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The Forsan High School Band marched its way into Texas history Monday evening in the Alamodome in San Antonio, as the group clinched the State 1A Marching Contest. Forsan defeated last year's state champion, Sundown, which came in second place, to earn the title.

Courtesy photo

Forsan band best in state!

'Indescribable,' 'wonderful' feeling, participants express

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Being named the Texas Music Educators Association Class 1A Honor Band earlier this year just wasn't enough for Forsan High School.

They wanted more — and they got it Monday, as the FHS Band clinched the 1A-2A State Marching Championship title

at the Alamodome in San Antonio, defeating defending champion Sundown with nine-out-of-10 votes for the first-place spot.

"It's such a wonderful feeling," said FHS Band Director Jim Rhodes. "Last year, we came in second place behind Sundown, so to be able to knock them out of the top spot this

year just made it all the sweeter."

Having competing early Monday morning in the preliminary competition, and again that evening, Rhodes said he and the rest of the band held their breath as the top three spots were announced.

"They announced the third place spot, and everything just got quiet," said Rhodes. "Then, they announced the second place spot, which was Sundown, and everyone just looked at each other and held their breath. At that point we



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—Jim Rhodes, FHS band director

knew we either didn't place, or we were going to take the top spot. When they announced we had won the top spot, the whole place just erupted."

High School sophomore Evan Burton, who plays the French

horn in the band, said the feeling was simply "indescribable." "When you step onto that field, it's almost like you're playing the half-time show at

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Dementia Tour to provide caregiver support

Symposium planned Wednesday at Dora Roberts Community Center

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

What, exactly, is it like to live with Alzheimer's?

That's a question officials with the Alzheimer's Association will try to answer for area professionals and patient caregivers during a symposium Wednesday, as the group presents its Virtual Dementia Tour.

"For those who have never been through the virtual tour, it's a real eye opener," said Nancy Jones, director of the local Retired

Seniors Volunteer Program and an Alzheimer's Association committee member. "We use garbing — different clothes and things — that give you an idea what it's like to try to live with the disease. Then, the participants are given five tasks to do, and eight minutes to do them in.

"These are simple things you wouldn't think are hard, but you begin to understand just how hard it is to accomplish tasks when you have the disease."

The symposium, which is expected to begin with registration

at 1 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, will feature a program concerning the future of Alzheimer's by Janet Cross, program coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, as well as presentations by Lynett Sousa, MSW, and Susan Jones, MSN and LPC from Midland College.

"Statistics developed several years ago showed more than 1,000 people in Howard County have Alzheimer's," said Jones. "And for every diagnosed case, there are

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Polls open until 7 p.m. today

Today is election day across Texas.

Locally, voters are being asked to vote for or against 16 separate state constitutional amendments and a Howard County jail bond in the amount of \$11.57 million.

Polls, listed below, are open until 7 p.m.

- North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street — Precincts 101-115
- Life Church, 600 E. FM 700 — Precincts 202-205 and 208
- Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad — Precincts 302-305
- Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Kentucky Lane and Birdwell Lane — Precincts 401-407 and 410
- Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Avenue, Coahoma — Precincts 207, 408 and 409



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Veterans Day ceremony slated at college

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring VA Medical Center, joined by several other local agencies and groups, will come together Friday to honor veterans throughout the community during a special Community-

wide Veterans Day Program. "Veterans Day offers America an opportunity to honor veterans for their service and sacrifice," said Iva Jo Hanslik, Big Spring VAMC community relations coordinator. "This year, Big Spring and the surrounding communities will host a spe-

cial Community-wide Veterans Day Program Friday at 11 a.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

"All veterans are invited and encouraged to attend the program, which is in their honor. Citizens in the community are also invited to

join us as we share a moment of celebration, recognition and dedication to all veterans — past, present and future."

Hanslik said several area school districts, along with local veterans groups and VA officials, will show their sup-

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IN BRIEF

Youth B-ball league sign-ups have started at YMCA

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls are taking place at the YMCA through Nov. 17. Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Outlying communities may form their own teams, but must have a mix of players from each grade in each division.

Games are played on Saturdays beginning Dec. 8. Practices start the week of Nov. 26. A coaches meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at the YMCA. Teams will be formed at this meeting. Players are not required to attend.

Registration fee is \$45 with an \$8 credit for those who will use the same game jersey as last season.

Call the YMCA at 267-8234 for more details.

Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area subvarsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in ATC

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.

Howard College announces Hawk Buddies Program

The Howard College Women's Basketball team is tipping off its season with the Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

It starts Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with a basketball clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Each Hawk Buddy will receive an opportunity to learn how to play the game from Howard players and coaches for a fee of \$20. A T-shirt will be given to each participant that will also serve as a free family season pass when worn to Howard College home games.

A second clinic is scheduled for Jan. 12 to be followed by a pizza-party with the women's basketball team.

Each Hawk Buddy will be recognized at halftime of the Hawks home game Jan. 21.

For more information, contact Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Bulldogettes dominate in opener

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — One of the most important things in sports is how you start the season.

Monday night, the Coahoma Bulldogettes (1-0) began their 2007-08 campaign in excellent fashion, jumping out to a 24-8 lead in the first quarter on their way to a convincing 63-30 victory over the Sterling City Lady Eagles.

The trio of forward Laci Sterling and posts Christy Rich and Heather Sheppard made an emphatic statement early in the contest. Sterling was able to feed the ball inside the paint at will to

either Rich or Sheppard.

With the score 7-2, Coahoma's Janice Gonzales calmly stroked a three, igniting a 9-1 blitz putting the Lady Eagles down 14-3 with 3:20 left in the first.

Sterling and Sheppard took over in the second as the duo combined to score 11 points in the stanza as the Bulldogettes extended their lead to 37-15 at the end of the half.

In the third, Coahoma decided it wanted to put on a defensive exhibition by completely shutting down any inside threat Sterling City tried to develop.

The 6-5 Sheppard stood guard in the post, blocking any shot that came her way and the quick-

ness of the Coahoma defense helped force eight turnovers in the quarter.

As a result of all the gifts the Lady Eagles handed out, the Bulldogettes ran the floor, ripping off a 20-2 run for the period, putting any hopes of a Sterling City comeback to rest at 57-17 with eight minutes left in the game.

The fourth quarter was academic, as the Bulldogettes relaxed the defensive pressure and played ball control offense, allowing the Lady Eagles to cut the lead slightly. Sterling City hit four of five from outside the arc on its way to outscoring the Bulldogettes 13-6 in the quarter.

Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall was all smiles after the game. "It's a good way to start the season," Sumrall said. "We got really good guard play tonight and that allowed our post players to take advantage of the mismatches."

Sheppard, who played for the Lady Steers of Big Spring last season, led the way for the Bulldogettes with 20 points and 6 blocked shots.

"Heather played good for us tonight," Sumrall said. "She still has a lot to learn though so I expect her to get even better."

Rich and Sterling scored 19 each while Teryn Bibb added two for good measure.

Big 12 coaches feeling the heat

Two coaches in the Big 12 are igniting their seats in a blaze that would make Waco proud. However, there's one other leading man within the conference that is apparently fire proof.

Texas A&M's Dennis Franchione and Nebraska's Bill Callahan don't have a comfortable place to sit anywhere on either of their campuses.

Actually, they probably don't have a restaurant where they can sit down and eat without fear of food poisoning.

However, both have duly earned any ridicule they're suffering.

Franchione has only himself to blame. His recruiting classes have been top notch, but his coaching has been subpar. He couldn't take advantage of the athletes he's had and instead, his teams have perennially underachieved in College Station.

The biggest indicator of his complete misunderstanding of his team is the game against the Miami Hurricanes. The Canes' defense were not their strongest on the interior of their defensive line. However, they're one of the quickest defenses in the nation.

Instead of pounding the ball inside with 280-plus pound Jovorskie Lane, Franchione had his offense trying to work the option game to the outside

toward Miami's strength. Even when he did run the ball inside, he had scat back Mike Goodson carrying it. It was a pathetic attempt at playcalling in a nationally televised game.

