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Jail gets thumbs up

Howard County officials prepare for inspection by state commission

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The new smoke evacuation system at the Howard County Jail got a resounding thumbs up from county officials and contractors Wednesday, as the system managed to meet — and beat — state requirements.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, joined by several county commissioners and a host of contractors and engineers, performed a preliminary

"I feel like the test has gone really well, and without a doubt, once they get all of their little things adjusted, this jail will be a very safe facility and be open again within a month."

—Sheriff Dale Walker

test of the system Wednesday afternoon in hopes of bringing the facility within state requirements.

"The contractor requested we go ahead and do a smoke test just to see if

their equipment is working the way they were hoping it would," said Walker.

"Anthony Mechanical, which did all of the duct work and

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office block off a doorway during a test of the county jail's smoke evacuation system Wednesday afternoon.

Record turnout anticipated at Relay For Life

Friday, the 13th Howard Glasscock Relay for Life will come to life at Blankenship Field, east of Big Spring High School. No one involved in this ever-growing, everyone-welcomed event sees anything but good luck attached to that number. The 30 teams and 60-plus committee members who have worked all year preparing for this climactic conclusion to their labor anticipate another record turnout.

The big tents, signs and banners will go up Friday afternoon. Teams will set up and decorate their campsites, bringing food, drinks and games. Registration tables will be inside the west gate, with T-shirts stacked, ready to be handed out. The hospitality tent will be manned and the survivors' tent will be readied for sign-ups.

Between the 20- and 40-yard lines a special tent will house the technicians and equipment for an important "this-year-only" Cancer Prevention Study 3.

Beginning at 6 p. m. anyone between the ages of 30 and 65 who has not previously had cancer may enroll in research to help understand the factors



NANCY KOGER

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TOP TEACHER



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Vickey Bloodworth, center, a science instructor at Big Spring Junior High, reacts after being named winner of the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award of Excellence as the outstanding teacher in Big Spring ISD Wednesday afternoon. Presenting the award was Bob Noyes, left, of the local Masonic Lodge.

'Mad Scientist' Bloodworth receives Lamar Award as outstanding instructor

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Apparently, mad scientists make darned good teachers.

Big Spring Junior High School science instructor Vickey Bloodworth, who likes to wear a lab smock with "Mad Scientist" emblazoned across the back, was honored as the Big Spring ISD teacher of the year by the local Masonic Lodge Wednesday.

This is the fourth year the Masons have presented the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award of Excellence to a Big Spring teacher and it marks the first time the award has been presented to an instructor at the junior high.

A stunned Bloodworth struggled to find a way to describe her reaction to the award.

"This is just awesome. I feel very honored," Bloodworth said.

"(I want) students to know that they can make a difference, that whatever background they come from, they can make a difference," she added. "And they need to know that we teachers do love them and care for them."

Bloodworth, who teaches eighth grade science, has taught for 13 years, the last two at BSJH. In that short time, she has made a positive impact on students and colleagues, her principal said.

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Officers lose commands in aftermath of murders

One soldier married to Big Spring woman

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Three U.S. soldiers slaughtered in a grisly kidnapping-murder plot south of Baghdad last June were not properly protected during a mission that was not well planned or executed, a military investigation has concluded.

Two military officers have been relieved of their commands as a result of the litany of mistakes, but neither faced criminal charges, a military official familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

A report on the investigation said the platoon leader and company commander — whose names were not released — failed to provide proper supervision to the unit or enforce military standards.

A seven-page summary of the investigation provided to the AP also said it appears insurgents may have rehearsed the attack two days earlier, and that Iraqi security forces near the soldiers' outpost probably saw and heard the attack and "chose to not become an active participant in the attack on either side."

"This was an event caused by numerous acts of complacency, and a lack of standards at the platoon level," said the

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IN BRIEF

Forsan, Coahoma schedule playoffs

Forsan's Lady Bufaloes and Coahoma's Bulldogettes have both officially set the dates, times and locations of their regional semifinal state softball playoff games.

The Bulldogettes (28-5) will take on Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs in a one game playoff at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Snyder.

The Lady Buffs will face Seymour's Lady Panthers in a best-of-three series starting at 7 p.m. today at Abilene Christian University. Game 2 is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if necessary, to be played approximately 30 minutes after the second game.

Lady Steers sports banquet rescheduled

Due to the Lady Steers softball team advancing in the playoffs, the Lady Steers Sports Banquet has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. There will be a time allotted for picture taking starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the ATC or by contacting Mique Yarbar at 213-5259 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9803.

Lady Hawk basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle will host three girls' basketball camps this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp begins on June 4. The four day camp will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering kindergarten through third grades in 2007 and costs \$50.

The Individual Day Camp also runs from June 4-7, with an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering grades 4-8 and costs \$60.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It begins June 18 and runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. until June 21.

For more information or to register, contact Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Country Club holding benefit golf tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a benefit golf tournament for cancer patient Pano Rodriguez Sunday. The first tee time will be at 9:30 a.m.

The tournament will be a 4-man scramble with a \$20 entry fee. Players will be allowed to pick their own team.

For more information contact Sammy Reyna at 267-5627.

Lady Steers summer softball camp set

The Lady Steers will be holding their All-Skills Softball Camp June 4-7 at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. Each day's activities will last from

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Country club to host Chamber golf event

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area golf enthusiasts will get the chance to show their support for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce — not to mention win some huge prizes — as the organization hosts its first Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic next month.

The tournament, which is slated for July 14-15 at the Big Spring Country Club, has been in the works for some time, according to project coordinator and Chamber board member

Justin Myers.

"We've been working on putting this together for about two months now. A lot more work goes into something like this than most people, including me, would think," Myers said with a grin. "There are just so many different things to coordinate, but it's been a lot of fun and we're excited to see it happen."

Myers said the tournament, which is a scramble format for two-player teams, has been fashioned after several other successful tournaments around the

state.

"We've talked to and worked with a lot of different groups and cities to make sure we do this right," said Myers. "The tournament held in Hereford each year is incredibly successful, and while its almost impossible to judge how successful our first-year event will be by comparing it to these established tournaments, it looks like it could be a major source of fundraising for the chamber."

Myers said the entry fee of \$180 per team will go back into prizes

for the winners of the tournament.

"The only way to get golfers to travel to your tournament is to offer great prizes," said Myers. "And that's what we're doing. All of the entry fees paid into the tournament will go toward the prizes, which can be taken at a rate of 100 percent if used for merchandise at the pro-shop, or 70 percent if taken in cash."

"The entry fee will include a barbecue lunch on both Saturday

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Lady Steers lead 4-4A in All-District honors

By **JONATHAN HULL**
Herald Sports Writer

Big Spring's Lady Steers may have entered the playoffs as the runner-up in District 4-4A, but when the league's coaches met to select their All-District team, 10 Lady Steers players received honors, more than any other school in the district.

Two Lady Steers, Kenzie Hunt and Desiree Yanez, were voted onto the first team. While six players — Brenna Phernetton, Bridgette Rodriguez, Linzee Yarbar, Heather Whitt, Baylea Fox and Kelli Sage — were honored as second teamers. Two other Lady Steers were given individual awards by the district. Cortney Heinis was named the Utility Player of the Year and Amber Sides was honored as the Defensive Player of the Year.

District 4-4A's awards are voted on by the coaches of the schools within the district. Each coach nominated players on their own team that they felt deserved either a slot on the all-district team or should be considered for individual awards. All the coaches in the district then vote for players that aren't on their own team.

The Lady Steers had all 10 regular starters acknowledged by the district.

Sides was considered by the Big Spring softball coaching staff to be the MVP of the district. The senior shortstop finished the season with a .511 batting average and more than 50 RBIs.

"Amber was the rock of the team," said Lady Steers assistant coach John Sparks. "She could make any play in the field. There's no doubt in my mind that she deserved the MVP award, but apparently the other coaches didn't see it that way. She is capable of playing Division I softball at the next level and should be there someday."

Yanez, a junior, played third base for the Lady Steers. She will be graduating in December of her senior year, making her ineligible to play for the Lady Steers next season. She has expressed interest in playing softball at the next level.

"Desiree is very capable of playing college softball," said Sparks. "She's a very emotional player that takes the game very seriously. Her work ethic is fantastic."

Hunt is a freshman that transferred from Coahoma at the start of the spring semester. She played center field for the Lady Steers, but is also a very talented pitcher that

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Amber Sides fouls off a pitch against Pampa's Lady Harvesters in Class 4A regional semifinals playoff action Friday. She was selected as Defensive Player of the Year by District 4-4A's coaches. She is one of 10 Lady Steers to receive All-District honors.

Spurs take 3-2 series lead over fading Suns

By **ANDREW BAGNATO**
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Facing elimination after a heart-breaking loss, the Phoenix Suns are conceding nothing.

They believe they can win Game 6 on Friday night and bring the tense, taut series back to the desert for Game 7. Phoenix nearly won Game 5 despite playing without All-Star center Amare Stoudemire and key reserve Boris Diaw, leading most of the way before losing 88-85 Wednesday night.

"We have a lot of heart," point guard Steve Nash said. "So this thing, I think, is just heating up."

The Spurs know they must close it out at home.

"We don't want to come back here," said Spurs forward Bruce Bowen, who has become a nemesis to Phoenix fans. "It's going to take a tremendous effort. We know they're going to be ready to go."

Bowen, labeled a dirty player by Stoudemire and the subject of taunts all night from the Phoenix crowd, sank a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 36 seconds to play. That gave the Spurs their first lead since the game's opening six minutes.

"After all the things I was hearing from the sidelines it was great," Bowen said. "The people

were calling me choice names I had never heard before."

In the other playoff game, New Jersey beat Cleveland 83-72 to cut the Cavaliers' lead to 3-2. On Thursday, Detroit takes a 3-2 lead into Game 6 of its series against Chicago.

Riding a wave of emotion, the Suns sprinted to a 16-point second-quarter lead. But they couldn't sustain it, and the Spurs patiently whittled away after a disastrous first half in which they shot only 33 percent from the floor.

"We played through a whole lot," said Tim Duncan, who led San Antonio with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

"Whatever you attribute it to, a lot of their fans and energy, we just couldn't throw it in the ocean. Come next game, we're going to really have to do a better job of getting a lead in that first quarter."

They'll have to do it against the full Suns lineup — and a team that seems loaded with confidence despite being on the brink of elimination.

"We'll have a lot more ideas, and we'll show up ready to play," Nash said. "We have a lot of reasons to be confident. We feel like we have a lot left, and it will be nice to have a full team back and see what we can do down there."

Stoudemire and Diaw

violated an NBA rule by leaving the bench area after Robert Horry's flagrant foul on Nash in the final seconds of Phoenix's 104-98 victory in Game 4, and were suspended for Game 5.

