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Commissioners to discuss jail needs

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With the imminent reopening of the Howard County Jail on the horizon, county commissioners are expected to resume talks on the design and construction of a new jail facility Tuesday morning.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the court may go into an executive session during the meeting to begin sorting through several different possi-

ble sites for a new jail.

"I'm expecting we're going to discuss some of the sites that have been looked at," said Barr. "We'll direct (County Attorney) Mike Thomas to go out and begin negotiations with the landowners."

This round of site selections will be the second for commissioners this year, as the first chosen site — the old Kmart building located near the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane — was recently optioned

by Trinity Baptist Church.

The court had been considering the site, which came highly recommended by project architect Jeffrey Heffelfinger, for renovation into a new jail facility. Among several locations previously considered by commissioners, it was the only one Heffelfinger gave his approval.

According to Heffelfinger, sites located adjacent to the 118th District Court building and currently occupied by the Heart of the City Park simply

aren't large enough, among other problems.

Heffelfinger said renovating the existing jail, currently located in the county courthouse, is also not a viable option.

"To get the square footage you would need to meet state standards, you would have to use three to four floors of the courthouse," said Heffelfinger. "Also, because of the age of the building, you would have to get approval from the state historic

commission before making any changes to the outside of the building, and having worked with that commission before, let me tell you that's almost impossible."

Also among Tuesday's agenda items, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present the commissioners with invoices and purchase requests. Olson is also expected to present commissioners with budget amend-

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Pops in the Park: Donations beginning to come in

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

With just a little more than a month left to work with before this year's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, the event's organizers, are amid the process of raising the approximate \$40,000 needed to stage the event..



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gram on July 3 and Hansen said organizers expect as big a crowd or even larger this year.

"The committee has managed to expand the show ... making it bigger and better every year," Hansen said. "And over the years, the crowd has continued to grow. And since we're planning on having even more fireworks than ever before and a very good local band again playing before the symphony takes the stage, I expect we'll have a great overflow audience this year. Hopefully it will be the biggest we've ever had."

"I know, it seems like we say that every year," Hansen added, "but it's true. I think everyone on the committee begins thinking about how we can make the celebration bigger and better the minute we wrap things up the night of the celebration. I know the members have been thinking about this year's show from the minute we finished last year's."

Before Pops in the Park

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Donna Daylong of Big Spring took this photo of a Bullock's Oriole in her yard recently. Courtesy photo

A constant battle

Jackson says dealing with diabetes is a daily struggle

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring native Mary "Gracie" Jackson knows a thing or two about diabetes.

Having battled Type 1 juvenile diabetes since she was 8 years old, the local woman knows the havoc the disease can bring as a child and later in life as well.

"When I went in to the hospital, they checked my



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blood sugar and it was 1,500," said Jackson. "I was just 8 years old. I was in a coma for about a month, and that automatically begins shutting down your organs. They start shutting down when your blood sugar reaches 1,200. "We got through that,

and it's been up and down. I developed in-stage kidney disease two years ago, and I've been on dialysis for a little over a year now. I travel back and forth to Midland for that. And back in January I had open heart surgery, also in Midland. I've also had to have tons of eye surgeries over the years as a result of the diabetes."

Jackson's kidney problems have worsened over the years, as the woman recently found herself on the waiting list for a transplant.

"I'm currently on the transplant list as of May 4," said Jackson. "I'm waiting for a kidney and pancreas transplant. I'm hoping to have them both at the same time."

As Jackson battles to keep her blood sugar within acceptable limits,

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BSISD to offer summer lunches

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

As it has for the past several years, the Big Spring Independent School District is offering a summer lunch deal that's good for both the body and the pocketbook.

The district's annual Summer Lunch Program begins Tuesday at Big Spring High School, Bauer Magnet. Moss Elementary will provide meals beginning June 4.

Breakfast, which will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. weekdays, is free for students 18 and under, while

adults will be charged \$1. Lunch, served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., is free for students and \$2.35 for adults.

Federal law requires school districts to provide a summer lunch program if more than half of its students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, said Joann Knox, director of food services for BSISD.

Because of summer construction work, the program will not be offered at Big Spring Junior High or Marcy Elementary, as it has in past years.

However, Knox said the district will provide bus service for students in the

Marcy area. The bus will leave the Marcy parking lot at 11 a.m. and take the students to Bauer for lunch. Knox estimates the round trip to take approximately 40 minutes.

In past years, the district has served up to 500 lunches a day during the program, a figure Knox expects to match this year.

The summer program allows the district to offer more than "standard" school cafeteria food, Knox said.

"We always try some new things during

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IN BRIEF

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 Monday. 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 begins Monday and concludes June 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, please contact Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Lady Steers summer softball camp set

The Lady Steers will be starting their All-Skills Softball Camp Monday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. The camp will last until June 7.

Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into first grade through ninth 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 T-shirt.

For more information contact John Sparks at 270-2711.

Junior tennis camp slated for end of May

Kathy Boland will be holding her Big Spring Junior Tennis Camp at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7 Tennis Center starting Tuesday and lasting through Friday.

The camp will last from 8:30 a.m. until noon and is for boys and girls between ages 6-13.

The cost is \$60.

Contact Kathy Boland by calling 940-886-6169 or call Big Spring Junior High at 264-4135.

Bowl-A-Rama holding benefit tournament

Bowl-A-Rama will be holding a no-tap singles bowling tournament at 3 p.m. Sunday to help Mary Grace Jackson raise money to pay the expenses of her pending kidney and pancreas transplant.

The entrance fee will be \$15 per person. There will be separate divisions for men and women. A cash prize will be paid to one place for every five entries.

For more information, contact Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

City of Big Spring Tennis Camps set

Ted Olesen and Nelson Payne will be holding the first of three City of Big Spring

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Spurs look to regain momentum in Game 4

By **JAIME ARON**
AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Before Game 3 of the Western Conference finals, San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich talked about how his team has learned over the years to be even-tempered in the playoffs, treating wins as a relief and losses as learning opportunities.

Then came a 26-point loss to the Utah Jazz on Saturday night — and a confession Sunday afternoon.

