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Bloom notes special circumstances for write-ins

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Recent last-minute filings for county offices has local election officials scrambling to discern between independent and non-aligned candidates before voters go to the polls in November.

According to Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom, write-in candidates running for office are non-aligned, not to be confused with members of the Independent Party.



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"There has been some confusion concerning party affiliations," said Bloom. "A write-in candidate is considered non-aligned as far as parties go. However, they are not Independent candidates. There is a very distinct difference between the two.

"Independent candidates have different rules when it comes to filing, one of which is they can not have voted in a party's primary. They also must file within 30 days of the Primary Runoff Election and must have a petition signed by a number of registered voters in the county who also did not vote in a party primary.

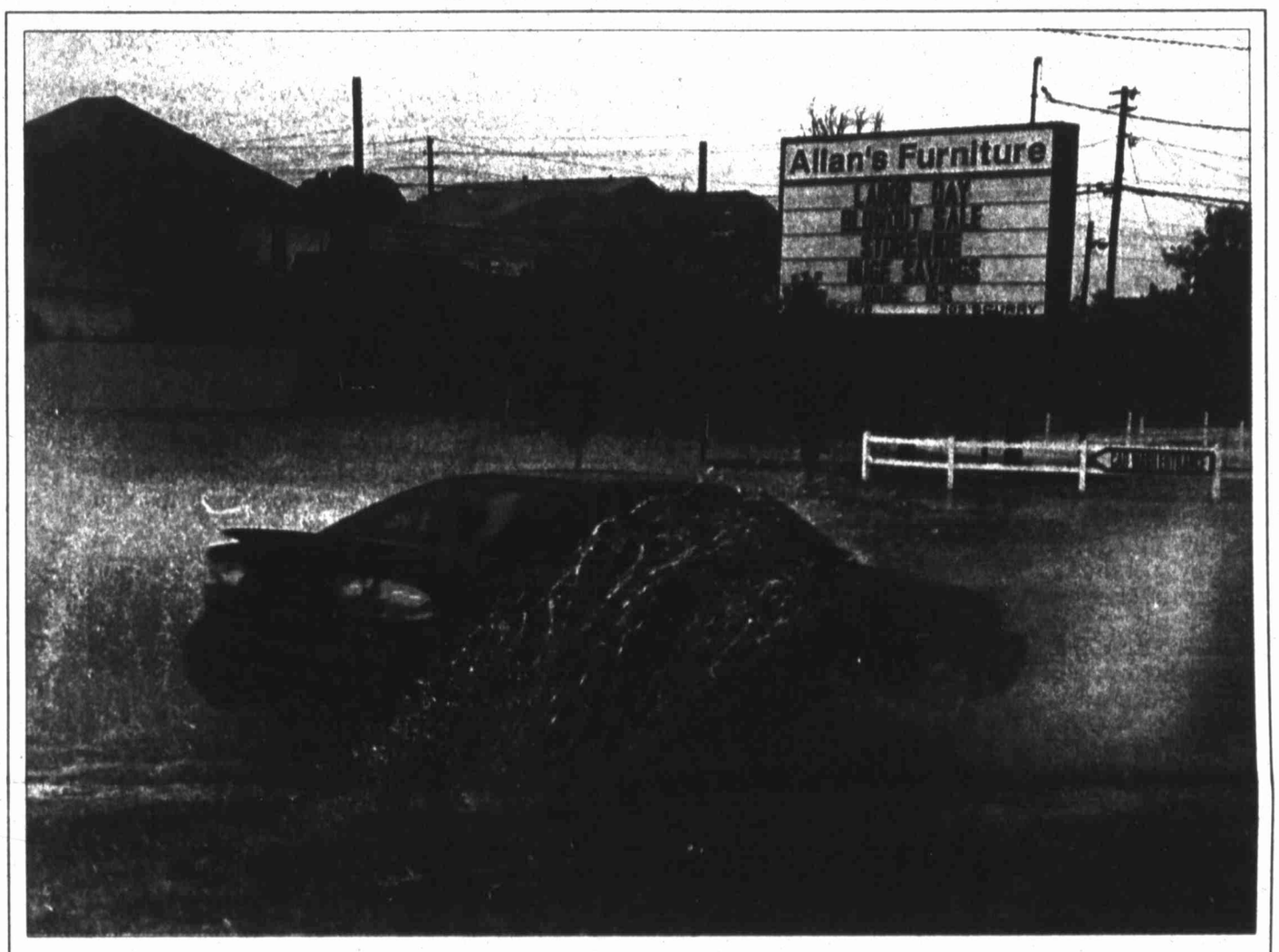
"A write-in candidate, however, is certainly entitled to align themselves with a party by voting in the primary. They can not be designated as a party's nominee, but that party can endorse them, if they so choose."

Bloom said write-in candidates are allowed to identify themselves as a Democrat or Republican, but voters should be aware a straight party ballot will not include the candidate.

"If they vote straight ticket, either Republican or Democrat, the write-in candidate will not receive their vote," said Bloom. "The only way a candidate can receive a straight party vote is if they are that party's nominee, regardless of whether or not they have been endorsed.

"If a voter wants to vote a straight party ballot, they can also choose a particular race and cross party lines in that race or write-in a declared candidate. This choice would override the straight ticket choice in that race only. In other words, if you wanted to vote straight ticket in all state and federal races, you could save having to go through the ballot one race at a time and still choose to cross-vote in local races."

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

A motorist plows through several inches of water near the intersection of Gregg Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard Monday afternoon. Standing water — the result of a soggy Labor Day holiday — forced local officials to barricade several roads and streets throughout Big Spring. According to officials with the local U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Big Spring area received 3.8 inches of rain over the holiday weekend.

Remnants of John drench El Paso, then move across rest of Texas

By STEVE QUINN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Remnants of Hurricane John have dumped more heavy rain on waterlogged El Paso but helped bring welcome relief Monday to many parched portions of Texas.

The typically arid desert city of El Paso has absorbed all but one of the nearly 14 inches of rain this year in a little more than a month, including almost 3 inches since Friday. As of Monday afternoon, however, the city had avoided the washed out roads and evacuations that marked previous flooding, said El Paso police spokesman Javier Sambrano said.

"We haven't seen a replay of what we saw several weeks ago," said Sambrano. "We've been very fortunate because it's actually been nonstop rain throughout the night."

The muddy conditions from all the rain did cause a problem for a Continental Airlines jet that became mired in mud after it left the taxiway as it made a turn after landing at El Paso International Airport. No one was injured.

More than 600 miles away in North Texas, a steady, soaking rain helped an area with a rainfall total still substantially below normal. The band of rain at times stretched across most of the state, from the Panhandle to East Texas.

"It's been light to moderate all day," said Douglas Cain, meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Midland office.

The rain was a combination of John weakening and a separate storm system, said Daniel Huckaby, meteorologist from the National Weather Service's Fort Worth office.

"There was another system we had anticipated for this weekend, so there was a little moisture associated with John that helped our way," Huckaby said.

Huckaby said more than an inch of rain fell in some North Texas areas sorely needing some saturation, including areas west of Fort Worth to Abilene.

The official figure through mid-afternoon Monday was .68 inches. At 17.58 inches for the year, the area still is nearly 6 inches below normal, Huckaby said.

John was weakening fast Monday, a day after it was downgraded to a tropical depression, but it left its mark on Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso. Rain flooded at least 20 neighborhoods, knocked down electricity poles and caused several traffic accidents.

Hundreds of residents from Las Presas neighborhood were evacuated to a city shelter as a precaution because of their proximity to a dam that has exceeded its capacity, said Luz del Carmen Sosa, a spokesman with

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Deadline

County officials urge citizens to make sure they're registered

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With the November election on the horizon, county officials are urging area citizens to check their voter preparedness.

Those wishing to cast a ballot in the coming election, which is expected to include several multi-million dollar bond issues, must register by Oct. 10, according to Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom.

"The registration deadline for any election is 30 days prior to the election day," said Bloom. "This year the deadline actually falls on a holiday — Columbus Day — so the state is giving everyone the following working day, which is a Tuesday, to get voter registration cards in."

Bloom said voters that currently hold a yellow voter registration card will be able to use them in the November election since they are good until the end of December 2007.

"If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office," said Bloom. "They can fill out the voter registration card and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election.

"For those that can't get out, they can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process."

Several bond issues — at a staggering combined price of $35 million — are expected to find their way onto the November ballot, including elections for a $10 million-plus county jail facility; an $11.1 million proposal from the city of Big Spring for a street reconstruction project and sports and recreation complex; and a $13.9 million improvements package from Coahoma Independent School District.

Both the Coahoma ISD and city of Big Spring bonds will give voters the option to choose different combinations of projects.

Voters will also have several decisions to make concerning county officials, as local rancher and Democratic nominee Mark Barr squares off against Coahoma resident John Wayne Metcalf for the county judge seat.

Metcalf recently announced his candidacy for the office after former Republican party nominee Mark Morgan pulled out of the race due to personal matters. Although Metcalf is running as a non-aligned candidate, Howard County Republic Party Chairman Margarita Durand-Hollis has expressed plans to support Metcalf in the race, possibly endorsing the candidate before the November election.

Also a last-minute filer, local resident Erven Fisher will run as a write-in candidate for the Precinct 2 seat on the Howard County Commissioner's Court. Fisher will face incumbent Jerry Kilgore.

Howard County resident Carl Lancaster also filed as a write-in candidate Tuesday, in hopes of unseating Precinct 1 Constable Bill Holden.

Early voting in the election, which will be held in the lobby of the county courthouse between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, is set to begin Oct. 23.

For more information on, call Bloom at 264-2273.

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Tests suggest major oil discovery in Gulf

By BRAD FOSS
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — Tests of a deepwater well in the Gulf of Mexico could indicate a significant oil discovery, three companies announced Tuesday, in the first project to tap into a region that reportedly could boost U.S. oil and gas reserves by as much as 50 percent.

The Jack 2 well was drilled about 5.3 miles deep by U.S. oil company Chevron Corp., with partners Statoil ASA of Norway and Devon Energy Corp. of Oklahoma City. During the test, the Jack 2 well sustained a flow rate of more than 6,000 barrels of oil per day, Statoil said.

