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Former jailer found guilty

Faces up to two years in state jail for inappropriate sexual contact

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A Howard County District Court Jury took less than an hour Tuesday to find a former Big Spring Police Department jailer guilty of inappropriate sexual contact with a prisoner.

Lawrence Wayne Hein, 44, faces between six months and two years in a Texas prison facility after



Hein

being convicted of the state jail felony.

The seven-man, five-woman jury deliberated for about 40 minutes before returning the verdict.

"I was pleased that the jury saw through the obvious falsehoods and came through with a verdict that I believe provided justice for

the victim," said Hardy L. Wilkerson, Howard County District Attorney.

Trial testimony showed that Hein was a jailer at the Big Spring Police Department when he ordered a female prisoner to take a shower in the early morning hours of July 14, 2006.

The prisoner, who was being

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Man faces murder charge

Arrested in May 31 death of local man found near residence

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A 39-year-old Big Spring man was arrested this week and charged with murder for his alleged part in the May 31 death of a man found in the 900 block of W. Fourth Street.

Steven Glen Hildebrand, 39, of 1300 Wright, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant, and was transferred to the county jail Tuesday on a charge of murder with intent.

Hildebrand is charged with murdering James David Boettcher, 59, of Big Spring, who was found dead near his residence at approximately 11:22 p.m. on May 31, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

"At the time Mr. Boettcher's body was found, his death was ruled a suspicious death," said Everett. "He had suffered trauma to the head and face, but it was unclear at that point

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring police responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Main and 23rd streets Tuesday afternoon. No injuries were reported when a Honda sedan struck a Big Spring ISD school bus.

Residents to see leap in municipal tax rate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Big Spring residents can expect to see a considerable jump in their property taxes in the coming year, as the Big Spring City Council approved its 2007-2008 rate of \$1.02 per \$100 valuation.

The council — Councilwoman Stephanie Horton, who supported the rate on its first reading, was not pre-



Biddison

sent — voted 5-1 in favor of the rate, which is approximately 5 cents over the city's rollback rate of 97.7820 cents.

Councilman Greg Biddison, who voted against the rate during its first reading, was once again the only council

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Lt. Col. Hughes awarded Bronze Star with Valor

By **LANE BOND**

Special to the Herald

Big Spring native Lt. Col. Stephen Hughes (U.S. Army) received a Bronze Star with Valor on Sept. 9, for courage shown in battle in Iraq last January.

Steve is a 1977 Big Spring High School graduate. His parents are Roy and Karen Hughes, now living in North Carolina, both of whom are BSHS graduates. Relatives still living in Big Spring include Jimmy Montgomery, an uncle; Charles Warren, a great-uncle; cousins Ruel Metcalf, Scott Hughes and Paula Hughes; and Wanda Erickson, his great-aunt. Many classmates, schoolmates and other friends live here or stay connected with people here. He is definitely one of us.

The Battle

The battle was fought near Najaf, Iraq, (a holy city to Muslims) located about 90 miles south of Baghdad. On Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, a brigade of the Iraqi Army attacked a

Troop Salute

compound of militants a few miles from Najaf. Finding far more resistance than expected, Col. Saadi, commanding the Iraqi brigade called for air support from the U.S. Air Force, which was soon made available.

The F-16s, A-10s, and Apache SH-64 helicopters needed directions from the ground and Steve Hughes' military transition team (MiTT) went to the area to provide it. A MiTT is an Army unit that lives with and trains Iraqi troops. As it happens, they often fight with them as well.

Steve is now deputy commander of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division.

"At the time I was serving as a MiTT chief," he said, recalling the battle. "I had 11 advisors plus six augmentees. For the battle I think we had a crew of 13 plus one Iraqi interpreter."

The mission priority for

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Council passes resolutions on abortion, no smoking

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A routine agenda item turned into a full-scale debate for the Big Spring City Council Tuesday night, as opposing views on support for a statewide ban on public



Ramirez

smoking and a statewide ban on abortion took center stage.

The city council voted unanimously in favor of submitting a resolu-

tion that would exempt cities below a certain population level from a state law that requires candidates wanting to serve on a civil service board not have been on any other boards or committees for at least three years.

That's where the unanimous decisions in the matter ended.

Two other resolutions — one supporting a statewide ban on smoking in public

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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

Here's a look at the area high school varsity sports' calendar:

FRIDAY

Big Spring football at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan football vs. Irion Co., 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma football at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton football at Anson, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City football vs. Lorenzo, 7:30 p.m.
Grady football vs. Water Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Sands football at Klondike, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Estacado, 2 p.m.
Big Sprng cross country at Lubbock Invitational
Big Spring swimming vs. Abiline High & Abilene Cooper Double Duel at YMCA
Big Spring tennis vs. Lake View, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Lake View, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring tennis vs. Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

OCT. 5

Big Spring football vs. Andrews, Homecoming, 7:30p.m.
Grady football vs. Hermleigh, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan football at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma football vs. Anson, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton football at Hawley, 7:30 p.m.
Sands football at Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

Ragball tourney to benefit Relay for Life

The Lady Steers Softball Field will play host to a ragball tournament benefiting the Relay for Life Friday and Saturday.

Teams must be made up of five girls and five boys. Cost is \$10 a person.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. on Friday. The first game will be played at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Angel at 264-4108.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring football players from junior high to varsity are encouraged to attend and help support the Steers' football program.

Disc golf tourney set for Saturday

The 15th Ever DiscOver Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been set for Sept. 30 at Comanche Trail Park.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. before the tournament. It is limited to the first 90 players and two rounds of 18 holes will be played.

Fees vary from \$15 to \$45 depending on division.

Contact Greg Brooks at (432) 528-5076.

Ex-Cowboy Walls testifies before Congress

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Everson Walls insists he's no hero for giving a kidney to former Dallas Cowboys teammate Ron Springs. Pretty much anyone could have done it.

"It's one thing about being called a hero, you are really put up on a pedestal," the former star cornerback said. "You don't want to put that pedestal up too high, because we want everyone to realize that as long as you have two good kidneys that you can

qualify to become a living organ donor."

Walls appeared Tuesday before a subcommittee of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. He spoke on behalf of an organ donation bill sponsored by the subcommittee's chairman, Rep. William "Lacy" Clay, D-Mo.

Springs also was scheduled to testify, but Walls said he was undergoing rehabilitation.

Clay's bill would give grants to states' organ donor programs

and track the long-term health of people who have donated organs.

The Everson Walls and Ron Springs Gift For Life Act of 2007 also would establish a clearinghouse for states on organ donation. The bill's cost is estimated at about \$10 million.

Clay said 97,000 patients are waiting for organ donation and last year, 6,000 people in the U.S. died while awaiting transplants.

"I am convinced Congress must play a vital role in elevating the issue of organ and tissue dona-

tion to become a national priority," Clay said.

Walls donated his kidney to Springs in March as Springs' health was deteriorating from diabetes. Walls said Springs had known about his failing kidney while in the NFL and had denied it for some years.

The kidney may last 20 years or could only last five, Walls said. But he said the day after Springs got his kidney, his eyes seemed

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Big Spring's Baylea Fox digs crouches for a dig in the Lady Steers' straight sets loss to Frenship's Lady Tigers Tuesday night in Wolfforth. Big Spring hosts Lubbock Estacado in a district match at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Frenship rolls over Lady Steers in straight sets

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — At one point in the second set of the Big Spring Lady Steers' volleyball match against Frenship's Lady Tigers Tuesday night, it appeared that the Lady Steers were starting to click as a team.

After dropping the first set, 25-9, Big Spring started the second game slowly, falling behind 7-1. However, the Lady Steers started to execute their offense and rallied to cut the lead to three points.

Unfortunately, that's as close as the Lady Steers would get as they couldn't remain consistent with their serves. Frenship took control of the set half-way through, winning 25-12.

The Lady Tigers fought back from an early deficit in the third game, winning 25-11 and defeating Big Spring in straight sets.

"Frenship has beaten just about everyone they've played in straight sets," said Lady Steers Head Coach Amanda Whitaker. "I like the way

we competed in the second set. Things started to click and our chemistry was good."

The Lady Steers had some setbacks prior to Tuesday's contest. A stomach virus affected some of the girls and senior Whitney Lewis turned her ankle. The illnesses and injury forced Whitaker to switch up her rotation.

"It's hard to stay consistent offensively when the rotation has to be messed with," Whitaker said. "It was a setback, but we're not going to use it as an

excuse for the loss. We played tough. Frenship is top notch and they have a girl that will be playing Division I in college in a couple of years. We're back to needing to learn how to take advantage of our momentum. Again, it's all a mental thing."

Andrea Claxton led the Lady Steers with seven kills and Callie Partee added five kills. Clarissa Carrisalez dug out 14 balls and Baylea Fox picked up nine digs.

