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The race is on!

The Great Race is coming to Big Spring

□ The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau is seeking local sponsors for the Great Race. See Page 3A.

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring will be an official host city for the Great American Race, the 4,000-mile trek from Concord, N.C., to Orange County, Calif.

The race — for classic cars, hot rods and muscle cars — will celebrate its silver anniversary with a lunch stop in Comanche Trail Park on July 9.

"We are pleased to bring the Great American Race 2007 to Big Spring during our 25th Anniversary," said Bill Ewing, CEO for Rally Partners Inc., the event organizers. "The Great Race is a great community event that appeals to anyone who loves automobiles. Plus, it's always free to the public so I'm confident that the community of Big Spring will enjoy it."

The Great Race has never been to Big Spring, according to the event's



Wegman



The Graf-Gezon Racing team's 1932 Ford V8 Roadster from Irving rolls down the highway.

organizers. "Big Spring is excited to have the Great Race stop here," said Debbie Wegman, Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau coordinator.

Wegman said Big Spring will host the drivers and crews at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The first group of cars is to arrive at 11:45 a.m. and cars will continue to

arrive in 20 minute intervals until all 100 cars have arrived. They will depart at 3 p.m.

"The public is invited to come out and see these great cars," Wegman said.

Organizers also noted that 2007 marks the 75th Anniversary of the

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Seminar educates peace officers on sexual abuse

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area law enforcement officials, joined by a number of other local professionals and officials, are getting a leg up on the dark world of abuse this week, as Rape Crisis Victim Services of Big Spring sponsors a seminar to educate those who protect and serve.

Lyndel Williams, training director with the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, joined by training specialist Lisa Luna, made a presentation at the Dora Roberts Community Center Wednesday morning and afternoon to help educate officials on the various forms of abuse encountered in law enforcement and everyday life.

Williams said the seminar provides continuing

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Williams



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Lisa Luna, a training specialist with the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) goes over child and adolescent sexual abuse issues during a special seminar for area law enforcement Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The seminar was sponsored by Rape Crisis Victim Services of Big Spring.

Survivor's Guide

If you are a victim:

- Get to a safe place.
- Do not shower, bathe, wash your hands, brush your teeth, use the toilet or clean up in any way. You could destroy evidence.
- Do not change or destroy clothing. Your clothes are evidence.
- If it was in your home, do not rearrange and/or clean up anything. You could destroy evidence.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible. (Evidence should be collected when you get to the hospital.)
- Contact a friend or family member you trust or call the local rape crisis center hotline.
- Most of all, know this is not your fault.

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FLAG DAY



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Legends & Legacies

Fun-filled evening planned; RSVP by 2 p.m. Saturday

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

True to its name, those attending Heritage Museum's Legends and Legacies fund-raiser Tuesday will be surrounded by traditions and culture. Not that high falutin' culture, though. No, it's more of the cowboy and cowgirl variety.



Raney

"We're really looking forward to it; I think it is going to be a lot of fun," said Nancy Raney, muse-

um director. "We always kick off the rodeo," Raney said, speaking of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, which starts Thursday and runs through Saturday, June 23.

Legends and Legacies gets under way at 6 p.m. Tuesday and will include an auction featuring paintings by local artists, a historical knife, a "Totally Texas Basket," a vacation give-away and a fish fry.

Tickets are \$25 per per

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Lee George chosen lead contractor for CISD work

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — When it came to picking a contractor for their \$13.9 million construction and renovation project, Coahoma Independent School District trustees were believers in the old adage, "shop locally."

Trustees this week selected Big Spring's Lee

George as the lead contractor on the massive renovation project that is projected to last about two years and effect almost every CISD building.

"We are very excited to get a local contractor on this project and put some money back into the com-

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma Bulldogs baseball camp set

The Coahoma Bulldogs Baseball Camp has been slated to start Monday and finish Thursday at Coahoma High School's baseball field.

The camp is for boys ages 5-15 and will last 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 begin Monday and conclude Thursday 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 Monday. The camp will last through Thursday.

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

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

Coahoma Annual Ragball Tourney set

Coahoma's 15th Annual Ragball Tournament has been set for June 29-31 at Coahoma's Softball Park.

Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. June 29.

For more information about the tournament, call Shele Gilbert at 270-8963 or Randy Clanton at 268-3699.

To reserve a booth for the event call Sara McMahon at 268-3728.

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.

UTPB holding baseball tryouts

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will hold a baseball tryout camp for all 2007 high school graduates and junior college players with remaining eligibility.

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Howard duo named NJCAA All-Stars

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

The first-ever National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Freshman All-Star Series will feature two Howard College Hawks with shortstop Tyler Ladendorf and centerfielder Cameron Monger showcasing their skills for the next three days.

The All-Star series begins

tonight at 7:30 p.m. with a 'Scout Night' at USA Stadium in Millington, Tenn. The first game of the series begins Friday night at 7 p.m. with the remaining pair of games played Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Ladendorf was drafted by the San Francisco Giants Friday, as the tenth pick in the 34th round of Major League Baseball's Amateur Draft. The Hawks shortstop led the nation in stolen

bases with a perfect 65-for-65 swipes. In addition, he batted .425 with 82 hits, eight doubles, five triples, and 32 RBIs.

Monger also fared well on the base paths with 38 stolen bases in 43 attempts. He finished eighth in the NJCAA in stolen bases and 30th in batting average hitting .438.

The Hawks centerfielder compiled 77 hits, 12 doubles, 10 triples, and 45 RBIs.

Both players are on the West All-Star team and will play for a familiar face — New Mexico Junior College head coach Ray Birmingham.

Birmingham guided NMJC to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Championship, the Region V Tournament Championship, and the NJCAA National Runner-up, falling 7-3 to Chipola College in the championship game.

Earnhardt replacing Busch on Hendrick's team

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Hendrick Motorsports has been practically unbeatable this season, with its star-studded lineup racking up 10 wins through the first 14 races.

Now they've got Dale Earnhardt Jr., and the four-car stable has turned into NASCAR's version of the New York Yankees.

"I guess I should be honored that I would be compared to the Yankees," owner Rick Hendrick said Wednesday after announcing Earnhardt had signed a five-year deal to drive for him beginning in 2008.

With two series champions in Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson, and a rising star in Casey Mears, adding NASCAR's most popular driver to the mix has given Hendrick a Murderer's Row on wheels.

It's three of the sports biggest stars on the same team, but Hendrick said he's not worried about managing all the egos.

"My job is to get the best talent out there," he said. "I want to protect the brand. I want to protect Junior's image and who he is, but I want to give him the best stuff. And he's going to have to beat those guys anyway."

"They are going to have to beat him anyway, no matter if he's with our team or somewhere else. On the racetrack, it's kind of everybody for themselves."

Earnhardt will replace Kyle Busch in the Hendrick stable, which is already stacked with Gordon, a four-time series champion who leads all active drivers with 79 career victories, and



MCT photo/Todd Sumlin

Rick Hendrick, left, and NASCAR superstar Dale Earnhardt Jr. laugh during a news conference Wednesday at JR Motorsports headquarters in Mooresville, N.C. Earnhardt announced he would drive for Hendrick Motorsports.

Johnson, the defending Nextel Cup champion.

Earnhardt is ecstatic about the partnership, and was practically giddy as he introduced Hendrick as his new boss. He beamed as he discussed his new opportunities, and wanted to pump his fist with excitement — but sister Kelley Earnhardt Elledge had warned him it might seem cheesy.

"I am happy, happy, happy," he said. "I felt like I was homeless. I was confused. It was a real hard time. I just wanted so bad to have a decision made and know what I was doing."

"I always kind of dreamed about driving for Rick. He's just a good guy."

Hendrick hasn't decided which car Earnhardt will drive — it could be the

No. 5, the No. 25, or he could make a play to get Earnhardt's No. 8 away from DEI — and he's not sure who the sponsor will be. Although Budweiser has been with Earnhardt since 1999, Hendrick has four primary sponsors locked up through next season and isn't planning to break any contracts.

It's a blockbuster of a deal that ends five weeks of speculation following Earnhardt's May 10 announcement that he would leave his late father's company at the end of the season.

In choosing to sign with Hendrick, he could have found the partnership that helps Earnhardt finally win the championship that has eluded him during his Nextel Cup career.

