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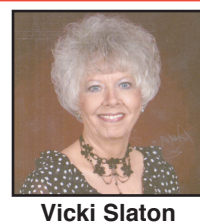
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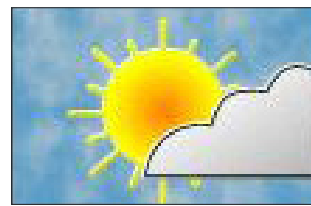
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County OKs water grant effort

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners put their stamp of approval on a grant application to improve water service in the Sand Springs area during a special meeting Monday morning.

Commissioners voted unanimously to support a resolution to apply for a \$350,000 grant from the Texas Community Development Fund.

The grant, if approved, would allow the Howard County Water Control and Improvement District to perform some much-needed repair and upgrade work to water lines in the Salem Road area of Sand Springs, officials said.

"Some of those water lines were put in in the 1950s and they're just getting old and worn out," said Philip Reid, manager of the water control district. "And many of the valves in those lines need replacement, also. (The grant) would help us a long way in case any more leaks develop."

Reid said the grant would be used to purchase approximately 2,500 feet of 6-inch water lines, as well as valves and other equipment needed for the planned upgrade.

No timeline has been set for the work. "It all depends on if we get the grant," Reid said.

Commissioner approval of the grant application was merely a formality, Howard County Judge Mark Barr said.

"In order for (the water district) to receive the grant, Howard County has to sponsor it," said Barr. "There's no cost to the county, it's really just a formality that will allow them to apply for this grant."

Mary Alice Smith of San Angelo, who is writ-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Kentwood Elementary fourth graders Jonathan Byrd, left, and Haleyna Davidson sport their unique hats Friday at the school. Kentwood students recently raised more than \$500 during the Hats On Day fund raiser for The Foundation for Children With Cancer.

Hats off! err.... on!

Kentwood Elementary students raise money to help young cancer victims

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Hats off — or, more appropriately, Hats On — to the students at Kentwood Elementary.

Reaching out to children suffering from a deadly disease, the Kentwood kids collected more than \$500 during their Hats On Day fund-raiser for the Foundation for Children With Cancer.

Kentwood Principal Dana Byrd said her students raised \$508 in about a week. The wearing of hats symbolizes compassion for cancer patients, many of whom are forced to wear hats because they lose their hair during radiation or chemotherapy treatments.

"When you consider that we have a couple of children with cancer in this building, you can understand that this is something very near and dear to my heart," Byrd said. "It's very heart-warming to see the kids recognize

the need and reach out to help other kids."

The event was part of a nationwide effort in which students pay a fee for the privilege of wearing a hat on campus to help raise cancer awareness. The event, which originated in St. Louis, was first held in 1995, according to foundation literature.

That year, four sixth-graders began a fund-raiser when their friend and classmate was diagnosed with Non-Hodkin's Lymphoma. Since that time, the event has spread across the country, the literature stated.

Foundation officials said that funds raised are used to make young cancer patients' daily lives more comfortable as they deal with the disease.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Alon, county reach accord

Final details not released

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Howard County Appraisal District has agreed to accept a settlement in its tax suit with Alon USA, according to officials, but details surrounding the settlement are still under wraps.

According to Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the district, the board of directors for the appraisal district voted to accept the settlement — which includes tax suits from 2006, 2007 and most recently, 2008 — Monday evening.

"The board has accepted the settlement offered by Alon," said McKibben. "However, the papers have not yet been finalized, so I cannot comment on the details of the agreement at this time. Paperwork still has to be filed with 118th District Court before we can comment on it."

The appraisal district and Alon USA — owner of the Big Spring Refinery — have been locked in a legal battle since August, with the petrochemical company alleging its tax valuations for the three years were unfairly inflated.

Bailout: What next?

Candidates, Bush urge reviving financial relief

By **JIM KUHNHENN**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON— John McCain and Barack Obama urged Congress Tuesday to redouble efforts to save a financial system bailout and proposed increasing federal deposit insurance to \$250,000 as part of it. President Bush warned that failure to move now would inflict "painful and lasting damage" to the economy.

"Congress must act," Bush demanded in brief comments at the White House.

He said his administration would work with congressional leaders to



Bush

get the defeated \$700 billion relief package back

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In times of need, Red Cross lends a hand

Special to the Herald

Whether it is providing food and drink to weary firefighters battling a blaze or putting a blanket over the shoulders of a distraught homeowner looking on, the mission of the American Red Cross is to help those in need.

The local chapter, the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, provides three primary services

through an extensive network of well-trained volunteers throughout the region of the surrounding 26 counties, including Howard County.

The services include disaster relief, service to armed forces and health and safety services.

Disaster relief services



United Way

includes assistance to people affected by disasters 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Red Cross disaster relief focuses on meeting victim's immediate emergency disaster-caused needs, including safe shelter, food, clothing, health and mental health services. The support and aid

given to victims enables them to resume their normal daily activities as quickly as possible. All assistance is based on verified disaster-caused needs.

Red Cross disaster services also expand to helping emergency workers by providing canteen services for refreshments. Disaster relief services are free to victims as an

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White Sox stay alive with win

Chicago/Minnesota square off in one-game playoff tonight

By RICK GANO

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Alexei Ramirez spread his arms wide, raced around the bases like a little kid and jumped into Paul Konerko's embrace at home plate.

No wonder they were so happy. The White Sox would play one more day.

Ramirez set a rookie record with his fourth grand slam of the season, and Chicago beat Detroit 8-2 in a rainout make-up Monday, forcing a one-game tiebreaker

against Minnesota for the AL Central title.

The Twins will visit the White Sox on Tuesday night, with John Danks starting for Chicago on three days' rest against Nick Blackburn. The division champ begins the playoffs at Tampa Bay on Thursday.

"Tomorrow, 162 games mean nothing. It's only about one game and that's great," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "A good feeling."

When Guillen told Ramirez to relax

before batting with the bases loaded, the 27-year-old infielder made a promise.

"I told Ozzie to have confidence in me. I'm going to go out and get these runners home somehow," he said.

Did he ever. Then again, his days on the Cuban national team taught him about big games.

"My team in Cuba was always in the playoffs and I played in the Olympics and international games. I've been in tougher

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OU sits atop AP Top 25

'Bama No. 2, three Big 12 teams in Top 5

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Oklahoma, where the No. 1 ranking rests again.

The Sooners sit atop the AP Top 25 on Sunday after the first upset-filled weekend of the season gave the media poll a powerful shake. Alabama was both a mover and a shaker, as the Crimson Tide rose to No. 2 after a surprising 41-30 pounding of Georgia.

Previously top-ranked Southern California lost at Oregon State to set the tone for a weekend that brought back memories of the top-sour 2007 season.

On Saturday, two more top-five teams fell. Florida was stunned at home by Mississippi, 31-30. Georgia, which started the season No. 1, was down 31 points by halftime to Alabama and never recovered.

Overall, nine ranked teams lost, six to unranked foes.

The last time such a shake-up occurred? One year ago, when in the last week of September three of the top-five teams fell and seven ranked teams lost to unranked opponents.

"I think we talked (Friday) that anyone can beat anyone on any given Saturday, and that's why you've got to come out and you've got to play on edge, full tilt every game because if not, someone's liable to come in and beat you," Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford said after the Sooners' 35-10 victory over TCU on Saturday.

Oklahoma is No. 1 for the 96th time in the history of the AP poll, breaking a tie with Notre Dame for the most ever. The last time the Sooners were No. 1 was 2003, when they were atop the polls all season before losing the Big 12 title game to Kansas State.

Oklahoma received 43 of a possible 65 first-place votes and 1,599 points.

Alabama's impressive performance jumped the Tide six spots.

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Palmer say he'll play vs. Dallas

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Carson Palmer expects to be limited in practice this week by a sore elbow, but insists he'll be ready for the Cincinnati Bengals' next game against the Dallas Cowboys.

Palmer sat out a 20-12 loss to the Cleveland Browns on Sunday, the first game he missed since the end of the 2004 season. He hurt his right elbow a week earlier in a loss to the Giants, but finished that game and practiced for two days last week before backing off.

The Bengals decided to sit him against Cleveland on doctors' advice, giving the elbow time to heal. Palmer indicated Monday that the injury isn't serious enough to require surgery.

The Bengals struggled behind backup quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, who hadn't thrown a pass in a regular-season game since 2005. The Bengals are 0-4 for the first time in six years, with their next game Sunday in Dallas against a team coming off its first loss.

"I've already made up my mind I'm playing," Palmer said Monday. "I'm going to do what I can in practice and do what they let me do, but I'm 100 percent expecting to play going into this game, and planning on playing. I'll probably be limited in practice, but I'll do what I can."

Coach Marvin Lewis is going day-by-day with his franchise quarterback. He'll see how the elbow is doing on Wednesday, then decide whether to let him practice.

"It's possible he could play on Sunday," Lewis said.

Palmer's arm was hit while he threw a pass against the Giants, hurting the elbow. He told the team about the injury last Wednesday, the first day of practice for the game against Cleveland. After two days of practice, Palmer told the team that the elbow was limiting him, but he wanted to keep playing.

"In his terms, he wasn't having much difficulty," Lewis said Monday. "But there were some things he wanted to do that he didn't feel very comfortable with. It was brought to our attention, and that's why the evaluations

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Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Junior High cheerleaders competed Saturday at San Angelo Central High School at the 17th annual Cheerfest. The Lady Steers scored the highest in the junior high division, winning first place in a combined cheer and dance competition. Two girls also competed in individual competitions. Hayley Dimidjian competed in the jump competitions and Vanessa Alvarado competed in the tumbling event. Alvarado won a gold medal. The group is coached by Sonya Metcalf. The Big Spring Junior High cheerleaders pictured above are from left to right: (front row) Ariel York, Marissa Hernandez, Hayley Dimidjian, Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Logan Yarbar, Larissa Gonzales, (middle row) Gabbie Trevino, Briana Valencia, April Valle, Kinsey Wash, Kylee Borchardt, (back row) Maddie Currie, Vanessa Alvarado and Jahnia Willard.

Uh-oh, here we go again

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

Terrell Owens' love affair with Tony Romo and the rest of his Dallas teammates may be turning down the rocky path that his relationships with Donovan McNabb and Jeff Garcia followed. At least it seemed that way after the Cowboys lost Sunday for the first time this season.

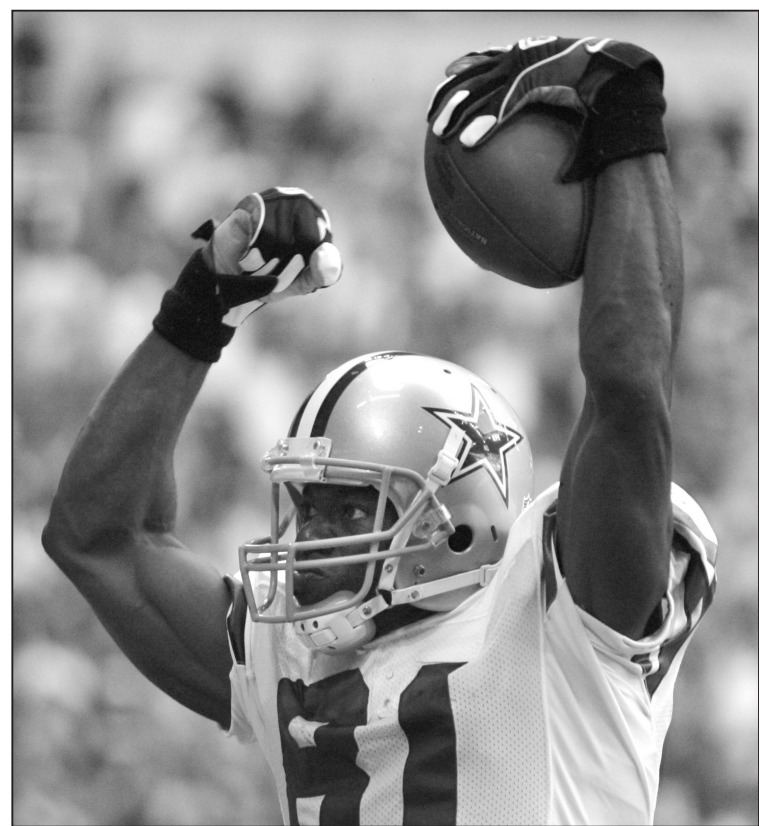
"I'm a competitor and I want the ball," T.O. said after the 26-24 loss to the Redskins, ending the speculation that Dallas might emulate New England and go 16-0 this season, finishing the deal in the Super

Bowl, which the Patriots didn't.