Franchione's further misunderstanding of his team is shown in his offense's inability to play a game from behind. Stephen McGee has some good weapons in his receiving corps, but they are never utilized. Primarily, the absence of plays that set up tight end Martellus Bennett.

Bennett is possibly the best player at his position in the country. He leads the Aggies with 36 receptions, but rarely sees the ball in the red zone where he could be the biggest threat to opposing defenses. Bennett has just two touchdowns this season. He has voiced his displeasure with the playcalling already this season.

"I'm always open," he said. "I've got a (Dikembe) Mutombo wing span and I can jump like Vince Carter, for the most part. I always feel like I'm open. When Reggie (McNeal) was here, they were throwing that thing. Steve (McGee) will probably lead the Big 12 in rushing."

No matter how hot Franchione's seat is, though, it doesn't compare to the heat felt by Callahan.

The former Oakland Raiders' coach probably received the most death threats of any coach in the history of football after the Cornhuskers surrendered 76 points to Kansas.

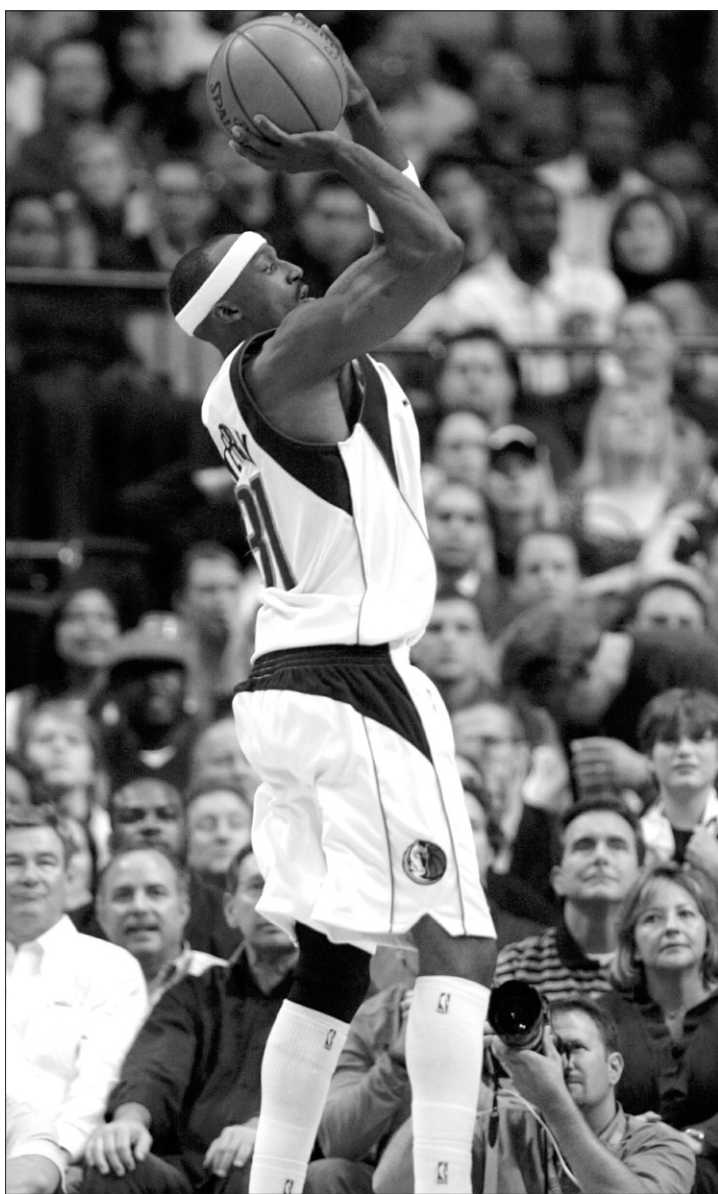
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JONATHAN HULL



AP photo/Brody Schmidt
Texas coach Mack Brown calls a timeout with two seconds left, setting up the winning field goal in Texas' 38-35 win over Oklahoma St. Saturday in Stillwater, Okla. Brown might want to call timeout on the Longhorns' season as he somehow avoids a coaching hot seat.



AP photo/Donna McWilliam
Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry shoots against the Houston Rockets in the second half of their basketball game Monday in Dallas. Terry scored 31 points in their 107-98 win.

Terry comes off bench to lead Mavs over Houston

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — New Houston Rockets coach Rick Adelman is about to find out how his club handles defeat.

After a 3-0 start, the Rockets ran into the first jam they couldn't escape, falling 107-98 to the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night. They won't have much time to analyze it, though, because they host the defending champion San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

"It's tough, but that's our challenge," Adelman said. "We have to learn how to beat a good team and get more people involved."

Tracy McGrady exceeded his NBA-best scoring average with 35 points and eight assists, and Yao Ming had 21 points and 11 rebounds, but that lack of people involved proved to be the difference. None of the other Rockets scored more than nine points. Dallas didn't have that

problem.

Josh Howard scored 21 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 19, Jerry Stackhouse had 16 and DeSagana Diop added 10 points, 13 rebounds. Yet none of them was the star.

That would be Jason Terry, who showed how well he's adapting to being a reserve by scoring 31 points and guiding a late 14-4 run.

"He just had that look in his eye and his shot really looked good," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "We are very surprised when he misses; we're kind of spoiled these days."

A starter for Dallas in the finals two years ago and on the club that won 67 games last season, Terry showed his leadership late in the third quarter, scoring seven straight points with Nowitzki and Howard on the bench in foul trouble. Then he opened the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer, a personal 10-0 run that took the Mavericks from down by

five to leading by five.

Dallas was up only 91-90 when Terry started the winning burst with two free throws. He also fed Nowitzki on two baskets and hit two more free throws to cap the spurt with the Mavericks in control 105-94.

"We stayed in it, but they made more plays," Rockets forward Shane Battier said. "We're still confident we can play with anybody in the league."

The Mavericks are 3-1, which is notable only because they were 0-4 at this point last season, with a 41-point loss to Houston mixed in. Dallas went on to match the fifth-most wins in league history before getting bounced in the first round of the playoffs.

"This was a key win," Terry said. "They really put it to us in that early November game last year. We are one up on them now, but we can't get too excited because we have

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Obituaries

Harvey Mansfield



Harvey Mansfield, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jess Colegrove officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Harvey was born Sept. 2, 1928, in Howard County to Pearly Lee and Julius Brown Mansfield. He married Peggy Shaw on May 29, 1950, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on March 11, 1981. Harvey married Bea Thomas on Feb. 18, 1983, in Big Spring. He was production supervisor at Sid Richardson Carbon Company for 32 years, retiring in 1991. He was a member of Trinity Memorial Park. Harvey loved gardening, wood working, camping, fishing, his children and grandchildren.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Bea Mansfield of Big Spring; three sons, Roy Mansfield and his wife, Jo Jo, Benny Mansfield and his wife, Jayne, and Joe Mansfield and his wife, Donna, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Beverly Grant and her husband, Jeters, of Big Spring and Pearley Meacham and her husband, Dan, of Big Lake; one step-son, Bruce Thomas and his wife, Jenny, of Big Spring; one brother, Floyd Mansfield and his wife, Rosa, of San Angelo; one sister, Arlene Blakney of Big Spring; and he was gifted with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Harvey was preceded in death by one grandson, Michael Mansfield, on Feb. 13, 2004; one brother; and seven sisters.

Pallbearers will be Alan Grant, Rodney Grant, Russell Grant, Orrin Mansfield, Seth Mansfield, Daniel Meacham, Kassi Meacham, Jason Mims, Eddie White, Ricky White, Daniel Thomas and Mike Thomas.

The family will be at 6201 East Midway Road. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Cathryn 'Margaret' Matthews

Cathryn "Margaret" Matthews, 74, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

- Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar at Canterbury South for Saturday, Dec. 1. Hours for the bazaar are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Prissy Stanley at 263-1238 or leave a message.

- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

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

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

- All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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Police blotter

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

- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Settles.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.
- **PABLO MORENO**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence (charge not provided).
- **BRYON PATRICK PAYNE**, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a warrant for minor in possession of alcohol.

Fire/EMS

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

- Note — Includes EMS calls from the weekend.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of Avion. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Wilson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Petus. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of N.E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Runnels. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Tingle. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Vines. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Goliad. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of Johnson. Service refused.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
 Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
 Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds around 10 mph.
 Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.
 Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.
 Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.
 Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.
 Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.
 Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.
 Veterans day...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

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- TODAY**
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
 - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
 - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
 - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
 - Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
 - Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
 - 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.
 - American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
 - The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
 - Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
 - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 5-26-27-33. Bonus Ball: 22.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
 Prize: \$400,000
 Winning ticket(s) sold in: Malakoff.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 16-21-25-32-37.
 Number matching five of five: 1.
 Prize per winner: \$28,847.
 Winning ticket sold in: Brownsville.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-2-2-2. Sum It Up: 6

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-0-4

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Frankly, I understand the alumni's displeasure with Callahan. It's Nebraska. The 'Huskers don't give up 76 points. They don't beat Ball State by one point and they don't surrender 45 points to Oklahoma State at home. What happened to the feared "black shirts"?"

Callahan is lucky he wasn't fired Monday morning after Saturday's debacle. He's probably on the verge of entering a witness protection program. Farmers throughout the state are ready to find a new use for their pitchforks on Callahan's backside.

However, he isn't all to blame. I blame the Nebraska boosters, alum-

ni and athletic directors for insisting on updating the offense to a more modern West Coast style. Huge mistake.

There was nothing wrong with the option game traditionally used at Nebraska. The problem was the choice made to replace the legendary Tom Osborne with Frank Solich. Solich understood the Nebraska traditions, but wasn't a good recruiter.

An option offense can still function incredibly well in the NCAA as long as there is a dominant defense to complement it and the right athletes are running it.

Last I checked, the 'Huskers won a national championship 10 years ago with the option attack. They also contended for a national title from 1999-2001. Despite what it may seem like,

they aren't that far removed from that success.

Nebraska could go back and recruit the top option athletes on the high school level and return to the top. I know it appears that every high school team in the state of Texas runs a spread offense now, but several still use an option attack.

Callahan is as good as gone.

If Nebraska wants to find success, then they should renew their affair with the option game.

No one ever ran it better than the Huskers.

While Callahan and Franchione are burning up on their campuses, Mack Brown is apparently wearing an incredible flame retardant suit.

Why isn't he catching any flack for Texas' lackluster season? It makes

no sense. College coaches are supposed to be heavily scrutinized by the media and fans, but Brown has earned immunity to criticism.

Instead, quarterback Colt McCoy catches most of the blame. I've used this space several times in the past to defend McCoy and I'm going to do it again.

The Texas' quarterback is not the guilty party here.

It's Brown and his inability to change the offense back to something that suits McCoy.

The Longhorns have three 3-point victories this season over teams they should've dominated — Central Florida, Nebraska and Oklahoma State.

Brown's playcalling has been nothing short of questionable. Jamaal Charles is averaging 119

rushing yards a game, yet he's only getting 19 carries per contest.

It's no wonder McCoy has thrown as many interceptions as touchdowns this season. Opposing defenses understand that Brown will not let Charles run the ball early in games. Instead, he puts a ton of pressure on McCoy in an offensive set that doesn't suit him.

McCoy is a good quarterback, but he's obviously not Vince Young. That offense was great for Young.

It was manufactured for Young. Brown is in denial that Vince is no longer a Longhorn, though.

It's time to go back to an attack that allows McCoy to take snaps from under center and hand the ball off to Charles 25-30 times much

like Texas used to do when Cedric Benson was in the backfield. Charles is every bit as talented as Benson, but has more breakaway speed. He's the most under used weapon in the nation.

Brown's teams underachieved at Texas before Vince and now they're not living up to expectations after Vince.

Young is now learning how to be a successful NFL quarterback.

He's not coming back, Mack. Let go and realize that you're hurting your team.

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to go down there at the end of the month. They are a good team and a team to be reckoned with in this division."

Johnson has tweaked

things this year, making Devin Harris his starting point guard and Terry his first sub.

Johnson has shown his commitment to the plan by keeping Terry as his top reserve even though Harris has missed the last two games with a bruised left thigh.

Second-year undrafted free agent J.J. Barea started both games; after a terrific performance last time, he struggled this time, with Terry starting the second half.

Terry started 558 of the first 654 games of his career, including 80 each of the last two seasons,

but he embraced Johnson's plan, reminding everyone he won a national championship as a sub at Arizona.

He's also set a goal of winning the Sixth Man award.

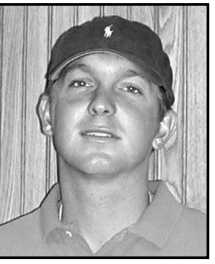
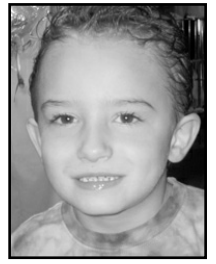
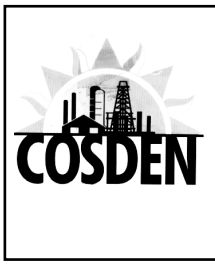
He's off to a good start, having averaged 20 points over the games before this

one. "I'm very comfortable in this role," Terry said. "I'm going to go out there and give us what we need, a good punch off the bench every night."

Notes: This was the third time in four games that Terry has outscored

the opposing bench. ... Houston's three starters besides Yao and McGrady scored a combined 19 points. ... The Rockets shot 42 percent despite making 12-of-24 in the first quarter. ... Dallas was 27-of-28 on free throws.

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relaxing space to find peace within.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Business transactions go well. A meeting brings you to the attention of the top people. If you are willing to turn out superior work even though the pay is inferior, you will soon be recognized and better compensated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your senses are tuned into opportunities, especially of the moneymaking variety. When the right combination of players comes together, your eyes turn into dollar signs. Tonight: A dream-sharing session is priceless.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your friends are important to you, and now you have the chance to be there for one who needs generous, spontaneous help. Tonight features unusual stimuli and surprises.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Time is money. Don't waste either by letting others bend your ear with useless or negative information. Financial luck comes in roundabout ways and through friendly connections.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Though you may need to have a serious heart-to-heart with one of your key people, do avoid using the scary, cliché "We need to talk" approach. Tap into that casual charm you're famous for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have magnetic and hypnotic powers and may be, without realizing it, influencing someone to do your bidding. Tonight: Extreme self-care pays off with good health.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you're happy — and if you think about it, you are happy in regard to many, many things in your life — just trust the way things are going and don't ask too many questions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Contrary to popular belief, the phone is not a living creature and will probably still work fine without someone hovering around it 24/7, tending to its every ring. You need time to yourself without the electronic tether.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You give people what they want, and they appreciate you for it. What's more, it's easy for you! Because, for the most part, you want the same thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You feel more yourself with a certain someone than you do when you're alone. Figure out what's making you so vibrantly

"you," and do even more of it. Capture the feeling even when you're going solo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get to work whether or not you're "feelin' it." Sometimes you're inspired, so you do the work. Other times, you do the work and the inspiration comes later — or it never comes. But at least the work gets done!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Group dynamics are like high school today! People pair off, whisper and scheme. Cliquishness doesn't bother you because you fit in with everyone. But be sensitive to more insecure souls.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Is it true it's best to have medical tests done during a moon void? Where can I find out when the moon void periods are?"