Horry was suspended two games for his actions.

Without Stoudemire and Diaw, the Suns essentially used a six-man rotation, nearly won a grind-it-out kind of game the Suns aren't supposed to be able to play.

"We left it on the floor," Shawn Marion said. "What more can you ask of this team?"

Ginobili, who had an awful start, scored 15 of

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Rays hand Rangers' third straight loss

By **FRED GOODALL**
AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Tampa Bay delivered one key hit after another until Carl Crawford finished off the Texas Rangers.

Crawford tripled with the bases loaded and Delmon Young also drove in three runs Wednesday night to pace an 11-8 victory at Disney World, which is turning out to be a nice home away from home for the Devil Rays.

A night after squandering numerous opportunities and stranding 14 runners in a 4-3, 10-inning win over the struggling Rangers, Tampa Bay got timely

hitting throughout the lineup to position themselves for a sweep of the three-game series the Devil Rays moved to Disney to increase their exposure in the Orlando area.

"It would be nice if we can do it because a lot of people were thinking we might not do well with the home away from home thing," Crawford said.

Sammy Sosa moved closer to becoming the fifth player with 600 career homers, hitting No. 597 in the fourth inning for the Rangers, who led 6-4 before Tampa Bay scored six runs in the fifth — the last three on Crawford's third triple of the sea-

son.

Sosa's two-run, opposite-field shot off left-hander Casey Fossum (3-3) was his ninth homer of the year and extended his major league record for most ballparks homered in to 45. Victor Diaz and Mark Teixeira also homered off the Devil Rays starter, who allowed six runs and nine hits in five innings.

"I never surprise myself," Sosa said, shrugging off a question about the success he's had this season to put himself on the verge of joining Henry Aaron, Barry Bonds, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays as the only players with at least 600 homers.

"I work hard, go out there in the (batting) cage every day trying to figure out a plan that I've got to take to the plate. ... I'm a fighter. I'm going to go out there and try to do the best that I can."

The middle game of the series drew a crowd of 8,839. That was slightly more than 8,443 for the opener and well above the 8,241 the teams averaged for six dates last season at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg.

Al Reyes pitched ninth for the Devil Rays, picking up his 12th save in 12 opportunities.

The loss was the seventh in

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Obituaries

David Brown Read



David Brown Read went to be with the Lord, Jesus Christ, Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at his home in San Angelo. David was born Feb. 2, 1938, in Henderson to Shelby and Aleen Read.

Family and friends visitation will be Wednesday, May 16, at Johnson's Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. His service will be Thursday, May 17, at the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, 3355 W. Beauregard, at 2 p.m. Interment

will be at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, in San Angelo.

David grew up in Ackerly where his family had a cotton farm and built cotton gins in many parts of West Texas with his grandfather, Andy Brown, including the Mereta Gin. David also worked in oil and gas development with his father. The family moved to Big Spring when David began high school and he graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955. He attended Baylor University and received both his BA and BBA in 1959. He later went back to Baylor and received his doctor of jurisprudence in 1970 and was in the private practice of law to the present. He also served as judge, Tom Green County Court-at-Law.

He served at 21 years of age in the 57th State Legislature as a representative from Howard County. After that he worked in several avenues of business. He was manager of the Brown Cotton Warehouse in Hoban (Pecos) and a partner in the Brown & Read Cotton Company. He also owned and managed his 590-acre cotton farm.

David became executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in 1963 and worked in mortgage banking at the 1st National Bank of San Angelo from 1964-1968.

He was dedicated to his community and his family. He was a past president of the San Angelo Jaycees and was nominated for Outstanding President of the National Chapter and the Organization was nominated for the Freedom Foundation Award; a former board member of the West Texas Boys Ranch; a member of the NRA; a guest speaker at many organizations, including Rotary, Lions, Jaycees, Concho Valley Republican Women; a member of the national and state Republican Parties and a charter member of the Pachyderm Club of San Angelo and an associate member of the Concho Valley Republican Women.

He is a Baylor alumni and a member of the State Bar Association.

David loved Jesus. He was a charter member of Southland Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for many years. He served on the steering committee for the Jay Strack Crusade. He was a very active member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, having served on the vestry, the evangelism and stewardship committees. He was chairman of the Lenten "Outstanding Guest Speaker" series. He has served as rector for many Cursillos.

He was a member of the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd and also attended Victory Christian Center and Christ Church — San Angelo, Anglican.

David never met a stranger and was known to uplift others and give glory to Christ by the phrase, "You are blessed and highly favored of God."

David is survived by his wife, Teddye Brown Handley Read. They were married July 24, 1992. He is also survived by his son, Andrew D. Read and stepsons George Handley and wife Julie of Grand Prairie and John Handley and wife Kathryn, of Midland; his sister, Mary Winterrowd and husband Dennis of Bandera; his nephew, Lance Winterrowd and wife Mary of San Antonio, and their children Faith, Zachary and Matthew; his niece, Julie Quade and husband Steven of San Angelo and their children, Aaron and Austin; his beloved father-in-law, Ted Brown of Breckenridge; his sister-in-law, BJ Boyd and husband David of Breckenridge; BJ's daughter Michelle McNabb and her family; her husband's children, Robbie Boyd, Laquita Perez and Davita Wilsher; his brother-in-law, John Brown and wife Sue of Breckenridge and their children, Bill Ed and Ricky and their families, and Mary Ellen; his brother-in-law, Randy Brown and wife Mildred of Breckenridge and their children and families, Trevor Brown, Keith Brown, Bobby Heflin, Anna and Malinda Heflin; and god-daughter, Anna Fuson; and numerous other nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers are Layne Turner, Glenn Polhemus, Steve Bodine, John Childers, Ralph Holloway and Chuck Burtch.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo, or a church or charity of your choice.

David — "You are blessed and highly favored of God." We will miss you.

Paid obituary

Ardelia Stevens

Ardelia Stevens, 87, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 17, 2007, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FRY** Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be from noon until 3 p.m. Plates are \$8 each. Everyone is welcome.

Police blotter

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

- **WILLIAM CLEMENTS**, 39, of 104 Young, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 42, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JASON LEE BROWN**, 29, of 1203 Todd Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 31, of 1011 Lloyd, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **MICHAEL A. CARDONA**, 20, of 109 Algerita, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JUAN A. CARDONA**, 20, of 109 Algerita, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and driving while license invalid.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3300 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION/USE OF A VOLATILE CHEMICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 100 block of Gregg Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Baylor.
 - in the 1500 block of Wood.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 600 block of Abrams.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.
- **RYAN EDWARD SLATE**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
 - **CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and open container.
 - **JERRICK DECOVA STRAUGHTER**, 35, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
 - **JESSE CASTRUTTO DELEON JR.**, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a violation of parole for possession of marijuana.
 - **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 66, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GAS LEAK** was reported in the 1500 block of Main Street.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-17-40-47-51.
Number matching six of six: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-20-27-30-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-7-5.

Support Groups

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

Bulletin Board

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TODAY
• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.
• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
• 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 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Relay For Life at Blankenship Field begins at 6 p.m. with Cancer Prevention Survey 3 signup, followed by survivor registration at 6:30 p.m., opening ceremonies at 8 p.m., the Survivor's Walk at 8:30 p.m. and Luminaria Ceremony at 10 p.m. Events continue throughout the night.
• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
• Relay For Life closing ceremony and awards presentation is at 8 a.m. at Blankenship Field.
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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RANGERS

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nine games for the Rangers. Vicente Padilla (1-6) gave up a first-pitch, leadoff homer to Elijah Dukes and was roughed up for eight runs and 12 hits in four-plus innings.

The speedy Crawford's triple to right-center off A.J. Murray made it 10-6. He's now 2-for-2 with a walk and eight RBIs with the bases loaded this season, including his first career grand slam.

Young had a two-run single off Padilla in the fourth and finished the Rangers' starter with a RBI single in the fifth. B.J. Upton drove in a run in the fourth on a force play, then drew a bases-loaded walk from Murray in the fifth.

"We just couldn't get it done on the mound," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

The Devil Rays have won three straight following a season-high six-game skid.

White Sox 5, Yankees 3, ...

Yankees 8, White Sox 1,

Chien-Ming Wang allowed six hits and a run over seven innings and Hideki Matsui drove in four runs to help the Yankees gain a split of the day-night doubleheader.

Wang (2-3) beat Jose Contreras (3-4), who gave up five hits and four runs — two earned — in 6 2-3 innings.

In the first game, rookie left-hander John Danks

(2-4) worked out of a couple of jams and out-pitched Mike Mussina (2-2) to give the White Sox the win.

The second game was delayed at the start for one hour, 15 minutes by rain.

In the nightcap, Matsui had a two-out, two-run double in the third, an inning aided by shortstop Juan Uribe's error on Derek Jeter's grounder, making both runs unearned.

Danks (2-4) struck out a career-high seven in 6 1-3 innings. He gave up two runs and seven hits in winning his second straight start.

A.J. Pierzynski hit a tiebreaking homer to start a three-run sixth and Paul Konerko also homered for the White Sox.

TOURNEY

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and Sunday, free beverages, access to the Atmos Energy hospitality tent and entry into the shootout we have planned for that Friday night. It's really going to be a good time for everyone."

Myers said the tournament is very important to the chamber and its programs to help area businesses.

BSHS

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could contribute on the mound next season.

"We let Kenzie pitch some earlier in the season, but she was too talented in center for us to not have her out there," explained Sparks. "She's only going to get better and has a great attitude with her teammates."

Phernetton is considered by her coaches as the vocal leader of the team.

"Just go into the dugout and the first voice you'll hear is Brenna's," said Sparks. "She's got a great attitude and is always leading the cheers."

The senior first baseman had her best season, according to Sparks and head coach Jennifer Reyes. She hit a key home run in the Lady Steers' comeback victory in the area series against El Paso Chapin.

Senior second baseman Rodriguez is called the team's 'clutch hitter' by Reyes. Big Spring's head coach acknowledged that when the team needed a big hit then Rodriguez could be counted on to deliver it.

"She always makes solid contact with the ball," said Reyes. "I put her in the middle of the lineup because I know she'll make contact."

"Other than the annual banquet, this is the only fundraiser the chamber has," said Myers. "And for the chamber, to do its job it can't continually operate in the red. It has to pay for all of the different programs it does during the course of the year, and this is an excellent way to do that."

"The chamber won't be making any money at all on the entry fees, so we're really counting on sponsors to help," he continued. "We have sponsor-

ship opportunities ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, and it's a tremendous opportunity for the businesses to get their name out there through the advertising we'll be doing."

For more information on the tournament, or to be a sponsor, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331, ext. 232, or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

NBA

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his 26 points in the final quarter to rally the Spurs, sinking two free throws to put San Antonio ahead 86-83 with 10.5 seconds to go. Nash badly missed a 3-pointer against Duncan's defense, then Michael Finley made two free throws with 5.5 seconds left to seal the win.

