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God and country

Funtastic Fourth takes a new direction

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The sixth annual Big Spring Funtastic Fourth Festival will be taking a more faith-based approach this July Fourth holiday according to event coordinators, with "God and Country" the theme for the event.

Allan Johnson, owner of Allan's Furniture and president of the Downtown Revitalization Association, said this year's festival will concentrate more on thanking God than past events.

"Starting this year we're taking a new direction with the Funtastic Fourth," said Johnson.

"The Lord is responsible for giving us this country, and he has a right to be thanked for it. So while we're celebrating our independence, we're also going to honor the Lord for giving us this great country, and that's what this is all about."



Johnson

"We decided to scrap the battle of the bands and we've taken a completely new direction. We've reorganized the Downtown Revitalization Association and have lots of new blood in there, and we're growing faster than we ever have before.

"The Funtastic Fourth

is going to be a celebration of God and country. We're getting a lot of local churches involved and our long term goal is to get every single church in town involved in this event. This year, we have a considerable number,

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Funtastic Fourth music lineup

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| 10 a.m. — Gospel Workshop of America | 3:10 p.m. — Suzie Gonzales |
| 10:40 a.m. — Holy Authority | 3:40 p.m. — Rylie Armstrong |
| 11:25 a.m. — Praise Inc. | 4:10 p.m. — Gospel Jubilees |
| 12:05 p.m. — Restoration Ranch Ministries Band | 4:30 p.m. — Talent Show |
| 12:45 p.m. — Devyn De Loera | 5:50 p.m. — Patriotic presentation |
| 1:15 p.m. — The Kingsmen | 6 p.m. — Dan Dean |
| 1:55 p.m. — Hit The Ground Running | 7:45 p.m. — Crimson Soul |
| 2:30 p.m. — A Road Less Traveled | 8:45 p.m. — Stellar Kart |
| | 10:10 p.m. — Laser light show |

STORM DAMAGE



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Gayla Henderson looks over the damage to a tree near her home in the 1600 block of Jennings during Friday morning's thunderstorm. According to Gayla and her husband James, the tree missed the couple's new car by only a few feet. It was unclear whether the tree was the victim of winds or lightning.

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FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

The Spring City Senior Center has scheduled its annual Father's Day Luncheon for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the center, located at 1901 Simler.

The meal will include roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, salad, whole wheat rolls, strawberry shortcake and a choice of tea, coffee, juice or low-fat milk.

Prizes and gift certificates will be given away for the oldest father, youngest father, father with the most children, grandfather with the most grandchildren, and the great-grandfather with the most great-grandchildren. And as always, there will be a prize for the best hat.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Elbert Long discusses his wild animal collection with a group of children at Howard College's Tumbleweed Room Thursday morning.

Lure of the wild

Donated collection a favorite topic at Howard College's Kids' College

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Children viewing Elbert Long's collection of trophy animals understandably had a lot of questions about the beasts.

Fortunately for them, it was one of Long's favorite topics.

Long's collection, amassed over three decades as an avid hunter, is on permanent display at Howard College's Tumbleweed Room and is one of the biggest attractions of HC's Kid's College summer learning camp.

Looking at the stuffed and mounted bears, mountain goats, moose and other wild animals, the fascinated children peppered Long with questions, such as "What is that?" or "What does it eat?"

"They're constantly asking questions," said Long, "and they're asking intelligent questions. They are genuinely interested in the questions they ask."

And Long is the right man to ask. He said he knows just about everything about each animal in the collection and

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FREEDOM FESTIVAL

COAHOMA — Organizers of the Coahoma Freedom Festival are putting out the call for veterans and active-duty personnel to participate in the event's annual parade, scheduled for June 30.

The parade and festival traditionally kick off July 4 celebrations throughout Howard County.

Aside from the parade, the festival — set for the community park — will feature live music, food and crafts vendors and games.

Veterans and active-duty soldiers are urged to call Charlie at 270-4156 or Lori at First Bank of West Texas, 394-4256 for more information.

MANAGING HOME PESTS

Want to know more about mosquitos and Africanized bees? Maybe how to avoid or get rid of them?

Dr. Mark Muegee, entomology specialist from Fort Stockton, will speak on Managing Home Pests at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Howard College Fireplace Room.