"We did a good job of

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Blalock's home run keys Rangers' 3-1 win over Angels

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — For Mike Scioscia, having his top players healthy for the postseason is more important than finishing with the American League's best record.

"It's an advantage to play on your home field when you're comfortable there," the Los Angeles Angels manager said. "but not at the cost of not having your whole team ready to compete."

Hank Blalock singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning as the Texas Rangers beat Los Angeles 3-1 Tuesday night.

The Angels (92-66) are tightly bunched with AL East-leading Boston (93-64) and AL Central champion Cleveland (92-63), which played later at Seattle.

Vladimir Guerrero rested a right triceps injury, and also

gave Garret Anderson the night off. Kelvim Escobar was supposed to pitch Tuesday night but rested his sore right shoulder. The 17-game winner is expected to start this weekend.

Scioscia said after the game that Guerrero will be the designated hitter for Wednesday's series finale.

Texas, coming off an 8-7 win over the Angels on Monday, trailed 1-0 when Ian Kinsler led off the sixth with his third single of the game. Kinsler advanced on a fielder's choice, took third on Marlon Byrd's infield hit and scored on a balk by Darren Oliver (3-1).

Blalock then lined a fastball to right that scored Byrd for a 2-1 lead. David Murphy added another run-scoring single in the

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MCT photo/Stewart F. House/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers pitcher Jamey Wright (left) is congratulated by catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia after Wright closed the game out with a win against the Los Angeles Angels at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington on Tuesday.

Obituaries

Dylan DeLeon

Dylan DeLeon, 1 month, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 13, 2007 in Big Spring.

He is survived by his mother, Melissa Deanda of Big Spring; one brother, Jakob Ledesma of Big Spring; his grandmother, Adela Deanda of Big Spring; his grandfather, Benjamin Deanda of Midland; his great-grandmother, Oralia Perez of Big Spring; and two aunts, Amanda Deanda and Beverly Deanda, both of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Marty Deanda and Isaac Chavarria.

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

Paid obituary

Jim Grantham



Jim Grantham, 68, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 4, 1939, in Shreveport, La., to Viola and J.T. Grantham. He came to Big Spring in 1946 from Shreveport and was a life time resident of Big Spring. He and his brother, Johnnie, were painting contractors. Jim was later in real estate and property management. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and a charter member and volunteer for Hanger 25. He was also active in the Senior Citizens Center. He married Norma Jean Chapman, March 15, 1973, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Oct. 23, 2002.

He is survived by one brother, Ralph Grantham and his wife, Vickie, of Justin; one step-daughter, Lana Jo Richardson of Buffalo, Mo.; one step-son, Billy Lloyd Arnold of Thomasville, N.C.; two nephews; and several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one brother, Johnnie Grantham.

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

Take Note

• **KIDS KLUB DVD ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** for \$20. Partial proceeds of these DVDs will benefit next summer's Klub program. Supplies are limited. For more information, call 264-1999.

• **THE ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the 14th and Main Church of Christ fellowship room in Big Spring. A barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$11 a plate and includes dessert and a drink. RSVP by calling (432) 213-4452.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** for David English of Snyder, who was recently injured on the job in Big Spring and is in critical condition at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Donations can be made at American State Bank, 1411, S. Gregg St., Big Spring.

• **A BENEFIT DINNER, DANCE AND AUCTION** will be held Oct. 14 at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St. The benefit is to raise funds for B. Michael Brown, who has been diagnosed with cancer and has no insurance. Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the auction will be held at 1 p.m. and a dinner will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 816-5988, 264-8048 or 270-4156.

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Walter R. Little



Walter R. Little, 62, of Big Spring died on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Floyd Green, officiating.

He was born on April 11, 1945, in St. Louis, Mo., and married Sharon Ashbacher on Nov. 25, 1970, in San Antonio.

Walter had served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and the Cuban Missile Crisis. He had worked for the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama since 1978. He was an avid drag racing fan.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Little of Odessa; his daughter, Diane Dalton of Odessa; his mother, Amy Little of San Antonio; two brothers, John W. Little of Austin and Mark Harvey Little of San Antonio; five sisters, Sue White of Hawaii, Phyllis LeBrecht of San Antonio, Sandy Schaefer of Spring Branch, Lydia Ehrlich of San Antonio and Rita Kearney of Louisiana; two grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Harvey Little.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Leukemia Society, 12850 Spurling Drive, Suite 220, Dallas 75230 or to the U.S. Bowling Congress Youth scholarship c/o the Bowl-A-Rama, 3318 East I-20, Big Spring 79720 or a charity of choice.

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

Minnie Clanton Bonner

Minnie Clanton Bonner, 90, of The Woodlands, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at a nursing home in The Woodlands. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Cecil Suttles

Cecil Suttles, 95, of Mesquite, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

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

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

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

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Support Groups

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

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TODAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- **ASHLEE ANN BINGAM**, 27, of 4048 Vickie, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant and a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **THOMAS LEWIS EASON**, 31, address not provided, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AMBER MICHELLE BROWN**, 21, of 1406 Young, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of Dixie.
 - in the 1400 block of U.S. Highway 87.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CATHERINE MAYBERRY**, 37, owas arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.
- **STEVEN GLEN HILDEBRAND**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of murder with intent.
- **ASHLEE BINGHAM WHITE**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced and theft of service.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Brian Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Courtney Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

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digging out the ball, but we didn't pass well," Whitaker said. "We knew this was going to be a tough game. We watched film on Frenship and knew that they were a very good team. We looked good when we ran our offense, but we might have been a little intimidated."

Big Spring (3-26, 0-2)

plays its third district match against Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

Notes: Frenship made a clean sweep of the Lady Steers Tuesday with Big Spring's freshman and junior varsity teams also falling in straight sets. Freshman Head Coach John Sparks said his team needs to continue getting mentally tougher as they lost, 25-14, 25-19, to

the Lady Tigers.

The junior varsity was dropped 25-12, 25-21. Lindsey Salina and Hayley Studeville drew praise from the coaching staff.

The Big Spring Lady Steers' junior high teams lost three of four matches to Greenwood.

The 7th-grade B team was the only victorious squad, winning 25-12, 25-23.

Allie Hilger was top server and Taylor Johnson played great defense.

The A team lost in 3 games, 15-25, 25-23, 26-24. Playing well was Hayley Dimijidian and Paige Knowlton. Carson Reibe scored five points at the net.

Both 8th-grade teams dropped their matches. Playing well for the B team was Bianca Hilario and Rebecca Loya.

Mai Gomez had a great game serving for the A team.

RANGERS

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sixth.

"Trying to get a fastball by Hank is like trying to sneak cheese past a rat," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

Jamey Wright (4-5) pitched four scoreless innings in relief of Texas starter A.J. Murray to earn the victory.

Erick Aybar homered in the fifth for the Angels. It was his first in 223 career at-bats and stopped an 18 at-bat hitless streak.

Dustin Moseley threw four shutout innings in place of Escobar. He gave up four hits and struck out three in his first start since Aug. 20.

"He mixed his change and breaking balls," Scioscia said. "He pitched a terrific game."

The Rangers' Michael Young was 0-for-3 and remained three hits shy of his fifth consecutive 200-hit season. The only players with five 200-hit seasons in a row since 1940 are Wade Boggs and Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who each did it for seven straight years.

Murray yielded five hits over five innings in his first career start, struck out four and walked one.

"I was a little nervous facing the Angels," said Murray, who has made 12 appearances out of the bullpen this season. "I settled down as the game went on, and I made some good pitches."

Notes: Aybar's home run was just his seventh extra-base hit of the season. He has five doubles and one triple. ... The Rangers, last in the AL West most of the season, moved within a game of

third-place Oakland.

Indians 4, Mariners 3, 12 innings

The Cleveland Indians are not about to ease up even though they clinched the AL Central title Sunday for the first time since 2001. They still have something to accomplish.

The Indians, who blew a two-run lead in the ninth, recovered in the 12th inning for a 4-3 victory over Seattle on Tuesday night. After a wild pickoff attempt set up the go-ahead run, Kenny Lofton drove in Asdrubal Cabrera with a sacrifice fly and Rafael Betancourt pitched the 12th for his third save.

Cleveland (93-63) is just ahead of AL East-leading Boston (93-64) and AL West champion Los Angeles (92-66) for the best record in baseball.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Maximizing Your Chances

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NORTH
♦ A Q 6 5
♥ 9 6 2
♦ K 8
♠ A K J 4

WEST
♠ J 7 4
♥ K Q 10 7 3
♦ 6
♠ 10 9 7 2

EAST
♠ K 10 9 3
♥ A J 8 4
♦ 10 3 2
♠ Q 5

SOUTH
♠ 8 2
♥ 5
♦ A Q 1 9 7 5 4
♠ 8 6 3

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 3 ♦ Pass 5 ♦
Opening lead — king of hearts.

