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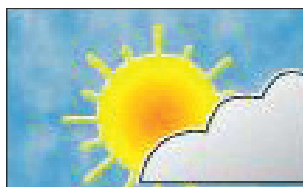
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2 jailed after face-off with peace officers

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring men remain in the custody of the Howard County Sheriff's Department today following a face-off with local law enforcement officers Wednesday night on W. Robinson Road.

Miguel Enriquez Juarez, 21, and Joe Luis Rodriquez, 17, were both arrested and charged with four counts of burglary of a vehicle, unauthor-



Juarez Rodriquez

at the Out Yonder Bar, located in the 5600 block of E. Interstate Highway

ized use of a motor vehicle and aggravated assault of a public servant after law enforcement officials say they broke into a vehicle

20, shortly after 9:30 p.m.

"At approximately 9:49 p.m. Sheriff's Office dispatch received a call concerning several vehicle burglaries at the Out Yonder Bar," said Sheriff Stan Parker. "It was reported the suspects were leaving the scene in a gold Chevrolet pickup, traveling east-bound on Interstate Highway 20.

"While searching for the vehicle, dispatch received a call that a vehicle had struck a mail box, phone junction

box and dumpster out on W. Robinson Road. Deputies with the HCSO and officers with the Big Spring Police Department arrived and found a gold Chevrolet truck attempting to leave the scene after striking the objects."

Parker said what happened next turned what should have been a routine arrest for deputies and officers into an extremely dangerous situa-

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Five local youths were arrested early Wednesday morning after breaking in at the Settles Hotel. Officials with the Settles Hotel Development Company say vandalism and break-ins at the downtown landmark — currently undergoing massive renovations — have already cost thousands of dollars.

Cracking down on vandalism

Settles officials use silent alarm to catch 5 suspects

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area teens looking for cheap thrills by breaking into the historic Settles Hotel may want to think twice. Five area residents were arrested during the early morning hours Wednesday, thanks to a newly installed silent alarm, according to officials involved in the restoration of the downtown landmark.

Arrested were 19-year-old Spencer Briggs; Calvin Austin Garvin, 19; Ky Hofacket, 20; Carlton Thomas Johnston, 18; and Joseph Andrew Mackey, 19. All five were charged with criminal trespass

and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

According to Settles Hotel Development Company General Manager Kristopher Ryan, area youth looking to use the Settles Hotel as a hang-out or place to drink had might as well go ahead and book themselves a room at another local landmark: The Howard County Jail.

"I'm sure the Settles has been a popular place for kids to do these kinds of things for many years, maybe even a rite of passage for some. However, if they are going to break in these days they might as well plan on being arrested."

—Kristopher Ryan

years, maybe even a rite of passage for some," said Ryan. "However, if they are going to

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United Way targets lofty goal but officials remain confident

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Lean economic times are forcing local United Way campaign officials to "think outside the box" to find ways to meet their goal.

As the local UW campaign draws to an official close, workers remain confident they will eventually achieve their goal of \$300,000, but



Coor

added they would have to be creative in order to reach that mark.

Jeannie Coor, executive director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, said this year's campaign has raised approximately \$175,000 to date, but said

some special projects on the drawing board should help workers reach their goal.

"I think it's going well," Coor said. "We started off slow ... but with everything that's coming in now, I feel like we'll reach our goal."

This year's campaign will

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Stanton looks to contain Olton QB, offense

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

STANTON — It's the second round of the playoffs, and it's business as usual in Stanton.

Coming off a thrilling 41-28 win over Van Horn in which the Buffaloes came back from a 17-point deficit in the first quarter, head coach John Peterson and Stanton are turning back to their calling card this week in Sundown against Olton — hard-nosed defense.

They will need to be tough against

an Olton Mustangs offense that is averaging more than 42 points per game over its last three, led by quarterback Bobby Wayne Workman.

"He's the main focus," Peterson said. "He's their leading rusher and leading passer of course, and we're going to focus on trying to disrupt his rhythm and hopefully he'll make some mistakes."

Peterson will try to use his offense to limit the Mustangs' high-octane unit, using the clock to his team's advantage.

"We've got to keep their offense at

bay," he said. "If we can keep them on the sideline with their offense, we've got a better chance of winning because they do have an explosive-type offense."

"We're going to try to control the ball on offense and defensively we've got to make some turnovers happen, disrupt (Workman's) rhythm a little bit and make him frustrated out there."

Stanton's offense will attack Olton with a myriad of running backs. Last week against Van Horn, the Buffaloes racked up 321 yards rushing from

Stanton vs. Olton

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Slaughter Field, Sundown
Weather: Clear, 49°F

seven running backs that had multiple carries. Four different backs reached the end zone.

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BASICALLY



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Steer running back Monte Anderson scores a touchdown Nov. 6 in Hereford.

Steers to take on EP Irvin in Pecos

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers are going back to basics.

Coming off an inspiring 21-13 win over Canyon in Lubbock last week, head coach Phillip Ritchey said he's trimming his playbook for the Steers' matchup against El Paso Irvin on Saturday in Pecos. Kickoff is 3 p.m.

"I thought last week as the game was going on and during the game, we had too much stuff," Ritchey said. "We had a lot on last week, and I felt like in practice we didn't spend enough time on certain things that we needed to."

Ritchey said the team is focusing on better execution of its limited play selection, but he also has an ulterior motive.

"We kind of pared it down this week, really just focused on a lot fewer plays but spending more time at those plays," he said. "I think we'll execute better, but also it doesn't show the scouts that might be watching you some of our other things."

**Big Spring**
vs.
El Paso Irvin



When: 3 p.m. Saturday
Where: Eagle Stadium, Pecos
Weather: Sunny, 77°F

Ritchey was careful to note that the team will still mix up the run and pass game like it has all season.

"We still want a good mix and balance," he said. "We feel like we can run against them, and we feel like we can throw it too."

The Steers will look to get Matt Ritchey more involved in the run game, which they did last week in Canyon. Ritchey had 11 carries for 47 yards to complement Monte Anderson, who ran

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Bearkats gear up for Crowell Wildcats

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearkats know they've got tough tests ahead of them in the Division I 6-man playoffs.

"Anytime you get to this point, once you get past the first round there are not any more weak sisters," head coach Vance Jones said. "Everybody's pretty darn good."

The Crowell Wildcats, who will take the field against Garden City on Friday in Trent, certainly fit that bill. The Wildcats are 8-2 on the season and played Throckmorton, ranked the No. 1 team in the state, as tough as anyone, Jones said, to a 66-44 score.

"They're pretty quick, they play pretty good defense and they can get to the ball," Jones said.

The Bearkats have a simple philosophy planned for the Wildcats.

"We've got to block really well and execute our offense," Jones said. "If they have a lot of guys up on the the line to stop the run, we're going to throw on them. If they back off, we're going to run."

Running back Josh Colunga and quarterback Blayne Batla continue to lead a balanced Bearkat offense. Batla has thrown multiple touchdowns in each of the team's last three

Garden City vs. Crowell

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Gorilla Stadium, Trent
Weather: Clear, 52°F

games, and Colunga scored six touchdowns last week.

Jones stressed control of the line of scrimmage.

"Their line is pretty big and pretty active," he said. "That's a key for us. If we get them blocked they'll have a hard time stopping our running attack."

Colunga will also be playing defense for the second straight week, taking over for an injured Jesse Montez.

"Defensively, we need to stop them one out of every three possessions," Jones said. "If we do that we feel like we can win the game."

Garden City got off to a slow start last week, falling behind 14-0 to Spur before the offense kicked into gear. It reeled off three unanswered touchdowns and the Bearkats rolled from there to a 76-26 win.

Colunga ran for 250 yards and Batla tossed nine completions for 168 yards as the Bearkats ended the game in the third quarter. The win was Garden City's 10th straight.

Sands Mustangs looking for revenge versus Sierra Blanca Vaqueros

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — By the time the second round of the playoffs rolls around, most of the teams left have impressive win-loss records.

But a 1-8 team that received a first-round bye?

That's who Sands will go up against on Friday in Pecos, a Sierra Blanca team that received the second play-off bid in Division II, district 8. The Vaqueros won the bid by point differential after three teams finished 1-2 in district play and received a bye in

the bi-district round.

However, coach Wayne Henderson and the Mustangs aren't sleeping on the Vaqueros, who knocked Sands out of the playoffs last year.

"They had a lot of injuries early on in the year, and so they didn't win much early, and then their district was pretty tough," he said. "That 1-8 is real deceiving, plus they've finally got everyone healthy. We haven't seen them on film yet with full strength so we really don't know what to expect."

One thing Henderson will expect from Sierra Blanca is size.

"If we don't show up, they can hurt us because they're probably twice the size we are," he said. "They're a little slower than we are but they're huge. Holy cow they're huge."

Henderson said he will try to negate the Vaqueros' size advantage with speed on defense.

