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Visitors arrive for the 2006 Fly In here. The 2007 Prairie Dog Fly In is set for Saturday morning at the city airport. The public is invited.

Big Spring to welcome area aviators Saturday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Attention all area aviators: Big Spring wants you to stop in and say, "Hi." In what has been described as a sort of day trip for West Texas pilots, local officials will host the second annual Prairie Dog Fly In at the city airport



Little

What: Prairie Dog Fly In.

When: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday.

Where: City airport.

Cost: Breakfast is free to pilots, \$5 for the general public

Saturday morning. The airport and Hangar 25

Air Museum are partnering in the event, which local officials hope grows in future years.

"This is something we'd like to build on to make it a big, annual event," said Jim Little, airport director. "We picked this date so it won't conflict with other events."

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118th juries find one man guilty, acquit another

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Two Howard County juries split their verdicts in trials in 118th District Court this week, convicting one man of burglary with intent to commit assault, while acquitting another of aggravated assault.

Eladio Zubiato, 30, of Big Spring, was sentenced to five years in prison after being convicted of the second-degree offense of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.

Trial testimony showed that Zubiato illegally entered the home of Natividad Ceballos and attempted to assault her, District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said.

"She awoke to find her sister's ex-boyfriend attempting to solicit sex," Wilkerson said. "He made several advances, which she successfully fought off — and then he left."

Zubiato, who had faced a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, must serve at least 15 months before becoming eligible for parole, Wilkerson said.

On Wednesday, a jury found Rosendo Franco of Big Spring not guilty of the second-degree felony of aggravated assault.

"We knew we had some very difficult issues with this case, and getting a conviction was not going to be easy."



Wilkerson

Franco, along with three other men, were accused of causing serious bodily injury to Geraldine Rodriguez on the evening of Oct. 22, 2006.

Wilkerson, who admitted that the case had been problematic, was somewhat philosophical in the wake of the verdict.

"We knew we had some very difficult issues with this case, and getting a conviction was not going to be easy," he said. "But we felt we had to try this case."

Franco had faced a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison if he had been convicted.

The other men involved in the incident — Filemeno Franco, Eric Del Bosque and Chris Del

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
George Wilson is dwarfed by a century plant that recently bloomed next to his house on Johnson Street. Wilson estimates the plant has been at that location since the 1950s.

Hangar 25 Kid's Klub filling fast

Week-long event to begin Monday

Special to the Herald

Hangar 25 Air Museum is getting its Second Annual Kid's Klub started with an excited staff and an almost-full registration.

Kid's Klub, which is slated to begin next Monday, will run through Friday, June 15.

Imagine letting your children be a part of a mini-historical movie that will be sent to troops serving abroad, participating in a time capsule, daily crafts and projects, and much, much more.

From 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day, registered attendees will participate in events leading up an end-of-the-week family picnic.

Museum officials said response to this year's format has been well-received, not just by interested youth but also by local businesses and individuals helping sponsor the event. State National Bank had donated a \$100 Savings Bond which will be awarded during the family picnic

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Senate votes leave immigrant worker bill in doubt

By CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A fragile compromise that would legalize millions of unlawful immigrants risks coming unraveled after the Senate voted early Thursday to place a five-year limit on a pro-

gram meant to provide U.S. employers with 200,000 temporary foreign workers annually.

The 49-48 vote came two weeks after the Senate, also by a one-vote margin, rejected the same amendment by Sen. Byron Dorgan. The

North Dakota Democrat says immigrants take many jobs Americans could fill.

The reversal dismayed backers of the immigration bill, which is supported by President Bush but loathed by many conservatives. Business interests and their

congressional allies were already angry that the temporary worker program had been cut in half from its original 400,000-person-a-year target.

A five-year sunset, they

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IN BRIEF

Parker, Anderson seeking funds

Sidney Dewayne Parker Jr. and Monte Anderson are seeking financial help so that they can attend a football combine showcase in Union, N.J. Sunday.

The two Steer athletes were among 200 high school underclassmen in the nation chosen to participate in the combine.

Parker will be a junior and needs to raise between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

He is the son of Sidney Parker Sr. and the grandson of Shirley Parker, both of Big Spring.

Parker received a generous \$200 donation from the Juvenile Probation Department, who feel that he is an outstanding individual.

If anyone is interested in helping, they are asked to contact Parker, his father or grandmother at 816-5610 or 816-3711.

Anderson played varsity football as a freshman running back for the Steers last season.

He was named the fastest man at the Dallas National Underclassman Combine.

He is hoping to raise between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Anyone that can offer help should contact Anderson's mother, Sonya Hall, at 213-3394.

CGA scholarship tournament set

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding the 17th Annual Chicano Golf Association Scholarship Tournament starting Saturday and running through Sunday.

The tournament will be played in a pick-your-partner 2-person scramble.

The entry fee is \$75 with free food for the players. Players can purchase mulligans for \$5 each. All proceeds will go towards two scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

Bob Brock Ford will award a 2007 vehicle to any player that can hit a hole-in-one on the course's third hole.

For more information, call 264-7116 or 263-7741.

Ragball tournament slated in Coahoma

The See What You Got Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Coahoma softball fields. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Teams finishing in first through third place will receive individual team shirts, while the top three finishers in the homerun derby will receive T-shirts.

For more information, call Jason Starr at 816-6005 or Andrew Martinez at 466-3901.

Coahoma Bulldogs baseball camp set

The Coahoma Bulldogs Baseball Camp has been slated for June 18-21 at Coahoma High School's baseball field.

The camp is for boys ages 5-15 and will last

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Spurs overshadowed by LeBron hype

By **TOM WITHERS**

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — LeBron James will attract the spotlight. The San Antonio Spurs have earned it.

While most of the hype surrounding these NBA finals is centered on James, Cleveland's crowned king of roundball, the Spurs are again being overshadowed despite winning three titles since 1999.

There's nothing seductive about them. They don't run and gun like the Phoenix Suns. Tim Duncan, their resident superstar,

doesn't aspire to be a global icon or featured in any sneaker commercials. TV viewers channel surf right past their games.

The Spurs get no respect. "We are kind of the vanilla of the NBA," guard Manu Ginobili said.

And every few years their the favorite flavor.

On Thursday, the Spurs will begin their quest for a fourth championship as they host the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 of the NBA finals, a series being billed as King James' coming-out party but one that could just as easily turn into another Spurs

coronation.

"This definitely is a model franchise," said Cavs coach Mike Brown, a San Antonio assistant when the club won its last title in 2005. "We can't be the Spurs. We don't have the same makeup as them or anything like that."

But the Cavaliers do have James — and that could be enough.

Tagged as the new face of the league and saddled with immense expectations since entering the league four years ago, James arrived at basketball's ultimate stage on Wednesday full of confidence.

