

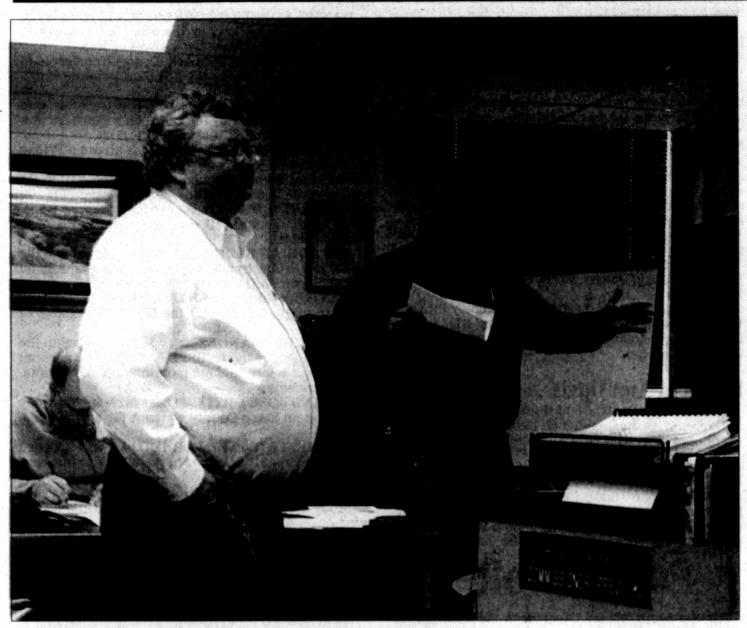
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Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, left, looks on as Chief Jailer Mike Averette describes the amount of time his jailers are spending on Texas highways transporting prisoners to and from other county facilities since the local jall was closed in November. Out-of-county housing cost the government entity more than \$75,000 in January, according to Walker.

Sheriff: Cost of housing inmates out of county eclipses \$75,000 for January

Staff Writer

"Those who believed it would be cheaper to close the existing county jail and just house inmates in other counties may want to reconsider their statements."

Those were the words of Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, as he informed the commissioner's court the cost attributed to the closure of the jail facility topped \$75,000 — for

the month of January alone. office was on the road. That's not

Walker told commissioners Monday morning that during January his office traveled more than 11,300 miles to transport prisoners to other county jail facilities, putting a 585-gallon dent in the government agency's fuel bill for 2007.

"We spent 259 hours on the road, transporting prisoners

January," Walker told the court.

manhours, and it doesn't take into consideration most trips are made with two employees in the vehicle.

"In January we paid \$7,300 to Glasscock County, \$57,000 to Dickens County, \$2,318 to Bailey County, \$950 to Lamb County and \$840 to Winkler County. That's more than \$68,000 for inmate hous-

"Those are just the hours that our See INMATES, Page 3A

Day in Austin participants to make plans now

Hotel reservations, shirt orders are due, chamber of commerce advises

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For area residents planning to travel to the state capitol for the 2007 Big Spring Day In Austin, the focus over the next two days should be shirts and hotel rooms.

That's the message from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, as the local organization begins the countdown to the March 7 event designed to increase awareness of Crossroads area in the state legislature.

Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the local Chamber, said the dress code for the day will be the usual denim Big Spring shirts and khaki pants.

"Special denim shirts with the Big Spring logo are available in varied sizes at the Chamber and Moore Development Offices. If your size is not available, we will be ordering shirts for anyone who orders and prepays for one," said ValVerde. "The deadline to order and prepay is today. We will not ordering extra shirts."

ValVerde said a second deadline for specially reserved hotel rooms for those planning to travel to Austin the day before the event is also this week.

"The committee was informed that a music festival event will be in See AUSTIN, Page 3A

"The deadline to order and prepay is today. We will not be ordering extra shirts."



progress when we make our trip, so hotel reservations need to be made as soon as possible," said ValVerde. "Vickie Purcell with Moore Development has blocked rooms at the Double Tree Hotel for those who wish to go the day before. The Chamber and Moore Development has information if you would like to reserve your room. The sheet provides you with a phone number and a code so you can make your reservation. The deadline to reserve

Wednesday. "The Chamber will be chartering a bus for the trip, and a special \$40 trip rate includes round-trip transportation and lunch at the capitol. This is a great way to go because it alleviates the worry of driving. Everyone going on the bus will need to bring their own breakfast, and any food on the bus must be in closed containers. All drinks must have a twist-on top. On the trip back to Big

Commissioners to discuss proposed jail Wednesday

Meeting set for 10 a.m. on third floor of county courthouse.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners hope to move forward with the possible design or renovation of a new jail facility

Wednesday, as the court prepares to hold a special meeting. At the center of attention is

expected to be Jeffrey Heffelfinger, an architect with Fort Worth-based Southwest Architects Inc., the company commissioners agreed to hire for the task on a 3-2 vote in

January. "He (Heffelfinger) was here



about five people with him," said County Judge Mark Barr. "They were measuring the old jail and determining how we could best look at that, and

then he went down to city hall to look at several

last week and had sites we had presented him with to see what would be suitable.

> "We found out one of the sites we have been looking at, half of it is in a flood plain. So that kind of nixes that deal. But we're still looking at things. We took them out on the west side of town to look at some sites out there as well."

The location eliminated from considerations - the lot adjacent to the district courthouse had been the topic of much discussion during efforts to

design a new jail in 2006. "This is why we want him (Heffelfinger) to look at these locations," said Barr. "We need

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SUCH CHIVALRY!

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Prince Frederic von Anhalt said he plans to file a paternity challenge to gain custody of Anna Nicole Smith's infant daughter, even if it costs

him his marriage to Zsa Zsa Gabor. "If the court rules in my favor, I will go and pick up the child," he said.

Smith's companion Howard K. Stern and her former boyfriend, Larry Birkhead, also have claimed paternity of 5-monthold Dannielynn. Alexander Denk, who had worked as a bodyguard for Smith, told "Extra" that he had an affair with Smith, and that it's possible he is the father.

The baby stands to potentially inherit a fortune from Smith's late husband.

DOG SAVES FAMILY

KENTON, Ohio (AP) - A man in western Ohio said the family dog likely saved him and his fiancee from a weekend fire at their home.

The dog, Katie Bell, was sleeping near the couple after they went to bed in an upstairs room. She woke them around 4 a.m. Sunday by whining and acting restless, said Greg Weaver.

When Weaver tried to let the dog out of the bedroom, she tried to stop him by blocking the doorway. When he did open the door, he was greeted by black smoke.

Weaver and Misty Parker escaped the fire by climbing out a window and jumping into the bed of Weaver's truck below,.

17 MEN INDICTED

HOUSTON (AP) — Seventeen Houston area men whom officials say are members of a prison-based Texas gang have been indicted on charges of murder, armed robbery and drug trafficking.

The indictment accuses the men, nine of whom were already in prison, of three murders, two attempted murders, conspiracy to commit murder, five aggravated robberies, trafficking in cocaine and marijuana and of racketeering from August 1999 through February 2006 as members of the Texas Syndicate.

Fourteen defendants are charged with conspiracy to violate the racketeer statute, and face up to life in prison if convicted.

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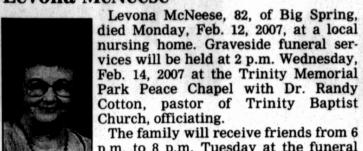
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Obituaries

Levona McNeese



p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born March 7, 1924, in Jones County and home. married E.O. McNeese Oct. 15, 1941, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 5, 1999.

Mrs. McNeese retired from the Big Spring State Hospital as a direct care worker in 1987. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and was very active in church as a former Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include a daughter, Tina Neel of Big Spring; four grandchildren and four great-grandchil-

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Edna Carolyn McNeese in 1944 and one son, Preston McNeese in 1984.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

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

Christine 'Christina' Heredia



Christine 'Christina' Heredia, 64, of Odessa passed away Feb. 9, 2007, at Medical Center Hospital. She was born Jan. 27, 1943, in Big Spring to parents, Frank Mendoza and Louisa Santiago.