"I lied," Popovich said, laughing.

Popovich was angry when the

game ended and disgusted hours later when he and his assistant coaches watched replays. They saw Tim Duncan get into foul trouble and unable to deal with it, Utah's Deron Williams go wherever he wanted whenever he wanted and, worst of all, their veteran team pretty much give up once the Jazz got rolling in the second half.

San Antonio players showed up for a team meeting Sunday morning bracing for a brutal film session.

Popovich is the kind of coach who uses lots of slow motion and freeze frames to pinpoint mistakes and not-so-politely ask

what they were thinking, and they'd given him plenty of material.

"It's tough to watch a massacre, especially when you're the one being decapitated," said Michael Finley, in his second season with the Spurs but already appreciative of Popovich's mercy. "It would've been long because he stops on every play. Why continue to beat a dead horse?"

It probably has more to do with what Popovich was saying before Saturday's game, about his team knowing what it's doing this time of year. Recent history proves it.

Since Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili became a trio in 2002-03, the Spurs have lost nine other playoff games by at least 12 points. They are 5-4 in the following game, including a bounceback win last round against Phoenix.

"We have a lot of areas that we can clean up very easily," Duncan said. "If we do those things, I think we'll be in the right position."

The game is in Salt Lake City, which bodes well for the Jazz. They are 7-0 at home this post-season and 3-0 against the Spurs there counting the regular season.

Bulldogettes headed back to Austin

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Writer

ABILENE — Coahoma's Bulldogettes can now prepare to make the familiar drive to Austin. It took the Bulldogettes about two hours longer than they planned, but they successfully defended their Region I, Class 2A title, earning a state record ninth trip in 14 years to the state softball tournament.

The No. 2-ranked Bulldogettes jumped out to an early 3-0 lead over Hawley's sixth-ranked Lady Bearcats in Game 2 of the best-of-three series Saturday at Abilene Christian University. On the brink of elimination, the Lady Bearcats rallied to force a third and decisive game, courtesy of an RBI double by pitcher Pee Wee Burton in the top of the seventh inning that bounced off the top of the center field fence.

Coahoma responded in Game 3 though, winning 4-1 to claim the series and the regional crown. Freshman pitcher Heather Newton led the Bulldogettes to their Game 3 victory, allowing just four hits and recording 11 strikeouts.

"Coming into Game 3, we were determined to not let them beat us again," said Newton. "Coach (Tracy) Tadlock gave me a lot of encouraging words heading into the third game that helped a lot. He told us all that we weren't going to let them get us again and that we needed to take care of business. That's what we did."

Newton started both games for Coahoma Saturday, but found Game 3 to be an easier



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Coahoma's Ami Martinez extends for a pitch in Game 3 action from the Bulldogettes' best-of-three playoff series with Hawley's Lady Bearcats Saturday at Abilene Christian University's Wells Stadium. Coahoma won the third game, 4-1, earning the right to advance to the state tournament in Austin.

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Red Sox beat Rangers, 5-4, to sweep series

By **DAVID JIMENEZ**

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — J.D. Drew finally got the big hit the Boston Red Sox have been looking for from him all season.

Drew and Mike Lowell had RBI singles in the eighth inning as the Red Sox held on to complete a three-game sweep over the Rangers with a 6-5 win Sunday.

Drew broke an 0-for-17 slump with a single in the fourth. His run-scoring hit off Texas reliever Akinori Otsuka (1-1) tied the game at 4.

He came in hitting .227 with two home runs and 14 RBIs after signing a 5-year, \$70 million contract as a free agent in the off-season.

"Getting a big hit in a key situation like that is always nice," Drew said. "I hope things are coming around. I'm trying to grind out good at-bats and see what happens."

Kevin Youkilis singled off Otsuka to lead off the eighth. After Youkilis stole second base

on Manny Ramirez's strikeout, Drew lined a single to right to tie it at 4.

Lowell then drove a single to left field that scored Drew and put the Red Sox ahead 5-4. Dustin Pedroia added his second homer of the year in the ninth off of Eric Gagne.

"I know he's been struggling and I think he's been feeling it," Boston manager Terry Francona said of Drew. "But he stayed at it and had a couple of big hits."

Otsuka came into the game with a 1.02 ERA and had been Texas' most reliable reliever this season. But he couldn't hold the lead as Boston swept a series at Texas for the first time since Aug. 20-22, 1973.

"We had our pitching lined up pretty well," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I felt confident out there with two innings left. But this is baseball, you can't predict it."

Jason Varitek also homered for Boston, which has the best record in baseball. The Red Sox hold an 11 1/2-game lead over sec-

ond-place Baltimore, 12 games over Toronto and 12 1/2 over the New York Yankees.

Texas — which has the worst record in the American League — has lost five games in a row and 10 of its last 13.

Joel Pineiro (1-0) got out of a jam in the seventh to pick up the win. With two men on, he struck out Sammy Sosa and got some defensive help when center fielder Coco Crisp made a diving catch of Frank Catalanotto's liner.

"The key was Coco's play," Pineiro said. "He picked me up, picked us all up. It gave us the momentum. When I first looked at it, there was nobody close to that. But that was a big catch, the biggest key to the game."

Hideki Okajima allowed an RBI single to Mark Teixeira in the ninth before finishing for his third save in as many chances.

Sosa went 0-for-5 with two strikeouts in his pursuit to become the fifth player to hit 600 home runs. He has 598.

Teixeira hit a 453-foot three-run

homer and Ian Kinsler added an RBI single in a four-run sixth that put Texas up 4-3. Teixeira's homer was the fourth-longest hit at Rangers Ballpark at Arlington.

The Red Sox were without designated hitter David Ortiz, who was not in the starting lineup because of sore hamstrings.

Texas starter Kameron Loe, won hasn't won since April 21, gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings.

Tavarez had won his last two starts, but allowed four runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings. Tavarez, who struck out six and walked one, yielded only Kenny Lofton's leadoff single in the first five innings before running into trouble in the sixth.

Drew singled to lead off the fourth. Lowell singled to left before Varitek lined a 1-1 pitch from Loe just over the fence in right for his fourth homer.