That was a silly dream. What the Patriots did was a once-in-35 years kind of thing. Moreover, as Washington demonstrated, this season's NFC East is not last year's AFC East, through which New England breezed.

But beyond that, we all know that the Cowboys' worst enemy is not the opposition, nor their slightly overrated talent level — not all 13 Pro Bowlers last year deserved it. The enemy is themselves: an owner who is also general manager who thinks of himself as a coach; a head coach laid back enough to accept

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AP photo/Matt Slocum

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens celebrates after scoring against the Washington Redskins in the third quarter of an NFL game, Sunday in Irving. T.O.'s comments after the game have the eccentric wide receiver back in the spotlight in a negative way.

Sports in brief

Plainview boosters invite Lady Steers faithful to fundraiser meal

The Plainview Lady Bulldogs Volleyball Boosters have cordially invited all Lady Steers faithful who are planning on attending today's volleyball games in Plainview to partake in a fundraiser meal.

The meal starts at 5 p.m. and lasts until 8 p.m. Brisket with trimmings and a drink will be served. A discounted price of \$5 a plate can be obtained by each person wearing any Steer Gear. Normal price is \$6.

Big Spring Powder Puff Football Friday

The Big Spring High School junior class is hosting a

night of Powder Puff Football at 7 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field.

Admission is \$2 per person. The freshmen will take on the sophomores followed by a game between the juniors and seniors.

The game serves as a fundraiser for the Junior/Senior Prom. Call Denise Carrillo with any questions at 816-1685.

Lady Steers Booster Club meeting at ATC Oct. 13

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster club will hold a meeting at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Athletic Training Center. Regular meetings will be held every

second Monday of the month.

For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9806.

BSCC hosting over-80 scramble Oct. 11-12

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled an over-80 scramble where the combined ages of the two-person team must be 80 or higher.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart fee, however, private carts are welcome. The event is scheduled for Oct. 11-12 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days, and it benefits the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information.

Obituaries

Geneva Turner

Geneva Turner, 84, of Denison, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, in a Denison hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born April 23, 1924, in Bristow, Okla., and married Lee Turner Nov. 10, 1954, in Winfield, Kan. He preceded her in death March 23, 1998.

She came to Big Spring in May 1965 and moved to Denison in April of 2007. She was a beautician, a seamstress and loved camping. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Stratton of Denison; two granddaughters, Shelly Phillips of Missouri and Dorene Dodd of Bowie; four great-grandsons, four great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Edna Hiland of Enid, Okla.; and three brothers, Barney Calvert of Mineral Wells, David Calvert of Illinois and Raymond Calvert of Fort Worth.

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

Mattie Lee Morris Andrews



Mattie Lee Morris Andrews, 73, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, at the Berea Baptist Church with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat and the Rev. Monroe Teeters, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born July 25, 1935, in Franklin, and married Buddy Andrews Sept. 3, 1954, in Bryan.

Mattie came to Big Spring in 1964 and worked as a secretary at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 30 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of Berea Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Buddy Andrews of Big Spring; three sons, Donnie Andrews and wife Genia and Daniel Andrews, all of Big Spring, and Chuck Andrews of Troutman, N.C.; one daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Steve Allen of Arlington; two brothers, Charles Morris and James Morris, both of Franklin; one sister, Emilie Rabe of Franklin; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter; one brother, Billy Joe Morris; and a grandson.

The family suggest memorials to Compassionate Friends Inc., Big Spring Chapter, P.O. Box 1884, Big Spring 79721-1884 or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Carmen Osborne

Carmen Osborne, 4 months, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 19, 2008, in Odessa.

She is survived by her mother, Kayla Osborne of Big Spring; father, Lance Land of Big Spring; grandparents, Beth Marietta of Abilene, Ray Osborne of Odessa, Sonia Biddle of Big Spring and Jeff Land of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Ida Mae Biddle of Big Spring and Raymond Charles Osborne Sr., of Burwick, Maine.

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

Dale Roberts

Dale Roberts, 59, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- KENNETH MACLIN, 51, of 1905 Wasson, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of parole.
- QUIONA CASHAW, 28, of 2101 S. Main Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated assault – family violence.
- RANDY RAMIREZ, 25, of 1503 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on four local capias warrants and six local warrants.
- ERNEST CLARK, 78, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- REYNALDO GONZALES, 20, of 1503 Robin, was arrested Monday on three local capias warrants.
- ALFREDO HARPER, 19, of 501 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Monday on a Midland County warrant.
- CHRIS VALENCIA, 25, of 107 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify.
- JUSTIN RAMIREZ, 21, of 2608 Ent, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BRADLEY DALTON, 17, of 1601 Avion, was arrested Tuesday on a parole violation.
- STANLEY FRALEY, 44, of 1506 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a parole violation.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION was reported: in the 400 block of Fourth Street. in the 2500 block of Kelly.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2100 block of Main Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.

- RUBEN DOMINGUEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ALONZO MATA HILARIO, 46, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- JUSTIN RAY RODRIGUEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.
- LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- DEBRA RENE SHAEFFER, 39, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of S. First Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of N. Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Eighth Street and Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-15-21-31. Bonus Ball: 20. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:






Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-16-23-30. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-9-0. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-0-9. Sum it Up: 9.

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Bulletin Board

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WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- 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.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Take Note

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Big Spring High School Junior Class will meet at 6:15 p.m. today at the Athletic Training Center. Call Denise Carillo at (432) 816-1685 for more information.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible.

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TOP 25

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Alabama hasn't been ranked this high since it was No. 2 for the first eight polls of the 1993 season.

The Tide received 21 first-place votes and 1,565 points.

LSU is No. 3, moving up two spots. No. 4 Missouri, which received a first-place vote, and No. 5 Texas also moved up two places and left the top five under the control of the Big 12 (three teams) and Southeastern Conference (two).

Penn State moved up six spots to No. 6 after its 38-24 victory against Illinois.

Texas Tech was idle, but took advantage of the attrition in the top 10 to move up to No. 7. BYU is eighth, USC dropped eight spots to No. 9 and South Florida is No. 10.

Georgia and Florida each dropped eight spots. The Bulldogs are No. 11 and Florida is No. 12, followed by fellow SEC rival Auburn at 13th.

No. 14 Ohio State is followed by Utah, Kansas, Boise State and Wisconsin, which dropped nine spots after blowing a 19-point lead and losing to

Michigan 27-25.

No. 19 Vanderbilt and Virginia Tech, which moved back into the rankings with 35-30 win at Nebraska, rounded out the top 20.

No. 21 Oklahoma State is ranked for the first time since 2004.

Fresno State, Oregon, Connecticut and Wake Forest, which was upset 24-17 at home by Navy, are the final five. UConn is in the rankings for the first time this season.

Clemson, Illinois, East Carolina, which lost its second straight game, and TCU all fell out of the rankings.

PALMER

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were done."

Palmer didn't fully practice on Friday, when he showed up on the team's injury report for the first time. Based on the doctors' advice after an exam, Lewis decided to start Fitzpatrick even though Palmer was adamant

that he could play.

"It was kind of a confusing week," Palmer said. "Some stuff happened that possibly shouldn't have happened. Just confusing. I felt like I wanted to play and I prepared all week like I did. Then it came down to a deal where the doctors just said no."

Also Monday, the Bengals got a one-week roster exemption for receiver Chris Henry, who has completed a four-game suspen-

sion for violating the NFL's conduct policy. Henry will be allowed to practice with the team this week, but doesn't have to be added to the active roster.

To play against the Cowboys and former West Virginia teammate Adam "Pacman" Jones, Henry would have to be added to the roster by Saturday. Both Henry and Jones were drafted in 2005 and have been in trouble repeatedly, factoring into com-

missioner Roger Goodell's decision to toughen the league's conduct policy.

Henry was allowed to practice with the Bengals near the end of his eight-game suspension last season, and the team activated him as soon as possible. This time, he wasn't allowed to practice with the team during the suspension. Lewis wants to find out whether he's in shape.

"It's a little different," Lewis

"His overall condition has improved greatly," Kerwin said. "We expect him to be discharged soon."

Kerwin said Collier suffered 14 bullet wounds to the back, left groin, left legs and right buttock. In addition, a bullet severed his spinal cord, causing the paralysis. The amputation was the result of damage to his left leg and groin, where blood clots formed. Five bullets alone were removed from his urinary bladder and the 26-year-old player also had bouts of pneumonia, infections and renal failure.

PLAYOFF

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situations, I feel," he said through a translator.

Washed out earlier this month, Chicago and Detroit waited through a rain delay of more than three hours before starting. Gavin Floyd (17-8) won on three days' rest — short rest has been suc-

cessful trend for many teams in the stretch.

The loss left the Tigers in last place, capping a season they began with hopes of reaching the World Series.

"It's been a tough year," manager Jim Leyland said. "Today pretty much sums up what's gone on all year, really. It hasn't been a very good year and it wasn't a very happy ending."

Detroit, with nothing really to play for, took a 2-1 lead into the sixth. But former White Sox ace Freddy Garcia, who'd allowed only two hits to that point, had to leave with tightness in his right shoulder with a runner on second and no outs.

When Garcia left, things got wild.

Leyland summoned Armando Galarraga (13-7) — the team's best starter this season — and he threw two wild pitches that allowed the tying run to score.

After Jermaine Dye walked, Bobby Seay relieved and threw Detroit's third wild pitch of the inning.

Jim Thome struck out, but after an intentional walk to Konerko, Seay also walked Ken Griffey Jr. to load the bases.

Ramirez sent the first pitch from Gary Glover, another former White Sox pitcher, into the left-center field bleachers, setting off

a happy trip around the bases for the rookie whose nickname is "The Cuban Missile."

Floyd gave up five hits and one earned in six innings. He struck out eight and walked two while throwing 118 pitches.

"He admitted he was nervous, which was good because if you're not nervous in that situation, there's something wrong with you," White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "He didn't have his best stuff but he battled and made pitches when he had to get through it."

Pierzynski added an RBI double during a two-run eighth.

Floyd's error helped Detroit take a 2-1 lead in the sixth. Miguel Cabrera doubled with one out before Marcus Thames hit a hard liner that White Sox third baseman Juan Uribe snagged for the second out.

When Ryan Raburn hit a slow roller between the

plate and mound, Floyd bobbed the ball while reaching down to pick it up and threw high past Konerko at first, allowing Cabrera to score.

Chicago scored in the first but had a much bigger inning brewing when the first three batters reached against Garcia. He walked Orlando Cabrera and DeWayne Wise before Dye hit an RBI single, but retired the next three batters.

Detroit tied it in the fifth as Raburn singled, stole second and scored when Brandon Inge doubled to left over the leaping Wise.

After his early struggles, Garcia rebounded, retiring 11 straight before Griffey singled with two outs in the fourth.

Garcia was 40-21 with Chicago from 2004-06 and won three games in the postseason of 2005, including the clinching Game 4 of the World Series.

He is close friends with White Sox manager Ozzie

Guillen and they texted each other leading up to the game.

Guillen warned that the White Sox had better "be ready for Freddy."

Garcia was traded to the Phillies after the 2006 season for Gio Gonzalez and Floyd, and both of the starters wore jersey No. 34 on Monday. Garcia, who had shoulder surgery in August 2007, signed a minor league contract with the Tigers on Aug. 14 of this year and was making his third start for Detroit.