By definition, a moon is void when it makes no aspects to any other planets before it enters a new sign. The popular opinion is: If you initiate anything during a void-of-course moon, nothing will come of it. If you have fears over the results of a medical test or a dreaded meeting with your boss, some astrologers suggest scheduling that type of appointment during a void moon — for the things you'd prefer to have no real consequence. However, even when a void moon

is sailing free and clear in the sky, it can still aspect planets in the last degrees of a sign in your chart. Since the moon is always forming some type of angle to someone's chart, one must consider that it's never really void for everyone. The best way to note the affect of a void moon on you personally is to consult a moon-phase calendar, note the void moons and reflect on what happened during those time periods.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rebecca Romijn's transsexual character on "Ugly Betty" suits the part of her Scorpio nature that thrives on pushing the envelope of conventional sexuality. As a former Victoria's Secret model, Rebecca as vixen seductress is believable, albeit with one shocking secret. About her own sexuality, she's said, "I Ö did my homework. And it turns out I'm pretty straight."

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Three years ago, my husband, "Albert," had a heart attack after losing a job he'd held since he was 17. He tried consulting for a while, but after his bypass operation, he had a complete personality change and seemed unable to take on anything new. He has trouble concentrating. He has not worked since.

Because he took no interest in anything, Albert could not manage the finances and got us into debt. I had to sell our house before the bank foreclosed, and we've moved twice since.

Now he is at home all the time, and I have lost all autonomy in the house, especially in the kitchen and with our finances. I have become an unpaid housekeeper. Albert controls all the money from his pension and gives me nothing. He has taken over my car and won't maintain it. He refuses to help with housework or home repairs. He sits in his chair all day, reading or watching television.

I have to coax him to wash his hair, cut his nails and go to the barber. We have no social life except at my instigation, and he has lost touch with his friends, most of whom were connected with his work. The man who had a brilliant mind, great energy and sense of humor is no more. He used to be the gentlest of men, but now he loses his temper often. He never is intimate with me.

I realize Albert is depressed, but he refuses to see his doctor (who is aware of his condition, but says he can do nothing until my husband actually comes in to see him). He is not religious and scorns any suggestion of spiritual help. We have no family nearby except one daughter who does what she can, but he doesn't listen to her, either. I have nowhere to turn. Please help. — Desperate Wife

Dear Desperate: Albert

Dear Annie: "Disappointed in Boston" chided you for suggesting a lie to tell a relative that her perfume was overpowering. You said it was more tactful to say one is sensitive to odors than to tell her aunt that she stinks. I have a quote on my desk by an unknown author that gives a clear rule about just this kind of situation. "Truth is generally kindness, but where the two diverge and collide, kindness should override truth." — Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Jacksonville: Thanks for the backup. And that wonderful quote is by 19th-century British novelist Samuel Butler. (We looked it up.)

Dear Annie: My brother, "Rex," lives out of state. Two years ago, we invited him and his daughter, a pre-teen, to stay with us for a week. During their visit, we noticed that Rex drank all day and tried to disguise it by putting the booze in a coffee cup. Also, at bedtime, I asked if he wanted a cot for his daughter to sleep on instead of sharing the bed. He said, "No, we're just fine." I shot him a look of concern but didn't say anything more.

After that visit, my wife decided she doesn't want Rex in our home again. Recently, he's called a few times indicating he's coming our way. I'm sure he wants to stay with us (with his "coffee cup," no doubt). So far, I have let the answering machine record his calls and have not responded. What can I do to make this situation palatable? — Rock and Hard Place

Dear Rock: A lot can happen in two years, and you have no idea what condition Rex is in now, and more importantly, how his daughter is doing. You may be the only ones in a position to make a difference in her life. Give Rex another chance. He owes it to his child to be sober and responsible. If he is drinking to excess, don't be afraid to tell him he

needs help. Alcoholics Anonymous is in the phone book. Set up a separate bed in a private area for his daughter without asking if he wants one. (If you suspect abuse, report him to the authorities.) Instead of making Rex an adversary, enlist your wife's help to create a positive environment for his child. She needs you in her life.

Dear Annie: I was recently asked to be in the wedding party for a close relative. The engaged couple has since decided to hold the reception on a cruise ship.

The cost for me to participate now would be far beyond my means. While I respect their right to have the reception they choose, I think it's unfair to expect that kind of financial commitment. I'm considering declining the invitation. How do I do this? — Sunken Bridesmaid

Dear Bridesmaid: Many bridal couples do not realize they have an obligation to provide their out-of-state attendants with accommodations, whether that means a spare bed at a neighbor's or a cabin on a cruise ship. While your clothing and transportation are your responsibility, lodging is not. If your relative is unwilling to help you, it is perfectly OK to say, "I'm so sorry I cannot be part of your wedding. It is over my budget. I hope you have time to find someone else."

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State briefs

Man arrested after reporting marijuana theft

MCALLEN (AP) — A man was arrested for drug possession after telling authorities that two masked gunmen had stolen 150 pounds of marijuana from his home.

Hidalgo County sheriff's deputies arrived at the home near Penitas in South Texas to find the door kicked in and nearly 15 pounds of pot lying on the floor, Sheriff Lupe Trevino said.

Jose Guadalupe Flores, 35, escaped while the men ransacked the house but returned later and told the deputies he had been wrapping the drugs for shipment when the intruders arrived.

"The guy walked right up and said the drugs were his," Trevino said. "That's not the smartest move."

Flores, an illegal immigrant from Mexico, was charged with felony possession of marijuana at an arraignment hearing Monday. Because of his immigration status,

Flores will be jailed until his case is heard.

Authorities were still searching for the gunmen.

Beaumont man gets life in prison for killing neighbor

BEAUMONT (AP) — A judge in Beaumont has ordered life in prison for a man investigators say struck an elderly neighbor with a vase and killed her.

Police say 32-year-old Heymen Harold Guillory attacked 85-year-old Della Cole at her Beaumont home during a March robbery.

Guillory knew the woman and sometimes stayed at her place.

Authorities say Guillory admitted using crack cocaine in the hours before the attack and had demanded money from Cole.

Guillory in September pleaded guilty in a plea agreement that allowed him to avoid a possible death sentence for capital murder. He was sentenced Monday.

Alport the elephant dies at San Antonio Zoo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An African elephant named Alport has died at age 49 at the San Antonio Zoo.

Spokeswoman Debbie Rios-Vanskike said Alport died Friday. The cause of death had not been determined, but it came just days after the elephant was diagnosed with serious orthopedic tear, similar to an anterior cruciate ligament injury common to athletes.

"She's going to be sorely missed by the staff who worked with her," Rios-Vanskike said. "There was a special bond between Alport and her keepers after so many years."

Alport was born in Kenya in 1958 and came to the zoo four years later. Her death leaves just one elephant at the zoo, a 47-year-old named Lucky.

Rios-Vanskike said Alport's condition deteriorated quickly after staff members noticed she wasn't feeling well.

VETERANS

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port of America's fighting men and women during the program.

"This brief program serves as a solemn reminder of the price for the freedoms we enjoy each day," said Hanslik. "The students from Goliad, as well as Coahoma and Forsan school districts, will participate in the program. Michael Bell, director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, will serve as master of ceremonies.

"The Goodfellow AFB Honor Guard will once again be a part of our program, posting the colors, providing the 21-gun salute and playing Taps. Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will also present a proclamation honoring all veterans."

Hanslik said the program will be followed by a special "thank you" lunch.

"Immediately following the program, veterans and their families are invited to lunch in the coliseum's East Room," said Hanslik. "As a gesture of appreciation to all veterans, lunch is being provided by Fiberod of Big Spring."

Veterans Day — formerly known as Armistice Day — officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the

name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans of all wars and conflicts.

In 1968, new legislation changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

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Herbert Paxton, 59, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 6:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 6:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Harvey Mansfield, 79, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Goliad and Fourth Street Monday afternoon. According to officials at the scene, no major injuries were reported as a result of the accident.

SYMPOSIUM

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approximately four or five that are never diagnosed, so it's easy to see how the disease has a direct effect on this area."

Welcome and introductions are expected to begin at 1:30 p.m., with Cross expected to speak between 1:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., along with the

Virtual Dementia Tour, which is slated to be held during each time slot.