The result stung the Suns and their crowd, who were livid at what they felt was an unjust decision by commissioner David Stern and NBA executive vice president Stu Jackson.

They felt they got the worst of the ruling, even though a Spurs player instigated the incident. Signs in US Airways Center read "Burn Stern," "Stern and Stu Are Dirty Too," and "Free Amare."

The energy overwhelmed the Spurs — for a while.

"They were like hurt animals," Ginobili said. "They were upset. They

were playing with a lot of passion."

Marion had 24 points and 17 rebounds, but scored only four points and took just five shots in the second half. Kurt Thomas, in a strong effort in place of Stoudemire, had 15 points and 12 rebounds. Nash finished with 19 points and 12 assists.

Finley had 13 points and Tony Parker 11.

For the Suns, Raja Bell played 47 minutes, Marion and Nash 46 apiece.

"We played about as hard as we can play," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

The Suns were misfiring from the outside in the first half — Nash, Bell and Leandro Barbosa were a combined 5-for-20 — but they opened a 16-point lead thanks to the rugged play of Thomas and the masterful performance of Marion.

"They did a great job of jumping on us," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said, "and we did a great job of hanging in there

and showing some mental toughness and getting back in the game."

Nets 83, Cavaliers 72

Jason Kidd scored 20 points and New Jersey somehow delayed an early summer vacation with an ugly victory in Cleveland to pull within 3-2 in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

New Jersey made one field goal and scored just six points in the fourth quarter on 1-of-15 shooting from the field. The Nets were also only 4-of-10 from the free throw line in the final 12 minutes, but hung on for dear life to force a Game 6 on Friday night in East Rutherford, N.J.

Cleveland, which blew a chance to close out the series on its home floor, wasn't much better, shooting just 3-of-17 in the fourth. The Cavaliers played the last 56 seconds without LeBron James, who injured himself tumbling over Cleveland's bench while scrambling for a loose ball with Kidd.

BRIEFS

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8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into 1st grade thru going into 8th grade. It will be administered by the Lady Steers head softball coach Jennifer Reyes and assistant coach John Sparks.

Cost for the camp is \$45 and will include a camp T-shirt.

For more information contact John Sparks at 270-2711.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball

star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer.

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Players can register online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Texas Tech schedules sports camps

Texas Tech University has scheduled several sports camps for this summer.

The Tim Siegel Tennis Camps are set for June 2-6 and June 17-21. The overnight camps are for players 8 to 17 of all abilities.

WBU schedules tryout baseball camp

The Wayland Baptist University baseball staff is holding a tryout camp for graduating high school seniors and college

players with remaining eligibility interested in becoming a part of the Pioneer baseball program. The camp is scheduled for Saturday, May 26 at David and Myrt Wilder field, located on the WBU campus in Plainview.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the tryouts to follow at 9:00. There is no cost. For more information or to make reservations, contact Coach Josh Milner at 806-292-1690 or 806-291-1158 or email him at milnerj@wbu.edu.

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
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Fast dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 6 5 2
♥ K
♦ K 8 5 3
♣ Q 7 4 3

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

EAST
♠ K 9 4
♥ 4 2
♦ 9
♣ A K 10 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 7
♥ A Q 9 8 7 6 3
♦ A J 7 4
♣ —

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass Pass
3 ♠ 3 ♥ 4 ♠

Opening lead — eight of spades.
A difference in bidding styles resulted in a big swing on this deal from a team match between England and Holland.
When a British pair held the East-West cards, the bidding went as shown. Against four clubs, the Dutch South, faced with an unpleasant choice of opening leads, chose the eight of spades.
Declarer won with the nine and played the ace of clubs, on which South showed out. Three rounds of spades then enabled East to discard a diamond loser, and he subsequently lost two hearts and a trump to make four clubs for a score of 130 points.
At the second table, with a British pair now holding the North-South cards, the bidding went very differently. East bid one club, and South, in typical dashing English style, leapt to four hearts, which West doubled.
Declarer ruffed the club lead, played a heart to the king and ruffed another club. Two rounds of hearts drew the outstanding trumps. South's sole problem now was to hold himself to one diamond loser, since two spades had to be lost in any case.
If declarer had led a low diamond to the king, intending to finesse the jack on the way back, he would have gone down. But the situation clearly called for a safety play.
South therefore played the ace of diamonds first. When East produced the nine, the contract became assured. Declarer next led a low diamond. West did as well as he could when he followed with the six, but dummy's eight was played to guarantee the loss of only one diamond trick.
So the British South made four hearts doubled for 790 points to give his team a net gain of 920 points on the deal. His safety play guarded against West holding four diamonds and East the singleton nine or ten, and also assured the contract whenever East had the queen of diamonds or the diamonds broke 3-2.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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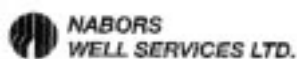
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Gemini moon is infinitely curious. There's nothing he won't put his nose in just to find out what's going on. The nose knows! And he knows because he follows it. By putting two and two together, the Gemini moon makes those synthetic connections he's so adept at making. For a fresh new spin, look at what's right in front of your nose.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An idea's got legs, and you're moving yours to make it happen. The details you need to work through are slicker than marbles on a dance floor, so it's gonna take very fancy footwork to make this dance look polished.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't believe in making any sudden moves. When it looks like you have to make a financial decision about where to put what and how to spend it, you thoughtfully ponder your options over the next few days.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The equation for the speed of sound says the

slightest change in temperature or element changes its speed. As your mouth is moving a mile a minute, check out the mood of the room. Adjust your speed accordingly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people have their best ideas in the shower. Maybe because it's the one place where they're not under any pressure. You'd benefit from a low-pressure environment so a revelatory moment can sneak up on you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your psychic friend or higher self delivers an instant message for you. You may not understand where it came from or even how it relates to your immediate future, but it does. Right now it only matters that you listen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can tag team your bright ideas with someone else's and become doubly dangerous, or you can communicate your own with elan. Either way proves your superior wit and intelligence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A diagnostician specializes in finding the source of a grumble. You too can look beyond the complaint and into the cause. You can listen to grumbles now and know immediately how to fix things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you're dissatisfied with the answer you're given, keep looking for a better one. Don't be surprised if an answer presents yet another question in the meantime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even if it's a stranger slipping you a piece of wisdom on the subway, a chance meeting contributes a scene to your evolving story. On days like these, it's good to greet strangers like long lost friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Channel that nervous energy into high productivity. Make the phone calls you've been putting off, clear the paperwork from your desk. You discover something you once misplaced.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in a sociable, playful mood. Assemble a small village of friends for a get-together, or flirt with your co-worker to your heart's content. You're as equally convincing as you are hard to resist.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been so preoccupied with the external noise around you that it's hard to hear the voice within. Sink in to what's going on inside you. Get past the trivial white noise and hear the wise beauty.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 44-year-old Sagittarian female and have never been married even though it's what I've wanted for a long time. Unfortunately, I've made some poor choices in men and have stayed in unhealthy relationships for way too long. Consequently, I wasted a lot of time and never got to have children, which hurts me deeply. I've given up on having kids, but is there any hope for a husband?"

Yes. Life is hopeful for you, Sagittarius. We don't earn this great privilege of being human to learn lessons — we're here to share joy! On children: The fabulous Angelina Jolie proves that you don't need to be married (or pregnant) to have a child. Your Cancer moon would love to be a mother. Listen to your heart. If you need a child to be complete, you're blessed to live in a day and age when you can make it happen. On husbands: You know what unhealthy looks like, but what does healthy look like? Make a long and fastidiously complete list. Hold yourself to it. Start looking in February 2008. By June 2008, you could find yourself with a prospective husband, child or both!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: What does it feel like to be an heiress? **Tori Spelling** knows. When she speaks of her childhood difficulty in connecting with other kids her age because of wealth, it's tempting to cry "poor little rich girl!" Every Taurus loves the security, luxury and beauty money brings. A tangle between her moon and Jupiter makes Spelling deeply sensitive to and hurt by the social slights that accompany privilege.

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Cowboy Poetry Round-up has students ropin' verse

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Verses extolling the virtues of ridin' and ropin' rang out at the Big Spring High School cafeteria Wednesday as the district honored its best junior cowboy poets for the fourth straight year.

The annual event, spearheaded by Big Spring Fire Marshal and cowboy poetry enthusiast Carl Condray, honored the best verse efforts from among the local school district's fourth graders.

Condray said the event, now in its fourth year, involved 290 local fourth graders and had definite educational value for the students.

"They work on their writing, computer skills and reading comprehension, among other things," Condray said. "There are a lot of different skills they have to utilize."

But he hopes the students get more out of the program than educational basics.

"I hope they get an appreciation for something more than video games," he said. "Poetry ... helps them paint pictures with their minds. It opens a lot of doors to creativity. Where can it not take you?"

Winners were awarded prizes ranging from food certificates and gift cards

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—Carl Condray

to belt buckles and savings bonds.

Kyre Whitehead of Marcy Elementary won grand champion honors and claimed a \$100 savings bond, cowboy hat and gold belt buckle for her entry, "St. Elmo's Fire."

Winning "Best of School" honors — and a \$50 savings bond, cowboy hat and silver belt buckle — were Mariah McIntosh of Kentwood Elementary, Charlie Boling of Moss Elementary, Chris Gomez of Marcy Elementary, Jessica Ruiz of Bauer Magnet and Sarah Lopez of Washington Elementary.

"Eight Second Riders," who were awarded \$50 savings bonds and a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card, were Brianna Gonzalez, Ty Sealy, Tatiana Sanchez,



Big Spring Fire Marshal and cowboy poetry enthusiast Carl Condray speaks to the crowd at the a Wednesday assembly honoring the best cowboy poetry submissions from among Big Spring fourth graders. More than 600 people attended the event, held at the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

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Joshua Brown, Leksey Yarbar, Brian Ortiz, Ramero Ramirez and Tyler Narin.

"Also Placed Winners," who received \$5 Wal-Mart

gift cards, were Michael Avila, Kiri Matteson, Nicholas Lopez, Jacob Dugger, Cassidi Redlin, Alicia Redwine, Tiffany Enriquez, Charles Dykes,

Brooke Lindsey, Taylor Olivo, Stevi Ward, Ashley Smith, Marisol Ortiz, Hannah Biemeret, Josh Valle and Brittnee Rios.

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JAIL

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smoke evacuation fans, and Lubbock Sound, who is in charge of the alarm, have been working very hard on this.

"We've done a smoke test on what we call our south block. We've done two of them and the system is working very well. The state requires that once the smoke is introduced into that block, it has to be all clear within 15 minutes. We've been able to narrow that down to 10 and a half minutes,

so that's very good and well within requirements."