Notes: The Twins beat Chicago 10-8 in the season series. The White Sox were 7-2 at home against Twins, but 1-8 at the Metrodome. ... 3B Inge made a dive into the stands for a great catch of Uribe's pop to end the second. ... Ramirez's grand slam was Chicago's 12th of the season, setting a club mark. ... Tigers star Gary Sheffield finished the season with 499 homers.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Fine Art of Falsecarding

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ K J
♣ A 10 8 7 2

WEST
♠ K Q 10 9 8
♥ K Q 10
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 6 3

EAST
♠ 5 3
♥ J 9 8 4
♦ 9 6 4 3 2
♣ K 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 2
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A Q 8
♣ Q J 9 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♠ 3♣ Pass
3NT

Opening lead — king of spades.

notrump. But if East had the king of clubs, the contract could be in jeopardy.

South saw that if he took the spade king with the ace and tried the club finesse, he could be defeated by a spade return if the finesse lost. He likewise realized that if he ducked the first spade by playing the deuce on the king, West would surely shift to another suit after receiving a discouraging signal from East.

In the actual deal, had South followed low to the first trick, West would no doubt have shifted to the king of hearts, and whatever declarer did from that point on, he would inevitably have gone down.

So, fully cognizant both of the danger of playing the ace of spades and the futility of following with the deuce, South found a third alternative: Instead of playing either the ace or deuce, he played the jack!

This falsecard produced the intended effect. West naturally assumed that South had the A-J alone and so continued with the queen. Declarer won, led the queen of clubs and finessed.

East took the king but was stymied. He had no more spades to lead, and whatever else he returned, declarer had nine tricks.

Note that even if East had had another spade, South would still have been on solid ground, since in that case West would have had only two more spades to cash.

The great majority of falsecards repeat themselves in varying forms and are well-known to experienced players. Occasionally, though, a situation arises that presents the opportunity for a relatively rare falsecard.

Consider this case where an inspired falsecard enabled declarer to make a contract that would otherwise have been defeated.

West led the king of spades, and it was obvious to South that the contract was safe if West had the king of clubs. In that case, a successful finesse would yield five club tricks and allow him to make at least four

T.O.

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input from above; and an offensive coordinator who has been effectively designated by said owner as the current coach's successor.

Plus a locker room with at least three players who were run off other teams for reasons unrelated to their talent.

So here was the most prominent and skilled of those three after Sunday's game, whining that he should have been involved in more than 20 of the 58 offensive plays the Cowboys ran against the Redskins.

Yes, he was implicating the coaching staff for not recognizing that he must be the focal point of the offense. He also was implicating Romo, the same "friend" he defended with tears after the unexpected playoff loss to the Giants last January, saying from behind dark glasses: "You can point the finger at him and if you do that, it's really unfair. That's my teammate. My quarterback. We lost as a team."

Funny he didn't utter the "T as in team" word on Sunday. The only "T" involved was the first initial of his first name.

First of all, give some credit to the Redskins.

Then blame Jerry Jones ("Coach Jones" for long periods during his 20 years of ownership); coach Wade Phillips; and Jason Garrett, the offensive coordinator and head coach in waiting.

For the most obvious stat to come out of the loss was not Owens' seven catches for 71 yards; 11 yards rushing on two reverses; and 11

other plays designed for him.

It was that Marion Barber got just eight carries for 26 yards and that Felix Jones did not touch the ball from scrimmage.

Barber came in with 285 yards rushing for a 4.6 average and four touchdowns in three games. Jones, the explosive rookie, had scored in all three games and had 148 yards on 18 carries, an 8.2 average. One of the touchdowns was a 60-yard run, another a 98-yard kickoff return.

Were Jones, Phillips, Garrett and Romo catering to T.O. at the expense of the running game? Were they scared of the Redskins' run defense? Washington ranked 16th in a 32-team league against the run, allowing 108 yards per game.

Although to be fair, almost half those yards, 154, came in their opener against the Giants, their only loss. They improved markedly against the Saints (55 yards) and Cardinals (116).

But does that mean the Cowboys had to stop trying to run? Barber is a punishing runner who can wear down opponents in the second half and it wasn't as if they got way behind and had to throw on every play. They trailed 17-10 at the half and it was 17-17 in the third quarter.

None of this might matter in the long run. The Cowboys might finish 15-1. Or, more likely, 13-3 or 12-4 because they play in the NFL's best division.

But what happened Sunday demonstrates anarchy of a sort that doesn't afflict other good teams. Randy Moss, even more notorious as a "me first" receiver for his first nine NFL seasons, discovered when he got to New England last year

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World news at a glance

Most Asian markets sink after U.S. lawmakers reject bailout, Wall Street's plunge

TOKYO (AP) — Most Asian stock markets fell Tuesday in stunned dismay over U.S. lawmakers' rejection of a \$700 billion bank rescue plan aimed at stabilizing the U.S. financial system. European markets opened mixed.

Markets across Asia opened sharply lower amid fears that the setback could lead to a broader global financial crisis. But as trading progressed, many indices erased losses and Hong Kong's market staged a dramatic turnaround to close slightly higher as investors scooped up beaten-down shares.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei stock 225 index slumped 4.12 percent to close at 11,259.86 — the lowest level since June 9, 2005. In Australia, the S&P/ASX-200 index fell 4.3 percent after falling as much as 5.3 percent.

The bailout rejection dealt a "severe blow to Asia markets right after the Lehman shock," said Mitsushige Akino, fund manager at Ichiyoshi Investment Management in Tokyo, referring to the collapse earlier this month of the U.S. investment bank.

Even if it does pass, the bailout is seen as the beginning of long, arduous process at cleaning up the bad debt mess.

125 killed in stampede as thousands gather at Hindu temple in western India

JODHPUR, India (AP) — At least 125 people were killed and 50 injured when thousands of pilgrims stampeded Tuesday at a Hindu temple in the historic town of Jodhpur in western India, officials said.

Severe overcrowding apparently caused the crush as more than 12,000 people gathered at the temple to celebrate a Hindu festival, Jodhpur Police Superintendent Malini Agarwal said.

At least 125 were killed and 50 were injured in the stampede, said senior police official Rajeev Daso.

The stampede apparently began as false rumors of a bomb spread among the crowd, said Ramesh Vyas, a pilgrim who was standing in line. India has been hit by a spate of recent bomb attacks, the latest on Monday night in the western city of Malegaon.

Television footage from Jodhpur showed dozens of bodies lying on the sidewalk, while nearby frantic people tried to revive unconscious devotees, slapping their faces and pressing on their chests.

Analysis: McCain in political dead end as House rejects \$700 billion bailout package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican John McCain has maneuvered himself into a political dead end and has five weeks to find his way out.

Last Wednesday, McCain suspended his presidential campaign to insert himself into a \$700 billion effort to

rescue America's crumbling financial structure. In so doing, he tied himself far more tightly to the bill than did his Democratic opponent, Barack Obama.

Then, as the bailout plan appeared ready for passage Monday in the House, McCain bragged that he was an action-oriented Teddy Roosevelt Republican who did not sit on the sidelines at a moment of crisis.

The implication: that he played a critical role in building bipartisan support for the unprecedented bailout.

"I went to Washington last week to make sure that the taxpayers of Ohio and across this great country were not left footing the bill for mistakes made on Wall Street and in Washington," McCain said at a campaign rally in the swing state of Ohio.

Afghan President Karzai asks Saudi Arabia for help in Taliban peace talks

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Tuesday he has asked the king of Saudi Arabia to help facilitate peace talks with the Taliban in order to bring an end to the Afghan conflict.

Karzai said there has not yet been any negotiations, only requests for help. But he said that Afghan officials have traveled to both Saudi Arabia and to Pakistan in hopes of ending the conflict.

"For the last two years, I've sent letters to the king of Saudi Arabia, and I've sent messages, and I requested from him as the leader of the Islamic world, for the security and prosperity of Afghanistan and for reconciliation in Afghanistan ... he should help us," Karzai said.

Speaking on the grounds of the presidential palace, where he gave his traditional message to Afghans for the Muslim religious holiday of Eid-al-Fitr, Karzai said his government is trying to encourage militants to lay down arms.

He underscored that he has in the past reached out to fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Omar to "come back to your home soil and work for the happiness of the people."

U.S. expected to closely scrutinize new chief of Pakistan's powerful intelligence agency

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The new chief of Pakistan's main intelligence service will surely be scrutinized by American officials who have questioned the powerful spy agency's loyalties in the war on terror.

The appointment of Lt. Gen. Ahmed Shujaa Pasha as head of Inter-Services Intelligence was among several changes in what appeared to be a major shake up of the military leadership.

In his most recent capacity as director general of military operations, Pasha oversaw military offensives against insurgents in the nuclear-armed nation's restive

northwest.

The region is home to Taliban and al-Qaida militants involved in attacks on American and NATO forces in Afghanistan as well as rising strikes within Pakistan.

An army statement announcing the changes late Monday gave no more details about Pasha, but Pakistani defense analyst Talat Masood described him as "highly professional."

Senior Democratic senator pushes for quick vote on landmark U.S.-India nuclear agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate majority leader is putting pressure on other senators to vote quickly on a U.S.-India nuclear cooperation accord, even as opponents of the pact urge careful consideration of an endeavor that would reverse three decades of U.S. nuclear policy.

Despite passage in the House, at least one senator, acting anonymously, has used the Senate's rules to block the accord from coming to a vote in the Senate. Lawmakers are trying to deal with a financial crisis before they leave for the year to campaign for the November elections, but Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is suggesting that he might call senators back to work in about two weeks for a vote on the accord if objections are not cleared up soon.

Reid spokesman Jim Manley said Monday that Reid, D-NeV., was "doing what he can to try to get it done."

Opponents, meanwhile, are urging the Senate not to rush a deal that would allow U.S. civilian nuclear trade with India in exchange for safeguards and U.N. inspections at India's civilian nuclear plants. Military plants would be off-limits.

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association, said "legislators should understand what they're voting for before they vote on it. This has not been fully vetted."

Phoenix spacecraft discovers 2 minerals in Martian soil suggesting liquid water in past

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA's Phoenix spacecraft has discovered evidence of past water at its Martian landing site and spotted falling snow for the first time, scientists reported Monday. Soil experiments revealed the presence of two minerals known to be formed in liquid water. Scientists identified the minerals as calcium carbonate, found in limestone and chalk, and sheet silicate.

But exactly how that happened remains a mystery.

"It's really kind of all up in the air," said William Boynton, a mission scientist at the University of Arizona at Tucson.

A laser aboard the Phoenix recently detected snow falling from clouds more than two miles above its home in the northern arctic plains.

BAILOUT

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on track. The House voted 228-205 Monday against the bill designed to rescue the nation's financial system. That triggered the biggest one-day sell-off on Wall Street since the 2001 attacks, as the Dow Jones industrial plummeted by 778 points. Both McCain and Obama, in advance of Bush's brief talk at the White House, called on lawmakers in their parties to stay at work until an acceptable plan is assembled.

Bush noted that the maximum \$700 billion in the proposed bailout was huge, but was dwarfed by the \$1 trillion in lost wealth that resulted from Monday's

stock-market plunge. He also said the actual cost to the taxpayers should be much less ultimately, arguing that once markets recover, assets likely will gain value over time.

The rescue package and the nation's faltering economy was also Topic A on the presidential campaign trail as both Republican McCain and Democrat Obama addressed the subject. Both called for raising federal deposit assurance on deposits, savings accounts and bank certificates of deposit from the present \$100,000 to \$250,000.

"The first thing I would do is say, 'Let's not call it a bailout. Let's call it a rescue,'" McCain said in a CNN interview. The Arizona Republican said that

"Americans are frightened right now" and it is the job of political leaders to give them both an immediate solution and a longer-term approach to the problem.

Interviewed on Fox news network, McCain said, "I am confident we will have a bill and it will rescue the American economy."

McCain announced a brief suspension of his campaign last week to return to Washington and become involved in negotiations on the bailout but would not say whether he was contemplating that again. "I will do whatever is necessary" to help, he said.