Mrs. Heredia was a barber and owner of Jaime's Barber Shop. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by her special friend of 12 years, Saul R. Carrillo of Odessa; daughter, Jaime Lynn Hernandez and

husband, Gabriel of Odessa; brothers, Frank Mendoza, David Mendoza, Richard Mendoza and Robert Mendoza all of Midland, Raymond Mendoza of Oregon and Albert Mendoza of Tulsa, Okla.; sisters, Elvira Hammond of Owego, N.Y. and Louisa Navarette of Midland; three grandchildren, John A. Chavez, Jasmine Johnson and Jackie Johnson Jr., all of Odessa. The family would like to thank everyone who donated towards her medical and funeral expenses. God bless you all.

Visitation for Mrs. Heredia will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. with a rosary being said at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday Feb. 14, 2007, at 10 a.m. at 6t. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Joe Uecker officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Martinez-Smith Funeral Chapels & Crematory.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Colder. Lows in the lower 20s. Northeast winds

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Chance of snow in the morning...Then a chance of rain and snow in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows in the lower 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Cloudy. Slight chance of snow in the morning...Then a chance of snow and slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph in the morning becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday...Mostly sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Presidents day...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper

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Donald E. Spence



Donald E. Spence, 76, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stanton, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral

He was born Dec. 31, 1930, in Little York, Ill., to Lewis Henry Spence and Ines Gordon Spence. He married Nellie Garrett Aug. 5, 1955, in Wabash, Ind.

Don served in the United States Air Force from 1950-1973. He had been a loan officer at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for a number of years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie Spence of Big Spring; two sons, David L. Spence of Chandler, Ariz., and Paul E. Spence and wife, Beth of Big Spring; one sister. Wanda Tomlinson of Indianapolis; one brotherin-law, Bob King and wife, Sue of Wabash, Ind.; three granddaughters; one grandson; one great-granddaughter; seven nephews; and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sis-

The family suggests memorials be made to the Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa

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

Rosalind Ann Davis

Rosalind Ann Davis, 54, of Big Spring died Monday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maria 'Cookie' Larez

Maria 'Cookie' Larez, 53, of Big Spribng, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Hame & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• EDGAR ALLEN MORENO, 22, of 2636 Langley, was arrested Monday on a charge of purchasing alco-

 MEGAN RENEA HUGHES, 18, of 3313 E. 11th Place, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

· THEFT was reported: in the 1400 block of Princeton.

in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

 in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. PURCHASING/FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A

MINOR was reported in the 300 block of Third Street. FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of 11th Place.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.

Fire/EMS

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

· MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of E. 24th

Street. Service refused.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-14-15-32. Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-17-23-35. Bonus Ball: 28.



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Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 45 inmates at the time of this report. · TERRY D. SPEARS, 39, was arrested Friday by

DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

 JUAN ANGEL MADRID, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping (two counts) and failure to appear (two counts).

· PABLO MORENO, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charge of bondsman off bond for racing on highway. DANIEL LORENZO TORRES, 24, was transferred

to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. DAVID WARD SAUSMAN, 42, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of dri-

ving while license invalid. JOSE DELOSSANTOS JR., 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

 DALLAS INEZ JORDAN, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid and a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.

· RICHARD EDWARD HAMANN, 53, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

 JOE ADRIAN FLORES, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of duty on striking fixture or landscape. CYNTHIA GALE BULLARD, 46, was transferred

to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of robbery. FRANK HERNANDEZ, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of ride not

secured by a safety belt and motion to revoke community supervision. GAVINO JOSE ORTIZ, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on an Ector County warrant for parole viola-

tion. CHAVELLO YANEZ LORADO, 51, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-

tion. MARISSA LEE TEICHMAN, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxi-

cated. ALEJANDRO VALENCIA JR., 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest

or detention with a vehicle. JOSHUA KENT BECK, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

· JEREMY RYAN MINTER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

 TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for false report to police, bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid, no insurance, bondsman off bond for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and theft. · SAVAS THOMAS CHAPA, 40, was arrested

Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid, driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and a motion to revoke probation for driving while under the influence.

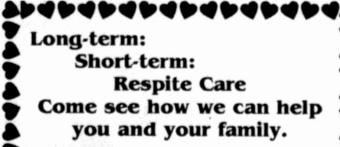
 FREDDY CANO RODRIGUEZ JR., 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

· CRYSTAL COBLE, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone. · VANESSA JEAN RANEY, 18, was arrested

Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-· REYMUNDO SOLIS PADRON, 49, was arrested

Sunday by DPS on charges of no driver's license,

expired registration, speeding and no insurance. LISA ZUNIGA CANTU, 36, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.



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Officials: Fire may have been caused by heater, faulty wiring

RICHMOND (AP) - Space heaters, overloaded elec- by, also died while trying to rescue the children. He trical circuits and a hazardous web of extention cords did not die while holding one of the children in his may have caused a fire that killed four people, officials said Monday, but the blaze erased any definitive proof

"There's no way we're going to be able to determine that, due to the severity of the structure itself," said Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office senior investigator Robert Baker at a news conference.

The wood-frame house in rural Fresno, southwest of Houston, was enveloped by flames early Sunday.

Three children, who were at the house visiting their grandfather, died while they shared a small cot in the house's living room, where the fire originated. They were siblings Kayla Davis, 4; Kaylynne Davis, 3; and Cedric Davis Jr., who was two months shy of turning

A 26-year-old relative, Elisha Davis, who lived near-

arms, contrary to earlier reports, Baker said. Elisha Davis was found in a back corner of the house, near a door that was nailed shut.

County officials described witness accounts of how Davis ran into the house twice, the second time while flames poured out the front door.

"He made an effort to save them all," said sheriff's Detective Bruce Campbell.

El Paso gets BRAC grant

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon has awarded nearly \$1 million to the city of El Paso to help prepare for the arrival of thousands of new troops at Fort Bliss.

The grant for \$936,500 was announced Monday by Democratic Rep. Silvestre Reyes, House Intelligence Committee chairman.

- Reading of a resolution on the floor of House and Senate proclaiming March 7 "Big Spring Day" in Austin.

The Howard County School Choir to perform in the Rotunda.

Box lunch to be

putting the project out for

bids, slowing down the

served on the east grounds of the Capitol.

Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception on east grounds of the

 Group photo on the steps of the Capitol with legislators.

"Everyone who plans to attend, whether going by chartered bus or their own vehicle, needs to register at the Chamber by

spending bill for BRAC.

Feb. 27," said ValVerde. "If they plan to join us for lunch on the capitol grounds they will also

process is going."

need to pay \$9 when they register."

For more information on Big Spring Area Day in Austin, call the Big Spring Chamber at 263-7641 or Moore Develop-

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ment at 264-6032.

Rosalind Ann Davis. died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

INMATES

Dutch treat."

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Spring, we will stop for

dinner at Cooper's BBQ in

Llano, which will be

ValVerde said the dead-

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ing alone. Our jailers logged more than 300 hours of overtime, which accounted for 83 percent of the overtime budgeted for the jail."

And while the onemonth price tag may have commissioners shaking in their fiscal boots, Walker said it will get worse.

"We're going to really be in trouble toward Spring Break and the summer months," said Walker. "These numbers are actually on the low side right now. It's going to get a lot worse then.'

Commissioners receive some good news during the meeting, as Commissioner Crooker reported efforts to bring the jail into state compliance are moving

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money into them."