The climactic setting is a new one for the Cavaliers, who are making their first appearance in the finals since joining the league in 1970. After walking onto the floor adorned with finals logos, a few of Cleveland's players documented their visit with videocameras as an international media descended upon them.

It was only four years ago when the Cavs won 17 games while playing in front of as many empty seats as filled ones at home.

Those gloomy days were B.L.B. — Before LeBron.



Coahoma's Janice Gonzales, center, throws a runner out at first after fielding a bunt in third-inning action from the Bulldogettes Class 2A state semifinal game at The University of Texas' McCombs Field in Austin. She was named District 5-2A's Defensive Player of the Year. **HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull**

Bulldogettes receive 11 all-district honors

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It might not be a state title, but receiving 11 District 5-2A All-District awards has to be somewhat consoling for the state semifinalist Coahoma Bulldogettes.

Coahoma fell just one game short of playing for a state title, losing to eventual Class 2A state softball champion Troy's Trojanettes.

"We got to state and ran into a great team that was almost an aberration," said Bulldogettes head coach Tracy Tadlock. "There won't be another team as good as Troy for years. They were loaded top to bottom."

The Bulldogettes placed four players on the all-district first team, two on the second team, and had three players take home individual awards, including Laci Sterling named as the district's Most Valuable Player

Award winner.

"Just looking at Laci's stats alone could earn her the MVP," raved Tadlock. "She was the best offensive player in district. She changed games at the plate. There's no doubt that she was the biggest offensive force in the district."

Sterling led the Bulldogettes with a .461 batting average, 56 RBIs, four home runs and eight triples.

Junior catcher Janice Gonzales was honored as 5-2A's Defensive Player of the Year.

"Janice absolutely took away our opponents' running game," said Tadlock. "Teams simply would not run on her, and if they did, then they were usually thrown out."

Gonzales showed off her defensive abilities in Coahoma's state semifinal loss to Troy. A wild pitch got past her and hit the fence behind her with a Troy runner on third base. Gonzales

got to the ball and beat the runner to the plate to record the out. There was another wild pitch with a runner on third moments later. Troy didn't try to run the second time.

Freshman pitcher Heather Newton received the district's Newcomer of the Year Award. Tadlock feels she was probably the district's pitcher of the year as well, but was easily the top freshman in the league, making her a shoo-in for the newcomer award.

"Heather's numbers speak for themselves," he said. "She was dominant on the mound as a freshman. It's scary to think about how much better she can get once she gets stronger and mentally tougher."

Newton put together a 22-7 overall record, complimented by a 0.84 ERA and 272 strikeouts in 174 innings pitched. She walked just 28 batters in that span.

Four Bulldogettes were named

to the all-district first team — senior Ami Martinez, juniors Krista Kerby and Christie Rich and sophomore Shelbi Paige.

Martinez was the lone senior on the team. Tadlock notes that she was a great leader with her attitude and high level of play.

"Ami is just a great all-around player," he said. "She definitely deserved to be first team. She's got all the skills to be a good college player. We hate to see her leave. We're going to miss her presence on the field and in the dugout."

Martinez led the Bulldogettes offensively with a .516 on-base percentage. She was second on the team behind Sterling with a .459 batting average and 40 RBIs. She also led the team with 18 doubles.

Martinez played third and first base. She was also the team's No. 2 pitching option. She had a per

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Verlander shuts out Rangers, Tigers win 10-0

By **DAVID JIMENEZ**

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Gary Sheffield's bat and Justin Verlander's right arm were more than enough for the Detroit Tigers to beat the plummeting Texas Rangers.

Sheffield homered twice and drove in five runs, leading Verlander and the Tigers to a 10-0 rout of Texas on Wednesday night.

Verlander (6-2) pitched seven sharp innings to bounce back from his worst start of the season. Sheffield hit two-run shots in the first and third. His second homer capped a four-run inning and made it 6-0.

"Gary had a huge night," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "It was good to get those

runs early and Verlander did a great job with the lead."

The Rangers have lost 11 of 14, leaving them with the worst record in the major leagues at 21-38.

Texas starter Kevin Millwood (2-5) allowed seven runs in 3 2-3 innings, increasing his ERA to 7.57.

Rangers starting pitchers have a 6.77 ERA — the worst mark in the majors.

"We've been dealing with adversity for a while," manager Ron Washington said. "We've got games left on the schedule and we're going to show up. We'll be back (Thursday) and hopefully make a difference."

Carlos Guillen and Ivan Rodriguez hit consecutive homers in the fifth to put Detroit ahead 9-0. Placido Polanco added

three hits and Magglio Ordonez got his AL-leading 54th RBI.

That was more than enough to help the Tigers bounce back from a 7-4 loss Tuesday night, when the Rangers scored six runs in the first.

Sheffield, who was 3-for-4, added an RBI single in the fourth that chased Millwood. Sheffield had his second multihomer game this season and the 35th of his career. He also drove in five runs May 29 against Tampa Bay.

"We're prepared every day," Sheffield said. "If you beat us, you've got to earn it. If somebody has a bad game, you erase it the next day."

Millwood allowed nine hits before being relieved by Wes Littleton. Since coming off the disabled list last Friday, Millwood has given up 14 runs in

8 2-3 innings.

"I've been trying about everything I know to get things right," said Millwood, who won 16 games with the Rangers last season. "It's just not happening. It's starting to get frustrating."

The Tigers had 14 hits in support of Verlander, who yielded seven runs in five innings in his previous outing Thursday against Cleveland.

"Getting all those early runs allowed me to be aggressive," Verlander said. "Our bullpen has been stressed this season so I wanted to give them a break."

Verlander allowed five hits and struck out six, throwing 105 pitches. Bobby Seay and Todd Jones finished with perfect relief in Detroit's second shutout of the year. Texas was blanked for the second time.

Obituaries

Mary Bowen



Mary Frances Bowen went to Heaven Tuesday, June 5, 2007. She was born Aug. 13, 1925, in Fort Worth to Frank and Jennie Collins. In April 1944, she married James N. Bowen, who preceded her in death in 1984.

Mary and James moved to Big Spring in 1950 and for 25 years operated Bowen Jewelry & Sewing Machines, where Mary greeted customers and beautifully restored and refinished antique clock cases, while James made and repaired jewelry, clocks and watches, and sewing machines.

She was an accomplished artist, who leaves behind a legacy of oil paintings, sewing, and a variety of needlework.

Mrs. Bowen also had a career for many years in retail sales at the Tomboy ladies' clothing store in Big Spring.

To use her favorite phrase to describe the people she loved most, she was "as common as an old shoe", which is what actually made her so uncommon and exquisite. She loved all she met and will be remembered by her family of friends for her acts of kindness, generosity, selflessness, and her extraordinary faith in Jesus that brought her through every storm of life with confidence and courage.