Top congressional and White House officials were stunned when the House rejected the massive rescue plan, and a host of

lawmakers said Tuesday that they felt the Congress should persevere in its attempt to find consensus on a proposal that can be passed.

Obama issued a statement Tuesday saying lawmakers should not start from scratch as they weigh their next move.

The Illinois senator said that significantly increasing federal deposit insurance would help small businesses and make the U.S. banking system more secure as well as restore public confidence in the nation's financial system.

Obama also said further inaction would be catastrophic for the economy and for American families.

In his comments from the Diplomatic Reception

Room of the White House, Bush pointed to Monday's drop in the Dow Jones industrials.

"The dramatic drop in the stock market that we saw yesterday will have a direct impact on retirement accounts, pension funds and personal savings of millions of our citizens," he said. "And if our nation continues on this course, the economic damage will be painful and lasting."

He said he was disappointed by Monday's House vote but that "this is not the end of the legislative process."

"I recognize this is a difficult vote for members of Congress," Bush said. "And I understand that. But the reality is we are in an urgent situation."

RED CROSS

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ing the grant application for the water district, said the state Office of Rural Community Affairs will make the final decision on whether to approve the application.

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OTHER VIEWS

Rush to judgment not necessary

The U.S. Supreme Court was right to call a halt — at least temporarily — to the execution of a Georgia inmate convicted of killing a police officer in 1989. It was a humane, sensible decision that could prevent a man who has spent 17 years under a death sentence from being wrongfully executed.

Surely, that is worth the court's time and attention, even though the Georgia Supreme Court and state Board of Pardons and Paroles, when faced with the same dilemma, decided on the expedience of execution.

The last-minute stay of execution, issued just hours before Troy A. Davis was to be put to death by lethal injection, buys time for the court to take a closer look at the case. This is the least that should be done when there are valid questions about whether the right person was convicted and when a human life hangs in the balance.

The decision to stop the execution is no indication of what the court thinks about Davis' conviction. On Monday, however, the court will offer a clue on that point. If it says no to Davis' request for a new trial, that will signal that the court believes that concerns about his possible innocence aren't significant or relevant — and the execution will be carried out promptly.

However, just getting the court to consider the request should be seen as a victory for Davis. If the court says yes to his request for an appeal, Davis would get the chance — thus far denied him — to argue that his conviction was a miscarriage of justice.

This should be a concern for every American, but apparently it is not. Police, prosecutors, judges and parole boards sometimes get so caught up in preserving a victory or defending their decisions that they forget their primary goal is to seek justice. Anyone who doubts that the courts make mistakes should look at the work of the Innocence Project. Since the early 1990s when DNA became a viable tool for analyzing physical evidence and proving a person's connection to a crime, at least 220 persons have been exonerated of crimes — including murder — that they didn't commit.

No physical evidence linked Davis to the murder of Savannah officer Mark MacPhail, so DNA is of no use in his case. Davis was convicted on the basis of testimony from nine people, seven of whom have since recanted their statements. The other witnesses are a man believed to be the actual killer; and a second man who initially couldn't identify the killer, but changed his mind two years later at trial.

A state's decision to take a human life is irreversible. So states must do everything possible to be right the first time or to correct errors when they are wrong. We hope the court's intervention means that it wants to make sure an innocent man isn't wrongfully executed.

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Message from Main Street to Wall Street

Thomas Taylor, barber and businessman, is beautifully positioned to articulate Main Street's perspective on Wall Street.

Every day at work, he looks out on the real deal. Taylor and his business partner, Thomas Poindexter, own Thoma's Barber and Beauty Shop in Kansas City.

"I'm opposed to this bailout," Taylor declared, as soon as I walked in the door.

"The same people who have set us up for doom now want us to spend \$700 billion to bail out the people who have already swindled us," he declared.

If that sounds like a practiced analysis, it is, honed over a week's worth of haircuts and shaves. Thoma's is the place to stop for lively conversation, news about midtown and opinions on just about everything.

It's a small shop, with just the two Thomases at work. When I dropped in, on an early afternoon this week, it was uncharacteristically empty.

The slowdown, Taylor explained. Just because hair keeps growing doesn't mean barbers skate through an economic crisis.

"We're feeling it," Taylor said. "Instead of coming every other week so they can look nice for their jobs, our customers are waiting a couple of weeks."

This is one small injustice among many, in Taylor's opinion. "There is no reason people should have to choose between their hygiene and

grooming and paying their bills," he said.

The barbershop is tucked into an L-shaped building with a Mexican grocery and other small businesses. The development that includes a Costco and Home Depot was supposed to spark a revival on this part of Main Street, but nothing has happened on the block and nobody expects much now.

A larger building on the other side of Main Street is shuttered. Three payday loan businesses are up and running on the block.

A television inside Thoma's is set on CNBC, the business news channel. All day long commentators and members of Congress analyze the meltdown and the risk to the world economy and the American way of life.

To Taylor, the cause of the problem is greed, pure and simple. "We went out to the pasture for a bucket of milk and Daisy was dead," he said. "We done killed her."

Taylor says he has seen the crisis coming. For months, he said, nearly everyone he knows has been low on money. It's a lot of things — gas prices, rising health care costs, trouble getting credit, lost jobs.

"What good is a bailout going to do if you, me, Thomas and everybody walking up Main Street doesn't have any money to spend?" he questioned.

"How can they side with the banks if they won't bail out the American people?"

Poindexter, the quieter half of the business partnership, thinks a bailout is probably necessary. "Or lots of people are gonna lose what they already have," he pointed out.

But Poindexter shares Taylor's

cynicism about the investment firms that stand to profit. "If you got stock in 'em you lose it. But if you got a house payment with 'em, you still gotta pay it," he summarized.

On CNBC, an anchor displayed a newspaper commentary. Taylor and Poindexter got a hoot out of the headline. "How Main Street Will Profit," it read.

The gist of the column, by investment manager William H. Gross, is that the proposed bailout will bring confidence to banks and restore the "delicate balance" between production and finance.

If the situation is handled well, the U.S. taxpayer will be the winner, Gross argues.

He's right, actually, but Taylor isn't in the mood to hear it. Taxpayers he talks to are weary of working hard and falling behind, he said.

Now they're being asked to bail out the ranks of the wealthiest, while they can expect less from government than they're getting now.

"After a while you think, why try?" Taylor said. "I think that feeling is starting to grow. Right now, the way our future is looking, our kids aren't going to have a damned thing."

His is one perspective, delivered from one corner of one Main Street.

But I think the pessimism and frustration that Taylor articulates are sounding on Main Streets everywhere. Wall Street and Washington ignore those voices at their peril.

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Democracy sweeps women to power

Voters do the darndest things. In Israel, the country's never-boring democracy may just produce something no other nation has ever crafted: a state in which women lead the three branches of government.

Women already lead the courts and the legislature. The most important and visible piece, the executive, could soon follow suit.

In the heart of the Middle East, the region where women experience some of the most oppressive restrictions in the world, Israel could soon have a woman, Tzipi Livni, as prime minister, alongside the current Supreme Court Chief Dorit Beinisch and Speaker of the Parliament Dalia Itzik.

If you had asked political experts to predict where democracy might sweep women to power, Israel would not have figured near the top of the list. Despite legal equality, most levers of power have usually stayed in the hands of men. Prime Minister Golda Meir's tenure four decades ago was the major exception.

The country has never enjoyed true peace. As a result, voters like their candidates strong and with vast and proven military experience. That's not a political environment that usually favors women. But in a democracy, the rules are supposed to create an open field where candidates are judged as individuals. There is no shortage of Macho politicians and voters in Israel, but the fragmented parliamentary system — some 18 different

parties are represented in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament — makes it possible to overcome the prejudices of those who would never trust a woman for a tough job.

Livni is a realistic, pragmatic centrist. That places her squarely in line with the views of most Israelis.

In contrast, groundbreaking candidates such as Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton had to secure a much higher percentage of the vote to win than a prime minister needs in Israel. In a parliamentary system, Livni's Kadima party holds just 29 seats out of 120. If she can enlist the support of enough politicians (most of them men) to garner 61 votes in parliament, she will become prime minister. She has six weeks. If she fails, she will face elections early next year, and could lose to the hard-liner Benjamin Netanyahu.

Livni has not climbed this far because she is a woman. She is not the cuddly maternal type. No one would accuse her of being particularly warm. She is a determined and skilled politician, but above all, she appears to carry the qualities of what we until now have called a "Statesman."

The 50-year-old lawyer entered politics just a decade ago, and her meteoric rise came because she has proven sharp, pragmatic and principled. In a country fed up with corrupt politicians, she is known as "Mrs. Clean." But the most interesting and intriguing part of her background is the ideological transformations she underwent.

Livni is not wedded to ideology. She comes from a legendary family of right-wing Israelis who fought the British to bring about the creation of the state of Israel. She believed in the right of the Jewish people to the biblical land of Israel,

but today's reality convinced her that a two-state solution with the Palestinians is indispensable to the survival of Israel as a democratic state — even if that means giving up sovereignty over territories that have remained near the heart of the Jewish people for thousands of years.

Politically, that is an excruciating transformation.

Livni is a realistic, pragmatic centrist. That places her squarely in line with the views of most Israelis, who support the creations of a Palestinian state and say what they want more than anything is peaceful lives in a normal country.

The Palestinians say they're happy she won the Kadima primary, but the Syrians are not. Livni is no wide-eyed peacenik. She does not trust Syria, and the Syrians sound a little afraid of her.

In a democracy with true equality, the fact that Livni is a woman would not be a factor, positive or negative, in her election. Feminist fantasies that women would rule the world differently than men cannot be proven in what is still a male-dominated globe, and previous cases have offered mixed evidence.

If Israel's government does end up having three branches led by women, it may not change the world, and will not guarantee good government. But it will mark an achievement for democracy and highlight how much potential other countries sacrifice when they exclude half of their population from the political system.

As for the Israeli women who have made it this far, all we can say is, You go, girls!

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Bird Poop: Case of the well-oiled hawk

Hunting throughout the day, the raptor found an endless array of wildlife. When it was unable to catch a cottontail rabbit, or the ever-fast lizards and snakes, the bird would glide over open range land. After sitting atop a utility pole, it would suddenly swoop downward toward unsuspecting prey. Often it chose to fly over knee-high grasses. After frightening large grasshoppers into the air, and successfully grabbing a struggling, winged creature, the bird would land on a nearby mesquite for another meal.



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The cool nights and warm, still days of September gave this migrating bird of prey numerous opportunities to replenish the energy, stamina, and body weight it needed for its long migration to Argentina. Having found this paradise of grasslands, ample stock tanks, rolling hills, and rocky mesas, the raptor and its fellow migrants were nearing that inherent time when they would depart for other offerings further south.

Landing in a favored tree, the bird ruffled its feathers and preened as another day closed with a colorful strata of clouds. As night sounds began their lulling harmony, the raptor firmly gripped the limb and slept.

During the night, an unfamiliar sound and shower awakened the bird. After hunkering under the sudden deluge, the raptor detected an unfamiliar odor. The darkness precluded flying to another tree or pole. Having to weather the soaking and wait until dawn, it spent a restless night.

As soon as it was light enough to fly, the bird shook its feathers and attempted to leave. Jumping into the air and extending its wings, it immediately noticed they were heavier than usual. Unable to attain any altitude, the raptor quickly approached the ground. Trying to align its feathers with numerous rufflings, the bird tried once more to fly. With all of their strength

and continuous flapping, the wings could no longer take the bird aloft for a day's hunting.

Grounded, the raptor started walking. As the day progressed, it quickly learned that its only food source would have to be taken quickly. To sneak up on a grasshopper, lizard, rabbit or ground squirrel would be an arduous endeavor. At least the tall grasses, prickly pear cactus, scrubby mesquites, and junipers offered the cover it needed while waiting for unsuspecting prey.

Hungry from lack of food, and weakening as the days passed, the raptor was desperate. With its remaining strength, it stopped in an open area rife with grasshoppers. The bird, however, was no match for the insects' ability at sudden flight. Standing amidst so much food and unable to catch it, the raptor closed its eyes and awaited the inevitable.