Notes: Texas RHP Kevin Millwood gave up one hit in five scoreless innings on a rehab start for Double-A Frisco on Sunday.

Obituaries

Royce L. Johnson



Royce L. Johnson, 95, of Water Valley and formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, May 26, 2007, in Robert Lee. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Royce was born March 1, 1912, in Arab, Ala., to Myrtie and Leonard Johnson. He had lived most of his life in Big Spring, moving to Water Valley and the Robert Lee area in 1998. Royce was a refrigeration engineer at the McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital, working there from 1956 until 1967, and at the Big Spring State Hospital from 1967 until 1976. Royce married Mary E. Kendrick, Jan. 25, 1934, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on March 15, 2005. Royce was a member of the Carlsbad Church of Christ at the time of his death, but had worshiped at the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring for more than 60 years. Royce loved yard work and gardening. He also loved reading the Bible and doing Bible crossword puzzles.

He is survived by three sons, James Johnson and his wife, Sue, and Robert Lynn Johnson and his wife, Connie, all of Smithville, and Bobby Johnson and his wife, Sis, of Denver City; two daughters, Jessie Bannister and her husband, Jerry, of Water Valley and Beverly Preddy and her husband, Charles, of Ozona; three brothers, Hershel Johnson and Wayne Johnson and his wife, Wanda, all of Big Spring, and Billy Fred Johnson of Norman, Okla.; one sister-in-law, Evelyn Kendrick of Big Spring; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, Kambri Preddy and Kailyn Preddy.

In addition to his parents and wife, Royce was preceded in death by four siblings, including Lerla Johnson and Verna Mauldin.

The family suggests memorials to Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Hwy 16, North, Medina 78055.

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

Robbie Fuqua

Robbie Fuqua, 69, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 27, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jeri Perryman

Jeri Perryman, 58, of Sand Springs died Sunday, May 27, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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.

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **EARVIN THOMPSON**, 46, of Alabama, was arrested Saturday on charges of Class C assault and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **MABEL M. VALENZUELA**, 18, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **BILLY JOE MARLER**, 18, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on 12 local warrants and a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **FREDDIE WILLIAMS JR.**, 33, of 4205 Muir, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- **MICHAEL THOMPSON**, 18, of Ackerly, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.
- **RAMIRO LUCIO JR.**, 17, of Ackerly, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.
- **SCHEMICKIA CROSBY**, 25, of 706.5 E. 13th Street, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.
- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 44, of 602 Holbert, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **CHRISTOPHER PETREE**, 22, of 2504 Dow, was arrested Sunday on a charge of Class C assault/family violence.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 600 block of Elgin.
 - in the 200 block of W. Marcy.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 1000 block of 12th Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4200 block of Birch.
- **EVADING ARREST/DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesa.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 2600 block of Richmond.

Take Note

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

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

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free
Call 264-0771 for more information

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

MONDAY

- 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.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-10-16-21-22-48. Number matching six of six: none. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$5 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-23-24-26-33. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$30,081. Winning ticket sold in: Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 6-5-5

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 6-8-2

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COAHOMA

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outing than Game 2. She allowed four runs on 10 hits in the second game, recording a series-low six strikeouts.

The Bulldogettes scored three runs in the first inning of Game 2, looking to make quick work of the Lady Bearcats. Krista Kerby led off the game with a single to center and found her way to third base after Shelbi Paige hit a ball that Hawley second baseman Amber McCoy couldn't handle. The error allowed Paige to advance to second.

Senior Ami Martinez ripped a double into right, driving in Kerby, but a nice throw by the Lady Bearcats' right fielder held Paige at third. Paige would score on the next pitch, when Martinez was tagged out running to third by the shortstop when Laci Sterling hit into a fielder's choice play.

Catcher Janice Gonzalez would drive in Sterling for Coahoma's third run with a triple to right-center field.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogettes would struggle to get any more consistency going offensively as only three batters would reach base in the last six innings. Tadlock credited the lack of offensive prowess to a pitching adjustment made by Hawley.

"I don't know if she was tired, but Pee Wee started

to throw a lot of drop balls after we got up on her early," he said. "We couldn't make the adjustment at the plate."

While the Bulldogettes couldn't manage any offense against Burton following the first inning, the Lady Bearcats were finally catching up to Newton's fastball. They tied the game with a three-run third inning. Heather Cobb started the Hawley rally, singling to center with one out. McCoy would join her on the base paths after Coahoma's Alex Moore couldn't quite reach a fly hit into shallow left field.

Cobb would score courtesy of a double by her sister, Allison. McCoy would cross the plate when the next batter, Burton, hit into a fielder's choice to the Bulldogettes' shortstop Paige. Allison Cobb would score the final run of the inning on a Toni Hargis hit to center that tied the score 3-3.

Burton truly earned the victory in Game 2, following her shot to the center field wall in the seventh inning that drove in the winning run. Coahoma went three-up, three-down in the bottom of the seventh.

"I think we let up a little in the second game after scoring three runs," said Coahoma's first baseman Martinez. "I think we thought that three was going to be enough. We can't let up. It's a lesson learned that we can't forget."

Coahoma had to make two pre-game and one in-game adjustment to pull

out the Game 3 win. The first adjustment was to get Newton to use all of the weapons in her pitching arsenal.

"I don't know why, but Heather wasn't using all of her pitches in Game 2," Tadlock explained. "I got together with her and Janice to correct the problem before the third game. She went back to using all of her pitches after only using two in the first game today and it made the difference."

Newton dominated the Lady Bearcats in the decisive game, retiring the first nine batters she faced, including six consecutive strikeouts over the second and third innings.

The second adjustment made by Coahoma was to move up in the batter's box at the plate.

"We were just pounding balls into the ground at the end of Game 2," said Tadlock. "So we moved up in the box and we started to hit Pee Wee."

The adjustment allowed the Bulldogettes to start Game 3 in the same fashion they started Game 2 — by taking an early 3-0 lead.

After going three up, three down in the first inning, Sterling led off the second inning for Coahoma, belting a single to center. Gonzalez followed her with a double to the gap in left field.

