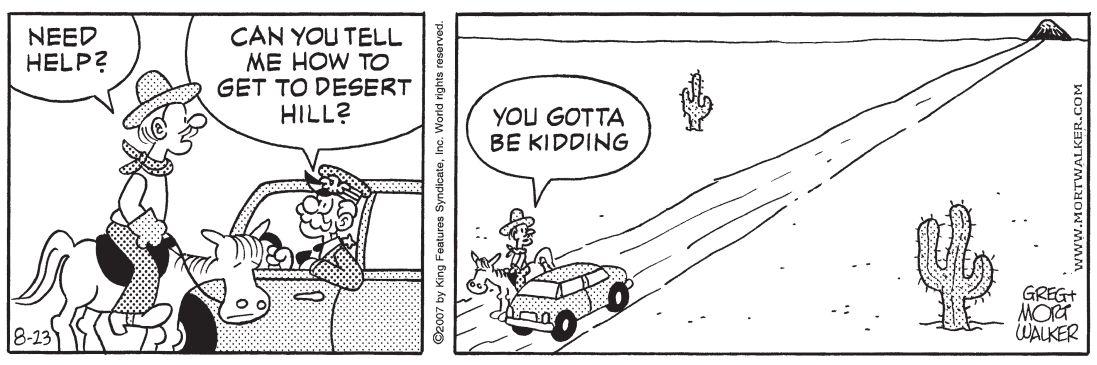
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2007. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 23, 1927, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. (Fifty years later, on this date in 1977, Mass. Gov. Michael S. Dukakis proclaimed that "any stigma and disgrace should be forever removed" from their names.)

On this date:

In 1754, France's King Louis the XVI was born at Versailles.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1944, Romanian prime minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies.

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein II died in Doylestown, Pa., at age 65.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage standoff began in Stockholm, Sweden; by the time the crisis ended, the four hostages had come to empathize with their captors, an occurrence that came to be known as "Stockholm Syndrome."

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)

In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York City, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black youth, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Robert Mulligan is 82. Actress Vera Miles is 77. Political satirist Mark Russell is 75. Actress Barbara Eden is 73. Actor Richard Sanders is 67. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 65. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 63. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 60. Singer Linda Thompson is 60. Actress Shelley Long is 58. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 58.

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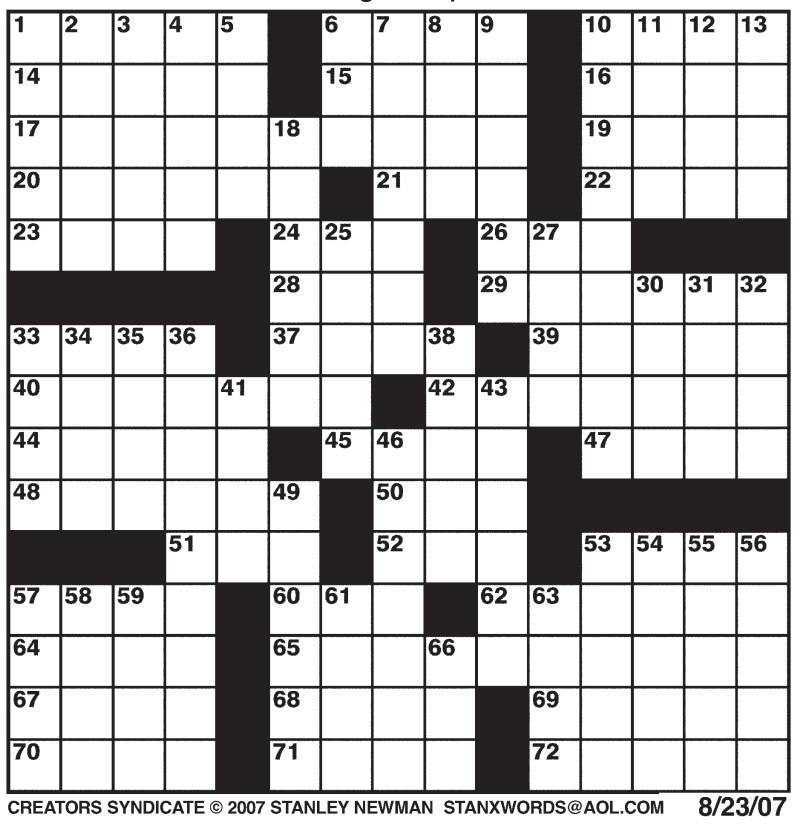
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Newsday Crossword