There will be two integrated pest management continuing education credits for participants who qualify.

For more information, contact Tommy Yeater, Howard County cooperative extension agent for agriculture, at 264-2236.

Tuesday's meeting is open to the public. There is no charge to attend.

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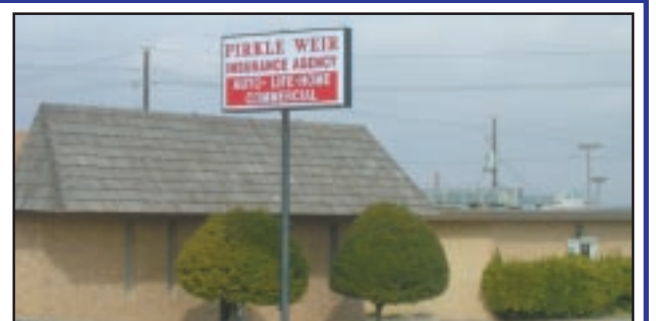


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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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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.

City of Big Spring tennis camps slated

Two more City of Big Spring Tennis Camps led by Ted Olesen and Nelson Payne are slated to take place within the next week.

The first camp starts Tuesday at Comanche Trail's Figure 7 Tennis Center and concludes Thursday lasting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Cost of the camp is \$100 and is available for all ages and ability levels with a daily lunch served.

The last camp will be held from June 23-26.

The camps are designed to teach the beginner player the basics, as well as teach the advanced player how to reach their full potential. Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information, visit the Web site www.bigspringtennis.com.

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

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Dougherty leads Open field, Woods three back

By **ALAN ROBINSON**

AP Sports Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. — Tiger Woods was above par, and felt fortunate to be there. Phil Mickelson had a 74, and knew it probably couldn't have been much better with his achy wrist. Only two scores were in the red under optimal scoring conditions at the U.S. Open, and three very long and likely dry days await.

This is Oakmont Country Club, as good as it gets. This is the U.S. Open, where the field often expects the worst and most often gets it.

What everyone was wondering

after the opening round Thursday on one of world's toughest courses was how much more grueling it will get when Oakmont's greens fully dry out, the pin placements aren't so generous and the pressure that's always there in the most difficult of the four majors ratchets up even more.

If only leader Nick Dougherty (68) and Angel Cabrera (69) could break par at Oakmont with the greens softer than usual, the temperatures moderate and a cooling breeze blowing through, what will the scores be by Saturday? By Sunday?

"We are in for a long week,"

Vijay Singh said.

For Sergio Garcia (79), Shaun Micheel (78), two-time champion Retief Goosen (76), Masters winner Zach Johnson (76) and frequent contender Colin Montgomerie (76), it's already been a long week. Despite scores so high they would already be out of it in most tournaments, Woods offered some encouragement.

"You know if you shoot 3, 4, 5 over par, you're still in the tournament and you've got to hang in there," said Woods, whose 1-over 71 left him three behind Dougherty.

One trend was evident

Thursday: getting on the course early was much preferable to later. Only four golfers were below or even par, and all four had early tee times — when Oakmont's wickedly fast greens were drying out from a Wednesday afternoon thunderstorm.

"I think the course is, I hate saying it, easy," Dougherty said after needing only 11 putts over the final nine holes. "Goodness I shouldn't have said that. No, absolutely not. The course is barbaric."

Cabrera (69) owned the only

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MCT photo/Ed Suba Jr.

Cleveland Cavaliers forward Anderson Varejao, center, battles with San Antonio Spurs Fabricio Oberto, left, and Robert Horry, right, for position under the basket during first-half action in Game 4 of the NBA Finals Thursday at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. The Spurs won their fourth NBA title and Horry earned his seventh championship ring.

Spurs complete sweep of Cavs, 83-82

By **TOM WITHERS**

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Once the NBA finals had ended and the trophies and T-shirts were handed out, Tim Duncan and LeBron James paused for a moment in the jam-packed hallway to say goodbye and good luck.

San Antonio's center was overheard telling Cleveland's superstar, "The league is going to be yours soon."

Someday. Not now. It still belongs to the Spurs — champions again.

And maybe, a dynasty.

Winning its fourth title in nine years, San Antonio cemented itself among the league's greatest

franchises and as the undisputed team of the past decade with an 83-82 win Thursday night and four-game sweep of the Cavaliers.