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Barr said the court has

directed Heffelfinger to

also look at some existing

buildings he feels could

be renovated to house

ent locations we're look-

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ing the old K-Mart build-

ing," said Barr. "We just

want to find the best way

to do this. We may have to build a brand new jail

from the ground up, or we may be able to renovate

something. We just have

to wait and see what hap-

Southwest Architects Inc. was given the goahead to begin phase-one of the jail project in late January, when commissioners began contract

negotiations with the

Other locations that have been considered by

the court in the past include lots near the

Highway 87 and Interstate Highway 20 in northern Big Spring and a location near the intersection of

of U.S.

pens at this point."

firm.

intersection

We have a lot of differ-

"Weather permitting, the tap for the standpipe is expected to be completed this week," Crooker told the court. "So work on the standpipe can begin. The smoke evacuation system is now in the of Anthony hands Mechanical of Lubbock. They are pricing the equipment and looking at

the physical aspect of the

line to reserve a seat and

pay for the bus trip is

Feb. 27. The bus is expect-

ed to leave Big Spring at

4:30 a.m. and return at 10

planned for the visit to

the capitol are:

Among the activities

project. "They want to mount the fans on the outside of the building, so they have to make sure they can get them up to the jail and out the necessary windows. If they won't fit, they will have to bring in equipment to take them up the side of the building. I expect they will have a price for us during next meeting Wednesday.'

Commissioners are hoping the price of the equipment will come in below the state mandated cost that would require

FM 700 and Martin

Heffelfinger is also

expected to report to the

court on the viability of

renovating the existing

jail facility, located in the

Wednesday's meeting

will get under way at 10

a.m. in the commission-

ers' courtroom, located on

the second floor of the

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court's efforts. The cost of electrical wiring for the smoke evacuation system has been estimated at \$24,600. "We're going as fast as we can on this project,'

said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, citing mounting costs for housing inmates out-of-county as the motivating factor.

In the midst of attempts to bring the jail within state standards, efforts to design or possibly renovate an existing structure for a new county jail are ongoing.

County Judge Mark said Jeffrey Heffelfinger, an architect with Fort Worth-based Southwest Architects Inc., the company heading up the project, will

make a presentation during Wednesday's meeting. However, Walker said exposure Heffelfinger and his firm has been less than

in the process. "I seem to have been left behind on this jail issue," Walker told the court. "The only contact I've had with Heffelfinger has been a five-minute consul-

tation on the jail. I'm very

concerned with how this

encouraging at this point

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Wednesday's meeting is set for 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom.

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The money will help pay for housing, utilities, edu-

cation, public safety, health and social services, Reyes

The award from the Defense Department's Office of

Economic Adjustment comes as Congress is fighting a

Thursday deadline to pass a spending bill to keep the

The bill has been under debate amid Republican

complaints that the legislation doesn't include enough

money for Base Closing and Realignment work this

year. The bill provides \$2.5 billion for that work, but

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is pushing an

But Democratic leaders say Republicans failed to

fund BRAC when they adjourned Congress last year

without passing most of the appropriations bills.

amendment for another \$3.1 billion to be added to the

of El Paso said in a news release.

federal government operating.

some Republicans want more.

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Opening lead — two of hearts. When the defense starts off on

the wrong foot - which happens quite often — it is not necessarily fatal. Some hands can be salvaged by - it is not necessarily changing course in midstream

Assume you're East and that your opponents bid aggressively to get to three notrump as shown. Partner leads a heart, and dummy's queen wins. Declarer plays a diamond, which you take with the king, and now, being a thoughtful player, you take careful stock before making the next move.

You can't see declarer's hand, but you already know a great deal

about it. First, it is certain that South started with precisely three hearts, since your partner bid hearts and also led the deuce, indicating a four-card suit. Second, South must have the king of hearts for his bidding to make any sense.
You also see 25 points in

dummy's hand and your own, so it is reasonable to assume that South, who could have passed North's three-diamond bid, has either all the missing points or that he lacks at All these deductions can be put to

good use, for they make it clear that continuing to attack hearts will produce only four tricks for the defense and that a shift to spades will lead to the same result. Therefore, if declarer has any exploitable weak spot, it must be in clubs.

Accordingly, at trick three, you shift to a low club. Dummy's jack wins, and declarer leads another diamond. You take the ace and, with fingers crossed, return the king of clubs.

Let's say declarer wins with the ace, and your partner, bless him, drops the ten on it. He's also been doing some heavy calculating, despite his miserable hand, and he cooperates smartly with your effort.

The result of all these mental

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OUR VIEWS

Consider filing to serve your school or city

iling periods are under way for anyone contemplating whether they would like to serve as a public school trustee, council member or mayor. There is still plenty of time to think it over. The final date for filing throughout the Crossroads area in the May 12 elections is still about a month away —Monday,

There are plenty of positions up for election, including seats on area school boards, the Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma city councils and the Coahoma mayor's seat.

Our purpose here, however, is not to encourage involvement simply for the sake of having contested races.

No, as we have noted in this space many times, the decision to seek one of these positions is one that should only be made after a lot of thought.

The men and women who serve on these boards help shape the future of our schools and our communities. Their decisions affect each one of us in some way, whether it is the amount of taxes we pay, the services we receive or the quality of education that our children and grandchildren get in the classroom.

They don't teach, coach or put in water lines or fill potholes, but their decisions determine how funds should be allocated to accomplish those

We've also mentioned before — and won't hesitate to add again — that these individuals serve as role models for our communities and schools, representing us not only on the boards they serve, but many times on a broader scale, such as regional service centers and councils of govern-

And finally, before deciding to seek office, a potential representative of the school district or city must decide to work for the good of the entire community. They must be willing to study all sides of an issue and not rush to judgment.

Because of these responsibilities, the decision to seek office as a school board trustee, councilperson or mayor is one that should be made

Good luck in your decision.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, our life is never under-rated.

Known by company they keep?

emo to the national Democratic Party: Having a reputedly Hezbollah-supporting imam lead you in a Muslim-based spiritual and political prayer does not support your contentions that your values better reflect true Christianity than those of Republicans and that you support the troops.

Democrats invited Imam Husham Al-Husainy of the Karbalaa Islamic **Education Center in** Dearborn, Mich., to pray at their annual winter meeting in Washington. Columnist Debbie Schlussel has report-

ed that last summer this same imam led "almost-daily protests of thousands of Hezbollah supporters on the

Semitic, anti-American signs.' Though other commentators have also addressed this, I am surprised it hasn't drawn more attention, and, frankly, more outrage. It is beyond belief that one of the two major parties in the United States would embrace a person who has openly rooted for terror-

streets of Dearborn and Detroit,

swarming with swastikas and anti-

To the untrained ear or the Democrat apologist, Al-Husainy's prayer might have sounded inclusive and innocuous.

ists and condemned Jews and

Husainy's prayer included these words, "We thank you, God, to send us your messages through our father Abraham and Moses and Jesus and Mohammed. Through you, God, we unite. So guide us to the right path. The path of the people you bless, not the path of the people you doom. Help us, God, to liberate and fill this earth with justice and peace and love and equality. And help us to stop the war and violence, and

oppression and occupation. Amen."

Democratic commentator Geraldine Ferraro and Fox News' Alan Colmes seemed determined to characterize these words as completely inoffensive and the type that might have been delivered at any Catholic Church on Sunday morning.

But according to some with a bit more background in these matters, like author Robert Spencer, the words were hardly inclusive or tolerant. As Spencer, and Cal Thomas have noted, Al-Husainy was surely expressing the Muslim belief that Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Mohammed were all Muslim prophets "and that the followers of Moses and Jesus corrupted their teachings to create Judaism and Christianity.'

I am certainly not offended by a Muslim imam promoting the exclusive truth claims of the religion he practices. I would expect him to believe in the superiority of the creeds of his religion. Contrary to the commonly accepted nostrums of political correctness, almost all religions - and several non-religious worldviews - have exclusive truth claims.

But I do believe it is noteworthy that many secular liberal Democrats selectively decry the Christians' exclusive truth claims as intolerant and exclusive, while giving the proponents of other religions and worldviews a pass. And they wonder why they have difficulty attracting "values voters.'

How about the political implications of the imam's prayer? Ferraro copped the intellectually indefensible position that the imam could have been referring to any war or any oppression. "He may have been talking about Darfur. He might about talking about [unintelligible]. He might have been talking about what's going on in Afghanistan. Ö Talk about oppression? He may have

been talking about China and Korea."

Since many Democrats have referred to Americans as "occupiers" in Iraq or the Israelis as occupiers of Palestine, perhaps they were not uncomfortable with the imam's words. But one thing is for sure: The former Democratic vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro knows that in referring to "the war" the imam was not talking about Darfur. In referring to "oppression and occupation" he was either talking about America, Israel or both.