"We're going to try to use our quickness and do some stunts and things like that they won't anticipate," he said. "We can do some things to offset some of that and come from directions they're not accustomed to seeing us come from."

On offense, Henderson said the

Sands vs. Sierra Blanca

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Pecos
Weather: Clear, 58°F

Mustangs might utilize a spread attack to thin out some of Sierra Blanca's beef up front.

"We've run it in years past,"

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CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD WEEK 11

Big Spring (9-2) vs. El Paso Irvin (6-5)	Stanton (6-5) vs. Olton (9-2)	Sands (10-1) vs. Sierra Blanca (1-8)	Garden City (10-1) vs. Crowell (8-2)
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Obituaries

Myrtle Ruby Walker

Myrtle Ruby Walker, 98, Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel with Hospice Chaplain Walter McCall officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Myrtle was born Aug. 16, 1911, in Prescott, Ark., to Benjamin Franklin and Melinda Jane (Grifford) Tubb, the fourth of 10 children. The family moved to Howard County in 1928 — when she was 17 — for her father’s health,

where three of the Tubb daughters met and soon married three Walker brothers.

Myrtle married the love of her life, Johnnie Elmore Walker, June 7, 1929, in Big Spring. They moved to Colorado City in April 1937, where he was the Allis-Chalmers Farm Implement dealer. After the death of his brother Leslie in 1942, they moved back to Howard County, where they bought a farm and built a rock house on the Snyder Highway.

They took Leslie’s children into their home and raised them as their own. Johnnie and Myrtle farmed, operated the Walker Implement Company in Big Spring and ranched in Vincent. They moved from the farm to Big Spring in 1976, where they were active members of First Baptist Church.

Myrtle was a homemaker, an excellent seamstress and one of the best cooks around. She was known throughout both families for her vegetable dishes and desserts. She cherished working in her garden and orchard, and always had a large stash of canned and frozen items.

She treasured flowers, especially the peace rose. She loved being surrounded by family and delighted in preparing meals, especially at Christmas.

Myrtle is survived by a nephew, Ray Walker, and a niece, Mona Lue Tonn, who were loved as her own children. She is also survived by two great-nephews, Ryan Walker and Johnny Tonn; three great-nieces, Jerre Clark, Carla Harrold and Gena Ray, who were considered grandchildren; 10 great-great nephews and nieces; and 13 great-great-great nephews and nieces. She is also survived by one sister and two brothers, Addie Blissard and Thomas Tubb of Midland, and Horace Tubb of Big Spring.

Myrtle was preceded in death by her parents, who died at ages 91 and 95; and her husband, Johnnie, on May 28, 1999, 10 days before their 70th anniversary. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Benjamin and Henry Tubb; and four sisters, Lottie Tubb, Josie Stewart, Lois Blalack and Nannie Walker.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720; or the donor’s favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Samantha Mendez

Samantha Mendez, 18, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla of Holy Trinity Catholic Church officiating. Burial to be held at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 14, 1991, in Big Spring to Marilyn Marie and Johnny DeLeon Mendez. She attended schools at Big Spring and Forsan. She lived most of her life in Big Spring and a short while in El Paso. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by a son, Nathaniel Lee Mendez of Big Spring; mother, Marilyn Marie Mendez of Big Spring; a sister, Jacoby Mendez of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father.

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

Wanda Honeycutt

Wanda Honeycutt, 64, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, in a Bryan hospital. Graveside memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 21, 1944, in Lake Jackson and married Wesley Howard Honeycutt. He preceded her in death in 1995.

She is survived by a son, Wesley “Lee” Howard Honeycutt Jr.; a daughter, Jennifer Paige Dorsey; mother-in-law, Geneva Honeycutt; and sister-in-law, Nadine McHugh.

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

Ronald Dean ‘Ron’ Fryar

Ronald Dean “Ron” Fryar, 68, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 13, 1941, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident. He had worked as a route salesman and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Ron Fryar Jr. of Lufkin; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Lesley and Craig Chandler, and Ronetta Fryar, all of Big Spring, Rhea and Jesse Calvert of Durango, Colo., and Rocshell and Jerry Garcia of Greenwood; one sister and brother-in-law, Bernell and Tiny Bayes of Sand Springs; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Roland and Sara Fryar, and Claud and Patsy Fryar, all of Big Spring, and Tommy and Donna Fryar of Austin; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.W. and Imogene Fryar; a son, Bradley Keith Fryar; and a sister, Ida Lou Beall.

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

Star Striegler Warford

Star Striegler Warford, 83, formerly of Big Spring died Oct. 25, 2009, at her home in Laguna Woods, Calif. There was no funeral, at Star’s request.

She is survived by a son, Greg, of Lake Forest, Calif. and a daughter, Beth, of Fochabers, Scotland.

Police blotter

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

- MOISES TORRES, 40, of 1312 Virginia, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant.
- BRITTANY SHIANNE FRITZ, 21, of 908 E. 14th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance – less than 28 grams.
- THEFT was reported: in the 1000 block of Main Street. In the 1200 block of Mobile.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 900 block of 14th Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 300 block of Third Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- BRITTANY FRITZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a vehicle (four counts), unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, aggravated assault of a public servant and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOE RODRIQUEZ, 17, was arrested Thursday on charges of burglary of a vehicle (four counts), unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and aggravated assault of a public servant.
- MOISES TORRES, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of cruelty to non-livestock animal.
- MARK ANDREW VANWEY, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of terroristic threat and criminal mischief.
- ANNA MAE WHITE, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a promise to appear (three counts), speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road, open container and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Hilltop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Today's Weather

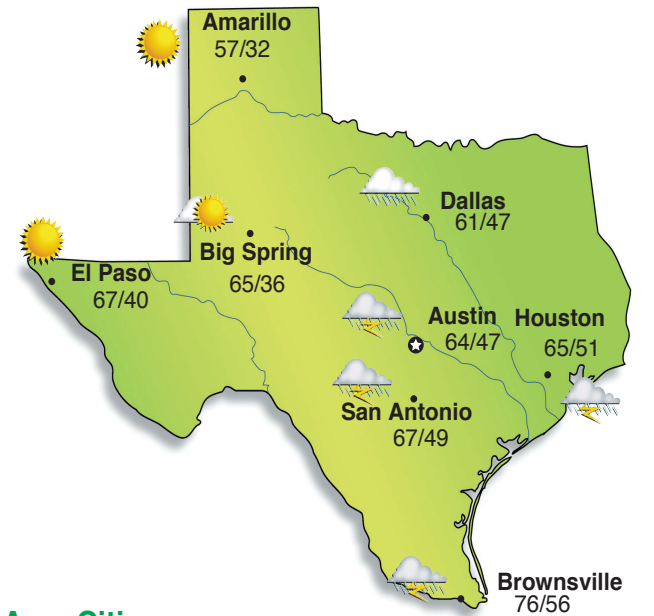
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Amarillo	57	32	sunny	Livingston	61	48	rain
Austin	64	47	t-storm	Longview	58	48	rain
Beaumont	65	52	rain	Lubbock	64	34	pt sunny
Brownsville	76	56	t-storm	Lufkin	60	50	rain
Brownwood	62	40	t-storm	Midland	66	39	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	73	55	t-storm	Raymondville	77	54	t-storm
Corsicana	60	46	rain	Rosenberg	66	52	t-storm
Dallas	61	47	rain	San Antonio	67	49	t-storm
Del Rio	68	45	t-storm	San Marcos	65	48	t-storm
El Paso	67	40	sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	49	rain
Fort Stockton	65	42	mst sunny	Sweetwater	63	39	rain
Gainesville	61	44	rain	Tyler	57	48	rain
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The winning numbers in Wednesday evening’s drawing of the Texas Lottery’s “Daily 4 Night” game were: 7-7-1-1

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening’s drawing of the Texas Lottery’s “Cash 5” game were: 04-15-23-24-31

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening’s drawing of the Texas Lottery’s “Pick 3 Night” game were: 3-2-7

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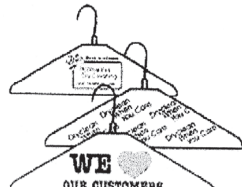
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Nowitzki's 41 points lead Mavs over Spurs in OT

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks needed a big game from Dirk Nowitzki to compensate for the loss of three injured starters, and that's exactly what he gave them.

Nowitzki scored 11 of his season-high 41 points in overtime and the Mavericks held on to beat the injury-depleted San Antonio Spurs 99-94 on Wednesday night.