The court recently contracted with Anthony Mechanical to repair the jail's smoke evacuation system for approximately \$223,000.

The county jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November, after the facility's smoke evacuation system failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006.

The jail also failed to meet state requirements that call for a standpipe in the jail to deliver water to firefighters and a door

that opened in the wrong direction. However, these pair of problems have since been corrected, leaving the smoke evacuation system the lone obstacle.

Since the jail's closure, inmates have been housed in other counties, including Dickens, Glasscock and Lamb, at considerable expense to the county.

And while the results of the test were certainly encouraging, Walker said it's going to take a few more adjustments before the system is running the way he hopes.

"We've run into some

glitches here and there on the alarm system," said Walker. "We didn't hear the bell go off, and we're not exactly certain at what time the system detected the smoke, so we're working through that now. I feel like the test has gone really well, and without a doubt, once they get all of their little things adjusted, this jail will be a very safe facility and be open again within a month. That's without a doubt."

Walker said the work on the jail won't come to a close with the completion of the smoke evacuation system, as several other

checks and cleanings will have to take place before the facility accepts inmates.

"Once all of the contractors are through, we're going to go in and search it very thoroughly to make sure there are no tools left behind or anything that could be used as a weapon," said Walker. "In other words, we're going to make it secure. And when we get done with that, we'll freshen everything up with some paint and cover all of this new conduit and equipment and

get it ready to open. Then we'll just be waiting on an inspector from the Texas Jail Commission to give the final word. But I really feel like we'll be ready to go by the end of the month.

"Once they get through tweaking everything, I feel very comfortable with having the state come in and test it. I feel like we'll pass with flying colors."

Reopening the jail could spell financial relief for the court, as the price tag for the facility's closure continues to mount up.

SOLDIERS

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investigating officer, Lt. Col. Timothy Daugherty, in the summary.

Three 101st Airborne Division soldiers were killed in the June 16, 2006, attack. Spc. David J. Babineau, of Springfield, Mass., was found dead at the scene, and two others — Pfc. Kristian Menchaca of Houston and Pfc. Thomas Tucker of Madras, Ore. — were abducted. Their mutilated bodies were found three days later, tied together and booby-trapped with bombs.

Menchaca's wife, Christina, is from Big Spring and was living with her mother here when he was killed.

Details of the attack and what led up to it came as thousands of U.S. and Iraqi forces were scouring the same area near Youssifiyah, in what's called the Triangle of Death, for three soldiers believed to have been abducted last Saturday by an al-Qaida-related group.

According to the inves-

tigation of last June's attack, Tucker, Menchaca and Babineau were ordered to guard a mobile bridge over a canal in order to prevent insurgents from planting mines. Other members of their platoon, who were at two locations up to three-quarters of a mile away, heard small arms fire at 7:49 p.m. When they arrived at the checkpoint about 25 minutes later, Babineau was dead and the others were gone.

Daugherty said the soldiers were told to stand guard for up to 36 hours with just one Humvee, and there were no barriers on the road to slow access to them or provide early warning.

To expect them to operate an observation post for 24 to 36 hours was unrealistic, he said. "From the time a vehicle was seen, it would have been in front or beside the (Humvee) in a matter of seconds," he wrote.

Daugherty concluded that the platoon did not get the supervision or direction it needed. And he said the unit was hurt by the loss of 10 troops,

including several leaders, who were killed in action as well as by the need to shuffle the platoon's leadership three times.

The platoon also had been dogged by an ongoing investigation into the rape and killing of an Iraqi girl and the killing of her family by several other members of the unit.

Daugherty said there

was no malicious intent by the officers who were leading the unit.

"Although the leaders in this platoon care and are staying in the fight, the platoon is frayed," he said in his report.

Daugherty's investigation found no evidence linking the three soldiers' deaths to the rape-murder, which occurred three months earlier.

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By Eddy Pitchford

Years of training and hard work come down to this one performance. You have an incredible voice and amazing potential. You do your best and yet, idle Americans prevent you from advancing to the next round.

Life is full of judges, who evaluate you. They assess your looks, performance, personality and worth. They are certainly entitled to their opinions but you do not have to measure yourself by their subjective approach.

There is only one judge that counts and His judgement is objective. "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." (John 12:48)

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to put Relay for Life in your plans

The place to be in Big Spring this weekend will be Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus — the site for the annual Relay for Life event staged by the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The stadium's football field will be transformed into a huge, colorful campground as runners and walkers take to the track as the overnight fund-raiser marks its 13th anniversary with the largest number of teams ever to participate.

As always, dozens of teams are expected to take part in the event, which means there will be literally hundreds of participants involved in the community-wide campout.

Organizers will open the event with registration for survivors. Then, following a brief ceremony set for 8 p.m. the walking begins at 8:30 p.m. "Survivor's Lap," in which anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer can participate. Cancer survivors, from young children to senior citizens, are scheduled to participate in the special lap.

The Relay for Life then gets under way with a walker or runner from each team beginning to circle the track. Look, too, for a group of rockers. They won't have guitars and microphones though; they'll keep rocking chairs going — an alternative method for those participants who find it difficult or impossible to maneuver the track.

The teams will continue the relay until closing ceremonies at Saturday morning.

Entertainment, food and games are planned throughout the event and many of the teams will be selling food as additional on-site fundraisers.

Just after dark on Friday, another of the event's emotional moments will come when luminaria are lit circling the track. These are purchased in memory of loved ones.

This year's Relay will also give local residents an opportunity to take part in a cancer research program — Cancer Prevention Study 3.

Beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, anyone between the ages of 30 and 65 who has not previously had cancer, may enroll in the research program designed to help understand the factors that prevent cancer.

Special workers will be on hand to take blood and information and enroll volunteers in the 20-year study.

We encourage each of our readers to become a part of Relay for Life which is annually among the top relays in the state and finishes among the top 10 in the nation for fund-raising among communities of similar size.

Let's continue that tradition.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we get the scoop on life through Your word, Lord.
Amen

Getting real about gasoline prices

For the umpteenth time I can remember, the Great American Gas Off has come and gone with little or no effect on the oil industry, gas prices or anything else, for that matter.

For those not familiar with this almost-annual event, here is how it's believed to work, in theory, at least. Everyone gets together and picks a date, and everyone agrees not to buy any gasoline on that date.

This one day of petro-chemical abstinence is supposed to throw the oil industry up on its ear, shaking its very foundation to the point oil company executives immediately begin making the calls that will bring the cost of gasoline down from its \$3 a gallon perch to somewhere a little less painful.

That's all in theory, of course. The reality of the situation, however, is it simply doesn't work. It never has, and it most likely never will.

Few people in these great United States can go any reasonable stretch of time without having to visit the gas pumps, regardless of how badly the oil companies are gouging motorists.

Little Billy still has to get to soc-

cer practice, little Mary still has to go to her dance recital, and most importantly, mom and dad have to go to work so they can pay for it all. Motoring is as much a part of American culture as apple pie, and without some sort of replacement for the gasoline that fuels our daily outings, so is oil.

And while cohesion is a major hurdle in the gas off endeavor — I drove by the pumps several times and saw no shortage of motorists filling up — it's not the death rattle of the theory. Its downfall is simple. The gas companies know full well that the people that didn't buy gas Tuesday will eventually have to fill up, and when they do, they will be waiting. They have billions of dollars at their disposal, and money translates into patience in this case. How much patience do you have?

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to demean the effort. In fact, I avoided the gas pumps as well in a half-hearted attempt to send a message — even if it's a weak one — to the oil barons. And I have to offer kudos to whoever came up with the original idea. Not because it was such a good idea, but because they decided to stop complaining about gas prices and actually try to do something about them, futile or not.

Let's get an idea how deep the oil company pockets really are.

Exxon Mobil posted the largest annual profit in U.S. history in February. For 2006, the company earned \$39.5 billion, up from its previous record \$36.1 billion in 2005.

That's billions, folks. Billions. Excluding special items, Alon USA, the company that owns the Big Spring Refinery, reported record net income of \$35 million, or 75 cents per share, for the first quarter of 2007, compared to \$24.1 million, or 52 cents per share, for the same period last year.

Ya' think? It's ridiculous that local motorists are paying nearly \$3.10 a gallon for the gas that's being refined right here in Big Spring, while on the East Coast, in my home state of South Carolina, they are paying an average \$2.83 a gallon. You would think we would get some sort of discount for putting up with the horrid smells and God only knows what chemicals finding their way out of that place and into our environment.

And while the gas off idea was doomed to failure from the beginning, it doesn't mean people should give up.

I recently read an article on the subject written by a Wall Street analyst, and by changing up the idea just a little, it could have a major impact on gas prices and

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Considering leftist thought control

The political left, which holds itself as progressive, rational and fact-based, is becoming an enemy of academic inquiry, and a practitioner of thought control on a wide variety of issues. Increasingly, from the left's perspective, there is just one acceptable viewpoint.

Consider the subjects of evolution, global warming, special rights for homosexuals and abstinence education. Consider efforts of the left to silence conservative talk radio. Consider the mainstream media's arrogant denial of its transparent liberal bias, pronouncing itself to be above politics and inherently objective and its critics somehow skewed.

Consider the leftist refrain that red-state conservatives do not merely possess a different worldview, but are not part of the "reality-based community." Consider the near monolithic liberalism and secularism of our university faculties.

The U.S. House is expected to pass a landmark federal law that would expand hate crimes legislation to include attacks against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens. Opponents argue that it's conceivable under the bill that if a rabbi, priest or pastor reads to his congregation a passage from the Bible condemning homosexuality, he could be considered an accomplice to any parishioner who later commits a "hate crime" against a homosexual.

Various activists are behind legislation that would prohibit public schools from continuing to teach Abstinence Until Marriage (AUM) in North Carolina and would force them to teach comprehensive sex education.

In my book "Persecution" I described the trials of a university professor who was disciplined for making available, but not mandating, materials in her class that deviated from the dogma of homo-

sexual activists. One school administrator, in defending the school's chilling action said, "We cannot tolerate the intolerable."

Global warming alarmists tell us there is an overwhelming consensus on the issue and further debate is pointless. Yet there are a significant number of genuine dissenters in the relevant disciplines. Many more would doubtlessly emerge from the closet but for the potential financial consequences that might ensue. Plus, many of those counted as experts by the alarmists are scientists with no appreciable expertise in the field. Despite arguably insufficient data and questionable techniques to measure climate change historically, not to mention questions concerning the extent of man-made warming, the global warming zealots brook no dissent. They ridicule and castigate anyone, including those every bit as credentialed as they are, who refuses to imbibe their Kool-aid.

Their uncompromising certainty demonstrates staggering hubris, especially considering the track record of many scientists who have issued unequivocal conclusions, for example, in the health field, only to retract them a few short years later.