She lived by the motto, "Never give up. God is faithful." Even in her final hours on Earth, she comforted those she loved with her assurance that she had no fear, and flashed her famous wide smile as she said, "I can see Heaven. It's soooo beautiful! The lights are so bright!"

Mary is survived by two sons, James Bowen and his wife Alma of Big Spring, and Jackie Bowen and his wife Linda of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers, Claude Collins of Fort Worth and Weldon Collins of Parker; four grandchildren, James Bowen, Jacquelyn Bowen, Rhonda Johnson and her husband Jacob, and Natalie Bowen; one great-grandchild: Kaylene Johnson; and the love of her life for the past five years, Jerry Roach of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Margie Weaver; and brother, Jack Dale Collins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2007 at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. David Harp, First Baptist Church in Stanton, officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2007 at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Moore Funeral Home, 1219 N. Davis Drive, Arlington.

"For who can find a virtuous woman? Her value is far above rubies." — Proverbs 31:10

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

Paid obituary

Olga Stamps

Olga Stamps, 102, of New Braunfels, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 7, 2007, in a New Braunfels nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL CLOSE 12TH STREET FROM GREGG TO LANCASTER** from 6:30 p.m. to midnight today for Sonic Drive-In to host a customer appreciation gathering.

• **BOX SEATS FOR THIS YEAR'S BIG SPRING COWBOY REUNION AND RODEO** are on sale now. The price is \$200 and includes a ringside box with your name on it and six rodeo tickets per night during the three-night run of the rodeo, June 21-23. Contact Dr. Rip Patterson at 267-2435 or 263-8723. Deadline for buying box seat tickets is Thursday, June 14.

• **ORDERS FOR ANGELFOOD MINISTRIES FOOD BOXES** will be taken June 8-9 and June 15 at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

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

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE OFFERING THE EXIT LEVEL TAKS RETEST**, July 10-13. Please report to the High School Library at 8:30 a.m. Please bring a picture I.D. Schedule: Tuesday, July 10, English Language Arts. Wednesday, July 11, Math. Thursday, July 12, Science. Friday, July 13, Social Studies.

• **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.

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Police blotter

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

- **WAYNE GREEN**, 26, of 1811 Nolan, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DARREN LEE HEFFINGTON**, 38, of 2600 Crestline, was arrested on Ward-Bexar county charges.
- **LARRY DEAN WHITE**, 35, of 1107 S. Goliad, was arrested on a charge of assault class c/family violence.
- **ISMAEL JUAREZ**, 46, of 1108 Austin, was arrested on a charge of a local warrant.
- **ANGELA MCGEE**, 24, of 1406 Sycamore, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass of habitation and two Howard county warrants.
- **TEKIA WILLIAMS**, 24, of 910 NW Fourth, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/ FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1107 block of Goliad.
- **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 4000 block of Vicki.
 - in the 1200 block of Wright.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.
- **BASCUM DEE HUGHES**, 59, was arrested by DPS on a charge of theft.
 - **KENNETH WAYNE BANKS**, 37, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
 - **KENNETH LEE MURPHY**, 47, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
 - **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 28, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest/search or transportation.
 - **EDWIN JAMES DEAN**, 41, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on charges of burglary of habitation with intent on committing felony and interference with an emergency phone call.
 - **PAUL VIERA JR.**, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Similar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in 5300 block of Opal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

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TODAY

- Legends and Legacies preview event, wine and cheese tasting, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Heritage Museum. No admission fee.
- Veteran of the Month reception at Hangar 25 Air Museum for William Fishback, 7 p.m., in the briefing room.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens 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.

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.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- 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.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast after midnight.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-18-24-44-46-50.
Number matching six of six: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-15-19-22-36.
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-8-1.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Coahoma's Shelbi Paige prepares to throw a runner out at first in the Bulldogettes Region I finals victory over Hawley May 26. Paige was named first-team all-district.

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fect 12-0 record with a 0.93 ERA and 62 strikeouts in 60 innings pitched.

Kerby played center field and batted in the lineup's lead-off position.

"Krista was the most important offensive catalyst in the lineup," noted Tadlock. "She got things started for us all season. She was great at getting on base and then was a threat on the base paths with her speed."

Kerby led the Bulldogettes with 56 runs scored and 18 stolen bases. She drew almost twice as many walks (24) as she had strikeouts (13).

Rich started the season as Coahoma's first baseman, but made a switch with Martinez during the season to take over third base.

"As soon as we made that switch defensively, both Christie and Ami took off defensively," said Tadlock. "Christie is athletic, allowing her to play good defense. She minimizes the amount of errors. She's also got good power at the plate."

Rich finished the season with

a .274 batting average, 32 RBIs and 22 runs scored.

Paige was one of the Bulldogettes' more consistent defensive and offensive forces this season, according to Tadlock.

"I think that Shelbi should've been the district's Offensive Player of the Year. She batted around .550 in district play," he said. "She's very solid defensively at shortstop. She moves well and has a great arm. She was probably our best defender after Janice."

For the season, Paige batted .390 with 22 RBIs. She started off the year as the ninth batter in Coahoma's lineup, but Tadlock said he had to move her to second in the order after she took off at the plate.

The Bulldogettes placed two sophomores on the all-district second team — outfielders Berkley Iden and Alex Moore.

Tadlock feels that both received the honor based mostly on their defensive abilities.

"Berkley has tremendous speed with a great arm. Alex catches anything that she can get to," he said. "Both girls helped give us a very strong outfield."

Iden showed her speed some

during the season, amassing five stolen bases and scoring 18 runs.

Tadlock says that Moore was an unknown commodity in the Bulldogettes lineup.

"Alex would surprise teams with her timely hits," he said. "She hit very well in district and had several clutch hits during the season."

Moore finished the season with a .278 batting average and 19 runs scored.

Along with the nine starters, who all received all-district honors, two other Bulldogettes were given honorable mention awards.

Sophomore Aricka Hart contributed as mostly a courtesy runner during the season. Her minimal time on the field impressed the district's coaches enough though.

"Aricka has great speed," said Tadlock. "She's also our backup left fielder and had plenty of talent."

Sophomore Breana Conner was used mostly as the team's designated player, meaning she only batted in games. She also played first base whenever Martinez was on the mound. She only played in 18 games due to an injury suffered before

the start of the season.

"Breana didn't return until almost the end of district. Had she been there all season, then she would've caught the eye of the other coaches more," said Tadlock. "I expect Breana to be a big contributor next year. She's a tremendous hitter and will be a tremendous part of next year."

Conner batted .390 with a home run and nine RBIs in just 18 games.

Ten of the 11 girls honored with all-district awards will return for the Bulldogettes next season, leaving Tadlock convinced that another run at the state title should be likely.

