

Obituaries

William A. Fishback

William A. “Bill” Fishback, 87, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Revs. Monroe Tee-ters and Guy White officiating. In-terment will follow at Trinity Mem-orial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009.

Bill was born Feb. 7, 1921, in Cherokee and grew up in San Saba County. He married Ella Bea Lynch Dec. 30, 1948 in Brownwood.

Mr. Fishback started his career in education by teaching in Early for three years. He then served as elementary principal in Gustine before he came to Coahoma. He served the Coahoma school district as elementary princi-pal for 25 years before retiring.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Coa-homa.

Survivors include his wife, Bea Fishback of Coa-homa; three sons and daughters-in-law, Billy Don and Cecil Fishback of Brownwood, Bobby Gene and Jeanine Fishback of Forsan and Benny Ray and Su-san Fishback of Lumberton; six grandchildren; and one great grand-child.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Daniel Baker Scholarship Fund at Howard Payne University, 1000 Fisk Street, Brownwood 76801 or the Coahoma Alumni Association, c/o Donna Bibb, P. O. Box 110, Coahoma 79511.

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

Angel Neal

Angel Neal, 26, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, in a local hospital. A vigil/rosary ser-vice will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla of-ficiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 22, 1982, in Big Spring and married Mau-rice Neal on July 26, 2001, in Big Spring.

She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and at-tended Big Spring schools, graduating from Big Spring High School in 2000. She was employed at Big Spring State Hospital and was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Maurice Neal of Big Spring; her parents, Anselmo and Anita Hil-ario of Big Spring; two sisters, Tina Hilario and Pilar Hilario, both of Big Spring; and two brothers, Anselmo Hilario Jr. and Benardo Hilario, both of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her uncle, David Garcia and her grandparents, Clara and Benardo Garcia.

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Police blotter

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

- **FELIX JARAMILLO**, 30, of 1906 Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **NATHAN LOZANO TORRES**, 21, of 1408 Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants for chained dog and warrants for animal at large, no vaccination or license for animal and no driver's license.
- **ROBERT RIVERA**, 37, of 2538 Langley, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for front yard parking.
- **TONY MOJICA CASTELLANO**, 45, of 301 Leatherwood, was arrested Wednesday on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and burglary of a habitation – assault.
- **TIMOTHY SCOTT EDENS**, 20, of 5010 Dawson, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, failure to appear (three counts) and a Lubbock County warrant.
- **ABEL VIGIL**, 23, of 1510 W. County Road 52, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault by threats.
- **AMADOR RIOS JR.**, 27, of 1200 Dogwood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **CONNIE EDENS**, 39, of 5010 Dawson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1900 block of Runnels.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson.
- **EVADING ARREST/DETENTION USING A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of Willia.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported: in the 300 block of Interstate Highway 20 and in the 2300 block of Thorpe.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported: in the 1400 block of Highway 87, in the 2500 block of Langley and in the 400 block of Abrams.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 43 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JESSE PEREZ**, 49, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **PHILLIP BERBARD WHEAT**, 52, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
 - **DIANE CASTILLO CANALES**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
 - **JAMIE LEE ATKINSON**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
 - **PIERRE JE'AN GORDON**, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence of one year in state jail.
 - **CECIL LEE SHERMAN**, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence of six years for driving while intoxicated – second offense.
 - **MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 33-22-15-24-30-13.
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 17-31-36-8-13.

he winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-4. Sum It Up: 16.

Your Local Weather		
Fri 2/6	Sat 2/7	Sun 2/8
 75/45 Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afte.	 75/48 Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	 71/39 Windy, and mainly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the up-per 30s.
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Angel Food Ministries

Order times and dates for the Angel Food Feb. 28 delivery date are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 and 13 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Satur-day, Feb. 7 and 14. Orders will also be take from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 and 14 at the Big Spring Mall.
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Broiled chicken breast, barbecue, sweet pota-toes, broccoli.
Seasoned beef chili, beans, broccoli, apple-sauce.
Beef meatballs and shell pasta, alfredo sauce, green beans, squash.
Pot roast and gravy, vegetables, potatoes, green peas.
Creamy macaroni and cheese, carrots, green peas.
Grilled chicken breast over rice and gravy, car-rots, peas.
All meals come with a 2-pack of individually wrapped cookies.

Special No. 1, \$22
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Special No. 2, \$21
4 10-oz. T-Bone steaks; 2 12-oz. New York strips.

Special No. 3, \$21
Fajita kit: 2 lb. steak fajita pack, 2 lb. chicken fajita pack, 1 lb. onion and bell peppers, 1 20-ct. flour tortillas.

Special No. 4, \$16
Heat and serve: 2 lb. corn, 2 lb. green beans, 2 lb. mashed potatoes, gravy mix, 8 dinner rolls, 1 pie.

Special No. 5, \$21
Fruit and vegetables: 3 lb. potoatoes, 3 lb. sweet potatoes, 2 lb. onions, 9 oz. raisins, 1 lb. carrots, 1 cabbage, 3 lb. apples, 2 pears, 1 pine-apple, 3 lb. oranges.

Special No. 6, \$15
20 lb. Florida tangerines (approximately 70)

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COLLEGE

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save Texas students thousands of dollars in college tuition costs.

Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey said more than 50 AP tests were administered to BSHS students in the 2007-2008 school year. AP tests taken included history, chemistry, Spanish and calculus. Also, a large number of juniors and seniors are

enrolled in dual-credit college courses at Howard College, he added.

College preparatory work is something BSHS officials take very seriously, Ritchey said.

“This is something we definitely hang our hat on,” he said.

“We have former students doing very well in universities now who took the AP exam when they were here.

“We challenge the students to participate in this (advanced) curriculum,”

Ritchey added. “I think those numbers are a testament to the rigors of the curriculum we offer.”

Few if any Coahoma and Forsan students, meanwhile, took the AP exams, but many are enrolled in dual-credit college courses.

Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said no FHS students took the AP exam last school year. The reason, he said, was that school officials believe students can benefit more from actual classroom work.

“The advantage with concurrent courses is that it is a classroom setting; you know whether you’re passing or failing,” Johnson said. “We just felt it was better for our students to know where they stand in the process.”

Forsan High School has 28 students enrolled in dual-credit courses at Howard College and another six taking online courses for college credit, according to information released by FHS counselor Angie Huckabee. In addition, 60 Forsan students

are participating in technical college courses like computer technology and welding.

Only 1 percent of Coahoma High School students took an AP exam last school year, but more than 50 students are currently enrolled in dual-credit courses at HC, said Donna Bibb of the high school.

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DUST

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hoses to wet down the material before it goes into the chute, but the wet material dries on the inside of the chute and eventually falls off. The materials identified as containing asbestos have already been removed in sealed containers, and the state has given the building a clean bill of health as far as asbestos is concerned.

“I’ve received a few complaints related to the dust cloud it’s creating and the dust that’s settling nearby. I’ve also been contacted by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and the Texas Com-

mission on Environmental Quality because complaints have been made to them, as well. However, both agencies turned it over to us because this falls within our jurisdiction.”

A large, black chute — leading from the upper floors of the hotel to large refuse containers below — can be seen at the hotel, as contractors continue demolition work aimed at renovating the structure.

While breathing in large amounts of plaster and cement dust certainly isn’t advisable, Darden said the risk it poses to motorists and downtown businesses is minimal.

“Of course you don’t want to stand in the middle of a cloud like that and breath the dust for several hours,” said Darden. “However, the real dan-

ger of this material is to the contractors and workers that are working with it for hours on end, day in and day out.

“We certainly realize the dust is a nuisance in the downtown area. However, short of putting hoses in the chute itself, there’s really no way to prevent it. As far as we’ve been informed, the chute will be a part of the renovations during the whole of the project, which is expected to be 14 months.”

G. Brint Ryan, manager of the Settles Hotel Development Company and Big Spring native, announced plans for a multi-million dollar renovation of the downtown landmark in December 2006.