"Test results are very encouraging and may indicate a significant discovery. The full magnitude of the field's potential is still being defined," Statoil said in a statement.

The discovery has industrywide implications, analysts said.

"They may be the first ones to hit the jackpot, but if the current thinking is correct, this is only a beginning. Other companies will emerge as good, or better," said Oppenheimer & Co.'s Fadel Gheit.

The successful test wells do not mean a huge supply of oil will hit the market anytime soon. Gheit estimated that the first production might not come on line until after 2010, depending on how many more test wells the companies drill.

The Wall Street Journal reported in Tuesday's editions that the region where the well is located could become the nation's biggest new domestic source of oil since the discovery of

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Obituaries

Lottie Heckler Harris



Lottie Heckler Harris, 87, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Carroll Kohl, retired minister, officiating.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 2, 1918, in Vernon and married George Heckler on April 17, 1948, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on July 29, 1987.

Lottie married Denver Harris on April 15, 1990, in Las Vegas. He also preceded her in death on June 16, 1998. She was a homemaker, a lifelong resident of Big Spring and was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Wanda Brock; and one granddaughter and her husband, Amanda and Jacob Cavazos; and one great-grandson, Talon Cavazos, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Molly Thurmand of Monahans and Grace Hobson of Jal, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

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

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Sadie Chesson Russell



Sadie Chesson Russell, 84, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at the Coahoma Cemetery with Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Feb. 1, 1922, in Mermentau, La. to Enos and Josephine Chesson. She married Edwin R. "Rusty" Russell on Dec. 21, 1941, in Orange and he preceded her in death on July 18, 1997.

Sadie came to Coahoma in September 1993 from Vinton, La. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed crocheting, camping, fishing and family barbecues.

Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pat and DelRoy Buchanan of Coahoma; Wanda and Ralph Barr of Siloam Springs, Ark.; and Sandra Boadle of Peyton, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Sandi Russell of Lake Charles, La.; nine grandchildren, Rory Buchanan, LaRhonda Stanley, Eric Owens, Daniele Miller, Angie Barr, Michael Barr, Brian Barr, Letti Russell and Leah Alexander; fourteen great-grandchildren, Kaylon Stanley, Kay'C Stanley, Kaleb Stanley, Brandi Buchanan, Britni Buchanan, Keigan Miller, Kalli Jade Owens, Hannah Russell, Garret Alexander, Joshua Barr, Courtney Barr, Levi Willis, Alisha Willis and Tori Willis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

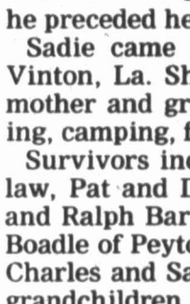
She was also preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimers Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 North Big Spring, Suite 32, Midland 79705 or the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 22E, Midland 79705.

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

Paid obituary

Kevin Coker



Kevin Coker, 27, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, in Odessa as a result of injuries sustained in a train accident. Memorial service was held today at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating.

He was born Feb. 12, 1979, in Austin. He was an electrician.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Coker; two sons, Kameron Ray Coker and Jacob Coker; three daughters, Hailey Raye Coker, Jordyn Rae Coker and Corrina Coker; mother, Nancy Turlo; father, Kerry Coker; and two brothers, Marshall Coker and Joey Turlo, all of Austin.

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

Estella Cantu

Estella Cantu, 35, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Mary Evelyn Holmes

Mary Evelyn Holmes, 95, of Columbia, Mo., died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, in Columbia, Mo. Her services will be at a later date. Arrangements will be under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Troy Gregory

Troy Gregory, 76, of Big Spring died Monday at Lubbock Heart Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Johnny Ray Gardener

Johnny Ray Gardener, 63, of Big Spring died Monday at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 1700 block of Third Street.
- in the 300 block of Owens.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 200 block of 12th Street.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 900 block of 14th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **MARCIANO TIBURCIO DELANGEL, 36,** was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **CHARLES KELLEN WOOLFOLK, 20,** was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.
- **ROBERT YBARRA JR., 24,** was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 20,** was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving under the influence by a minor - third offense enhanced and minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage - third offense enhanced.
- **ARTHUR YANEZ, 51,** was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **ANDY LEE FLORES, 36,** was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check and criminal mischief - impairing public communication/supply.
- **TRACY LAIN KRUSE, 41,** was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **MARIA DELOSANGELES OLIVIO, 41,** was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **JOHN E. SANDERS, 28,** was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **TERRANCE LYNN EVANS, 21,** was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and violation of bond condition.
- **LUANNA FRANCO, 43,** was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of terroristic threats.
- **KEITH D. KELLY, 23,** was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **TINA WELTZ RIEGEL, 39,** was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of ride not secured by a safety belt and violation of a promise to appear.
- **TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III, 26,** was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of filing a false report with a police officer.
- **JESSIE A. LOPEZ, 38,** was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation (three counts), forgery of a financial instrument, violation of parole and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-10-33-35-37.
Number matching five of five: 1
Prize per winner: $25,648.
Winning tickets sold in: Simonton.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Randolph and Barksdale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Vines. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Pine. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of High School in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the 186 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1400 block of March.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Parkway. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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NASA optimistic for good weather for shuttle launch

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — After more than a week of storm delays, NASA may be getting its best shot weather-wise for launching space shuttle Atlantis, officials said Monday.

There was only a 20 percent chance that weather would prohibit the shuttle from blasting off at 12:28 p.m. Wednesday as planned, said Kathy Winters, shuttle weather officer.

Unlike last week's planned launch attempts, the window Wednesday opens before Florida's afternoon summer thunderstorms normally blow through, and a tropical depression brewing in the Atlantic wasn't expected to interfere.

"I feel better that we're launching around noontime than around 4:30 in the afternoon, as we first started off trying to do," said launch director Mike Leinbach, referring to the original launch time more than a week ago.

If Atlantis doesn't lift off on Wednesday, NASA will try again Thursday and also Friday if necessary. NASA has tried launching three times in a row only once before, in 2000.

"If you go back a week, it looked like we were not going to be able to have a launch attempt in September," said Robbie Ashley, the mission's payload manager. "So we're very thankful to the shuttle folks for carving out these three days of launch attempts and giving us another shot."

Atlantis originally was scheduled to launch Aug. 27 on a mission to resume construction of the international space station, but that launch was delayed after a lightning strike at the launch pad.

The lightning didn't hit the spacecraft, but by the time the shuttle was cleared for launch, Tropical Storm Ernesto was approaching Florida.

NASA managers on Aug. 29 ordered the shuttle returned to its protective assembly building, then reversed course midway through the 10-hour journey when Ernesto's forecast was downgraded.

By sending the shuttle back to its launch pad immediately, NASA gained enough time to prepare for a launch this week.

Launching the shuttle past Friday would run up against the timetable for a Russian launch to the space station. The Russian space agency plans a Sept. 18 launch of a Soyuz capsule with the first international space station-bound female space tourist, Anousheh Ansari, a Dallas-area entrepreneur.

If the shuttle doesn't lift off this week, NASA still is looking at the possibility of waiving a rule that Atlantis be launched in daylight in order to open up launch opportunities in late September or early October. Otherwise, the next daylight attempt could not be made until late October, said Wayne Hale, space shuttle program manager

NASA wants one more daylight launch so the space agency can have clear photos of Atlantis' external fuel tank during lift off. Foam dropping from Columbia's external tank in 2003 doomed the spacecraft and its crew of seven astronauts.

Atlantis' six astronauts have the complicated job of restarting space station construction, which was stopped after the Columbia disaster in 2003. Crew members, who have been training for four years, will deliver a 35,000-pound, $372 million addition to the half-built station. Their 11-day mission includes three spacewalks.

"Atlantis and her crew have been waiting for several years to complete this mission. Thanks to Ernesto they've had to wait a week longer or so," said NASA test director Jeff Spaulding. "But I'm pleased to announce that that wait is almost over and we'll be ready Wednesday."

On the Net:
http://spaceflight.nasa.gov

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Alaska's North Slope more than a generation ago.

The Journal said Chevron and Devon officials estimate that recent discoveries in the Gulf of Mexico's lower-tertiary formations hold up to 15 billion barrels of oil and gas reserves, a total that would boost the nation's current reserves by 50 percent.

The well was drilled in the Walker Ridge area of the Gulf, about 270 miles southwest of New Orleans and 175 miles off the coast. It followed up a discovery made by Chevron in 2004.

"This area is one of the new and promising deepwater areas in the Gulf of Mexico," said Oivind Reinertsen, senior vice president of Statoil's Gulf of Mexico assets in Houston.

"The Jack 2 well test data are encouraging and may form the basis of future development projects in Walker Ridge," he said.

In a separate statement, San Ramon, Calif.-based Chevron said the well set a variety of records, including the deepest well successfully tested in the Gulf of Mexico. Chevron said the well was drilled more than 20,000 feet under the sea floor below 7,000 feet of water for a total depth of 28,175 feet.

Chevron has a 50 percent stake in the field, while Statoil and Devon own 25 percent each.

Shares of Devon rose $6.10, or 9.5 percent, to $70.25 in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange, near the top end of the stock's 52-week range of $48.94 to $70.35. Shares of Chevron rose $1.02, or 1.6 percent, to $65.85.

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WRITE-INS

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Bloom said straight ticket voters will still need to scroll to the end of the ballot to vote in local bond elections.

For more information, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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the city's public safety department.

Sosa said classes in all public schools were suspended and that authorities were keeping a close watch on several dams throughout the area. No fatalities have been reported, Sosa said.

El Paso is within 5 inches of its annual rainfall record of 18.29 inches set in 1884, said Lance Tripoli of the National Weather Service. Some portions have seen significantly higher amounts than the official total, Tripoli said.

Contract Bridge

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♦A Q 3
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♣J 8 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠K J 9 4
♥8 7 3
♦K 7 5 2
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The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	1 ♥	Dble	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead — king of hearts.

This deal features a type of play that is frequently overlooked. West leads the K-A and another heart after East plays high-low to show a doubleton. East ruffs and returns a club, and South goes up with the ace, since both the bidding and the club return indicate that West has the king.

Declarer must now score the rest of the tricks to make the contract. Obviously, this can't be done unless he can find a way to avoid the club loser.