When declarer is in a suit contract, his first order of business is to count his losers. Assuming he finds there are more losers than he can afford, his next task is to formulate a line of play that offers the best chance of eliminating the excess loser (or losers).

Consider this deal where, after ruffing the second heart lead, declarer saw he might lose a spade and a club and go down one if the finesses in both black suits failed. South correctly decided he would attack clubs first, since even if the

finesse lost, dummy's fourth club would allow him to discard his spade loser if the missing clubs were divided 3-3. Finessing spades first did not offer the same advantage.

Accordingly, he led a diamond to the king at trick three, then cashed the club ace (to guard against a singleton queen) and drew two more rounds of trumps, West discarding two hearts. A club was next led to the jack, losing to East's queen. Declarer ruffed the heart return, but after the clubs failed to divide evenly, he tried the spade finesse and finished down one.

The outcome was admittedly unlucky, but a purist might say that South got what he deserved, since a better line of play was available. The flaw was in declarer's handling of the clubs. While his approach would have succeeded had West held the club queen or East the Q-x-x, it made no provision for the Q-x doubleton with East.

To cater to this possibility, South should have drawn trumps and then cashed the A-K of clubs. If the queen did not appear, declarer could ruff a heart and lead a club toward the jack.

By playing this way, he would assure the contract in all cases where West held the queen, and would also succeed whenever East started with the singleton, doubleton or tripleton queen of clubs.

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UAW, GM tentatively OK new contract

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp. tentatively agreed Wednesday to a contract that ends a two-day strike — the first nationwide walk-out against the automaker in 37 years — and puts responsibility for retirees' health care into the union's hands.

Union members were told to begin reporting to work Wednesday. UAW officials said they hoped to begin talks with Ford and Chrysler even before GM workers vote on ratifying the pact.

News of the settlement sent GM shares more than 4 percent higher in morning trading Wednesday as Wall Street interpreted the deal as a win for the automaker.

GM and the UAW confirmed that the deal creates a GM-funded, UAW-run trust to administer retiree health care. The two sides gave no other details, but two people briefed on the contract told The Associated Press that it also would give workers bonuses and lump-sum payments and would pay some newly hired workers at lower rates.

The people requested anonymity because the details of the contract haven't been released publicly, including whatever concessions GM may have made over job security, which was the reason the UAW gave for walking off the job.

HUGHES

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MITT 0810 suddenly changed when they saw that an Apache AH-64 had been shot down. MITT 0810 immediately undertook to secure the area around the downed helicopter. Heavy rifle and machine-gun ground fire greeted them when they reached the site and at least one rocket propelled grenade was launched at them. In the face of the savage attack they removed the bodies of two soldiers killed in the crash and secured the area.

"Securing the area" required a heated battle that lasted three hours before reinforcements came. The medals were awarded for courage during that part of the battle. An Iraqi Army press release listed 263 militants dead, 210 wounded and 392 others arrested in the entire battle, which lasted 12 hours. At least 11 Iraqi troops were killed along with the two U.S. soldiers whose helicopter was shot down during the battle. Some 30 Iraqi troops were wounded.

The battle was between the Iraqi brigade and a group living in a compound a few miles from Najaf who call themselves the Soldiers of Heaven. Approximately 1,000 militants were in the group, which was far more than expected.

They are a "messianic" group. Their leader Abu Kamar claimed to be the Mahdi, which would be like the Messiah to Christians. They expected a major religious event to occur within days of the battle that, for Christians, would be equal to the return of Christ to earth.

Two days after this bat-

tle was the holiday Ashura, an annual event in which thousands of pilgrims gather in Najaf to remember the murder of a grandson of Mohammed. The Soldiers of Heaven are believed to have planned mass murder and mayhem among the pilgrims. This battle was staged to prevent that from happening.

The Soldiers of Heaven were surprisingly well armed. It was learned that a militia of Saddam Hussein had abandoned their base near Najaf after the United States attacked Iraq in 2003. This group had taken the massive stockpile of guns, rockets and related equipment for its own use.

The Awards

A Bronze Star for Valor, was awarded to Hughes. It is the fourth highest award given by the Army in cases where courageous action is the reason for the award. The Silver Star, which was awarded Master Sgt. Ballard, is the third highest. Second highest is the Distinguished Service Cross, and of course the highest is the Medal of Honor. The entire 12-man team was awarded Army Commendation medals for valor. Operations Officer Maj. John Reed received the Bronze Star without the V for valor.

Personal information

The 4th Brigade Combat Team, was created in June 2005, and consists of approximately 3,500 paratroopers. Col. Mike Garrett is commander. They were deployed to Iraq in October 2006 and were scheduled to come home at the end of October 2007, but have been extended until December 2007.

When Steve returns "home" (hopefully in time for Christmas), it will be to Fort Richardson, Alaska, which is the home base for the brigade. His wife, Rosanne, lives there now. She is an advertising copywriter in Anchorage. The couple met and married in Washington, D.C. on June 16, 2001, while Steve was attached to the Pentagon, and Rosanne was press secretary for Sen. Mike Dewine of Ohio.

If Steve is to be believed, she is an incredibly wonderful person.

Steve went to Iraq after spending a year in Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, he was on a general's staff, but in Iraq, he has been able to spend the majority of his deployment doing what he considers real soldiering, working with the troops much of the time.

His mother, Karen, says Steve has loved the military since he was a child and wanted all of his life to be a soldier. "We are very proud of him and he is doing just what he has wanted to do in his whole life. His heart has always been that of an Army warrior."

Shirley Warren told me Steve has always shown the best of character. He is hard working, well organized and a good leader. She said, "The men he leads are fortunate to have him. He is the best there is."

Karen's brother is Jimmy Montgomery, who lives in Big Spring with his wife Marylon. He has a similar high opinion of Steve.

Classmate Tommy Churchwell of Big Spring said he went to school with Steve since the second grade. "Steve is a

great American professional, a Christian and has always shown great leadership in his profession, but also among his friends. He has influenced me greatly. He has always lived a structured life. I am not surprised at his dedication to the his country and his God."

Their Class of 1977 celebrated a 30-year reunion in August (without Steve, of course).

Janice Rosson Bond was the den mother of Steve's Cub Scout group when he attended Kentwood Elementary School. She recalls what a good Cub Scout he was, although he remembers pranks they used to pull.

Later she was a guidance counselor while Steve attended Big Spring High School. Like others, she also has memories of what an outstanding student leader and athlete he was. She remembers encouraging him in his desire to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1981.

Three chances to die

Steve has used up three of his nine lives, counting this firefight. In 1986 he was seriously injured in a car wreck on the Autobahn in Germany and was months in recovery.

Last spring his armored Humvee drove past an improvised explosive device that was ignited by Iraqis in hiding beside the road. They were able

to drive the Humvee ahead 100 yards to get away from rifle fire, but stopped because the vehicle was burning and their own ammunition was beginning to explode. Steve's door was jammed by the blast. It looked bad for a while, but the others pulled him out the roof through the opening for the machine-gun turret and he escaped unscathed from that near-death experience. Three other occupants, who exited the vehicle before he did, received purple hearts for wounds received in the blast, although the injuries were not extremely serious. A fifth occupant escaped uninjured.

Do you have a story about your own family members in the military? For submissions or more information, email Lane Bond (lane@bondwebs.com), call him (432-263-4033), or visit his website (www.bondwebs.com) to learn more about Big Spring. Please leave your phone number or include it in your email or letter.

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Dylan DeLeon, 1 month, died Saturday. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Jim Grantham, 68, died Monday. Graveside Services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:30 Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

MURDER

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if he had fallen."

Boettcher was declared dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman at approximately 12:40 a.m.

Everett said Hildebrand's arrest is the result of investigative police work that has been ongoing since the body

was discovered.

"We felt like there was something there from the beginning," said Everett. "However, we were unable to release information on the investigation for fear of scaring away alleged witnesses and sus-

pects."

Hildebrand is currently being held at the Howard County Jail, with bond set at \$100,000.

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GUILTY

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held on misdemeanor warrants from Menard, testified that Hein approached her as she was in the shower, then engaged in sexual contact, including putting his mouth on her breasts.

A technician with the Department of Public Safety lab in Lubbock then testified that DNA material recovered from the victim and crime scene matched that of the defendant.

The two sides will return to court today to argue punishment before District Judge Robert H. Moore III. Aside from the possible state jail term, Hein also could be fined up to \$10,000. As a first-time felon, he is eligible for probation.

Wilkerson said his office is discussing bringing additional charges against the ex-jailer.