According to SHDC officials, the proj-

ect includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors. The project’s budget has ballooned from \$12 million to \$20 million since its inception, according to Ryan.

The building, erected for \$500,000 in 1930, was a destination of choice for travelers for many years — as well a center of activity for the community — but has been vacant and in an advanced state of dilapidation for more than two decades.

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TAX AIDE

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smoothly,” said Hopkins. “Last year, due to construction at the Senior Citizen Center, we worked out of the county library. However, this year we’re back out at the Senior Center, so there has been a little confusion regarding the location. The people at the library have been really good about directing folks out here, howev-

er.”

Hopkins said area residents planning to use the service should be sure to gather up their financial information before heading to the Senior Center.

“People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms,” said Hopkins. “They also need to bring any forms that show their 2008 earn-

ings and their 2007 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing.”

And while this year’s tax code seems to be unfolding without any major hitches, Hopkins said filers do seem to be running into a problem concerning last year’s tax rebate.

“They need to know how much their stimulus payment was last year,” said Hopkins.

“The Internal Revenue Service is supposed to be sending out statements with this information, and there’s a number you can call to get it, but the wait is considerable to get through to someone.

“I’d strongly suggest people contact their bank or go through their records from last year to get the exact amount. If you provide the wrong amount when you e-file, the Internal Revenue Service won’t accept the return. So it’s very, very

important people have that information before they come see us.”

Hopkins said people who didn’t receive a stimulus payment last year may qualify for one this tax season.

“For individuals who didn’t receive a stimulus payment last year, there’s a chance they may be eligible to receive it now,” she said. “That’s something we just have to look at and see if they qualify.”

Participants in the program will be able to

e-file their tax returns at no charge, according to Hopkins.

The program will continue each Monday until April 13 at the Senior Center — located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark — from 8 a.m. until noon. For more information, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

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MURDERS

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“All of these tips have been or will be thoroughly investigated in an effort to solve this crime and bring some measure of closure to the families of the victims,” the statement said.

The FBI would not confirm that searches at both Lewis’ apartment and at a storage facility in Cambridge were related to the Tylenol case, only that it was part of an ongoing investigation.

In a space of three days beginning Sept. 29, 1982, seven people who took cyanide-laced Tylenol in Chicago and four suburbs died. That triggered a national scare, prompting an untold number of people to throw medicine away and stores nationwide to pull Tylenol from their shelves.

Lewis served more than 12 years in prison

for sending an extortion note to Johnson & Johnson demanding \$1 million to “stop the killing.”

Lewis was arrested in December 1982 after a nationwide manhunt. At the time, he gave investigators a detailed account of how the killer might have operated and described how someone could buy medicine, use a special method to add cyanide to the capsules and return them to store shelves.

Lewis later admitted sending the extortion letter but said he never intended to collect it. He said he wanted to embarrass his wife’s former employer by having the money sent to the employer’s bank account.

In a 1992 interview with The Associated Press, Lewis explained that the account he gave authorities was simply his way of explaining the killer’s actions.

“I was doing like I would have done for a

corporate client, making a list of possible scenarios,” said Lewis, who maintained his innocence. He called the killer “a heinous, cold-blooded killer, a cruel monster.”

Lewis also served two years of a 10-year sentence for tax fraud. In 1978, he was charged in Kansas City with the dismemberment murder of Raymond West, 72, who had hired Lewis as an accountant. The charges were dismissed because West’s cause of death was not determined and some evidence had been illegally obtained.

In 2004, Lewis was charged with rape, kid-

napping and other offenses for an alleged attack on a woman in Cambridge. He was jailed for three years while awaiting trial, but prosecutors dismissed the charges on the day his trial was scheduled to begin after the victim refused to testify, according to the office of Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone.

In 2007, Lewis was interviewed on a local-access television show, “The Cambridge Rag,” by host Roger Nicholson. In segments available online, Lewis asserted his innocence in the Tylenol and West cases.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Many people admire Kurt Warner for his athletic and leadership ability. After all, he came within one minute of leading the Arizona Cardinals to a surprising Super Bowl victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. That being said, his greater influence is what happens off the gridiron.

When the Warners eat out, another family in the restaurant is treated to a free meal. In Tampa Bay last week, the random act of kindness resulted in twenty Pittsburgh Steelers fans eating for free. What an example! Kurt Warner teaches his children by example to practice the Golden Rule. His illustrates grace by sharing with others.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Be sure to give your Valentine a singing telegram

Valentine’s Day is almost upon us — a little more than a week away. That’s right, almost all your lead time has melted away. But don’t worry, even if you’ve procrastinated, there is still time to do something special for the love of your life.

One of the easiest and best ways we’ve found over the years is to let the Volunteer Services Council at Big Spring State Hospital take care of it for you.

It’s an annual fund-raiser for the hospital volunteer group, which makes it kind of special — knowing that part of the money you spend is going to help patients who really need it.

If you aren’t familiar with the Council’s Valentine’s Day fund-raiser, it goes like this — you pay \$20 that goes to the effort and your loved one receives a singing telegram on Friday, Feb. 13, as well as a stuffed animal or box of candy.

For many years, the Council’s volunteers offered a list of gifts that seemed to grow each year, but this year the effort has been scaled down a little, focusing on what has clearly been the all-time favorite, a singing telegram with a heart-shaped box of candy or the stuffed animal.

What’s best, the Volunteer Services Council delivers the gift for you — to a home, office, restaurant — just about anywhere. What could be easier than that?

Maybe you want to get a dozen red roses from the florist or an elegant bracelet from a jewelry store for that special someone.

That’s great.

We definitely want to see our readers do business with our local merchants.

If, however, you need some help, we strongly encourage you to give the Volunteer Services Council a call at 268-7536 or 268-7271. It’s easy, it’s thoughtful and it will keep you out of the doghouse.

And yes, do it now.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we never be torn between heaven and earth, Lord, but trust in You and look forward to heaven.

Amen

Senate must reject stimulus

Americans should contact their congressmen before it’s too late about their instinctive concerns over efforts to convert the world’s greatest engine of free market prosperity into a socialistic leviathan under the euphemistic cover of possibly successive rescue “stimulus” bills.

The stated rationale for the original Troubled Asset Relief Program “bailout” wasn’t to stimulate the economy to get it moving again, but to toss it a liquidity life raft to loosen credit markets and keep it from drowning. That is, the idea was to prevent a catastrophe, not to empower little Napoleons in government to play God with the economy.

Former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson’s scare tactics — heartfelt or not — panicked the country into action, and TARP became a reality. Yet not much seemed to change.

Politicians will always be able to say that if we hadn’t implemented TARP, America’s economy would have tanked beyond our wildest nightmares. And being without the supernatural power to prove a negative, we’ll never be able to disprove their claims.

Of all the concerns we had concerning TARP, our greatest should have been that once we opened the door to this magnitude of governmental intervention — especially under a Republican administration — we’d have even greater difficulty in resisting efforts by politicians to reopen it in the future anytime they pronounced there was a crisis.

Sure enough, Mr. Obama and his confidants view this “crisis” with eager anticipation as an opportunity to actualize their dreams for government to assume its rightful place as Master of the Universe and choreograph



DAVID LIMBAUGH

the economy on a super-macro level.

Even the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office has revealed Obama’s bill is largely not stimulative. It’s more accurate to describe it as a grandiose slush fund for his preferred projects, support groups and constituencies on the spending side and a massive redistribution of income on the tax side.

When the bill is stripped of its rhetorical disguise, we see it’s a license for government to shackle the invisible hand of the free market and appoint itself manager of the gross domestic product according to the superior wisdom of central planners.

Why do you think the Obamites are constantly blaming market excesses, greed and Wall Street for our financial problems, when most of the blame lies with politicians themselves? Why do you think they trash talk the economy every day, when they know that such pessimism from “on high” will cause real economic damage, considering that much of the spending downturn is related to a crisis in consumer confidence? The answer is that they need us in panic mode — the only mind-set likely to divorce us from our ordinary walking-around sense and make us receptive to the big-government remedies they’re salivating to employ.