One possible solution is to draw the missing trumps and then cash the A-Q-K of diamonds. If the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3, dummy's queen of clubs can be discarded on South's fourth diamond.

If declarer relies solely on this line of play, he winds up down one because the diamonds break 4-2.

But if South plays a bit more carefully, he can make the contract. After taking the ace of clubs at trick four, he should cash all of his trumps, discarding the club six on dummy's fifth trump to reduce his hand to the K-7-5-2 of diamonds.

On dummy's last trump, West, holding the J-10-8-6 of diamonds and king of clubs, cannot discard safely. A club discard would make dummy's queen a trick, while a diamond discard would allow declarer to score four diamond tricks.

Observe that by adopting this method of play, declarer preserves his chances of making the contract if the diamonds are divided 3-3, and at the same time greatly increases his chances by also catering to the possibility that West has four or more diamonds.

Tomorrow: A tough defensive challenge.

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Betty Jean Follis, 77, died Thursday. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 PM (MST) Tuesday at the Prairie Haven Cemetery in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Florida McCalister, 82, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Johnny Ray Gardner, 63, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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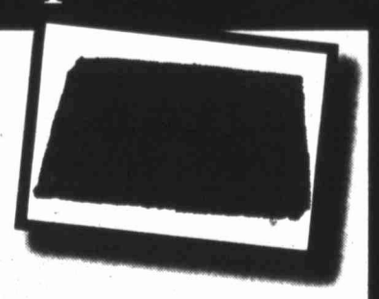
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Opposing new stem cell method certainly a shame

All along, the religious conservatives who oppose embryonic stem cell research to develop therapies and cures for myriad disabilities and illnesses claimed they wanted to protect the embryo, which they regard as human life, from being destroyed.

Leave aside, for the moment, the reality that an undifferentiated clump of cells lacking anything remotely resembling organs and viability, a blastocyst that has never been implanted in a human uterus, is "human life" only by theological definition.

So these religious conservatives logically should not oppose — indeed, should support — a process that can produce embryonic stem cells without destroying or even harming the embryo. Alas, that may not be true.

A California company disclosed in the British scientific journal Nature "that it has developed a way to grow stem cell lines from a single cell extracted from a human embryo" without harming or destroying the embryo.

"Rather than wait for stem cells to be present in the embryo, (Robert) Lanza's team capitalized on the fact that an even earlier embryo — of only eight to 10 cells — is very resilient and adaptable. Such an embryo can give up one or even two of its cells, called blastomeres, and keep developing normally. Each extracted blastomere is theoretically capable of generating all the tissue types in the body."

Infertility clinics have been extracting such cells for genetic testing, so that procedure is already commonly used. What is new is Advanced Cell Technology's culturing stem cells from a single cell removed from such an early-stage embryo.

A panel of bioethicists President Bush named to address stem cell issues reported last year that "at least 1,000 babies had been born without noticeable harm after having had a cell removed for genetic testing." But none of this appears to be sufficient to satisfy either the White House or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Spokespeople for both raised objections to the Advanced Cell Technology breakthrough.

The president in 2001 had limited federal funds for such research to the stem cell lines that then existed. Unfortunately, they are few in number and too contaminated to be of sufficient use.

The U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed legislation to override the president's executive order and provide federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. Unfortunately, the bipartisan pro-cure coalition did not have enough votes to override the president's veto of that bill. He continued to claim that research using excess embryos that otherwise would be discarded from fertility clinics amounts to killing human life.

So logic surely demands that, if the breakthrough procedure developed can produce substantive results and be duplicated by other scientists, the president would allow federal funding to go to it.

"Many scientists believe that embryonic stem cell research may eventually lead to therapies that could be used to treat diseases that afflict approximately 128 million Americans," according to a fact sheet the Bush White House released in August 2001.

"Many scientists believe embryonic stem cell research holds promise over time because of the capacity of embryonic stem cells to develop into any tissue in the human body," the fact sheet explains.

Early indications, however, are that Bush will not follow logic here and that he will continue to prohibit federal funding for research.

That will not end embryonic stem cell research of any kind, including ACT's new work. Too many state governments and too many private companies are deeply committed to this work.

Bush's limitations on federal funding could, however, slow down those efforts. Federal grants often provide important seed money for emerging technologies.

But the California company's encouraging results show just how far out of touch the president is.

Adult stem cells also hold hope for cures and treatments, but given the inherent limitations of adult stem cells, research also should continue on embryonic stem cells, including those produced using ACT's new procedure.

The Advocate
Victoria

A Small Prayer

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, love us and want to help us when we let You. May we ask today for Your help.

Amen

Halting Black America's self-destruction

Black America is committing suicide. While poor and working-class Americans of all ethnicities are struggling under the Bush administration's six-year-old economic assault on the nation's have-nots and have-littles, black urban communities in particular are literally self-destructing. Black gunfire is killing black children. Black drug dealing is destroying black communities. Black criminality is rupturing black families and feeding the bustling prison economy. Negative black role modeling is corrupting young black minds. Black irresponsibility creates ever more fatherless black babies born to too-young unwed black mothers.



Robert Steinback

It's certainly happening here. On August 8, Miami Central High School senior Otissha Burnett, 17, was shot to death when gunmen strafed a Miami Gardens block party. Before I could arrange to gather a dozen of Otissha's friends and classmates together to talk about the tragedy, violence had claimed the lives of three more teen-agers in the region — bringing to 35 the number of South Florida victims under 19 since June 2005. Most have been black.

But headlines from my recent travels show it's also happening elsewhere. Four people, including 16-year-old twins, were gunned down in New Orleans July 28. A month earlier, five New Orleans teenagers were killed in a single hail of gunfire, allegedly from a 19-year-old shooter. In murder-weary Rochester, N.Y., a 19-year-old and two others were shot to death July 11 in the city's predominantly black northeast quadrant.

A crisis of death and dysfunction is quietly raging right under our noses in America's black communities, our fickle national attention diverted by exaggerated fears of terrorists, immigrants and gays. The black inner city's "tangle of pathology," as described in a seminal 1965 report by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, continues virtually unabated.

I expected to hear distressing accounts of life as a black urban teenager from Otissha's peers — chosen by administrators as among the school's most promising students. I underestimated. What I heard made hell sound like a theme park.

The students, all seniors, told me they encounter guns everywhere, brandished by "drug boys" who fear neither death nor prison. Joeton Howard — significantly, the only young man among these top students — described once having to run from a street shootout over drugs. "I felt one bullet go right by my ear," he recalled.

Jamesha Richardson is afraid to host a prom party for fear someone might bring a gun and start shooting. Ten of the 12 said they had a family member or personal friend who had served time in prison. Three said their own fathers were drug dealers. One student, the sixth of nine children, said she is largely responsible for rearing for her younger siblings. I was told the first glimmer of responsibility shown by some young black men — and this warped logic broke my heart — comes when they commit crimes to support the babies they've brought into the world.

With heroic individual effort, these young people and some others will escape this environment and succeed. Many of their doomed peers, though, are condemned to underproductive lives — if they survive at all. It's America's shame that any child should have to struggle so just for a chance to make it.

Let's not pull punches: A large segment of black America is culturally and psychologically crippled. The causes, as Moynihan noted, are deep-rooted and historical — a legacy of four centuries of overt, legal oppression — but the pathology keeps cycling forward, generation after dysfunctional generation. Black America must heal itself internally.

But every white American who stood and applauded the previous paragraph needs to sit back down. These children are the waste products of the society you designed: A justice and prison system that rounds up and ruins young offenders rather than trying to redeem them. Lax gun laws. A "drug war" that punishes users and street dealers while doing little to stem trafficking or demand. Eviscerated public schools, with testing policies that stigmatize and filter out the failures while providing insufficient remedial help. Urban job flight. Barriers to family planning. Your attitude is like blaming a man standing naked in a snowstorm for suffering hypothermia — while refusing to offer him a coat.

Nothing short of a domestic Marshall Plan can reverse this dire condition. Liberal and conservative politics must be shoved aside, laws must be changed, resources must be mustered, profiteers and phonies must be thwarted, and a long-range strategy implemented to reconstruct families and rescue this squandered human capital.

We'll all benefit if we can overcome our phobia about helping other Americans, regardless of color, class or culture.

I'll say more on this in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you think the next urban teen death in the news doesn't involve you, congratulations. You're part of the problem.

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Rember to honor the Texas flag

As students return from summer vacations, many will soon begin learning Texas history as part of their curriculum. Texas pride is instilled in us at an early age as we learn about our state's history in school. As we grow, so does our pride. This is evident by the fact that a Texan is never far from a Texas flag.



Kay Bailey Hutchison

Whether flying above the Texas Capitol or hanging in the homes of displaced Texans around the world, our flag conveys how we feel about our state. Texas' identity as the Lone Star State is represented in our flag's design, which has always reflected our independence.

Our flag's history dates back to 1836, but it has not always looked as simple and classic as it does today.

The original Texas flag featured a gold star in the middle of a blue field, while other early Texas flags contained a blue field featuring a white five-pointed star and the word "TEXAS" embroidered between the star's points.

The dimensions and colors of our current flag were adopted and specifically defined by the Texas Congress when Texas was a republic in 1839: a blue, vertical stripe on the left side of the flag comprises one-third of its width, red and white horizontal stripes are each equal to half of its length, and a white, five-pointed star is in the center of the blue stripe — the Lone Star.

Folklore explains the red stripe as representing the bloodied ground in Texas' battle for independence from Mexico. State legislation passed in 1933 qualified the flag's colors as blood red, azure blue and white, representing bravery, loyalty and purity, respectively. In 1993, these colors were changed to "Old Glory Red" and "Old Glory Blue" to mimic the colors of the U.S. flag.

Because our current flag is such a recognizable image, many do not realize that it is only one in a line of six flags that have flown for our state. The "Six Flags Over Texas" — the Kingdom of France, the Kingdom of Spain, the Mexican Federal Republic, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America and the United States of America — all represent different eras, and the legacy of each flag contributes to our state's culture.

This unique heritage resonates not only in our diversity but also in our varied styles of music, art, food and culture.