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6 Scandinavian reindeer herder
10 Economical
14 A as in Athens
15 Ranch unit
16 Additional
17 Martial-arts move
19 Place to stay in London
20 Atlantic island group
21 Little rascal
22 Military melody
23 Pulled apart
24 Foot ending
26 Arctic assistant
28 Magazine parts
29 They're found in digs
33 Letters' partner
37 Little ones
39 Fortuneteller's card
40 Story that's not straight
42 Catch
44 Like King's work
45 Level-headed
47 Was certain of
48 Chorus-line component
50 Explosive sound
51 Before
52 Eminent beginning
53 Widespread reputation
57 Norse god of thunder
60 HHS agency
62 Fish dish
64 Smidge
65 It often starts a fight
67 Big story
68 For all time
69 Class in Calcutta
70 Pupil's place
71 Food shop
72 Knight's ride

DOWN
1 Senegal capital
2 Cut, as a trail
3 Clothes protector
4 Visual aid
5 Bosworth or Winslet
6 Fond du __, WI
7 Most uncomfortable
8 Get-together for seniors
9 Grinder contents
10 Army-front section
11 Jazzy Fitzgerald
12 "Make it quick!"
13 Butterfly catchers
18 Pricey property
25 They're in the air
27 "Sure, I'll go along!"
30 Persia, in the past
31 Central part
32 Fret
33 Caused wonderment
34 Ostrich relative
35 Of two minds
36 Ginger's spot
38 Acapulco address
41 Take a good look
43 Most recent
46 Worn articles
49 Called the game
53 Parade presentation
54 Cause merriment
55 __ Carlo
56 Put a stop to
57 Evened the score
58 Crosby costar
59 Big name in elevators
61 Joint in bad condition
63 Orbital segments
66 __ Lanka



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Nation/World at a glance

Dean drenches central Mexico as it heads inland

POZA RICA, Mexico (AP) — A weakening Dean dumped heavy rains across central Mexico, drenching mudslide-prone mountains as it pushed its way inland after slamming into the nation's Gulf Coast as a Category 2 hurricane.

In the storm-lashed city of Poza Rica, neighbors banded together to clear the streets of fallen trees with axes and machetes, while workers began reconnecting downed power lines. Dean killed 20 people in the Caribbean but there were no reported deaths so far in Mexico.

"We have emerged in good shape because of our organization, because of our precautions," said Veracruz Gov. Fidel Herrera, while touring hurricane-battered coastal towns. "Now we enter the difficult phase of reconstruction and aid."

The National Hurricane Center in Miami downgraded Dean to a tropical depression late Wednesday and predicted it would dissipate Thursday as it passed over Mexico's high mountains. But with up to 20 inches of rain expected to fall, authorities worried there could still be floods or mudslides.

The mountain ranges near Mexico's coast are dotted with villages connected by precarious roads and susceptible to disaster. A rainstorm in 1999 caused floods that killed at least 350 people.

Al-Qaida accused of attacking village

BAGHDAD (AP) — Alleged al-Qaida fighters attacked a Sunni village east of Baqouba on Thursday and killed a village leader who had led the community in an uprising against the terrorist organization, witnesses and police said.

The attack by about 25 gunmen on the Ibrahim al-Yahya village began at 6:30 a.m. when the fighters exploded a bomb at the house of the sheik, destroying his home and killing him and one member of his family.

Ten people were wounded, including four other members of the family and passers-by. Some of the wounded were hit by gunfire.

"They were shouting Allah Akbar and Curse be upon the Renegades," said Umm Ahmed, who was among the three women wounded in the attack. She refused to give her full name fearing retribution. "This attack will cause the uprising against them to spread to other villages."

A police vehicle rushing to the attack scene crashed and two policemen were killed, according to officials in the Diyala provincial police force who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

Families mourn loss of 14 troops killed in helicopter crash

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ricky Bell was due to come home in less than a month. Michael Hook couldn't wait to do the same — his fiancee is pregnant. Both were among 14 U.S. soldiers who were killed Wednesday when a Black Hawk helicopter crashed in northern Iraq, part of the Pentagon's worst single-day death toll in Iraq since January.

The military said it appeared the aircraft was lost due to mechanical problems and not from hostile fire.

The death toll included troops from Pennsylvania, California, Missouri and Ohio, according to news reports. The military did not immediately release their names.

The helicopter's two pilots and two flight crew members were based at Washington state's Fort Lewis, base spokesman David Kuhns said.

The Black Hawk had just picked up troops after a mission when it crashed, said Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly, a military spokesman in northern Iraq.

Edwards' campaign message embraces 'real change,' vision

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Add John Edwards to the list of presidential hopefuls embracing "change" as a tenet of a presidential campaign.

Sen. Barack Obama uses the notion throughout his campaign, branding his "Hoops, Action, Change" basketball tournament. One of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's slogans is "Ready for Change, Ready to Lead." But Edwards on Thursday planned to challenge his Democratic rivals' ownership of the word, charging that their "change rhetoric" doesn't match their policies.