Newton would help her own cause by driving in both runners with a triple that soared over the head of Hawley's center fielder, giving Coahoma the 2-0 lead. Megan Conley would

score on a wild pitch after taking Newton's place on the base paths to give the Bulldogettes the 3-0 advantage.

Tadlock urged the team toward one final adjustment, as he barked not let up. They didn't.

Tadlock commended the Bulldogettes for playing their best defense of the series in Game 3, led by Gonzalez, who threw out three Lady Bearcats trying to steal.

"I told the team that defense was going to win this game," said Tadlock. "I used the old cliché 'offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships.' We would've won the first game had it not been for defensive mistakes, but the defense won the series for us today."

Coahoma would add another run in the third inning when Sterling crossed the plate courtesy of a sacrifice fly to left by Breanna Conner.

Hawley would score a meaningless run in the top of the seventh with two out. Newton would close out the game by striking out her 11th batter.

She beamed with joy after earning her first trip to the state tournament.

"It's awesome," exclaimed Newton. "I have no words to explain how I feel. It's just incredible."

Martinez is the lone senior on the roster and will be making her third trip to Austin. She feels that of the three state-qualifying teams she's been a part of, this year's



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Coahoma's Janice Gonzalez douses head coach Tracy Tadlock with ice water following the Bulldogettes series-clinching Game 3 win over Hawley Saturday.

Bulldogettes squad has the best chance of winning it all.

"This team has the best chemistry," said Martinez. "We all get along and understand what we have to do. For the first time, I think that we don't care who gets the credit, as long as the job gets done. We truly are a team."

Coahoma (31-6) will be joined at the state tournament by Aubrey's fifth-ranked Lady Chapparals (31-2), Troy's fourth-

ranked Trojanettes (35-4), and Pattonville Prairiland's seventh-ranked Lady Patriots (31-8-1). The Bulldogettes will be the third seed at the state tournament, despite being the highest ranked team by the UIL Class 2A state softball rankings.

While no official schedule for the state tournament has been released at this time, it does appear that the Bulldogettes will be pitted against Troy at either 2:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. Thursday in Austin.

BRIEFS

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Tennis Camps beginning today and ends Thursday.

The camp is for all ages and ability levels and will take place at the Figure 7 Tennis Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The fee is \$100 and includes a daily lunch.

The camp is designed to teach the beginner player the basics of tennis and to help the advanced player reach their full potential.

Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information see www.bigspringtennis.com.

Parent-child golf tourny at country club

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a parent-child 2-person scramble tournament starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The tournament will continue at 1 p.m. Sunday. The entry fee is \$80 for the open division and \$40 for the trophy division.

A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee for the second team is half-price.

Bar-be-que will be served on the golf course during the first day of play.

Call 267-5354 to sign up.

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.

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon and the high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

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

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

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

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Go to TexasTech.com for more information about all upcoming Red Raiders' summer sports camps.

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Famous Hand

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

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

This deal occurred many years ago during a pair championship in Los Angeles. It features an unusual and imaginative play that was found by two different declarers.

At most tables, the contract was four hearts played by South, and the opening lead was uniformly the ten of diamonds. At practically all of the tables, declarer was defeated one trick. The ten was covered with the jack, and the queen was taken with the ace.

South drew three rounds of trumps and returned a diamond toward dummy's 9-7-3-2, so he won the seven with the eight and shifted to the jack of clubs. There was now no escape for declarer, who wound up losing two diamonds, a spade and a club to go down one.

But at two tables, the contract was made by a pair of shrewd declarers — Dr. Edward Frischauer and Meyer Schleifer, both prominent Los Angeles Life Masters. They diagnosed the opening lead as a singleton, and put this knowledge to work to bring home the contract.

They ducked the first diamond in dummy and, when East played the eight, also ducked in their own hands! This play subjected them to two diamond losers, just as at the other tables, but there was a big difference. The contract now could not be defeated.

West could do no better than shift to a trump. South drew trumps and then played the ace and another diamond. East returned a club, but declarer took the ace, cashed dummy's diamonds, discarding a club, and then conceded a trick to the ace of spades, making four.

Observe that it would not have helped the Easts at these two tables to overtake the ten of diamonds at trick one because South would then win the trick to hold himself to one diamond loser.

The diamond duck in dummy from both hands at trick one is clearly correct — provided declarer thinks of it. Either West's lead is a singleton, or is from the 10-8 doubleton (in which case South loses only one diamond whatever he does). The duck is effective in either case.

Tomorrow: A case of heart trouble.
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A group of seven law enforcement agents — five pictured here — from the El Paso Police Department stopped at the Big Spring Mall during the Special Olympics of Texas Torch Run Tuesday en route to Arlington to have a meal and enjoy a movie. Each member of the group — Joe Baca, Carlos Arellano, Raul Sigals, Ana Bowling, Rick Orozco, Tony Portillo and Saul Villalobos — were to carry the torch about three miles every eight hours. They contributed \$1,000 each to participate in the run. The Special Olympics 2007 Summer Games are held Thursday through Saturday on the University of Texas at Arlington campus.

POPS

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2007 can happen, however, the organizing committee must raise the money it needs.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"This is the community's celebration, that's something we can't stress too strongly," Hansen said. "It's a chance to gather with friends and family at the park and join our neighbors in celebrating the fact that we

live in the greatest country on earth.

"But to make that possible, we really need the community's help," she added. "The people and businesses in this community always come through, and it did last year. I was extremely proud of Big Spring and Howard County last year. People really responded when we told them about our plans and we were able to raise all the money we needed before the show."

That does not mean the committee can rest on its laurels, however.

"We're working just as hard this year as we were last year," Hansen said, noting that the costs of putting on the show haven't decreased.

"We're going to need the

community to help us every bit as much as it did last year," she added. "After all, we really believe that nobody celebrates the Fourth of July holiday like Big Spring. In fact, every year the show brings visitors from outside our community and we think it's important to make sure we continue to have a quality show for everyone to enjoy."

Presenters of this year's event already include the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, The Click Ranch, KBYG and KBST — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services.