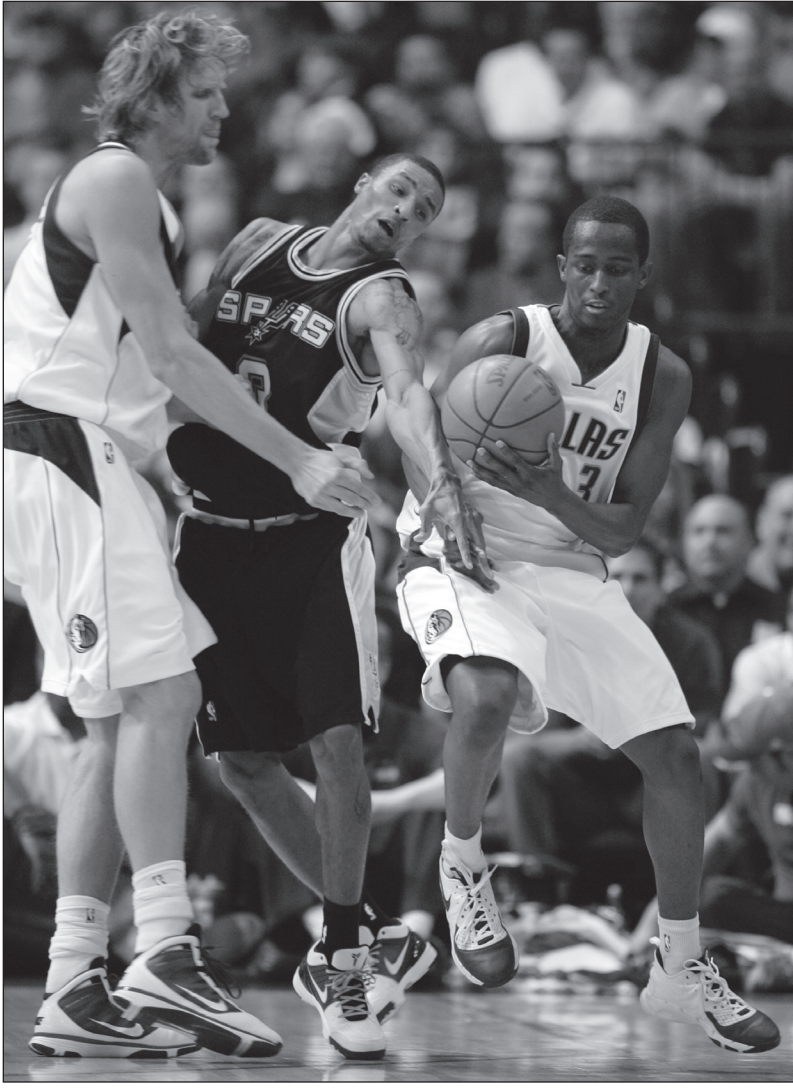
Drew Gooden added 17 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out late in the fourth quarter, and Dallas extended its winning streak to four games.

Gooden, who finished last season with the Spurs before signing with the Mavericks on July 20, started at center with Erick Dampier out because of an unknown illness. Dallas was also without starters Josh Howard and Shawn Marion because of left ankle injuries.

"With Josh out and Marion out, I've just got to keep going offensively and make things happen," Nowitzki said after his 14th career game of 40 or more points.

Nowitzki's three-point play with 2:28 left in overtime put Dallas in front for good, 92-91. After Jason Terry hit a 15-footer, Nowitzki made a 3-pointer on Dallas' next possession to stretch the lead to 97-91, closing out the Spurs.

"He's playing great basketball and (I) think he's one of the top guys right now in the league," Gooden said. "He's



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez
Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, left, of Germany assists guard Rodrigue Beaubois (3) against a pickoff attempt by San Antonio Spurs guard George Hill, center, in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday in Dallas.

really playing at a high level. We need that because of all the injuries we have right now and he's doing everything he can to carry this team."

Nowitzki went 15 for 29 from the field, converted 10 of 12 free throws and pulled down 12 rebounds to continue a big week for the German superstar.

overtime jumper gave Dallas a 115-113 victory at Milwaukee on Monday night after he scored 25 in a 95-90 road win over Detroit on Sunday.

"I hoped he was having an off night," said Matt Bonner, one of several Spurs who tried to guard Nowitzki. "I can play perfect defense and jump as high as I can and he can still score."

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 14 rebounds for the Spurs, winless in four road games this season.

Duncan missed all three shots and went scoreless in overtime, and afterward he blamed himself for the loss.

"I know I played badly in the overtime," Duncan said. "The OT wasn't good for us and Dirk really took over and won it for his team."

The Spurs were without starting guard Tony Parker, who aggravated his sprained left ankle in Saturday night's loss to Oklahoma City. San Antonio also lost guard Manu Ginobili in the first quarter due to a strained left groin.

"We definitely needed this win because they were without Ginobili and without Parker," Nowitzki said.

The Spurs certainly missed two of their stars, but the Mavericks were equally short-handed.

With Tony out and then how Manu went out, it hurt not having them in there," Duncan said. "But I thought we did a good job keeping it together."

With the game tied at 80, Gooden was credited with a

basket on a goaltending call against Antonio McDyess with 1:58 left in regulation to put Dallas ahead.

Duncan drove to the basket on the next possession and Gooden picked up his sixth foul. Duncan knocked down both free throws to knot the score at 82 with 31 seconds remaining.

Nowitzki's tip-in 17 seconds later gave Dallas an 84-82 lead, but Duncan's jump-hook with 2.3 seconds remaining drew San Antonio even.

The Mavs had a shot to win in regulation, but Duncan blocked Terry's 19-footer at the buzzer.

NOTES: Ginobili started and scored two points in eight minutes of the first quarter, then went to the locker room before the start of the second quarter and was done for the night. Coach Gregg Popovich said Ginobili would sit out Thursday night's home game against Utah. ... Marion was hurt in a game at Milwaukee on Monday night. ... Howard missed his eighth game as he recovers from offseason surgery. ... Dampier has been undergoing tests to determine the nature of the illness, and results won't be known until next week. ...Thomas made his debut for Dallas after sitting out the first 11 games while he completed his recovery from offseason surgery on his right knee. Thomas, who finished with two points in 14 minutes, was signed as a free agent on July 28.

Cowboys' Gurode not worried about past cleat to face

Associated Press

IRVING, — Plastic surgery fixed the physical scars on Dallas Cowboys center Andre Gurode's forehead after he was cleated in the face by Albert Haynesworth three years ago.

As for any lingering effects from that dirty play, Gurode says there are none as he prepares to face Haynesworth in a regular-season game for the first time since the incident.

"That situation is behind us. It's something that happened

years ago," Gurode said. "He doesn't focus on it. I don't focus on it. We just moved forward and continue to play football."

Gurode needed 30 stitches and was bothered by headaches and blurred vision after the 6-foot-6, 350-pound Haynesworth, then with Tennessee, kicked him and stomped on his helmet-less face. Gurode didn't even miss a game and Haynesworth was suspended for five games — three games longer than anyone ever had been punished for

on-field behavior in NFL history.

Haynesworth is now with NFC East-rival Washington after getting a \$100 million, seven-year deal from the Redskins last spring. He expects to play Sunday at Dallas even if he's not able to practice because of a sprained left ankle.

It will not be the first time Gurode and Haynesworth have seen each other, since they were both in the last two Pro Bowls, but this will be the first time to face each other in a game that counts.

"Yeah, we are cool," Haynesworth told Dallas reporters in a conference call Wednesday, without elaborating on conversations between the two.

"If I could go back in time, I wouldn't do that," he said. "Now it was a step in my life, a crossroads. I had to choose what I was going to do. Either go down and let that define me or step up and rewrite history."

Haynesworth has 14½ sacks the last two seasons, and was a starter

in both Pro Bowls, after having only 9½ his first five seasons.

"It's good that he moved passed it. I moved passed it," said Gurode, a Pro Bowl pick the past three seasons. "He is a great player."

Haynesworth calls Gurode "one of the best centers in the game. ... He has good movement. He is big. He is strong."

Gurode opted against filing criminal charges against Haynesworth, who publicly and privately apologized to Gurode in the days after the October 2006 game in Nashville.

Now that they will be on the field together again, Gurode knows there will be plenty of reminders of what happened, from the questions being asked to the video replays sure to be on TV.

"I expected when he signed with the Redskins and we played them that it was going to be brought up," Gurode said. "It's something in the past and you can't let what happened in the past define who you are today."

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Obama wraps first Asian tour with tough talk on North Korea, possible new sanctions against Iran

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Showing impatience with Iranian foot-dragging, President Barack Obama said Thursday that the U.S. and its allies are discussing possible new penalties to bring fresh pressure on Iran for defying international attempts to halt its contested nuclear program.

Obama’s warning came after Iran rejected a compromise proposal to ship its low-enriched uranium abroad so that it could not be further enriched to make weapons. Talk of fresh sanctions also showed that Obama is preparing for the next phase should Iran fail to meet his year-end deadline for progress in negotiations.

“They have been unable to get to ‘yes’, and so as a consequence, we have begun discussions with our international partners about the importance of having consequences,” Obama said at a news conference with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

“Our expectation is, is that over the next several weeks we will be developing a package of potential steps that we could take that will indicate our seriousness to Iran.”