"BS all over it. Can't leave the ranch, so can you come get it?" asked the woman who called as we were watching the evening news. Familiar with the ranch, we headed south as another colorful evening approached. Crossing the first cattle guard, we were glad the employees had the bird at their home.

Greeting us with friendly barks, their dog was the first to welcome us. Inside a cardboard box was a greasy, gritty Swainson's hawk. After feeling of the wings and smelling the product, Art thought it was bottom sediment from a well. In the bird's favor was the fact that instead of crude oil, it had been coated with a lighter product. Fortunately, the BS had not penetrated the feathers to the skin. Thin, the hawk had been down for some time.

Knowing the woman and her husband had tried to remove as much of the dirty, greasy coating as possible with rags made from old sheets, we treated the hawk's hunger. Tube feeding the raptor with an avian supplement, we knew the liquid would be readily absorbed. Cleaning of the hawk would be stressful and could wait until the next day. Since it was already dark outside, and with the bird being diurnal, this day raptor needed to rest for the night.

Environmentally sensi-



Courtesy photo

Nineteen inches long, with a wingspread of 51 inches, Swainson's hawks weigh close to two pounds. Migrating as far north as Canada, they are found throughout the Great Plains. In Texas, they frequent the Panhandle, western Texas, and the upper part of East Texas.

tive, the ranch owner later that evening appreciated being notified of the oiled hawk. "That site will be cleaned," she added. When the game warden learned of the Swainson's plight, he noted that when the lady guaranteed a cleanup, you could count on a restoration even beyond anything he could suggest. Such praise was reassuring.

Looking eager for a platter of mice the next morning, the hawk devoured the readily accessible food. Even with its dirty, matted feathers, the bird was handsome. With its dark brown head and upper parts the color of cloves, the raptor had a contrasting white forehead, black bill, and typical reddish-brown to cinnamon bib atop its creamy pale breast. Accenting its belly were scattered brownish, diamond-shaped spots. Folded against the hawk's sides, its pointed wings were so long the tips were close to the end of its banded tail. Yellow legs and feet completed its outfit.

After a call to the wildlife sanctuary in Midland, we delivered the Swainson's hawk for one of several baths. Regain-

ing its weight and flight ability might preclude a fall release. In the time it took for a full recovery, its traveling companions would have ventured much further south. Whether transported to the border or "wintered over," the summer hawk of open plains and prairies would eventually rejoin other Swainson's hawks during a future migration.

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

Dad bakes up solution to discord over PG-13 movie

How do we approach explaining to our kids that exposure to certain things is not good? I had this conversation with a local dad who chose to handle it in the following manner.

He said his two teenaged boys were very upset at him for not allowing them to go to the theater to see a PG-13 movie that many of their friends had seen. His comment was that the movie contained nudity and portrayed immorality as being normal and acceptable behavior.

The boys argued that they had read that the unacceptable portions were only small parts of the movie and that movie review Web sites reported that the movie was based on a true story and good triumphs over evil, and there are other redeeming themes like courage and self-sacrifice.

Dad continued to answer with an emphatic "no!" and told the boys that going to that movie was out of the question. The two teenagers walked dejectedly into the family room and slumped down on the couch.

As they sulked, they were surprised to hear the sounds of their father preparing something in the kitchen. They soon recognized the wonderful aroma of brownies baking in the oven and one of the teenagers said to the other, "Dad must be feeling guilty, and now he's going to try to make it up to us with some fresh brownies. Maybe we can soften him with lots of praise when he brings them out to us and persuade him to let us go to that movie after all."

The teens were not disappointed. Soon their father appeared with a plate of warm brownies, which he offered to them. They each took one. Then their father said, "Before you eat, I want to tell you something: I love you both so much."

The teenagers smiled at each other with knowing glances. Dad was softening.

"That is why I've made these brownies with the very best ingredients. I've made them from scratch. Most of the ingredients are even organic; the best organic flour; the best free-range eggs; the best organic sugar and premium vanilla and chocolate."

The brownies looked mouthwatering, and the teens began to become a little impatient with their dad's long speech.

"But I want to be perfectly honest with you. There is one ingredient I added that is not usually found in brownies. I got that ingredient from our own back



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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If someone is on the make, you sense it. You'd like to stay away from the people you don't trust, but there's something what these types are up to. Keep your friends close and your enemies closer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Nothing drives you crazier than people who are nicer to you than you are being to them. You may have forgotten a birthday or been less than thoughtful in some regard. There will be ways to make up for it later.

GEMINI (May 21-June

Tomorrow's Horoscope

21). Your network boosts your net worth. Business lunches and happy-hour meetings go so well, a deal is already halfway done by the time the check arrives. Schmooze and be schmoozed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are faced with a social engagement, which may result in excessive consumption. If you want to dance you have to pay the piper. Overcome temptation and stay focused on your goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Whatever moments you can get to yourself, steal them. Be ruthless in this regard. You need to send a message to you from you that you are important. Others get the message, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your emotions will pull you in any direction you let them. You can get control of this ship if you take the time to quiet your mind. Then you can steer yourself in a positive direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's so wonderful when people accept and appreciate your unique qualities. In the past you've had to struggle to find a way to communicate your talent, but right now it's easy. Your special gifts are well received.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe you've paid for the extra treatment and aren't getting it, or maybe people just aren't able to serve you in the manner you prefer. The classy attitude of graciousness, humility and modesty feels best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You land in a group of fresh faces and there's something wonderful about the new people you meet. It's like you are surrounded by your favorites, only you

don't know them yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have amazing luck with do-it-yourself projects. You bring a cleverness to the situation that only you can achieve. All you need in order to be brilliant is the time to experiment and play.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A project that you thought would take days is now being crammed all into one working session. You have to finish it all at once and there is no other way. It's amazing what you can do under pressure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Many thoughts that pop into your head amount to mental chatter. You're dealing with ideas that are not true and are not yours. So it's best to stop thinking. Replace thinking with dreaming, believing and doing.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Cancer woman involved with and very much in love with a Sagittarius man. Normally I wouldn't think that would be a great match, but we are very compatible in every way! Do you see good things for us? I don't believe that astrology should be used to limit our choices, especially not in love. In examining the differences and similarities of any coupling, through that learning we develop an ability to respond to each other with insight and awareness. The specific strength of the Sagittarius-Cancer coupling is the expansiveness and personal growth afforded both. Cancer is an emotional water sign who spends more time and energy on nesting activities than a

Sagittarius, who eats adventure for breakfast. Yet, one taste of Cancer's romantic nurturing finally convinces Sagittarius of the value in putting down roots. Sagittarius encourages the creative side of Cancer through broadening activities and interests, while soulful Cancer brings worldly Sagittarius closer to achieving a more personal meaning of life. What they have to work on: Sagittarius can brush off Cancerian sensitivities. Cancer is invigorated by young-at-heart Sagittarius, but grows resentful if she's the sole adult in the relationship.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Libra Fran Drescher knows a few things about turning a negative attribute into a positive one. She tried to change her distinctive nasal voice. But it was through not changing it that eventually her liability became an asset. For every sun-in-Libra person, life offers many opportunities to see the glass as half-empty or half-full. This "glass half-full" attitude has given Fran a formula for happiness. Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. © 2008 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My late husband and I started a business together. When he died, I asked my two sons, "John" and "Philip," to take over. Philip became money hungry and sued his brother and me.

He is no longer part of the business, and in retaliation, I am not allowed to see my two grandchildren. It's been over a year since I last communicated with Philip.

All attempts to contact him, letters, presents, etc., have been refused. He has gone behind our backs to try to woo some of our employees and has been very underhanded about it, telling people we are going out of business.

He is illegally operating a company out of his home with eight employees. Should I give the authorities all the information I have on his activities or just move on with my life? Should I keep trying to contact him and my grandchildren?

This has torn our family apart. I no longer know this person whom I raised, nurtured and

loved. He is bitter and angry, and I believe he needs professional help.

— A Mom on the Outside
Dear Mom: It sounds as if Philip deserves to be reported to the authorities, but understand that if you do this, there will be little chance of ever healing the relationship.

Many people who betray their families or friends cannot deal with the guilt and behave abysmally, trying to convince themselves that you somehow deserved it. There is no guarantee it will get better with time, but it remains a possibility.

Once you report him, however, that door is closed. The choice is yours.

Dear Annie: Do you have rules for cell phone etiquette? I called a friend to say hello, and within two minutes her cell phone rang. Instead of letting the call go to voicemail, she answered it while holding the home phone to her other ear, and I could hear her entire trivial conversation. I almost hung up on her.

It seems I wasn't important enough for her to ignore the cell phone, and I think she was very rude. She didn't apologize for keeping me waiting. Instead, she said she was "popular."

Should I have said something? This also happens when we are having lunch together. When I'm with someone, I keep my cell on mute and check messages later. I understand taking calls in an emergency, but not for anything else. I know she reads your column. Help me out. — Mute in Montana

Dear Mute: Your friend seems to think she is impressing others by

taking multiple calls. She is wrong.

The basic rule for cell phones and PDAs is to be considerate. Since many people have no clue what that means, here are our rules: 1. The person you are with comes first. Mute your phone and let calls go to voicemail unless it is an emergency or a necessary call such as checking with the babysitter, in which case, apologize to your companion and, if possible, leave the area to speak in private. Be brief.

2. The person who calls first takes priority. Let other calls go to voicemail or tell them you will call them back.

3. Set your phone to vibrate or turn it off entirely when you are in theaters or restaurants, in church, at concerts, weddings, funerals, during public speeches, etc.

4. If you are having a phone conversation, leave some distance between you and the nearest person. No one wants to listen to your chatter, and no one should be eavesdropping on your personal information.

5. Do not, under any circumstances, read or answer e-mail on your PDA while you are having a conversation with someone sitting across from you.

Dear Annie: That was a good answer to "Facing Reality," the young girl who feared dying. When I was that age, I, too, lay awake and worried about death. Now that I'm an old poot, I lie awake and worry about women. — Grahare

Dear Grahare: Cute. Not helpful, but very cute. Happy Rosh Hashana to all our Jewish readers. f