With their third championship in five years, the defensive-minded Spurs joined the Boston Celtics, Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago Bulls as the only teams in league history to win four titles.

"A team for the ages," commissioner David Stern said before handing over the Larry O'Brien trophy to Spurs owner Peter Holt.

MVP Tony Parker scored 24 points and Manu Ginobili had 27 — 13 in the fourth quarter — as the Spurs held off a frantic rally

by James and the Cavaliers, who were overmatched from the start in their first every visit to the finals.

"We definitely faced a better team in this series," said James, whose first finals was both humbling and educational. "They never got rattled. They never sped up. They kept us off balance. I think we learned as good as we thought we were, there was still a team out there that was better than us."

San Antonio's impressive run of titles — 1999, 2003, 2005 and now 2007 — under coach Gregg Popovich has earned the Spurs the right to be mentioned as a dynasty. But Parker, the first European-born player to win

MVP honors, wasn't worried about any place other than one he was living in.

"I don't care where we fall in history," said Parker, wrapped in the French flag. "I just feel blessed, honored and privileged to play on a team like this."

And what a team it is.

In Parker, Duncan and Ginobili, the Spurs have three players who can dominate at any time, but it's the clubs reserves who make San Antonio special.

Earlier this season, they Spurs weren't themselves and the ever-demanding Popovich criticized his squad, calling it the worst defensive one he had coached.

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Experienced Owls to take on surprising Louisville

By **ERIC OLSON**

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — With his program in the College World Series for the first time, UC Irvine coach Dave Serrano felt compelled to give a short history lesson Thursday.

"My team wanted me to come up and say we are not Cal Irvine. We're UC Irvine," Serrano said at a news conference. "We do have a Division I baseball team. We're located in south Orange County, south side of Newport Beach."

The Anteaters hope folks know a lot more about them the next week as Division I baseball's national championship

event begins its annual run at Rosenblatt Stadium.

Louisville joins UC Irvine as first-time CWS entries. Defending national champion Oregon State and 2006 runner-up North Carolina also are back, marking only the fifth time the previous year's finalists are making a return trip.

Louisville (46-22) plays No. 2 seed Rice (52-12) in the Bracket 1 opener Friday. Mississippi State (38-20) meets No. 3 North Carolina (53-13) in the second game.

Saturday's Bracket 2 games have UC Irvine (45-15-1) against No. 5 Arizona State (48-13) and Oregon State (44-18)

against Cal State Fullerton (38-23).

The bracket winners will meet in a best-of-three championship series beginning June 23.

UC Irvine is in its sixth year of fielding a baseball team after shutting down the program in 1992 because of state budget cuts. Students passed a referendum increasing student fees in 1999, and the program was up and running again within three years.

The Anteaters went to regionals for the first time in 2004, going two games and out, and Serrano was named head coach a month later after serving as Fullerton's pitching coach for eight

years.

"Our whole goal was to get this program some national recognition," Serrano said. "Never in a million years did I think it was going to happen this quick."

UC Irvine knocked perennial power Texas out of regionals this year, then swept Wichita State on the road in super regionals to reach Omaha.

"We didn't throw a sucker punch. We lasted to the last round and got our hand raised, and we were the champion of those two bouts," Serrano said. "We're not here because we got lucky. This team has earned the right to be here."

Louisville, which went 0-2 in its only other NCAA tournament appearance (2002), won three straight elimination games to get out of regionals before beating Oklahoma State in a three-game super regional.

The Cardinals' rise began last season, when they finished 31-29 after a 12-game win streak ended with a loss to Notre Dame in the Big East tournament final. This season they lost consecutive games only five times on their way to a school-record win total.

"Are we the underdogs? Yes. Does that mean we

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Obituaries

Lois Berrey

Lois Berrey, 88, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 14, 2007, at Mt. View Lodge. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Ken McIntosh of First Christian Church officiating.

She was born Feb. 22, 1919, in Thurber and graduated from Knott High School in 1938. She married Clyde Wood in 1938. He preceded her in death Aug. 3, 1955.

She married Jean Ray "J.R." Berrey on Aug. 4, 1956, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 21, 1991. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by a son, William "Bill" Wood of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sons; a daughter; and two sisters, Annie Burchell and Louise Curry.