The tough talk came as Obama wrapped an eight-day, four-nation tour of Asia in which global issues — nuclear disarmament, climate change, economic recovery — dominated and goodwill abounded. There also were few new agreements on pending issues.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai sworn in to second 5-year term during inauguration ceremony

KABUL (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai promised Thursday to prosecute corrupt officials and end a culture of impunity in an inauguration speech made under intense international pressure that he shed the cronyism and graft that marked his first term.

Karzai, who has often bristled at the criticism leveled at him from Western powers, said his government was doing whatever it could to implement reforms, and pledged that Afghan forces would be able to take control of the country’s security in the next five years.

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tion for everyone involved.

“The vehicle was stuck as officers and deputies approached, identifying themselves as peace officers,” said

Parker. “The driver attempted to flee. As law enforcement officers attempted to remove the occupants from the vehicle, the driver accelerated, attempting to free the vehicle and placing officers in danger.

“Officers were forced to break the driver’s side window, forcefully

He said he believed the “problem of international terrorism” in Afghanistan would be overcome.

“We are trying our best to implement social, judicial and administrative reforms in our country,” Karzai said. “Being a president is a heavy task and we will try our best to honestly fulfill this task in the future.”

Karzai was sworn in to a second five-year term by the head of the Supreme Court during a ceremony attended by about 800 Afghan and foreign dignitaries from more than 40 countries. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari and British Foreign Minister David Miliband were among them.

Historic debate on health care overhaul awaits Senate as Reid unveils \$849 billion bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of maneuvering, the Senate stands at the brink of a historic battle over health care with President Barack Obama and his allies on one side and Republicans, outnumbered but unflinching, on the other.

“Now it’s America’s turn, and this will not be a short debate,” Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, warned after Majority Leader Harry Reid unveiled long-awaited legislation Wednesday night to extend coverage to 30 million more Americans and force insurance companies to take all comers.

“Higher premiums, tax increases and Medicare cuts to pay for more government. The American people know that is not reform,” McConnell said.

Obama and Democrats hailed the 10-year, \$849 billion measure that would remake the nation’s health care system, relying on cuts in future Medicare spending to cover costs, as well as on higher payroll taxes for the well-off and a new levy on patients undergoing elective cosmetic surgery.

Reid, D-Nev., wrote the legislation with White House aides during weeks of secretive negotiations, selecting elements from two committee-passed bills with the aim of securing the necessary 60 votes in a Senate debate that will be decisive for Obama’s health care agenda.

Aides said the mammoth, 2,074-page bill would reduce deficits by \$127 billion over a decade, citing estimates by the Congressional Budget Office. For the first time most Americans would be required to

removing the driver from the vehicle before anyone was seriously harmed. The passenger in the vehicle was ordered out of the vehicle and he exited armed with a knife. Officers struggled with the subject and disarmed him.”

Parker said officers quickly learned the

pickup had been stolen from the Out Yonder Bar parking lot and property from five different vehicle burglaries was found in the cab of the truck.

No major injuries were reported as a result of the altercation, although one peace officer suffered minor cuts

years — as well a center of activity for the community — but has been vacant and in an advanced state of dilapidation for more than two decades.

Brint Ryan, a Big Spring native, announced plans for the multi-million dollar renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors. The project’s budget has ballooned from \$12 mil-

carry health insurance, and the bill would provide hundreds of billions of dollars in subsidies to help those with lower incomes afford coverage.

Behind missed deadline for closing Gitmo: U.S. struggles to get countries to take its prisoners

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — President Barack Obama is now confirming what many have long suspected: He will miss his January deadline to close the Guantanamo prison — partly because he cannot persuade other nations to take the detainees.

Prisoners like Walid Abu Hijazi. The 29-year-old is nearing his eighth year at Guantanamo even though the U.S. approved his release in February 2008. No one else has been willing to allow him, or dozens of others, into their territory.

This dilemma is one of the chief obstacles to closing the jail, according to lawyers and human rights groups who monitor U.S. detention policy. Most say Washington bears the main blame because it also refuses to accept prisoners on American soil.

“It’s very difficult to persuade third countries to accept the political or security risks involved, especially when the United States has been unwilling to accept that risk itself,” said Matthew Waxman, a professor at Columbia Law School.

U.S. officials decline to disclose the details of efforts to relocate Guantanamo prisoners, though in the past they acknowledged the difficulty in resettling ethnic Uighurs from China.

FBI says Chicago terror suspects had contact with terrorist group

CHICAGO (AP) — Two Chicago men accused of developing what federal prosecutors call a blueprint for a terrorist assault on a Danish newspaper also are being investigated for possible involvement in planning the November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, according to authorities in that country.

David Coleman Headley, 49, and Tahawwur Husain Rana, 48, are accused of plotting to kill one of the editors and a cartoonist at Danish paper Jyllands-Posten for publishing 12 cartoons in 2005 depicting the Prophet Muhammad, which ignited outrage in much of the Muslim world.

to his arms. The cuts did not require medical attention, according to Parker.

Both men were in the custody of the Howard County Jail this morning awaiting arraignment.

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break in these days they might as well plan on being arrested.”

Ryan said the youths were arrested shortly after 3 a.m., but Wednesday’s break-in wasn’t the first time he and his staff have had to clean up after wayward teens.

“We had two break-ins during the Halloween weekend,” said Ryan. “We don’t know that the kids who were arrested are the same ones, but it’s certainly possible.

During that break-in, the vandals broke out some windows, even tossing bags of cement off the 15th floor. There was also a small air conditioning unit that was tossed from the same floor.”

Ryan said vandalism has already generated several thousands of dollars in damages at the work site, but he hopes the recent installation of an alarm system in the building will help stave off would-be trespassers.

“The building is now equipped with a silent alarm, so if they want to

come back they are going to jail,” said Ryan. “There are just too many ways to get hurt in there. When they were hiding from the police, one of the officers said they were using the old elevator shaft, which is a recipe for disaster. They also ran up toward the top of the building to try to elude the police, and there are just so many different ways you can get hurt in there, especially running around in the dark.”

The building, erected for \$500,000 in 1930, was a destination of choice for travelers for many

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officially end Friday, but that doesn’t mean fund-raising will come to a halt.

Coor said special events, like today’s Empty Bowls luncheon, will continue to pad the campaign figures after its official close.

“We’re planning a golf ball drop for sometime in the spring and we’re also looking into a benefit golf tournament,” she said. “We’ll announce

the details when they’re more firmed up.”

With the area’s economy still feeling the effects of recession, campaign officials said special events such as the golf tournament may become the norm for future United Way drives.

“We’re definitely going to have to think outside the box,” UW board member Eve Nieto said. “It’s definitely tougher this year than in the past. At the same time, our agencies are stretched ... so we’re go-

ing to have to do some special things to get to our goal.”

Nieto said officials will meet Dec. 7 to announce initial allocations to the agencies which receive funds from United Way.

“With all these special events, I believe we’ll reach our goals,” Nieto said.

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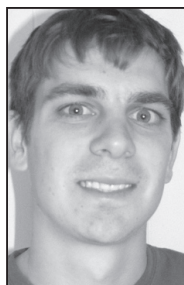
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OUR VIEW

Remember, make your plans to join us for the parade

The Christmas season is fast approaching and will officially begin in Howard County on Saturday, Dec. 5, when Santa Claus arrives to take part in the 24th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

Registration forms are already coming in from individuals, businesses and church, civic and school groups who are planning their entries in keeping with this year’s theme — “A Cotton Pickin’ Christmas.”

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. But, for the first time ever, this year’s parade will follow a different route, since Gregg Street will still be under construction come time for the event.

Plans call for the route to begin lining up south on Scurry Street at the intersection of Seventh Street. The procession will actually begin at Scurry and Seventh, proceed north on Scurry to Fourth Street, turn east and proceed to Owens before turning north for one block and then proceeding west on Third Street and ending at Scurry Street.

Entries will again be judged and first-place plaques will be awarded to winners in four categories — Individual or family entries; those from churches, civic groups or schools; commercial entries; and those from industries. Second- and third-place finishers will receive certificates.

And as has been the case in recent years, the entry judged “Best of Show” will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Mayor’s Trophy, for best use of lighting, will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshal’s Award, for best costuming, will receive \$50.

A trophy will be presented to the best mounted entry from a sheriff’s posse or riding club.

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

While it may seem there’s plenty of time to make decisions about the Christmas season, it’s already too late to register a parade entry.

However, late entries will be allowed to join the procession; they just won’t be judged for awards and prize money.

We’re asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade we’ve ever had.

You’ll have to get a new viewing spot than you’re used to, but come on and join us.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not be dismayed by a minor setback, Lord, but trust that You have our future in Your hands.