More importantly, it could help fill an aching

void that both have lived with since tragic accidents killed Earnhardt's famous father and four members of Hendrick's family, including his only son.

"I don't want to take his father's place, but I think we offer something that both of us are missing," Hendrick said. "It's not that he's looking for me to be his dad, or I'm looking for him to be my son."

"We have a common bond that we both lost somebody ... so there's something there."

That bond played a large part in Earnhardt's decision to choose Hendrick Motorsports over all the other suitors he had in the frenzied five-week push to sign NASCAR's most popular driver.

He could have chosen Richard Childress, who

fielded cars for six of the late Dale Earnhardt's seven championships. Or he could have gone with Joe Gibbs, who as coach of his beloved Washington Redskins left Junior awe-struck during their meetings.

"There wasn't a wrong answer," Earnhardt said.

But as he fretted over his decision, constantly weighing the pros and cons of each offer, Hendrick always stood above the others.

The two have known each other since Junior was a little boy, and his Daddy gave Hendrick his first NASCAR win in a 1983 Busch Series race. He was close to Hendrick's son, Ricky, before he and nine others were killed in a 2004 plane crash, and he'd

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Spurs not ready to be called dynasty

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — As far as Spurs forward Michael Finley is concerned, the last great dynasty had its run on TV.

With San Antonio one win away from its fourth NBA title since 1999 and its third championship in five years, Finley was asked what he thought of when he heard the word "dynasty."

"Blake Carrington," Finley quipped.

Finley was referring to the central character on "Dynasty," the popular 1980s drama series — one that drew sky-high ratings ABC can only wish it get with this year's mostly unwatchable NBA finals.

Leading the Cleveland Cavaliers 3-0 in the best-of-seven series, the Spurs can move themselves into rarified air with a win in Game 4 on Thursday night.

Not only can San Antonio become the eighth team to sweep a

finals, but another title would place the Spurs with the Boston Celtics (16), Los Angeles Lakers (14) and Chicago Bulls (6) as the only franchises to win four.

Their remarkable consistency in this age of free agency had talk of a dynasty being kicked around the court inside Quicken Loans Arena on Wednesday as the Spurs practiced for perhaps the final time this season.

"They have a dynasty already at work," LeBron James said. "They don't have the greatest athletes in the world, they don't have the greatest shooters in the world, but they probably have the greatest team in the world."

"And that's what this sport is all about. It's not about an individual. It's not like tennis. It's not like golf. You have to have one unit."

One of the series' other main figures didn't want in on the dynasty discussion.

"That's all psycho babble," Spurs coach Gregg

Popovich said, using one of his favorite expressions to downplay the notion. "When I think of dynasties, two come to my mind real quick — UCLA and Bill Russell. Everything else is just talk."

Let's talk about the Spurs' run for a second.

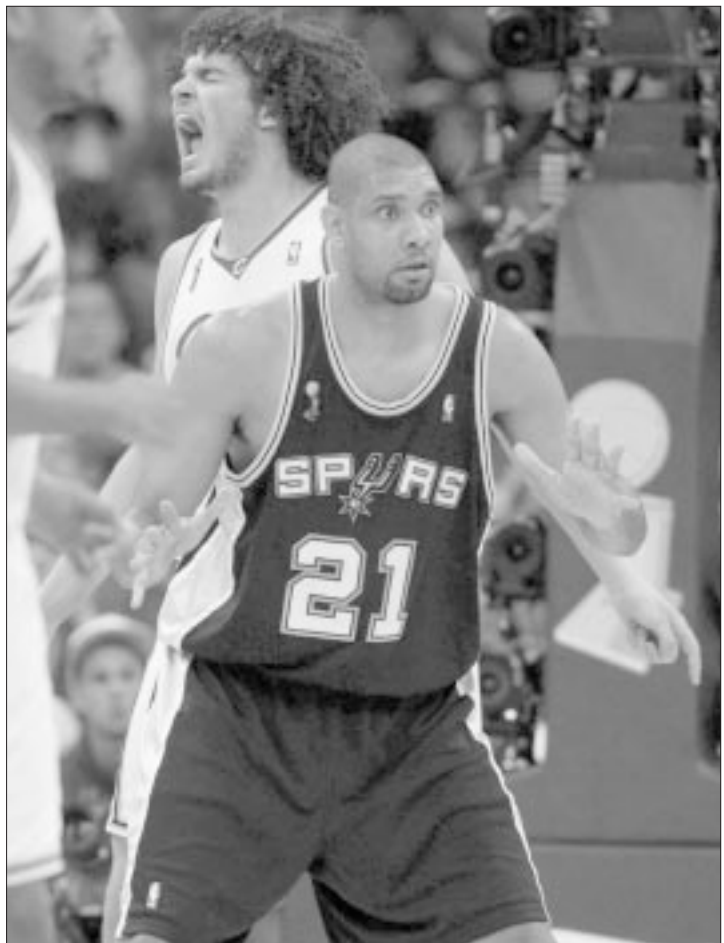
Beginning with their 1999 title, they've qualified for the playoffs every season — no given out West — made it to the semifinals eight times and advanced to the conference finals on five occasions.

They are 3-0 in the NBA finals, and unless the cold-shooting Cavaliers begin knocking down jumpers and become the first team in history to overcome an 0-3 deficit, the Spurs will be a perfect 4-for-4 in the finals.

Los Angeles' three straight championships from 2000-02 are sandwiched by the Spurs, who also won it all in 2005.

"They've become the

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MCT photo/Ed Suba Jr.

Cleveland Cavaliers forward Anderson Varejao, left, reacts after San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan, right, is called for his second foul in the first quarter during first-half action in Game 3 of the NBA Finals Tuesday in Cleveland.

Obituaries

Rosemary Collins

Rosemary Collins, 81, of Lubbock, formerly of Sand Springs, died Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Birchfield, pastor of the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, officiating.

She was born April 26, 1926, in Hamlin. She married Roy Collins Dec. 31, 1954, in San Angelo. They lived in Sand Springs from 1963 until 1983. They moved to Lubbock in January 2006 from Aransas Pass. She was a homemaker and a Presbyterian.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Collins of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Louis Dorton of Lubbock, Paul Kruger of Fort Worth, Kristi Hembree, Shawn Kruger and Michael Kruger, all of Big Spring; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jim Bristow of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cherie Dorton on June 22, 2006.

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

Paid obituary

Randy R. 'Nardy' Vanderbilt



Randy R. "Nardy" Vanderbilt, 39, of Big Spring died Monday, June 11, 2007, in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Elder Jerome McNalley, minister of New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 19, 1967, in Big Spring to Eugene Vanderbilt Sr. and Gwendolyn Polk Vanderbilt. He attended Big Spring schools and graduated from Big Spring High School in May 1988. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ.

He is survived by his mother, Gwendolyn Vanderbilt of Big Spring; five sisters, Shelia Woodruff, Margaret Burleson, Martha Vanderbilt and Rosie Vanderbilt, all of Big Spring, and Traci Duff of Princeton, N.C.; three brothers, Eugene Vanderbilt Jr. of Las Cruces, N.M., and Michael Vanderbilt and Donald Vanderbilt, both of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father and maternal and paternal grandparents.

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

Jerry Wayne Wilson

Jerry Wayne Wilson, 33, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 10, 2007. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2007, at the Pavilion at Moss Creek Lake near the swimming area.

He was born Sept. 3, 1973, in Charleston, N.C. Jerry loved his kids and friends and enjoyed flying his kite. He had coached Little League baseball this year and had attended Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include his father, Jerry Rogers of Big Spring; his grandmother, Gwen Rogers of Big Spring; one brother, Larry Brandon of South Carolina; two sisters, Natasha Brandon of South Carolina and Jennifer McCarey of Fort Worth; and his son and daughter, Dustin Wilson and Pamela Wilson, both of South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pam Wilson; grandfather, George Rogers; and his great-grandparents, Alice and Morris Cockrell.

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

Lois Berrey

Lois Berrey, 88, died Thursday, June 14, 2007, at Mountain View Lodge. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FRY** Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Food will be served from noon until 3 p.m. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.

• **HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD WILL HOLD A BARBECUE FUND-RAISER** Saturday at 408 NE 11th. Plates are \$6.50 and will include brisket, chicken, sausage, potato salad, beans, cole slaw, bread and a dessert. Also available: German chocolate cake, \$6.25; coconut pie, \$6.25; and pecan pie, \$6.50. Call 263-5621 for times and to place an order.