Texans take great pride in our flag — especially when they see one outside Texas. In the U.S. Senate building in Washington, D.C., a large Texas flag is displayed at the end of the hallway in front of my office, and few visitors leave without taking pictures with this flag. I regularly observe families crowding around the flag to recite the Texas pledge, "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

The Texas flag has a special mystique. When I visit Texans serving abroad in the armed forces, I frequently notice the display of the Texas flag. Texas soldiers speak of the aura surrounding the flag and its ability to heighten morale and arouse camaraderie. This is the essence of our flag.

Not long ago, I had the opportunity to tour Afghanistan and visit with soldiers bravely defending America in the War on Terror. Upon arriving, I was moved to see a Texas flag waving proudly in that war-torn country.

Our state flag has even been to space. In 1972, NASA astronaut Charlie Duke took a Texas flag to the moon. When he served as lunar module pilot of Apollo 16, the fifth manned lunar landing mission, a Texas flag was stowed behind his seat. This flag is currently on display at the Texas State History Museum in Austin as part of the "It Still Ain't Braggin' If It's True" exhibit.

Our flag has a deep history and strength. It has a special place in our state's lore, and it represents the pride of Texas wherever it is displayed.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from the state of Texas.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

First 4th ID troops return to Fort Hood

FORT HOOD (AP) — Family members gathered at Fort Hood to welcome the first wave of 4th Infantry Division soldiers returning from Iraq after yearlong tours.

The 150 troops who arrived Monday were the first of 19,000 troops expected to return home by late December.

"Before the fat guy with the beard and red suit shows up ... we'll have everybody home," Col. Dick Francey said.

The 4th Infantry, which makes up one the Army's most potent fighting forces, has lost 82 soldiers during this deployment.

Meanwhile, Fort Hood's other division, the 1st Cavalry, is preparing to replace their counterparts in Iraq. The division is scheduled for yearlong deployments starting this fall.

GOP and Democratic candidates for DeLay's spot out on Labor Day

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — The Democratic and Republican candidates vying to replace former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay spent the Labor Day holiday doing anything but resting.

Republican Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, a Houston city councilwoman, greeted voters at an ice cream social held in a Richmond home, about 34 miles southwest of Houston. Earlier in the day, she had attended two events in nearby Sugar Land: a walk to raise money for muscular dystrophy research and a luncheon with 200 people.

Democrat Nick Lampson, a former congressman, attended a softball tournament in League City sponsored by union organizations. He was also scheduled to attend the opening of a Democratic Party local headquarters in suburban Houston Monday evening.

New Navy submarine arrives in Galveston

GALVESTON (AP) — A welcoming party aboard the tall ship Elissa sailed out to greet the Navy's newest submarine, which has arrived in Texas for a commissioning ceremony this weekend.

The Texas docked in Galveston on Monday in preparation for Saturday's scheduled commissioning by first lady Laura Bush, when the vessel will officially earn a "USS" designator.

"The greeting was wonderful," Navy Capt. John Litherland said. "Elissa looked beautiful out there. I've never had a chance to sail in the company of a tall ship before, so it was a dream come true for me. She popped the sails a couple of miles in front of us and it was a glorious sight."

The 202-foot, three-masted Elissa, which was built in 1877, guided the submarine into Galveston's harbor.

Veteran dies after robbery attack

HOUSTON (AP) - A Vietnam veteran who had lost both of his legs to diabetes died after being beaten during a brutal robbery, police said.

Authorities said 57-year-old Barney Goodman had been beaten and left for dead by robbers who wanted his $1,800 monthly veteran's disability payment.

The Baytown resident died this weekend at a Houston hospital after a passing motorist discovered him trying to claw his way out of a creek in Liberty County, northeast of Houston.

Liberty County Sheriff Greg Arthur called the crime "unusually cruel."

Goodman's brother, Richard Ford, said Goodman was badly beaten and not wearing his prosthetic legs when he was found. Ford, a veteran of the Houston Fire Department, searched the area Saturday for evidence of the attackers.

"You can see on the edge of the riverbank how it was all worn down, because he was trying to crawl up it," Ford said.

Ford said Monday that family members were unsure of the cause of death. An autopsy was pending.

Goodman was conscious when he was found. He told police he was attacked by two men in a primer-gray pickup and then thrown in the creek.

Arthur said Monday that police still were interviewing hospital employees who treated Goodman.

Deputies find bodies, suspected cocaine in northeast Harris County home

HOUSTON (AP) - Investigators said Monday that two bodies and a stash of what they believe is cocaine were found in a northeast Harris County home.

The bodies were found Sunday night by a neighbor who was checking on the residents' welfare, said Sgt. R.D. Nelson of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The man and the woman had been shot to death.

Deputies also recovered more than 200 pounds of what is believed to be cocaine, Nelson said. The drugs would have a street value of $1.6 million, he said.

An autopsy had been ordered to identify the victims and confirm the cause of death, authorities said. A motive for the killing remained under investigation.

Next-door neighbor M. Earl Stewart said the latest resident moved into the house about three months ago. The modest brick home's windows and doors had been barred and gated since before the resident moved in.

"It's scary," Stewart said in a story posted Monday on the Houston Chronicle's Web site. "We have burglaries and stuff like that but no murders."

Continental jet veers off taxiway

EL PASO (AP) - A Continental Airlines jet became stuck in mud Monday at El Paso International Airport as it was turning onto the taxiway after landing, airport and airline officials said.

None of the 67 passengers and five crew members on the flight from Houston was hurt and the mired plane didn't affect any other flights at the airport, according to airport spokeswoman Liz Bellegrade. A small portion of the taxiway was shut down.

The cause of the accident hasn't been determined. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating, Bellegrade said.

Flight 1683 left Houston about 10:05 CDT and landed safely in El Paso at 10:50 MDT, Continental spokeswoman Julie King said.

"As it was taxiing toward the terminal, it steered off the taxiway," King said.

Passengers were shuttled to the terminal by bus. The airplane remained in the mud late Monday afternoon.

El Paso has been hard hit by rains for much of the past month and has received almost 3 inches of rain since Friday.

Fried praline, Coke win Big Tex Choice Awards

DALLAS (AP) — Wondering what they'll fry next for the State Fair of Texas? Start imagining Fried Praline Perfection and Fried Coke.

Judges for the second annual Big Tex Choice Awards Contest chose Shirley London's Fried Praline Perfection as the tastiest fried delicacy and gave Abel Gonzales Jr.'s Fried Coke the creativity award.

The two won out over fried macaroni and cheese, a deep-fried cosmopolitan, and sweet and meaty concoctions wrapped in tortillas and fried.

Both London and Gonzales have been thinking a long time about what to fry up this year.

"I bought some pralines last year at the fair and thought to myself, these would be good deep-fried," London said. She plans to sell the pralines alongside fried marshmallows, which were created in 2004.

Bell lone candidate on Labor Day stump

By STEVE QUINN
Associated Press Writer

IRVING — Democrat Chris Bell, the lone candidate for governor campaigning on Labor Day, didn't mince words in taking aim at Republican incumbent Rick Perry.

"On issue after issue, category after category — education, health care, stem cell research, the environment, our state parks system — Rick Perry is an absolute miserable failure as governor," Bell said at the Dallas AFL-CIO Labor Day Breakfast.

Bell made other stops Monday in Tyler, Galveston and Waco, each time stressing the need for the state to revamp a weak education system.

Perry spent part of his Labor Day competing in a triathlon in New Braunfels.

"The fact is, for six years, Gov. Perry has put forward common sense solutions for the challenges that face Texas," said Perry campaign spokesman Robert Black. "Issue after issue, problem after problem, Chris Bell has not. Opposition is not a plan; criticism is not a solution for anything."

Bell also took exception to the changing political stripes of independent candidate Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a one-time Democrat who was a Republican when she entered the governor's race as an independent earlier this year.

"I can call my dog a horse. Well, at the end of the day, it's still going to be a dog, and she's still going to be a Republican," Bell said.

Strayhorn, who canceled an appearance in Abilene to attend a funeral, said in a news release that she at least agreed with Bell on one thing: the need to improve Texas public schools.

"Our public schools are underfunded, and have no long-term source of reliable funding," she said. "I am the only candidate who has outlined a comprehensive plan to improve our public schools, promote an educated workforce, retain good teachers and provide reliable funding for our schools."

Bell was easier on independent candidate Kinky Friedman, simply saying the author and musician is not the answer.

Friedman spent most of Labor Day preparing for a tour this week of four of the state's biggest cities — Houston, followed by Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

"If the strategy is to ignore Kinky, that bodes well for us," said spokeswoman Laura Stromberg. "We've been saying all along we're going to sneak up on them."

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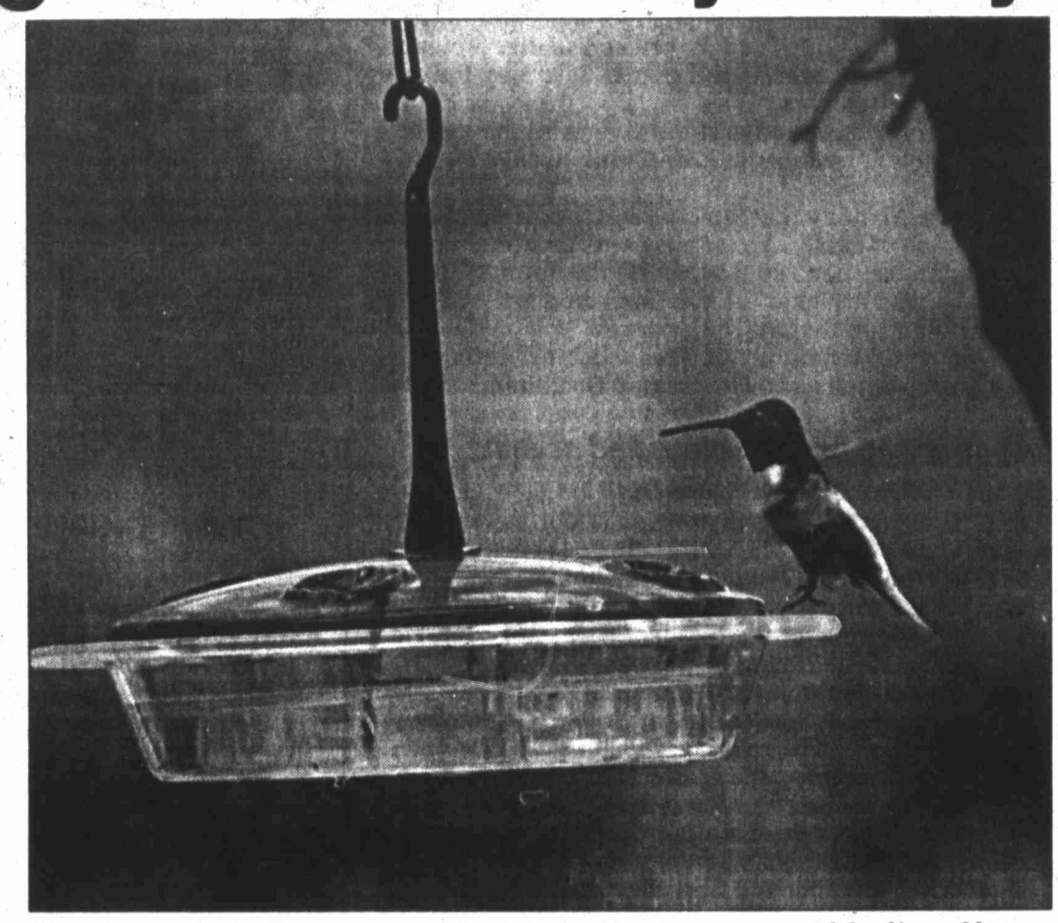
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Bird Poop:

Dealing with one very fussy hummingbird



Heard but not seen, it was coming. Above the tops of the mesquites, then down among them, the distinct humming of the wings announced the July visitor. The lanky man standing beside me in our side yard had a severe frown upon his face. He had just released one of his charges and this intruder was about to chase her off.

"He's not going to let her eat. Why did he have to come now?" fussed my companion, as an orange to rust-colored blur zoomed between the feeder and us. Since the intruder had a wingspan over four inches and unparalleled flight ability, no self-respecting bird would dare stay while the intimidating, male rufous hummingbird protected his feeding territory.

The newly released black-chinned hummingbird fled the area. After the aggressive rufous felt confident that the feeder was his, he flew away. We waited. Soon, the small immature black-chinned returned to the area. Its tiny squeaks reassured the man that she not only was determined to use the feeder, but that she recognized the person who had worked with her to attain this special day.

Our state and federal licenses to rehabilitate wild birds allow us to have sub-permitees, individuals who participate by helping with certain species. Wanting only to work with hummingbirds, the man had devoted years to helping us with the smallest of all birds. His compassion for the young, displaced, and crippled had brought him to our yard for yet another release. He had chosen this site because of the native plants, especially mesquites. Knowing that these trees attracted numerous small insects, he felt confident that the hummers would have the protein they needed in addition to the sugar water mixture in the feeder.

The man started talking to his protégé and I quietly slipped away. He would stay for a while as if to give the tiny bird the confidence he hoped she would have. She was one of many in any given summer that he would release. The hummers would vary, from those he had raised from the size of a bean, to those that couldn't fly, except by the grace of his therapy and determination to see that they did.

Finally assured that his bird could cope with her new environment, he left. He would return several times, and for the next few days until his charge decided trees, distance, freedom and other black-chinned hummingbirds were delightful. Meanwhile, the rufous continued to harass every hummingbird on our property; the man continued to frown.

In August, the manager of the Lubbock wildlife center called. Having heard of our good fortune to have someone knowledgeable in regard to the care and feeding of hummingbirds, she asked if Mike Moore would take one whose ultimate release was questionable. When he agreed, we knew Mike's every effort was needed. The rufous hummer would probably have to spend the winter with him. Two weeks later he could only describe his latest challenge as the fussiest bird he had ever handled.

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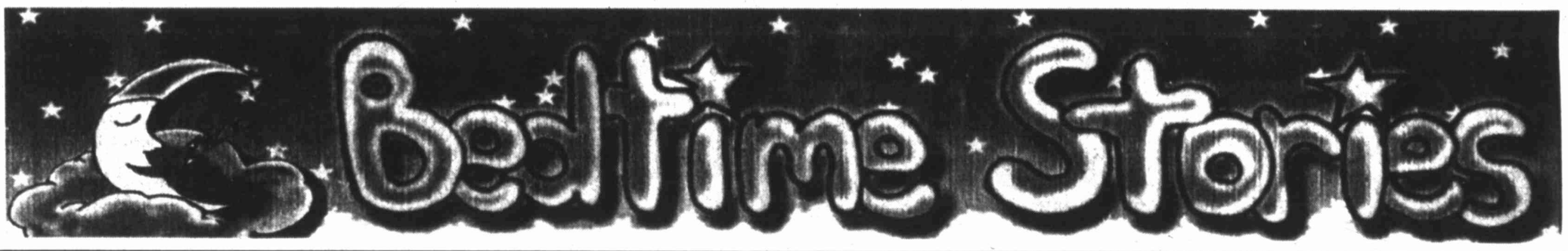
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a CHANCE OF a SMILE

This story is about a little boy named Chance. I like that name, don't you? But I also like the name I already have. Do you? Chance had something that we all have, but we don't always give it away like he did. It cost us nothing and we can never run out of them even if we gave hundreds, no, thousands of them away every day.

Do you know what that might be? What could it be? Did you say that the answer had to be a smile? Can you smile? Let me see a great big one right now. Come on, give me a bigger one than that. Bigger! Bigger! Now, that is a big smile. Give your mother or father or sister and brother one every day. I will tell you a little secret. That will make them love you even more and more.

Chance was born with the great big smile. He had it even when he was a tiny baby. The smile seemed to go all the way across his face and his eyes crinkled and his nose twitched and even his ears wiggled. If you ever saw him smile, you would feel so good that you would have to smile right back at him. He was a very good little baby, too.

When Chance became a little bit older and started walking and talking, he never lost his smile. Even when he talked, he smiled at everyone, and everyone smiled right back at him. They had to because his smile made them want to very much. His mother and father loved to see him with that smile always on his little face.

When Chance became a little older and started kindergarten, he still smiled. The teachers loved him and he loved the teachers. Chance could not wait to get into first grade, or second grade, or even high school.

When Chance finally got into second grade at school, something happened one day. He became sick, very sick. He had a bad cold. His head ached. His tummy hurt. He had the sniffles. He had a fever. He had never felt this way before. But, he still had his smile! He smiled all the way through this sickness. His doctor could not understand how Chance could be so sick and still want to smile. He did understand that Chance,s smile made him feel very good. Maybe that's why Chance smiled at the doctor. Just to make him feel good as he was trying to make that cold go away. It worked! The cold finally went away, and the doctor was very happy and smiling more. Chance was very happy the cold went away, too.

As Chance got older, he finally found himself in high school. Just what he had been waiting for all along. High school meant he was a few years away from college, and he could maybe, just maybe be a doctor, too. He had never told anyone but he had always wanted to be a wonderfûl doctor.

High school could have been a great time for Chance, and it was for awhile, if it had not been for the school bully. Everyone was afraid of the bully. Do you go to school yet? Do you have a school bully? Don,t you feel sorry for them? They can,t make friends the easy way, so they try to scare you into liking them. But no one likes a bully! Chance is about to change all that in his school.

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Chance was walking down the hallway, carrying an armload of books that he was going to take home that day. He had a lot of homework to do that night. The bully saw him with those books and what did he do? He pushed Chance. Chance lost his balance. He fell. Books went everywhere. Chance got up, dusted himself off, and smiled! That,s right. He smiled at the bully. The bully wanted Chance to run, but Chance was not about to do that. He smiled more. The bully did not know what to do and walked away. Chance picked up his books and went home so he could study. And he forgot about the bully, until the very next day!

Chance was in his classroom studying. He had an important test that he wanted to pass that day. In came the bully. He sat down right beside Chance. Chance smiled at him. The bully frowned. The bully grabbed Chance's papers and tossed them out the window. Chance smiled even more. "What is the matter with you?" the bully cried, "Don't you ever get mad? I have done everything to make you notice me because I want you to be my friend and you never seem to see me!" "ou want to be my friend?" asked Chance. "If you want to be my friend, don't try to get me to like you by hurting me. Try to get me to like you by helping me." Then Chance smiled at the bully. The bully could not help but smile right back at Chance. "Keep smiling at people. Keep helping people. Never try to hurt anyone. Help everyone. And smile!" Chance knew that this would help the bully the rest of his life. He knew that a bully just wants and needs attention. Smiling was always the way to get attention and for other people to like you.

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The bully learned to smile. The bully never liked being called "Bully" again. He had made too many friends and would never hurt anyone again.

The bully and Chance finally got into college together and remained lifelong friends. They still talk about their first day in college when they ran face to face with the college bully. "Let me handle him," said Chance's friend. He smiled!

Smile one more time for me before you go to sleep. Big smile! Now I am happy too and I can go to sleep so "Good Night."

IN BRIEF

Dodgeball tourney slatedf or Saturday

A dodgeball tournament benefiting Relay for Life has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Goliad Intermediate School gymnasium.

Teams will be composed of four male and four female members.

Entry fees are $5 per person to play.

The tournament is being sponsored by The Yellow Dogs.

For more information, contact Angel Sosa at 264-4108.

Quarterback Club meeting is Monday

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

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

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.Douglas in 1898.

CGA, Knights to host scramble

The Chicano Golf Association, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, will host the 10th Annual Father Delaney Golf Tournament Sunday, Sept. 17 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Format is a four-person scramble. Registration deadline is 9:45 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, contact 264-7116.

No Secrets Here wins All-American

SRUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. (AP) — Thirty-three years ago, Frank "Scoop" Vessels stood in the winner's circle at Ruidoso Downs with a clean-shaven face and a quarter horse named Timetothinkrich.

Vessels was back in the winner's circle at the little New Mexico track Monday. He sports a white-haired beard now and has a little less hair on his head, but he still owns fast horses.

Vessels' No Secrets Here put on a furious closing kick over a muddy track to beat Gun Battle to the wire in the 48th running of the All American Futurity, quarter horse racing's richest race.

Timetothinkrich won the All American in 1973 for the family that has been involved in quarter horse racing and breeding in southern California for decades. The win by No Secrets Here was the second in the futurity for Vessels as an owner.