The upshot of this is that Democrats were joined in prayer with a Muslim spiritual leader who at the very least sympathizes with the terrorist group "Hezbollah," who was characterizing the United States or its ally, Israel, or both, as an oppressor and occupier, and who, evidently, was affirming the Muslims' exclusive truth claims. Was the imam not — right in front of the Democrats' noses - rooting for our enemies?

Were Democrats not bothered upon realizing they had given this imam a platform to seek guidance from Allah to follow "the path of the people you bless, not the path of the people you doom?" Any guesses as to which groups are blessed and which are doomed under this formulation?

Is this the type of spiritual message with which Democrats want to identify?

Can you imagine what kind of hell there would be to pay if a Christian pastor were invited to a Republican meeting and delivered a similarly pointed spiritual and political prayer? We'd hear about it for weeks.

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Edwards gets blogged down

ome of John Edwards' helpers have been busy, busy, busy insulting about 44 percent of the American electorate. The Democratic presidential candidate should have fired the two bloggers who trashed Christian conservatives in general and Catholics in par-

ticular, but didn't. Democrats have to get real tough with these people.

The former senator from North Carolina understandably wants a big presence on the blogs. They attract lots of young people who don't subscribe to Newsweek but would probably vote

for Democrats, if they voted. So it seems good strategy to throw raucous online parties for this often politically disengaged group. The wise candidate will come as a guest, however, not the host.

Edwards seemed too smart to let loose-cannon bloggers muck up his campaign. But he hired as his **Netroots coordinator Melissa** McEwan, who thought it a good idea to tar Christian conservatives as "Christofascists" on her personal blog, Shakespeare's Sister. Another blogger on the payroll, Amanda Marcotte, wrote on the Pandagon Website that the Catholic Church opposed birth control "to force women to bear more tithing Catholics.'

The Edwards campaign should have put McEwan and Marcotte on the next bus home. Instead, it issued on apology on their behalf and told them to soldier on. Perhaps Edwards feared dissing the youthful blogosphere community, which prides itself on uncensored discourse. Perhaps he figured that his ability to deliver a populist message in a Southern accent would cancel any offense.

And Republicans have their blogging big mouths. John McCain's campaign employs Patrick J. Hynes, who insists on declaring that the United States is a "Christian nation." After the Arizona senator hired him, Hynes put a picture of Rep. Henry Waxman, Democrat of California, on his Website and asked readers to provide nicknames. Several responded with anti-Semitic slurs, which Hynes dutifully let pass.

To run a netroots campaign is to slog into a politically dangerous place. Many online communities are sealed worlds in which everyone uses the same expletives and shares the same radical thoughts. Some blogmasters may think that their large number of hits represents like-minded followers, when it's just tourists gawking at an outrageous show.

Like members of any self-contained group, the Website activists may start thinking they're the norm. In the past, their crazy talk would have stayed in the drunken confines of late-night partying. Now it can be examined by anyone with an Internet connection.

(There's also a lot of doubleagentry going on. Bloggers intending harm sometimes pose as allies. They say awful things that sound supportive but actually make enemies in the outside world. Socalled journalists find this stuff and quote it as representative of a politician's followers.)

Ned Lamont was very much a political moderate, but his message couldn't break free of the lefty bloggers who helped launch his campaign. Shortly after his stunning Connecticut primary victory over the Democratic incumbent, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Lamont ran ads that prominently showcased Markos Moulitsas, founder of DailyKos. I asked Lamont whether he

would put distance between himself and the leftist blogs, and he responded: "I think they're a great neighborhood to be in. It's like an enormous bulletin board." He also conceded that he was new to the blogosphere culture.

Lamont wasn't even paying Moulitsas, yet the Lieberman campaign managed to link him to the profane language and radical politics of DailyKos. That may partly account for Lamont's failure to pick up enough independent votes to win.

Once a campaign starts stroking checks to bloggers, they're sharing a bed. So while the blogs remain great hunting grounds for Democratic voters, candidates must choose their online partners with great care.

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Northern Harriers are quick to determine their prey

caller "it's a big bird. Hawk, most likely. But its face resembles an owl." He had found it on the grounds north of the maintenance building. Since the bird could only elevate one to two feet above the ground, and its forward movement was limited, he sensed something was wrong. Knowing a coyote or fox

could easily come on the hospital grounds during the night,

the man decided the bird deserved more than being a meal. He captured the raptor by covering it with his coat.



When we entered the state hospital grounds, it was easy to see the attraction for birds of prey. To the north and west were open fields with mesquite and grasses. Rabbits, mice and rats could easily hide in the dense growth. Their sojourns on to the campus were a dual blessing. Owls would feast at night, and by day, hawks could easily capture any rodents wandering the grounds.

Meeting us at the entrance to the shop, the man added to his story of the bird.

"Didn't realize it, but that hawk was greasy. My coat's a mess."

As he led us into the building, we could see the bird perched on top of some equipment. It seemed quite at ease in watching the men work.

Since we knew the bird could not fly, its capture was a matter of timing. Weakened from its inability to hunt, the raptor allowed me to approach it. As I eased my hand within a few inches of its legs, the bird remained calm. Quickly, with my index finger going between its legs, thumb and middle finger tightening around them on the outside, I had the bird in my grasp.

'Well, what is it?"

asked the man. To us, it would always be called a marsh hawk. However, after decades of being called such, the specie was referred to as a northern harrier.

Hunting in marshes and wetlands, these birds of prey used prairies and open grasslands during migration, and as a winter home, to supply their diet of rodents, snakes, insects and small birds. Harrier, which means hunter, was certainly an appropriate name.

As I held the raptor, the men could see the white rump band where the body ends and tail begins. Even in flight, this is an identifying mark. Characteristics of the slender bird are its long tail, legs and wings. With its ability to hover for minutes and glide while hunting, it is the "ultimate mouse trap."

With the harrier glancing at everyone with its yellow eyes, I was asked, "Why does it kinda look like an owl?" As I pointed to the facial feathers that form an owl-like disc near the eyes, I explained that also like an owl is its ability to hear. Large ear openings beneath the feathers

enable the bird to detect mice rustling and squeaking in thick grass-

Extending each wing, I readily felt the "grease" the man had described. "By the way, this is not grease on the bird. It's oil," was my next comment. Then came a familiar question, "Is it male or female?" "She is brown on top, while a male would be a pale or slate gray," I answered. "You have rescued quite a lady."

Once home, I called the game warden and asked him to search a one to two mile radius of the hospital. Since the bird could not fly, it would have had to walk to where it was found. Later that day, the phone rang. "Eight tenths of a mile away there's an uncovered pit. From your description of how light colored the oil is, that coincides with the blow-out the crew had."

Dust and grit had readily stuck to the oil as the bird traveled through acres of grasses. The wildlife center in Lubbock was notified, and greeted our charge with several baths. The volunteers were especial-

ly careful because their initial examination of the bird's wings found a hairline fracture.

With time, the northern harrier's bone would knit and strengthen. The future held a return to the open fields of West Texas. It would once again fly back and forth across ranch land and barren cotton fields as if tracing a grid in its mind. To compensate the harrier for its captivity, and the indignity of cleaning its feathers, another volunteer placed two rats in its presence. They were readily accepted.

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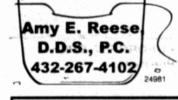
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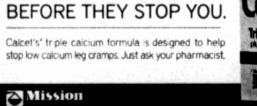
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Teenage gunman kills 5, self, in Utah shopping mall

By JENNIFER DOBNER

Associated Press Writer SALT LAKE CITY (AP) A historic mall's winding hallways became a shooting gallery for an 18year-old gunman in a trench coat who fired a

shotgun randomly at customers, killing five and wounding four before being killed by police, authorities and witnesses said.

The shooter, whose name was not released, also was armed with a handgun and had several rounds of ammunition, Salt Lake City police Detective Robin Snyder said early Tuesday. No motive has yet been determined, she said.