House rebellion continues, Craddick is unwavering

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Opposition to embattled House Speaker Tom Craddick exploded again early today as dozens of Democrats and Republicans who want him to leave office walked out of the chamber in protest.

The walkout brought work to a halt just hours before the session was to end, potentially killing several major bills involving state parks, water issues and other matters.

The House did manage to pass the \$153 billion two-year state budget — the only legislation they're legally required to approve.

But a short time later a Republican member came to the front of the chamber to speak against Craddick and began calling lawmakers by name

to vote for or against the speaker.

"The speaker thinks he has the votes to keep him in office," said Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso. "We can end all of that right now."

Several Craddick supporters walked out of the chamber and Rep. Sylvester Turner, who was presiding over the proceedings, interrupted Haggerty's roll call.

"You've made your point. People have heard your point. But now let's finish the people's business," Turner urge.

Then Haggerty told all members who would have voted aye to "join me in taking your key and leaving."

The chamber emptied out and business came to a halt when a vote revealed the chamber was absent a quorum.

The 150-member House elected Craddick to be

their leader when the session started in January. But many have grown increasingly disenchanted with his win-at-all-costs approach.

Tensions first peaked Friday night when Craddick announced that he would not recognize anyone to make a parliamentary motion to vote him out of office 18 months before his third term expires.

When Craddick cut off discussion, disorder broke out and sergeants-at-arms restrained insurgents trying to overtake the speaker's podium. The House parliamentarian resigned on the verge of tears.

Since then, proceedings have been a parliamentary battle of wills — as long as Craddick didn't recognize opponents to kick him out of office, the 150-member chamber couldn't vote to do so.

For those unable to serve as "Presenters," Hansen noted that the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Stars and Stripes" sponsors that donate \$3,000 or more, and "Rocket" sponsors, donating \$1,000 or more. Thus far, the only Stars and Stripes sponsor for the show is Fiberglass Systems, while Alon USA, Medicine Center Pharmacy, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Worthy Company are Rocket sponsors.

"We really want to thank those who support us, no matter how much people are able to contribute," Hansen said.

While committee members are conducting their fund-raising efforts, Becky Crane, who co-

chairs the organizing committee with Hansen, is coordinating the list of businesses and organizations wanting to operate vendors' booths during the show. She can be contacted at 267-5449 or at 517-0373. She can be e-mailed at rcrane@suddenlink.net. Vendor packets are already available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

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JACKSON

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she said it's sad to see people who don't take care of themselves and take their health for granted.

"Diabetes can cause a lot of other problems. It really takes a toll on all of the organs," said Jackson. "Back in 2000, I had a stroke because of it, and we figured out what was going on and got through that. You fight to keep your blood sugar stable. One minute my blood sugar can be fine, and the next it's sky high or just drops out. I'm on an insulin pump now, and it's helped.

"It's really kind of sad. People who don't have serious health problems just don't realize how important it is that they take care of themselves, even if it's just a little bit. They don't realize how bad it can get. They always think it won't ever happen to me. Let me tell you, it does. At one point or another it's going to hit

you. Whether it's your health or losing a loved one, it's going to happen at some point."

And while her diabetes has taken a tremendous toll on her health, Jackson said the disease also affects other aspects of her life.

"Diabetes can effect your life in so many ways you never really thought of," said Jackson. "People are very judgmental. When you fill out a job application and it asks if you have any medical problems and you put down diabetes, you almost never get the job. Most businesses just don't want to deal with something like that, and that's really sad because I'm a really hard worker. I'm always on time, and I rarely miss work, but when they see diabetes on the application they usually just pass you over."

The strain of so many surgeries and doctor visits hasn't just taken a toll on Jackson's health, as the Big Spring woman fights to keep up with the financial impact of her

care

"I'm currently on between 10 and 11 medications right now," said Jackson. "And driving back and forth for dialysis and appointments, it can really take a toll. My parents have helped me so much over the years, and even my grandparents have been there for me. Unfortunately, for me, diabetes takes on a guilt trip. Because I feel like all I've been to my parents is a burden, disappointment and a shame. There's a lot of depression to deal with. I've fought with it since I was a child. I've always been a fighter, and I'll keep fighting. Even when all I want is for it all to end, I'll keep fighting. I've made it this far and I haven't given up yet."

Donations can be made to the Gracie Jackson Transplant Fund at State National Bank. For more information, call 264-2100.

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LUNCHES

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ing the summer," she said. "For example, we have a bigger variety of

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COUNTY

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ments and a budget workshop, as well as consideration of changes to the Spring City Senior Citizen Center's operational policies.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to present commissioners with personnel considerations, while County

Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present the court with pipeline crossings and a report on county road maintenance.

Lynette Harmon, a representative with Areo-Vac Life Team, is also expected to meet with commissioners, while local attorney Drew Mouton, who handles delinquent taxes for the county, is expected to present the court

with a resolution accepting deed to property in lieu of tax foreclosure.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the County Courthouse.

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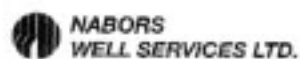
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

In the United States, Memorial Day is observed today, in remembrance of the military men and women who died serving their country.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Today also, Mercury enters Cancer, the sign of memory, making this Memorial Day exceptionally nostalgic. Break out the photo albums and call family. Let your feelings flow.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Romance won't leave you alone! What an enviable problem to have. On a career note, affiliating yourself with a successful relative or friend helps get a project off the ground.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You appreciate the variety of opinions around you — they all seem to have something to contribute to your understanding. Maybe you'll pick up a few new pieces of homespun how-to to good you won't want to keep them to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're experiencing an emotional growth spurt and may feel awkward while you're still in the adjustment phase. This could manifest in your physical appearance, even though the change in you is internal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The heart has a kind of memory the mind doesn't, which is why you remember your first kiss and forget what you learned in school. Let yourself be tutored by your feelings. Learn by heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's quite possible you're a blind optimist for believing in the best in everyone. And you believe in the best in you, too. Don't knock your believing. It's been your guardian angel on more than one occasion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel like a drop of water in an ocean of opinions. But you matter. You contribute. You make a difference. Speak up, and don't wait to be called on to do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're headed in the right direction, and you know what you're talking about. So when you communicate, whether by voice, letter or e-mail, keep it direct, assured and to the point.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's always another way to get the job done, and you're the one who thinks of it. You may have to pull strings, but you can do so within ethical bounds. A Virgo person helps.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every person's emotional complexities are beautiful. Some people can't cry. Others can't stop. You appreciatively witness the wide range of responses you can have