"There's nothing better than this," said Vessels in a muddy and packed winner's circle.

Many of the horses born on the Vessels farm are sold, but the family also remains involved in the racing end of the business. Vessels decided to make No Secrets Here a keeper and he proved why Monday.

The California-bred colt hit the finish line of the 440-yard race in a stakes record time of 20.88 seconds. He needed all of that speed to hold off Gun Battle.

Sidewinders to host gymnastics meet

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
Special to the Herald

Say what you will about the water, but Sidewinders head coach Desiree Best believes it may be the reason for the pool of gymnastics talent in West Texas.

"For the population here there is more talent than in the Dallas-Fort Worth area," she remarked. While talent is usually obvious at an early age, when most gymnasts begin their career, three local girls who started as teenagers are already showing potential. "There's three you'll see on television in the future," opined Best.

The Sidewinders began the season with six members and have grown to 26. Last year's season saw all the level 5 and 6 gymnasts go to state competition.

"That really says something about the level of talent here," said Best.

The girls, ranging in ages 5 to 16, will get to show their stuff when they compete Sept. 16 at the local YMCA. The Sidewinders will be hosting levels 2 through 6 and events will include bars, beam, vault and floor exercises.

Events will be rotated and will begin at 8 a.m. with the last exercise likely to be at 9 p.m., according to Tracie Lindsey, Sidewinders booster president and coordinator of the upcoming competition. The public is invited to attend the meet and support the gymnasts.

Lindsey said that as many as 15 gymnastic teams are expected at the compulsory meet, including Lubbock, El Paso, Abilene, San Angelo, Pampa and Amarillo.



Courtesy photo
The Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders will host a gymnastic meet featuring gymnasts in levels 2 through 6 Sept. 16 at the local YMCA.

"This could bring in at least 150 people not including parents and families," said Lindsey.

"We just want people to know that we are here and to see how great these kids are," said Lindsey.

Those who qualify will go on to the district meet on Oct. 21.

Best is a native of Houston and has been trained both in gymnastics and dance at Dana's Dance and Gymnastics in Santa Fe, N.M.

"She can actually show the girls what to do, which is unique," said Lindsey.

The gymnasts spend 12 to 20 hours a week practicing and the benefits are many.

"It gives them confidence and discipline," explained Best. "It also teaches them patience and to work with others."

Best gets help from coaches Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Stephanie Scott-Henderson and Nova Montgomery.

The Sidewinders is a non-profit group supported only by donations including equipment and fees. Help is needed to provide concessions and programs.

To make a donation, contact Lindsey at 213-3103.

Those interested in enrolling in gymnastics can call the YMCA at 267-8234, 801 Owens. Scholarships are available through the YMCA.

To contact Andreia Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331 or e-mail newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

Rangers tee off on Zito, Oakland for 8-1 win

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — As well as the Oakland Athletics have played over the past month, Jay Payton's problems in left field infuriated fans who have become so accustomed to winning every day.

Rookie Nelson Cruz hit an inside-the-park homer past Payton and also a three-run shot on the way to a career-high five RBIs, and the Texas Rangers beat the A's 8-1 Monday.

In the second, Cruz lined the ball to left and Payton initially broke back on it, then charged in and dived. The ball went under his glove and rolled to the wall in left-center. It was the 21st inside-the-park homer in Rangers' history and first since Mike Lamb on Aug. 31, 2001, against Kansas City.

"I saw him sliding and lying on the ground and the ball getting past him, so I thought about third," Cruz said. "But the coach kept waving me."

Payton had another tough play when he tumbled on Gerald Laird's fourth-inning double. Laird scored two batters later on Cruz's RBI single toward Payton. The left fielder also missed the ball off the wall on Eric Young's leadoff triple in the sixth.

He was booed when he came to bat in the bottom half — and didn't appreciate that treatment. He called the crowd several names afterward, even questioning fans' intelligence.

"The first ball cut on me," he said. "The second ball got in the sun. The third ball was a missile off the wall. They wanted to boo me, anyway. ... If that's what they want to do, more power to them. I couldn't really care less about the people who were booing."

Robinson Tejeda took a shutout into the seventh, Ian Kinsler added a solo homer and Young hit a two-run double in his first big league at-bat in more than a month. Cruz, a former Oakland farmhand, had his first career two-homer game as the Rangers battered Barry Zito to end the lefty's three-start winning streak.

"This really means a lot," said Cruz, who was nursing a swollen left ankle afterward.

"They gave me the opportunity to play and now I can show I can play."

Frank Thomas singled in Oakland's only run — it was unearned — in the seventh, and the Big Hurt tied Fred McGriff for 36th on the RBIs list at 1,550. The first-place A's saw their AL West lead cut to 6 1/2 games over the second-place Los Angeles Angels.

Cruz, likely to compete for a starting job in the outfield next season, doubled his career home run total to four and increased his RBIs to 13.

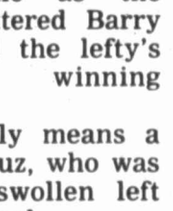
Cruz had an RBI single in the fourth, then connected in the sixth with a drive over the wall in right that chased Zito (15-9).

The A's got three straight two-out singles against Tejeda (4-3) in the third but Thomas flied out.



MCT file photo
Tiger Woods, shown in this file photo, has now won five consecutive golf tournaments and is generally acknowledged as the greatest player of his era.

Degrees of greatness: Talking about the Tiger



TIM DAHLBERG

Vijay Singh had a smile on his face when it was over, the kind of dazed smile we should be accustomed to by now because it's been on the faces of a lot of guys who have teed it up in recent weeks against Tiger Woods.

Singh didn't have much to say. There wasn't much he could say.

Really, there's not much left to be said.

If you're counting, Woods has now won five tournaments in a row. Watch him shoot a 63 in the final round of the Deutsche Bank Classic and you wonder how he can possibly lose again.

He will, of course, because golf can be a maddening game, even if your first name is Tiger. Someone may even come from behind some day and beat him at a major championship, as improbable as that might seem.

For now, though, be content to watch greatness. Savor the moment so you can tell your grandchildren you were there during the day when one man was so mentally tough and physically gifted that he could seemingly will his way to victory.

Enjoy him, because golf may never see the likes of a Tiger Woods again.

He's already the greatest player of his time. Barring injury, he'll become the greatest player of all time sooner than anyone ever thought.

What has to frighten his fellow players is that the best may still be coming.

"Everything can always be better," Woods said. "This game is fluid. It's always changing, it's always evolving and you can always get better. That's the great thing about it. You can get better tomorrow than you

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are today."

The words might sound arrogant, coming as they do from someone who has won five tournaments, including two major championships, in a row. But the best always have a touch of arrogance in them, and Woods is no exception.

Besides, he really believes it.

He overhauled his swing once even after winning big early in his career. He did it again after winning seven of 11 majors at one stretch, presumably because he figured he should have won them all.

Woods is close to becoming a billionaire but, in an era of pampered pros who are content just to earn a nice living, he plays as though he doesn't have two nickels to rub together.

If possible, he's more obsessive about remaining the best than he was at becoming the best.

"I could always hit the ball better, chip better, put better, think better," Woods said.

There wasn't much Woods could have done better on the front nine Monday when he caught Singh with an eagle and birdie in the first three holes and was never really threatened the rest of the way. Give Singh some credit because he tried when others would have given up, but the result never seemed in doubt.

It didn't on the back nine at the PGA Championship either. Or, for that matter, the final round of the British Open.

So now it's five in a row, though you get the feeling that Woods isn't as impressed with the winning streak as his fellow competitors might be. It's a career to them, but to the game's best player it's merely a summer fling.

That's partly because Woods has already won six in a row once, the last four he played in 1999 and the first two the next year. And even he considers the record of 11 straight during the final year of World War II by Byron Nelson almost unapproachable.

The only thing that really matters to Woods is major championships, and almost lost in the talk about his streak is that he owns trophies from the last two. He'll go into next year's Masters as a prohibitive favorite to win his fifth green jacket, and a win at the U.S. Open at Oakmont would give him the Tiger Slam for the second time in his career.

Assuming he wins those — and it's hard to assume against Woods the way his game looks right now — he would have a chance to win the real Grand Slam and edge tantalizingly close to the record of 18 major championships now held by Jack Nicklaus.

Nicklaus, of course, is generally regarded as the best player ever. But he never won tournaments in bunches like Woods is doing, and he never held all four major titles at once like Woods has a chance of doing for the second time next year.

Woods needs only 21 PGA Tour wins to pass Nicklaus for second place in overall wins, and seven major championships to overtake him in the category that means the most. He'll get those, and by the time he's in his mid-30s he will likely break the record held by Sam Snead of 82 tour wins.

By then, Woods won't have anybody left to chase. He will have to motivate himself by trying to set the bar so high that no one will ever break his records.

Knowing Woods, he will do just that.

The great ones usually do.

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Utley homer powers Phillies past Houston

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chase Utley feels at ease in the playoff push.

Utley's home run with two outs in the 10th inning gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 3-2 win over Houston on Monday, their first over the Astros in more than two years.

"I think it's pretty relaxed around here," Utley said. "We're having a great time. We're playing great baseball so I think that helps. I don't feel any pressure around here."

Roger Clemens was long gone by the time this one ended, forced out of his 15th start of the season with a strained right groin.

The Astros said the 44-year-old right-hander is day to day.

After both teams wasted opportunities to win late in the game, Utley hit his 25th homer to right off Dave Borkowski (1-2). The second baseman was mobbed by his teammates and helped the Phillies snap a 12-game losing streak to Houston that dated back to May 18, 2003.

"I guess that's how you beat them," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Rick White (3-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for the win, retiring the final two batters he faced to leave a runner stranded on third.

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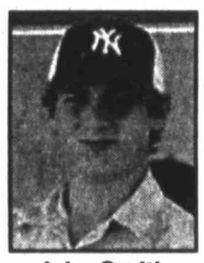
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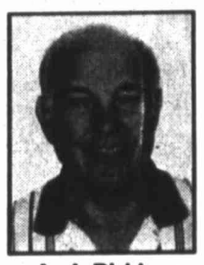


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Wacky Facts

■ The most famous image of pirate terror is the skull and crossbones flag, or the Jolly Roger.
■ Pirates would sometimes deceive passing ships by flying the flag of a friendly country. This was known as "false colors."
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Ahoy, matey!