"This team is always contending for the state title. This year's team was special though," he said. "They had to make an adjustment to a new coach and did that well. We just ran into a rare team in Troy at state. We'll be a year older, stronger, smarter and faster. If we don't get back to the state tournament next year, then it will be a bit disappointing."

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

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from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. It will be administered by the Coahoma baseball coaching staff.

The cost of the camp is \$75 and will cover all phases of the game.

For more information, contact Brad Harman at 816-3258.

Big Spring baseball skills camp

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Skills Camp will take place June 18-21 at Steer Baseball Field.

The camp is for students going into first through eighth grades and takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Cost for the camp is \$20

with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Contact the Big Spring ISD athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

Lady Hawk hoops camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball coach Earl Diddle will host the last of his three girls' summer basketball camps June 18-21.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It runs from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

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

Cloverleaf tourney slated for Thursday

The Big Spring Country

Club's Women's Golf Association will host the Cloverleaf Golf Tournament Thursday.

The two-woman scramble will be flighted by formula.

Entry fees are \$110 per team with cart fees and mulligans included.

Gross and net prizes will be awarded, as well as closest to the pin prizes and door prizes will be given away.

Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start set for 9 a.m. Lunch and awards will take place following play.

For more information, call Joan Daniel at 432-394-4433 or BSCC professional Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

Optimist fishing tourney set at park

The Optimist Take a

Child Fishin' Tournament is set for June 23 at Comanche Trail Lake.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and participants will be fishing until noon.

Prizes will be given away for smallest and largest fish, most and least stringer, and youngest and oldest fisherman.

For more details, contact Nancy Newell at 263-7641.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School 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.gotrosevolleyball-camps.com.

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

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

The second Tim Siegel Tennis Camp is set for June 17-21. The overnight camp is for players 8 to 17 of all abilities. For more information, contact Tim Siegel at (806) 742-3355, ext. 277.

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Wes Kittley will hold his Champions of Track & Field camp June 17-20 for boys and girls ages 10-18. Contact Joe Walker at (806) 742-3355, ext. 249, or e-mail him at joe.walker@ttu.edu for more details.

Tech's High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be held August 6-10 in Cloudcroft, N.M. For more information, call Jon Murray at (806) 742-3355 or e-mail him at jonathan.murray@ttu.edu

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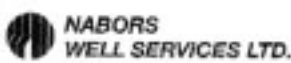
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Top state officials split on taking big raises

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature budgeted five-figure pay raises for the state's eight top statewide officials, but Gov. Rick Perry and two others said they'll decline the increase.

The Legislature's new state budget includes generous raises for the governor, the comptroller, the attorney general, the land commissioner, the agriculture commissioner and three railroad commissioners. The budget still needs Perry's signature.

Perry and Railroad Commissioners Elizabeth Ames Jones and Michael Williams said they'll turn down the offer.

A spokesman said Perry "appreciates the gesture" of a nearly \$35,000 raise — which would raise his salary from \$115,345 to \$150,000 — but the governor doesn't need it.

Ex-deputy executed for Houston woman's slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A former sheriff's deputy who killed a Houston woman during a robbery, sexual assault and stabbing attack took away the glue that held their family together, the daughter of the murder victim said after the man was put to death.

"We will never be the same," Dawn Kirkland said after Michael Griffith quietly was executed Wednesday evening for the slaying of her mother, Deborah McCormick, at her family's flower shop nearly 13 years ago.

Griffith, 56, one of the rare ex-lawmen on death row in Texas, made no final statement from the death chamber gurney, replying to the warden "No, sir" when asked if he had anything to say.

KID'S KLUB

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events. Financial support has rolled in from the local credit unions that were not only eager to help this year, but look to becoming standing supporters of the educational program offered by Hangar 25.

H-E-B Tournament of Champions donated funds from its golf tournament, which is held to aid children's charities. Other sponsors include Power Resources, The Wilkersons, Alon USA, and Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Homes.

"We are both very proud and honored to have the support of our community in such activities, especially those that aid in educational opportunities. This year — which marks 65

years since the original opening of the Big Spring Bombardier School — is more important than ever to do the memories of this location true justice," said Museum Administrator Heather Wallace. "And on another positive note, each age group still has a few spaces open for those who have an interest."

Although remaining space is very limited, any youth having an interest in history, art and movie making should call the museum at 264-1999.

Hangar staff plan on giving out door prizes and urges any business or individual that wish to donate for the cause to contact the museum. Also, any adult or teenager interested in volunteering during the week of the program is invited to do so.

"Last year was an amazing

year for us — well attended, well supported and with strong veteran involvement," said Wallace. "I can only envision that this year will surpass last year's week of activities and that this type of enhancement will continue on an annual basis."

Hangar 25 Air Museum, through its various programs, reaches out for educational advantages within the community for youth and adults alike.

"Look for a new temporary display to be announced in mid-June. It will be one worth seeing," said Wallace. "We try hard to keep things fresh and change out display cases. We are undergoing a refreshing of our permanent collection as well. Here at the museum, we simply are not prepared to offer stagnancy to our community."

SENATE

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said, could knock the legs from the precarious bipartisan coalition aligned with the White House. The Dorgan amendment "is a tremendous problem, but it's correctable," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa. The coalition will try as early as Thursday to persuade at least one senator to help reverse the outcome yet again, he said.

Until the Dorgan vote was tallied, Specter and other leaders of the so-called "grand bargain" on immigration had enjoyed a fairly good day.

They had turned back a bid to reduce the number of illegal immigrants who could gain lawful status. They also defeated an effort to postpone the bill's shift to an emphasis on education and skills among visa applicants as

opposed to family connections.

And they fended off an amendment, by Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., that would have ended a new point system for those seeking permanent resident "green cards" after five years rather than 14 years.

All three amendments were seen as potentially fatal blows to the bill, which would tighten borders, hike penalties for those who hire illegals and give many of the country's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants a pathway to legal status.

The Senate voted 51-46 to reject a proposal by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, to bar criminals — including those ordered by judges to be deported — from gaining legal status.

Democrats siphoned support from Cornyn's proposal by winning adoption, 66-32, of a rival version that would bar a

more limited set of criminals, including certain gang members and sex offenders, from gaining legalization.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., alone among his party's presidential aspirants in backing the immigration measure, opposed Cornyn's bid and backed the Democratic alternative offered by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

Senators also rejected a proposal by Robert Menendez, D-N.J., that would have delayed the bill's shift in favor of attracting foreign workers with needed skills as opposed to keeping families together. Menendez won 53 votes, seven short of the 60 needed under a Senate procedural rule invoked by his opponents.