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, S.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

Martin Crossnoe

Martin Crossnoe, 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **JURY SELECTION** for 118th District Court in Big Spring, scheduled for Monday, has been cancelled. For more information, contact the District Clerk's office at 264-2223.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

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Police blotter

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

- **VINCENT IFRAIN ALVARADO**, 27, of 1603 Cardinal, was arrested Thursday on three citations.
- **MEOSHA MICHELLE SMITH**, 29, of 1609 Oriole, was arrested Thursday on three local warrants.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 900 block of Runnels.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in 1100 block of Birdwell.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON**, 22, was arrested by DPS Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DARYLL LEVAY POLK**, 35, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on charges of delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.
- **TERRELL CHARLES FRYAR**, 37, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 45, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on charges of bondsman off bond and failure to identify.
- **ANTONIO GONZALES JR.**, 19, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ISAAC STEPHEN RODRIQUEZ**, 23, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **MEOSHA MICHELLE SMITH**, 29, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on a charges of theft and theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 10th Street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
 - 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.
- TUESDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- 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.
- Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds around 10 mph.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-21-34-37.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$27,735.
Winning ticket sold in: Huntsville.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-21-27-34. Bonus Ball: 2.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-5-8.

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Rangers' Loe shuts out Pirates in return from minors



MCT photo/Jeffery Washington
Texas Rangers' pitcher Kameron Loe delivers a pitch in earlier season action against the Red Sox at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. Loe pitched a shutout Thursday in Texas' 6-0 victory over the Pirates.

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — When Kameron Loe was demoted to the minors last Saturday after another poor outing, he was given specific instructions to work on his breaking ball and changeup.

He must be a quick learner. Recalled on Thursday as an injury-replacement starter, Loe tossed eight shutout innings for the Texas Rangers in a 6-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"He didn't even get a chance to work on his stuff," said Texas manager Ron Washington. "So I guess he's smarter than us. All we had to do was tell him."

Gerald Laird, Jerry Hairston Jr., Travis Metcalf homered for the Rangers, who avoided a three-game sweep.

Loe (2-6), who had lost his past six decisions, allowed five hits and three walks with a career-high seven strikeouts. He had been demoted after giving up nine runs in 2 2-3 innings in an 11-4 loss to Detroit. Texas had lost eight of

the previous nine games he started.

But he spent only two days with Triple-A Oklahoma in Albuquerque before getting called back.

"I knew when I was up here things weren't going quite right and I needed to get something together," Loe said. "But maybe something subconsciously clicked and, honestly, I think it was just raising my arm angle a little bit. I don't have a profound answer for you. I did a lot of thinking."

Loe entered the game with a 7.40 ERA and on a personal six-game losing streak since winning his first start of the season April 21. He did not permit a Pirate to reach third base.

"The type of game he pitched tonight," Pirates manager Jim Tracy said, "I find it hard to believe that all the previous games that he pitched were similar to the way he pitched tonight."

Metcalf's first major league hit was a home run to left in the sixth off Pirates starter

Tom Gorzelanny (6-4). The shot came during the third baseman's sixth at-bat in the majors.

"Some people go 0-for-5 in one game, for me it was like three weeks. So it's nice to finally get the first one out of the way," Metcalf said. "Now I can start working on getting some base hits and doing it every night. I felt like it was hit pretty well, but I was running it out just to make sure."

Hairston hit Gorzelanny's fourth pitch of the game into the left field bleachers. It was his second homer of the season and sixth leadoff home run of his career.

Chris Duffy and Ryan Doumit each had two hits for Pittsburgh, which had won the first two games of the series.

Entering the seventh, Gorzelanny had an impressive line: Two runs and four hits with one walk. But Laird hit a three-run homer to break the game open, scoring Michael

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Failure to control speed said factor in death of local man

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A one-vehicle accident earlier this week claimed the life of a Big Spring man.

Jerry Wilson, 33, died from injuries received in a one-car rollover on N. Birdwell Lane early Sunday.

According to police records, Wilson was northbound in the 400 block of N. Birdwell when his 1993 Chevrolet Blazer struck a guardrail at approximately 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

The force of the collision caused the vehicle to spin 180 degrees and the left-side tires blew out, resulting in the vehicle rolling several times, Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness said.