Trivia, tales and lingo to help channel your inner pirate

BY NANCY CHURNIN AND ALAN T. DOSS
The Dallas Morning News

Ahoy! As one pirate might say to another.

Pirates and pirate talk are all the rage. But you don't have to go to the Caribbean or Neverland to seek out pirate tales. There are some good ones right in the United States.

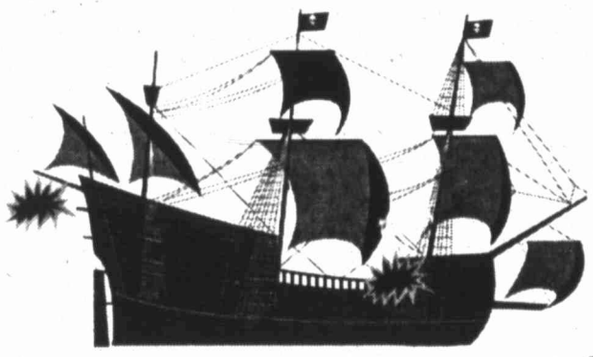
Pirate Jean Lafitte built a pirate village he called Campeche on Texas' Galveston Island in 1817. It had huts for the pirates, a shipyard, bars and gambling houses. It also had a slave market and boarding houses for visitors. Pirates such as Lafitte, needless to say, were not nice guys.

Gen. James Long tried to get Lafitte to help Texas fight for independence from Spain and Mexico. But Lafitte wouldn't do it. Instead, in 1821, he attacked an American ship and was forced to leave the island.

Before he did, he hosted a party for his pirates with wine and whiskey and burned his settlement. Some say he buried treasure on the island, but it's never been found.

John Matthews, author of a new children's book, **"Pirates"** (Atheneum, $19.95), shares some cool pirate facts.

Matthews says has been fascinated by pirates for as long as he can remember. "For me, they represent a kind of freedom," he e-mailed us from London. "However cruel the men (and women) were, on board ship there was a unity and sense of honor we could still learn from."



TALK LIKE A PIRATE

Sept. 19 is Talk Like a Pirate Day, so here are a few words and phrases to get you started.

Ahoy!: Howdy!
Avast!: Stop and give attention.
Aye!: Why, yes, I agree most heartily with everything you just said or did.
Aye aye!: I'll get right on that, sir, as soon as my break is over.
Beauty: The best possible pirate address for a woman. Always preceded by "me."
Bilge rat: The bilge is the lowest level of the ship. It's loaded with slimy, reeking water. A bilge rat is a rat that lives in the worst place on the ship.
Bunghole: Victuals (supplies of food) on a ship were stored in wooden casks. The stopper in the barrel is called the bung, and the hole is called the bunghole.
Grog: An alcoholic drink, usually rum and water.
Hornpipe: Both a single-reeded musical instrument sailors often played aboard ship and a spirited dance that sailors do.
Lubber: This is the seaman's version of land lover.

TRUE OR FALSE

Test your knowledge about pirates:

DID PIRATES USE HOOKS LIKE CAPTAIN HOOK?
Not usually. Few pirates lost a hand. Some of those that did tried to make a hook out of pieces of metal, but it would not stay on the end of their arms very well. Most pirates just went without the use of their hands if they lost them.

DID PIRATES HAVE PEG LEGS?
Sometimes. Pirates often had to have legs amputated if infection set in after they were injured in battle. A pirate might have worn a peg leg, but it was too painful to wear for very long. So most pirates who were missing a leg walked with crutches.

ARE THERE REALLY TREASURE ISLANDS?
Yes. One of the main treasure islands is Padre Island in the Gulf of Mexico, along the south coast of Texas, where some pirates buried their treasures. Sometimes, too, coins wash up on the shore of Padre Island from the Spanish galleons that sank during hurricanes.

DID PIRATES MAKE PEOPLE WALK THE PLANK?
Not likely. Nobody has found a bona fide example of plank-walking from 1680 to 1822.

DID PIRATES WEAR EARRINGS?
Yes. Earrings were popular with other people, too.

WERE ALL PIRATES MALE?
Absolutely not. Famous female pirates include Irish Granuaile O'Malley, who operated in Elizabethan times; Cheng I Sao, who ruled the South China Sea in the early 19th century; Cutlass Liz and Gunpowder Gertie, the Pirate Queen of the Kootenays. Anne Bonny and Mary Read, who dressed like men, sailed the Caribbean from 1719 to 1720.



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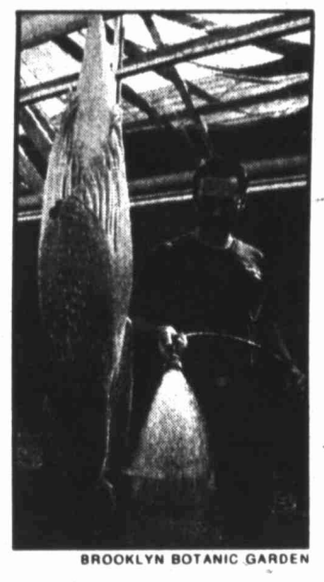
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In The News

Big stinky flower!

TIME For Kids

One of the world's largest flowers bloomed at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden this summer. Thousands came to catch a glimpse of the rare, 5 1/2-foot plant, below. At first, people just noticed the unusual flower's gigantic size.



BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

But once they got a whiff of its scent, the plant's horrible smell made people gag and hold their noses!

Nicknamed "Baby" by the gardeners in Brooklyn, the plant's scientific name is Amorphophallus titanium, or titan arum. Most people call the plant by a much creepier name: corpse flower! When titan arums bloom, the gigantic flowers produce a disgusting odor that resembles a rotting creature.

In the wild, the scent attracts beetles and bees. The titan arum's pollen sticks to the beetles and they fly to other plants, pollinating them. The stench of the titan arum can be so strong that the human nose can smell it over half a mile away!

The titan arum is native to Sumatra, Indonesia. In the past, Indonesians thought the smell was so awful, they believed the plant was carnivorous and would eat them! In 1878, Italian Odoardo Beccari discovered the plant in Sumatra. Soon, botanists were using seedlings from Beccari's discovery and working to cultivate the flower on their own.

One of the seedlings was sent to Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in London, England. In 1889, after 10 years of cultivation, one of the seedlings finally produced a 7-foot flower head. It was the first to bloom in a garden. The species has now flowered in several botanic gardens around the world.

In the wild, illegal poachers threaten the species. But the flower's most serious threat is the rapid destruction of its forest habitat in Indonesia.
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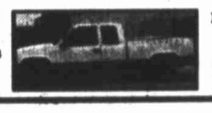
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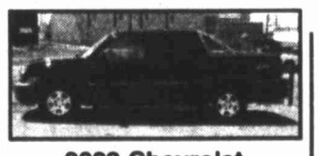
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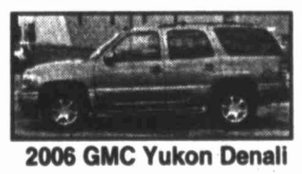
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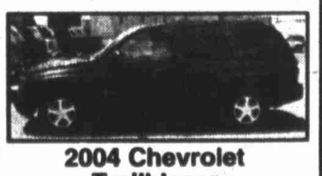
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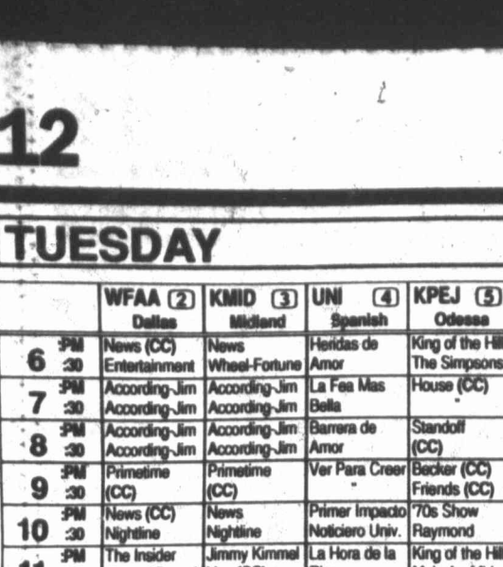
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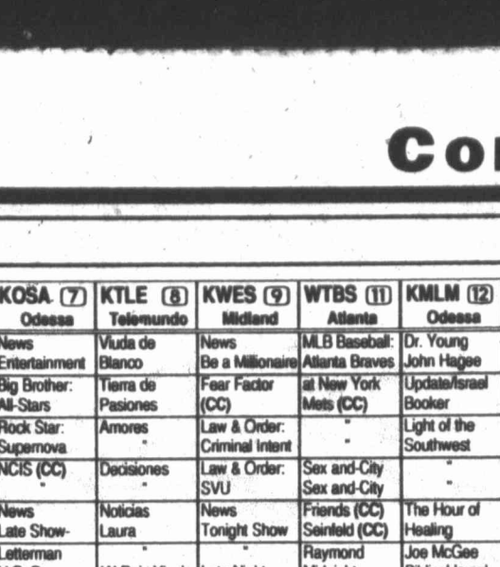
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9	PM :30	Primetime (CC)	Primetime (CC)	Ver Para Creer "	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	NCIS (CC) "	Decisiones "	Law & Order: SVU	Sex and-City Sex and-City	" "	P.O.V. (CC)	"	:45 Movie:	workers 9/11 Metal of	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	"	Life Derek Phil of Future	Baseball Tonight	The Contender "	ECW "
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11	PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman U.S. Open	" !Al Rojo Vivo!	" Late Night-	Raymond Midnight	Joe McGee Biblical Israel	Sign Off "	Dirty Jobs (CC)	" "	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	The Closer (CC)	In Living Color In Living Colr	Phil of Future Kim Possible	The Contender "	Baseball NFL Live	Eureka (CC) "
12	AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Apex Media	Sonadoras "	My Wife-Kids Divorce Court	Late Late Show	" Pagado	Conan O'Brien Paid Program	Money Madness	Update/Israel Booker	" "	Dirty Jobs (CC)	12:15 Movie: The Day the	MXC Blind Date	NYPD Blue (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	Streetball Streetball	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone.