Menendez's proposal would have allowed more than 800,000 people who had applied for permanent legal status by the beginning of 2007 to

obtain green cards based purely on their family connections — a preference the bill ends for most relatives who got in line after May 2005.

Meanwhile, Sen. Hillary R. Clinton, D-N.Y., fell short in her bid to remove limits on visas for the spouses and minor children of immigrants with permanent resident status.

While several Cornyn amendments failed, he prevailed on one matter opposed by the grand bargainers. That amendment, adopted 57 to 39, would make it easier to locate and deport illegal immigrants whose visa applications are rejected.

The bill would have barred law enforcement agencies from seeing

applications for so-called Z visas, which can lead to citizenship if granted. Cornyn said legal authorities should know if applicants have criminal records that would warrant their deportation.

Opponents said eligible applicants might be afraid to file applications if they believe they are connected to deportation actions. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said in

an interview that Cornyn's amendment was "not a deal-killer" but would have to be changed in House-Senate negotiations.

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FLY IN

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The Fly In will be held from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. The airport will provide free breakfast for visiting pilots (the cost is \$5 for others). Pilots also will be offered a tour of both the airport facilities and Hangar 25.

While Little plans for up to 50 pilots to accept the city's invitation to drop in for a visit, he hopes local residents will participate, as well.

"(For local residents), it's a chance for them to come out and ... have fun talking and comparing notes with other pilots," Little said. "(For visitors) it's a chance to have some fun, have some breakfast, then still get home in time to spend time with the family."

Little said awards will be presented to the oldest pilot, oldest plane and visitor from farthest away.

Little envisions the

event becoming an annual attraction for area pilots, in which they fly to Big Spring in the morning, have lunch somewhere else, then fly back home in time for the evening meal with their families.

"They can fly in, visit

with us and other pilots, then fly out," he said.

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Bosque — remain charged with aggravated assault, but Wilkerson said, "We are currently reviewing the status of those cases in light of this verdict."

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD
By Eddy Pitchford

Summer means travel. The price of fuel may result in less travel but vacations and family trips will still occur over the next few weeks. These trips will require thought and preparation.
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OUR VIEWS

Relay participants again prove they can do impossible

Once again, Howard and Glasscock counties, you’ve proven that nothing is impossible. That’s because the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society and hundreds of walkers combined to make the 2007 Relay For Life one the biggest ever in Big Spring.

That’s why there was plenty of reason for Relay volunteer Diane Wood to smile during Tuesday’s wrap-up celebration, as she announced that to date this year’s event has raised \$185,923. What’s more, there’s even more money in pledges that still has to be collected.

That would put this year’s Relay near the \$200,000 mark again. Considering the group’s goal for this year was \$185,000 — \$10,000 more than the previous year’s goal — we can’t think of a better way to describe the result without using the term “awesome.”

Hundreds of people participated in dozens of teams, and didn’t let inclement weather deter them. Outstanding Relay teams were recognized Tuesday night with Carrie’s Crusaders being honored for both the most creative campsite, while the Spirit Award went to the West Texas Centers for MHMR Warriors for Hope.

The most laps (440) were clocked by the Yellow Dog Daredevils. The Yellow Dog Daredevils raised the most money in the small group division (6,386) and the TexStone Rockers raised \$18,160, the most of any team in the large group division.

The money raised by the Relay For Life goes directly to the American Cancer Society and comes back to Howard and Glasscock counties in the form of services, education and treatment for local residents.

Where does Relay for Life go from here? How do you top such success? Those are questions that have been asked before. And the answer remains the same. Who knows.

We do know that out-going co-chair Vickie Stewart will be sorely missed. However, we’re certain that Jenny Sayles, this year’s co-chair, and Angela Kennedy will fill in nicely.

What is also certain is that all of you in Howard and Glasscock counties who continue to help make Relay for Life a success, need to go ahead and again take a bow.

As always, each of you have earned it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When others are less than helpful, Lord, help us to pray for them and forgive them as you do us.

Amen

Edwards’ peculiar brand of patriotism

I watched parts of the Democratic presidential debate, then downloaded the transcript. Of all the column fodder it contained, I was particularly taken by two responses of John Edwards that, I believe, fairly represent the Democratic Party’s wrongheaded foreign policy worldview.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

His statements were at the beginning and end of the evening, and served as figurative bookends that nicely frame the Democrats’ curious attitude toward this great nation they seek to lead. They tell us all we need to know about these would-be commanders in chief: that we cannot afford to have them anywhere near the Oval Office, especially as long as this war persists.

Toward the beginning, moderator Wolf Blitzer asked Edwards to clarify his statement that the “war on terror is a bumper sticker, not a plan,” in light of the freshly thwarted terrorist plot to bomb JFK airport and the surrounding area in Queens, N.Y. Does Edwards really believe, asked Wolf, that “the U.S. is not at war with terrorists?”

Though he never answered the question directly, Edwards said — unconvincingly — he would use every means available to “find terrorists where they are” and “stop them.”

But he is sticking by his position that the “war on terror” has just been a bumper sticker and political slogan used by President Bush to justify every nefarious act he has committed, from “the ongoing war in Iraq, Guantanamo, Abu Ghraib, spying on Americans, torture.”

How can we possibly believe Edwards would do everything in his power to hunt down terrorists,

since we know many of them are in Iraq and he is proudly advocating abandoning our mission there? Oh, yes, that’s right, it’s just a civil war, forgive me. Talk about a bumper sticker slogan.

More offensively, Edwards’ answer suggests that Bush was behind any and all bad things that might have happened at Gitmo and Abu Ghraib. It implies he truly does spy on innocent American citizens and directs that our prisoners be tortured. And why not? These charges fire up the kook base, just like Edwards’ channeling of an unborn baby girl apparently fired up the jury in one of his legendary personal injury cases in 1985.

For his last time at bat, Blitzer asked Edwards (and the others) what his top priority would be in his first 100 days in office.

Edwards answered, “To travel the world, reestablish America’s moral authority in the world, which I think is absolutely crucial. The other things become less important and subservient.” Later he added, “To lead in taking action that demonstrates that America is strong, but that America is also moral and just, and we’re going to help other people in the world and we’re going to demonstrate our commitment to humanity.”

Even if you choose to dismiss the Democrats’ own bumper stickers about how evil America is (from Gitmo to domestic spying) because you swallow their excuse that they are only criticizing the Bush administration, not America, then you’ll still have to explain how they can insist that America has the burden of proving it is not immoral.

These are fighting words if you love America. You only believe America needs to restore its moral authority if you buy into the Democrats’ fraudulent template about America’s alleged misconduct toward enemy combatants,

that America was not morally justified in removing Saddam Hussein, especially without “permission” from all of our feckless “allies,” that we are intermeddling in a civil war in Iraq against the will and interests of the Iraqi people, that the homicide bombers killing our soldiers and Iraqi security forces are pursuing a noble cause and that our own actions are provoking terrorism against us throughout the globe by jihadists who would otherwise leave us alone.