to any given situation. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're there for others. They'll probably profess that they couldn't do "it" without you; however, you may not care about "it" as much as they do. Being there for yourself is trickier business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your flexibility is really working for you. Will others be as adaptable when it's time to accommodate you? Why, yes! You get away with bending the rules because you're so darned attractive now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Lunacy isn't for asylums and full moons; it's a rarified state of being. A bad case of the giggles, making silly faces and rhymes, laughing till your stomach hurts — it can't be beat. Find the fun in going absolutely loony.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: Mercury enters Cancer. In ancient cultures, Mercury was the modern equivalent of FedEx between humans and gods, allowing mortals to hear divine messages. He directed and blessed travelers at dangerous trade routes. He's even helped newly deceased souls cross over to the afterlife. Versatile, eh? As our minds deliver the quick-thinking messages we need to get out of a jam, Mercury presides over the analytical mind. So Mercury's costume change from chatterbox Gemini to intuitive

Cancer is a dramatic shift in the way we think and communicate. Cancer's strength is her feelings. We drop into what our soft bellies feel about it all. Instead of hearing the words of a conversation, we pick up a tone, see a facial expression and feel the emotional impact of what's being said. Expect impassioned pleas that appeal to our emotions. We're sympathetic to each other's stories — we relate deeply to what we hear. "I've been there before ... " Personal stories strike a chord with our hearts. We remember. Which gentle listener will give us the unconditional compassion we need? We want our mommies! Yes, dear. Mercury in Cancer understands.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Is Kylie Minogue's talent image or substance? This Gemini's been criticized for being just a sexy package. Anyone with five planets in shape-shifting, talented Gemini (sun, moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) would find it incredibly hard to differentiate her true self from pop imitations! With her recent breast cancer battle, Minogue will make great progress recovering her health this year.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am very worried about my nephew, "Charlie." The boy is only in second grade, and already the school has twice recommended psychiatric counseling for him.

Charlie is emotionally immature, as evidenced by his strange behavior at home and elsewhere. He sometimes hides under his desk at school, crying, when he is told to do something, and often refuses to cooperate at all. He also says some very disturbing things, such as "I want to kill you," or, "I want to tear your arms off." What's really creepy is that from the look in his eyes, you think he means it.

The worst part is his parents. Instead of recognizing that Charlie needs help, they punish him for getting into trouble at school. They also are quite indignant and offended that the school is recommending "a shrink" for their kid.

I'm so afraid for Charlie, but my sister and brother-in-law will not listen. What can I do to help them see that psychiatric care at his age could very well save him from serious problems in the future? — Anxious Aunt

Dear Aunt: We are worried about Charlie, too. The behavior you describe is not typical of a second-grader, and his parents' attitude will only exacerbate the problem. The school should stop "making recommendations" and insist that Charlie be evaluated as a condition for returning to school. Since Charlie is not your child, however, there is not much you can do. Talk to your sister, calmly, and suggest that she discuss the school's recommendations with her pediatrician, just to make sure she has no reason to be concerned. If Sis continues to disregard Charlie's aberrant behavior, it may be time for a family intervention.

Dear Annie: For nearly



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

a year now, my husband's father has avoided coming to my house. He also has not spoken to me or made eye contact in all that time.

It's difficult to ignore this because we have a young daughter who would be heartbroken if I didn't allow her to see her grandparents. And my in-laws are crazy about our daughter. When I mentioned my father-in-law's behavior to my mother-in-law, she said that her husband likes me. Yet when she informed him how much his actions disturb me, nothing changed.

After spending an entire day there and having my father-in-law shun me, I finally told my husband it was too hurtful and uncomfortable. I no longer wish to go where I am unwanted, although I said he and our daughter are free to go without me. He said he understood and supported my decision.

How should I address my mother-in-law the next time she invites us over? I don't want to hurt her feelings, but enough is enough. — Heartbroken in Hartford

Dear Heartbroken: We're wondering why your father-in-law has developed an aversion to you. Obviously, he hasn't always behaved like this. The reason could be embarrassing to him, which is why he won't deal with it. When Mom invites you to her place, simply tell her "yes,"

your husband and child will be delighted to see them. Your husband should be the one to discuss this with his parents.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for almost 20 years. Two years ago, we found out that my husband's stepfather (I will call him "Don") sexually abused my daughter when she was 7 years old. (She is 17 now.)

We contacted the police and filed charges. Two different state child protective agencies found him guilty but, unfortunately, the police department did not prosecute him. They said too much time had passed. My mother-in-law knew what Don did to her granddaughter but chose to stay with him. When I asked her why, she said, "I am staying for selfish reasons — money, home and social status."

My husband and I no longer want anything to do with my mother-in-law, but she continues to call. We never return her calls. How do we tell her that we have no interest in a relationship with a woman who values her social status over her granddaughter? Are we being petty? After all, she didn't abuse our daughter. — Hurt on the East Coast

Dear East Coast: Is your mother-in-law still living with Don? If so, she should not be allowed to have any contact with your daughter, no matter what age the girl is now. If your husband wishes to talk to his mother, however, please allow him to make that decision for himself. It's also possible that in the future, your soon-to-be-adult daughter may choose to renew her relationship with her grandmother, and that, too, should be up to her. We hope your daughter received counseling when you discovered the abuse, and if not, she could still benefit from seeing a professional. Please look

into it. Dear Annie: This is in response to "Confused," whose co-workers ignored her.

I was once in a job where this happened to me. Things never got better, no matter how friendly or inviting I was. They would even go out of their way to cause problems. Six months into the job, I finally talked to management about resigning from my position. The emotional strain from working where I was purposefully ignored and impeded was becoming too much. I found out then that one of my co-workers had wanted the job for which I had been hired, and they were cold-shouldering me until I left.