For hours after Monday evening's rampage at the Trolley Square shopping mall, police searched stores for scared, shocked shoppers and employees who were hunkered down awaiting a safe escort.

Marie Smith, 23, a Bath & Body Works manager, saw the gunman through the store window. She watched as he raised his gun and fired at a young woman approaching him from behind.

"His expression stayed totally calm. He didn't seem upset, or like he was on a rampage," said Smith, who crawled to safety in an employee restroom to hide with others. She said the gunman looked like "an average

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man, a 24-year-old man and a 15-year-old girl, Snyder said. Four people were hospitalized — a man and a woman in critical condition and two men in serious condition, Snyder said.

Matt Lund was visiting his wife, Barbara, manager of the Secret Garden children's clothing store, hard to believe."

old women, a 52-year-old when he heard the first shots. The couple and three others hid in a storage room for about 40 minutes, isolated but still able to hear the violence.

> "We heard them say, 'Police! Drop your weapon!' Then we heard shotgun fire. Then there was a barrage of gunfire," said Lund, 44. "It was

ed everyone like suspects ordering those hiding in storerooms, bathrooms or under stairwells, to lie on the floor with their hands on their heads until police were sure no one posed a threat.

On the way out, Lund said, he saw a woman's body face-down at the entrance to Pottery Barn

They say officers treat- Kids and a man's body on blocked as the floor in the mall's east-west corridor. "There store windows and shotgun shell casings all over the floor," Lund said. "It was quite surreal."

The victims were found throughout the 239,000shopping square-foot mall.

Outside, streets were of winding hallways.

swarmed the four-block scene. Dozens of people were a lot of blown-out lingered on the sidewalk, many wrapped in blankets, as they talked about what they had seen inside.

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San Diego Chargers fire head coach

San Diego coach Marty Schottenheimer was fired in a shocking move by team president Spanos, who cited a "dysfunctional situation" between the coach and general manager A.J. Smith. Spanos said the exodus of assistant coaches - the two coordinators became NFL head coaches and two assistants became coordinators tributed to a difficult situation that resulted in the coach being fired. Schottenheimer is due more than \$3 million.

Longhorns DB collects trophy

At the start of the season, Texas cornerback Aaron Ross wasn't on a watch list of 33 candidates to be named college football's best defensive back.

"I was able to just go out there and play. I didn't have to live up to any expectations, knowing that I wasn't on the list from the beginning," Ross said after a luncheon to honor him. "It wasn't stressful at all. I was able to showcase my abilities."

Oklahoma Sooners address violations

Oklahoma disclosed Monday that it had received its notice of allegations from the NCAA and is scheduled to appear before NCAA's Committee Infractions on April 14 in Indianapolis.

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Hawks fundraiser for rodeo is set

On Tuesday, Feb. 27 the Howard College Rodeo team will conduct a Cow Pattie Bingo fundraiser.

The event will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the east grounds of the Building and all squares are \$ 10. Tickets are now avail

For more informator contact Coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

Season ends early for Bulldogettes

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

CLYDE - Coahoma head coach Chris Sumrall was not prepared for the early exit from the basketball playoffs that Bulldogettes endured Monday night.

Standing outside of the locker room, trying to accept accolades for bringing a young team to the postseason, he tried to put a positive spin on the 46-39 loss to the Early Lady Longhorns.

"I thought Laci (Sterling) played exceptionally well tonight," Sumrall said. "She hit her free throws and played a lot of heart. They all did and that just makes this tough."

The Bulldogettes entered the game against the Lady 'Horns and traded baskets for the first eight minutes of action. When the horn sounded to end the first quarter the Bulldogettes held a 1point advantage, 9-8.

It was clear that the two teams were evenly matched, but it was also obvious that despite the game being held at a neutral site, the Lady 'Horns had a definite advantage from the crowd.

Clyde officials said they believed there was a 5-to-1 fan advantage in favor of Early.

In the second quarter Coahoma pulled out to its biggest lead of the game, 5 points, when Sterling hit consecutive free throws. That would not be enough though, as the Early mounted a quick comeback behind freshman standout, Tresta Donahoo.

Donahoo led the Lady Longhorns with 10 points and when her team needed her most she drilled 3-pointers to keep

the Bulldogettes from rallying. At the half the score was 27-22,



Berkley Iden of Coahoma makes a shot in the playoff game against Early Monday night. The Coahoma Buildogettes were defeated by Early, 46-39. The Buildogettes finished the season 23-10 and are returning all five starters next

Lady 'Horns.

"They were strong in the post and they just really outplayed us tonight," explained a disappoint-

Sterling led the Bulldogettes opened up an 11-point lead and it with a game-high 19 points and 9 rebounds.

With 6:21 to play in the third See COAHOMA, Page 2B quarter the Lady Longhorns

appeared that the game would

Howard women drop another one at the Coliseum

ERIC RODEWALD Special to the Herald

The Howard College women's basketball team conference play. faltered Monday night at

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, falling 52-to-46 at the hands of Frank Phillips College.

With the win, FPC virtually wrapped up the fourth and final Region V tournament spot for the Western Junior College

Athletic Conference with Howard was outscored cutting the FPC lead to Laryssa Hise, four points;

with 7:15 remaining in the first half and maintained a 24-17lead with four minutes until intermission. However, FPC made run heading into t'he locker room, cutting Howard's biggest lead of nine points down to a 31-27 halftime advantage.

existent for nearly six minutes with the exception of a Kim Gilyard free throw, leaving Howard trailing 43-38 with 6:45 to play. FPC went up 47-40, but the Hawks made one final run, capped by a Kandace Griffin 3-pointer with 31 seconds to play,

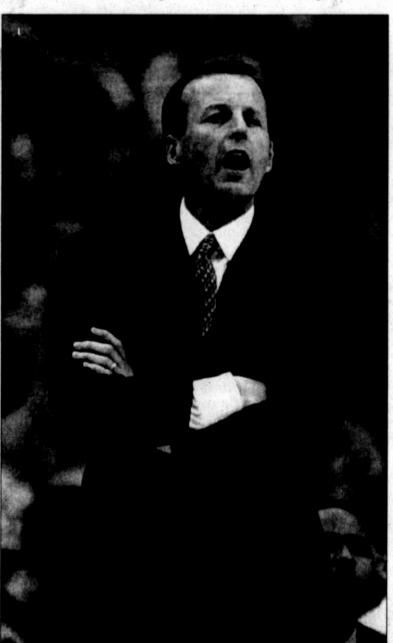
the six-point victory. Leading the Hawks in

scoring was Griffin with 20 points, including four 3-pointers.

Candace Lambert was the only other Howard player in double figures with 10 points. Also scoring for the Hawks were:

a 6-4 conference record. 16-to-6 in the first eight three, 49-46. That's as Jessica Nez. three; The Hawks fell to 2-8 in minutes of the second close as the Hawks would Gilyard, three; Nicole half, falling behind 43-37. get as FPC hit three-of- Linen, two; Monica Jones, The Hawks led 21-13 Both offenses were non- four free throws to clinch two; and Carole Bapoo, two. Jones led the Hawks with nine rebounds, while Bapoo and Linen pulled down rebounds apiece.

> Howard (12-14, 2-8) hits the road Thursday, play-Western College (14-11, 2-7) at 5:50 p.m. in Snyder.



Texas' head basketball coach Rick Barnes directs his team during the Longhorns victory earlier this season. Monday night the Horns upset OSU 83-54 on ESPN. In the first meeting this season the Cowboys defeated Texas In triple overtime.

Longhorns whip No. 18 Oklahoma State by 29 points

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN - Defense and Kevin Durant. Put the two together and good things happen for the Texas Longhorns.

Durant scored 21 points and Texas turned in its best defensive effort of the season Monday night for an 83-54 win over No. 18 Oklahoma State.

"We're going to be dangerous," Durant said. "We just have to keep it up.'

The Longhorns, whose four freshman starters looked bewildered at times in two straight losses and a tough win over Iowa State, finally put it all together for their second victory over a ranked opponent.