Democrats apparently believe we are not justified in taking military action to address evil in the world unless our national interest is not at stake, like in Darfur.

Frankly, I’ve had my fill of these people trashing America and everything good and decent for which it stands, asserting moral equivalence between us and the terrorist barbarians, denying there’s a real war going on and contending we are not performing humanitarian deeds and engaged in a noble cause in Iraq — in short, telling the world we’re evil, then lamenting that we have acquired that reputation.

Contrary to the conventional wisdom, President Bush has not impugned the patriotism of this blame-America-first crowd. But how can any reasonable observer overlook that these Democratic leaders are doing everything they can to impugn their own patriotism?

I admit that a veritable love-fest with America from Democratic presidential contenders would not sit well with their rabid base, but couldn’t they at least humor the rest of us?

After all, there will be a general election following the primary.

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Ending our nuclear hypocrisy

A few years back, when President George W. Bush described Libya’s decision to put aside its nuclear weapons program, he applauded the Qaddafi regime for abandoning its quest for “weapons of mass murder.”

When it became clear that Iran was seeking to develop its own capacity to enrich uranium, the Bush administration made veiled military threats by stating, “No options are off the table” in addressing Iran’s program.



WILLIAM D. HARTUNG

Then after years of calling for sanctions and other “tough” measures, the administration engaged in serious negotiations with North Korea about its nuclear weapons programs.

This record of anti-proliferation activity — however uneven its application — certainly gives the impression that stopping the spread of nuclear weapons is a top administration priority. But a closer look at its policy suggests that nothing could be further from the truth.

Perhaps the clearest example of President Bush’s “do as I say, not as I do” rhetoric is the Department of Energy’s “Complex 2030” plan to build a new generation of nuclear weapons.

With a potential price tag of \$175 billion or more over the next two

decades, the initiative calls for the replacement of every deployed warhead in the U.S. arsenal and the construction of a series of new facilities, including a multi-billion-dollar plutonium production plant.

It’s hard to tell other countries not to build nuclear weapons while the United States proceeds with a plan that will have us in the nuclear weapons business well into the middle of this century.

A second thread in the policy of nuclear hypocrisy involves the myth that there can be “good” nuclear weapons states and “bad” nuclear weapons states, based entirely on which countries happen to be U.S. allies.

When India and Pakistan tested nuclear weapons in 1998, they received a brief slap on the wrist from the Clinton administration: no outrage, no long-term sanctions, and no serious attempts at negotiations to cap and reverse this dangerous development.

In fact, in the past few years these countries have essentially been rewarded with large military packages (\$5 billion worth of F-16 combat aircraft for Pakistan) and proposals to transfer nuclear technology.

And of course, Israel’s estimated arsenal of 200 nuclear weapons is never spoken of by U.S. officials, and certainly has never figured in any public discussions about how to achieve peace in the Middle East.

Despite acknowledging in the 2004 presidential campaign that

the greatest danger to U.S. security could be the acquisition of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons by a terrorist group, President Bush has failed to accelerate programs designed to eliminate or secure loose nuclear weapons or nuclear bomb-making materials in Russia.

This is a huge strategic blunder when one considers that the massive Russian stockpiles are the most likely source for terrorists seeking the bomb.

If this administration or the next is serious about stemming the spread of nuclear weapons, it needs to abandon plans to develop new nuclear weapons; pressure its allies to reduce and eventually eliminate their nuclear weapons programs; and invest more resources in putting bombs and bomb-making materials out of terrorists’ reach.

And perhaps most importantly, it must get back to the business of radically reducing our own nuclear arsenal, in parallel with efforts to organize a global summit on reducing the nuclear danger.

A policy of nuclear hypocrisy is not just unethical — it is also an unacceptable danger to the future of humanity.

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Ford adds supercharger to Harley-Davidson pickup; new features slated for 2008

DEARBORN, Mich. — It's the fastest Harley on four wheels.

In about a month, consumers looking for a high-performance pickup can stroll into the Ford showroom and drive away in a 450-horsepower supercharged Harley-Davidson F-150 Super Crew 4X2.

Churning out 500 foot-pounds of torque and featuring 22-inch wheels, the Harley-Davidson F-150 will be available in either Ebony Black or Dark Amethyst exterior colors featuring a custom scalloped stripe that runs along the belt-line creating the "glued-to-the-ground" appearance with Harley-Davidson script that runs along the bedside in three-dimensional chrome letters.

While it's great looking, this bad boy flat out goes.

This month I had the opportunity to get a sneak peak at the new HD pickup at Ford's proving grounds in Dearborn. I had a chance to test out the SALEEN supercharger (the same one used in the Shelby GT-500) on the test track.

The supercharger features a dual-stage water-to-air intercooler that increases the supercharg-

er's efficiency and adds performance by cooling the intake air.

It marks the ninth Harley-Davidson model that has been produced since Ford began the partnership in 1999. Since then, more than 60,000 Harley-Davidson F-150s have been sold.

While I got the supercharged Harley-Davidson F-150 above 100 mph, I have to admit I wimped out when it came to pushing it much beyond the century mark. The truck had plenty of acceleration left to go, but after a full morning of technical briefings, 100 mph was as fast as I wanted to drive.

I did, however, enjoy sitting in the co-pilot seat with NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series driver Rick Crawford (No. 14) as he put the new supercharged HD pickup through its paces on the test track. Let's just say that he had no problem taking the supercharged Harley well above my 100 mph spin. In fact, glancing over at the speedometer as we came out of the high-banked turn (which was so steep it felt like we were going sideways), he made my driving look like a Sunday outing



The new supercharged 450 horsepower Harley-Davidson F-150 pickup will arrive this summer.

through the park.

"It's a fast truck," Crawford said as he floored the accelerator into the straight-away. "Not as fast as the truck I drive on the weekend, but then again, my truck isn't nearly as nice as this one."

Available this summer, the new Harley-Davidson F-150 will have a base sticker price of \$37,210, with a supercharger option available through Ford dealerships which will add \$6,500.

The looks and appointments are absolutely stunning. And as I mentioned earlier, this bad boy flat out goes.

And don't forget to cheer on my new buddy Rick Crawford this season as he drives the No. 14 Ford F-150 in the Craftsman Truck Series.

While in Dearborn, I also had an opportunity for a sneak peak at some of the new features that are going to be made available on the 2008 F-Series.

I can sum it up in one word: WOW!

For starters, F-Series buyers will be able to purchase a factory-installed cargo management system.

While other manufacturers have beaten Ford to the punch on cargo management systems for their full-size pickups, the Ford version is hands down the most versatile

and easy-to-use system on the market. It offers truck users a lot more options, and in most cases, you can make adjustments with one hand and no tools.