Note that President Obama doesn’t even pay lip service to making his interventionist plans short-lived.

And by their terms, it’s impossible they could be. This is an effort to restructure our economy radically toward the type of command and control model that has accompanied tyrannical regimes throughout history.

Nor does Mr. Obama express the slightest concern that his plan would further expand the national debt. Indeed, Democrats have suddenly developed permanent amnesia about their professed budget concerns, whose primary usefulness (as weapons against President George W. Bush) expired along with the

Bush term.

To accept that deficits and debt were high on their priority list would require us to believe they’d fundamentally changed their age-old tax-and-spend philosophy and to ignore their persistent obstruction of entitlement reform. The Clinton budgets are no rebuttal. Clinton had to be dragged kicking and screaming to fiscal restraint by the Gingrich Congress.

Everyone knows government doesn’t have the money — even through tax receipts — to fund this bill. Other than defense spending, which Obama unwisely plans to cut drastically in this time of war, Obama has no intention of substantially cutting other expenditures. Even if the bill as presently configured succeeds in jump-starting the economy, there will eventually be a day of reckoning over our increasingly unmanageable national debt.

If only government-planning liberals would be honest and admit they believe their ideas on how to spend the people’s money are morally superior to those of the American people as expressed through the free market. Then, instead of dealing with the smoke and mirrors of the bill’s proponents, we could point to world history to demonstrate conclusively that despite the sometimes-best intentions of social planners, command and control economies have only spread misery and never worked to produce the kind of prosperity that is only possible in a free market.

Unless this bill is dramatically overhauled, the Senate, instead of trying to massage it toward passage in allegiance to the seductive but dangerous goals of bipartisanship or just getting something done, should reject it outright.

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Global warming? No sweat

See how quickly we found a cure for global warming? It was a breeze. All it took was a worldwide recession (depression?). Now auto sales are shrinking, factories shuttering, thermostats dropping, lights dimming, oil wells slowing, travel diminishing...all that stuff.

Of course there’s a backlash. As fuel prices sink, many Americans are back to buying bigger cars, especially now that SUVs have piled up on dealer lots and flaunt irresistible discounts. Still, many folks remember their singed wallets from the 2008 oil spike and aren’t likely to buy big again anytime soon. Social progress always dawdles like that, but eventually responds to necessity.

Climatic progress is less fickle. Once started, it keeps going. Melting glaciers don’t refreeze. Thawing tundra doesn’t rehard-en. All that released methane rises inexorably from the Arctic into the stratosphere where it traps ever more of the sun’s heat, many times more effectively than mere CO2. Unfortunately we can’t will it to stop, or threaten it, or even bribe it. Al Gore was right, darn it.

Nor are we likely to stem for long the legitimate desires or economic progress of hundreds of millions of upwardly mobile Asians. They know how to work and how to save. Motorbikes



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

are replacing their pedal bikes, motor scooters are replacing the motorbikes, and tiny cars are replacing the scooters. In India, Tata Motors has rolled out a four-door prototype which it proposes to sell for \$2,500. Do you think we can derail that? India feels it deserves its own Henry Ford, even if it destroys the atmosphere in the process. It’s their turn.

And how could anyone stop them? Climate change is not yet perceived to be an issue in the Third World. Droughts, floods, heat waves, and habitat shifts don’t come with labels. They just seem to be typical disasters of nature. For one thing scientists are not yet ready to publicly assign long-term causes to such local events. If researchers won’t even blame Katrina on warming, how do we persuade the world’s Joe Sixpacks to change their personal ways? And in our benighted Northeast, land of self-appointed opinion leaders, there is scant evidence of any change at all. A little more rain maybe, but nothing to get excited about. Anyway, SUVs are safer for our families, as long as they don’t flip over. Thank goodness we can afford to buy gas for them again.

Besides, when warming really cranks up it won’t be Americans who get stung the worst. OK, in our drought areas we’ll have to say bye-bye to lawns and to car washes. And in the wet areas it may be curtains for our base-ments. Nonetheless it will all happen so slowly that we’ll learn to adjust. It may one day seem odd to old timers to be buying

maple syrup from Labrador, wheat from Hudson Bay, and strawberries from Montana, but so what? At least by that time the polar bears and walruses will all have starved or drowned and we won’t have to listen to environmental propaganda any more.

Naturally a few folks will really take it on the chin, but don’t worry, it won’t be us. Bangladesh is due to become the next Atlantis and the Sahara will cover most of Africa. The desert will also finally bury Beijing, and the Gulf of Mexico will inch its way up to St. Louis. Other than that you’ll hardly notice a thing. Well, maybe a cut in parka sales.

But even these modest afflictions do have some timid people worried. They hate change. You might not be surprised that eight Northeast states are already dabbling in carbon cap-and-trade legislation. Not much effect so far but that may have more to do with the recession than anything. At least Wall Street speculators are thrilled at the prospect of something else to trade, having watched the killing their European brethren have made on a similar system over there.

The real answer is, unfortunately, a tax. How about another dollar a gallon? THAT would cut consumption. But not yet. Not until WE start to suffer. For now let’s just give \$25 to Greenpeace and be done with it.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

He is among a half-dozen Texas death row inmates to receive a new punishment trial because of testimony by Walter Quijano, former chief psychologist for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. In those cases, Quijano cited race and ethnicity as among several reasons a defendant was a future danger to society. A jury must decide if a convicted

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Big Spring football players, from left, Zamir Linton, LaRay Woodard, Cade Hollandsworth and Sidney Parker celebrate after signing letters of intent to play football at West Texas A&M Wednesday at the Athletic Training Center.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Four Steers ink with WTAMU

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

West Texas A&M Steers? There are now four of them. Sidney Parker, Cade Hollandsworth, LaRay Woodard and Zamir Linton all signed letters of intent to play football at West Texas A&M Wednesday. "This is pretty special," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "I've seen a lot of kids sign to play football at the next level in my years as a coach, but I've

never seen this many players from the same program sign to play for the same school. It says a lot about how good our team was last season for WT to come down and want four of our guys. "WT is getting a great group of players," Ritchey continued. "I've probably talked to them 20 times in the last two weeks and I kept telling them about the quality of individuals they're recruiting here. We're really excited for all four of these guys."

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY - STATE ROUNDUP

UT has state's top class... again

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Garrett Gilbert took most of the drama out of the latest Texas recruiting class a year ago. The 6-foot-4 high school All-American quarterback committed to the Longhorns the day after the 2008 signing day. Other top players quickly followed. On Wednesday, the heir-apparent to Colt McCoy made it official when he signed his letter of intent to headline another bumper crop of recruits headed to Austin. Gilbert was the Parade Magazine and