Between 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., Sousa is expected to make a presentation entitled "Lemons to Lemonade: Enhancing Positive Emotions," and between 3:15 p.m. and 4 p.m. Jones will talk about the roles stress and humor play in the disease.

The symposium is

expected to wrap up between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Jones said there is a \$50 registration fee for area professionals, and a \$25 fee for general admission, with scholarships available. Registration will be accepted at the door during the symposium, but event coordinators are encouraging those planning to attend to please register as soon as possi-

ble. Reservations can be made by picking up a registration form at the RSVP office, located in the Polly Mayes Annex at 309 Johnson. For more information, contact Jones at 264-2397.

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FORSAN

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the Super Bowl," said Burton, who has been involved in band since sixth grade. "It's indescribable. Everything was just beyond comparison."

When asked how it felt to take the state title from Sundown, Burton answered by raising the cell phone he was talking on above his head and yelling to the rest of the students on the bus, "Hey, the Herald wants to know how it feels to win the state championship!"

The cheering, screaming and whistling that followed was nothing short of deafening.

"We've worked really hard for this," said Burton. "We managed to get nine votes out of 10 for first place. It just all came together, the band, Mr. Rhodes. It was just unbelievable."

And while the band and its supporters are certainly due a celebration,

Rhodes said there is still plenty for him and his students to do.

"We'll be right back into football," said Rhodes. "The band will also perform at the TMEA Honor Band Concert in San Antonio next February."

Monday marked Rhodes' fifth trip to the state finals — which are only held every two years — in the past decade, a milestone the band director said is certainly not lost on him.

"It's a big deal," said Rhodes sheepishly. "To win the state sitting concert earlier this year, and then turn around and win the state marching contest — I'm not sure if

that's ever been done before. We're just happy to have the chance to represent our school, Howard County and West Texas. But we still have plenty to do. We'll be busy, but it's a good busy."

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OTHER VIEWS

State Department needs to redirect its efforts in Iraq

The State Department's mismanagement of security contractors in Iraq has had deadly consequences, and thankfully the Pentagon is taking over a job it should have had from the beginning.

Protecting diplomats outside war zones should be the job of the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. But in cases like Iraq and Afghanistan, where government convoys require helicopter escorts, armor, platoons of body guards and tailgate gunners swiveling .50-caliber machine guns, the term "diplomatic" seemed absurdly out of place.

These are military operations, and the State Department has been out of its depth, as was obvious on Sept. 16 when hired gunmen from Blackwater USA fired on civilians in Baghdad. Seventeen Iraqis died so U.S. diplomats could conduct a meeting. But the problem didn't begin there. Such contractors have repeatedly engaged in controversial behavior in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Typically, companies like Blackwater employ retired soldiers and Marines steeped in a culture of military discipline. Once free of that structure, they tend to set their own agenda and rules, often with disastrous results. Rather than bring them to heel, the State Department has defended their behavior.

The department's oversight procedures for security contractors has been deficient for years. It bungled part of the Blackwater investigation by offering immunity to the gunmen involved, though it had no authority to do so.

The department's security contracting has grown from \$1 billion four years ago to \$4 billion today. Yet department accounting procedures have failed to keep pace. A recent audit identified serious lapses in oversight of a major police-training contract held by DynCorp International.

Lax accounting created "an environment vulnerable to waste and fraud," the audit report said, adding that the State Department "does not know specifically what it received for most of the \$1.2 billion in expenditures under its DynCorp contract."

These troubling signs suggest that a broader realignment of responsibilities is in order. It's time for the State Department to stop protecting its contractors and start defending the interests of American taxpayers. If its mismanagement continues, Congress should consider removing the department from the contracting business altogether.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We will see our life from a renewed heavenly way, Lord, when we walk with You.

Amen

Boxer's 'polar bear pandering'

Sen. Barbara Boxer of California delivered a speech in the Senate last week in which she linked global warming to the San Diego wildfires, Darfur, the imminent loss of the world's polar bears and even a poor 14-year-old boy who died from "an infection caused after swimming in Lake Havasu," because its water is warmer. Forget arson. Forget genocide. Forget nature. There is no tragedy that cannot be placed at the doorstep of global-warming skeptics.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Oh, and there's no need to acknowledge that the regulations or taxes necessary to curb emissions by a substantial degree might damage economic growth. According to Boxer, laws to curb greenhouse gases — this country would have to cut its greenhouse gas emissions in half over 12 years to meet the latest international community goals — will do good things for the American economy and create lots of jobs. It's Nostradamus science wedded to Santa Claus economics.

It is rhetoric such as Boxer's — an odd combination of the-end-is-near hysteria and overly rosy economic scenarios — that keep me in the agnostic-skeptic global-warming camp.

Boxer and Sen. James Inhofe, the ranking Republican on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee that Boxer chairs, have been engaging in a running debate on global warming. Last month, Inhofe took on

the Al Gore suggestion that polar bears are in peril because of global warming. Inhofe pointed to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services estimates that show the polar bear population at about 20,000 to 25,000 bears — up from the estimated 5,000 to 10,000 polar bears in the 1950s and 1960s.

Boxer rejected Inhofe's claim that there are more polar bears, selectively citing the "best-studied population" of Canada's western Hudson Bay that found a 22 percent reduction of polar bears from 1987 to 2004. Then she referred to a World Conservation Union prediction that the polar bear population will drop by 30 percent by 2050.

Global warming is supposed to be about science, yet projections now stand as fact.

Bjorn Lomborg addressed the polar bear scare in his book, "Cool It, the Skeptical Environmentalist's Guide to Global Warming." Of the 13 polar bear populations in Canada, the populations of 11 are stable or growing. The biggest cause of polar-bear deaths: hunters, who shoot an average of 49 polar bears in western Hudson Bay yearly.

By the way, Lomborg, a Danish professor of statistics, believes "global warming is real and man-made."

I note this because, to the global-warming crowd, it is more important that you believe in global warming than whether you curb your emissions.

Which doesn't make a lot of sense. If you believe their doomsday predictions, you would think they'd care more about results. Instead, the true believers laud Our Betters in Europe for signing

onto the 1997 Kyoto global warming pact, while ignoring the fact that only two Western European countries (Sweden and the United Kingdom) are on track to meet their Kyoto goals.

They laud former President Bill Clinton because he said he supported Kyoto, and they bash President Bush because he rejected it. They don't care that Clinton never asked the Senate to ratify the treaty. Or that under Clinton, greenhouse gas emissions rose, contrary to the Kyoto goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