I was even more impressed with the new backup camera option for 2008. Using a rear tailgate-mounted camera with a monitor incorporated into the rearview mirror, the system helps guide the driver while backing up or hitching a trailer.

It is slick as all get-out. Not only can you see everything behind the truck, guide lines on the monitor work in conjunction with the steering wheel to help guide you to exactly where you want to go.

The monitor is only in operation when the truck is in reverse gear. During normal operation, it looks just like a normal rearview mirror.

Another "why hasn't anyone thought of this before" feature is the Mid Box, which will be available to all consumers.

Initially designed for fleet work trucks, the Mid Box incorporates a lockable area behind the cab and just before the bed.

Consumers may configure the Mid Box to their own specifications — one side featuring shelves, the other drawers, etc. Both sides can be locked with the ignition key.

The Mid-Box will be available on regular cab

F-150s with 145-inch wheelbase and SuperCab models with 163-inch wheel base. As the best-selling full-size pickup for the past 30 years, it's good to see that Ford isn't resting on past accomplishments. From all that I saw in Dearborn, I will say there's a lot more coming for the F-Series in '08.

Stay tuned.

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ON THE ROAD



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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Michigan man in wheelchair takes wild ride

PAW PAW, Mich. (AP) — A man was taken on a wild ride when his wheelchair became lodged in the grille of a semitrailer and was accidentally pushed down a highway for four miles at about 50 mph, authorities said.

The 21-year-old man, whose name was not released, was unharmed but was taken to a hospital as a precaution.

He had been secured to his wheelchair by a seat belt.

"The man spilled his soda pop, but he wasn't upset," said Sgt. Kathy Morton of the Michigan State Police.

About 4 p.m. Wednesday, a caller told police dispatchers, "You are not going to believe this: There is a semi truck pushing a guy in a wheelchair on Red Arrow Highway," state police said in a release.

Authorities initially wondered whether the report was a prank call until others called with similar reports.

Officers stopped the truck — wheelchair still attached — at a trucking company.

The driver didn't believe officers until he stepped from his cab and saw for himself.

"When he saw us, he was like, 'What's going on?'" Morton said.

An investigation

revealed the man in the wheelchair had pulled in front of the truck at a gas

station and it somehow became lodged by its handles to the front grille.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

To Finesse or Not to Finesse

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
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 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ 10 7 6 4 3
 ♣ A 7 5

WEST
 ♠ K 7
 ♥ K 10 5 3
 ♦ K 9 2
 ♣ J 10 8 2

EAST
 ♠ 6 3 2
 ♥ 9 7 6 4
 ♦ Q J 5
 ♣ Q 9 4

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

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

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

There are times when declarer's best method of play is obscured by more obvious choices. For this reason, declarer should not allow himself to play impulsively but should instead double-check all his options before proceeding.

Take the present case where South is in four spades and has to find the best route to 10 tricks. He has a potential loser in each suit, and a finesse available in two of them. But because he has only one entry to dummy — the ace of clubs — it seems he must guess whether to try a heart finesse or a spade finesse.

As it happens, either finesse, if attempted, will fail, but that is beside the point. Even if both missing kings were favorably placed, or if only one of them was and declarer guessed correctly which finesse to take, the fact remains that taking any finesse is wrong.

There is a much better line of play available. Dummy's queen of hearts should be utilized to the fullest extent, since it will almost surely provide a parking place for a losing club or diamond.

Accordingly, declarer should win the opening club lead in his hand, preserving dummy's ace as an entry. The A-J of hearts are then played, West taking the king and continuing with a club.

After taking the club with the ace, South cashes the queen of hearts and discards his club loser. The ten of spades is then led and finessed. If the finesse succeeds and the spades break 3-2, declarer makes the contract with an overtrick. In the actual case, though, the finesse loses, so South finishes with exactly 10 tricks, losing a spade, a heart and a diamond.

The recommended approach will succeed far more often than relying on either the heart or spade finesse to work, but could easily be overlooked by a declarer who proceeds too hastily at the outset.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Community Eyesores Exposed

In an effort to clean up our city, Keep Big Spring Beautiful members and local citizens will be taking pictures of unsightly properties that are a disgrace to the neighborhood and community. These pictures will be published in the Big Spring Herald.

We are trying diligently to turn our community around. We are asking for every property owner and resident to take responsibility for their property. This applies to renters as well. Tenants of rental properties have a responsibility to maintain the property as if it was their own. RESPONSIBILITY and PRIDE are the key words and we ask everyone to take pride in the community and be responsible.

It is springtime and this is generally the time of year people plant, paint, clean and do all sort of nice things to improve the appearance of their home, therefore, we are trusting everyone will step up to the plate and help make a difference in our town. We do not look forward to publishing the pictures of ugly, trashy and just a plain old eyesores throughout our city. Not being responsible can not only devalue your property but the homes, or businesses around you. All members appreciate any help in making Big Spring a better place.

Also, the roll-out dumpsters present another challenge and problem. There is an ordinance which is section 11-7-(B) that reads, the dumpsters are rolled out on the morning of service and returned to the back of your home or residence after being served. The dumpster certainly does not improve the appearance of your property or look good sitting out front of you homes.

Let's all pull together and strive to make Big Spring Beautiful.

Pat Simmons (KBSB) Keep Big Spring Beautiful

THURSDAY

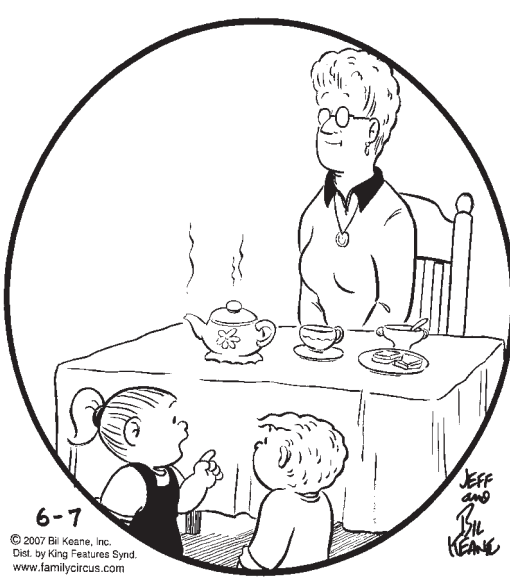
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I DON'T THINK WE BROKE ANY OF THEIR FISHIN' LAWS TODAY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Be very quiet, Jeffy. Grandma's tea has to sleep for three minutes."