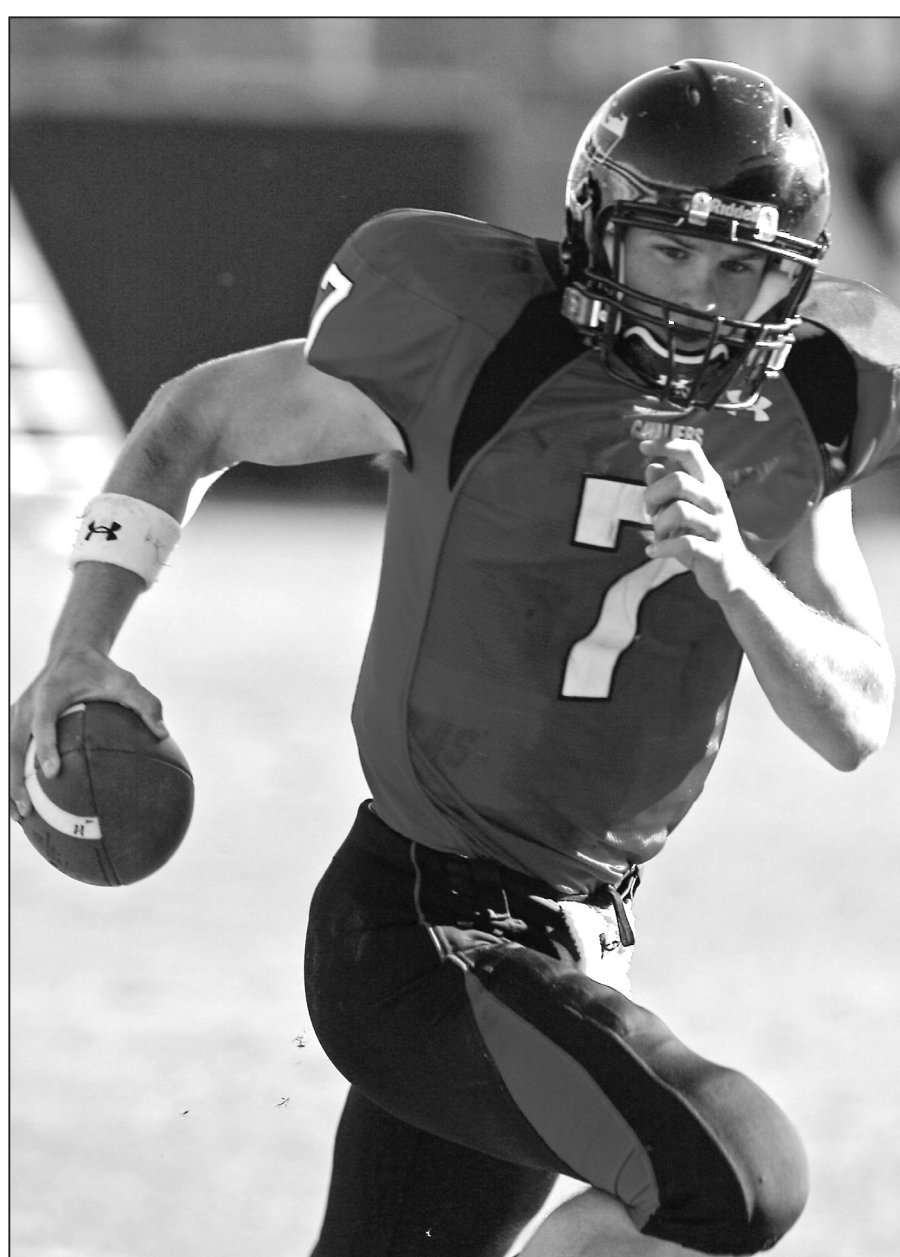
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Sherman brings 28 recruits to A&M

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — One of Mike Sherman's first mandates for his staff when he became Texas A&M's coach in November 2007 was to start evaluating the nation's high school juniors. Sherman unveiled the results of their labors on Wednesday, the first day of the national signing period, announcing a list of 28 recruits for the 2009 season. The class includes 16 defensive players, 11 offensive players and a punter. Sherman lured the entire class from two states — 25 from Texas and three from Louisiana.

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AP photo/Larry Kolvoord/Austin American-Statesman

Lake Travis quarterback Garrett Gilbert runs with the ball against Killeen in a football game in Austin, Dec. 6, 2008. Gilbert, the son of former NFL quarterback Gale Gilbert and a two-time state champion at Lake Travis, signed with the Texas Longhorns Wednesday and will be on the Texas depth chart behind Heisman runner-up Colt McCoy next season.

Leach calls 2009 class his best at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said Wednesday his 10th recruiting class on the West Texas plains was his best. He's pretty sure a remarkable 2008 season had something to do with it. The Red Raiders rose to No. 2 in the national rankings, the highest they've ever been. They got there with one of the plays of the year in college football — Michael Crabtree's last-second touchdown catch to beat No. 1 Texas. That dramatic win and several other games were seen nationally in prime time. "It's hard to gauge, but I guess when you call somebody, they're quicker to come to the phone," Leach said. "There

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Baylor goes OL heavy in Briles' 2009 class

WACO (AP) — The bulk of Baylor's latest signing class has designs on protecting standout quarterback Robert Griffin. Coach Art Briles introduced a class of 28 players Wednesday, the first day of the national signing period. The group includes six offensive linemen, more than any other position, and five already weigh more than 300 pounds. "The O-line class we signed, they can all play," Briles said. Those linemen join 6-foot-5, 290-pound offensive tackle Danny Watkins, a Canadian who transferred from a California junior college and is already enrolled at Baylor. Watkins will go through spring practice.

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LSU, Alabama rivalry heats up on national signing day

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — On signing day, LSU and Alabama could both claim to be No. 1. On the field, the Tigers and Crimson Tide are poised to battle for the top spot in the SEC West for years — and there's no sharing those trips to the Southeastern Conference title game. LSU and Alabama jockeyed for the top spot in the recruiting rankings Wednesday, with Nick Saban's Tide closing strong and even getting one

Louisiana star to switch from purple and gold to crimson and white on signing day. LSU was No. 1 in the Scouts, Inc./ESPNU rankings, with Alabama fifth. Tom Lemming of CBS College Sports also had LSU on top and 'Bama fifth. Rivals.com and Allen Wallace of Scout.com and SuperPrep gave Alabama the top spot, just ahead of LSU. As if LSU fans needed another reason to seethe about Saban. The former Tigers coach needed just two seasons in Tuscaloosa to wrest the

SEC West away from Les Miles' team and won his first visit to Baton Rouge with the Tide. Alabama went 11-2 last season and played for the Southeastern Conference championship, while LSU disappointed and finished 8-5 a season after winning the national championship in 2007. Now, just when Miles and LSU appeared primed to be crowned the undisputed kings of recruiting for 2009, Saban swooped in and grabbed some of the spotlight. Several talented players who

entered Wednesday uncommitted picked Alabama — and the Tide rose up the charts. "We were able to attract maybe a half-dozen other players that weren't committed to us that were outstanding national recruits," Saban said. "During the thick of it, at the end with a bunch of national recruits, you're going to get your share. We felt like we got our share today." The most notable was Dre Kirkpatrick, rated the No. 1

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Sports in brief

Game added for Big Spring Lady Steers

Originally the Big Spring Lady Steers basketball team was scheduled for a bye Friday, but will instead host Rankin in a non-district game at 7 p.m. in Steer Gym. The junior varsity will take the hardwood first at 5:30 p.m.

Lady Steers boosters meeting Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is meeting at 5:45 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center. All parents of Lady Steer athletes from the junior

high to the varsity levels are encouraged to attend.

Free junior tennis league starts Monday

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen is starting a free Junior Tennis League Monday at the Figure Seven Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. The league is for boys and girls 8-12 years old or in grades four through six. It will be held every Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Just bring a racket or one will be provided. At 5:15 each Monday before the league starts, Olesen will accept challengers who believe they

can throw a football farther than he can. Anyone able to do so will win a free 30-minute tennis lesson. For more information, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

Coahoma softball alumni needed for annual game

The 7th Annual Coahoma Softball Alumni Game has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and will be played at the Coahoma High School field. Any former player interested in participating should call Amy Dunn at 263-2228 or 394-4323.

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West Texas A&M, which is located in Canyon, competes in the NCAA's Division II and has been ranked in the Top 25 for 48 consecutive weeks. The Buffaloes have received a Top-10 ranking at the end of the past three seasons in the American Football Coaches Association Division II Poll. They're coached by Don Carthel, who is entering his fifth year at the helm. In four seasons, Carthel has led the Buffs to a 44-4 record and three Lone Star Conference championships.

In 2008, the Buffs were eliminated in the second round of the Division II playoffs by LSC foe Abilene Christian, who was fifth in the final poll. ACU dealt WT its only two losses on the year as the Buffs finished 11-2.

West Texas A&M had won just seven games over the previous four years combined before Carthel took over the program.

Big Spring's signees will have an opportunity to contribute immediately to the continuation of WT's success. However, there's also a chance all four could be redshirted.

For Hollandsworth, the opportunity to continue playing football, while achieving his college education was most important.

"I know I said in an interview earlier this year that I don't care where I play college football just as long as I get to," he said.