By pronouncing an end to debate — just because they say so — they betray the very principles they claim to uphold: an adherence to scientific inquiry and a commitment to facts and reason in favor of ideologically and politically driven conclusions.

Tom Bethell, in his "Politically Incorrect Guide to Science," quotes author Michael Crichton as saying that consensus science "is an extremely pernicious development that ought to be stopped cold in its tracks. Historically, the claim of consensus has been the first refuge of scoundrels; it is a way to avoid debate by claiming that the matter is already settled. Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agrees on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you're being had."

We are witnessing a similar phenomenon on the subject of evolu-

tion versus intelligent design. Evolutionist Richard Dawkins, explains Bethell, believes that evolution is not a debatable topic. "I'm concerned about implying that there is some sort of scientific argument going on," said Dawkins. "There's not." Meanwhile the Intelligent Design movement is gathering courageous and impressive adherents who would debate the notion that no debate is going on.

But when these recalcitrant upstarts refuse to toe the line, they sometimes pay the price. Bethell tells of the publication by the peer-reviewed "Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington" of an article on the Cambrian Explosion by the Discovery Institute's Steven Meyer. Though Meyer relied on the work of respected scientists in the article, its subject matter did not sit well with the "consensus" gods. Richard Stenberg, the editor of the journal, was virtually accused of being a religious fundamentalist and a right-winger for publishing the piece. He was required to "surrender his office and keys to the department floor, denying him access to the specimen collections he needed." And, according to Bethell, "A senior Smithsonian scientist complained that publication of the article 'made us into the laughing stock of the world, even in this kind of rubbish sells well in backwoods USA.' Notice," wrote Bethell, "it was not the substantive claims about the Cambrian Explosion that caused such fury, it was their publication in a peer-reviewed journal."

If this trend continues, it's hard to imagine what we'll see in next decade.

How the left can consider itself fair and open-minded in view of such developments is beyond comprehension.

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600h L

New Lexus flagship sedan redefines luxury, performance

While the LS 600h L raises the bar for Lexus luxury and performance, there is no doubt it will also redefine expectations for the premium luxury segment as a whole.

With rollout set to begin in June, the all-wheel drive LS 600h L is without question one of the most sophisticated, technologically advanced production vehicles ever built.

By coupling a V-8 engine with the Lexus Hybrid Drive system, the LS 600h L generates the comparable output of a V-12 engine (it has a peak combined output rating of 438 horsepower), yet it is rated as a Super Ultra Low

ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

Emissions Vehicle with an EPA fuel economy rating of 20 mpg city, 22 mpg highway (using the new EPA specifications).

It goes from 0-60 mph in 5.5 seconds and from 50-90 mph in just over 3 seconds. And yes, I put that claim to the test during the recent product introduction event held in Southern California.

From an acceleration standpoint, the V-8 mated to the Lexus Hybrid Drive system makes this one of the quickest vehicles I have ever driven.

It is not only fast, it is remarkably quiet, smooth and with its advanced steering and suspension systems coupled with all-wheel drive, provides a sure-footed platform for virtually any driving situation.

During a test drive through the twisty mountain roads near Los Angeles, it was like driving a sports car — a very luxurious sports car with a large back seat.

And while the LS 600h L is offered with an Executive Class Seating Package that includes climate controlled reclining rear seats with foot rest and DVD entertainment system, it's so much fun to drive I can't imagine why anyone would want to ride in back — although it is extremely comfortable.

The LS 600h L marks a new chapter in Lexus history as the division's first model targeted for the "ultra affluent."

"The LS 600h L will stand as the flagship for the Lexus brand by providing the highest level of technical advancements, ride comfort, safety and luxury of any vehicle in our lineup," said Jim Farley, Lexus group vice president and general manager.

"It's development process mixed the old and the new. The old, through a Lexus-established build process that achieves extraordinary fit and finish only attainable by our master craftsmen, and the new with cutting-edge engineering innovations."

With a price tag starting at \$104,000, it is absolutely loaded with technology.

The premium luxury features are pretty nice, too, especially the hand-stitched leather dash



The 2008 Lexus LS 600h L premium luxury hybrid sedan

board and elegant touches throughout the cabin.

But the technology, well, it's just amazing. For starters, it provides full hybrid capabilities that delivers outstanding performance and EPA along with a state-of-the-art full-time all-wheel drive system that adapts to any road surface enabling outstanding vehicle stability and absolutely unbelievable high-speed cornering.

The gas engine and electric motor powerplants are mated to a dual-stage electronically controlled CVT that includes eight-speed sequential braking. I still can't figure this one out, but Lexus has developed a CVT that allows the driver manual shift options by using either the shift lever or the paddle shifters mounted on the steering wheel.

It also features the world's first LED low beam headlights (that are designed to last the life of the vehicle while producing excellent illumination), SmartAccess key fob and push button start/stop, Park Assist (that allows the vehicle to parallel park itself — or back itself into a parking slot).

The list of features is far to long for the short space allotted in this column. I will say the 19-



speaker, 450-watt Mark Levinson Reference Surround Sound audio system with XM Satellite Radio is worth the price of admission.

The same holds true for the safety features, which include numerous cutting-edge active and passive safety systems.

One example is the Advance Pre-Collision System which incorporates two small cameras mounted at the front of the car that work in conjunction with millimeter-wave radar.

The system detects both hard and soft bodies and alert the driver of a pending collision. It even includes a Driver Monitor System — another first.

Using a third camera

mounted on the steering column, the camera monitors the orientation of the driver's face. If the camera detects that the driver is not looking directly ahead for a few seconds or more, and if an obstacle is detected ahead, it alerts the driver with a warning chime, followed by a flashing light.

As the car gets closer to the obstacle, the system begins to apply the brakes if the driver does not respond. It also assists the driver in maneuvering around the obstacle by reprogramming the steering ratio, amplifying the intensity and quickness of the steering response.

There is also Adaptive Front Lighting that helps

the driver see around curves and eight standard airbags (11 airbags available through an optional package).

This is an amazing vehicle. For the "ultra affluent" who are in the market for a premium luxury performance sedan, the LS 600h L is an absolute must test drive when they begin arriving in dealer showrooms in June.

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JENKINS

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the oil industry.

OK, stay with me here.

We know the oil companies can out-wait us when it comes to buying gas. They have billions, and I have \$1.32 in my pocket. It's a no-brainer. And we know there's just no way to stop buying gas altogether — even though the average national price in the U.S. was reported as \$3.07 Tuesday — which is probably the only way to really impact the market. That's a dead end.

However, we can choose who we buy our gas from.

Here's the basic idea. The public bands together and picks one oil company — for example, Exxon, since they posted record profits this year and then had the nerve to say they didn't fully understand why — and they boycott that company.

A list of regional gas stations that sell Exxon — and not to pick on Exxon, because people could do the exact same thing to Fina or Alon USA — gasoline goes out, and they get black listed.

Now we get into the theory of the whole thing.

Now that the black listed company is seeing a drastic reduction in its sales, what can it do to

bring the customers back to them?

That's right, they can lower their prices.

And when they start selling gas for \$2.39 while the rest of the big dogs are selling theirs for \$2.99, they'll sell the gasoline just as quick as they can get it to the pumps. Their numbers come back up, and now they're everyone's favorite stop off for gas.

So, what are the rest of the retailers going to do?

They're going to have to compete, and that means reducing their

prices.

In theory, you're looking at a drastic reduction in gas prices across the board.

In theory.

Unfortunately, looking at the basic economics model for this theory, we all know it can't last.

The prices will gradually begin to rise again, as the oil companies once again begin to elbow their way back into record profits and the regular Joes like you and me pick up the tab.

However, at a time when gas prices are once

again soaring to new highs and the oil industry doesn't even feel compelled to offer one of their flimsy, crooked-smile excuses, it almost seems like there's no way

the American people can strike back against the evil empire that's sucking the life out of traveling.

Well, almost.

So, who is going to step

up and lead the charge?

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MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES
IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS
TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
IN REGULAR SESSION
APRIL TERM 2007

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned, constituting, the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 14th day of May, at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for March 2007, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$7,623,387.19.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 14th day of May, 2007.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 14th DAY OF May 2007, and recorded on the 14th day of May, A.D. 2007

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Fifth Grade: John Tyler Breyman, Covan Davidson, Tyler Evans, Kade Fannin, Taybor Flores, Chandler Freeman, Ali Kinght, Eindra Lwin, Matthew Mims, Polo Morin, Maria Ortiz, Kiowa Spears and Colton Wheeler.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Seth Bailey, D'Amberly Baldwin, JR Barton, Genesis Caldwell, Jenna Evans, Lora Gomez, Caleb Hernandez, Elissa Jefferson, Jennifer Lopez, Austin Madry and Meagan Munsell.

Addison Newton, Desirae Pace, Alfonso Preciado, Nathan Ramirez, Christian Slaon, Draven Vela, Nathan Vidal, Kolby Watson, Marissa Welch, Tre' Wheat and Gabe Williams.

Second Grade: Preston Alexander, Tyler Anderson, Hannah Beauchamp, Sarah BETHke, John Broughton, Brianna Brown, Olivia Cansino, Christina Carter, Lexi Churchwell, Crittnie Clay and Cailey Fryar.

Mason Lane, Eric Lwin, Averie Newton, Linzee Pitcox, Kenneth Priest, Tori Roemer, Cayla Rosenbaum,

Matthew Sloan, Cobe Smith, Danyelle Tiley, Tyler Vega, Tyler Westbrook, April Whetsel and Keelee White.

Third Grade: Wade Alexander, Lindsey Boeker, Julia Box, Kaytlin Brock, Jeremy Brooks, Kody Bryant, Nova Caldwell, Dylan Carrell, Jesse Cervantes, Christopher Chavez and Kameron Cooper.

Calden Davidson, Peter Dubose, Christopher Dunlap-Baldwin, Eli Flores, Will Grigg, Brennan Highfield, Aliscia Howard, MacKenzie Kennedy, Emily Lansford, Akley McVae and Granger Newton.

Nina Ortiz, Ian Park, Walker Park, Gilbert Reyna, Maribel, Rodriguez, Skydra Sanford, Abby Saucedo, Nando Subia, Elijah Torres and Mila Wright.

Fourth Grade: Erin Bagnall, Mason Coor, Darby DePauw, Christian Gamble, Ashley Garcia, Sam Harris, Gabriel Leal, Victoria Martinez, Mary-Ashley McDaniel, Hannah Minchew, Zack Norman, Jared Parkler, Ryan Pearson, Kaleb Stnaley, Diego Subia, Dalton Taylor, Hannah Thompson, Makala Wharton and Nick Williams.