"I'm not at liberty at this time to say what those charges might be," Wilkerson said. "But after hearing his testimony, it opens up the possibility of more serious charges being brought against the defendant, and we're going to consider it very seriously."

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Best defense? Not in the case of some Big 12 teams

The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Get meaner and nastier.

That was the message Texas Tech coach Mike Leach had for his defense after the Red Raiders' 49-45 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

"The defense can't sit there and pout," Leach said. "They need work on having a burning desire to be tougher than the guy across from them."

The Red Raiders will have to do that with a new defensive coordinator after Lyle Setencich stepped down Sunday, citing personal reasons.

Leach named assistant head coach Ruffin McNeill as the interim defensive coordinator.

There were plenty of coaches around the Big 12 with stern words for their defenses after Week 4. Iowa State surrendered

36 as the Cyclones were beaten by Toledo.

Texas A&M was torched for 34 points in a loss to Miami, knocking the Aggies out of the poll.

No. 25 Nebraska gave up 40 points in a narrow win at home against Ball State.

"It's obvious that we have to amend some things," said Nebraska coach Bill Callahan, whose defense gave up 610 yards of total offense to the Cardinals, the fourth-most ever against the Cornhuskers. "But overall our defense made some plays at the end to win this football game."

The Cornhuskers gave up 49 points to top-ranked USC the week before. However, Callahan isn't fretting about his defense.

"I think it was a completely different game than it was last

game," Callahan said.

There were some standout defensive performances as well. Colorado limited Miami (Ohio) to 139 yards of total offense and six first downs in a 42-0 rout. It was the first time since 1993 the RedHawks have been shut out.

Kansas kept things rolling with a 55-3 win over Florida International, running its record to 4-0 for just the second time in 26 years. The Jayhawks have outscored their four opponents — Toledo, Central Michigan, Southeastern Louisiana and Florida International — by a 214-23 margin.

And they won't make apologies for their rather easy schedule. The combined record of those four foes is 3-13.

The third-ranked Oklahoma Sooners turned in a businesslike performance in a 62-21

win over Tulsa, rolling up 553 yards of total offense.

Tulsa may have been the Sooners' sternest exam so far this season. Oklahoma had given up just 26 combined points in its three previous games.

The seventh-ranked Texas Longhorns had little difficulty with Rice, winning 58-14, and No. 20 Missouri breezed past Illinois State, 38-17. Baylor also beat Buffalo, 34-21, running the Big 12's record for the week to 8-3, with Kansas State having a bye.

Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said the Tigers still had work to do, despite racking up 581 total yards on offense.

"I don't think we've come close to playing our best game yet, and that's good," Pinkel said.

Red Raiders quarterback

Graham Harrell found it hard to believe the offense scored 45 points and still lost.

"It's always frustrating when you fail," said Harrell, who threw for a career-best 646 yards passing. "We definitely thought we could have won the game, and we let it slip away."

Actually, it bounded away, off the hands of Michael Crabtree, the nation's leader in receptions. Crabtree let a 15-yard pass hit off him and fall to the ground with 11 seconds remaining.

Leach said he didn't try to console Crabtree after the game.

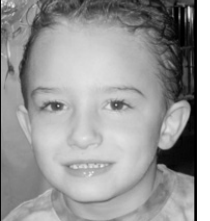
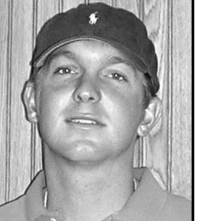
"We don't have time to pout," he said. "I'm not putting up with pouters. We've got to fix it and become the best team that we can and play a full 60 minutes."

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Pigskin Picks Entry Form
Team
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8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored
Green Bay at Minnesota
Total Points _____

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Rules: Find this week's games in the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choice. The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50. You must be 18 to enter. Only official entry forms accepted. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. Guess the winner and the combined scores for the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees and families of employees of *The Big Spring Herald* are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. Winners will be announced in the *Big Spring Herald* the Tuesday following the games.

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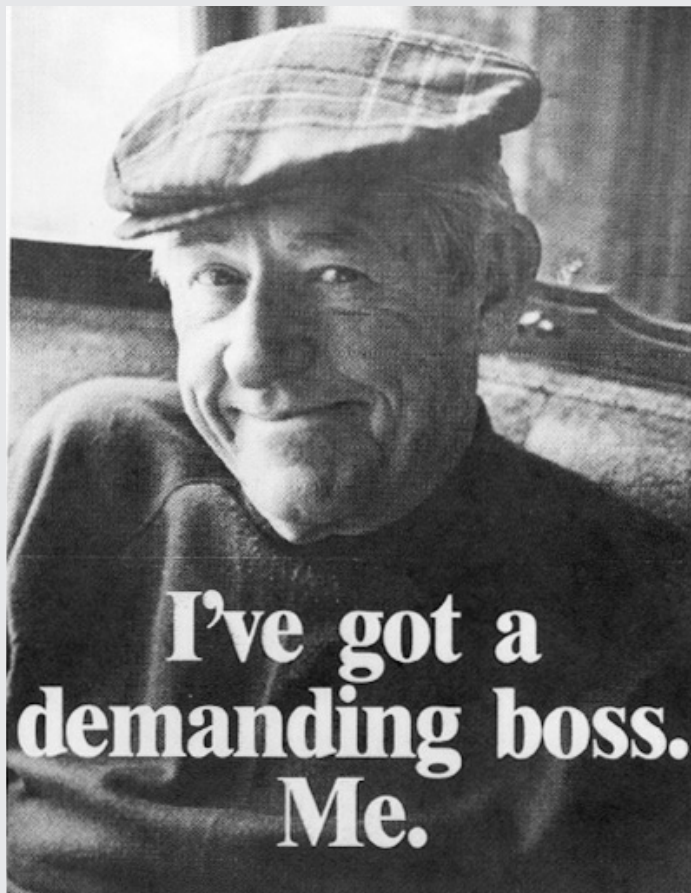
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Today's Aries full moon arrives true to Aries form — early. It rises a whole

20 minutes earlier than the typical moonrise! It's the first full moon of autumn, the harvest moon. This extra moonlight gave our farmer ancestors a few more minutes by which to harvest their crops. Use the extra moonlight to meet the demands on your energy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know the rules of gracious etiquette. If people are going out of their way to accommodate you, then reciprocity is expected. Make big or at least grand gestures of generosity to your benefactors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a day for looking around at all you've accomplished. Not a bad job — not a bad job at all. Evening is for enjoying the stability, laughter and warmth you've created for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you find yourself staring out a window, daydreaming of your future life, the time is not lost but well invested. You're working on an idea. It's still deep in the pit of your being, sprouting tiny roots even as you read this.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's something you're missing, something you're forgetting. Turns out, it's not such a small detail but a rather important responsibility. Give your attention to the obvious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you hit a sticky

patch, your first reaction, of course, is to run. For brief moments, you fantasize about being somewhere — anywhere — else. But the key to your escape is in working out the problem as soon as it arises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pablo Picasso said that art is the elimination of the unnecessary. You are the artist of your life as you rid yourself of dead weight and clutter. By tonight, you'll be feeling lighter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This is not a status quo kind of day — unless, of course, you're determined to settle for it. Challenge yourself. What would make you want to sing praises or shout triumphantly?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a charming enfant terrible and an indispensable addition to your group. If not for you, everyone would die of boredom. When you're accused of being a troublemaker, grin and say, "That's me."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). Big responsibilities are featured, and so is the fear of doing it all wrong — it's a healthy fear, though, and one that will keep you honest. There are plenty of people you can ask for help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make a big to-do over a trifling matter. Sure, you're blowing things out of proportion. But your sense of proportion just isn't like other people's. That doesn't make it wrong, just personalized.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Who needs a map or a tour guide? You're a private adventurer today, off on a seemingly purposeless but ultimately rewarding journey. Trust your own sense of direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The experiences of your life are written in the lines of your face. There's no way to hide, so you may as well celebrate what you've been through. In doing so, you invite others to do the same.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Last year, "Karen" and I became very good friends during a summer theatre production. We had much in common and remained close the entire year.

This summer, we both received speaking parts, and though they are equal roles, Karen seems to be doing whatever she can to pull herself ahead of me. At first, I thought she was just excited and I accepted her bragging. But she never stopped. If I was given a direction to do something, she would quickly remind me of everything she was doing and how insignificant my role was. If she had a scene I wasn't in, she expected me to congratulate her. But if I was in the scene, she either ignored me or reminded me that her part is better.

Summer is over, but things aren't the same. If I tell her how I feel, she will instantly take offense and deny it, and our friendship would be over. I'm about ready for that, except I remember what a great friend I used to have. Should I give up, or is there some way to regain our bond? — Holding my Breath in Baltimore

Dear Baltimore: Karen may like you, but you also are her rival, and she's ambitious enough to step over you to get what she wants. Only you can decide if that's a trait you are willing to tolerate in a friend. If you still think she's worth it, we strongly recommend you connect with her outside of those activities where you might be competing against each other.