There was a chance the two-time all-state defender wouldn't get on the football field again. In Big Spring's fifth game of the season in Sweetwater, Hollandsworth suffered a knee injury that put him out of commission for four weeks.

Before the injury, several Division I programs, including Big Ten power Iowa, were taking looks at Hollandsworth.

When he came back from injury, he moved to defensive end from inside linebacker and showed the ability to produce at the position. In Big Spring's area round playoff game against El Paso Riverside, Hollandsworth was a consistent force in the Riverside backfield, recording multiple sacks, forcing two fumbles and recovering one for a touchdown.

For his efforts, he was an honorable mention selection to the Associated Press and Texas Sports Writers Association All-State teams as a defensive lineman. Last year, he made both lists as a linebacker.

Despite all the accolades, Hollandsworth said WT was really his only choice to pursue a college football career.

"I really didn't have another school pursuing me," he said. "Abilene Christian had offered some, but it wasn't enough. I really liked WT. I liked the campus and felt comfortable with the coaches. Plus, there's a really strong (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) program and that's very important to me.

"I do expect to be redshirted, but they're going to give me a shot to play inside linebacker, which I'm really excited about," Hollandsworth continued. "The coach did tell me that if I continue to grow and get bigger, though, then I'll be moved to the defensive line."

Similarly, Woodard saw interest from Division I programs fall to the wayside before landing at WT.

At one time, he had a scholarship offer to play at North Texas, but decided to hold out and see what other schools might show interest. Another offer didn't come and UNT pulled its off the table.

Then, Woodard was charged with

gun possession on school property as local police recovered a shotgun from the trunk of his car.

While the charges have been subsequently dropped, Woodard was afraid he wouldn't get an opportunity to play at the college level.

"I just want to thank God, my parents, my coaches and everyone else who supported me through that whole ordeal," he said. "I didn't know if I'd ever get to play football again. I'm very blessed to get the chance to play at WT.

"They simply offered the best deal," Woodard continued. "I had some other options, but I liked what WT had to offer. It's going to be nice to have some teammates there with me. It makes it a more comfortable environment."

Woodard was a second-team All-District safety in 2008 after being a

first-team pick in 2007 as a junior. He placed second at last year's state track meet in the long jump and was a district championship in the 110-meter hurdles.

Parker was also a track stud for Big Spring last season, being a regional qualifier in the 800 meters and triple jump events.

He's also led the Steers in receiving for the past two seasons.

He caught 21 passes for 485 yards, for an astounding 23 yards per catch average, and five touchdowns in 2008, despite playing in a run-first scheme.

Now, Parker will get a chance to play in a more pass-oriented offense.

"WT throws the ball a lot," he noted. "That's going to give me a chance to catch a lot of balls. I was told I might be redshirted my freshman year, but the coach also said that if I can play then I'm going to get my chance."

Parker was an All-Big Country, All-

Region and All-District player as a senior. Having some of his high school teammates playing the same role for him in college is something Parker is looking forward to.

"I think it's great that we're all going up there," he said. "I'm really looking forward to having these guys around."

Linton was the fastest player on a very quick Steers team. He was clocked at a 4.37 in the 40-yard dash at the start of the season.

Linton played several different positions for Big Spring and started games at cornerback, quarterback, wide receiver and tailback.

He was also one of the Steers' top kick returners.

At WT, he'll be put on defense and will man up on wide receivers at the cornerback position.

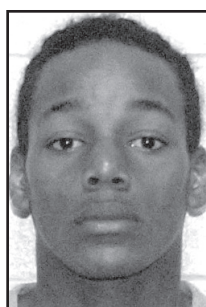
"I'm happy to have the chance to keep playing football," said Linton. "WT is a great program. They've been contending for the national championship the last few years. That's my goal — to win a national championship."

Carthel describes Linton as an "intimidating presence in the secondary." Linton was a first-team All-District selection at cornerback. He's also a regional qualifier in the 200-meter run and as a member of the 4x100 and 4x200 meter relay teams in track.

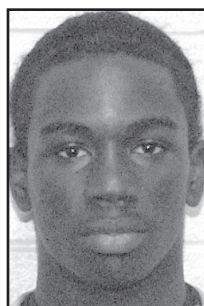
West Texas A&M's season begins Aug. 29 with a home game against fourth-ranked Grand Valley State University.



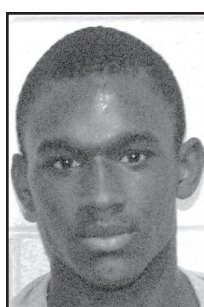
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Woodard



Linton



Parker

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was just a lot of positive attention our university was able to have this year that drew a lot of people in. When we brought them to the games, we were able to get a lot of them rallied around us."

The results showed on national signing day, with 15 of the 25 who signed letters of intent coming in what Leach saw as the biggest areas of need: offensive and defensive lines and secondary.

Among the notable defensive tackles were a pair of out-of-state recruits:

Pearlie Graves of Tulsa, Okla., and Romario Cathey of Nashville, Tenn. The 6-foot-3, 260-pound Graves might have been the biggest coup. The No. 6 prospect in Oklahoma on Rivals.com's list was recruited by Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

"He personifies a defensive tackle," Leach said. "He's aggressive and physical."

The Red Raiders lost all four safeties on the depth chart, so they could be looking for immediate help from the likes of Terrance Bullitt of Garland Naaman Forest, Daniel Cobb of Killeen Ellison and Will Ford of Abilene Cooper.

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Olympian Will Simpson rides Carlsson Vom Dach during the equestrian team Show Jumping competition at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Hong Kong. Simpson, who started riding when he was 11, got hooked on horses after his mom saw an ad for two-for-one riding lessons and signed him and his sister up. Competing in the Olympics was always a dream.

Perseverance is key to showing horses

By CAROLE FELDMAN

Associated Press Writer
Olympian Will Simpson got hooked on horses after his mom saw an ad for two-for-one riding lessons and signed him and his sister up.

Competing in the Olympics was always a dream.

“I just kept pursuing it and working at it and finally it became a realization and a reality,” said Simpson, a member of the 2008 gold medal-winning U.S. show jumping team.

That’s the same advice he gives to people thinking about riding competitively.

It takes a long time,” said Simpson, who started riding when he was 11. “You really have to persevere.”

The rewards, he said, go way beyond medals and ribbons. “It’s an amazing sense of accomplishment,” he said. “It corresponds to every walk of life, that trust and that teamwork.”

As with many sports, riding can provide camaraderie, and teach responsibility, a strong work ethic and the importance of helping others.

But unlike softball or soccer, it comes with a huge price tag, especially if you start competing in horse shows. You have to outfit horse and rider, cover trailer costs to transport the horse, and pay stall and entry fees. It’s not unusual for a show tab to reach thousands of dollars.

That doesn’t include the cost of owning or leasing a horse, including board and vet bills.

But Simpson, 49, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., said there are plenty of ways to work around the barn to help pay the bills.

“Everything’s expensive — tennis lessons, piano lessons,” he said.

What’s important is hanging in there, even when it seems you’re not making much progress. “It has to get in your blood,” he said.

GETTING STARTED

Given competitive riding’s cost and time commitment, it’s not some-

thing to get into lightly.

“Horses are wonderful creatures but they require a lot of work,” said Joanie Morris, a spokeswoman for the United States Equestrian Federation.

First-time riders are mostly young, she said.

They also tend to be female, said Frank Willard, owner and trainer at Deep River

er the show ring.

“We’re trying to have a partnership, or a dance with the horse that is based on mutual communication,” said Miranda Scott, head trainer at Meadowbrook Stables in Chevy Chase, Md. “The horse has to understand what you’re asking it to do and you’re asking it to do all these weird, arbitrary

Riding a show horse: the to-do list

By The Associated Press

So you want to compete in horse shows? Some things you’ll have to do:

- **MASTER YOUR SKILLS:** Learning to ride a horse takes practice. You have to know how to ask a horse for a particular gait and to jump fences.