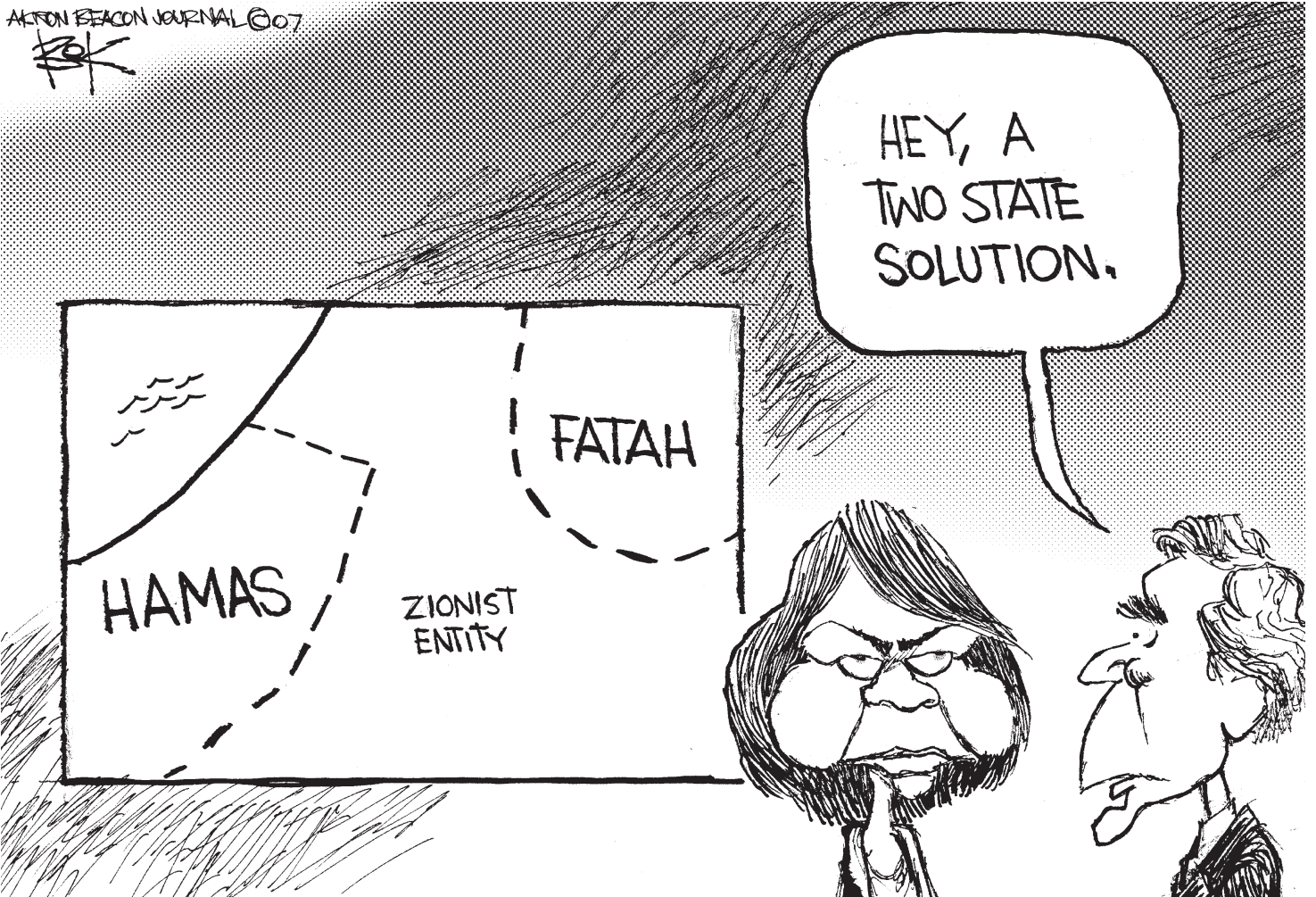
Ten years ago, Boxer was one of 95 senators who voted in favor of a resolution that directed the Clinton administration not to sign onto any global warming treaty that exempted developing nations, or "would result in serious harm to the economy of the United States." Yet that is what Kyoto did.

Boxer was right, then. Kyoto would have damaged the U.S. economy without curbing greenhouse gases to the extent activists say is needed. Today, Democrats have abandoned all reason. They buy the worst-case scenarios and sell snake-oil economics.

The air of unreality pervades the debate.

It doesn't matter what you spew if you say you believe in global warming. You don't have to sacrifice. Fighting global warming will be easy and good for the economy. This isn't science. It's fantasy.

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An intern? Is Romney kidding?

Shame on Mitt Romney for comparing Hillary Clinton to, of all things, "an intern." Yes, an intern.

Here's the full quote, from an interview with Sean Hannity. Said Romney of the woman who beats him in every poll: "The government of the United States is not a place for a president to be an intern. You need to have experience actually leading and running things."



SUSAN ESTRICH

Now, there are many things wrong with Gov. Romney's comparison. First of all, running a consulting business, which is what Romney did before taking over the Olympic games, doesn't necessarily prepare you to run the world, and it certainly doesn't require you to know much about foreign policy. Nor does running Massachusetts necessarily train you to run the country, much less understand the complexities of national security, international relations, multinational institutions or the demands of being commander-in-chief.

As a matter of fact, I must admit I'm old enough to remember when certain Republicans associated with another Bush had a field day with the very idea that running Massachusetts might prepare you

to do anything other than run Massachusetts. Lobsters and liberals, they used to say, were the only things Massachusetts ever produced (in those days before being a Red Sox fan meant rooting for a winner) — and in Romney's case, you might have to add, former liberals.

Second, from the other attacks on Sen. Clinton, especially for her power in her husband's administration and her role in health care, you'd never know she didn't run anything in the eight years she spent in the White House. Quite the contrary, the drumbeat for all those years was not that Hillary was the little lady, but that she wasn't. Was HillaryCare really just a deceptive effort to rouse potential donors to give money to the anti-Clinton attacks of the '90s?

Third, the current George Bush has given a bad name to holding a governorship as a qualification for being president. About the nicest thing most people can say about the current president's tenure in Washington is that he's been in over his head, certainly on matters of foreign policy. True, Texas has a weak governorship, but it's still Texas. Don't get me wrong — I'm a Massachusetts girl and the daughter of a Massachusetts Republican. But as my father used to tell me, a Massachusetts Republican is a Democrat anywhere else, which is why Romney

has consistently had such problems with consistency.

But my real beef with Romney is his choice of "an intern" as the comparison to Mrs. Clinton. I can't be the only person who blanched at what seemed an obvious allusion to the most famous White House intern of our time — Ms. Lewinsky — and at the tastelessness of dragging her into Sen. Clinton's campaign. That certainly seems to be the reason the all-powerful Drudge Report is highlighting the Romney interview's one-liner about the "intern."

Now, maybe Romney and his folks think it's clever to bring Monica into play in an effort to undermine Hillary. And maybe the only people who will take offense are those of us who start off liking Mrs. Clinton.

But I wouldn't bet on it. Attacking Hillary Clinton by innuendo is one of those strategies with a capital chance of backfiring, particularly among women voters who understand that, at the end of the day, a wife is not her husband's keeper. You want to attack Bill Clinton for his relationship with Lewinsky, attack him, not the woman who was its primary victim. Mitt Romney is supposed to be the family values candidate in this race. Could have fooled me.

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Bird Poop:

Young hawk has to overcome family's best intentions



Courtesy photo

With its rufous-colored shoulders and coverts that cover the bases of the longer feathers of its wings, the Harris's hawk is often called the "red hawk." Other identifying marks are the white bands on the tip and upper portion of its tail.



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One of the Harris's hawks rescued by a family roosts in brush atop a children's play-fort that afforded them some protection after they were rescued by power company employees after their mother has been electrocuted.

When the man arrived at the pole, the lineman had already placed the nest on the ground. "At least this one isn't a complete loss," said his co-worker. "That big nest that we've been watching on the west side where it rained harder got so wet that it caused the electrical wire to hit the pole and the nest on fire. What a night!" he added.

As the man looked down at the large hawk lying in the grass, he already knew she had been electrocuted. His friend and fellow nest-watcher had notified him in case he wanted to take the babies and try to save them.

Fortunately, the worst part of the storm had veered to the northeast. The outer fringes, however, had produced enough

rain to soak the youngsters. Acting quickly to dry their emerging feathers, he wrapped them in old rags and drove home. Finally dry and warm, the two nestlings slept.

Knowing the birds were meat eaters, his wife made a quick trip to the grocery store. Her decision to buy stew meat was well received by the hungry hawks. Soon they were strong and active enough to be placed outside in the children's play-fort that her husband had built. With four surrounding wooden walls, the structure allowed the birds room to exercise and flap their wings.

When the children came home from school each day, they enjoyed feeding the growing hawks their daily ration of stew meat. Soon, the older bird had learned that by using its wings, it could stair-step its way to the top. Able to see beyond the walls, the hawk could not only watch its sibling below, but the countryside beyond his backyard home. It wasn't long

until it decided to investigate this new world. With an upward leap and flapping of wings, the fledgling discovered early flight. When hunger persuaded it to return to the fort, it joined the younger hawk in accepting the family's generous meal.