• **AN OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE** will be held all day Monday at the offices of Dr. D.H. McGonagill Inc., 109 E. Third St. It is a come-and-go reception. Everyone is invited.

• **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.

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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:

- **ANTHONY GONZALES**, 19, of 404 N. Fifth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ISAAC RODRIGUEZ**, 23, of 804 Settles, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **RAFAEL LOPEZ**, 62, of 508.5 Father Delaney, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LINDA RIOS-WANTANAVE**, 30, transient, was arrested Wednesday and held for INS.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, of 1145 College, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GEORGE KOSTELAZ**, 47, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ALMUS HENERY HILL**, 64, of 200 N.W. Second, was arrested on Wednesday on six local warrants.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of 10th Street.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 200 block of Owens.
- **POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG** was reported in the 700 block of San Antonio.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1400 block of Apron.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- **GRAYSON SCOTT WEGENER**, 19, was transferred Wednesday to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY**, 45, was transferred Wednesday to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR.**, 27, was transferred Wednesday to the county jail by the BSPD on charges of theft, resisting arrest or detention, bail jumping, failure to appear, evading arrest or detention and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **AMY STELLA SANCHEZ**, 29, was transferred Wednesday to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **MARTIN LEONARDO HERNANDEZ**, 42, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, no drivers license and no insurance.
- **SHERRY ANN FELTS**, 51, was transferred Wednesday to the county jail by the BSPD on Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated - three or more counts and driving while license suspended.
- **TAMMY LOCKHART COKER**, 31, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charges of bail jumping, failure to appear and failure to identify.
- **CYNTHIA WHITE**, 42, was transferred Wednesday to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON**, 22, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of Cindy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of 12th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Moss Creek Lake. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

Anglefood Ministries

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

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TODAY

- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. North winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.
Friday...Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.
Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.
Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.
Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.
Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.
Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.
Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.
Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of Showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.
Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 19-21-25-27-32-51.
Number matching six of six: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-13-23-27-28.
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-4.

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Pirates' Snell quiets Rangers' offensive attack

The Associated Press
PITTSBURGH — Through 51 career starts, Ian Snell had never pitched a complete game, and was tired of hearing about it. Wednesday night, the Pirates' right-hander made sure he never had to again.

Snell finally went the distance, allowing an unearned run and seven hits in Pittsburgh's 8-1 win over the Texas Rangers.

"He had no interest whatsoever in coming out of the game," Pirates manager Jim Tracy said.

Jose Bautista had three hits and three RBIs and Freddy Sanchez drove in two runs for Pittsburgh, which has won the first two games of the inter-league series.

"I was tired of hearing people

say you can't go more than seven innings, so here you go," Snell said.

The Pirates entered the series having lost nine of 12 but have beaten up on the Rangers, who have lost 15 of their last 20 at home.

Snell (6-4), who struck out seven, has allowed only three earned runs during his three starts in June.

His ERA, eighth in the NL coming into the contest, dropped to 2.63.

"You can't say enough about the job our starting pitcher did tonight, as he has been doing since the start of the season," Tracy said. "He was absolutely terrific. When he's commanding three pitches like he was, the task at hand on the other side of the field is obviously

very, very difficult."

Almost as difficult was the task Snell had in convincing Tracy and pitching coach Jim Colburn to let him go out for the ninth inning.

The Pirates had lefty reliever John Grabow warming up during the bottom of the eighth, but he sat back down before that inning ended.

"We were having fun all night," Snell said. "I saw Grabow throwing and I was like, 'What is going on?' And I told Colby, 'Don't take me out. What is wrong with you?'"

"So I thought they were taking me out, but then Tracy was like, 'Finish it.' So I finished it."

Kenny Lofton and Frank Catalanotto had two hits each for the Rangers.

The Pirates had at least two hits in each of their first five innings and took an 8-0 lead, scoring at least one run in all but the third. They put 16 runners on base through five, and every starter reached base. All but one had an RBI or scored a run.

"I think we're all putting it together at the same time, and that definitely helps," Bautista said. "We're scoring runs in bunches and I think that's been translating into the two wins we've had the last two nights."

Sanchez's ground-rule double to center in the first scored Bautista, and Jason Bay followed with an RBI groundout to drive in Chris Duffy. Bautista had a two-out RBI single in the second to score Jose Castillo, and Sanchez hit a sacrifice fly

to center to plate Snell in the fourth.

That was all for Rangers starter Robinson Tejeda (5-7), who gave up four runs — three earned — and seven hits with three walks in four innings.

"I just tried to stay in the game and I had a pretty good idea of what I wanted to do in the game but it wasn't working like that," Tejeda said.

The Pirates added four more in the fifth against Joaquin Benoit to put the game away. Castillo doubled to score Xavier Nady, and Bautista tripled to drive in Castillo and Paulino. Duffy followed with an infield single to plate Bautista.

"It was just one of those nights for us," Duffy said. "We put together some good at-bats and got some good outcomes."

SPURS

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class of this league, there's no question about it," said Utah guard Derek Fisher, whose Jazz team lost to the Spurs in the Western Conference finals.

"I hate to say it," Fisher began, "but they're probably surpassing us, to be honest. We had that great four-to-five-year period, but you have to kind of look at the Bulls and the Celtics and the Lakers teams of the 80s that dominated an entire period."

Tracing the Spurs' path to prominence leads to one point: the 1997 NBA draft lottery, when the club won the rights to draft center Tim Duncan.

Duncan has been the foundation around which the Spurs have built their empire, one that has been raised through savvy business decisions, adept international scouting and a family oriented philosophy laid out by owner Peter Holt and implemented by general manager R.C. Buford.

The Spurs went overseas to find All-Star Tony Parker, their Road Runner of a point guard, as well as super sub Manu Ginobili and starting center Fabricio Oberto, who are both from Argentina.

San Antonio has also been able to lure free agents such as Brent Barry, Michael Finley and Robert Horry, valuable role players who

joined the club with hopes of winning an NBA ring, or in Horry's case, a seventh one.

Finley spent eight seasons with Dallas, but it took him heading south in Texas to land in his first finals. The 12-year veteran remembers marveling at the Spurs' consistency.

"From the outside looking in, we thought they were a perfect team, a team that didn't make mistakes, a team that went out and played perfect ball," he said. "But once I got here, it was those imperfections that made them a good team."

NBA teams are no different than those in the NFL, where the best ideas and brightest talents elsewhere are either bor-

rowed or stolen.

Thus, the Cleveland Spurs have been

The Cavaliers' first visit to the finals in 37 years has been orchestrated by former Spurs GM Danny Ferry played four seasons in San Antonio and spent two others as their director of basketball operations. Assistant GM Lance Blanks won two titles in San Antonio's front office and coach Mike Brown was an assistant under Popovich for three years.

Both were hired by Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert, a Detroit native and longtime Pistons fan, who began remaking the Cavs in San Antonio's likeness after the Spurs beat his former favorite team in the 2005 finals.

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seen how Hendrick treats his employees the same way he treats his family.

He watched as Hendrick allowed his maternal grandfather, Robert Gee, to continue working at HMS long after he was physically able.

And in the six years since the elder Earnhardt's fatal accident at the Daytona 500, Hendrick has continuous-

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The camp is scheduled for Friday at Roden Field on the UTPB Campus.

Registration is at 9 a.m. with the tryouts beginning at 10 a.m. Cost of the camp is \$25.

Contact Brian Reinke at (432) 552-4677 or e-mail him at reinke_b@utpb.edu with any questions.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School

ly offered Junior the kind of career advice he would have gone to his own father for.

When he turned to Hendrick following his May 10 decision to leave DEI, it just felt right. DEI officials did not immediately respond to a phone call for comment.

"I've had such a great relationship with Rick over the years," Earnhardt said. "The things he does for people ... I don't deny that Joe and Richard are the same, but I've known Rick. I 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.

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.

know how he treated my granddaddy when he was ill. He employed Robert years past his ability to be a competent worker. That was really important to me.

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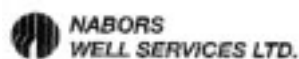
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Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau is seeking local sponsors for the Great American Race, which will make a stop here July 9. Below are sponsor rates.