Dear Annie: Shortly after my husband and I had a baby, my mother and I had a falling out. After a couple of years of not speaking, we reconciled. We are not close, but we stay in touch. However, her longtime boyfriend still won't speak to me or my husband.

Here's the problem: My husband's father passed away just before we met. All of the other grandchildren called him "Pop-Pop" and still refer to him that way. My mother has just told our son to call her boyfriend "Pop-Pop." It upsets my husband because this is his father's name, and it makes me angry because my mother's boyfriend is not my child's grandfather and hasn't even spoken to me for two years.

My mother is notorious

for acting juvenile when she doesn't get her way. I'd rather not have another nasty argument, so how should I handle this? — Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck: Your son spends more time with you than with your mother. If you tell him, "Grandma and 'Joe' this, and Grandma and 'Joe' that," your son will connect the name with your mother's boyfriend and her preferences are less likely to stick. Not to mention, kids tend to find their own nicknames for relatives, and maybe your son will call the guy "Poop-Poop" and solve the problem for you.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Almost Having It All in New York." Have you lost your minds? You have printed hundreds of letters from men complaining that their wives don't want sex and you never suggest that the wife might be "asexual, gay or having a series of affairs." Yet, when a woman complains of the same thing in her spouse, you question his sexuality. What happened to seeking medical attention, as you suggest for women with this problem?

Perhaps he has a hormonal, vascular or neurological disorder. Or maybe, dare I suggest, he just doesn't like sex. I hear (from your column) that lots of women are that way. So why not a man, too? — Completely Dumbfounded in Florida

Dear Florida: If a man told us his 40-something wife has never wanted affection, let alone sex, and that she frequently goes to business seminars that he is "not allowed to attend," we would think exactly the same thing — that she's hiding something about her sexual needs. But you're right. On the off-chance that it's a medical problem, it is a good idea for him to be checked. Thanks for suggesting it.



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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Don't forget your tickets for annual AgExpo, Luncheon

The importance agriculture plays in the Crossroads Area's economy will become visibly clear next week when several hundred local farmers and ranchers attend the annual West Texas Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Slated to begin Thursday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m., the exposition will again feature numerous exhibits designed to be of interest to agribusinesses not only in Howard County, but producers in Glasscock, Martin, Scurry and Borden counties as well.

There will, however, be a difference this year. Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said organizers learned how important to local producers the classes traditionally held during the event were, so they'll be back on the schedule this year.

Crop tours are expected to take place between 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., according to ValVerde, along with a number of demonstrations covering such topics as drip irrigation, sorghum and cotton variety tests.

Perhaps more importantly, however, the day's activities will include the Ag Appreciation Luncheon set for noon. State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and State Rep. Joe Hefflin, D-Crosbyton, will be the event's keynote speakers.

The luncheon is not only a forum for recognizing the county's producer of the year and agribusiness of the year, but an opportunity for us to show appreciation to the area's farmers and ranchers for doing business in our community.

While local businesses have traditionally been at the forefront of this recognition effort, each of us should recognize that the area's farmers and ranchers play a much more important role than just spending their money with local firms.

Every one of us, regardless of our chosen profession, benefits from the work of farmers and ranchers.

These producers are, after all, the people we depend on to grow our food and produce the fibers that clothe us.

Every bite of food we eat and virtually every piece of clothing we wear can be attributed to the efforts of farmers and ranchers, and that's something each of us should remember — not only next Thursday, but each and every day.

But we do have an opportunity Thursday to make it very clear that we do recognize the importance in our lives.

Tickets for the luncheon, which will be catered by Al and Son's Barbecue, are priced at \$10 each but will not be available at the door, so you'll need to get your tickets no later than Tuesday. Area farmers and ranchers can pick up their free tickets at the Chamber office as well.

We hope to see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we take Your advice, Lord, it's free.

Amen

Instilling fear of reporting crimes

For years, there have been numerous warnings of what potentially could happen. If you deputize state and local cops to enforce federal immigration laws, we were told, illegal immigrants would stop reporting crimes.

Those warnings came not only from immigrant rights activists, but from law enforcement authorities, who have been working to build a relationship of trust with the immigrant community.

All over the country, police officials have expressed concern about driving illegal immigrants further underground.

They say they would rather hear about serious crimes than catch illegal immigrants who are otherwise not criminals.

Unfortunately, that trust has been broken now.

As more states and municipalities take federal laws into their own hands, more illegal immigrants will be reluctant to come out of the shadows, even when their silence jeopardizes the public safety of all Americans.

Can we really blame them for not reporting serious crimes when calling authorities may result in their deportation? As these immigrants hear of more cases of the high price of performing a civic duty, they are likely to let criminals run wild, fires burn and even medical emergencies go unattended.

The ultimate example of how that relationship of cooperation between illegal immigrants and police has been broken occurred in Newark, N.J., this month. That's where a freelance photographer was questioned about his immigration status after reporting to police that he had found a woman's body in a plastic bag.

Instead of expressions of gratitude for leading cops to the scene

of a murder, Brazilian photojournalist Geraldo Carlos was asked whether he had a green card.

Carlos reportedly was taking pictures of a garbage-strewn alley for a newspaper story about illegal dumping when he discovered the corpse. He called Roberto Lima, an editor at the Brazilian Voice newspaper, and together they went to the nearby Newark police station to report the crime. Yet instead of inquiries about his discovery, one of the first questions Carlos was asked was about his own legal status.

The two journalists told The Star-Ledger of Newark that they were shocked when police Deputy Chief Samuel Demaio posed questions that were out of line.

"Do you have a green card?" Demaio reportedly asked Carlos. "Are you here legally?"

When Carlos admitted that his visa had expired, the cops confiscated his camera and demanded that the newspaper turn over all the photos he had taken.

And when Lima objected during a second trip to the police station, he was handcuffed to a bench and detained briefly. Lima is a naturalized U.S. citizen.

The incident has sent shock waves through New Jersey's immigrant community, where many already were expressing concern about a new directive by the New Jersey attorney general ordering police to inquire about the immigration status of anyone arrested for a serious crime.

Although that directive, issued in August, prohibits cops from questioning the immigration status of crime victims or witnesses such as Carlos, immigrant rights activists had warned it was vague and could lead to abuse by police.

Bingo! That's exactly what has happened!

While the directive was justified — it came after an illegal immigrant with a criminal record was charged in the murder of three college students in Newark — the American Civil Liberties Union and the Latino Leadership

Alliance of New Jersey had pleaded for clarification of the new guidelines. They felt that law enforcement authorities needed to be told in no uncertain terms that the directive did not apply to victims or witnesses of crimes.

Yet Carlos' story is now making illegal immigrants fearful of reporting crimes, not only in Newark's large Brazilian community, but throughout New Jersey. And there are similar cases causing widespread panic across the nation.

While those who seek strict immigration enforcement keep criticizing cities that refuse to have their cops enforce immigration laws, and while some Republican presidential candidates keep blasting Rudy Giuliani for going only after illegal immigrant criminals when he was the mayor of New York, here's proof that such policies are right.

"After what happened to me — a well-known person, 19 years in the community — no Brazilian in this area will call police to report a crime," Lima told The Star-Ledger. "Even if they see Osama bin Laden himself, they will not call police."

The Star-Ledger reported that Carlos is not only afraid of calling police, but fearful that immigration agents may come knocking on his door.

Ironically, this is not the first time Carlos has helped police in solving crimes.

In 2001, Newark police gave him a "Citizens Award" for photographing street criminals. For helping police with photos that resulted in the arrests of 35 crime suspects, he was given a plaque, which notes, "Your untiring efforts have resulted in an improvement in the quality of life for all members of the community."

That's the same quality of life that many cops are now being asked to destroy.

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Simplifying complexities of Iraq

You have questions about the war in Iraq? I have answers.

These:
Q. Is the surge working or not?
A. Yes and no. When we flood an area with troops, things get a lot quieter. When we leave, those fun-loving Iraqis start: 1) Beheading each other and 2) Blowing each other up. There is no evidence that the surge has or will have a lasting effect.

Q. You don't think the national government will ever be able to get control of the country, then?

A. Before you have a national government, you need a nation. Iraq ain't.

Q. What about the documented successes in Anbar province, where tribal leaders have joined American forces in driving out elements of al Qaeda?

A. That's been a good thing, but don't expect to repeat it elsewhere. Anbar is a largely Sunni area and tribal leaders made common cause with the United States because al Qaeda was being positively beastly to them. That doesn't mean they love us or will ever be able to get a square deal from the Shia-dominated central (ha-ha) government.