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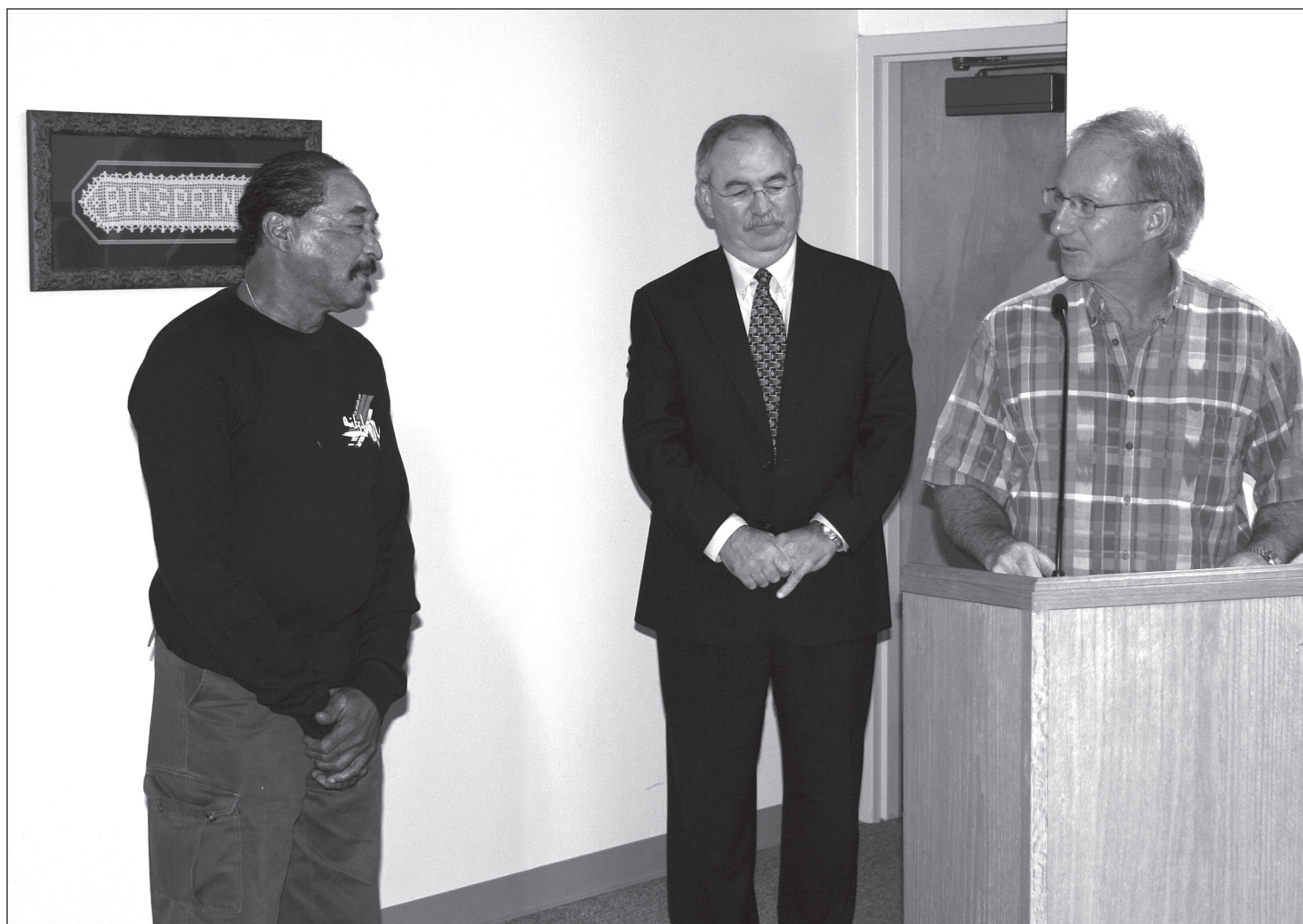
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City Councilman Greg Biddison, right, assisted by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, center, honors Lonnie Ransom during last week's city council meeting. Ransom's residence at 1417 E. 11th Place was named winner of the September "Doing Your Part" award by Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

Big Spring native wins HPU alumnus award

Special to the Herald

BROWNWOOD — Big Spring native Steve Tidwell has been selected as the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Howard Payne University to be presented during HPU's homecoming this weekend.

Tidwell, along with four additional honorees, will receive special recognition at the Alumni Awards Banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Friday in Beadel Dining Area of the Mabee University Center.

He will also be featured in the parade in downtown Brownwood beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Born and raised in Big Spring, Steve graduated from Big Spring High School in 1970.

He then earned his bachelor's degree in education at HPU in 1974.

While attending the university, he was a member of the Baptist Student Union Executive Council, President's Student Advisory Council, Blue Key national leadership organization, the Rejex intramural team, and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Upon graduation in 1974, he earned his peace officer certification and served the Richardson Police Department for eight years, earning the rank of Sergeant.

In June 1983, Tidwell joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has since served in six FBI field offices, leading the Louisville and Los Angeles field offices, and six FBI

Headquarters divisions. He has been assigned to, or supervised, every FBI program, including counterterrorism, counterintelligence, cyber and criminal.

He has worked on several high profile assignments, including serving as the on-scene commander of the sniper attacks in Washington, D.C. in 2002. Tidwell also was the on-scene commander for FBI personnel sent to the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

A recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive, Steve was appointed by FBI Director Robert Mueller as executive assistant director for the Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch in December 2007.

Through this position, he oversees 14,000 employees throughout the United States and the world.

He and his wife, Paula, make their home in Maryland.

Paula is a financial manager for the NASA satellite network at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

They have two children, Josh and Meghan, daughter-in-law, Joy and one grandson, Justin James.

Founded in 1889, HPU is a Christian, coeducational university offering a full array of liberal arts, pre-professional, and honors studies, as well as a graduate program to its students.

Forsan High School Buffalo Tales

The six weeks ended today. Grades will be out later in the week, school officials said.

Student Council Members attended the District VIII meeting in Monahans Saturday. Regan Newsom made a presentation on DASH

The Forsan High School Band will participate in the Tall City Marching Festival Saturday in Midland. The Regional Marching Contest is scheduled for Oct. 18 in Odessa. Mother of the Mob T-shirts are available from



the high school office. The cost is \$15.

The cast for Junior High One Act Play, "The Magic Well," was announced this week. Cast members are Tyler Evans, Jansen McDonald, Treagan Kendrick, Brady Gartman, Tanner Ballard, Zachary

Long, Cole Long, Elizabeth Rhodes, Falon Newton, Ali Knight, Chandler Freeman, Kelsey Westbrook, Raegan Haggard and Hannah Thompson.

Crew members are Kelcee Hillis, Maria Ortiz, Brittney Hergert, Kie Jones and Colton Wheeler.

Directors are Jim Rhodes and Misty Hoelscher.

The contest date will be Nov. 18 at Forsan.

The Forsan Buffaloes Junior High football team defeated the Iraan Braves

28-14 Thursday night. Brendan Roman and Bryson Willis had touchdown runs and Marcus Cervantes caught a 35-yard pass for a touchdown. Dillon Bagnall added another great catch for 20 yards and Max Pappajohn had an excellent night rushing to add extra points.

A strong defensive effort was turned in by the Buffs, helping the team shut down the Braves.

Eighth graders are scheduled to play in Coahoma Thursday.

PARENT'S CORNER

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yard, but you needn't worry, because I only added the tiniest bit of that ingredient to your brownies. The amount of the portion is practically insignificant. So go ahead, take a bite and let me know what you think."

"Dad, would you mind telling us what that mystery ingredient is before we eat?"

"Why? The portion I added was so small; just a teaspoonful. You won't even taste it."

"Come on, dad; just tell us what that ingredient is."

"Don't worry! It is organic, just like the other ingredients but if you insist; that secret ingredient is fresh organic...dog poop."

Both teens instantly dropped their brownies back on the plate and began inspecting their fingers with horror.

"Dad! Why did you do that? You've tortured us by making us smell those brownies cooking for the last half hour, and now you tell us that you added dog poop! We can't eat these brownies!"

"Why not? The amount of dog poop is very small compared to the rest of the ingredients. It won't hurt you. It's been cooked right along with the other ingredients. You won't even taste it. It has the same consistency as the brownies. Go ahead and eat!"

"No, Dad, we would never eat that!"

"And that is the same reason I won't allow you to go watch that movie. You won't tolerate a little dog poop in your brownies, so why should you tolerate a little immorality in your movies?"

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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Community Christmas Parade

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6

Parade theme:

"Star Of Bethlehem"

Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 14th

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

\$100 Herald's Best Of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme

\$75 Mayor's Award: for best use of lighting

\$50 Grand Marshall's Award: for best costuming

First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Individual or family
2. Civic group, school or church
3. Commercial
4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories.

Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald
NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE
2. Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. 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.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2008 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

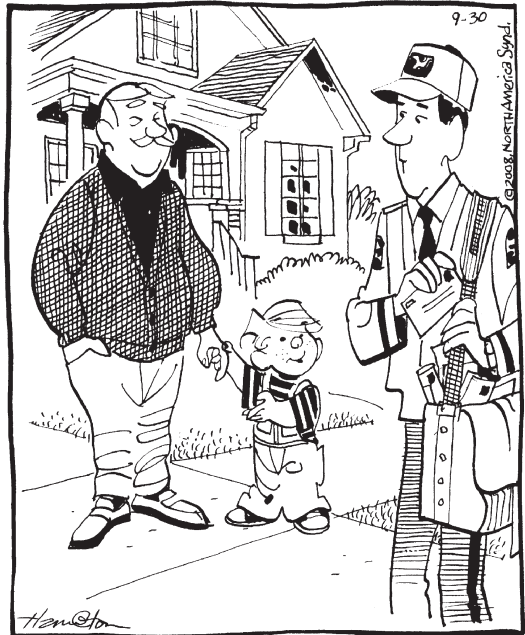
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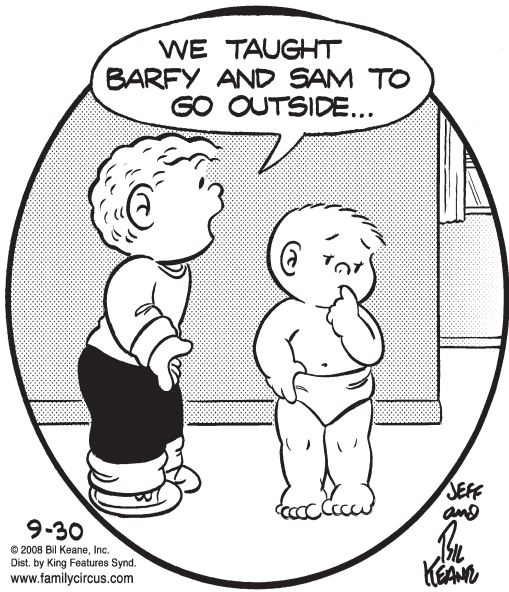
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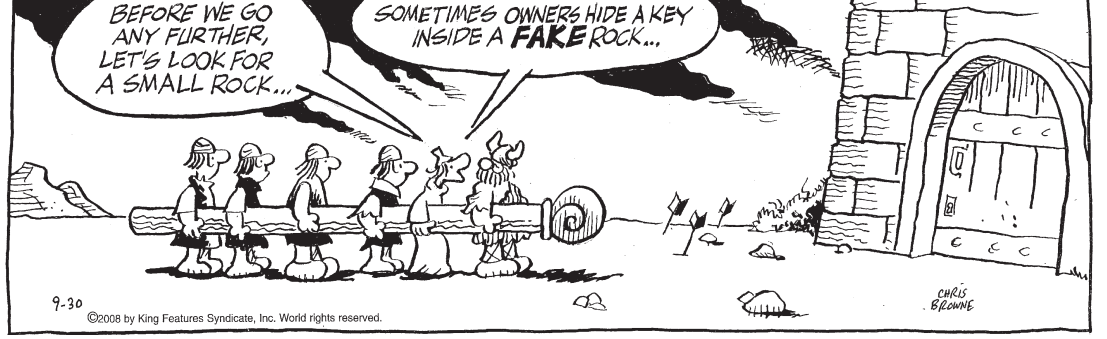
"THIS IS GRAMPA. HE'S MY OLDEST LIVIN' ANCESTOR."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



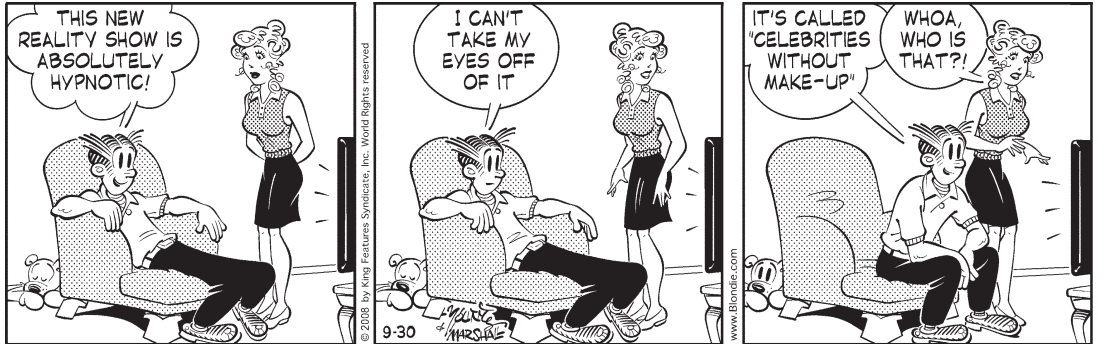
"... so how come PJ's still wearin' diapers?"