Amen

Oh, look! See Sarah run

I really hate defending Sarah Palin. I mean, I don’t agree with her on anything. Seeing a woman at her level saying and doing some of the things she says and does is like nails screeching against a blackboard for me. And while she ultimately helps Democrats in any partisan contest, her brand of polarizing politics and efforts to annihilate the moderate wing of the Republican Party ultimately aren’t very good for her own party (not my problem) or the country (everyone’s problem).

And while I’m at it, it drives me crazy when she goes around blaming the McCain campaign for her mistakes instead of taking responsibility. The list goes on.

The problem is that the media can’t seem to figure out that she deserves to be treated like Dick Armey or Newt Gingrich or Dick Cheney. Disagree with her. Point out that she’s wrong more often than she’s right, and that she doesn’t know what she’s talking about on key issues.



SUSAN ESTRICH

Call her a quitter, by all means, and a sore sport and a bad loser. Ask her hard questions, or even medium-hard questions, and see if she can answer. Push her on whether she’s more interested in fame and glory than making change happen.

Just don’t put her on the cover in running shorts.

I’m talking, of course, about the Newsweek cover, which took a picture Palin posed for as part of a spread in Runner’s World magazine about how she loves running and used it to turn her into a pinup girl. She is not a girl, and she is not a pinup.

Palin criticized the cover as “sexist and oh-so-expected.” She’s right.

But too many liberals are being quoted praising it. How soon they forget. Calling Gov. Palin the “Caribou Barbie” and “Governor Gidget” actually pushed her numbers higher among women. It’s both sexist and stupid. It was only when Palin fell on her face with Katie Couric that many women felt free to abandon her.

The irony is that the cover, far from skewering Palin, as was its clear intent, helps her. The picture overwhelms the caption — “How Do You Solve A Problem Like Sarah? She’s Bad News

for the GOP and Everyone Else, Too” — and reduces it to a hit piece. It makes Palin a heroine to the people who hate the liberal media, reinforcing the view that the media are biased against conservatives. It makes women like me horrendously uncomfortable, because sexism is not OK under any circumstances. And it makes non-political, moderate women (you know, the kind who decide every election) more sympathetic to a woman who, on most issues (not just abortion, but health care, for instance, and stem cell research), is on the opposite side of them.

Oh, yes, and for sure it will sell books. Magazines, too.

Everybody wins except women, who are still eye candy, even if they get to the point of being their party’s nominee for vice president.

That’s the message, and it applies to all of us. It’s not a liberal versus conservative issue: I’ve seen just as bad and worse done to Hillary.

It’s about sexism and powerful women and how they can be trivialized.

And this is why, once again, I have to defend Sarah Palin.

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Civil trials and Obama’s vision

I can think of a number of motives President Barack Obama might have for his egregious decision to bring Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four other high-profile al-Qaida terrorists to New York for trial in our civil courts.

Regardless of which motives apply, one thing is clear: Our enemy is at war against us while we are in a suicidal, 9/10 state of denial.

I’ve heard at least three possible reasons for his decision, which fall into the categories of political, ideological and strategic, respectively. These motives are by no means mutually exclusive and are overlapping.

My friend Andy McCarthy, at National Review Online, emphasizes: “The decision ... is one of the most irresponsible ever made by a presidential administration. That it is motivated by politics could not be more obvious.” Andy surmises that these proceedings will put the Bush administration on trial, giving the anti-war left, Obama’s base, “its promised feast.” The left’s “shock troops, such as the Center for Constitutional Rights,” will add each new disclosure to “the purported war-crimes case they are urging foreign courts to bring against President Bush, his subordinates, and U.S. intelligence agents.” Andy’s analysis is difficult to refute.

Another bright friend of mine doesn’t dispute Obama’s political motivations but calculates that in the end, though appeasing the hard left, his strategy will end up costing him dearly because of the national security nightmare (and public backlash) it will generate — a scenario Andy McCarthy himself thor-

oughly lays out with foreboding. Given the inevitable and foreseeable blowback awaiting Obama, my other friend reasons that Obama has decided to do it because he is a true believer. That is, it’s not just a matter of feeding his base. He is his base. He is a hard-left anti-war ideologue. Again, I would be hard-pressed to poke holes in this assessment.

Then we also have to consider as a motivating factor Obama’s stunningly naive belief that by being solicitous toward Islam and overly kind to terrorists, we can convince them that we are good people after all and not an enemy they should attack. That Obama harbors this belief is scarcely deniable. His various statements on American foreign and domestic policy reveal his conviction that America’s past behavior and attitude, up until the precise nanosecond he was inaugurated, have contributed to our unpopularity in the world and served as a terrorist-recruiting impetus throughout the world.

If we hadn’t been so “arrogant, sometimes dismissive,” if we hadn’t initiated “wars of choice,” if we hadn’t been imperialistic and “unilateralist,” if we hadn’t avariciously consumed a disproportionate measure of the world’s resources, the world wouldn’t look upon us with disfavor, and maybe even Islamic terrorism itself would be but a couple of isolated footnotes in an otherwise peaceful world.

Included in Obama’s convoluted mindset is the notion that we are not engaged in a war, but confronted with a knotty law enforcement challenge.

Obama is Mirandizing captured Taliban on the battlefields in Afghanistan, has deliberately substituted “overseas contingency operations” for “war on terror” and “man-caused disasters” for “acts of terrorism,” and refuses even to acknowledge that

the “Allahu akbar”-screaming Nidal Malik Hasan was engaged in an act of Islamic jihad in the Fort Hood massacre.

Considering this background, Obama surely believes, as patently ludicrous as this is, that affording American citizen-level constitutional protections to the worst of the worst will have a placatory effect on Islamists and potential Islamists, reversing some of the antipathy they have toward the United States and thus enhancing our national security. Yes, I’m sure Obama’s tolerance will make jihadists, who are disposed to commit man-caused disasters, think long and hard about evening the score against us for our past “wrongs.”

To me, that’s the crux of it. The theme that rages through all these interrelated motivations is Obama’s firm belief that pre-Obama America was, on balance, not a very admirable nation. Thus, we see his obsession to wreak “transformative,” catastrophic change at all levels, presto chango, making us an admirable nation overnight.

But his policies across the board are devastatingly irresponsible to the best interests of this nation, from intentionally bankrupting us while pretending to have become a deficit hawk to dismantling our defenses while painting a bull’s-eye on the very heart of America for terrorist exploitation.

At this point, it has become clear that to say it’s wrong to root for Obama’s agenda to fail is to say it’s right to root for America’s failure, unless, perhaps, your worldview leads you to believe that America will succeed only by emulating a Third World nation.

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Devonte Lloyd tackles Hereford quarterback Parker Bridwell on Nov. 6.

STEERS

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26 times for 137 yards. "We kind of planned all along as we get into the playoffs to start to get him more involved on offense," Ritchey said. "He carried such a big load last year, and really on defense he was just worn out in the second half of games, and that's not the case this year."

Big Spring will hope to execute against El Paso Irvin, which upset

El Paso Riverside last week in the last minute, spoiling what would have been a home game for the Steers had Riverside held on.

Ritchey said he's worried about teams such as Irvin that are not used to playing this deep into November.

"They beat a team they weren't supposed to beat last week," Ritchey said, "so obviously they have the underdog kind of mentality. They're going to be excited, and we're going to have to be prepared for them."

The Steers will have to watch out for Devonte Wallace, the Rockets' 6-foot-4, 250 pound right tackle and defensive end who is committed to New Mexico State. Wallace and the Rockets' balanced spread offense will try to run against a paltry Steer defense, which has given up an average of less than 70 yards per game on the ground over its last three games.

"Our defense is carrying us," Ritchey said. "We preached that since I've been here. You're

STANTON

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"I think it keeps the kids fresh," Peterson said of his back-by-committee approach. "We always have a fresh set of legs out there. Each one brings something different to the game, so it might keep them off balance."

The Buffalo offense, which struggled in the

only going to be as good as your defense is playing."

The Steer defense held a high-powered Canyon offense to its lowest total of the season Friday, 13 points in a little over one quarter. The Eagles were held in check for the rest of the evening.

"We faced a game in Hereford and a little bit the other night where we just weren't scoring points," Ritchey said. "The offense was moving, but your defense has to keep you in those games, and they did that

last game of the season against Sundown, exploded with 41 points last week. It was the team's highest point total of the season, topping the 35 points they scored in a loss to Iraan.

"We had some struggles early on in the year and we finally figured it out and it's starting to work for us now," Peterson said.

But he's not asking

for that many points this week.

"All we need is one more than they have," he said.

"All we need is one more than they have."

John Peterson
Stanton head coach

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Henderson said of his spread offense. "If they're as big as I think they're going to be on film and not as quick as we are, I think we can line up in some spread and hurt them that way also."

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Governor to decide condemned killer's fate

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The fate of a man facing execution Thursday evening for his role in a fatal robbery is in the hands of Gov. Rick Perry after the state parole board recommended that the death sentence be commuted to life in prison.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles made the rare recommendation Wednesday for 34-year-old Robert Lee Thompson, who was not the triggerman in the fatal shooting of a Houston convenience store clerk.