Q. Is the partitioning of Iraq into Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish sectors the answer then?

A. It's an answer; whether it's the right answer remains to be seen. A partitioned Iraq doesn't

address questions of equal access to oil revenues, areas like Baghdad that can't be neatly partitioned or the specter of a civil war that could draw in Syria, Iran and Turkey, among others. (Even Saudi Arabia has promised to come to the aid of Iraqi Sunnis if they are mistreated, although the next war Saudi Arabia shows up for will be the first). If you want a religious war to engulf the Middle East, partition might be the way to go.

Q. If things are as bad as you say, why did General David Petraeus, our commander in Iraq, agree to withdraw the 30,000 surge troops by next summer?

A. He had no choice. Our army is close to being broken. It cannot sustain the surge any longer than next summer, no matter what the situation. In addition, the public clamor for withdrawal was growing daily and Gen. Petraeus had to make it seem as though President Bush's Iraq strategy had a chance to succeed.

Q. Are you suggesting that Gen. Petraeus is a political general, one who crafts his military advice to fit the president's wishes?

A. Heavens to Betsy, no. The man is a saint, a regular George Washington. He would never let politics influence his advice on the war. I would point out, however, that generals who give President Bush advice that contradicts his fantasy life — Shinseki, Abizaid, others — are soon colored gone.

Q. What about the Pottery Barn theory — "If you break it, you own

it?" Don't we have an obligation to the Iraqi people to bring some semblance of order and justice into their lives?

A. Yes, we do and in areas where we've gotten the cooperation of the population, we've done pretty well by them. But we haven't been able to keep Iraqis from killing each other in much of the rest of the country. Nor do we know how to do it now. We have an obligation to the Iraqis but we also have one to the thousands of American troops we're sacrificing to this futile exercise and to their families.

Q. What's the best course of action, then?

A. The difficult truth is that there is no best course; all courses are bad. Certainly, an endless occupation doesn't seem to be the answer. Abandoning the Iraqis to genocidal warfare is hardly more appealing. The name of the game being played in Washington right now is a contest between Republicans and Democrats to avoid blame when we leave and things go to hell. And they will, no matter when we leave.

Q. What ever happened to the Coalition of the Willing?

A. It went Missing in Action as soon as they started using real bullets.

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I must warn you of an important fact: Do not review cookbooks just before lunch or if you had a skimpy breakfast!

Also, do not read them just before bed time. A neat little book has come in, combining both luscious recipes and etiquette tips for funerals. "Being Dead Is No Excuse: The Official Southern Ladies Guide to Hosting the Perfect Funeral" (641.597 MET G) by Gayden Metcalf and Charlotte Hays. Granted, death is no laughing matter, but Southern funerals definitely can be. If food is grief therapy, then this book has it all. It is funny with memorable characters and a whole lot of recipes — some I recognized and some I can't wait to try out. Although I'm not from Mississippi, the Delta part or otherwise, some of it was very familiar. I laughed so hard I thought I would never stop over Chapter 2, "The Methodist Ladies vs. the Episcopal Ladies" — although in other areas it might be Methodists vs. Baptists. It seems that when people die we all rise to the occasion — some try to rise further than others — with the best and occasionally the worst coming out in everyone. This is a lighted-hearted, easy-to-read book I think nearly everyone would enjoy.

Other cookbooks just in: "The Best of Waffles & Pancakes" (641.815 STA J); "The Complete Thanksgiving Cookbook" (641.568 CRO B) from Betty Crocker; "Seasonal Southwest Cooking" (641.597 FEBN B); "On Top of Spaghetti...Macaroni, Linguine..." (641.822 KIL J) and "Bite Size: Elegant Recipes for Entertaining" (641.812 PAY F) by Francois Payard.

If you are more of a Nosey Parker, then biographies might be the ticket. I am always curious about how "famous" people live. You can get a perspective of sorts when reading a biography.



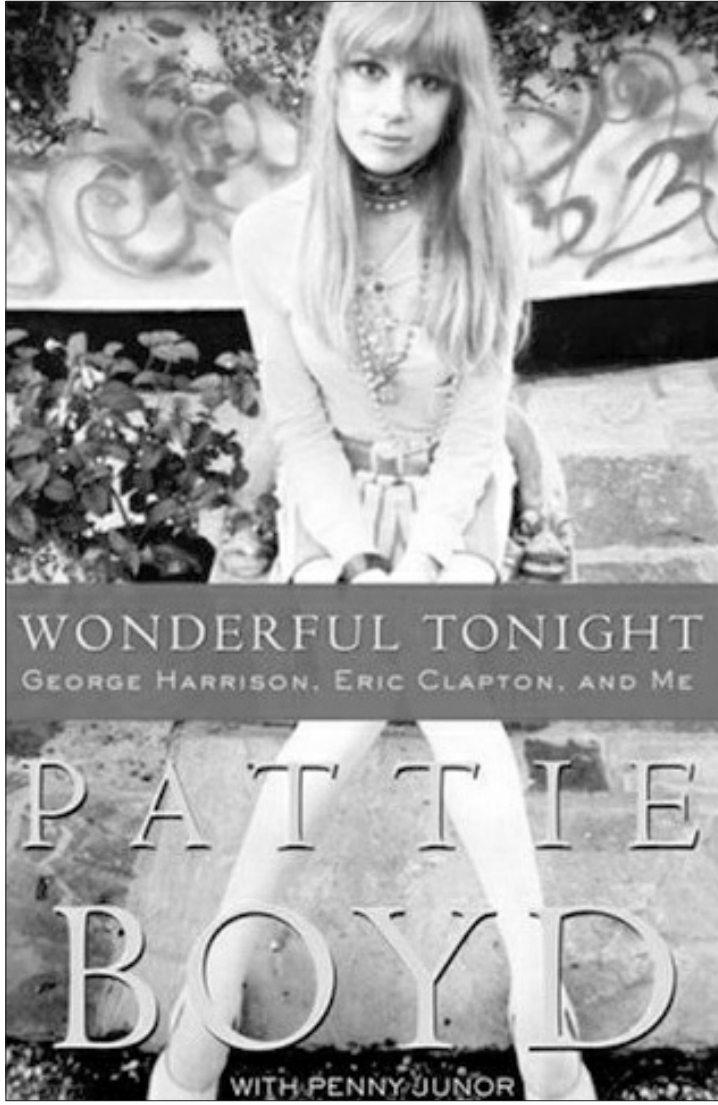
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Katie Couric — has she lived up to the hype of being anchor of the evening news? How and/or why did she attain that position? "Katie: The Real Story" by Edward Klein (renowned biographer) will perhaps give you an insight to her life.

"Ike: An American Hero" by Michael Korda is a masterful look at a somewhat unappreciated commander of American forces during World War II. Korda writes with great vitality and a broad understanding of the historical context of Eisenhower.

Did you know that Pete Rozelle was responsible for football becoming a major force in sports? "Rozelle: Czar of the NFL" by Jeff Davis is the story of how the Super Bowl was invented, the merging of the AFL and NFL and turning Monday night into a "must see" TV. An excellent story of one of the most widely respected men in the sports industry.

The last biography on our list is "Wonderful Tonight: George Harrison, Eric Clapton and Me" by Pattie Boyd. Married to George Harrison of the Beatles and Eric Clapton, she



was the inspiration in two iconic songs from these masters. "Something" (Beatles) and "Layla" (Clapton) were written about her. Her life was spent in a milieu far removed from

her origins and this is a honest and open story of

it.

"The Zookeeper's Wife" (940.531 ACK D) by Diane Ackerman tells the remarkable World War II story of Jan Zabinski, the director of the Warsaw Zoo, and his wife, Antonina, who, with courage and coolheaded ingenuity, sheltered 300 Jews as well as Polish resisters in their villa and in animal cages and sheds. Using Antonina's diaries, other contemporary sources and her own research in Poland, Ackerman takes us into the Warsaw ghetto and the 1943 Jewish uprising and also describes the Poles' revolt against the Nazi occupiers in 1944. This was just published in September of this year.

How about some westerns to take you back to a simpler day?

Louis L'Amour's "Law of the Desert" is in. It contains four or five short stories.

Will Cook's "The Devil's Roundup" is a series of short stories

that take place in Hondo and the surrounding territory over a span of about 25 years.

Will Henry is another well know Western writer and his book "The Pitchfork Patrol" is based on an actual incident. It takes place in Wyoming at a cavalry garrison in August of 1877. Those of you who know Wyoming may be familiar with the story.

The last title is "Broken Trail" by Alan Geoffrion. I am not familiar with this author; however reading the story line there are parallels drawn between the West and South Africa. This is a little different take on the typical western.