Wilson, who was par-

tially ejected during the incident, was pinned underneath the vehicle. He was subsequently declared dead at the scene, Chamness said.

No other people were involved in the accident.

Chamness said Wilson's failure to control speed was a contributing factor to the accident. Police also suspect he over-corrected his vehicle after it struck the guardrail, which contributed to the roll-over.

A memorial service for Wilson will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Pavilion at Moss Creek Lake near the swimming area.

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he loves the outdoors and hunting.

"It's the challenge," he said of the lure of hunting. "It's just your wits against the animal's wits, in their territory, in their

back yard.

"I enjoy being outdoors, being by yourself, learning the skills you have to develop to be a good hunter," Long added.

"Just to be out and see these guys in their habitat is something. There's a lot of wild game in North America, but there's a lot of room for

Officials arrest 7 convicted sex offenders with MySpace profiles

HOUSTON (AP) — Seven convicted sex offenders with profiles on MySpace.com have been arrested in what Texas officials said was the country's first large-scale crackdown of registered offenders who use the social networking Web site.

The men were arrested in Houston, Austin, Round Rock, and Glenn Heights during a two-week operation by the Texas Attorney General's Cyber Crimes and Fugitive units. They were picked up after MySpace.com released the names of offenders with online profiles to the state Attorney General's Office, which had issued a subpoena for the site's subscriber information.

"Texans will not tolerate criminals who prey on our children," Attorney General Greg Abbott said in a statement.

After it was criticized for failing to protect underage subscribers, the site supplied names to attorneys general in other states, and began checking subscribers' criminal histories through

Sentinel Safe, a database of registered sex offenders.

In Houston, officials arrested Patrick Joseph Blevins, 49; Reginald Lee Collins, 27; Ronald Daven Metoyer, 41; and Robert Shepard Walter, 23. Walter was also charged last month with failing to register as a sex offender.

Each was ordered held without bond in the Harris County jail. Motions were also filed to revoke the parole of Blevins, Collins and Metoyer. A Harris County jail official would not release information on the men's attorneys late Thursday.

Scott Peter Hansen, 44, was arrested in Glenn Heights, a Dallas suburb. Information on his incarceration or attorney were not available late Thursday.

Jason Labronte Carr, 31, was taken into custody in Austin. A Travis County jail official said Thursday night she did not have access to information on Carr's attorney of record.

Jeremy Bryan Polak, 28, a parole violator accused of failing to register as a

sex offender, was arrested in Round Rock, an Austin suburb. A Williamson County jail official said his records did not include Polak's attorney of record.

Officials find Port Arthur man ordered to get TB treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — A Port Arthur man who had been ordered by a judge to undergo treatment for a contagious form of tuberculosis was taken into protective custody and sent to a San Antonio hospital on Thursday.

Lemone R. Yowman, 32, had been sought by city health officials for nearly a week before he was found at a relative's home in Port Arthur on Thursday morning, according to Maj. John Owens of the Port Arthur Police Department.

"He was very cooperative, noncombative," said Owens. "The problem was

just locating him, but we found him."

Yowman was taken by ambulance with a police escort to the Texas Center for Infectious Disease in San Antonio, where he will undergo treatment, Owens said.

Dr. William George, the city health authority, said Yowman has a drug-susceptible strain of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis, a different variety than the drug-resistant strain that infected Atlanta attorney Andrew Speaker, whose TB case caused an international scare.

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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.

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

Lois Berrey, 88, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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and by the time we pull this off I expect we'll have even more next year.

"The Lord is responsible for giving us this country," he added, "and he has a right to be thanked for it. So while we're celebrating our independence, we're also going to honor the Lord for giving us this great country, and that's what this is all about."

The festival, slated for July 4 in downtown Big Spring, will still feature many of the same activities as in the past, according to Johnson.

"All of the goodies we've had in the past are going to be the same," said Johnson. "In the kids' section we're going to have a water slide

and several different things as far as the water rides are concerned. We're also going to have the inflatables, horseback rides and a washer tournament. Those things will all be the same as in years past.

"They are going to have more food — two to three times more food — than last year. We have 15 different food vendors. You can just imagine the kind of food that's going to be out there. You definitely need to come out and be a part of it."