As muscle tone increased, the hawk was soon perched in nearby mesquites. Throughout the day, it was seen flying and supposedly hunting. Its younger sibling finally joined it and tried to mimic its actions. The man and his wife assumed the hawks had released themselves to the wild, but continued to offer stew meat.

Gradually, the older hawk sometimes refrained from coming back to feed. However, the younger one came more often, but seemed to be learning to hunt. When the woman noticed one day that it was back, but on the ground, she hurried outside. Lying on the ground, the fledgling did not accept her offer



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of stew meat. Unable to stand, it was obviously very weak.

When the family arrived with the Harris's hawk, fear was evident on the parents' faces. "How long have you had this bird," was my first question, followed by "What have you been feeding it?" For two months, the hawks had been fed nothing but stew meat. Stressing that the hawks only knowledge of what they needed to eat looked like raw beef, I stated they did not know they should be seeking rabbits, mice, rats and even small birds. They had never learned how to hunt and kill their natural food.

Apparently, the older hawk may have seen other Harris's hawks in the region and been able to watch them kill their prey. The younger had not had this opportunity.

The fate of the older bird was also in question. When asked what to do about the one they thought had been successful, I suggested they trap mice and hunt rabbits, and provide that source of food if the older

bird came back. That way it would learn what it needed to hunt.

As for the younger one, there was no body fat on the sides of the breast bone. So thin it could not stand or eat, it was slowly starving to death. Assuring the family that we would do everything possible to save the hawk, I promised to keep in touch.

"Do you think you can save it?" was Art's question when he felt of the bird's chest. Handing him the hawk to hold while I tube fed it, I answered, "We're going to try!"

Minced mice required force feeding, since the Harris's didn't have the strength to stand and tear its food. When we discovered that it was apparently digesting the baby mice, we were encouraged. Three days later, after numerous feedings, the hawk stood.

At South Plains Wildlife Center, volunteers maintained a close watch on the hawk, and called frequently about its progress. Even when it started eating on its own, we all knew it would be a lengthy recovery. With strength and energy increasing, the bird grew restless in its carrier. Moved to a mew

in the barn for exercise, the hawk was eager to attain the first perch. Soon it had mastered the highest one. With little human exposure except for the placing of mice inside the mew, the raptor started exhibiting the typical mean and aggressive attitude of a bird of prey.

Finally, the Harris's hawk was ready for the flight cage. After demonstrating an ability to hunt, kill live prey, and fly effortlessly, it was ready for release.

Since the hawk belonged to a social and familial specie, it would need to be released in an area with other Harris's hawks. Calling the game warden from Monahans, I was confident that he would know where groups could be located, since fall migration had begun. Where Crane, Ward, and Ector county lines meet, he knew of an

isolated ranch, accessible only by four-wheel-drive vehicle, with no hunting. The day before I called he had seen Harris's hawks at one of three ponds. These watering areas, spaced in a triangle, were each within a mile of the other. Since wildlife would come to water, the Harris's could easily find prey and be with its own specie.

At one of the ponds, the hawk burst from its carrier. Having spent two months at the wildlife center, it was ready for freedom. Flying to a mesquite, the Harris's hawk turned to face the game warden and calmly fluffed its feathers. That evening, the officer called to say, "It's back where it belongs."

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Coast Guard says oil spilling from pipeline near Port Arthur

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — U.S. Coast Guard officials say about 2,000 gallons of crude oil have been released into the Gulf of Mexico after a pipeline ruptured near Port Arthur.

The pipeline ruptured Monday morning about four miles offshore of McFaddin Beach.

Coast Guard officials say the ruptured pipeline belongs to Tammany Oil & Gas LLC, a Houston-based firm that acquires oil and gas properties.

Officials determined the pipeline was leaking from two places but pressure on the structure has been secured, slowing down to a minimal rate the release of oil.

'Texas Snake Man' sets record with 87 rattlers in bathtub

DUBLIN (AP) — Another day, another bizarre world record for Jackie Bibby, "The Texas Snake Man."

Bibby spent about 45 minutes in a see-through bathtub with 87 rattlesnakes Monday, shattering his own record by 12 snakes just in time for Guinness World Records Day, which is Thursday. The record was certified by a Guinness official.

Bibby said the snakes crawled under his arms, between his legs and anywhere else they could slither. None of the snakes bit him.

"They can go wherever they want as long as they don't start biting," Bibby said. "The key to not biting is for me to stay still."

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker

Psychological Warfare

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 7 5 4
♥ 7 5
♦ A 9
♣ K J 10 3

WEST
♠ A
♥ K J 9 3
♦ Q 10 6 5 3 2
♣ 9 4

EAST
♠ 6 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ K 8 7 4
♣ A Q 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 8 3
♥ A Q 10 4
♦ J
♣ 8 7 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1 ♠
Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

There are many tricks of the trade that can give a farsighted declarer a better chance of achieving the best possible result in a given hand. For example, take this deal from a team-of-four match.

At the first table, the bidding went as shown, South arriving quickly at four spades. West led his fourth-best diamond, taken by the ace, on which East signaled with the eight. Declarer then played a low trump to his king, won by West with the ace. West returned a diamond to East's king, which declarer ruffed.

After cashing the jack of trumps,

South led a club to the ten, taken by East's queen. Back came the eight of hearts, declarer's queen losing to the king, and South still had to lose a club trick for down one.

Declarer was, of course, unlucky to lose both the heart and club finesses, but, even so, it must be noted that he did not play his cards to best advantage.

His counterpart at the second table also got a diamond lead against four spades, but made the contract. He varied the play more than slightly by ruffing a diamond at trick two before leading a trump to West's ace. West was then faced with a difficult decision.

He had to choose between returning a heart or a club, since a diamond return would yield a rough-and-discard. West realized that if his partner held ♠ x-x ♥ A-10-x ♦ K-x-x-x ♣ Q-x-x-x, a low heart return would offer the best chance to stop the contract, as declarer would eventually have to guess how to play the clubs. But if East held ♠ x-x ♥ x-x-x ♦ K-x-x-x ♣ A-Q-x-x, only a club return would work out satisfactorily.

Faced with this dilemma, West chose to lead a low heart instead of a club, handing South the contract. Declarer's foresight at this table in electing to ruff a diamond at trick two — thus creating a chance for the defense to go wrong later on — paid maximum dividends in the end.

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- Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
- Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
- Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
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2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

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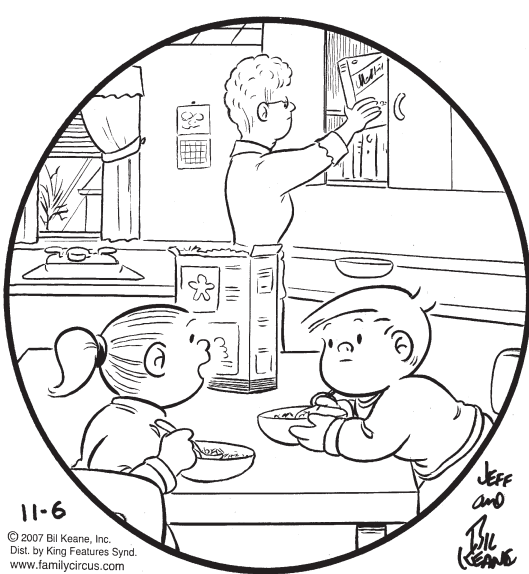
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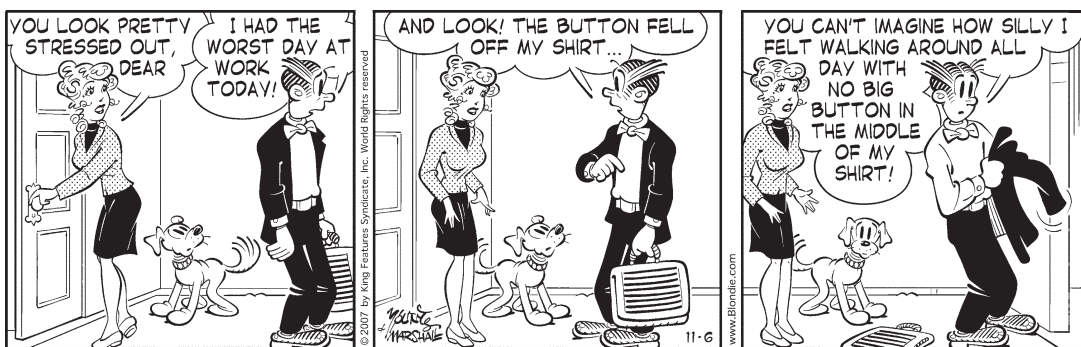