The shooter, Sammy Butler, was convicted and received life in prison.

Perry is not required to fol-

low the recommendation of the board, whose members he appoints.

“The governor has received the board’s recommendation but has not made a decision,” spokeswoman Allison Castle said Wednesday.

Thompson’s lawyer, Patrick McCann, also has an appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the lethal injection.

The parole board’s 5-2 vote Wednesday came in response to a petition from McCann, who argued that the case was similar to that of Kenneth Foster, also convicted and sentenced to die under the law of parties.

Perry two years ago commuted Foster’s sentence to life. Foster became only the

second inmate since Texas resumed carrying out executions in 1982 who won a recommendation from the parole board as his execution loomed.

In the first case, in 2004, Perry rejected the board’s recommendation and mentally ill prisoner Kelsey Patterson was executed.

Perry’s explanation for commuting Foster’s sentence was that Foster and his co-defendant were tried together on capital murder charges for a slaying in San Antonio. In Thompson’s case, he and Butler were tried separately for the shooting death of 29-year-old Mansoor Bhai Rahim Mohammed.

At least a half dozen other Texas inmates have been ex-

ecuted under the law of parties.

Under the law, offenders conspiring to commit one felony like robbery can all be held responsible for another ensuing crime, such as murder.

The U.S. Supreme Court since 1982 has barred the death penalty for co-conspirators who don’t themselves kill. The justices, however, in 1987 made an exception, ruling that the Eighth Amendment didn’t prohibit execution of someone who plays a major role in a felony that results in murder and whose mental state is one of reckless indifference.

McCann’s appeal before the Supreme Court raised questions about the competence

of Thompson’s trial lawyers, arguing that jurors who decided Thompson should be executed never learned of his abusive childhood, an upbringing by a mentally ill and drug- and alcohol-addicted mother and a household where he was “raised in and among felons.”

Evidence at his trial showed Thompson, who is black, told detectives he went on a two-month crime spree in 1996 because God told him to do something about store clerks who discriminated against blacks.

The killing was one of three he acknowledged to authorities. In two of the slayings, Thompson told detectives he was the gunman.

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Man gets prison over grandpa's roof-related death

FORT WORTH (AP) — A plea agreement means 10 years in prison for a Fort Worth man whose elderly grandfather died after being shoved off a roof.

Prosecutors say 41-year-old Myron Lee Wilson and 81-year-old Claude Downey had argued before the grandson pushed the older man and he fell as both worked on a roof. Downey suffered fatal head injuries in the Feb. 26 incident.

Wilson was initially charged with murder, but he pleaded guilty Friday to a reduced charge of reckless injury to the elderly causing serious bodily injury. Prosecutors say Wilson has a record of misdemeanor assaults and served time in prison for a 2004 attempted-arson conviction.

A judge on Wednesday sentenced Wilson.

Prosecutor Sheila Wynn says the sentence was appropriate considering the facts of the case and the wishes of Downey’s widow and other children.

El Paso legislator cites lack of Hispanic history

AUSTIN (AP) — A legislator from El Paso has criticized proposed history and social studies standards for public schools as being unfair to Hispanics.

Rep. Norma Chavez raised the issue Wednesday in Austin before the State Board of Education.

Chavez says it’s “as though Hispanics don’t exist in many of these standards.”

Chavez seeks a meeting between board members and Hispanic lawmakers before the panel in January takes its initial vote on social studies standards. A final vote is expected in March.

Board member Pat Hardy of Weatherford said Chavez seemed to be saying “that because 40 percent of our population is Hispanic, then 40 percent of all of the historical characters need to be Hispanic.”

Chavez disagreed, saying that the board was not looking at the entire history of Texas and accurately reflecting what should be included.

Woman allegedly sought to have husband killed

HOUSTON (AP) — A tip led Harris County sheriff’s deputies to a Katy woman who allegedly offered to pay \$20,000 to have someone kill her husband.

Catherine Shamp was jailed Thursday on a charge of solicitation of capital murder. Bail was set at \$30,000. Electronic jail records did not list an attorney for Shamp, who was arrested Wednesday.

The sheriff’s department said an informant on Monday notified deputies that he had been approached by a woman seeking the death of 38-year-old David Shamp.

Investigators say the informant was fitted with a recording device in which the wife allegedly was heard offering to pay \$20,000 for the hit.

The husband was not injured.

Man rescued from Austin storm drain

AUSTIN (AP) — An arm sticking from a gutter opening helped lead emergency personnel in Austin to a man who had called 911 to say he was trapped.

Austin firefighters on Wednesday night extracted the man from the storm drain system. His cell phone GPS helped lead emergency personnel to the location before the device went dead.

Fire department spokesman David Belknap says the man was in the storm drain about 20 minutes before he was located.

Authorities are trying to determine why the man was in the storm drain.

Work to recover pieces of USS Westfield

TEXAS CITY (AP) — The resting place of the USS Westfield is being disturbed to retrieve what’s left of the Civil War-era vessel from a Texas ship channel.

Archaeologists seek to recover the remains to allow deepening of the Texas City channel by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Experts say a cannon is believed to be the largest remnant of the USS Westfield, a Union ship scuttled by the crew to avoid capture during the 1863 Battle of Galveston.

The cannon search began Wednesday as part of the \$71 million ship channel upgrade.

The artifacts will go to the Texas A&M Conservation Research Laboratory, in an effort that could land some items at museums.

Project manager Sharon Tirpak says the Corps and Navy salvage experts will help remove the historic items, as required by federal law.

Texas soldier killed in Afghanistan

TERRELL (AP) — A 26-year-old soldier from Terrell has been killed in Afghanistan, according to his family.

Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW reports that the family of U.S. Army Spc. Joseph Michael Lewis released a statement confirming his death.

The Terrell Tribune reports the Rev. Diana Freeman of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Terrell said Lewis’ family was notified early Tues-

day evening by military personnel.

In a statement, the family fondly remembered Lewis, lovingly referred to as “G.I. Joe.”

He leaves behind a wife, Theresa, and an infant daughter, Abigail.

Lewis is the second soldier from Terrell to die in battle in less than a month.

Woman sues restaurant chain over injury

HOUSTON (AP) — The sister of former Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon has filed a lawsuit against a Dallas-based restaurant chain over an incident in which one of her legs was allegedly disfigured.

Patsy Moon filed the lawsuit earlier this month in Harris County court. The suit alleges an employee at a La Madeleine restaurant in Houston spilled a tray on her with scalding soup and coffee that burned her thigh. The lawsuit says she had to visit an emergency room for treatment and

that the injury kept her from attending an NFL Hall of Fame event in August with her brother.

Patsy Moon’s attorney, Michael Stanley, says his client now has a big spot on her leg that is disfigured.

The Houston Chronicle reports that Harry Martin Jr., vice president and general counsel for La Madeleine, declined to comment.

Building damaged during fire in Texas stockyards

FORT WORTH (AP) — A roof has collapsed in the aftermath of a 2-alarm fire at an old abandoned building in the Fort Worth Stockyards.

Fort Worth fire department spokesman Lt. Kent Worley says no one was injured.

The fire was reported around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Worley says the “entire roof has come down.” Television footage showed flames leaping all over the building.

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REVENUES	
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$6,070,822
State Program Revenues	1,414,361
Federal Program Revenues	281,763
Total Revenues	<u>7,766,946</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Instruction	3,210,045
Instruction Resources & Media Services	137,479
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	25,416
School Leadership	320,045
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	106,979
Health Services	40,928
Student Transportation	353,751
Food Services	360,375
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	401,507
General Administration	365,724
Plant Maintenance & Operations	652,738
Security & Monitoring Services	10,040
Data Processing Services	96,335
Community Services	20,798
Debt Service:	
Principal On Long-Term Debt	280,000
Interest On Long-Term Debt	167,960
Bond Issuance Cost & Fees	331
Capital Outlay:	
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	205,299
Intergovernmental:	
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	286,955
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	115,700
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed Program	6,210
Other Intergovenmental Charges	105,067
Total Expenditures	<u>7,269,682</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over(Under) Expenditures	<u>497,264</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	
Sale of Real and Personal Property	3,400
Transfers In	33,799
Transfers Out (Use)	(33,799)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>3,400</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	500,664
Fund Balance - Sept. 1 (Beginning)	5,565,481
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	620
Fund Balance - Aug. 31 (Ending)	<u>\$6,066,765</u>

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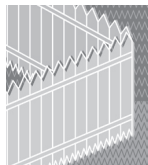
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A False Sense of Security

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 7 5
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A J 9 2
♣ J 9 7 6