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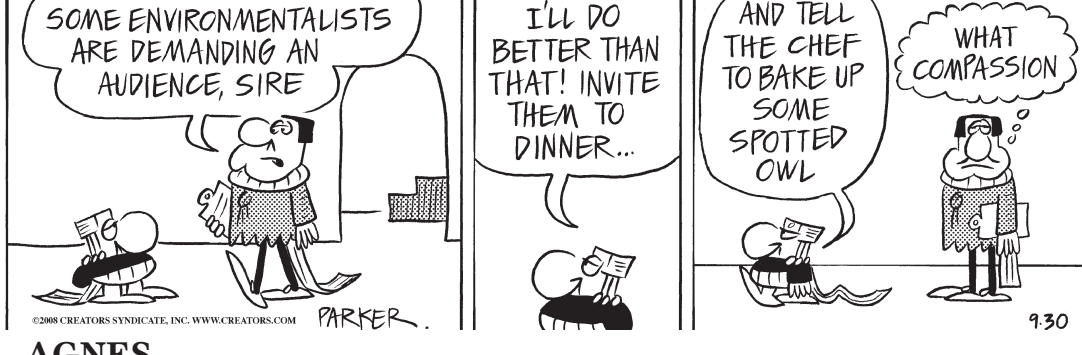
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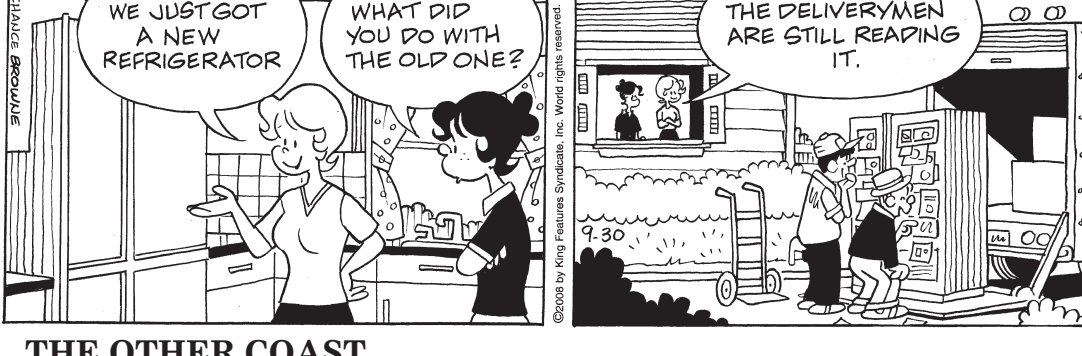
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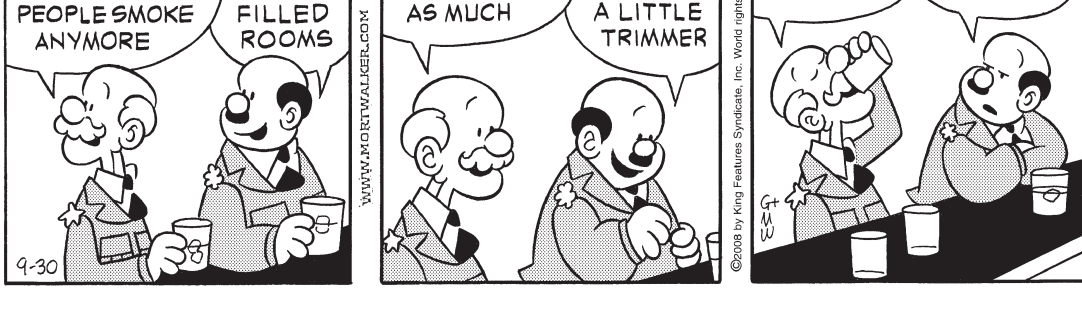
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 30, the 274th day of 2008. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 30, 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost.

On this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain praised the accord on his return home, saying, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1952, the motion picture "This Is Cinerama," which introduced the triple-camera, triple-projector Cinerama widescreen

process, premiered at the Broadway Theatre in New York.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day.

In 1988, Mikhail S. Gorbachev retired President Andrei A. Gromyko from the Politburo and fired other old-guard leaders in a Kremlin shake-up.

In 1997, France's Roman Catholic Church apologized for its silence during the systematic persecution and deportation of Jews by the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

Today's Birthdays: Author Elie Wiesel is 80. Actress Angie Dickinson is 77. Singer Cissy Houston is 75. Singer Johnny Mathis is 73. Actor Len Cariou is 69. Rock singer-musician Dewey Martin (Buffalo Springfield) is 66. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 65. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson ("The Chiffons") is 62. Actor John Finn (TV: "Cold Case") is 56. Rock musician John Lombardo is 56. Singer Deborah Allen is 55. Actor Calvin Levels is 54. Actor Barry Williams is 54. Singer Patrice Rushen is 54. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 52. Actress Fran Drescher is 51.

Country singer Marty Stuart is 50. Actress Debrah Farentino is 49. Rock musician Bill Rieflin (R.E.M.) is 48. Actress Crystal Bernard is 47. Actor Eric Stoltz is 47. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 46. Actress Monica Bellucci is 44. Rock musician Robby Takac (Goo Goo Dolls) is 44. Actress Andrea Roth ("Rescue Me") is 41. Actor Tony Hale is 38. Actress Jenna Elfman is 37. Actress Marion Cotillard is 33. Actor Mike Damus is 29. Tennis player Martina Hingis is 28. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu is 27. Actress Lacey Chabert is 26. Actor Kieran Culkin is 26. Singer-rapper T-Pain is 24.

Thought for Today: "Nothing you can't spell will ever work." — Will Rogers, American humorist (1879-1935).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

KEYWORDS by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS
- 1 Weeps openly
- 5 Civil disturbance
- 9 Sheetful of cookies
- 14 Competent
- 15 Great Salt Lake state
- 16 Nebraska city
- 17 Pirate's plunder
- 18 Evening, on marquees
- 19 Canteen contents
- 20 Mid-afternoon-to-midnight stint
- 23 Impress greatly
- 24 Request
- 25 Fridge foray
- 27 In (together)
- 30 Rental agreements
- 34 Make amends
- 38 Part of the eye
- 40 "Better luck time"
- 41 Gets away
- 44 Head for the hills
- 45 Breakfast or lunch
- 46 Ancient fable source
- 47 Interfere
- 49 Bump into
- 51 Droops
- 53 Stops in to see
- 58 Advanced deg.
- 61 Assumed command
- 64 Poke fun at
- 66 Graven image
- 67 More than scarce
- 68 Choir voices
- 69 1504, to Caesar
- 70 Suffix with kitchen or major
- 71 Paid out
- 72 "Auld Lang"
- 73 Toward the sunset
- DOWN
- 1 Tortilla-chip dip
- 2 Woodwinds
- 3 Keep from happening
- 4 Play by a different rules
- 5 Become depleted, as a well
- 6 Tell it like
- 7 Solemn promise
- 8 Not our
- 9 Tuxedo accessory
- 10 Doctors' grp.
- 11 "Bye-bye!"
- 12 Enjoy some gum
- 13 Rabbit relative
- 21 Pokes (around)
- 22 Untrue
- 26 Prom, for one
- 28 Supreme Court count
- 29 Coffee add-in
- 31 Oceans
- 32 World's fair, for short
- 33 Part of a plan
- 34 Kind of radio
- 35 Story
- 36 Gave approval to
- 37 Has to have
- 39 Dot in the ocean
- 42 Alpha's opposite
- 43 Lustrous fabric
- 48 Most recent
- 50 Change over time
- 52 Barely touches the surface
- 54 Scatter about
- 55 Hopping mad
- 56 Civil wrongs
- 57 Icy rain
- 58 High-school orgs.
- 59 Assist
- 60 Go out with
- 62 Whirlpool
- 63 Dime, e.g.
- 65 Baby in blue

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News in brief

Lawyer: obese defendant's trial can't be in court

EDINBURG (AP) — The trial of a nearly half-ton woman facing a murder charge in the death of her 2-year-old nephew will have to be held in a building separate from the courthouse because of the defendant's weight, her lawyer said.

The defense attorney's claim Monday is the latest challenge facing South Texas authorities in pursuing charges against Mayra Rosales, who suffers from a thyroid disease.

Rosales, whose weight has been estimated between 800 pounds and 1,000 pounds, was arrested and charged at home because the Hidalgo County sheriff's department did not have a large enough cell or a way to transport her to jail. After she was indicted for capital murder, a state district judge allowed her to skip arraignment and another court appearance because of the difficulty of getting her to the courthouse.

Her lawyer, Sergio Valdez, said at a hearing Monday that Rosales could die before trial because the government cut off medical care, believing she's in custody instead of under house arrest.

"Medicaid, disability, nursing — all that was canceled by the Department of Human Services because they contend that she's under arrest," Valdez said, according to a story Tuesday on the San Antonio Express-News Web site.

Rosales faces a capital murder charge in the March death of her nephew, Eliseo Gonzalez Jr., who prosecutors say was hit twice in the head while being watched by his aunt.

The boy's mother, Jamie Rosales, is charged with injury to a child for leaving her son in the care of his bedridden aunt.

Dallas school district lays off 63 staffers

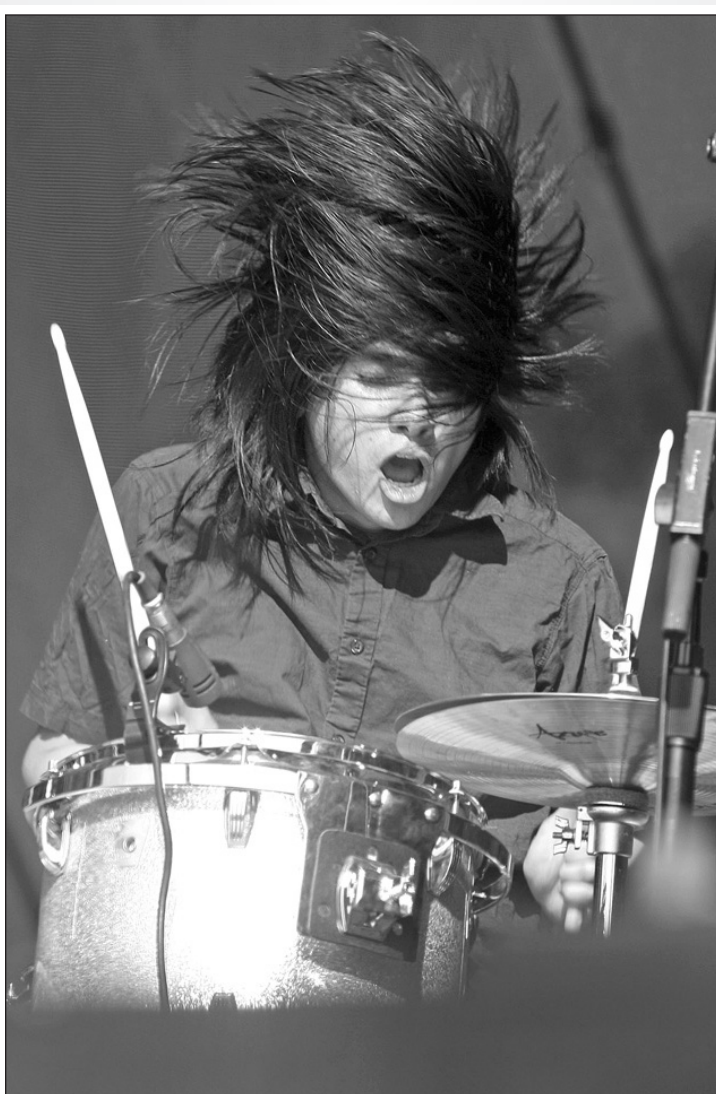
DALLAS (AP) — The financially troubled Dallas school district, facing an \$84 million shortfall this fiscal year, has begun laying off employees and eliminating vacant positions.

The district on Monday laid off 63 staffers from the central office and eliminated about another 100 unfilled jobs, school officials said. All the positions were for employees working without contracts, so the layoffs did not require school board approval.

The school board has so far refused to give Superintendent Michael Hinojosa the go-ahead to lay off contract employees, which include teachers. He has recommended the district eliminate 1,209 positions, including 675 teachers.

The school board is scheduled to meet Thursday to discuss Hinojosa's plan. They have said they want more details before letting teachers go.