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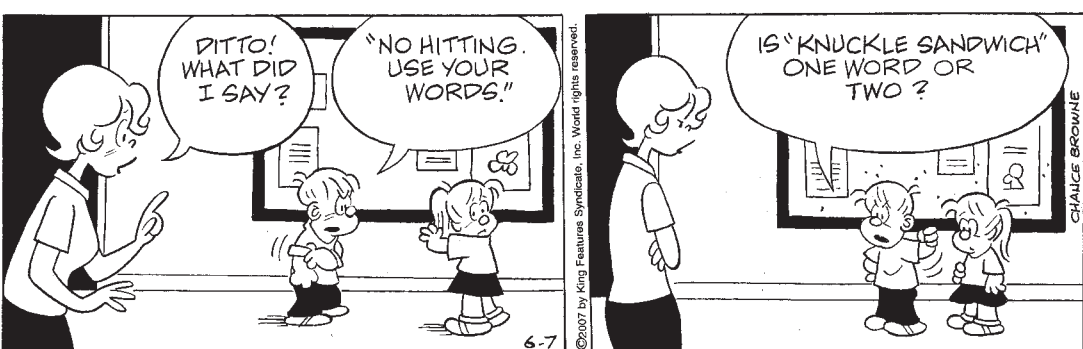
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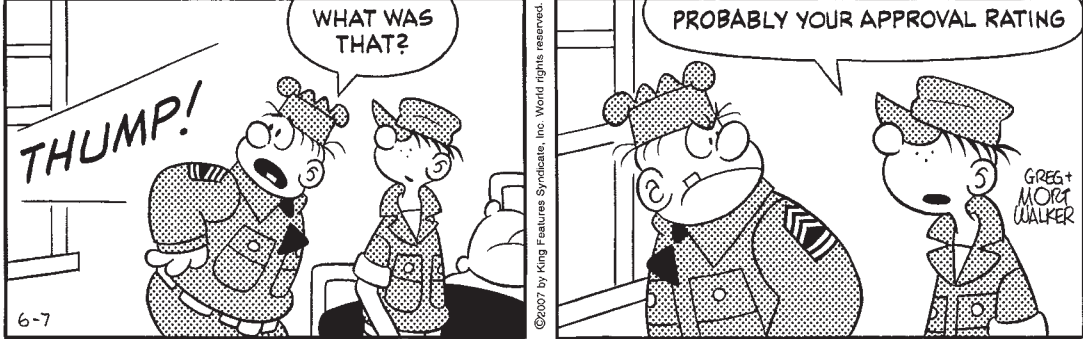
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 7, the 158th day of 2007. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for American independence from Britain. Today's Birthdays: Movie director James Ivory is 79. Actress Virginia McKenna is 76. Singer Tom Jones is 67. Poet Nikki Giovanni is 64. Actor Ken Osmond ("Leave It to Beaver") is 64. Talk show host Jenny Jones is 61. Actress Anne Twomey is 56. Actor Liam Neeson is 55. Actress Colleen Camp is 54. Singer-songwriter Johnny Clegg is 54. Actor William Forsythe is 52. Record producer L.A. Reid is 51. Singer-songwriter Prince is 49. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 44.

Edvard Benes. In 1967, the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic opened in San Francisco. In 1967, author-critic Dorothy Parker, famed for her caustic wit, died in New York at age 73. In 1972, the musical "Grease" opened on Broadway. In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons. Today's Birthdays: Movie director James Ivory is 79. Actress Virginia McKenna is 76. Singer Tom Jones is 67. Poet Nikki Giovanni is 64. Actor Ken Osmond ("Leave It to Beaver") is 64. Talk show host Jenny Jones is 61. Actress Anne Twomey is 56. Actor Liam Neeson is 55. Actress Colleen Camp is 54. Singer-songwriter Johnny Clegg is 54. Actor William Forsythe is 52. Record producer L.A. Reid is 51. Singer-songwriter Prince is 49. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 44.

Rapper Ecstasy (Whodini) is 43. Rock musician Eric Kretz (Stone Temple Pilots) is 41. Rock musician David Navarro is 40. Actress Helen Baxendale is 37. Actor Karl Urban is 35. Rock musician Eric Johnson (The Shins) is 31. Actress Larisa Oleyunik is 26. Tennis player Anna Kournikova is 26. Actor Michael Cera is 19. Actress Shelley Buckner is 18.

Thought for Today: "That would be a good thing for them to cut on my tombstone: 'Wherever she went, including here, it was against her better judgment.'" - Dorothy Parker, American writer (1893-1967).

Answer to previous puzzle

Grid of words for the crossword puzzle answer: PUTTS, MUIR, OHNO, ATEAM, ANNA, LEAP, CARPOOLING, DAME, THISTLE, STEELED, HISS, RANT, SOFTEN, TWAS, HMM, CRIER, HARDY, FOE, RARE, CURIE, COOT, ATE, ROGET, SNORE, GEE, OVER, DANDER, NAVE, SPAN, JOGGERS, ADDENDS, EMIR, LIVESAVERS, RENE, ELIS, LIMIT, KNEE, TONE, SLOPS

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS: 1 Type of train, 6 Silicate minerals, 11 Weather system, 14 Unaccompanied, 15 Rank between viscounts and marquesses, 16 Half of dos, 17 Acted like a hooligan, 19 Sgt., for one, 20 Nada, 21 Early morning hr., 22 Gulf War missile, 23 Fit of anger, 25 Gives comfort to, 27 High spot, 30 Stage comment, 32 Heavenly body, 33 In the neighborhood, 35 Sheet-music notations, 38 "Orinoco Flow" singer, 39 "Peach" dessert, 41 Springing movement, 42 Chicken feature, 44 Mountains of Nepal, 46 Bewitch, 47 1960s protest, 48 Ring decisions, 49 Hold dear, 52 Designer Schiaparelli, 54 Towel word, 55 Not rude, 57 Cuts wood, 61 Poetic "before", 62 Cool dessert, 64 Heir, often, 65 "___ you glad?", 66 Fictional Swiss miss, 67 Big-bang material, 68 Plaster of Paris, 69 Large keyboard key, 7 "It must be something ___", 8 Pants line, 9 National alternative, 10 Ukraine, once: Abbr., 11 Midday time off, 12 At precisely the right moment, 13 Scenery for Red Riding Hood, 18 Malodorous, 22 Slow walk, 24 Informal turndown, 26 "Wow!", 27 Over again, 28 Singer Horne, 29 Avoid eviction, 31 Indian city, 34 Star bestowers, 35 ___ Parker, 36 "The Banana Boat Song", 37 Hot spots, 40 Start eating, as an apple, 43 61, once, 45 Q&A part, 47 Excels, 49 Where the heart is, 50 Wading bird, 51 Close call, 53 Poplar tree, 56 Cargo movers, 58 Came down, 59 Broad, 60 Bartending direction, 62 Suitcase, 63 "Steady as ___ goes!"

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