EAST

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ 5

SOUTH

♠ A 10 6 3
♥ A Q 6
♦ K Q
♣ A K 4 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — three of clubs.
Playing hastily in bridge is analogous, in many ways, to the ancient proverb about marrying in haste and repenting at leisure. Today's deal provides a case in point.
Assume you're in three notrump and West leads a club. Dummy's six holds the first trick, and you apparently have nine sure tricks consisting of a spade, a heart, four diamonds and three clubs.
Lulled by this false sense of security into thinking that it's all over but the shouting, you try for an overtrick

by taking a heart finesse at trick two, losing the queen to the king.
West returns the ten of hearts, and about this time it begins to dawn on you that there's some doubt about making nine tricks. The four diamond tricks you counted at the start are much easier to count than to cash. If you take the K-Q, there will be no way to reach dummy's A-J, while if you cash the king and then overtake the queen with the ace, you will make only three diamond tricks unless the ten falls. (In the actual deal it doesn't, so you finish down one.)
To make matters worse, you now realize where you went wrong. The fault goes back to trick one, when you won the club lead with dummy's six and should have won with the ace! You could then have played the king of clubs, cashed the K-Q of diamonds and led another club toward dummy's J-9. Whether West took his queen or not, the jack of clubs would be an entry to the A-J of diamonds, and nine tricks would be assured.
Obviously, it's clear in retrospect that winning the opening club lead with the ace is correct, but you must give yourself enough time to think of it. If you play too hastily at trick one and allow dummy's six to win, you will, as the proverb says, have lots of time later to repent at your leisure.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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the Forsan Buffaloes' Division 2 Pee wee team. This was his first year as head coach, but he has been assistant coach and helping since he was still in high school.

"I just enjoy spending time with the kids," Rainer said. "I will see some of the kids that I coached in previous years, and to them I'm still 'Coach.'"

Rainer was able to choose his own coaching staff and decided to bring in five friends from Forsan and Coahoma — Codee Barraza, Mitchell Hooper, Jesse Metcalf, Rory Gammons and Blake Jones.

"I've enjoyed teaching them (team members) how to hit, block and work together," Hooper said.

Patience was a virtue all of the coaches were able to walk away with.

"I thought I had patience, but the kids showed me how to really have patience," Barraza said.

The majority of the coaches have a football background, but football isn't the only thing they were teaching the youngsters.

"Teamwork is a big part of this," Metcalf said. "We were also teaching them discipline and how to listen."

Though the coaches were the ones bringing lessons to the boys, they didn't walk away from the season without learning something themselves.

"We were out here teaching the kids football plays and how to work together, but in the process they were teaching us," Rainer said.

"They were teaching us how to just have fun."

The coaches said they tried to be strict with the boys in the beginning of the year, but they learned it's fine to relax.

"We became better at explaining things to the kids and they were more apt to listen than they were in the beginning of the season," Metcalf related.

All the coaches enjoyed their time with the youngsters.

"It's not going to be a fun off-season," Rainer said. "We are going to miss the kids."

There was never a dull moment, according to Barraza, who enjoyed the games and



practices.

"All of it was fun. Spending the time with the kids was so enjoyable," Barraza said. "I

am definitely hoping to come back next year as a coach."

At this age, the youth are still impressionable

and can take a much bigger lesson from this, the coaches said. According to Barraza, Metcalf and Rainer, it's about determination, and showing the players they can get through anything.

"If they are taught to try their hardest, no matter what's in front of them, they will be good," Barraza said. "Hopefully, we taught them things they can use not only on the field, but in school, at home and in everyday life."

Hooper said they are looking forward to coming back next year. Watching the kids grow has been an experience.

"The main thing was to show these kids some positive role models. Football helped us grow up and now we can teach them," Rainer said. "There's going to be close calls in life, but they have to play through it."