"As I told the board of trustees last week and the week before, it costs the district approximately \$1.5 million each week there is a delay in addressing this deficit," Hinojosa said in a written statement. "As the district's chief executive officer, it is my duty to take whatever immediate, prudent and financially responsible action I am empowered to take to address this matter and save the district dollars."



AP Photo/Jack Plunkett

Drummer Christopher Guanlao of the Silversun Pickups performs at the Austin City Limits Music Festival in Austin Sunday.

DISD spokesman Jon Dahlander said the cuts Monday are effective immediately and came from several departments, including technology, business services and dropout prevention. Fired employees will receive one month of severance pay.

Dallas TV station WFAA reported Monday that Nevada's Clark County school district, in anticipation of layoffs in Dallas, is planning to send recruiters to Texas in an effort to fill 400 vacant teaching positions in Las Vegas.

South Texas town ousts sex offender mayor

POTEET (AP) — A city council in South Texas on Monday unanimously voted to remove a registered sex offender as mayor, hours after the man was released on bond from jail after being arrested on new child sex charges.

The Poteet City Council declared Mayor Lino Donato's position vacant because he has missed three consecutive council meetings, city attorney Frank Garza said. The vote took 10 minutes, and council members installed the

mayor pro-tem to act as mayor until a decision is made on how to replace Donato.

"It is time that the city of Poteet get off the radar scope as being highlighted with problems," Councilman Allen Buck said. "This is an outstanding city."

The Associated Press could not locate a telephone number for Donato. He did not attend the meeting nor return messages left by the San Antonio Express-News, which reported the story on its Web site Monday.

Earlier in the day, Donato was released on \$200,000 bond from the Atascosa County Jail.

He was arrested last week on child sex charges involving a girl younger than 14. He faces charges of aggravated sexual assault, indecency with a child by contact and attempted indecency with a child by contact.

The new charges are unrelated to the charges Donato pleaded guilty to in October 2007: two counts of indecency by exposure and no contest to one count of indecency by contact. He accepted deferred adjudication and probation and was required to register as a sex offender.

Donato's attorney, Gary Churak, is appealing the first set of charges and said Donato is innocent of the new charges.

Donato's probation requires him to stay more than 1,000 feet from places where children congregate.

That means he must also stay out of city hall because it is within 200 feet of the Atascosa Boxing Club and Youth Center.

He has said previously that he would not resign. His term expires in May.

Poteet is a town of about 3,500 residents located 30 miles south of San Antonio.

3 FLDS members surrender to authorities

ELDORADO (AP) — Three members of a West Texas polygamist sect were released on bond Monday after surrendering to authorities on charges accusing them of sexual assault of a child.

Lehi Barlow Jeffs, 29; Abram Harker Jeffs, 37, and Keith William Dutson Jr., 23, were indicted last week by a Schleicher County grand jury that has been considering evidence against residents of the Yearning For Zion Ranch, which is run by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a breakaway Mormon sect.

Lehi Jeffs and Abram Jeffs also were indicted on bigamy charges.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran said the men surrendered about 11 a.m., paid their bail money and were released in about an hour. The bonds totaled \$320,000.

Authorities raided the YFZ Ranch in April looking for evidence of underage marriages and abuse involving sect girls. Authorities say the polygamous group forced teenage girls to "spiritually marry" older men and kept detailed records of the unions.

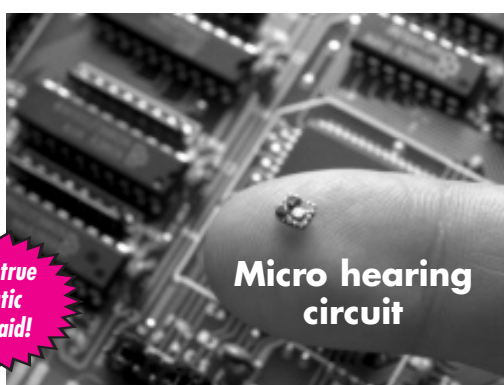
The Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition Monday night that Lehi Jeffs was listed in the "Bishop Records" of having three wives, including one who was 16. Keith Dutson was listed as having a monogamous union with a 16-year-old and Abram Jeffs was listed as having five wives, including one who was 16.

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Wacky Facts

- Scientists recently traced the origins of all the world's farmed potatoes to southern Peru.
- Brussels sprouts have been grown near Brussels, Belgium, for some 400 years.
- Nearly half of America's peanuts are grown in Georgia. — *World Almanac for Kids*

KID NEWS

Chatter Box

"Anyone who says they're not afraid at the time of a hurricane is either a fool or a liar, or a little bit of both."
— Anderson Cooper, on *brainyquote.com*



Cash for carrots

BY MARTY HAIR
Detroit Free Press

Raising fruits and vegetables can be hard, sweaty work. But some Detroit youngsters are finding an added incentive makes the job more pleasant.

They're earning a little cash working in a community garden in northwest Detroit, selling carrots, beets, lettuce, tomatoes and other homegrown goods at local markets.

"It's very fun to watch," said Riet Schumack, one of several adults who lives around the Brightmoor Community Garden in Detroit and volunteers there with 19 youngsters, ages 9 to 18. "When they pull a carrot out of the ground and it's big, now they'll say, 'Wow, this will bring a lot of money at the market.'"

The Brightmoor garden is in a program called Youth Growing Detroit. That means the youngsters share the profits, which at Brightmoor have ranged from \$9 to \$27 each per month. The amount depends on how many hours the young people work in the garden and how much of the garden's produce is sold at the city's Eastern Market on Saturdays and at a market in northwest Detroit on Thursdays.

Detroit's urban gardening movement has won national media attention in recent years, including a feature story this past spring in Oprah Winfrey's *O* magazine. Ashley Atkinson, director of urban agriculture and project development at the Greening of Detroit, said a Danish documentary maker will be filming the city's gardens as well.

"Our program is a community organizing program," Atkinson said. "We really are focused on people, building relationships and making food the glue of that relationship."

This year, there are 160 community gardens, 320 family gardens and 40 school gardens in the Garden Resource Program,

about 50 percent more than last year.

Organizers estimate more than 8,000 adults and young people (in some cases, entire schools) take part in some way in Garden Resource Program gardens.

Of those, 100 participants, or twice as many as last year, are selling what they raise at area farm markets, Atkinson said.

"We're averaging about \$1,000 per Saturday market," she said. "One hundred percent of those profits go back to the growers." The local produce is labeled Grown in Detroit. The Youth Growing Detroit subgroup is new this year and seven gardens, including the Brightmoor Community Garden, are participating.

In Brightmoor, Schumack said, adding the financial incentive has boosted youngsters' interest in the community garden, which started three years ago. This summer's regulars include Schumack's four children, three neighbor children and other youngsters who live within walking or biking distance.

They have been meeting twice a week since May to prepare raised beds, plant, weed and harvest the gardens.

Joshua Schumack, 13, who started eighth grade this fall at Westside Christian Academy in Detroit, said his favorite part of working in the garden is the harvest. He said he enjoys talking to potential customers at markets "about what we have and stuff." Among the community garden's offerings are carrots, beets, lettuce, tomatoes, watermelons, eggplant, okra and asparagus.

Autumn Hoerauf, 9, who is a fifth-grader at the Foreign Language Immersion and Cultural School in Detroit and who works in the garden and also helps sell produce at market, said shoppers seem to like coming to the Brightmoor garden's table.

"They like how it's children who talk to them, that children are the people who grow the garden," she said.

Detroit kids earn money growing a garden



James Perry, 13, uses a wheelbarrow to move mulch and dirt at the Brightmoor Community Garden in Detroit. He and other kids share in the profits from the sale of the fruits and vegetables they raise.



Gerald Williams, 13, smells fresh herbs from the garden. Below, he waters the zucchini.



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In The News

A scientist flies the stormy skies

Jack Parrish is especially busy at this time of year. Parrish is a Hurricane Hunter, a unit within the U.S. Air Force that goes to war with the weather. The fearless flyers head into powerful storms, gathering data that help the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predict a storm's impact.

Parrish answered Time For Kids' questions via e-mail as he took flight to study Hurricane Gustav.

TFK: How long have you been flying into hurricanes?
PARRISH: Since 1980. My first hurricane was Allen, a Category 5 (the strongest, with winds of at least 155 mph).

TFK: Do you ever get scared?

PARRISH: Not very often, although it's good for the whole crew to have a healthy apprehension (knowledge or understanding) of the surprises Mother Nature can throw at us.

TFK: What do you do to prepare for a flight?

PARRISH: We talk to NHC forecasters for the latest on what to expect. We inspect all of our safety equipment and make sure the crew and visitors are thoroughly briefed on what to do in case of emergencies.



TFK: Describe what it is like to be inside a hurricane.
PARRISH: Very dark, gray and kind of dim. Our visibility drops to zero going through the eyewall — the area of strongest thunderstorms — then turns incredibly bright white inside a visible eye. We can see down to very turbulent seas below. We fly way below the cloud tops (they're at 50,000 feet, we're at 5,000 or 10,000 feet), so it feels like being in the bottom of a stadium, with the clouds being the crowds.

TFK: How long do you stay in one storm?

PARRISH: As long as our fuel holds out. For storms near to where we launch the aircraft, we can stay within the storm envelope — within 175 kilometers (109 miles) of the storm center — for up to eight hours.

TFK: What kind of data do you gather?

PARRISH: All sorts. Pressure, temperature, dew point, wind direction and wind speed are the main ones, along with the important position and time information to pass on to the NHC. We also drop water temperature probes (instruments) to measure the amount of fuel the hurricane has available.

TFK: How does your family feel about your job?

PARRISH: I know they worry (three children, Rob, Mark and Maggie), but they know someone has to go out there to warn all of our coastal residents.

TFK: What was the worst hurricane you have been in? What made it so bad?

PARRISH: My second flight in a hurricane was by far the worst, Hurricane Allen, when it was south of Cuba, on Aug. 6, 1980. We tied into a north eyewall that didn't want to let us go, and flew through about 20 minutes of extreme turbulence. Things came out from cabinets, coolers broke free and dumped their contents, but everyone was unharmed because we were all so firmly belted in. That particular day my seatbelt, and some fine flying by our NOAA pilots, certainly saved my life.

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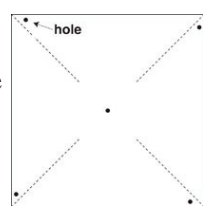
Try This

Create charming mini pinwheels

Put a fanciful spin on your style with a paper pinwheel that can be donned as a twirling ring, a ponytail charm, a pin or even a shoelace decoration.

YOU WILL NEED

- 2-inch square of colorful scrapbooking paper
- Scissors
- Pushpin
- 24-gauge wire
- Pipe cleaner
- Needle-nose pliers
- Two seed beads (we used size 6/0 E)



1. Cut 1-inch slits at each corner of the paper square. Use a pushpin to poke five holes in the square, as shown.

2. Wrap the middle of a 4-inch piece of wire around the center of a 4-inch section of pipe cleaner and twist the doubled wire to secure it in place. Push the ends of the wire through a seed bead, then through the hole in the center of the paper.

3. Working counterclockwise, thread the wire through the holes

in the paper points, being careful not to create the paper.

4. Slide another seed bead onto the wire. Ask an adult to trim the wire 1/2 inch above the bead and use pliers to twist it into a small circle to hold the bead in place.

5. Wrap the pipe cleaner around your finger and twist the ends together to secure it. Wrap the excess pipe cleaner length around the ring, or trim the ends.

— FamilyFun magazine

Rips & Raves

Truly colorful

New in this year's art supplies aisle: items designed to bring your drawings to life.

Crayola's "True to Life" line features tri-colored pencils, markers and twistable crayons that more realistically represent natural scenes such as grass, fire, water and sky.

Colors like "Amazon Rainforest" combine greens and yellows for realistic jungle scenes; "Yosemite Campfire" makes fire pop with streaks of red and orange.

Prices range from \$2.49 to \$3.99. They're available at most toy and discount stores. — Suzanne Perez Tobias