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— If you own a classic car you may display it during the event.
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— Announcement of name by announcer throughout the event.
— Two lunch tickets.
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Pit Crew - \$100 Adopt a Team
— Name on sign in parking spot of team.
— Two lunch tickets.

“We Hope we can count on you to be a part of what we think will be a very enjoyable day for every one of all ages,” said Debbie Wegman, CVB coordinator. Contributions should be made payable to the city of Big Spring. For more information, contact Wegman at 263-8235.

RACE

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Ford 1932 “Deuce.” In honor of the celebration, the Great American Race 2007 has been expanded to include two special events. Deuce Week East and Deuce Week West will be one-week races running concurrently with Great American Race 2007 and feature ‘32 Fords of all configurations as well as hot rods, street rods, muscle cars and classics of any make and era.

The Great American Race, presented by Interstate Batteries, will begin June 30 in Concord, N.C., and will finish two weeks later on July 14 in Orange County, Calif. A field of up to 100 classic cars, all manufactured in 1969 or earlier are eligible to compete.

Great Race originates from the legendary

“Greatest Auto Race” of 1908 that raced around the world from New York to Paris. What was originally created to provide enthusiasts an opportunity to drive their classic cars has become an American institution, attracting competitors from all over the world, organizers said.

The Great Race will go international in 2008 when it celebrates the centennial of the 22,000-mile “Greatest Auto Race.” Participants will recreate that around-the-world endeavor following much of the same route. For more information, log on to www.greatrace-2008.com

Lunch tickets for July 9 are available for \$10 each at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Debbie Wegman,

CVB coordinator at 263-8235.

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Walter Moran, 73, died Saturday. Funeral Services were at 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Wayne “Dadue” Brockman, 46, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 3:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Randy R. Vanderbilt, 39, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rosemary Collins, 81, died Wednesday. Graveside Services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at the Coahoma Cemetery

Lois Berrey, 88, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

CISD

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community,” CISD Superintendent Jerry Johnson.

Among the construction and renovation projects George will oversee include:

- High school — Twenty classrooms — two wings at the campus — will be razed and replaced and a new library/media center will be constructed. The agriculture shop would also be renovated.

Renovation of the building’s heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning systems is scheduled. In addition, a new field house will be constructed and the auditorium and band hall will be renovated.

- Junior high school — Projects there include improvements to the fire alarm and other safety systems, electrical upgrades, new heating and air conditioning and complete bathroom renovations.

- Elementary —

Installation of a sprinkler system, plus upgrades to the plumbing, electrical and heating systems.

- Administration building — This structure will be enlarged to house the district’s technology department, currently housed in the old primary school building. That building will be demolished.

In addition, tennis courts and parking spaces would be constructed.

Johnson said final bids are still being negotiated, but once that is settled,

construction should start soon.

“We’re still looking to have something going by early to mid July,” he said. “It’s time for us to get started and get this thing on the road.”

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Friends brought me homegrown onions, radishes and squash this past week. These vegetables did not just happen. They grew as the result of soil preparation, seed planting, watering and working under the guiding hand of God.

Many of us want to harvest good in our lives but fail to plant and water. We act as if good marriages and relationships will just happen on their own. We live as if our choices will not influence our consequences. We fail to look to God for guidance and direction.

Perhaps it is time to remember, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” (Galatians 6:7-8).

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OUR VIEWS

Old Glory truly stands for all that is America

Today is Flag Day — the 230th anniversary of the Continental Congress' adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the flag of a new nation. This is a day to observe and celebrate "Old Glory" and everything she represents.

It's a great day, and what better way to celebrate than to fly our national emblem proudly today? We beam with pride every holiday when we see hundreds of American flags snapping in the breeze in front to the VA Medical Center, along Gregg Street and elsewhere throughout our community. And that's why today's edition of the *Herald* includes a flag readers can display.

From the time an early version of the flag was carried by underdog patriots battling the might that was Great Britain in 1777 to today, millions of Americans have followed our flag into battle to defend all that it represents.

So, on this Flag Day, let us all remember that Old Glory flies today in Iraq and Afghanistan, not to mention the countless other locations around the globe where the men and women of our armed forces serve.

Although Flag Day was celebrated in numerous communities starting in 1885, the first by Wisconsin school students, it wasn't until 1916 that President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed the first national Flag Day celebration. And in 1949, President Harry Truman signed a congressional act declaring June 14 each year as Flag Day.

Today, as we celebrate Flag Day, we honor the red, white and blue. Yet, we do so much, much more than just that.

As President Wilson said in 1916, "The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history. It represents the experiences made by men and women, the experiences of those who do and live under that flag."

The flag represents everything and everyone that is America.

It is the banner of both those who agree with our government's actions this day, as well as those who challenge and question those in power.

It is the flag of all Americans, whether they be young or old, rich or poor, liberal or conservative. It's the banner for the countless races, religions and creeds that are the "Great Melting Pot" of America.

Today, when you drive past the rows of flags on our city streets, think about the greatness that is America — and how our flag represents that to the entire world.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Today, may we slow down and pull together for You, Lord.

Amen

Another lesson in selective tolerance

People who don't think the radical homosexual lobby is trying to force its views on society probably aren't paying close attention.

Increasingly, in various parts of this nation, if you express traditional views on traditional marriage, you risk being branded a bigot and your speech being muzzled.

For the radical homosexual lobby, it isn't enough that its views are guaranteed full protection, even special protection by the state. They also want to ensure that those disagreeing with them are demonized and denied their First Amendment rights.

The *Washington Times'* Julia Duin reports on a lawsuit — Good News Employee Association vs. Hicks — originating in Oakland, Calif., that is being appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The controversy arose when two employees of the city of Oakland formed the Good News Employee Association (GNEA) to challenge activities of a previously formed group of homosexual employees.

The homosexual group and other radical left-wing groups had availed themselves of the city's e-mail and bulletin board systems.

One e-mail message said, "I personally think the good book needs some updating."

According to the Pro-Family Law Center, "Other city-approved e-mails (during the same time period) announced the establishment of an 'altar' for the Day of the Dead, 'National Coming Out Day,' 'the first anti-Iraq war teach-in sponsored by a city government anywhere in the U.S.,' and a 'First Annual Holiday Mixer' for the Gay-Straight Employee Alliance."

When other employees questioned whether these communications were legitimate city busi-

ness, a city council member fired back an e-mail saying that a "celebration of the gay/lesbian culture and movement" was part of the city's role to "celebrate diversity."

The *Times* reports that, in response, GNEA posted a flier on the employee bulletin board stating, "Preserve Our Workplace With Integrity: Good News Employee Association is a forum for people of faith to express their views on the contemporary issues of the day."

It also said it opposed "all views which seek to redefine the natural family and marriage," which it described as "a union of a man and a woman, according to California state law."

A lesbian employee complained to the city attorney's office that the flier made her feel "targeted" and "excluded," which prompted a supervisor to remove it because it violated the city's anti-discrimination rules.

But it didn't stop there. A city deputy executive director sent a memo to city employees saying the GNEA flier "contained statements of a homophobic nature" and warned employees they could be fired for posting similar materials.

Two GNEA employees filed suit against Oakland, claiming a violation of their First Amendment rights, in view of the discriminatory practices of the city based on the content of the messages.

The district court rejected the claim, as did the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The 9th Circuit opinion stated, "Public employers are permitted to curtail employee speech as long as their 'legitimate administrative interests' outweigh the employee's interest in freedom of speech." Legitimate administrative interests? You've got to be kidding. It also approved the district court's characterization of the GNEA employees' speech interests as "vanishingly small."

Unless the Supreme Court reverses these rulings, the words

"natural family," "marriage" and "union of a man and a woman" can be banned as hate speech in government workplaces, while Bible and traditional values bashing will receive the highest protection.

Can someone explain how the government has a "legitimate administrative interest" in forbidding the expression of biblically based views; how it is "homophobic" for government employees merely to affirm principles supported by the Bible and thousands of years of civilization, yet not heterophobic and Bible-phobic for government employees to directly trash the Bible and traditional values; how a lesbian employee can claim she was targeted and excluded when nothing was said or done to her, while the real victims, the GNEA employees, were genuinely "targeted" and punished?

Which side here is refusing to "live and let live"?