Johnson said there will be plenty of entertainment throughout the day-long event.

"We're bringing back out laser light show," said Johnson. "It will be coordinated and it will be a new show that people haven't seen before. It will be coordinated to our theme, and it's going to be an awesome event. We're also going to

them, too. They're not behind every tree, so you have to go find them."

And each of those animals, it seems, has a story to tell, and Long was more than happy to share those stories with the inquisitive children.

"There's two reasons I had them mounted," he said. "First, I enjoy seeing

them. Secondly, they're due that respect ... When I'm gone, they'll still be here for people to enjoy. That's the reason I gave them to the school."

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have Stellar Kart, which is a fast-rising contemporary Christian rock band. They are on the national scene and were in the Netherlands last week.

"We're also going to have a local favorite that is coming up fast in the same genre, which is Crimson Soul. A Road Less Traveled and Hit The Ground Running will also be performing. We also have Dan Dean from Phillips, Craig and Dean, The Heartland Church Worship Band. He's also a nationally known act, and he'll be part of the prime time event."

For more information on the Funtastic Fourth Festival, contact Johnson at 267-6278.

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SPURS

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San Antonio was 33-18 at the time, "struggling" by its lofty standards, but it wasn't long before they started playing Spurs basketball.

The Spurs beat Denver, Phoenix and Utah to win the Western Conference title and then stormed through the Cavs, who were exposed during four games that looked competitive on the scoreboard but were hardly even close.

"This one's sweeter," said Duncan, the common denominator during the club's dynastic stretch. "This was as tough as we ever had it. Guys persevered."

As the final seconds ticked off, Duncan stood

at center court with both arms raised triumphantly as the rest of the Spurs danced around him. He sought out Cleveland's Eric Snow, but was unable to find James, who had walked off the floor so he didn't have to watch the celebration.

"I didn't want to look at it," James said.

The final moments were hectic as the Spurs needed every last free throw to hold off the Cavaliers, who made a last stand at home in a season of seasons for their once down-trodden franchise and for a city still waiting for its first title since 1964.

Cleveland went on an 11-0 run to open the fourth quarter, taking its first lead in any second half of the series on James' drive with 7:55 left. Cleveland went up 63-60 on Daniel Gibson's

drive, but that's when Duncan and Co. showed why they're champions.

Ginobili scored inside, was fouled and missed his free throw. But Duncan muscled into the lane and tipped in the miss to make it 66-63. The Cavs tied it, but Ginobili, who didn't make a field goal in Game 3, dropped a 3-pointer, and when James missed a 3, the Spurs regained control by out-working Cleveland.

Duncan and Fabricio Oberto scrapped for offensive rebounds as the Spurs kept the ball for nearly two minutes before Oberto's three-point play made it 72-66 with 2:29 remaining. Duncan then poked the ball away from James and Oberto scored underneath to give San Antonio a 74-66 lead.

James, possibly a little tired following the early

morning birth of his second son, hit another 3-pointer but Ginobili responded again with a runner in the lane to make it 76-69.

Damon Jones made three free throws and James made another 3-pointer, but Ginobili made four free throws in the final seven seconds and immediately began celebrating a title that was all but inevitable.

"We're an old team. We've been there," Parker said. "We knew Cleveland was going to make a run, so we just let the storm go by. We never had panic on our team, never."

Parker, who averaged 24.5 points on 57 percent shooting, had been viewed mostly as a pretty decent player with a prettier fiancée, TV actress Eva Longoria.

The 25-year-old, though,

was an unstoppable, silver-and-black blur against the Cavs, who had no one who could contain him and who looked like they stumbled into their first finals by accident.

James had Cleveland fans believing the city's 43-year championship drought was about to end. However, he had a rough introduction to the league's climactic event, one he figures to reach again.

He shot just 10-of-30 in Game 4 — and only 36 percent in the series — and never figured out how to rise above or get around the Spurs, whose defensive schemes were designed to make the other Cavaliers beat them.

James scored 24 points, and while he took the Cavaliers as far as they've ever gone, he failed to

give them new life in this series on the same day his second son, Bryce Maximus James, was born.

"I need to get better," he said, "and once I get better, our team will automatically get better."