"It's about real change and a new vision that meets the challenges of the future and inspires the American people to work together for the common good," Edwards says in remarks prepared for delivery.

Edwards' speech, his toughest yet against his top rivals, sought to draw clearer lines between himself and better-polling peers.

"Small thinking and outdated answers aren't the only problems with a vision for the future that is rooted in nostalgia," Edwards says. "The trouble with nostalgia is that you tend to remember what you liked and forget what you didn't. It's not just that the answers of the past aren't up to the job today, it's that the system that produced them was corrupt — and still is."

Officials say 6th borehole into mountain will be last

HUNTINGTON, Utah (AP) — Relatives of six miners trapped deep inside a Utah coal mine are holding out hope the sixth — and last — borehole will provide the miracle they've craved for more than two weeks.

Other holes drilled into the Crandall Canyon mine have failed to reveal signs of life. The sixth hole is to be drilled Thursday into an area where the miners were last believed to have been working.

"This is the last hole," mine co-owner Bob Murray said at a news conference Wednesday night. Drilling it, he said, will "bring closure to me that I could never get them out alive."

But Jackie Taylor, whose daughter dates one of the six men missing since an Aug. 6 cave-in, said relatives and friends are insisting that more be done.

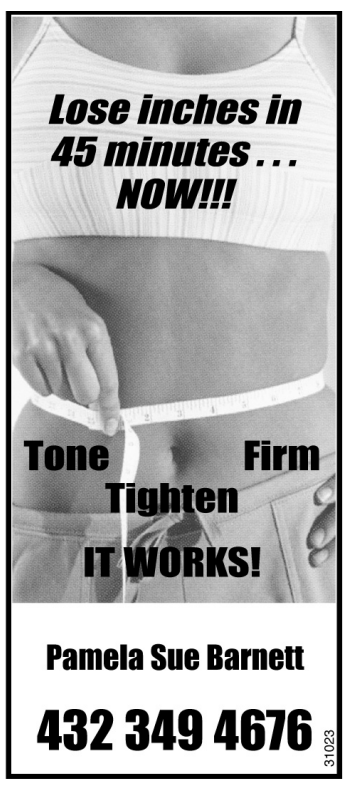
Hundreds displaced by northern Ohio flood waters

FINDLAY, Ohio (AP) — Residents hoped to return to their water-soaked homes Thursday after heavy downpours brought the city's deepest flood waters in nearly 100 years.

Gov. Ted Strickland has declared states of emergency in several northern Ohio counties, where flooding forced at least 500 people to flee their homes and was blamed for at least one death.

Flood waters tipped over an uncapped gas can in the garage of an apartment unit in Mansfield, sparking a fire when gasoline vapors came into contact with the pilot light on a water heater.

David Pollock, 74, was found dead on the floor in a room above the garage, said assistant fire chief John Harsch. The cause of death was asphyxiation from smoke inhalation.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Philosophy of Defense

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 5
♥ K Q J 7
♦ J 6 2
♣ Q J 8

WEST
♠ 10 8 2
♥ 9 3
♦ A K Q 8 7 4
♣ A 5

EAST
♠ J
♥ 10 6 5 4 2
♦ 9 3
♣ 10 9 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 6 4 3
♥ A 8
♦ 10 5
♣ K 7 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Just as the declarer is frequently confronted with a choice of ways to try to make his contract, so are the defenders often presented with different ways of trying to defeat the contract. In these instances, the defense naturally looks for the method of play that offers the best chance of attaining that goal.

Take this deal where West led the diamond king, East playing the nine. West continued with the queen, and after East and South each produced another diamond, West paused to consider his next move.

He saw two chances to stop the contract: namely, if his partner had either the club king or the heart ace. Accordingly, at trick three, he cashed the club ace, looking for an encouraging signal from East. But when East played the deuce, West shifted to a heart. Declarer took the ace, drew trumps and claimed the balance.

Considering the bidding, West's defense offered virtually no chance of garnering four tricks for his side. He could see 25 high-card points between his own hand and dummy, which meant that South was virtually certain to hold the A-K of spades, ace of hearts and king of clubs to justify his opening bid and subsequent four-spade bid.

After cashing the club ace at trick three, West should have dismissed any notion that East might have the ace of hearts. Instead, he should have played his partner for the one card he could reasonably hold on the bidding — the jack of spades. In line with that, West should have led the four of diamonds at trick four, hoping to manufacture a trump trick for himself.

This play would have worked like a charm. East would ruff the diamond with the jack, and West would ultimately score a trump trick to put the contract down one.