Homosexual groups deny they are pressing for special rights and protection, but no one is shutting down *their* speech, branding *them* as hateful, bullying *them* with threats of firings, and publicly insulting the sacred principles in which *they* believe.

Homosexual groups maintain they are promoting diversity, but seek to suppress diverse viewpoints by labeling them "hateful" and "hurtful."

If people of traditional values don't begin to stand up for themselves, their values, their rights and liberties, it won't be long before it will be a crime, like it is in certain other countries, to recite or publish certain scriptural texts that make radical homosexual groups uncomfortable.

Before you suggest I'm exaggerating, please distinguish such a scenario, in principle, from the above-described series of events involving the GNEA in Oakland.

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Outsourcing run amok; Hello, India

It should have taken five minutes. OK, maybe 10. I got my latest bill from Chase Credit Cards, and it included two things I'd never noticed before. One was a fee for \$39, which was labeled my "Rewards Program Fee." I never knew Chase had a rewards program, much less one I paid a fee to participate in. I certainly don't remember signing up, or agreeing to another fee to encourage me to use their card.

There was also a "Flexible Rewards Summary," telling me that in addition to the 39 points I would get for paying the fee, I have thousands of old points that I never knew I had and must have accumulated over the 20-something years I've had a card from Chase.

Does that mean we get a new TV, my son asked hopefully.

Does that mean I get a vacation to somewhere, I thought hopefully.

I didn't have a clue, but in very little letters, the bill listed an 800 number to call to redeem my flexible rewards, plus a website where I could log on for 24-hour access to my rewards program.

Now, granted, I only have 17 years of education, and I've only been teaching law for 26 years. Oh, yes, and I live on my computer, aided by a 14-year-old prodigy who happens to be my son. So I actually thought I could handle this, at least with my son's assistance. How wrong can you be?

First, I tried the website. In order to get any information, I needed an access code. I have no access code. I'm one of those old-fashioned types who still write checks. My bad. I asked online for an access code. Sorry, they couldn't give me one because they didn't have my e-mail address. And I couldn't submit my e-mail address. In fact, I couldn't do any-

thing.

Time to talk to a person. So I dialed the 800 number. After entering my account number and my zip code twice, and sitting on hold because of the huge volume of calls that must be coming in at 11 p.m. eastern time, I actually got a person on the phone.

Unfortunately for me, it was not an American person. We could barely understand each other. I tried speaking my clearest, the way I was taught to do when I used to read radio ads. No go. My request, which seemed simple to me (as in what's this rewards program, and how do I figure out which reward I'm eligible for), was beyond either his knowledge or understanding.

Where are you, I asked him, before he transferred me to his colleague. There was a long pause. Chicago, he said. He didn't have a Midwestern drawl.

The next person was more honest. She needed my help spelling such tricky words as "law" in my e-mail address. That's a stumper. But at least she didn't lie. Where are you, I asked. "India," she said. Where was the last man I talked to, the one who transferred me to you? "India," she said. So why did he say he was in Chicago, I asked. Why did he lie?

Would you like to speak to a supervisor, she asked me. By now, half an hour had passed, my kids were getting ready for bed, and I was loaded for bear.

She transferred me to a supervisor, a Ms. Garcia in Texas. I explained the situation. "WE don't have a service center in Chicago," she told me. Obviously not, I said, you have one in India, with people who are not quite up to the job. But what really got to me was the guy lying about where he was, covering up a practice of outsourcing that was turning a simple request into a ridiculous nightlong activity.

I would like to speak to someone about your employees lying about

their whereabouts to cover up outsourcing, I said, in my firmest lawyer/syndicated columnist voice. Polite, but firm.

Her response was simple: "NO." No, I asked incredulously. Isn't there someone with whom I may discuss this endless waste of time abbreviated by a bold lie that might very well suggest a company policy to hide its outsourcing behind dishonest employees?

"No," she said. "There is no one you can talk to, no one you can write to, no one you can get in touch with. I'll make note of your complaint, and you may (not will) receive a letter from someone in three to five business days."

Who will write that letter, I asked. Perhaps I could write to them first.

"No," she said, "you can't."

Now, I hate to do this, particularly when all I'm trying to do is figure out whether to pay the \$39 and whether I get anything worth \$39 if I do, but I was not happy. Listen, ma'am, I said, getting firmer by the moment, I'm a syndicated columnist. I'm sure I'm not alone in facing these problems, or in worrying about the losses and costs of outsourcing, and I plan to write about this tomorrow. Now, is there anyone I could speak to?

You know what she said? No.

And then we hung up. I tried entering the access code the second woman had given me, but that only got me to the page with my bill on it. I didn't even ask the next person where he was. Where is the list of rewards, I asked, for the fourth time. He told me. It took 30 seconds.

The rewards program, by the way, stinks. My toaster oven works just fine. You have to spend a fortune to get anything good. And believe me, that's one thing I have no plans of doing. Let them push their lies in India. I'm done.

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LEGENDS

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son and those attending are asked to RSVP by 2 p.m. Saturday.

Raney said there has been a lot of interest shown over the event, and especially in the paintings.

"These are beautiful paintings that will mean a lot to people here because they depict scenes of Big Spring and our area," said Raney. "We are so fortunate

that these artists agreed to do this for us."

The works are by five local artists — Sue Bagwell, Carole Berry, Estelle Howard, Kay Smith and Leada Wood. They illustrate historical buildings and homes — and a livestock pen in one case, home to a longhorn and buffalo.

"We also have a Howard County historical knife for auction. This is one of only four Howard County knives in existence," Raney said of the special knife, which comes with an oak display case.

Another item that has been turning heads at the museum lately is the "Totally Texas Basket," which is actually a horse trough filled with Texas-related gifts. They include a rodeo night on the town with jeans, boots, rodeo tickets and a hotel stay; a floral painting by Kay Smith; candy and treats from Susie's South Forty; a Yahoo Cake and Jeanie's Fancy Pralines; a trip to Fredericksburg with a meal and wildflowers to plant; a trip to Austin with a tour of the Capitol and to the LBJ Museum; and various

Texas books, cookbooks and wooden signs.

Plus, there will be an opportunity to enjoy a stay at Lajitas for a family retreat. And don't forget the fish fry.

"We're going to have some hand-selected catfish cooked by the Legends and Legacies Committee," said Raney. "Lenita Fryar, committee chairperson, is a very good cook."

A cash bar will be available as well.

To RSVP or for more information, call 267-8255.

ABUSE

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education credits for law enforcement officials, which is a requirement for them to keep their peace officer certification in the state of Texas, and helps keep them up to date on the trends and tools seen in abuse cases all over the state and nation.

"Our (TAASA) function is to travel around the state and train people — especially law enforcement — on all aspects of

sexual assault," he said. "We want to help them with their investigations and give them some tools to work with."

"We held a similar seminar here in Big Spring about this time last year, but we've changed up the topics. This year we're looking at drug facilitated sexual assault and child and adolescent sexual abuse issues."

Williams said drug facilitated sexual assault is a growing problem in the Lone Star State.

"The three most common drugs used to facilitate sexual assault are alcohol, Rohypnol

and GHB," said Williams. "Alcohol is by far the most common. And one of the biggest problems with these types of cases is how quickly the drugs are expelled from the victim's system. They also tend to cause memory problems, and that can make it a very tough thing to prosecute."

"We're here today showing law enforcement officers different ways they can help these investigations. A lot of them come down to a 'he said, she said' situation, so the physical evidence is extremely important."

Williams is no stranger to the criminal justice system, having gathered much of his information on and about sexual offenders from the criminals themselves.

"I've had about 16 years in criminal justice," said Williams. "And I spent a couple of years interviewing sex offenders in a prison unit. I was training parole officers when I had an opportunity to work with TAASA to educate people and use my background and help out."

Shann Smith, executive director of Rape Crisis Victim

Services of Big Spring, said the seminar isn't just for law enforcement.

"We try to do this seminar about once every two years," said Smith. "We have a lot of people here from law enforcement, but it's really for anyone who wants to educate themselves on sexual assault and sexual predators. We also have people here from advocate programs, parole and probation offices and social workers, just to name a few."

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GUIDE

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You have the right to:

- determine whether to report the crime to the police
- ask for a female police officer if you choose to report
- locate an attorney to represent you (the prosecutor is not your attorney)
- sue the rapist in civil court for money
- refuse to have evidence collected
- request that someone accompany you in the examination room
- be considered a rape victim/survivor regardless of the rapist's relationship to you.