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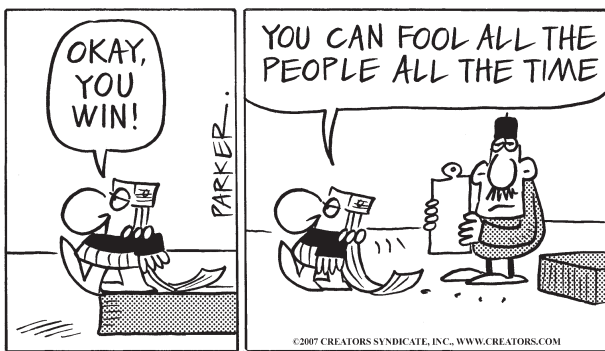
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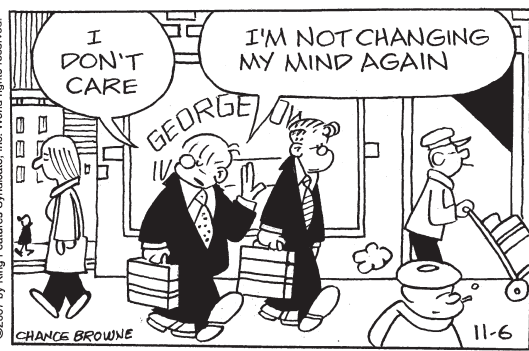
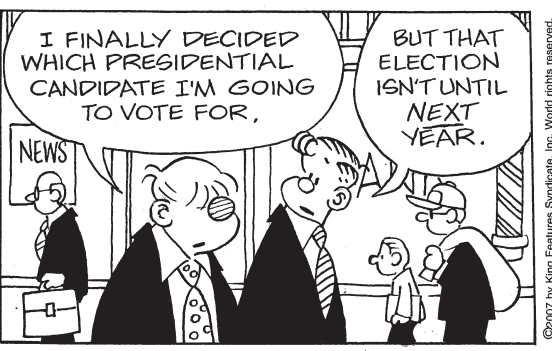
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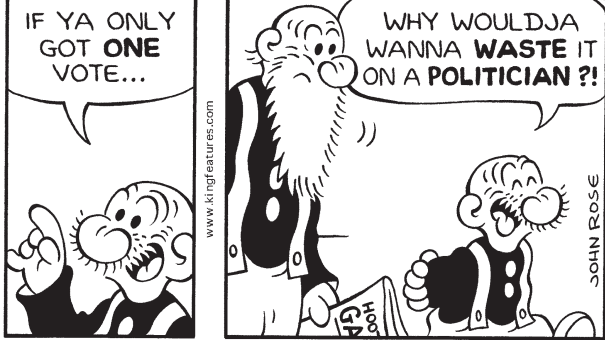
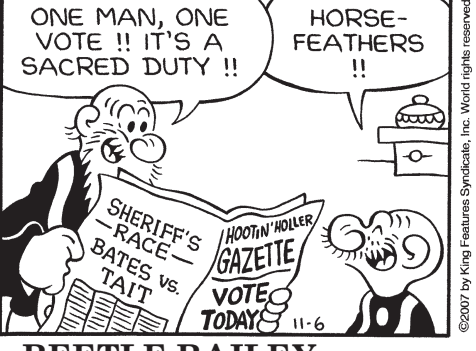
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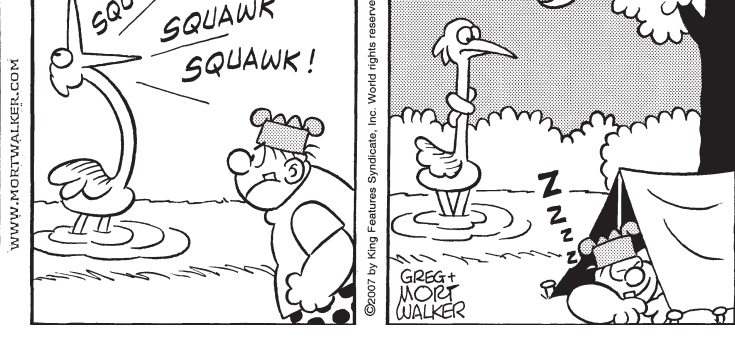
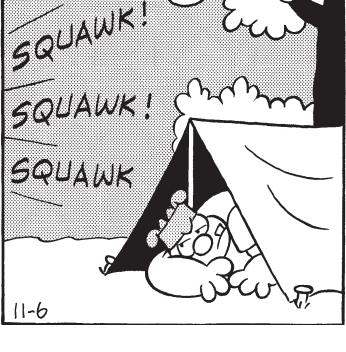
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 2007. There are 55 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency: John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

On this date: In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term of office.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland with enough electoral votes, even though Cleveland led in the popular vote.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1900, President William McKinley was re-elected, beating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

In 1906, Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Herbert Hoover's election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wraparound sign on the New York Times building.

In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by members of the Zionist Stern gang.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1976, Benjamin L. Hooks was chosen to be the new executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, succeeding Roy Wilkins.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when an earthen dam burst, sending a wall of

water through Toccoa Falls College in Georgia.

Today's Birthdays: Director Mike Nichols is 76. Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 75. Singer Eugene Pitt (The Jive Five) is 70. Singer P.J. Proby is 69. Country singer Guy Clark is 66. Actress Sally Field is 61. Pop singer-musician Glenn Frey (The Eagles) is 59. Singer Rory Block is 58. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 58. TV host Catherine Crier is 53. California's first lady, broadcast journalist Maria Shriver, is 52. Actress Lori Singer is 50. Actor Lance Kerwin is 47. Rock musician Paul Brindley

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| ACROSS | DOWN | |
| 1 Norway's largest city | 1 Makes a decision | 6 Eiffel Tower locale |
| 5 Practice boxing | 2 Snail-like | 7 Word of regret |
| 9 Water-balloon sound | 3 Letterhead illustration | 8 Made into a new form |
| 14 Walk heavily | 4 Aroma | 9 Dry cleaner's challenge |
| 15 ___ and hearty | 5 Changed auto gears | 10 Thin-lines jacket pattern |
| 16 Diamond-studded headpiece | | 11 Volcanic flow |
| 17 How takeout is ordered | | 12 Operatic solo |
| 18 Nest eggs, for short | | 13 Bath-powder ingredient |
| 19 Blacksmith's heavy device | | 21 Lulu |
| 20 Seafood selection | | 25 Caterer's coffemaker |
| 22 Sir ___ Newton | | 26 Filled fully |
| 23 "___ about time!" | | 27 Blazing |
| 24 Mom or dad's sister | | 28 Short skirts |
| 26 Take a small taste of | | 29 Wrote down, as an appointment |
| 30 Mar. follower | | 30 A member of |
| 31 Same old grinds | | 32 WWII sub |
| 35 Far ___ (off the mark) | | 33 Using few words |
| 36 Guys | | |
| 37 Skeptic's remark | | |
| 38 Sounding poor, as a piano | | |
| 39 Cape ___, MA | | |
| 40 Tiny piece of pollen | | |
| 41 Norse explorer ___ the Red | | |
| 42 Negative debate side | | |
| 43 "Relax, soldier!" | | |
| 44 Arnaz of I Love Lucy | | |
| 45 Bother persistently | | |
| 46 Outfoxed | | |
| 47 Pre-Easter period | | |
| 49 Citrus drink | | |
| 50 Casts a ballot | | |

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