Fifth Grade: Jammie Armstead, Corbin Foster, Clayton Galloway, Brittney Hergert, Marisol Hernandez, Vanessa Highfield, Falon Newton, Mikael Pappajohn, Aaron Patterson, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kolby Self, Josh Spivey, Kelcy Truszowski and Beth Warnick.

Coahoma High School

**Fifth Six-Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

Ninth Grade: Elisha Carroll, Kylie Gee, Ashleigh McPadden, Kaley Neff, Megan Parrish, Jared Ringener, Nick Sevey and Heather Sloan.

10th Grade: Megan Conley, Victoria Gonzalez, Aricka Hart, Camryn Herrera, Ashley Martin, Michael Reid, Laci Sterling and Hilari White.

12th Grade: Justin Cline, Christina Garza, Kayla Hall, Blaine Kerby, Ami Martinez, Rebecca McEndree, Brittnee Nix, Callie Paige, Taylor Rainey, John Rodriguez, Dakota Teaff, Briana Thurman, Ryan Walker, Jeremy Winn and Dustin Wright.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade Grade: Alex Crabtree, Shasta Hector, Sonya Herrera, Isaac King, Jordan Martin, Kourtney McAdams, Heather Newton, Jake Owens, Josh Paniagua, Kirstyn Pulis and Lauren Ruiz.

10th Grade: Devin Adamson, Isaac Arguello, Cristal Balcazar, Matthew Brown, Kimberly Calvert, Harrison Chevalier, Breanna Conner, Canyon Daniels, P.J. Daylong, Donnie Garcia, Nathan Gomez and Danja Gonzales.

Braden Griffin, Melanie Gutierrez, Haylea Hodnett, Berkeley Iden, Kelly Lee, Krystal Lozano, Alex Moore, Jovi Paniagua, Matthew Taylor, Katelyn Wilson and Brandy Winters.

11th Grade: Teryn Bibb, Mandi Franco, Janice Gonzales, Channel Griffin, Kayla Gutierrez, Krista Kerby, Casey Kilpatrick, Colter Morgan, Regan New, Reagan Rupard, Logan Stone and Charlie Williamson.

12th Grade: Shani Coker, Courtney Dees, Jason

Gonzales, Kyle Hess, Katelin Lyons, Collin McMillan, Tabitha Medina, Ronnie Moore, Jessica Pittman, Christin Powell, Shawny Richter, Adriana Rodriguez, Domingo Rodriguez, Channa Smith, Chelsea Watts, Chris Weihert, Crystal Worley and Guz Yanez.

Coahoma Junior High

**Fifth Six-Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

Seventh Grade: Katherine Calvert, Jennifer Castilaw, Justin Coker, Heather Kirby, McKenzie Moore, Jessi Morgan, Haley Pace, Paul Salazar, Coleman Sneed, MacKenzie Stone and Nikita Wagenman.

Eighth Grade: Joshua Castilaw, Martin Gutierrez and Michael Weihert.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Krystal Ayala, Jacob Echavarria, Lynzi Ferrell, Keveen Gilbert, Silvia Gonzalez, Minnie Goodblanket, Dustin Gutierrez, Christopher Henry, Heather Hildebrand, Shlana Mitchell, Yesenia Ortiz, Anthony Salazar and Cade Williamson-Webber.

Eighth Grade: Rachel Barbee, Robert Barlow, Mabelle Barr, Itzel Gomez, Joanna Gonzales, Desiree Hudgins, Taylor Joy, Rachel Kennedy, Kelsey Mann, Jason Martinez, Jackie Murphree, Brooke Quinn, Reagan Reid, Austin Rinard, Amber Rodriguez, Brandi Smith, Devin Thomason, John Williams and Brent Wright.

Coahoma

Elementary School

**Fifth Six-Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Nickolas Chen, Sydnie Gilbert, Diana Gonzalez, Tucker Greni, Jori Hanlan, McKinna Hector, Elizabeth Juarez, Trevor Kernick, Emily Marsh, Jake Massey, Tyler McFall, Mason Moore, Makayla Overton, Britney Payte, Troy Perryman, Brynlea Rhodes, Victoria Sanderson, Preslie Smithie, Chloe' Starr and Christine Tovar.

Second Grade: Haley Arguello, Adam Brito, Annie Chandler, Carolyn Clark, Santana Cruz, Garrett Deatherine, Kaleb Denton, Shawna Faucett, Makinsey Grant, Stephanie Gutierrez, Jetly Hobby, Megan Magallanes, Kody Phernetton, Hunter Seymour, Austin Sosa, Thomas Wilson and Landyn Young.

Third Grade: Kelsey Allen, Makaila Arnold, Julia Castilaw, Lauren Cevallos, Kassi Coker, Christopher Dominguez, Skydra-Lynn Farmer, William Franks, Brandi Gammons, Quentin Gaston, Hannah Hobby, Bailey Kennedy, Andrew Martinez, Crystal McCutchan, Taylor Mendez, Dylan Nutter, Jessica Privett, Marisa Ramirez, Tara Robinson, Abigail Sanchez, Christopher Smith, Hannah Tucker, Tyler Witkowski and Blake Zitterkopf.

Fourth Grade: Christopher Biddison, Brandon Clark, Brandon Coker, Donald Ewing, Alexandra Gibbs, Braxton Iden, Namen McCullough, Kelli Schaedel and Christian Van Wey.

Fifth Grade: Richard Adamson, Kayla Jernigan, Shayla Martin, Briana McCally, Joshua Metcalf, Savannah Neff, Devin Ruiz, Tyler Shackelford and

Shanen Warneke. Sixth Grade: Wendy Andersen, Shea Campbell, Breanna Corbett, Dustin Fontana, Shelbi Montgomery, Ryan Reid and Tanner Ruiz.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Gabrielle Arguello, Canyon Atkinson, Trey Bingham, Michael Brim, Matthew Cervantes, Ty Clark, Felix Cruz, Tanner Dodson, Joe Escobedo-Gonzales, Eridanus Farmer and Cassie Grant.

Gary Hernandez, Ned Hildebrand, Harmony Humble, Tanner Jett, Nicholas Loveless, Hannah Marsh, Brice Martin, Walker Rawls, Kameron Rodriguez, Joshua Smith, Jaedan Stanislaus, Jaydian Vargas, Anthony Velasquez, Braidon Walker and Lane Williams.

Second Grade: Taylor Anderson, Alexander Biddison, Trevor Bingham, Rueben Campos, Francisco Cantu, Ginger Coates, Eric Coker, Kolten Crawford, Janeice Cuellar, Ashley Ferguson and Zachary Fuentes.

Breanna Grant, Brianna Grant, Evalena Gutierrez, Darren Hernandez, Sonny Jackson-Prince, Jose Juarez, Tyler Martin, Carli Martinez, Brandy Mier, Alexzander Mills and Dylan Nalley.

Thomas Ortiz, Isaac Perez, John Porras, David Sandoval, Megan Shifflett, Clayton Stewart, Isaiiah Villareal, Brayden Worley and Margarita Yanez.

Third Grade: Robin Atkinson, Tray Brim, Tanner Christie, Jesse Cuellar, Christopher Edge, Aaron Ferguson, Kenneth Hagins, Kaylee Hill, Amber Hinojos, Anastacia Hudgins, Taylee Miller, Destiney Patterson, Aimee Solis, Miranda Swinney and Elissa Thompson.

Fourth Grade: Sierrah Adams, Ashlynn Armstrong, Camberlyn Chandler, Marypaz Cruz, Erin Fontana, Kelsey Garza, Jalim Gilbert, Christopher Hughes, Alexis Jackson, Elizabeth McCutchan and Tom McPherson.

Joseph Melendez, Mika Mendez, Nicholas Paige, Victor Paniagua, Garrett Parrish, Tera Rinard, Reagan Roberts, Kayla Sanders, Aloura Scott, Noah Wagenman, Zakary Walton, Johnathan White, Fisher Williams and Kaeli Yager.

Fifth Grade: Rodolfo Brito, Kyla Clanton, Zachary Crabtree, Tristan Gutierrez, Gabriel Hewtty, Branson Kennedy, Amanda King, Evan Leib, Miranda McNew, David Mejia, Caige Miller, Jerry Sloan, Grady Smith, Tamala Wilson and Timothy Wilson.

Sixth Grade: Jessica Alvarado, Jasmin Callejas, Katie Castillo, Brittnee Cortez, Rikki Gilbert, Brandie Gutierrez, Alex Hill, Hunter Lowery, Sarah Macik, Kaleb McAdams, Laurel Nix, Kasey Osborne and Caitlan Perryman.

Meagan Perryman, Janessa Ringener, Tobi Robinson, Daniel Solis, Brittany Turner, Nubia Valdez, Michael Villareal, McKenzie Wallace, Thomas White, Marla Wilson and Dakota Witkowski.

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Lupita Rodriguez, Esmi Rogers, Gabriella Rubio, David Salgado, Haleigha Smith-Davidson, Janisha Smith, Makenzie Torres and Adrian Wilbert.

Third Grade: Noah Brake, Crista Calk, Janessa Canales, Darice Chavarria, Edgar Cordova, Katy Durgin, Ashlen Eckert, Hamish Finlay, Alexis Henry, Jorge Hernandez, Cory Hilario, Christopher Lopez, Anne-Marie Lugo and Mykal Mahaney.

Dylan Marquez, Richard Martinez, Diamonique Mayes, Kami Miramontes, Haley Mize, Samantha Murphy, Mia Oliva, Nathaniel Permenter, Demetre Randle, Alexia Rawls, Samantha Richardson, Brent Riffe, Michelle Robledo, Jonathan Scroggins, Tranaesha Smith, Mathew Sturgill and Caleb Ward.

Fourth Grade: Annissa Cano, Andrea Garcia, Christopher Gomez, Lucero Hilario, Yessenia Juarez, Brandy Knight, Cassidy Lee, Kattlin Long, Ashley Lugo, Kiri Matteson, Tyler Nairn and Danie Ortega.

Moss Elementary School

Fifth Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Abbey Bryan, Gabi Gomez, Julie Hernandez, Victoria Hernandez, Trinady Joslin, Denise Medina, Esperanza Perez, Anissa Ramsey, Charlie Roberts, Alex Robles, Natalie Rodriguez and Aubrey Wright.

Second Grade: Tyson Banks, Dillon Daniel, Garrett Feaster, Kaelie Grosse, Logan Noble, Faith Roberson, Mariah Sarmiento and Lauren Smith.

Third Grade: Mikaela Biddison, Kaytlin Feemster, Charisma Fierro, Morgan Flores, Madyson Gartman, Eric Garza, Madison Gibson, Hannah Jensen, Lee Karwedsky, Sarinity Klug, Audrey Lopez, Fernando Morales, Faith Norman, Lexie Trevino, George Viera and Dylan Watson.