Getting back to normal can take a long time and you may be wondering if there is anyone who can help. Many survivors have found it helpful to talk to rape crisis counselors. You can find the telephone numbers of your local center list-

ed in your phone book.

You may also call the 24-hour National Sexual Assault Hotline, operated by RAINN, at 1-800-656-HOPE. By calling this number you will be automatically connected to your closest rape crisis center. Rape crisis centers are on call 24-hours a day waiting to help you.

When it is someone you know

When someone you know or care about has been assaulted, it is normal for you to feel upset and confused. At a time when you may want to help most, you will be dealing with a crisis of your own.

You may find it difficult to listen when he or she needs to talk about his or her feelings. You may hope that by not talking about it, the feelings both of you have will go away.

You may be tempted to make decisions for the survivor, to be over-protective. You may want to hide the assault from others. You

may feel disturbed or confused when the survivor continues to be affected for weeks, months, and even years.

Some partners may want more physical intimacy sooner than the survivor does. Others may feel repulsed.

Maybe you feel guilty and responsible, believing you could somehow prevent the assault. You may also feel anger at the survivor or at everyone in general.

All of these feelings are understandable following the sexual assault of someone you love. Please know that if these feelings are hidden or expressed in hurtful ways, they can interfere with the resolution of your crisis and that of the survivor.

The survivor may need your support and understanding. You, however, also need support.

Rape is a violent assault, not a sexually-motivated or gratifying act. The rapist's aim is to dominate, humiliate, control and degrade the victim. Because the same

body parts are involved in sexual assault as in making love, many people confuse sex and violence. Some respond to a survivor as if he or she provoked, wanted or enjoyed it.

Many people also believe rape is not traumatic. Not understanding the reality of

sexual assault can make the crisis more difficult for both of you. The emotional impact of sexual assault does not disappear, and talking about it can help. Your feelings are normal, and resources are available for you too.

Finally, feel free to call

and request "A Survivor's Booklet" in English or Spanish from TAASA by calling 512-474-7190.

Note: Compiled from the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Web site located at www.taasa.org

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CRD powerplant taking Grand Cherokee to new level

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turing clean diesel technology, has approximately 20 percent fewer CO2 emissions.

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What's not to love? It is about time North America discovers what

Europeans have known for decades — diesel is a better way to go.

I give Jeep — and its parent company Daimler-Benz — all the credit in the

world for adding this engine to the Grand Cherokee lineup. It takes the Grand Cherokee from an average contender in the ever growing and already crowded full-size SUV segment to "stand up and take notice" status that leapfrogs it to the top of list.

While six miles per gal-



The 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

lon may not sound like much on paper, that benefit becomes abundantly (and painfully) clear at the pump with today's rising fuel prices. Keep in mind, performance is improved and emissions are reduced for a Jeep Trail Rated vehicle that is designed to go off-road.

If you still have doubts about diesel, go to your nearest Jeep dealer and ask to take a CRD Grand Cherokee out for a test drive.

See for yourself. It will change your perception of diesel engines. Now, about the Grand Cherokee — it's all about choices.

Consumers have their choice of three lines — Laredo, Limited and Overland.

It's available in rear- or four-wheel drive, with 4WD buyers having a choice of three 4WD systems — Quadra-Trac I, Quadra Trac II and Quadra-Drive II.

There is also a choice of four engines. In addition to the CRD, the

Grand Cherokee is offered with a 3.7-liter gas V-6; a 4.7-liter flex-fuel V-8; and a 5.7-liter HEMI V-8.

Standard safety features include electronic stability program, dual front airbags, side-curtain airbags with roll-over detection system and remote start on Limited and Overland models.

There is also a long list of premium features available such as auto-dimming headlights, ParkSense back-up system, and navigation, to name but a few.

For consumers in the market for a full-size SUV, the CRD Grand Cherokee is a must test drive.

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ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

THE NUTS AND BOLTS



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LENGTH: 186.6 inches
WHEELBASE: 109.5 inches
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HEIGHT: 67.7 inches
WEIGHT: 4,316-4,804 lbs.

Texas firm eyes SD as site for possible oil refinery

ELK POINT, S.D. (AP) — A Texas energy company's proposed oil refinery was revealed Wednesday as the so-called Gorilla project that could be built in the southeastern tip of South Dakota — the first new refinery in the United States since 1976.

Hyperion Resources Inc. of Dallas is considering Union County for an \$8 billion refinery that would turn 400,000 barrels of crude oil from Canada per day into low-sulfur gasoline and low-sulfur diesel fuel.

The company is looking at sites in the Midwest for

the refinery but has not named them, Preston Phillips, a Hyperion executive, said Wednesday. He said a site will be selected sometime next year.

"This refinery is going to be the most advanced state-of-the-art facility in the U.S. and the world," Phillips said.

"We believe this will be a great deal for South Dakota, but we are not there yet," said Richard Benda, secretary of the Department of Tourism and State Development. South Dakota would be the "epicenter of clean

energy production" if the refinery were built in the state, he said.

Construction of the refinery would average 4,500 workers over a four-year period, and the plant would employ 1,800 with an average hourly wage of \$20 to \$30 per hour, Phillips said.

Area residents packed the community center at the Union County Courthouse for the

announcement. Officials only took questions from reporters.

"That's going to be a huge impact on the economy of this area," said Gary Bortscheller, an Elk Point resident who owns a body shop in South Sioux City, Neb. Bortscheller's wife, Joyce, sits on Elk Point's city council.

The region has recovered well economically

since computer-maker Gateway scaled back several years ago, he said.

Jason Quam, who started a Web site to keep residents informed of the project, said he owns a 9-acre homestead in the tar-

geted area but hasn't sold it yet. He said he got a fair offer from the company but certainly not top dollar.

"I'd have a very hard time rebuilding my home for the offer they made."

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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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Silence Is Golden

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ A Q 10
 ♣ A J 9 4
WEST
 ♠ K Q 6
 ♥ J 10 9
 ♦ 7 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 5 2
EAST
 ♠ —
 ♥ Q 7 6 5 4 3
 ♦ 9 8 6 5
 ♣ 10 7 6
SOUTH
 ♠ A J 10 9 7 4 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ K J 2
 ♣ K 3

The bidding:
 South 1♠ West Pass North 2NT East Pass
 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
 6♠ Dbl

Opening lead — jack of hearts. There is a valuable lesson experience at the table teaches us that has to be learned the hard way. When the opponents voluntarily bid a slam and you double them, you are providing declarer with information he would not have had if you passed.

If this information then enables him to fulfill a contract he would not have made without the double, you might find yourself not only the victim of a substantial loss, but the target of a heated diatribe by your partner on the folly of the double.

An example of how a declarer can take advantage of such a situation is

shown in today's deal. West doubled the slam contract, and it was no great feat for declarer to deduce, once he saw dummy, that the double had to be based on the expectancy of taking two trump tricks.

South therefore proceeded to play the hand on the assumption that West held the K-Q-6 of trumps. He won the heart, played a diamond to the ten and ruffed the eight of hearts. Declarer then led a diamond to the queen and ruffed the king of hearts! The K-A of clubs were next cashed, followed by a club ruff. Dummy was then entered with a diamond, and the last club was ruffed.

By this time, 10 tricks had been played — four rounds of clubs and three rounds each of hearts and diamonds. South's last three cards were the A-J-10 of spades, while West held the K-Q-6. The stage was set for the coup de grace.

Declarer led the jack of spades, and West was a goner. He could take only one trick, so the doubled slam was made.

We don't think much of West's double. It wasn't reasonable to suppose South would go down more than one — if he went down at all. The potential gain from the double figured to be 100 points, while the possible loss from the double, if it enabled declarer to make the contract, came to 1,760 points. There was much more to be lost, so West should have remained silent.