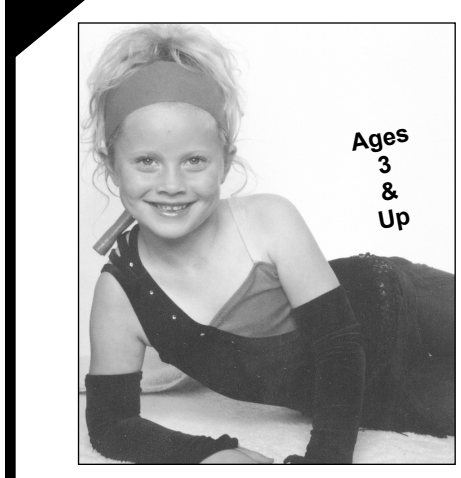
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Tuskegee Airmen seek to cement their legacy

By GRANT SLATER
Associated Press Writer

GRAPEVINE — The bell rang 37 times to mark the deaths of the recently fallen Tuskegee Airmen. Eugene Richardson stood up eight times, once for each friend who had died this year.

"These were all heroes that I knew personally. We went through a heck of a lot together," the 82-year-old World War II pilot said as he fingered his bronze replica of a Congressional Gold Medal.

The ranks of the Tuskegee Airmen, like all veterans of World War II, are thinning rapidly as historians scramble to preserve their memories and solidify their legacy.

Only six Lonely Eagles — the name given to Tuskegee airmen who have passed away — were memorialized in a similar ceremony two years ago. This year, that number increased six-fold.

Nearly 1,000 of the black fighter pilots trained in a segregated Army Air Corps unit in Tuskegee, Ala. Only about 125 are still living.

The airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in March at a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda attended by President Bush and congressional leaders. The original gold medal is at the Smithsonian in Washington. Each airman was given a bronze replica.

Robert Ashby, a retired lieutenant colonel and Tuskegee Airman who now lives in Phoenix, said he was sad that more of those pilots "who stood up when the world said sit down" weren't there in March to receive the honor or today to share memories.

"When you look at the armed forces back then, it was full of discrimination. The people around me and the guys who have passed on changed all that, to where the Air Force is as equal opportunity as any place now, if not more," he said.

Even after the black airmen were admitted to the Army, many commanders continued to believe they didn't have the intelligence, courage and patriotism to do what was being asked of them.

Not allowed to practice or fight with their white counterparts, the Tuskegee Airmen distinguished themselves by painting the tails of their airplanes red, which led to them becoming known as the "Red Tails."

More than 400 airmen saw combat in Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa. They escorted bomber aircraft on missions and protected them from enemy fighter planes. Dozens died in the fighting; others were taken prisoners of war.

One thousand World War II veterans die each day. In 2000, there were six million veterans of World War II, but only half of those remain today, said Bob Patrick, director of The Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress.

The project is geared toward recording an oral history of veterans. The task takes on more urgency with smaller groups like the Tuskegee Airmen.

"They are leaving us very quickly and we particularly don't want to lose the very rich and interesting story they present," Patrick said.

At their annual convention in this suburb northwest of Dallas, several original pilots were lined up to sit in front of Ralph Smith's camera and tell their stories. Smith runs the Western Region Tuskegee Airmen Archive at the University of California-Riverside.

So far this year, the archive has recorded more than 100 interviews with airmen and many of the 19,000 other service members, also African Americans from the Tuskegee era, affiliated with the organization.

"This is an opportunity to record history and prevent the plague of prejudice, one airman at a time," Smith said.

The Tuskegee Airmen's nonprofit corporation has 51 chapters across the country. They promote education initiatives, especially in aviation, among black youth.

Lt. Col. Bertha Jackson, 51, an Air Force flight nurse from New Jersey, said the Tuskegee Airmen laid the groundwork for not only minorities but women. She had watched movies and read stories about the pilots, but said being among them was still a humbling experience.

"To know what they had to go through — being in harm's way, then coming home to hate — I think that effort has paved the way for me," she said.

Man who lost suit against prison officials sentenced for robbery

MARSHALL (AP) — A former inmate who lost his federal civil rights lawsuit against several Texas prison system officials over claims he was raped by fellow prisoners has been sentenced to 19 years in prison for robbery.

Roderick Keith Johnson, 39, was sentenced after pleading guilty Monday to robbing a service station in Marshall in February, said District Attorney Joe Black.

Authorities said he had given the clerk a note that read: "I have 9 mm. Put the money in the bag." Officers arrested him near the station and found a bag of money in his possession, police said.

In his civil suit filed in 2002, Johnson had sought unspecified damages against Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials at the Allred Unit near Wichita Falls, where he said prison gangs raped him almost daily during his 18 months there.

Johnson, who had been in prison for violating his probation terms on a burglary conviction, said he was targeted by inmates because he is gay.

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