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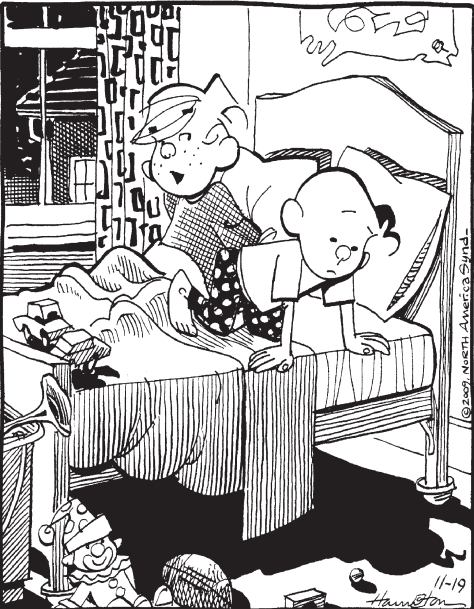
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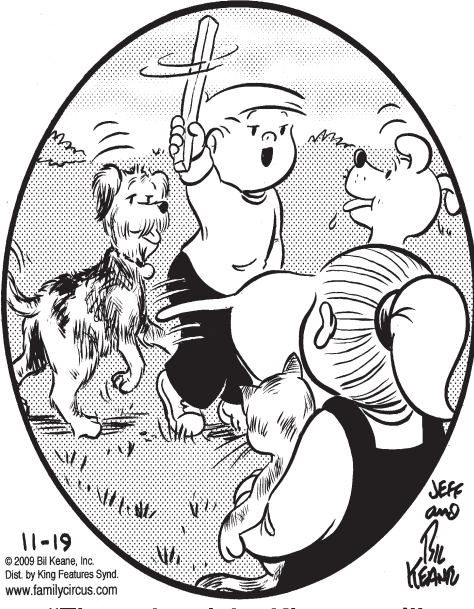
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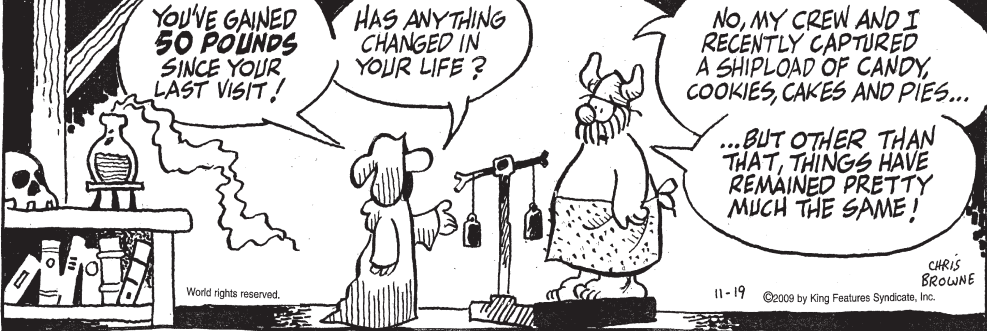
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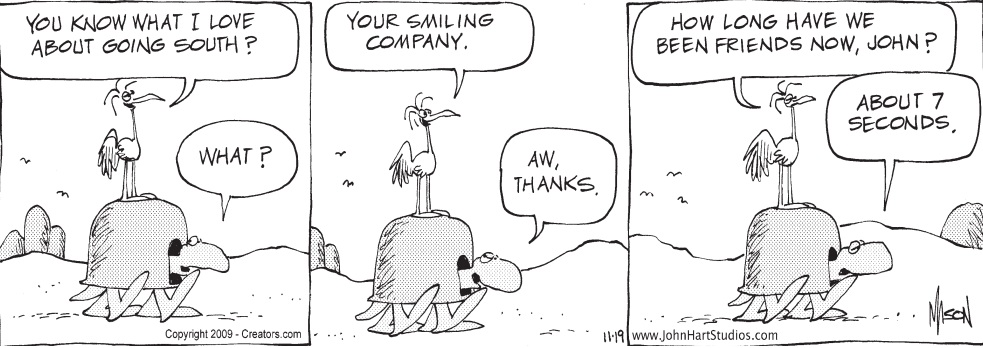
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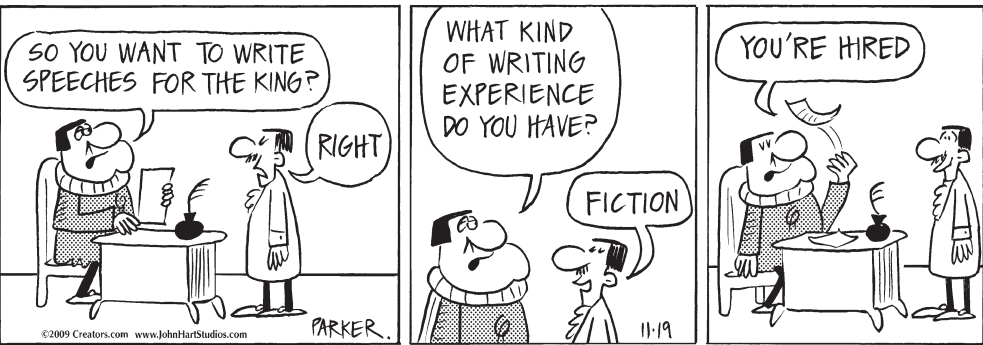
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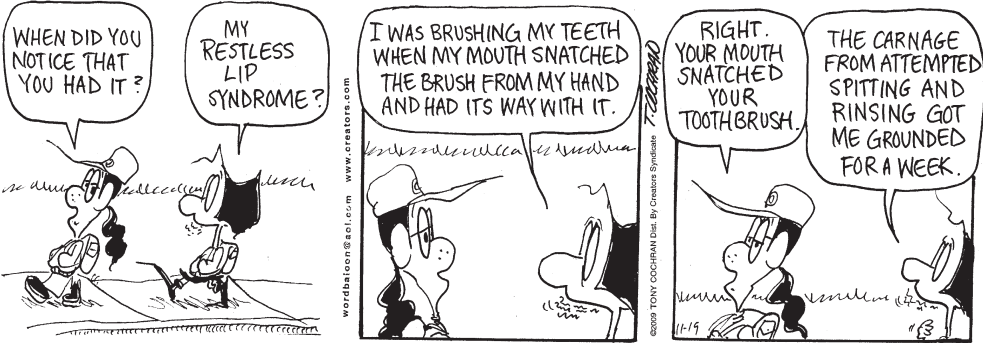
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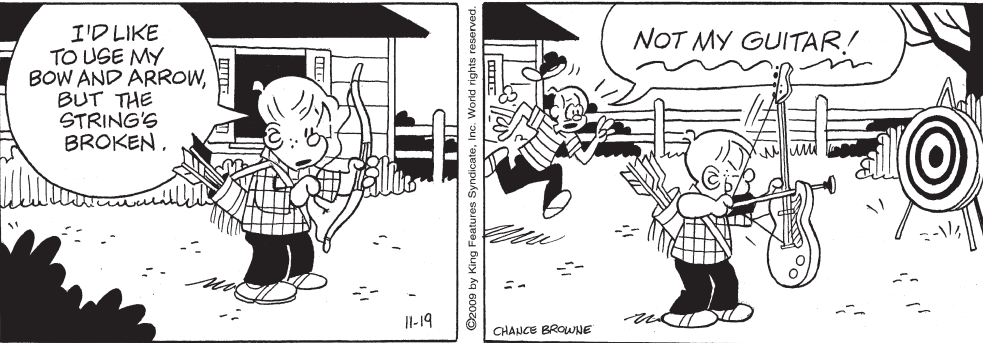
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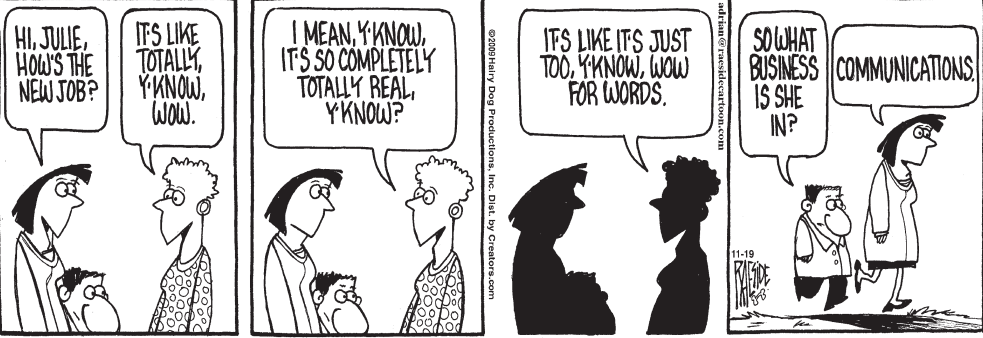
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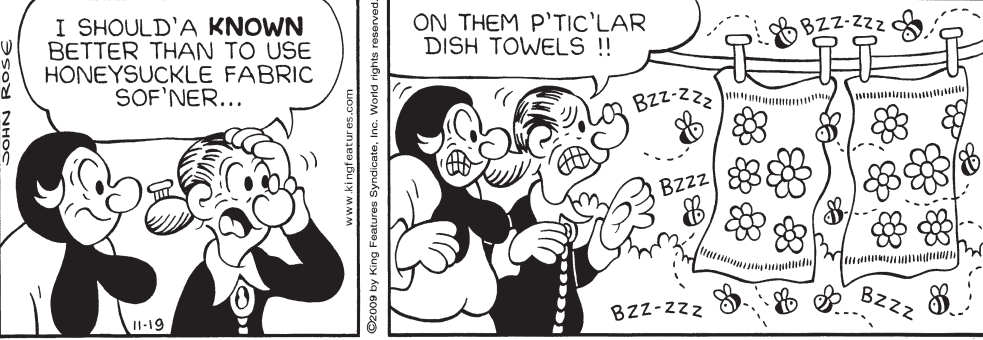
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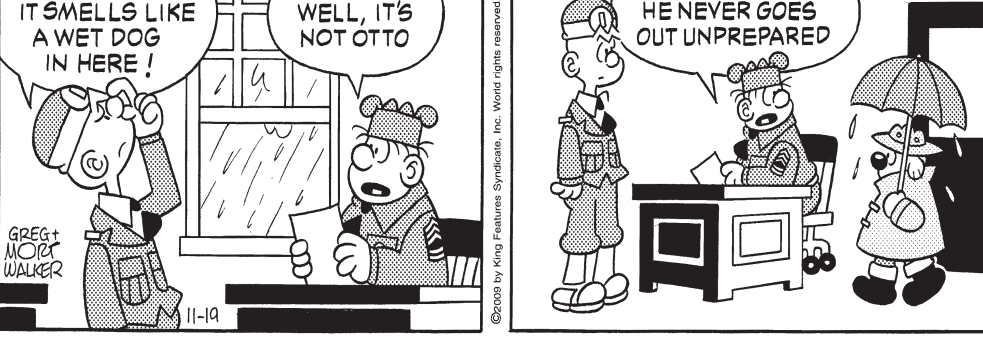
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2009. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

On this date: In 1600, King Charles I of England was born in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland. In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange Township, Ohio.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1942, during World War II,

Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel.

In 1969, Apollo XII astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

In 1984, some 500 people died in a firestorm set off by a series of explosions at a petroleum storage plant on the edge of Mexico City.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Young is 90. Talk show host Larry King is 76. Former General Electric CEO Jack Welch is 74. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 73. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 71. Singer Pete Moore (Smokey Robinson and the Miracles) is 70. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 70. TV journalist Garrick Utley is 70. Actor Dan Haggerty is 68. Former Health and Human

Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson is 68. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 67. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad is 60. Actor Robert Beltran is 56. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is 55. Actress Glynnis O'Connor is 54. Newscaster Ann Curry is 53. Former NASA astronaut Eileen Collins is 53. Actress Allison Janney is 50. Rock musician Matt Sorum (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver) is 49. Actress Meg Ryan is 48. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 47. Actress Terry Farrell is 46. TV chef Rocco DiSpirito is 43. Actor Jason Scott Lee is 43. Olympic gold medal runner Gail Devers is 43. Actress Erika Alexander is 40. Rock musician Travis McNabb is 40.

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Answer to previous puzzle												
LAPD	DEFOG	PATS										
OSLO	IDLER	IDOL										
STAG	MEARA	NONO										
SINGS	SONG	ZAGREB										
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SMOG	SWEDE	DANA										

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- ACROSS**
1 Known truth
5 Baseball great
9 Passing fancies
14 General
15 Took one's turn
16 Postal-scale marking
17 Priest of the East
18 Supermodel
19 Take forcibly
20 Yield to pressure
23 Invite to one's home
24 Think through
28 Meadow mother
29 Journal ending
31 "That's a laugh!"
32 Like a sourball
34 Light punishment
36 Miss at a barn dance
37 Sound of delight
39 Tree with a winged seed
40 Silver source
41 Space to move
44 Hairspray mom
46 Any thing
47 Greek letter
48 Start-up loan org.
49 Catch in a net
51 Subject to breaking
55 Some carryalls
58 Farming major
61 Place for a planter
62 May race, for short
63 Party platter cheese
- DOWN**
64 Sinister
65 Cpls., for instance
66 Web-footed mammal
67 Society newbies
68 Lady's escort
10 Hearty cheers
11 Suffix for labyrinth
12 Roast hosts, briefly
13 Harden
21 Show servility
22 Get ready to dine
25 Place for perms
26 Oscar role for Leigh
27 Scruff of the neck
30 Thailand, formerly
32 Condor's gripper
33 Book of keepsakes
34 Oater exclamation
35 Legal profession
- ACROSS**
36 Splicing candidate
38 "Straight" starter
42 "Outta my way!"
43 Last longer than
45 Applying lightly
48 Seems suspicious
50 Gather wool
52 Wing it onstage
53 Tilter's tool
54 ___ Heath
(Return of the Native setting)
56 Brought into play
57 CBS part: Abbr.
58 Before now
59 Fooled
60 Abdomen, so to speak