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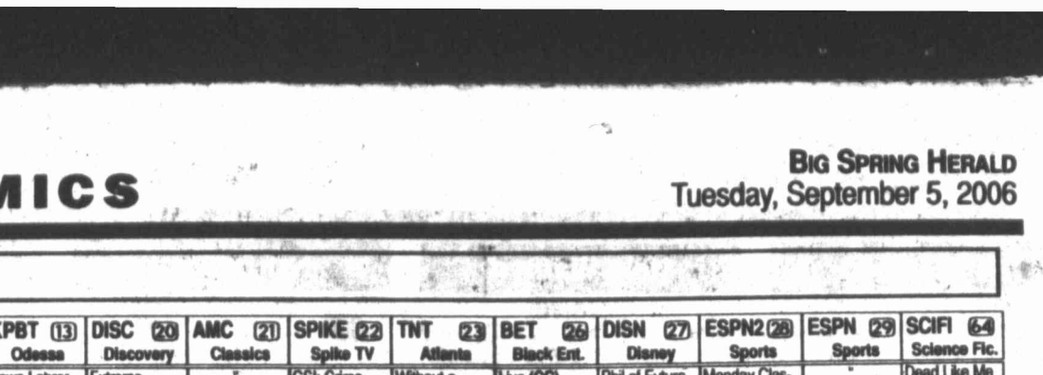
"RUN ALONG HOME, DENNIS. MR. WILSON IS A BIT IRASCIBLE TODAY." "OH, I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST BEIN' GROUCHY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

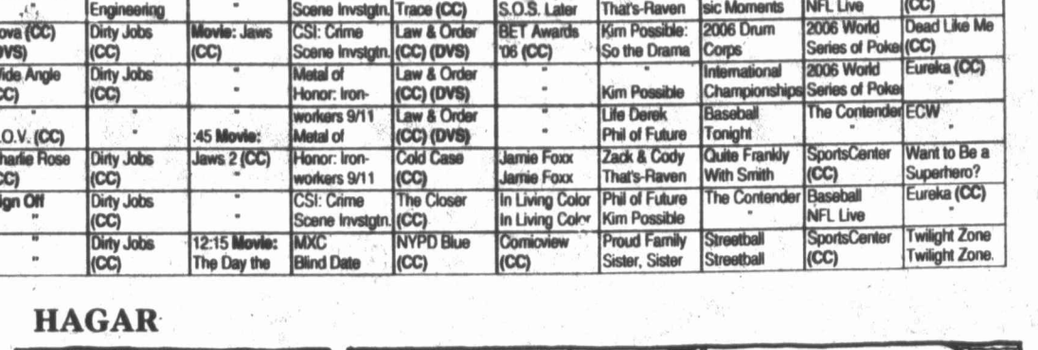


"Cheer up, Mommy! You've still got two of us at home to play with."

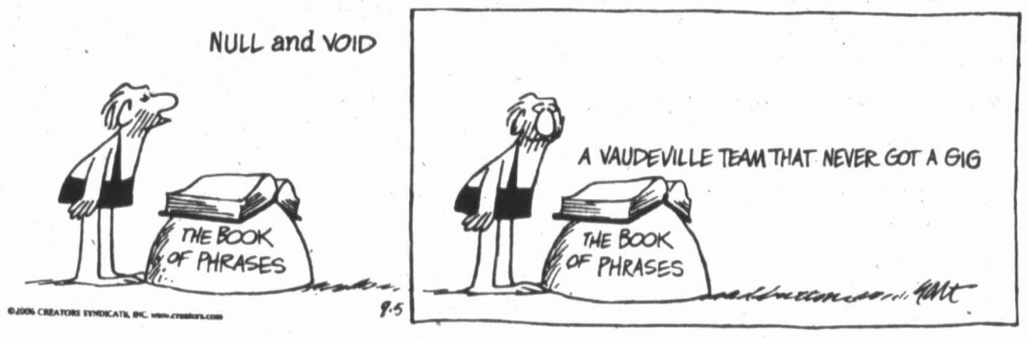
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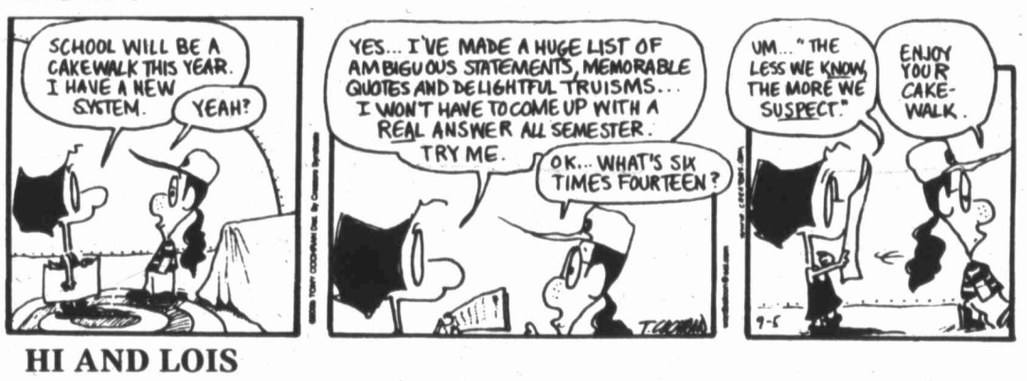
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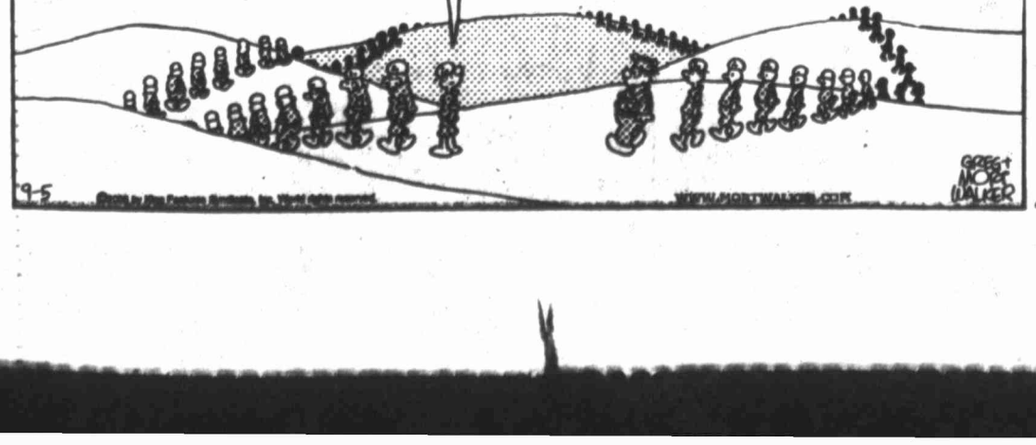
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2006. There are 117 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 5, 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1793, the Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counterrevolutionary activities.

In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1905, the Treaty of Portsmouth, ending the Russo-Japanese War, was signed in New Hampshire.

In 1914, the First Battle of the Marne began during World War I.

In 1939, the United States proclaimed its neutrality in World War II.

In 1945, Japanese-American Iva Toguri D'Aquino, suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason and served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Ford.)

In 1972, Arab guerrillas attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the siege.

In 1975, President Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

In 1986, 21 people were killed and dozens wounded after four hijackers who had seized a Pan Am jumbo jet in Karachi, Pakistan, opened fire when the lights inside the plane failed.

Today's Birthdays: The former president of the Motion Picture Association of America, Jack Valenti, is 85. Former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul A. Volcker is 79. Comedian-actor Bob Newhart is 77. Actor William Devane is 67. Actor George Lazenby is 67. Singer John Stewart is 67. Actress Raquel Welch is 66. Singer Al Stewart is 61. Actor-director Dennis Dugan is 60. Singer Loudon Wainwright III is 60. Drummer Buddy Miles is 60. "Cathy" cartoonist Cathy Guisewite is 56. Actor Michael Keaton is 55. Rock musician Brad Wilk is 38. TV personality Dweezil Zappa is 37. Actress Rose McGowan is 32. Actor Andrew Ducote is 20.

Thought for Today: "Those who foresee the future and recognize it as tragic are often seized by a madness which forces them to commit the very acts which makes it certain that what they dread shall happen." — Dame Rebecca West, Irish author and journalist (1892-1983).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Baseball player's hat
4 Packs of playing cards
9 Leaves of a book
14 *The Sopranos* network
15 Arm of the sea
16 Customary
17 100%
18 Fill with fright
19 Self-assurance
20 Golf gadget
21 Moonshine, slangily
23 Nullifes
25 Escapes in a hurry
26 Rough, as sandpaper
28 The one close by
30 Put up __ (complain)
31 Teddy or grizzly
32 Cellar: Abbr.
36 Farm storage building
37 Hold responsible
38 Suffix for accept
39 Business-envelope abbr.
40 Rowing needs
41 Group of orange trees
42 Quick boxing punches
43 Evolution theorist
44 Jobs for an attorney
47 Muscle
48 Gave new life to
51 That woman
54 Facing the pitcher
55 Rental agreement
56 Wedding vow
57 Irish author Oscar
58 Irate feeling
59 Chinese beverage
60 Cattle-drive beast
61 Christmas carols
62 Conclusion

DOWN

1 Informal conversation
2 Competent
3 Summer Olympics event
4 Don't take seriously
5 Create, as a cryptogram
6 "Santa __ Is Coming to Town"
7 *Show Boat* composer Jerome
8 Proofreader's instruction
9 Ones being taught
10 In unison
11 Museum tour leader
12 Lessens, as a load
13 Whole bunch
22 In flames
24 Actor Welles
26 Home, in Mexico
27 "Think nothing __!"
28 Rips up
29 Bad actors
31 Spill the beans
32 Wilkes-__, PA
33 Friend of the Seven Dwarfs
34 1106, in old Rome
35 Adolescent
37 Toot one's own horn
41 Male geese
42 Clown in a king's court
43 Truck engine
44 Do something satisfactorily
45 Walk slowly
46 Garden tool
47 Performer's platform
48 Parts of a vise
49 Economist Greenspan
50 Nevada city
52 Biblical paradise
53 Hit the __ (leave)