All five starters scored in double figures as the Longhorns shot 68 percent in the second half. Defensively, they held the Cowboys to 37 percent shooting and forced 16 turnovers that led to 22 points.

"Coach (Rick Barnes) told us to attack them," said Longhorns guard D.J. Augustin, who scored 19 points after scoring 31 against Iowa State. "They can't run with us."

A.J. Abrams broke out of a shooting slump to score 17 for the Longhorns (18-7, 8-3 Big 12) who will finish no worse than .500 in conference play.

For Oklahoma State (19-6, 5-5), the loss was the third in four games and kept the Cowboys winless on the road in the Big 12. Mario Boggan scored 16 to lead the Cowboys.

In the teams' first matchup last month, the Cowboys won a 105-103 thriller in triple overtime. They barely scored half as many points Monday night and never held the

Durant and Boggan, who each scored 37 points in the first meeting, found it much tougher going in the rematch. Covered by the Cowboy's Marcus Dove, who fouled out of the first game, Durant didn't score in the first 11 minutes and had just five points at halftime.

Then he and Abrams hit 3-pointers in a 10-3 Texas run that opened up a 31-24 Longhorns lead at halftime.

"We've never counted on Kevin to score every point," Barnes said. "We are a balanced team."

Still, Durant is the league's leading scorer and the Longhorns opened up a big lead when he started hitting

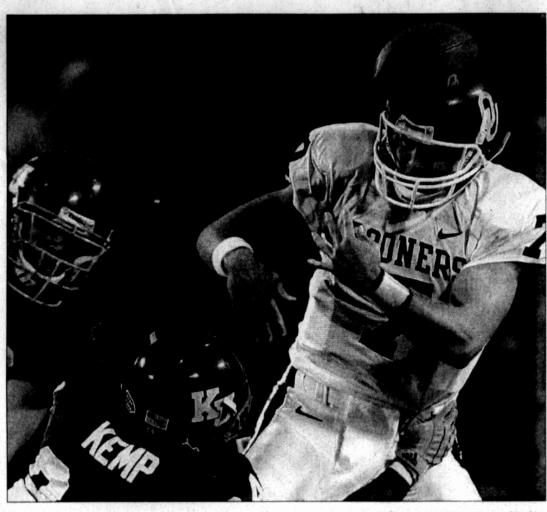
"My teammates did a great job picking me up," Durant said. "It was a team effort."

Abrams hit two more 3-pointers and Durant started a fast break with a steal, then finished a 3-point play as the Longhorns opened up a 53-39 lead with just under 12 minutes to play.

Durant made up for early shooting struggles in other ways, using his long, skinny arms to snare 12 rebounds and poke the ball away from Oklahoma State guards. He hit a 3-pointer, then followed it with another tough shot and free throw to put Texas up 59-44.

"I thought Marcus did a great job in the first half and didn't let him close to the basket," Oklahoma State Sean Sutton said. "The second half, he got going. That's why he's the best player in college basketball. He's got a gift to score points."

OU failed to monitor employment of athletes, NCAA says



Former Oklahoma quarterback Rhett Bomar (7) fumbles the ball as Kansas defensive man delivers the big hit. Bomar is currently enrolled at Sam Houston State after being dismissed from the Oklahoma football team for accepting illegal payments from a car dealership.

By JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. - The NCAA alleges Oklahoma failed to adequately monitor the employment of several athletes, including some football players who worked during the academic year.

The NCAA's findings came in an investigation after Oklahoma selfreported violations and dismissed starting quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn in August for taking excess pay from a Norman car dealership where they worked.

disclosed Oklahoma Monday that it had received its notice of allegations from the NCAA and is scheduled to appear before the NCAA's Committee on Infractions April 14 Indianapolis.

The NCAA asked athletdirector Joe Castiglione and football coach Bob Stoops to attend the meeting, along with compliance officials, general counsel Joseph Harroz and director of football operations Merv Johnson.

Oklahoma also appeared before the committee last April following an investigation into hundreds of improper recruiting phone calls by former basketball coach Kelvin Sampson's staff.

"We are eager to move forward toward the conclusion of this matter," Castiglione said in a statement.

In its notice, the NCAA claims Oklahoma didn't follow its own guidelines when it "did not collect gross earning statements for the 12 football studentathletes who notified the institution of their employment at Big Red during the 2005 summer vacation period ... and as a result the institution did not detect the violations" it self-reported.

Oklahoma claims it did not detect the football players' employment because the players did not complete required forms. The university also claims it was transitioning duties at a time when the NCAA alleges that Oklahoma failed to collect some of its monitoring forms in a timely manner.

The NCAA points out that the failure to monitor occurred "despite receiving information that at least one student-athlete worked at Big Red during the academic year."

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After a 3-pointer by Janice Gonzales, the shooting guard stole the inbound pass and hit a reverse lay-up to cut into the deficit. Another basket by Christie Rich and the lead was down to 4

points.

"We did a really good job of fighting back and trying to get out of here with a win," Sumrall added. "We're a young team and we have ten of our twelve players returning next season, but I really wanted to make a little run in the playoffs before we started thinking about next season. It just wasn't in the cards

tonight."

In the fourth and final quarter of the season, the Bulldogettes managed to bring the score to 43-39 after another basket by Gonzales, but it was not meant to be as the Lady 'Horns took care of the ball in the final minutes and escaped with a 46-39

Gonazales and Rich finished the game with 8 and season 23-10.

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sheep is called a Ewe? What do you call a boy sheep? Did you say, 'A boy sheep is called a Ram?" I

thought you did. There was a boy sheep who lived in the same pasture. His name was Ramsey Ram. All of his friends called him Ram Ram. So, in this story we have two sheep, Ellie Ewe and Ram Ram. Are you laughing at their names? What do you call them when you have only one sheep to talk about? One sheep is also called a sheep. You can laugh at that,

too.

Ellie Ewe had a problem. Each year, the farmer who took



Ramsey would call them to the barn.

them a haircut. Are you laughing again? Okay, he would shear them instead. Do you know what it means when a sheep is sheared? It means that the farmer would cut off most of , that the farmer their hair. They like was calling her for us to call it wool. * to give her a We like to make clothes from it. Have such a good sheep you ever worn a wool

sweater? They are

nice and cozy and

warm, aren't they?

he would give both

Ellie did not like being sheared because then she had no wool to keep herself warm. She always felt very cold after being sheared. Her wool would grow right back, but in the meantime, she was cold!

It was time for her haircut, I mean shearing, again. Ellie had awakened that morning feeling very warm because of all her wool. The farmer came out to the barn, shears in hand, and called out to Ellie first. 'Hey Ewe," he cried. Ellie ethought at first o nice treat for being all year. But when she saw the shears

in his hands, she ran

and hid. The barn or

pasture would have been a very good place to hide except the farmer knew all of the hiding places, too! He soon found her.

Off came the wool again. Poor Ellie Ewe. She would be cold again until her wool grew back. Ramsey was next. The farmer found him, too. Off came his wool. He too, would be cold until his wool grew back.



The farmer gathered up all of the new wool and started toward his house with his new bundle that would keep everyone warm,

except Ellie and Ramsey. But he turned around when he heard Ellie saying, 'Baa, Baaaaaa.' He knew that this was not the usual sounds Ellie made, but instead, it sounded like crying sounds. 'What is wrong, Ellie,' he asked, 'It sounds as if you are very unhappy.' Ellie started shivering from being so cold. The farmer saw her shivering and knew right away what was wrong.

'You and Ram have always been such good sheep,' he said, 'I think I know how I can help you." Off he went into his home. When he came back to the barn, he found both Ellie and Ram, huddled together, trying to get warm. He had some funny looking things in his hands. One of the

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funny looking things the farmer plugged into a wall. It soon started glowing, and throwing off some very warm, welcome heat. Then, he put a blanket over Ellie. He did the same for Ram. The blankets were made of wool. They were very warm.

Neither Ellie Ewe nor Ramsey Ram. ever got cold again. They were so happy that they couldn't wait for their next haircut. The farmer was happy, too. Ellie Ewe said to tell you, 'Baa, Baa.' In sheep talk, that means, 'Good Night.'