"Confused" should pay attention to her intuition and find out if there is something more going on. I still remember the pain and stress of this job, even though it was 20 years ago. — L.

Dear L.: The good news — it wasn't personal. The bad news — these co-workers were immature and punitive. Too bad they didn't give you a chance.

Dear Readers: Today is Memorial Day. Each and every one of us should take a moment to think about and appreciate the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served their country. In their honor, we would like to reprint this touching poem by John T. Bird of Birmingham, Ala.:

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OUR VIEWS

Our fallen heroes: May they never, ever be forgotten

As is the case most years, the calendar for 2007 lists two Memorial Days: May 28, Memorial Day (observed) and May 30, the "real" Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was unofficially started by a group of Confederate mothers, wives and daughters at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Miss., on April 25, 1866.

The story goes that the group of women had gone to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones, as well as other Confederate war dead.

While placing flowers, they discovered a group of graves without flowers in the corner of the cemetery. They were graves of fallen Union soldiers.

The women were thankful that even though their loved ones were dead, they were close to home. Thinking about how the loved ones of the Union soldiers must feel, perhaps not even knowing where their fallen were buried, the women decided to place flowers on the graves of all of those killed in the Civil War — both Blue and Gray.

At that time, the observance was known as Decoration Day.

In 1868, Gen. John Logan, commander of the Union Army veterans organization, formalized the custom by setting May 30 as the day to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers and flags. Many Americans of a certain age still think of it as Decoration Day, especially in the Deep South.

In our pursuit of three-day weekends, however, we moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. Some veterans organizations later regretted their support for the switch because the day seemed to lose some of its solemnity.

In truth, Memorial Day weekend has assumed a role in our lives far from its original purpose: It is the kickoff to summer, the time when swimming pools open, a time for graduation and the end of school, the running of the Indy 500 and a time for garage sales and cookouts.

While sunburns and barbecues are not what either the Confederate women or Union Gen. Logan had in mind, the secular cheerfulness of Memorial Day weekend is not at all unfortunate.

Memorial Day has always been observed most solemnly and seriously when the grief of war was fresh and painful, as it is today with more than 100,000 U.S. military personnel in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But the holiday weekend will still be a time for celebration.

However, let us remember the enjoyment of this weekend was brought to us by a long line of Americans, almost 1.2 million of them, who died in service of this country dating back to the eight Patriots who fell at Lexington in 1775.

Today, we saluted our own veterans not once, but twice; by attending ceremonies at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial or the Martin County Memorial Day service at Evergreen Cemetery.

If you haven't done so yet, take a moment to bow your head and silently give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices.

Remember our fallen. May they never, ever be forgotten.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we dump our problems on You, Lord, and trust that You will take care of them.

Amen

America now has commisars, too

One of the "innovations" of the Soviet Red Army in the post-1917 struggle of the communists to consolidate the party's control over the former tsarist realms was the introduction of political "commisars." Their job was three-fold: prevent a counter-coup d'etat; "re-educate" former tsarist officers and enlisted men needed to fill the Red Army's ranks so it could defend the new Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and distribute Kremlin propaganda. Until 1942, commisars even had the power to countermand operational orders, undoubtedly as a hedge against any attempted coup. Reforms in the commissar system that year abolished the separate, parallel commissar chain-of-command established by Leon Trotsky and made the commissars "deputy commanders for political affairs." When the USSR dissolved in 1991, this "commissar" position underwent another title change — to "deputy to the commander for educational work."

Such blatant mingling of politics with military matters could never happen in the United States, right? After all, the president — a.k.a. the commander-in-chief — has insisted throughout the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts that the generals in the field, not the politicians in Washington, make battlefield decisions.

Well, don't bet the farm against domestic politics overriding military judgments even more than in the past. That trend is evident in the latest move by the Bush administration to curtail congressional access to the service men

and women who see the fighting where it is "up close and personal."

In an April 19 Pentagon memo obtained by the *Boston Globe*, the Defense Department's legislative liaison office told the House Armed Services committee staff that, in the future, the military would determine those it "deemed appropriate" below the rank of full colonel to speak with or brief members of Congress. This was not a case of keeping a tight lid on operational matters such as future troop deployments or sensitive special operations plans that lieutenant colonels and colonels write for approval of the generals. This was an across-the-board ban on anyone below the rank of general or admiral or the occasional colonel testifying before Congress.

Moreover, the Pentagon memo, by Robert Wilkie, formerly a senior program director of President George W. Bush's National Security Council, listed two further restrictions on those "deemed appropriate." No transcripts of remarks or answers to questions would be made, and all officers the Pentagon "allowed" to testify had to be accompanied by a political appointee of the administration.

Now in the armed forces, legislative liaison is akin to public affairs, one of three military specialties that I held. The objective of legislative liaison and public affairs is the same: provide the maximum amount of information possible. The only substantive difference is the public's information has to be unclassified. Yet the military seems incapable of shedding its penchant to slap "confidential" or "secret" on anything and everything that doesn't move. The result is unnecessary antagonism and costly delays as Congress, in attempting to exercise its over-

sight responsibilities, is forced to re-establish its authority to require the appearance of long-serving civilian bureaucrats, enlisted, noncommissioned, and junior commissioned officers, plus relevant documents, electronic records, and messages that pertain to the formation of military policy and programs.

The Pentagon memo reeks of conspiracy by politicians to hide the truth from the public about what is going on in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere in the administration's so-called "war on terror." When the unvarnished truth is wanted and needed, most people go to experts for information. And the best "experts" on war — any war — are those who have been in-country fighting for extended time periods, who have seen their comrades die, who may themselves have been wounded. Not so useful are senior officers and civilian officials who fly in and out of the country or who work in well-protected headquarters, venturing out from time to time to see how their plans are standing up to the real world.

There has already been one "walk-out" by Pentagon lawyers who refused to let officers testify because, as is the usual practice, a transcript was being made. In the end, however, Congress will win this battle, for it has the power to subpoena people and documents.

A good person to start with is the memo's author, Robert Wilkie.