Fourth Grade: Charlie Boling, Tyler Bryan, Jackie Castillo, Carlee Daniel, Alyssa Deanda, Angela Garza, Serena Payen, Dylan Ross, Jennie Steel, Tobyn Tannehill and Leksey Yarbar.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Chris Alcantar, Medina Bancroft, Braxton Barnes, Chris Barrera, Danica Bishop,

Lindsey Brott, Justus Carpenter, Austin Darden, Raegan Deel, Autumn Fierro, Kloe Gang, Haiden Juarez, Taia Loudermill, Aaron Martinez, Javier Payen, Isaac Segundo, Brayden Sizenbach, Robert Valencia, Jaryn Vanover, Marcus Viera and Luke Wood.

Second Grade: Jaci Aguilar, Zoey Berry, Aaron Blackshear, Mariah Cervantez, Danielle Conner, Astin Cooper, Deonte' Cox, Nickolus Delgado, Bhili Gill, Jessica Gonzales, Jasmine Grosse, Apostle Guillory, Ron Hale, Jessica Hall, Caitlan Hines, Jacob Joslyn, Kaitlyn Mathews, Abigail Medina, Hailey Moore, Reneja Perez, Amanda Renteria, Jonathan Rodriguez, Nicholas Rodriguez and Zoe Tovar.

Third Grade: Julia Aguilar, Chance Carpenter, Aimee Cervantes, Bailee Chase, Melinda Duck, Mikaela Garza, Riley Knowles, Brooke Marshall, William McFarland, C. J. Mize, Faith Parum, Sidney Patterson, Christina Rodarte, Jacob Scott, Noah Vera, Katie Wilson and Matthew Wood.

Fourth Grade: Karina Alvarado, Brianna Cobos, Kyra Cox, Fabian Garcia, Chelci Gonzales, Adrianna Hernandez, Alex Lopez, Brandy Martinez, Emily McKinley, Rene Medina, Jared Nieto, Adam Olivas, Taylor Olivo, Marisol Ortega, Anthony Rodriguez, Julianna Rodriguez, Tatiana Sanchez, Ty Sealy, Gloria Stinson and Camron Torres.

Washington Elementary

Fifth Six-Weeks Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten: Ball Daydrion Ausbie, Juan Angel Bermea, Aliana Beserra, Andrew Romero and Cody Steagald.

Willoughby - Leah Davis, King Ellison, Aaric Garza, Xavier Gonzales, Elijah Solis and Jay Taggart.

Loya - Alandra Carnero, Dylan Cervantes, Alyssa Chavez, Malakah Kreissl, Christopher Molina, Morris Norman and Casey Steagald.

Click - Breanna Castillo, Jeremy Gonzales, Joseph Doll, Casey Shubert and Nathan Letz.

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Alan Alvarado, Valerie Arview, Marilyn Cerda, Taylor Christian, Rowan Colette, Brandon Esquivel, Dimas Garcia, Nicholas Glass, Dimas Gonzales, Christian Horton, Israel McClinton, Phoenix Pineda, Isaac Solis, Jaylyn Walleck and Abby Wentz.

Second Grade: Brett Cervantez, Devynn Smith, Jacob Valdez and Destiny

Mata. Third Grade: Chase Billings, Bryson Burt, Leah Burton, Dustin Garcia, Matilda Irvin, Jerrian Jordan, Mark Montez and Marisol Savell.

Fourth Grade: Tiffany Enriquez, Taysi Movchan, Des'Ree Richter, Alexa Spaeth and Joey Valle.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Cabryna Ahern, Eric Bender, Madison Bosley, Cassidy Casey, Brandee Castillo, Dylan Cox, Zeke Flores, Lance Gonzales, Deliah Guzman, Tera Hillger, Austin Horvatic and Taylor Hull.

Trace Hull, Hayley Jenkins, Michael Juarez, Teresa Juarez, A. J. Juarez, Carmen Lopez, Cierra Martinez, Marivel Martinez, Alexandria Porter, Ana Rangel, Amalia Rios, Stephen Rios, Destiny Robles, Zachery Salgado, Elijah Sanchez, Aerik Sitton, John Smithwick and Danny Watson.

Second Grade: Zachery Bennett, Summer Boudreaux, Brandon Chapel, Anastacia Coker, Brandi Flores, Mavane Garay, Melanie Glass, Jason Hernandez, Johnny Juarez, Kelly Morales, Veronica Nieto, Desiree Ruiz, Janasia Rushin, Nathan Viasana and Ryan Walleck.

Third Grade: D'Angelo Clayburn, Myckala Edwards, Cristian Gonzales, Lorenzo Jones, Anthony Romero, Katlin Skiles, Kate Sorton, Dakota Stahl, Abigail Valencia and Jonathan Yarbrough.

Dulciana Clayburn, Remington Colette, Rizpah Ellison, Brandon Garcia, Luc Lewis, Anthony Lopez, Eric Ortega and Rayna Rodriguez.

Fourth Grade: Natalie Aguilar, Justin Almazan, Sierra Christon, Malcolm Davis, Charles Dykes, Hezekiah Ellison, Desiree Galaviz, Clay Galloway, Sarah Lopez, Brittany Ovalle, Aaron Pena, Robert Ramirez, Hayley Rangel, Alicia Redwine, Kirsten Savell, Andrew Shober, William Steagald, Cory Terry and Devin Turney.

Congrats to all area Honor Roll Students

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Niehues, Schwartz named top grads at Garden City High School

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer GARDEN CITY — Taylor Niehues and Colton Schwartz have been named the top graduates for the Garden City High School Class of 2007, school officials announced this week.



Niehues

Niehues, the son of Rory and Tibby Niehues, was named class valedictorian with a grade point average of 97.1 during his high school career.

He is a National Merit Scholar and a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Society and Beta Club.

He played varsity football for the Bearkats and was named to the all-state team as a wide receiver. He also played on the basketball team that earned a spot in the state tournament and was named all-

state in basketball as well.

He and his partner, Alex Halfmann, were two-time state tennis doubles champs. Niehues was a member of the Garden City golf team that qualified for state.



Schwartz

He was the state champion in Academic UIL Calculator, Computer Science, second in mathematics, and third in Number Sense.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University and has been accepted into the Honors College for mechanical engineering.

Class salutatorian, with a GPA of 94.5, is Colton Schwartz, the son of James and Cecilia Schwartz.

Schwartz is a member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club.

He played on the varsity football team and was named all-state line-

backer and was defensive most valuable player of the district and region.

Schwartz was a member of the Bearkat basketball team that advanced to the state tournament, and advanced to the regional meet in track and field.

He was member of the UIL academic teams that placed first at the state meet in mathematics, computer science, calculators and science and second in number sense as well as competing in robotic and computer programming competitions.

He participated in FFA where his tractor restoration placed third at Houston and fifth at San Angelo. He was a member of 4-H for 10 years.

Schwartz plans on attending Texas Tech University and has been accepted into the Honors College for mechanical engineering.

Garden City High School will conduct commencement exercises for the Class of 2007 at 8:45 p.m. Friday in the GCHS auditorium.

RELAY

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that prevent the disease. Special workers will take blood and information to get people into the 20-year study. Participants are expected to come in from many surrounding communities to take part.

The Big Spring High School band will play to begin the entertainment. All during the evening and early morning various types of talent will be showcased in the entertainment tent, interspersed with auctions and games.

The opening ceremony will begin at 8 p.m., with a welcome, introductions and announcements. Everyone will be asked to line the field. Then, at 8:30 p.m., the survivors — in their distinctive purple shirts — will take the track for the Survivor Lap, which ends with launching of balloons.

The teams who walk laps begin their trek following the survivors. A Big Spring native, now a student at Texas A&M University, called this week to ask if he could join in the walk in honor of his mother, a recent victim of cancer.

Ten o'clock is usually the time of darkness, with only the lights from the luminarias lining the track. This is a quiet and solemn time, with a short program of words and music to think about the victims and survivors.

Relay For Life schedule

All activities at Blankenship Field.

Friday

- Noon — Site set-up begins
- 6:00 p.m. — Cancer Prevention Study 3 begins Rocky Harris and band perform
- 6:30 p.m. — Survivor Registration begins
- 7:15 p.m. — Annette Schfield and Paige sisters
- 8:00 p.m. — Opening Ceremony
- 8:30 p.m. — Survivor Lap and Team Lap Basket auction Lap counting begins
- 10:00 p.m. — Luminaria Ceremony
- 10:30 p.m. — King's Men
- 11:30 p.m. — Field games begin

Saturday

- 1:00 a.m. — Band of Beggars
- 2:30 a.m. — Bingo Morning Madness
- 5:30 a.m. — Caterpillar races, other games
- 6:30 a.m. — Wake up Little Susie (DJ)
- 7:45 a.m. — Last lap
- 8:00 a.m. — Closing Ceremony and awards

This year, because of a time problem with the CPS-3 program, the lights inside the CPS-3 tent may have to be on to complete the blood and information collection and get it shipped out by the research team's deadline.

The Relay Committee decided that such a light would not detract from the meaningful ceremony. Rather, as Lisa Brooks said, "That light can be symbolic. CPS-3 is the future of hope."

All during the night and early morning hours, people will walk, eat, play and rest. The last lap to be counted will be

at 7:45 a.m. Saturday and the closing ceremony and awards will conclude the official event.

However, Relay is not finished until the field is as clean as it was before all the fun began and all the chairs, tables and tents are put away.

Those dedicated to fighting and conquering the disease that makes us equals will wearily go home.

The next week will be time to begin planning and preparing for the next Relay for Life.

Nancy Koger is a special contributor to the Big Spring Herald.

LAMAR AWARD

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"What makes her outstanding is that she's able to establish a rapport with students, teachers and administrators alike," said Colby Norman, junior high principal. "She's a very caring individual, and the kids love her dearly ...

She gets more out of her students than they would have dreamed possible."

Bo Clawson of the local Masonic Lodge said Bloodworth was clearly the cream of the nominee crop.

"Her nomination just grabbed our attention. It was easy to pick her," Clawson said. "She just stood out among some very fine nominees."

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

Museum cookbook now available

The Commemorative Hangar 25 Air Museums Cook Book is ready, officials said.

The book, which honors and recognizes the 65 years of local, state and national history the museum represents, is more than just a collection of recipes. Inside "Out of the Blue" is recollections from men and women who served at the Big Spring Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base, or was effected by the two facilities.

It is a mix of historical fact and photos that bring back memories.

Museum hours are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturdays. Call 264-1999 for more information.