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oster families

Families today come in all shapes and sizes. Many kids live with both parents. Many other kids live with either just Mom or just Dad. Some kids might go back and forth between their parents' houses. Others might live with a grandparent or another relative, or they might be a part of a foster family. Keep reading to get all the facts about foster parents and foster families.

WHO ARE FOSTER PARENTS?

The word "foster" means to help someone (or something) grow and develop. It also means to take care of someone's needs. Foster parents are people who provide a safe place for kids to be cared for by taking them into their homes.

Not just any adult can be a foster parent, though. It takes someone very special to do this job. A foster parent needs many qualities like patience, firmness and a lot of love. Foster parents are also given special training to help them understand and work with the kids who come to live with them.

WHY DO KIDS LIVE WITH FOSTER FAMILIES?

Sometimes a family has so many problems that it's not wise or safe for the children to stay with their parents. When this happens, people who work for the state government have to step in to look out for the kids. These people might decide that the children need to be in foster care for a while, until it's OK to go back to their parents.

Most often, a parent's problems are caused by drugs or alcohol. Other times, a parent may be very sick, in jail or have some other trouble. The parents may need so much help with their own problems that they aren't able to focus on what the kids need, like good food to eat, clean clothes to wear and supplies for school. Sadly, kids may be abused or neglected as a result of the pressures the parents are under.

The idea behind foster care is kind of like a time-out for parents and kids. While the parents are getting help for their problems, the kids are living with people who can properly care for them. The goal is to get the family back together again, but only if the children will be safe and taken care of.

HOW DO KIDS FEEL IN FOSTER CARE?

Even when children have been abused or neglected, it can be hard for them to leave their parents. Family ties are very stroi. ! And to make things more difficult, if a kid has sisters and brothers, they may have to be split up. Not many foster families are able to take in a whole group of kids at one time.

So right away, going to live with a new family can be difficult. The foster parents have to act like Mom and Dad but they aren't the kid's actual parents. There may be other children in the family, but they're not the kid's actual brothers and sisters. And many times, kids live in more than one foster home. That

means they may have another family to adjust to later on.

Living with a foster family may mean going to a new school. This can be tough for anyone, but if a kid in foster care is dealing with a new home life too, it's even harder. New classmates, teachers, rules — so many things can be different all at once!

It's no wonder, then, that kids in foster care have to deal with a lot of emotions. They can feel happy and secure when they're in a loving foster family, but also sad and worried about their birth parents. They might feel afraid, wondering what will happen next, or angry about the whole situation. All this can make for a lot of stress.

To help kids in foster care adjust, every child is assigned a social worker. This person is sometimes also called a caseworker. His or her job is to make up a plan for each child. The plan describes what kind of help the family needs so that they can be together again. The social worker checks on how everyone is doing, and arranges visits between brothers, sisters and parents.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The social workers, the courts and other state agencies must decide what is best for the child. They look at how well the parents are doing at solving their own problems, and whether it's safe for the kids to return home. They also pay attention to any problems there might be in the foster home. Even foster parents aren't perfect, and that's why caseworkers encourage kids in foster care to tell them if anything is making them uncomfortable.

Most kids in foster care do return to their birth families sooner or later. But there are other things that can happen, too. The state might decide that having the kids live with relatives is the best choice. Sometimes, it's better to have the kids stay in foster care a while longer. This might mean remaining with the foster parents or moving to a group home for a longer stay.

Finally, some kids in foster care are adopted. Adoption is a legal process that makes a child a permanent part of a family, just as if he or she were born into it. The people who adopt a child become the new parents. Kids in foster care might be adopted by their foster parents. Other times, a different family or even a single adult will adopt a child. But whatever decision is made, someone will be there to take - KidsHealth.org care of the kids.

In The News



Michelle Kwan carries the American flag during a victory lap after winning the 2003 World Figure Skating Championships.

Skater represents the U.S. off the ice

Figure skater Michelle Kwan is used to earning high marks for her jumps and spins. In January, while visiting schools in China, she received glowing reviews for her work as a diplomat.

"She pretty, she's very outgoing and very nice for a person who is such a star," said Zhang Min, a student at Renmin University high school in Beijing.

Last November, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice appointed Kwan America's first "Public Diplomacy Envoy." Her job is to try to improve the way people in other countries view the United States. Kwan, a five-time world champion and Olympic silver and

bronze medal winner, believes 12 years of international

competitions prepared her well for the position. Her only misstep occurred outside the school in Renmin, where she slipped and almost tell.

"That's typical of me," she said. "Off the ice, I'm the - Nelida Gonzalez Cutler

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS helping out financially. How many tasks do you CANCER (June 22-July do just because you 22). To love and be loved should? What about relacan be challenging as your relationship goes through a test of wills. But there are many more

Ask around.

You're

computer.

you can come up with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

stronger. Therefore, it's

time to stop avoiding that

unpleasant fact and face

it. Try writing in a note-

book. On the page, you'll

be able to look at it objec-

tively and see a solution.

22). Security is one thing;

boredom is quite another.

Find new diversions to

keep things interesting,

anything from taking a

class to changing the wall-

paper on your desktop

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You carved your niche

and stuck to it, even

though some people said

it couldn't work. You do

have a way of opening

people's minds. Now sing

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). All financial break-

throughs don't necessari-

ly look like a windfall, but

there will be subtle signs

that you're on the right

track! Play the game,

abide by the rules and,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). You're not cur-

rently using a resource

(this might be a person, a

software program, a club

membership) to its fullest

capacity — not even close!

your own praises.

above all, hustle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

emotionally

tionships? there Are people you too give much time and energy to because you simply haven't figured out how to gracefully no? say

Mercury



MATHIS

goes retrograde, providing the perfect excuse for not contacting anyone you really don't want to talk to in the first place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Those who match your personality, tone, intelligence and sense of humor will give you energy, validating your work and encouraging you onward. Those who don't should be avoided now, as you're feeling impressionable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Start the day off with a brainstorm to get your mind churning out the good ideas. People depend on you to be fresh, real and solution-oriented. A Sagittarius connection is lucky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). New expenses are incurred. Instead of fretting, embrace these expenditures as evidence that you're investing in yourself and your ideas. Others will soon reinforce your belief in yourself by you're entitled to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Allow yourself to get lost in imagination. Dream about what will happen if you step three paces beyond your cursolutions than the two of rent limit. What seems extreme is actually a viable solution to your most pressing problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone thrives under your tutelage. And by teaching others, you train yourself to be a true master. Tonight, the way out of a dilemma isn't the same way you came into

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're finding ways to love the most unlovable parts of your work. The key is in recognizing who benefits from your efforts and how you can add value to these benefits. HEART HEAVENLY

MATCHES (PART TWO) - What does each sign need to be happy with a partner for the long term? LEO: This sign loves a partner who is talented and can spot the talent inside that's Leo. Everyone knows that Leos need a lot of attention. But they also need to give a lot of attention to someone they feel deserves their accolades. VIRGO: Mutual respect is a cornerstone of Virgo's love life. Virgo will stick with a partner who is conscientious and knows not to take this giving sign for granted. Virgo also admires a counterpart who is equally committed Get educated. Get the help to living healthy and feeling good. LIBRA: Libra never tires of beauty and requires a partner who sees the value in a beautiful environment. This could pertain to the personal environment of one's body and mind, or the larger environment of domesticity and geography. Libra equates love with daily lovely experiences. SCORPIO: If you don't want to be found out, love with a Scorpio isn't for you. This sign will uproot every secret and overturn any lie you tell yourself. Scorpio needs a partner who is also fascinated by and unafraid of the naked truth. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:**

Christina Ricci could write an article or blog this year spouting her own kooky dogma — Aquarius people have their own fascinating view of the world. That's part of their charm. Actresses born under this inventive sign are often cast because of their originality. Once established in the business, they can easily drive up their salary because they're considered one of a kind.