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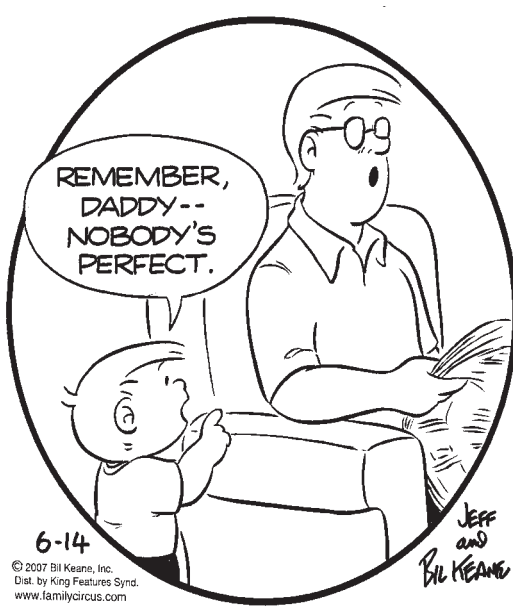
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"If it will make you feel better, Mom, I'll go sit in the corner."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

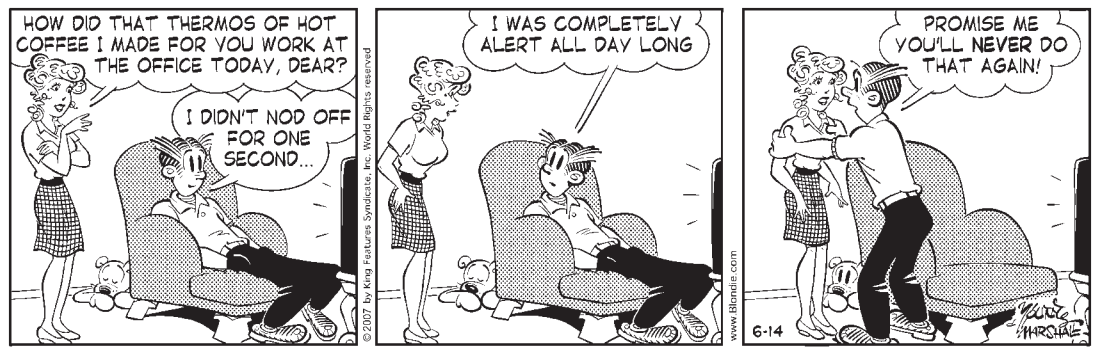


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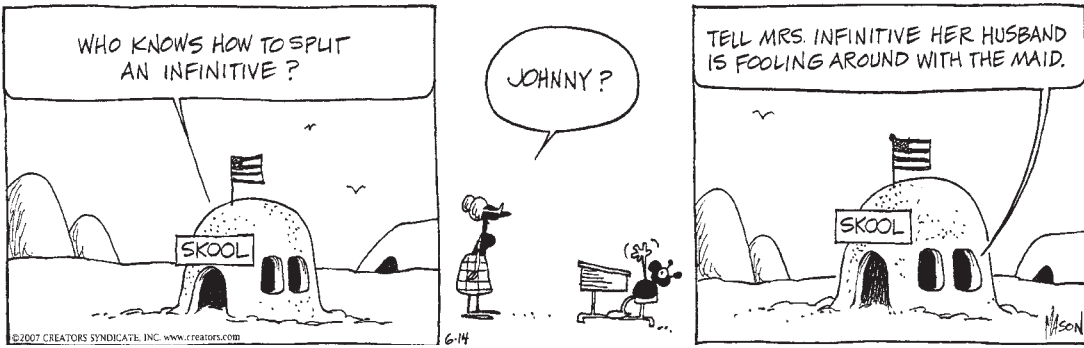
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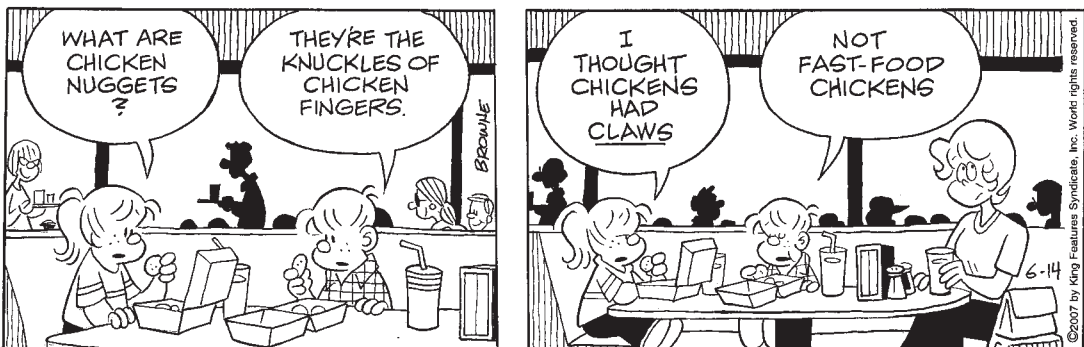
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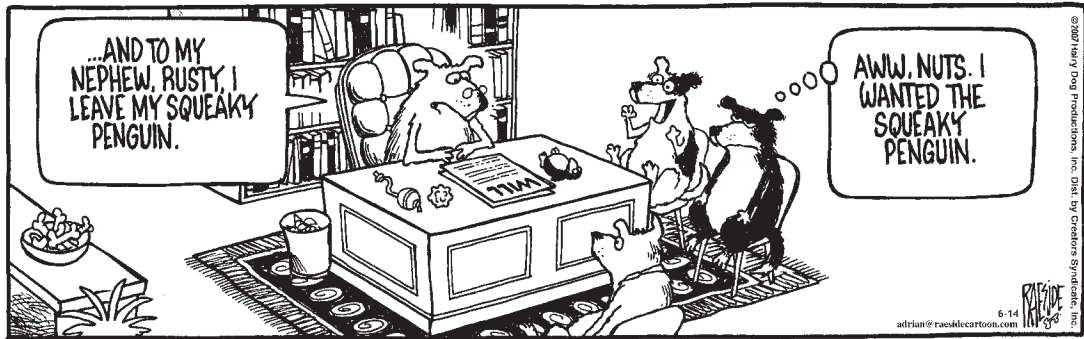
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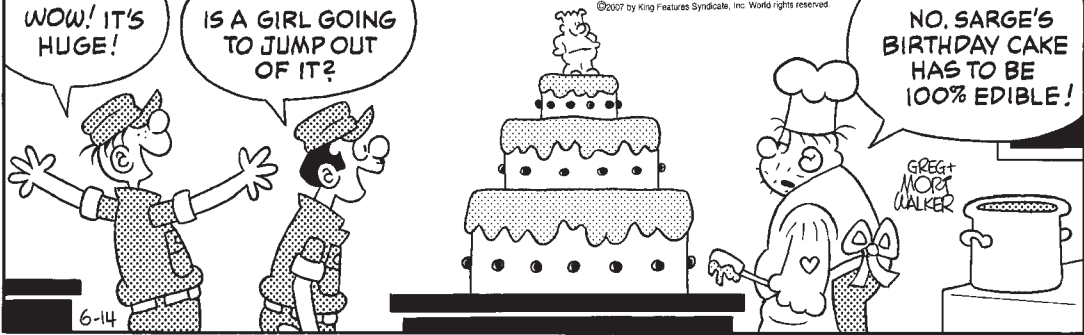
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 14, the 165th day of 2007. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag. On this date: In 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created. In 1846, a group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaimed the Republic of California. In 1928, the Republican National Convention nominated Herbert Hoover for president on the first ballot. In 1940, in German-occupied Poland, the Nazis opened their concentration camp at Auschwitz; the same day, German troops entered Paris. In 1943, the Supreme Court, in West Virginia

Board of Education v. Barnette, ruled that schoolchildren could not be compelled to salute the flag of the United States. In 1954, the words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance. In 1967, the space probe Mariner 5 was launched from Cape Kennedy on a flight that took it past Venus. In 1982, Argentine forces surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands. In 1985, the 17-day hijack ordeal of TWA Flight 847 began as a pair of Lebanese Shiite Muslim extremists seized the jetliner shortly after takeoff from Athens, Greece. One year ago: Islamic militants in Somalia captured the last strategic town held by their warlord rivals, consolidating their hold over a large swath of the country. Today's Birthdays: Actor Gene Barry is 88. Actress Marla Gibbs is 76. Writer Peter Mayle is 68. Actor Jack Bannon is 67. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 62. Real

estate developer and TV personality Donald Trump is 61. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 61. Rock musician Alan White (Yes) is 58. Actor Eddie Mekka is 55. Actor Will Patton is 53. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Eric Heiden is 49. Singer Boy George is 46. Rock musician Chris DeGarmo is 44. Actress Yasmine Bleeth is 39. Tennis player Steffi Graf is 38. Actress Traylor Howard is 36. Actor Daryl Sabara is 15.