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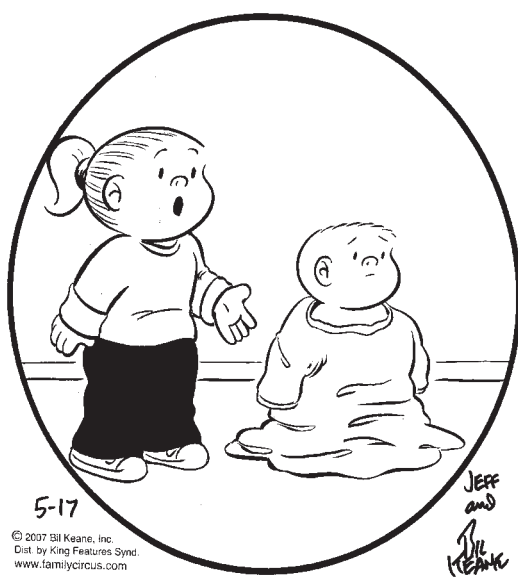
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| 8 :PM | Grey's Anatomy | Grey's Anatomy | Destilando Amor | Tomorrow (CC) | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa | Scrubs (CC) | Friends (CC) | Light of the Southwest | Antiques Roadshow | Going Tribal | Machines | TNA Wrestling Impact! (CC) | ComicoView (CC) | That's-Raven | Chicago Fire (CC) | Conference Semifinal | :01 Movie: The Day After (CC) | |
| 9 :PM | Lost (CC) | Lost (CC) | Aqui y Ahora | Friends (CC) | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | La Esclava Isaura | ER (CC) | Movie: Legally Blonde (CC) | | Churchill (CC) | Going Tribal | :15 Movie: Catwoman | The Ultimate Fighter | The Wire (CC) | Life Derek Phil of Future | Baseball Tonight | NBA | | |
| 10 :PM | News (CC) Nightline | News Nightline | Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ. | 70s Show Raymond | News Late Show- | Noticias Titulares y Mas | News Tonight Show | | The Hour of Healing | Charlie Rose (CC) | Cash Cab | (CC) | The Ultimate Fighter | Without a Trace (CC) | Jamie Foxx | Zack & Cody That's-Raven | SportsCenter (CC) | Basketball: Conference | |
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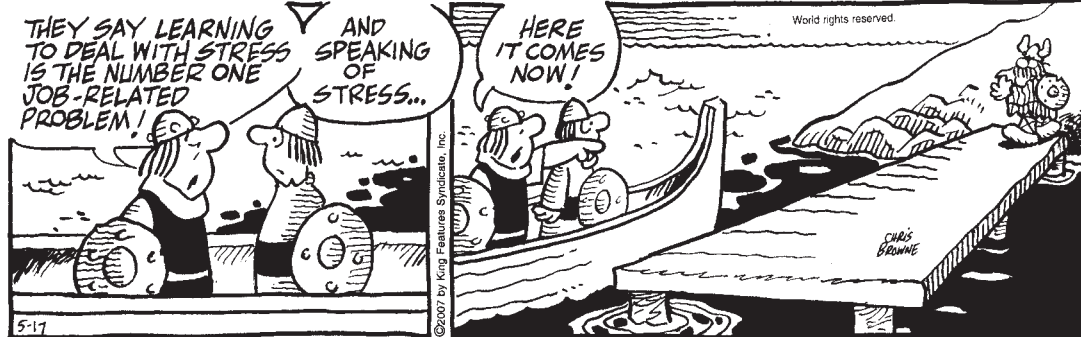
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy, PJ is trying to grow into one of your T-shirts."

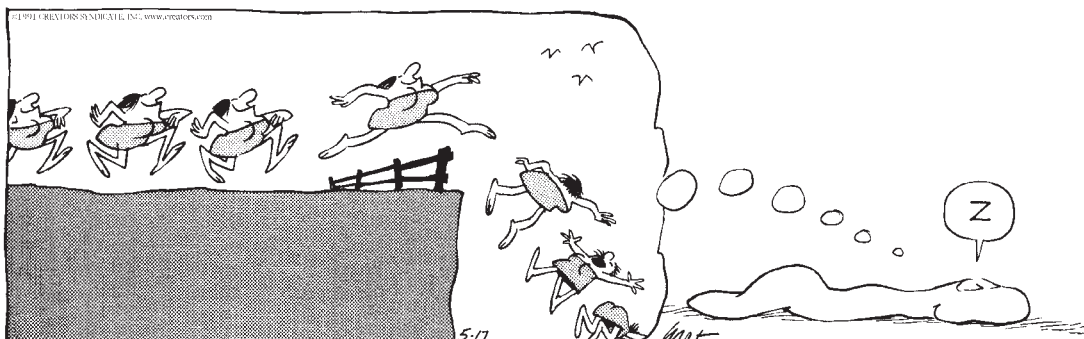
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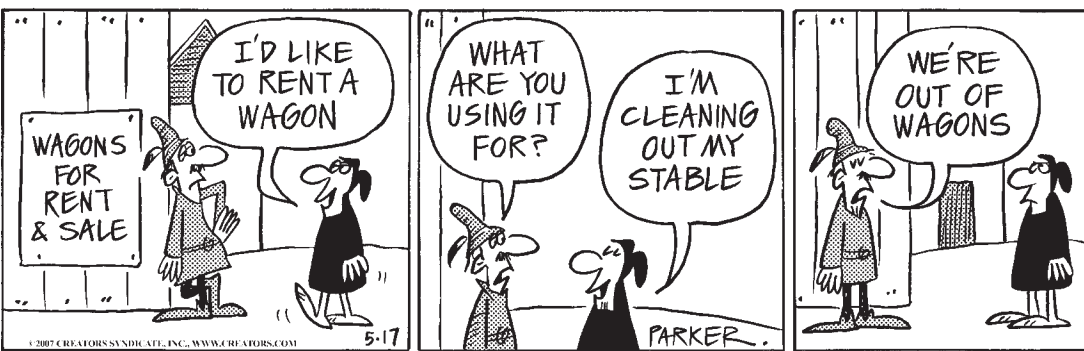
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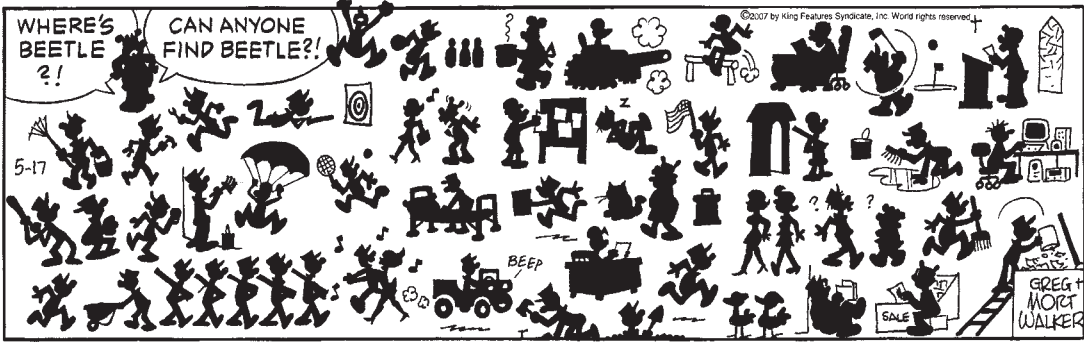
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 17, the 137th day of 2007. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision, which found that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional.

On this date:
In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange had its origins as a group of brokers met under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was run; the winner was Aristides.

In 1937, Teddy Hill and His Orchestra recorded "King Porter Stomp" for RCA Records in New York; one of the featured musicians was a newcomer, trumpeter

Dizzy Gillespie.
In 1938, Congress passed the Second Vinson Act, providing for a strengthened U.S. Navy.

In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada by reigning British sovereigns.

In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II. In 1946, President Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying but not preventing a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1973, the Senate began its televised hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa, Fla., acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq and the U.S. called the attack a

mistake.)
Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Dennis Hopper is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pervis Jackson (The Spinners) is 69. Actor Peter Gerety is 67. Singer Taj Mahal is 65. Singer-songwriter Jesse Winchester is 63. Rock musician Bill Bruford is 58. Singer-musician George Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 54. TV personality Kathleen Sullivan is 54. Actor Bill Paxton is 52. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 51. Actor-comedian Bob Saget is 51. Sports announcer Jim Nantz is 48. Singer Enya is 46. Talk show host-actor Craig Ferguson is 45.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

LARGE-SCALE by Shirley Soloway
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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Playing-card spots | 1 Coconut sources | 1 Note from the boss |
| 5 Avant-__ | 2 Clarification introducer | 21 Black-and-white dolphin |
| 10 Letters on some radios | 3 Pound fractions | 22 Onetime Hemingway home |
| 14 Mass conclusion | 4 It might wake you up | 26 Pretexts |
| 15 Unfamiliar | 5 Chatters | 28 Eyebrow shape |
| 16 Farm bundle | 6 Obi-Wan portrayer | 29 According to Sheridan |
| 17 Carson successor | 7 Severity | 31 Nicollette |
| 18 Sire | 8 Not as superficial | 32 With 34 Down, make a referral |
| 19 Reason for cramming | 9 Lead on | 33 NBA player |
| 20 Clearly visible | 10 Japanese prime minister | 34 See 32 Down |
| 23 Wall St. introduction | 11 Shin hider | 35 Lottery prize, perhaps |
| 24 Sign of displeasure | 12 Plane-wing part | 36 Liable (to) |
| 25 Pops up again | 13 Note from the boss | 37 Scoutmaster, often |
| 27 Highest level | 14 Mass conclusion | 41 X |
| 30 Dresses down | 15 Unfamiliar | 42 Language ending |
| 33 Likened | 16 Farm bundle | 45 Shell game |
| 38 Out of the way | 17 Carson successor | 47 Inspirational figure |
| 39 Always | 18 Sire | 49 Accustoms (to) |
| 40 Packing container | 19 Reason for cramming | 50 Mum |
| 43 Waltons daughter | 20 Clearly visible | 53 Chopin piece |
| 44 Kids' blocks | 23 Wall St. introduction | 55 Last Supper diner |
| 46 Stopped | 24 Sign of displeasure | 56 Napoleon's fate |
| 48 Hypnotic states | 25 Pops up again | 57 Sees stars |
| 51 Captain Nemo's harpooner | 27 Highest level | 58 Resourcefulness, e.g. |
| 52 Kid's cap | 30 Dresses down | 59 Alluring, for short |
| 54 Rigoletto, for one | 33 Likened | 60 Something banned |
| 59 South African antelope | 38 Out of the way | 62 Phrase of acknowledgment |
| 61 20-screen cinemas | 39 Always | 63 Cop's quarry |
| 64 Nessie's home | 40 Packing container | 65 __ in hand (humbly) |
| 66 Conserve, in a way | 43 Waltons daughter | |
| 67 Neckwear | 44 Kids' blocks | |
| 68 "Times of Your Life" singer | 46 Stopped | |
| 69 Terminator | 48 Hypnotic states | |

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