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Gambling policy trickier than you think

Few gamblers advertise their habit. It sounds mildly unclean. Sure, an occasional high roller will amaze his listeners with tales of royal treatment at one opulent casino or another. Why bother to be that rich if not to talk about it? But most remain discreet. Lower-income players likewise, especially seniors, speak only quietly, if cheerfully, of their regular visits to the slots to drop maybe \$50 or \$100. It's fun, they say.

No doubt, but most practitioners remain a bit sheepish, believing, rightly, that casual listeners will think less of them for it. To some it will sound immoral, to others stupid, and to a few, still illegal.

The illegal part holds special irony. In the past, it really was illegal, all of it. As with alcohol and drugs, it fueled a massive underground crime industry. Bookies, runners, and capos were some of the job classifications that fed families and, from time to time, fishes.

Indeed crime reduction was one of the persuasive arguments to finally legalize wagering. If government ran it, there might be less room for crooks. Plus it would probably be a lot safer and fairer

from regulated gambling. Under the old system, bookies had pretty lousy (sometimes negative) health care. Now MGM and Indian casino workers do much better. And lately a federal appeals court ruled that the Indians, despite their precious sovereignty, must also allow unions. Plenty of sleepless nights may be in store for those at tribal councils. This means that gambling workers are on track to hold quite decent jobs, no small issue what with so many good ones having been sent abroad.

Meanwhile in rich areas, nervous business leaders especially fear the coming of nearby casinos. All those desirable new jobs could drain off the available supply of low-income workers for such glamorous jobs as security guards, lawn cutters, store clerks, asphalt layers, hotel maids, roofers, home health aides, trash collectors, and other abused contributors to affluent society.

So yes, weep and work for the addicts who always were and always will be among us. But don't lose sleep over society at large. Casinos are one of civilizations lesser ills. Unfortunately, it's the state lotteries that shamelessly milk the poor.

Legitimizing gambling has also been a major boon in taxes. Nevada scooped up \$1 billion in revenue last year, which frankly sounds pretty light for Las Vegas. Those casinos must have a potent lobby. Even tiny Connecticut took in \$718 million from just two giant casinos and a remarkably pernicious state lottery. You can see why most states are now trying to claim their rightful share, with long abused Indian tribes finally cashing in and leading the way.

But what about the addicted? We used to wring our hands over them when crooks were taking the profit. But now that taxpayers are sharing those spoils, our concern has faded. Legislatures have been immensely slow to meet their moral obligation to study the problem. They don't want to discover anything to endanger their windfall. You can bet your next jackpot that no study paid for by a state will find ill effects sufficient to force it to give up its own addiction to slots or lottery.

Employees, too, tend to benefit



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"THOSE GUYS ARE BIGGER THAN LIFE!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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HAGAR

YOU'VE BEEN A KNIGHT IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING FOR A LONG TIME, HAVEN'T YOU, SIR KNIGHT?

OH, YES!

DURING THOSE GREAT AND DANGEROUS BATTLES, WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM YOU EVER HAD?

I'D SAY CHAPPED SKIN

BLONDIE

WHOA! LOOK AT THE TIME!

DAGWOOD, YOU NEED TO GO TO BED SO YOU CAN GET TO WORK EARLY TOMORROW!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN SENT TO BED IN MY OWN HOUSE!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 28, the 148th day of 2007. There are 217 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 28, 1934, the Dionne quintuplets — Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne — were born to Elzire Dionne at the family farm in Ontario, Canada.

On this date:

In 1533, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn valid.

In 1863, the first black regiment from the North left Boston to fight in the Civil War.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco.

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the Show," opened in New York.

In 1937, President Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California.

In 1937, Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of England.

In 1957, the National League gave permission for the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants baseball teams to move to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In 1972, Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the English throne to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, died in Paris at age 77.

In 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Ky.

In 1987, Mathias Rust, a 19-year-old West German pilot, landed a private plane in Moscow's Red Square.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carroll Baker is 76. Rockabilly singer-musician Sonny Burgess is 76.

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TAKE TWO ASPIRIN AND CALL ME IN THE MORNING.

DR. PETER

QUACK

I SAID CALL ME IN THE MORNING!

WIZARD OF ID

WHY IS IT RICH PEOPLE ARE THE LOUSIEST TIPERS?

HOW DO YOU THINK THEY GOT RICH?

AGNES

AGNES! DONNY SWEET IS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE!! WHO IS DONNY SWEET?

ONLY THE MOST AWESOME SINGER IN THE WORLD! I LOVE HIM! MY HEART IS POUNDING! I'M GONNA HURL! I'M DIZZY! MY FACE IS HOT!

I'M ALL SWEATY! I'M OUT OF BREATH! I CAN'T FOCUS!

THAT'S NOT LOVE... THAT'S ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK.

HI AND LOIS

I LOVE TO START THE SUMMER WITH A GOOD BARBECUE

LATER IN THE SEASON, THE GRASS IS SO HIGH, HE CAN'T FIND HIS GRILL.

THE OTHER COAST

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?

A MOVIE ABOUT A PSYCHOTIC DRUG LORD BATTLING AN FBI SWAT TEAM.

BANG! AIEEE!

WHAT CHANNEL IS IT ON?

THE ANTIQUES CHANNEL.

RAT-A-TAT TAT TAT!

WHAT DOES A PSYCHOTIC DRUG LORD HAVE TO DO WITH ANTIQUES?

HE BLOWS UP A GRANDFATHER CLOCK.

POW! BANG!

ARGH!

SNUFFY SMITH

HERE COMES AGNES BARLOW, MAW !!

GADS !! I'M ALMOST DONE, TOO !! GO HEAD HER OFF, PAW !! I NEED FIVE MORE MINUTES !!

FER WHAT ?

THAT WOMAN'S GOT A VOICE THAT'LL CURDLE MILK !!

BETLE BAILEY

GOTCHA, BEETLE!

YOU KNOW THE DEAL I MADE ON GOOFING OFF!

EACH TIME I CATCH YOU WILL COST YOU A BUCK!

IT'S NINE TIMES THIS WEEK, YOU OWE ME NINE BUCKS!

HERE'S TEN! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

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