Thought for Today: "When a man is wrong and won't admit it, he always gets angry." — Thomas Chandler Haliburton, Canadian jurist and humorist (1796-1865).

Answer to previous puzzle crossword grid with words like GAPE, TEMP, ASTRID, AHAM, ARIA, CLOUD, LONI, KANT, COMBO, SYNTHETIC, CRUBBER, SIT, HER, THE, SHAH, FATCAT, HORS, AMOS, TRADE, IMITATION, PEARLS, RECAP, STAR, MEAT, DRAGON, SPAR, DIS, SET, LOT, COUNTERFEIT, BILL, ANSEL, ALAN, OREO, STEVE, POSE, NONO, HOSES, SEES, ENDS.

Newsday Crossword

THE BRIGHT STUFF by Shirley Soloway Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Folk singer at Woodstock, 5 Residence, slangily, 9 Psycho character, 14 Gymnast Korbut, 15 Creative spark, 16 Residence, 17 Storm signal, 19 Oslo's land, to natives, 20 PDQ, 21 Heads for the supermarket, 23 Business partner, sometimes, 24 Go wrong, 26 Court ritual, 27 Mills Brothers song subject, 30 Tree product, 33 Incredibly bad, 36 Florence's river, 37 Time-honored stories, 38 Pays a visit, 39 Spike Lee alma mater, 40 West Coast NBAer, 41 Get into a corner, 42 Pablo Neruda works, 43 Roman senators' garb, 44 Corp. officers, 45 Gets angry, 47 Fabled racer, 49 Deplorable, 50 Tool with teeth, 53 Patriotic symbol, 57 Austin Powers adversary, 59 Saudi currency, 60 Mocked, in a way, 62 Buckeye city, 63 Tough test, 64 Phoned, 65 Brought on, 66 O positive, for one, 67 Assistant, 11 Sinatra specialty, 12 Competitive, 13 Observes, 18 Immune-system components, 22 Picador's opponent, 25 Uganda neighbor, 27 Sound scared, 28 Comparatively contrary, 29 Heavy weights, 31 Oratorio piece, 32 Chest muscles, 33 Last part of Hamlet, 34 Distort, 35 Memory-drill device, 37 Closed circuit, 40 Place to paint, 42 Flamenco cheers, 45 Yosemite International Airport, 46 Specimen, 48 Parcel out, 50 Region east of Suez, 51 Rectify, 52 Piece of pie, 53 River to the Caspian, 54 Winged goddess, 55 Tremendously, 56 Gardener of rhyme, 58 A Doll's House protagonist, 61 Almanac feature.

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting positions for words.

▶ News in brief

State agency approves permit for TXU coal plant

(AP) — State environmental regulators gave TXU Corp. the go-ahead Wednesday to build a new coal-fired power plant in Central Texas, overruling two arbitrators who questioned the utility's claim that the plant won't make local pollution worse.

Opponents said they would appeal, but if TXU prevails it could salvage at least a portion of its one-time plan to build a fleet of new coal-fired plants.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality voted 2-1 to approve an air permit for the two-unit plant in Robertson County, about 100 miles northeast of Austin.

The vote came after a four-hour hearing in the commission's Austin chambers, which were packed to overflowing with Robertson County residents who favor the plant and its jobs, and environmentalists who fear it will foul Austin's skies and pump 1,440 pounds of mercury into the air each year.

Baby killed after being dropped or thrown down stairs

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS (AP) — An 8-year-old boy dropped or threw his infant twin sisters down the stairs, killing one and injuring the other, authorities said.

Police said the boy has a "diminished mental capac-

ity" but is too young to be detained or charged. A child must be at least 10 years old to be in the juvenile court system, said Larry Irving, an investigator with the North Richland Hills Police Department. He said authorities don't know the boy's motive.

The 9-month-old girl died early Monday from blunt force trauma of the head and brain, according to the autopsy report. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office ruled her death a homicide.

The baby's twin sister suffered head injuries and was treated at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, and police said she was expected to be released Wednesday.

Authorities said the boy was in the care of his family, who had just moved Sunday night from Florida to the Fort Worth suburb, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported in Wednesday's online edition.

The boy's two older siblings, who were not hurt, are now staying with relatives in the area, Child Protective Services spokeswoman Marissa Gonzales said Wednesday. The agency has asked the family to install alarms on bedroom doors and baby monitors throughout the house, Gonzales said.

Southern Baptist resolution questions role in global warming

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Southern Baptists approved a resolution on global warming Wednesday that questions the prevailing scientific belief that humans are

largely to blame for the phenomenon and also warns that increased regulation of greenhouse gases will hurt the poor.

The global warming debate has split evangelicals, with some not only pressing the issue but arguing humans bear most of the responsibility for the problem because of greenhouse gas emissions. Other evangelicals say talking about the issue at all diminishes their influence over more traditional culture war issues such as abortion, gay marriage and judicial appointments.

3 South Texas county officials accused in drug smuggling scheme

LAREDO (AP) — Three South Texas county officials have been indicted on federal charges that they were paid to provide law enforcement protection and other help to drug smugglers, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Wednesday.

Manuel Martinez, a 43-year-old Zapata County justice of the peace and former deputy sheriff; Jose Amaro, 40, a South Texas Violent Crimes Task Force investigator; and Ruben Elizondo, 37, a Zapata County code enforcement officer, were arrested Tuesday. All three were indicted June 6 and appeared before a federal judge Wednesday.

Prosecutors have charged that the trio took money from drug traffickers in exchange for ensuring safe passage of drug loads through Zapata County.

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Father's Day is a very special occasion

I love Father's Day. I get phone calls, special hugs and I get to pick the place where we will go out for a special meal. Father's Day is neat and I am so glad we have it.

The idea for creating a day to honor fathers began in Spokane, Wash. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, William Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father who made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless and loving

man.

Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was recognized by a joint resolution of Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

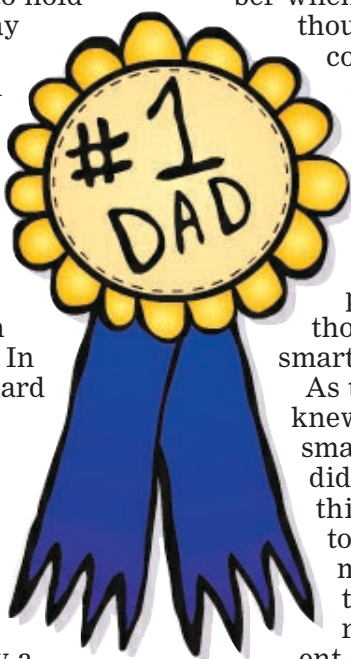
So Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father and all good fathers should be honored with a special day.

We all have special memories

of our dad that will continue in our minds forever. I remember when I was just a kid I thought my daddy

could do anything. As I became older my thoughts changed a little bit but I still knew my daddy was pretty smart, even to the point that I thought my dad was smarter than your dad. As time passed, I knew my dad was smart but realized he didn't know everything. Then I began to believe that when my dad grew up things must have really been different and by the time I

was a young teen I realized that Dad was really old fashion and his ways were not too pertinent to my day and time. He must not remember what it's



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like to be a kid. He was a good guy but totally out of touch with the realities of the current day.

Somewhere around the age of 25 I realized that Dad knew quite a bit and he should because after all he has been around a long time.

Then by the time I was 30 things began to change and I began to think it was a wise idea to ask for Dad's thoughts; after all, he has had a lot of experience.

Somewhere between 35 and 40 I started thinking that I needed to get Dad's opinion, and to see how he would handle the situation, after all he is pretty wise. By the time I was 50 I enjoyed talking things over with my Dad and seeking his advice.

Today, I'd give anything if Dad were here so I could talk

things over with him. I wish that through the years I had been smart enough to realize just how wise he was; I could have learned a lot from him. He was always there; he gave me the inheritance of his genes, his flesh, his blood and all he owned in this life.

My dad gave me all that any father could give. I could always depend on his strength, his patience, his protection and his love. He was a special man and will always hold a special place in my heart and my memories.

If your dad is still alive, give him a call and let him know that you love him. You'll be glad you did.

—Darrell Ryan, director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District

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