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have worked at my job for seven years. Recently a co-worker pulled me aside to inform me that another co-worker, "Jane," made references about me being a drug addict and then said my husband was an addict, too. This progressed until Jane was prancing about pretending she was on drugs her portrayal of me. My friend didn't know how to react and said she didn't believe I used drugs, but no one else defended me.

My husband and I don't even drink alcohol, let alone use anything harder. I do not socialize with Jane, although during shift changes, we have talked and she always asks questions about my family. She never gave any indication that she didn't like me.

I went to the manager and told her what happened. The boss said she didn't have any recourse, because she personally did not hear this. Since I see Jane infrequency promised to remain professional and not cause a problem. I have been able to maintain this, although at times it is difficult, Jane finds reasons to come to work during my shift. She seems to be provoking me. I am concerned that others may believe her lies. Since we work in a child-related environment, this kind of

Attacked in Wisconsin Dear Attacked: First, talk to Jane directly and firmly. Tell her you are

slander can get me fired.

It has made my workplace

uncomfortable, and I am

considering leaving the

job. What should I do? --



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aware of her accusations, you don't understand why she is maligning you and to please stop. That may be enough. If not, talk to your boss again. You are entitled to a hostility-free work environment. Ask the co-worker who witnessed the mockery to go with you to the boss as backup. You can file a lawsuit against Jane or your company, but slander is hard to prove although sometimes just the threat of legal action can work wonders.

Dear Annie: I have been married over 30 years and have two terrific children. I thought our marriage was fine, until my husband sonfessed he has a sexual addiction that's been going for years strip clubs, massage parlors and sex with prostitutes, male and female.

My husband wants forgiveness. We are both going to counseling, and he also participates in a group for sex addicts. We've both been tested for STDs. We have separate bedrooms and are civil to each other. It has been 18 months since I learned the truth, and he claims he has been clean the whole time. I am so confused. I could forgive a drug or alcohol addiction, but I am having a real problem with this.

He says he's always loved me and wants to be with me. I don't know what I want, or if I can ever forgive him. Any advice? - The Faithful Wife

Dear Wife: Forgiveness is difficult, but not impossible. There are self-help groups for spouses of sex addicts, and they can help you find clarity. Please

contact S-Anon (sanon.org), P.O. Box 111242. Nashville, TN 37222 and COSA (cosarecovery.org) P.O. Box 14537, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Good luck.

Dear Annie: Thank you so much for publishing my letter, signed "Nina in New York." I hope it helps other Crohn's sufferers to know they are not alone.

Since writing you, I have told several of my friends about my condition, and I also have begun dating a very supportive guy, whom I was able to tell without feeling horribly self-conscious. Thank you again for printing my letter, and for your wonderful words of wisdom. - Nina in New York

Dear Nina: We're glad to hear you're doing so well. We heard from hundreds of people expressing support for you and saying they, too, suffer from Crohn's, but are living wonderful and productive lives, and you can, too.

Dear Annie: I run a Sunday school program for 22 children. There are two young children in our care, "Billy," age 4, and "Andy," age 2. Their mother died a year ago, while giving birth to their baby sister. Their father recently remarried.

These children were manageable before their mother's death, but now they are impossible. Billy sits in front and hits the teacher's leg, pulls her skirt and kicks her. When restrained, he turns his attention to the teaching board and pulls down pictures. During craft time, he crumples his papers on the floor and refuses to participate. Separated from his older brother, Andy cooperates and folinstructions. However, he is slowly starting to imitate Billy.

While we do not know the intimate details of the home front, how do we handle the kids' behavior during the two-hour Sunday school and turn it around to be constructive instead of disruptive to the whole class? Teacher's Aide

Dear Teacher's Aide:

Our hearts are breaking for these two little boys. Their mother died, they have a baby sister who demands a great deal of attention, and their father has remarried. They feel neglected and abandoned twice over. Their unruly behavior is their way of acting out their frustrations and gaining time and attention from the adults in their lives. They are crying for help.

First, please talk to the father and suggest professional counseling for the boys. The pediatrician can recommend someone who specializes in young children. Then help Andy and Billy get more positive attention by giving them a little extra time. thinking of special projects to work on (perhaps in art or music), and praising their efforts. They need to believe they are good boys, not pigeonholed as troublemakers.

Annie: Dear boyfriend and I, along with several members of his family, enjoy drinking wine with our meals. We take great care to choose interesting wines to serve, and the bottles can be quite expensive.

The only problem is that some family members do not like wine, but will nonetheless serve themselves a glass so as not to feel left out. They will then proceed to dilute the wine with water or soda, or leave their glass full without drinking any. I don't mind sharing, but I hate wasting what can otherwise be enjoyed. Would it be appropriate to serve a "house" wine for these family members? — S. in California

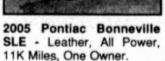
Dear S.: Yes and no. You don't want to single out those guests who don't indulge, or not offer them the opportunity to sample an interesting wine. You can minimize the waste by being a more gracious host. Don't put a bottle on the table for guests to serve themselves. Bring out two bottles - the good stuff and the house wine and ask each guest which they would prefer. If they don't care, it's your choice what to pour.

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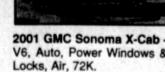


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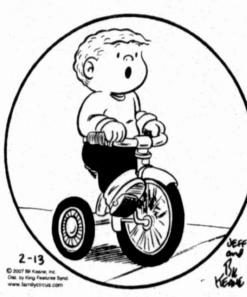
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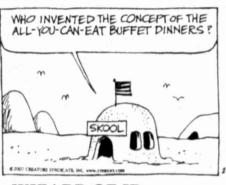






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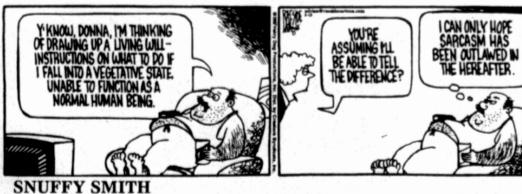


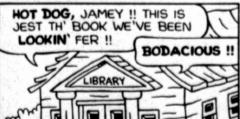
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2007. There are 321 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.) On this date:

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery. In 1795, the University of

North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of Hinton James. who was the only student on campus for two weeks.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perneutrality petual Switzerland.

In 1945, during World War

II, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1945, Allied planes

began bombing the German city of Dresden. In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb, in the

Sahara Desert. In 1980, opening ceremonies were held in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the 13th

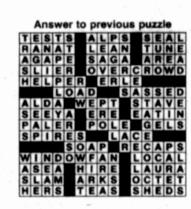
Winter Olympics. In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov.

In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Today's Birthdays: Former test pilot Charles "Chuck" Yeager is Actress Kim Novak is 74. Actor George Segal is 73. Actor Bo Svenson is 66. Actress Carol Lynley is 65. Singer-musician Peter Tork (The Monkees) is 65. Actress Stockard Channing is 63. host Jerry Talk show Springer is 63. Singer Peter Gabriel is 57. Actor David Naughton is 56. Rock musician Peter Hook is 51. Actor

Matt Salinger is 47. Singer Henry Rollins is 46. Actor Neal McDonough is 41. Singer Freedom Williams is 41. Actress Kelly Hu is 39. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 35. Singer Robbie Williams is 33. Rhythm-and-blues former Natalie Stewart (Floetry) is 28. Actress Mena Suvari is 28.

Thought for Today: "The world has no sympathy with any but positive griefs; it will pity you for what you lose, but never for what you lack." Anne Sophie Swetchine, Russian-French author (1782-1857). @ 2007 The Associated Press.



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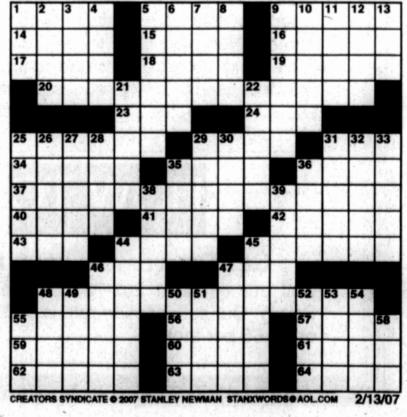
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