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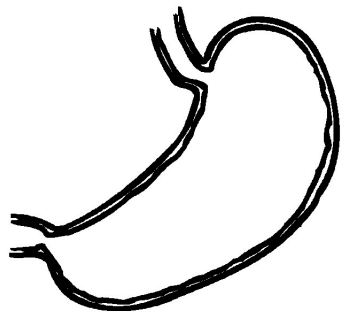
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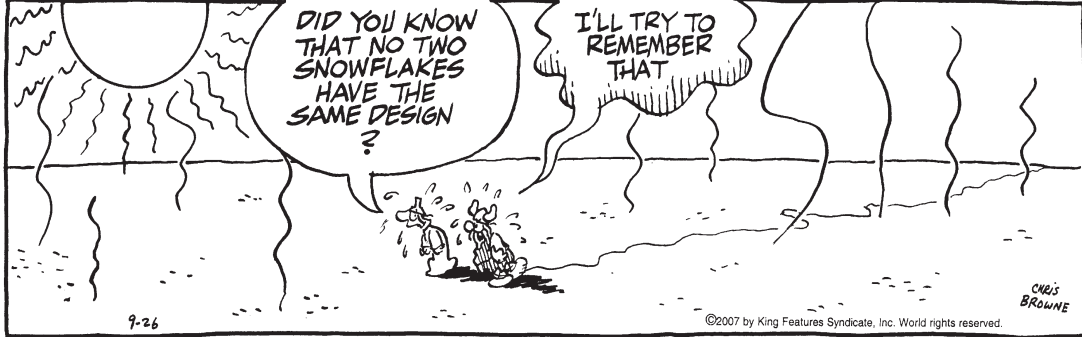
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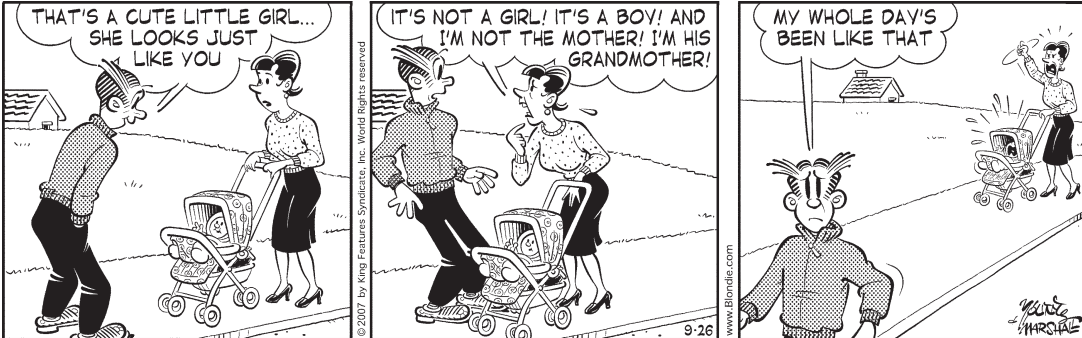
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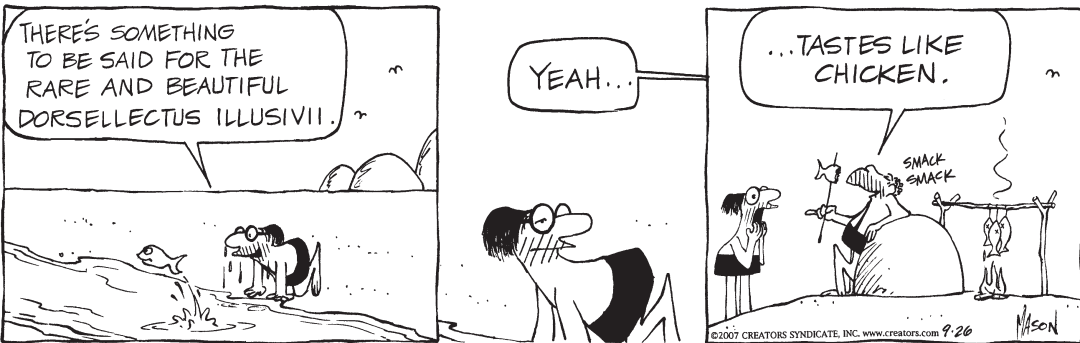
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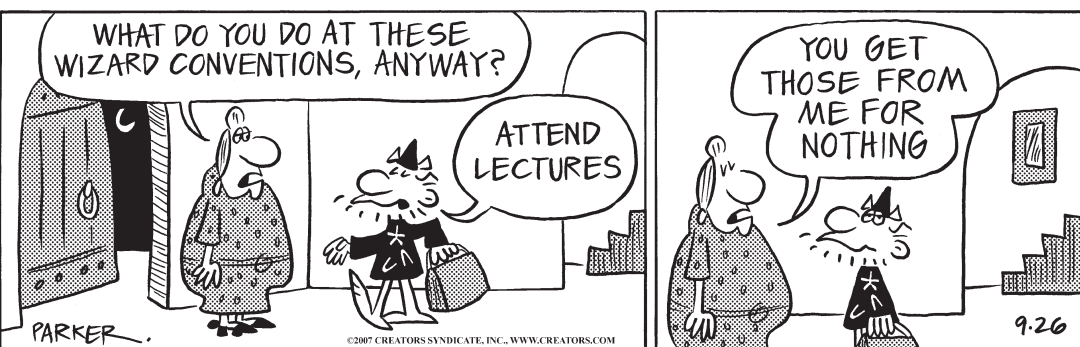
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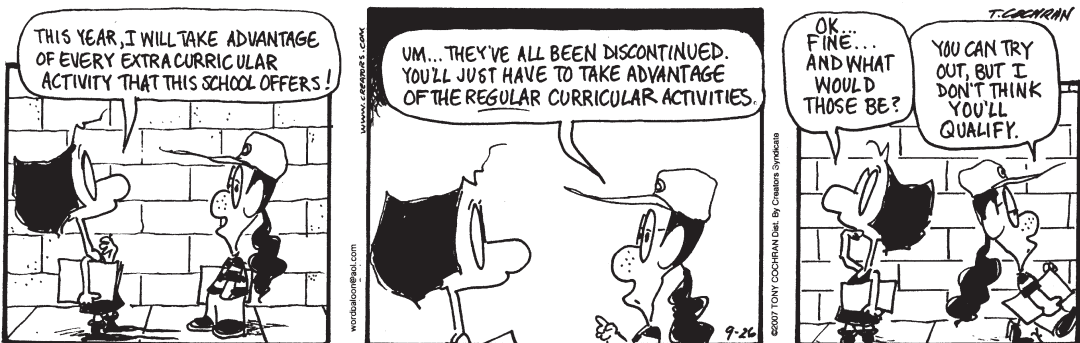
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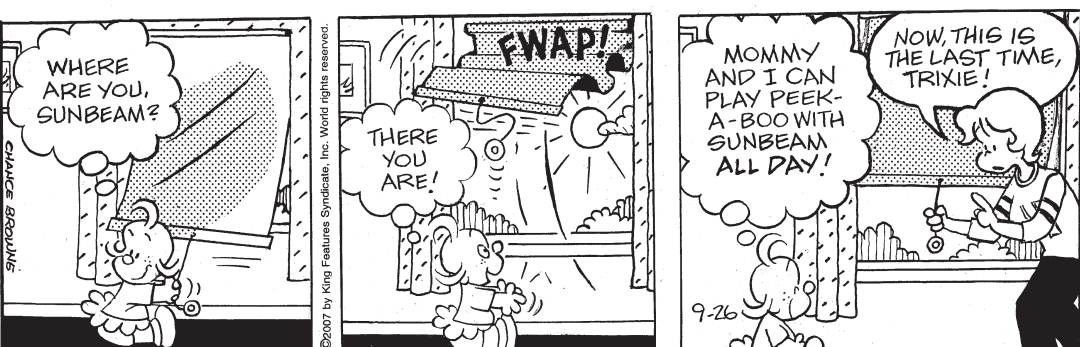
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 2007. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Sept. 26, 1957, the musical play "West Side Story," a retelling of "Romeo and Juliet" set in modern-day New York and featuring a score by Leonard Bernstein and choreography by Jerome Robbins, opened on Broadway.

On this date: In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first secretary of state.

In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J.

In 1907, New Zealand went from being a colony to a dominion within the British Empire.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1955, following word that President Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.

In 1960, the first debate between presidential candidates took place as John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon faced off in Chicago before a national TV audience.

In 1981, the twin-engine Boeing 767 made its official debut in Everett, Wash.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Biosphere on this date in 1993.)