- **TAKE CARE OF THE HORSE:** A horse needs good veterinary care, including vaccinations, proper feed and exercise. It must be bathed and groomed and its stall must be cleaned.

- **PICK YOUR DISCIPLINE:** Do you want to jump in hunter or equitation classes or work a horse through the fine movements of

dressage?

- **FIND A GOOD TRAINER:** Do the trainer’s goals match your own? Is he or she pushing you too fast, or not fast enough? Is safety paramount?

- **OUTFIT THE HORSE:** Tack must fit properly, which is important for both safety and appearance.

- **DRESS YOURSELF:** Proper attire is required for the show ring.

- **SAVE UP:** Showing a horse can be expensive, especially as you move into the upper divisions.

- **PERSEVERE:** Like any sport, riding takes hard work and commitment. Riding is an every day thing.

Farm in Oak Ridge, N.C. “All girls love horses and guys get tired of getting beat by the girls,” he said. Most professional riders, however, are male, he said.

People start competing in horse shows for various reasons, Morris said, but one thing is constant: “I don’t run into very many people, maybe a handful, who aren’t crazy about horses.”

For new riders, the most important thing is choosing a barn, Willard said.

There you can take group or individual lessons in the basics: walking, trotting, cantering or jumping a fence, for example. A rider must learn how to care for a horse, including cooling it off after a ride, grooming it and cleaning its tack. Only once those skills are mastered should someone consid-

things.”

COMPETING

Many barns hold their own shows so students can get the feel of competing. Riders may start out with flat classes — walk, trot, canter — leaving jumps for later. The next level is “schooling shows,” which let students test their skills and confidence in the ring against riders from other barns.

As riders become more accomplished, they can move on to the more competitive rated shows.

There are several disciplines in which a rider can compete.

In hunter classes, the horse’s movements are judged on the flat and over jumps. In equitation, it is the rider’s performance that is judged. Jumper classes are less subjective — judging is based on whether the horse clears the jumps

within a specified time. Dressage is a series of exercises based on a horse’s natural movements.

TRAINERS

Whatever the discipline, finding a good trainer is key.

What should you look for in a trainer? “Someone you feel comfortable with, who provides a safe environment for you to ride in and matches your goals,” Morris said.

Sometimes you have to try a few before you find the right fit.

A trainer can help riders find the right horse for their skills and size. A child may start out on a small pony, for example, then move on to a larger one before graduating to a horse.

GEAR

Then, there’s the job of outfitting horse and rider.

There’s a uniform of sorts for riders: show coat and shirt, breeches and tall boots. And don’t forget the helmet. U.S. Equestrian Federation safety rules bar anyone from riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes without proper headgear.

Most expensive is the saddle, which can range from \$1,000 to \$4,500, according to Berk Lee, a competitive rider and owner of the Tack Box store in Middleburg, Va. You also need a bridle, reins, martingale and bit, stirrups and leathers, and saddle pads.

“Fit is very important, especially with the tack for the horse,” Lee said.

A consignment shop can be a good resource, Lee said, especially when shopping for children, who outgrow their stuff so quickly.

Put all the pieces together, and there’s something magical about horse and rider working together in the show ring, Scott said.

“The real reward,” she said, “is when that horse snuggles you.”

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Tomorrow’s Horoscope

Saturn, the control freak of the zodiac, pulls in opposition against irrepressible Uranus, who is, as usual, acting like a rebellious teen. Etiquette will be breached, rulings will be overturned and structures will be deconstructed. The effects of this opposition will continue well into March, so settle in for some good old-fashioned bad behavior.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You do more because you feel you have to. The world a l m o s t seems to r e v o l v e because of your great effort to keep it all spinning. But when you pull back you’ll discover that you were working harder than necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When it comes to material wealth, you have a different opinion about what constitutes quality and how much is enough. Share your views and also listen to what others have to say. Enlightening insights will be exchanged.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is always something to love about yourself in every age of life. Though you are no longer a completely innocent babe, there is much to learn. Accept the challenge of adjusting with grace to new states of being.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Successful relationships are mutually respectful. Though you are irritated with someone, figure out what you still like about him or her. List these good points if you have to in order to keep the irritation at bay.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are able to complete a mission before the clock strikes noon. So what if the mission was a small one? Celebrate the many tiny triumphs that will lead to your ultimate victory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As you take another look at the factors that contribute to your worth, it turns out the money isn’t so important after all. Neither is your considerable beauty. You are valued for your love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Any barrier your cross in the name of your goal is an important one to note. Later you will want to try this again and you will be glad for the road map. So keep track of fans, foes, rejections, sales and success tips.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It feels almost too heavy to say you learned a lesson. It’s more like you did an experiment and found out what happens as a result of a number of different variables. And you will continue to wonder, test and observe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Train yourself to think of the benefits of every effort. In addition to checking things off of your to-do list, keep track of the reward of the action. Suddenly, instead of being overworked, you

are abundantly gifted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is time for a sweet walk and talk with yourself this afternoon, so don’t miss the chance to connect with this long lost friend. You will never be alone if you don’t lose yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You’ll be a part of a group. Everyone will chip in for a meal, gift or business arrangement. You give more because you have more, or at least you feel like you do -- and isn’t that even better?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You need humor just like a fish needs water. When you get around a certain lighthearted someone, your mood will be elevated regardless of the circumstances that surround the two of you.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: “My sister goes regularly to someone she calls a ‘channel’ and she recently brought me along. The channel was a woman in her 30s who lived in and worked out of an apartment.

She seemed normal enough, but then she went into a trance and started talking with a weird accent. My sister asked her personal questions and the channel would talk about my sister’s situation in that weird voice. It all seemed super wacky.

My sister paid \$60 for a half-hour session. I really think my sister, who happens to be an Aquarius, has gone off the deep end. Normal therapy has been fine for me and I can’t understand why she needs to see someone who is supposed to be talking for a guy who has been dead for over a hundred years.

Did I mention this woman is channeling a man who lived in the 1800s? Can any of this be real?”

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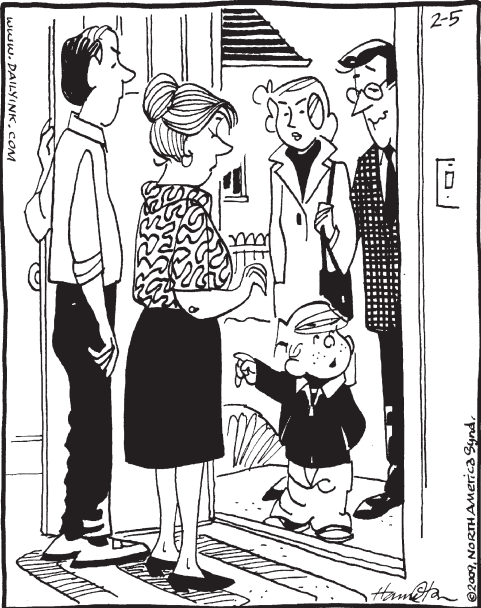
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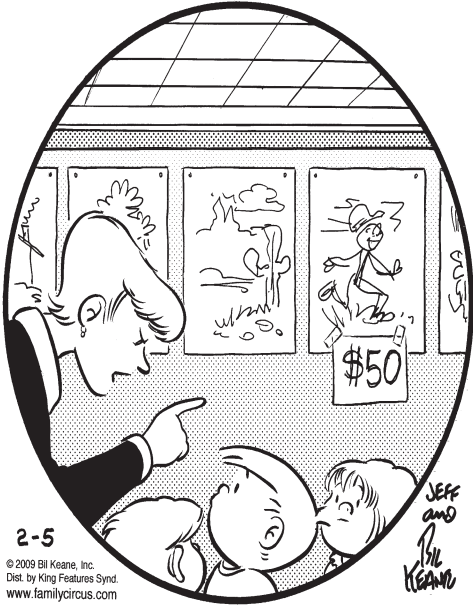
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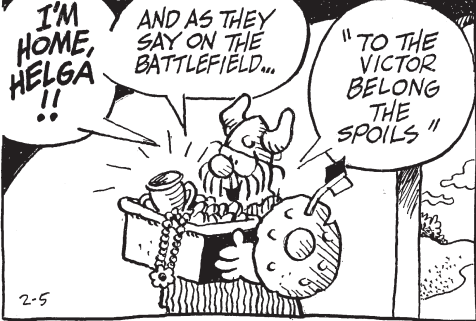
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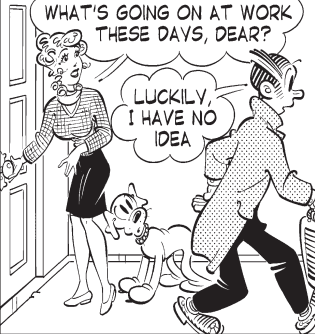


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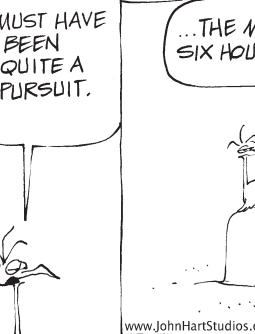
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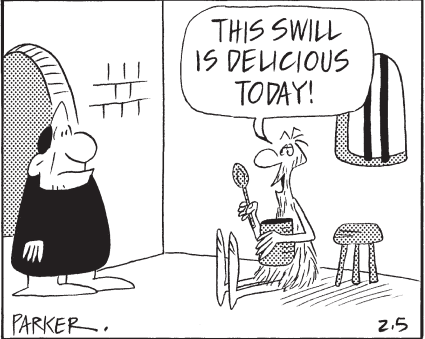
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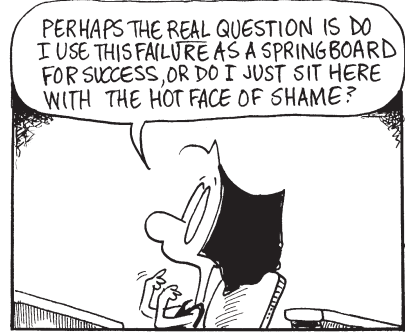
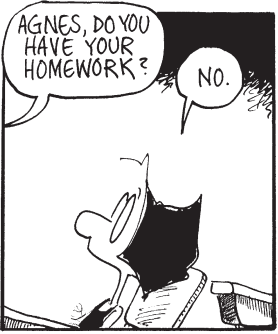
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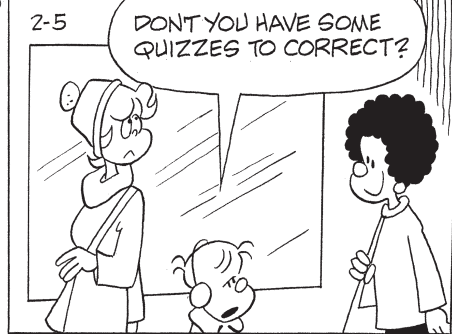
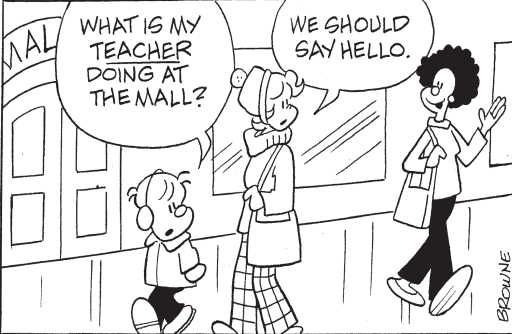
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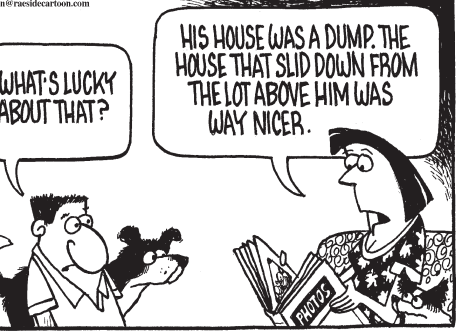
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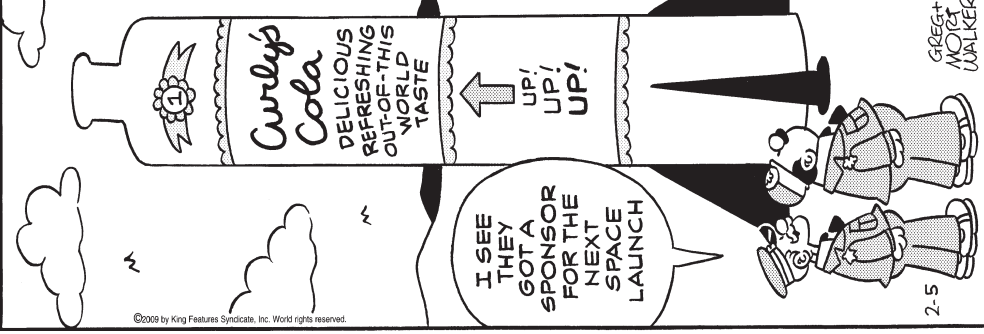
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2009. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a Judiciary Reorganization Bill that included a provision to increase the number of justices on the Supreme Court; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the high court with justices who would side with his New Deal policies. (The measure failed in Congress.)

On this date: In 1631, the co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In 1811, George, Prince of Wales, was named the Prince Regent due to the insanity of his father, Britain's King George III.

In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello"

premiered at La Scala.

In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives passed, 67-0, a measure redefining the method for determining the area of a circle, which would have effectively altered the value of pi. (The bill died in the Indiana Senate.)

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians. Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction" for RCA Victor's Bluebird label.

In 1958, Gamal Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic (a union of Syria and Egypt).

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-fire.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that all but a small rearguard contingent of its troops had left Afghanistan.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude King is 86. The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley is 81.

Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron is 75. Actor Stuart Damon is 72. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 70. Television producer-writer Stephen J. Cannell is 68. Actor David Selby is 68. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 68. Football Hall of Famer Roger Staubach is 67. Singer Cory Wells (Three Dog Night) is 67. Movie director Michael Mann is 66. Rock singer Al Kooper is 65. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 63. Actress Barbara Hershey is 61. Actor Christopher Guest is 61. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 61. Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm is 50. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 48. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 47. Actress Laura Linney is 45.

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- ACROSS**

1 Aid in wrongdoing

5 Mythical giant

10 Move gently through the air

14 __ contendere

15 Worship

16 Off the mark

17 Run on

20 Knight's horse

21 Remove, as errors

22 Stain

23 Is short of

25 Bankbook entry: Abbr.

27 Quarterback, often

30 Ocular parts

34 Swearing-in phrase

35 Ochoa's org.

38 Get away from

39 Show embarrassment about

43 Morph

44 Baker's implement

45 PD notice

46 Park fixtures

48 Refines ore

51 TV news time

52 Invention precursors

54 White House nickname

57 Frightful

59 Small porch

63 Show jealousy

66 Zoo structure
- DOWN**

1 "Carpenter" crawlers

2 Scow or skiff

3 Vogue rival

4 Small souvenirs

5 Check at the bar

6 Ran in place

7 City on the Loire

8 Sector

9 Scottish legend, affectionately

10 Armed conflict

11 Blew away

12 Unravel

13 Wee one

18 "Zip-_-Doo-Dah"

19 Camped out

24 __ Stanley Gardner

26 VCR successor

27 Greek breads

28 Full-grown

29 More or less

30 Uncommon

31 Of the fleet

32 Skillful

33 Some Slavs

36 Livens (up)
- ACROSS**

67 Goosebumps writer

68 Bibliography abbr.

69 Underworld river

70 Burn a bit

71 Double agent
- DOWN**

37 Former phone co.

40 Takes home

41 Fruit flaw

42 Alternatively

47 It's too much

49 Moonshine ingredient

50 Hold dear

52 Novelist Shaw

53 Losing power

54 Basics

55 All in

56 Like meringue

58 Against

60 Aware of

61 Typical track

62 Nabors TV role

64 King: Lat.

65 Collarless shirt

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BAYLOR

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Baylor lost starting tackles Jason Smith and Dan Gay to graduation after both started at least 34 games. Smith is a projected top-five pick for the NFL draft in April. The three returning starters are rising seniors with only one season remaining.