Today's Birthdays: Fitness expert Jack LaLanne is 93. Actor Philip Bosco is 77. Country singer David Frizzell is 66. Actor Kent McCord is 65. Television host Anne Robinson is 63. Singer Bryan Ferry is 62. Former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman is 61. Singer Lynn Anderson is 60. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 59. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 59. Actor James Keane is 55. Rock singer-musician Cesar Rosas (Los Lobos) is 53. Country singer Carlene Carter is 52. Actress Linda Hamilton is 51.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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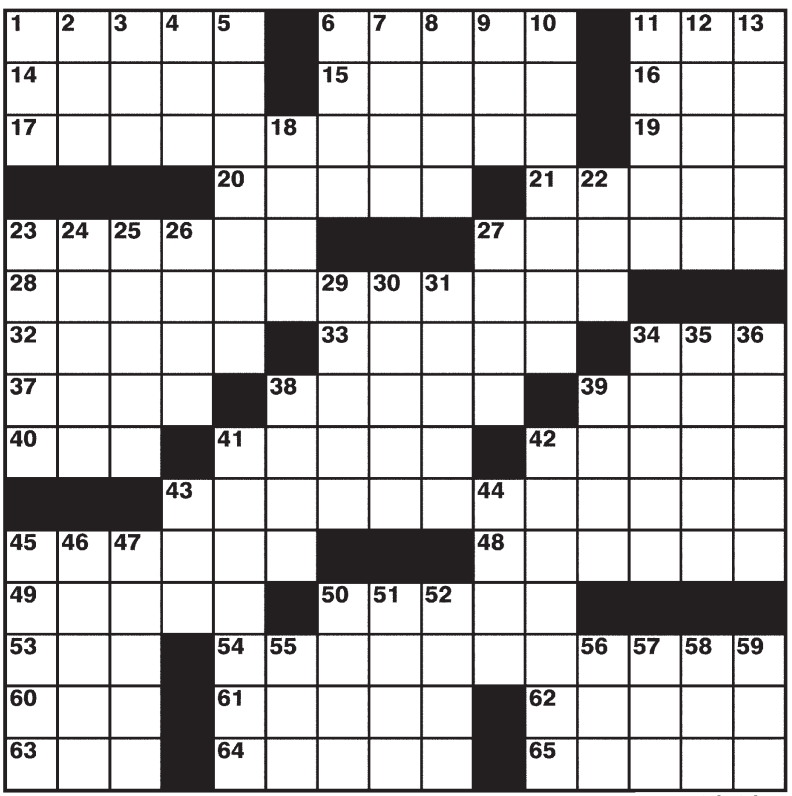
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- 1 Grist producers
- 6 Minty drink
- 11 Shakespearean prince
- 14 Ta-ta, in Toulon
- 15 Japanese port
- 16 Tokyo's former name
- 17 Cryptologist, often
- 19 "I figured it out!"
- 20 The Right Stuff author
- 21 Fortuneteller's card
- 23 Speak sharply to
- 27 Tattletale
- 28 Unexpected guest
- 32 Thought products
- 33 Get into
- 34 Society gal
- 37 Counter's intervals
- 38 Some insect encounters
- 39 Written reminder
- 40 Particular period
- 41 Prepared for a long fight
- 42 Neighbor separator
- 43 Rodeo entrant
- 45 Fish hawk
- 48 Wipes out
- 49 Utter confusion
- 50 Bee-like
- 53 Metal in pewter
- 54 Kind of crook
- 60 Gridiron position
- 61 Happify
- 62 Set for special occasions
- 63 Brighton brew

- 64 Takes a chance
- 65 Gone from one's plate
- DOWN
- 1 PC alternative
- 2 Oath affirmation
- 3 Pot top
- 4 Washington and University
- 5 Underground trains
- 6 "Piano Man" artist
- 7 High-flying org.
- 8 Place for a dip
- 9 Barely earn, with "out"
- 10 Starsky, to Hutch
- 11 One of 13 cards
- 12 Kind of committee
- 13 Not eager
- 18 Program for a future lt.
- 22 It's all around
- 23 Malicious feeling
- 24 Two-time Green Party candidate
- 25 Trade-show site
- 26 Sch. auxiliaries
- 27 Gotta Have It ('86 film)
- 29 Time at the top
- 30 Comic caper
- 31 Shorthand expert
- 34 Meteor marks
- 35 Introduction maker
- 36 Certain South Africans
- 38 Hazard marker
- 39 Arizona city
- 41 Got ready to go out

- 42 Heat producer
- 43 Sis' sib
- 44 Pessimistic investor
- 45 Santa's reindeer, for example
- 46 Polish up
- 47 Black-and-white herbivore
- 50 At a great distance
- 51 Sampras of tennis
- 52 Finishes, as a cake
- 55 carte
- 56 Half a dance name
- 57 Caboodle complement
- 58 Compass pt.
- 59 Sought a seat



Iraqi leader to address UN today

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki will address the United Nations General Assembly today as the high-level meeting of world leaders continue.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque is also expected to speak. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez had been slotted to speak in the afternoon, but he pulled out at the last minute, leaving his foreign minister to take his place.

Yesterday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told world leaders his country will defy any further U.N. Security Council resolutions imposed by "arrogant powers" seeking to curb its nuclear program, accusing them of lying and imposing illegal sanctions against Tehran.

He said it is "high time

for these powers to return from the path of arrogance and obedience to Satan to the path of faith in God."

Undeterred, France and Germany increased pressure on the Islamic republic at the U.N. General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting on Tuesday, saying they would not accept a nuclear-armed Iran.

Ahmadinejad on Tuesday also indirectly accused the United States and Israel of violating human rights by setting up secret prisons, abducting people, holding trials and enacting secret punishments without any regard to due process, and tapping phone conversations.

"They use various pretexts to occupy sovereign states and cause insecurity and division and then use the prevailing situa-

tion as an excuse to continue their occupation. For more than 60 years, Palestine, as compensation for the loss they incurred during the war in Europe, has been under the occupation of the illegal Zionist regime," he said.

Referring to the U.S. government's policy on Iraq, he said: "They even oppose the constitution, National Assembly and the government established by the vote of the people, while they do not even have the courage to declare their defeat and exit Iraq."

Ahmadinejad told leaders that the world powers on the Security Council had politicized Tehran's nuclear program, making military threats and imposing sanctions against the country as they demanded it suspend uranium enrichment.

TAX RATE

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member to vote against the measure.

"We're trying to bring new industry to Big Spring, but when they see this tax rate what do you think they are going to say?" said Biddison.

City Finance Director Peggy Walker said the tax hike would translate to a tax bill increase of approximately \$100 for the average valued home. "The average home owner is paying \$237 per year based on this year's tax rate," said Walker. "With the proposed rate they would be paying \$338, an increase of approximately \$101 a year. The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 is looking at an increase of \$275."

The rate includes an additional 30.14 cents for bond projects approved by voters last year, a clear message they support the tax increase, according to Mayor Russ McEwen.

"The majority of the tax increase came from the bond issues that passed, and the tax payers basically said to us they want to do these projects and we're willing to have our taxes raised to do that," said McEwen.

The rate also includes a 7.32 tax hike strictly for the creation of a narcotics task force within the Big Spring Police Department.

Also during the meeting, the council approved:

- A permanent name change from 11th Place to Steer Pride Drive from State Street to Goliad in recognition of 100 years of Big Spring High School football. However, the change is honorary only, and will not call for any changes in addresses along the street.

- Emergency reading of an ordinance establishing the fire department pay scale for fiscal year 2007-2008.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for the renewal of the Downtown Reinvestment Zone.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a consultant services agreement for training, analytical and auditing services related to the hotel occupancy tax with MuniServices.

- Emergency resolution authorizing expenditures related to flocculator rehabilitation and raw water valve replacement for the water treatment plant.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division.

- Emergency reading of

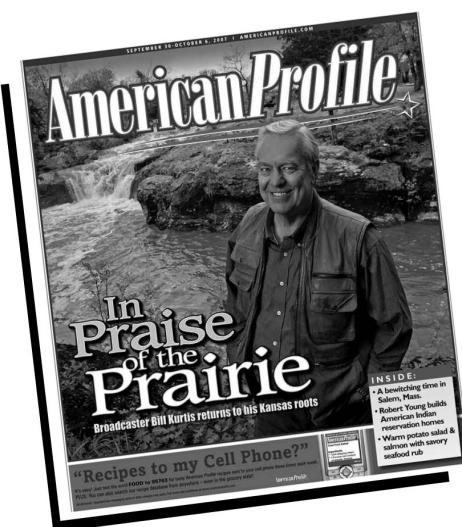
a resolution authorizing contracts with vendors who receive annual bid awards for 2007-2008.

- Emergency reading of a resolution approving resolutions to be submitted to the Texas Municipal League. The council voted to submit a resolution that would exempt cities below a certain population level from a state law that requires candidates wanting to

serve on a civil service board not have been on any other boards or committees for at least three years, as well as statewide bans on smoking in public places and abortion.

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