Briles expects sophomore guard Philip Blake, a transfer from Tyler Junior College, to compete for a starting job. And 6-foot-7 tackle Marquis Franklin is transferring from Blinn College.

All but three players in Briles' second signing class are from Texas. All 24 incoming freshman, including four offensive linemen, played at Texas high schools.

"We have some good football players from across the board and we filled all the needs we felt needed to be filled," Briles said.

Griffin, who doesn't even turn 19 until next week, graduated high school early and enrolled at Baylor last spring. He made his debut in the season opener and started the final 11 games of his freshman season.

While the Bears (4-8) had their 13th consecutive losing season, three of the losses in Briles' first season were by a touchdown or less against Top 25 teams.

"Our 2008 football team allowed us to have a good recruiting season," Briles said. "Without a doubt, it created momentum that carried over off the field, where the image of Baylor football is good across the country. ... We feel great about the direction of our football program."

A&M

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The Aggies went 4-8 in Sherman's first season and need help across the board. They finished 11th in the Big 12 in both total offense (341 yards per game) and total defense (462 yards per game) in 2008.

"We've been recruiting these kids for a long time, and it's nice to get to this point," Sherman said. "To measure it with a crystal ball, where we're going to be with this class, I don't know. But I think we'll be fun to watch and I think we'll have to accept the fact that some of these kids are going to be thrown into the fire."

The gem of the class is Christine Michael, a 5-foot-11, 202-pound running back from Beaumont. Michael was rated as the nation's No. 4 running back by Rivals.com and was named an All-American by SuperPrep, a recruiting magazine.

Sherman envisions Michael making an instant impact, like freshman Cyrus Gray did for the Aggies last

season. Gray was A&M's second-leading rusher, behind Mike Goodson, but also returned kickoffs and led the Aggies with 133 all-purpose yards per game.

"I expect no more from him than anybody else," Sherman said. "But he is someone that has tremendous talent. The versatility he has — he is very quick, he can accelerate, he can make a big play, he can catch the ball very well out of the backfield. We will accelerate the learning curve for him."

The Aggies ranked last in the Big 12 in rushing, averaging only 88.5 yards per game, and Goodson left a year early to test the NFL draft. A&M had 85 plays for more than 20 yards last season, but only five on rushing plays, a stat that Sherman says must improve.

Sherman also expects big things from Uzoma Nwachukwu, a 6-foot receiver from Allen, the reigning Division I, 5-A champion. The receiving corps turned out to be one of the bright spots for A&M last season, with freshmen Jeff Fuller and Ryan Tannehill combining for 105 catches and 14 touchdowns.

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Gatorade national player of the year.

"Garrett's wanted to come here since he was in the 10th grade," Longhorns coach Mack Brown said. "He was the lead dog in the class. When he decided he wanted to come here, a lot of the big dogs in the state wanted to come. ... He was one of the first scholarships in here this morning."

The Longhorns signed 20 players Wednesday in a class rated among the best in the country by national recruiting analysts. Rivals.com rated the Texas class No. 5 in the country. Scout.com ranked it No. 6. Thirteen players were named to prep All-American teams.

"They got dynamic playmakers on both sides of the football," said Jeremy Crabtree, a Big 12 and national recruiting analyst for Rivals. "Gilbert is the best quarterback to come out of the Lone Star State in recent history."

Brown steps back from declarations of where the class stands nationally.

"Our evaluation of a recruiting class is four years from now, not from today," Brown said. "They all have the ability to play and to win all the games. It's up to us to coach them to the best of their ability."

Gilbert is just the latest big-name quarterback recruit to sign with Texas but the first in a few years. Chris Simms was the big name in 1999. In 2002, it was Vince Young, who led the Longhorns to the 2005 national championship.

McCoy was not considered among the best QBs in

the 2005 signing class and was considered a safety valve when Texas missed on other quarterbacks. He has since set a Texas record with 32 career victories and finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting last season. He will be a senior next season.

Gilbert set a Texas state high school record with 12,534 career passing yards in leading Lake Travis to consecutive Class 4A championships the past two seasons. He is the son of former NFL quarterback Gale Gilbert.

"He's so well taught because of his dad," Brown said.

Whether he will redshirt or could see playing time behind McCoy next season has not been determined, Brown said. Texas has two other quarterbacks, John Chiles and Sherrod Harris, on the roster.

Texas also signed the big running back they lacked last season in Chris Whaley of Madisonville. Whaley (6-3, 235 pounds) rushed for 6,174 yards and 79 touchdowns in high school. He was the only running back Texas tried to sign, Brown said.



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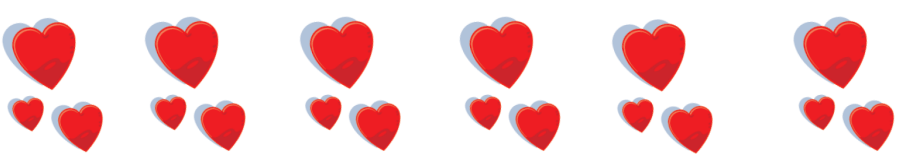


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cornerback in the country by Rivals.com, who decided to stay close to his Gadsden, Ala., home and play for Saban. Five-star prospects D.J. Fluker, an offensive lineman, and Nico Johnson, a linebacker, also stayed in state and honored their verbal commitments to the Tide. Saban again landed most of Alabama's top players, which surely won't sit well at Auburn. Prized running back Trent Richardson from Pensacola, Fla., picked the Tide over Florida and LSU.

"If he had gone (to LSU) I might have switched LSU to No. 1 instead of Alabama," said Allen Wallace of Scout.com and SuperPrep Magazine. "That's how close it is at the top."

Alabama also persuaded four-star wide receiver Kenny Bell, from Rayville, La., to make a signing day switch and abandon his verbal commitment to LSU.

Few coaches are as relentless as Saban and Miles when it comes to recruiting.

"They both have similar styles in that it's fight to the whistle," Bobby Burton of Rivals.com said. "Both of them really take it seriously from start to finish."

"They both need to

keep each other at bay."

The Tigers got bad news on Bell, but good news on Rueben Randle, Rivals' No. 1 receiver prospect in the country. Randle, from Bastrop, La., hadn't made a verbal commitment and had Alabama among his final choices. He's headed to Baton Rouge, along with most of the best players in Louisiana.

Miles also reached into Texas for a couple of stars. Safety Craig

Loston from Aldine and dual-threat quarterback Russell Shepard from Houston were rated among the best in the country at their positions.

"Potentially, this is the style of class that competes for championships year after year," Miles said.

The next meeting on the field between Alabama and LSU is Nov. 7 in Tuscaloosa.

Of course both will have to contend with

defending national champion Florida just to win an SEC title in the coming years.

The Gators handed out 16 scholarships and lost out on some players late. But Florida's class includes receiver Andre Debose of Sanford, Fla., Rivals' No. 2 receiver in the country, and Jelani Jenkins, a top-rated linebacker from Olney, Md., who made up his mind Wednesday morning.

Meyer said Debose

could replace Percy Harvin, the talented and multidimensional receiver who is entering the NFL draft as a junior.

"Watching (Debose) on film, for what we do, our style of offense, for what we need right now with the departure of Percy Harvin, that's a critical element because we're not going to change our offense," Meyer said.

The other schools vying for the top spot

were mostly the usual suspects: Southern California, Texas and Ohio State.

And one of the best running back prospects in the country decided NOT to sign a letter of intent on Wednesday. Bryce Brown of Wichita, Kan., who has given a verbal commitment to Miami, plans to mull his decision over for a few more weeks. Oregon and Kansas State are apparently still in the running.

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