Duncan had only 12 points — on 4-of-15 shooting — but grabbed 15 rebounds. His arrival in 1997 in San Antonio is the launching point for the Spurs' ascension, and while he secured his fourth ring, he helped others like Michael Finley and Jacque Vaughn win their first.

Finley cradled the game ball during the postgame celebration.

"I might just put it in the bed between me and my wife," he said.

Notes: Cleveland's 322 points was the lowest total for four games.

GOLF

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other score in the 60s, with the long-driving Bubba Watson and Jose Maria Olazabal at even-par 70. Woods, Ben Curtis, returning champion Geoff Ogilvy, Jim Furyk and 51-year-old Fred Funk were among those at 1-over 71.

"Imagine if we don't get any rain and the greens get firmer and firmer by this weekend, it's going to be difficult out there,"

Olazabal said.

Going to get difficult? What is it now? David Toms led at 3 under at one point, only to finish at 72 following bogeys on five of his last six holes.

"Even in a major like Augusta, even other difficult major we play, you probably are going to have one or two shots where you can take off," Woods said. "It's not that hard of a shot. You can close your eyes and probably hit it either in the fairway or on the greens, and it's an easy shot. On

this golf course there are none, and no easy birdies."

No doubt it didn't help that only a dozen or so in the field have tournament experience at Oakmont, which hadn't hosted a U.S. Open since 1994 — the year before Woods began playing in the national championship. Once the leaders experience all of Oakmont's nuances, and the greens that tilt like a miswired pinball machine, maybe they'll be more comfortable.

Or maybe not. Arnold Palmer has played Oakmont for 66 years and still doesn't know all of its ins and outs and peculiarities.

"When he (Woods) and I played here last Monday, 10 over would have won it by five," Ogilvy said. "Right now 10 over is not going to win, if it stays like this."

One of the big questions before Thursday was how well Mickelson would play with an injured left wrist that didn't allow him to play a full practice

round this week. The answer: not all that badly, given his 4-over 74. He parred each of the last eight holes, getting more comfortable once he began taking off his wrist guard while putting.

"I feel OK to hit balls," said Mickelson, who lost a one-shot lead on the final hole at Winged Foot last year, allowing Ogilvy to win. "It's sore and aggravating and it's annoying, but it's not like the pain was as little as five, six days ago."

Justin Rose, among a group of 16 at 1-over 71, said staying around is the main goal of Day 1.

"I haven't shot myself out of the tournament, which is what Round 1 is all about," Rose said.

And can anyone feel comfortable with Woods, winner of four of the last nine majors, hanging so close?

"That's what he does, gets the best score of the day he can, not his best but he's still in the tournament," Ogilvy said.

BRIEFS

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Optimist fishing tournament set at park

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

UTPB holding baseball tryouts

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

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The high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4

p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

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

Texas Tech schedules summer camps

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

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OUR VIEWS

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Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

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This week we salute:

- McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park and Hangar 25 Air Museum for hosting the Prairie Dog Fly In last Saturday. Though adverse weather limited the number of participants, we applaud their efforts and hope it will soon be a Big Spring tradition.

- The Pops in the Park board, who announced that approximately half of the \$40,000 needed for this year's show on July 3 has been raised. Those interested in making a donation to the project can do so by contacting Debbye ValVerde at the Chamber at 263-7641 or mail them to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

- Howard County Commissioners Court for deciding on a location for the proposed new jail. We're not weighing in on their choice at this point, but were pleased to see them come to a unanimous agreement.

- Crystal Ward of Big Spring, who was recently named an Outstanding Performer at the 2007 Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

- Old Sorehead Trade Days organizers, who despite torrents of rain at times, managed to pull off another enjoyable weekend in Stanton.

- Bruce Wilson, named Big Spring High School principal, and Dana Rodriguez, named Kentwood Elementary principal. Glad to have you on the team, folks.

- Rape Crisis Victim Services for sponsoring a seminar put on by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault for local law enforcement and other officials. It's always great when training programs such as this can be conducted locally.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we zoom in on what You want for our lives, Lord.
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Imagine, a gay mayoral candidate

Dallas, could have a new city slogan if Ed Oakley is elected mayor later this month: "Dallas — The San Francisco of the South." Oakley, currently a Dallas city councilman, is proudly gay. Predictions are he has better than a snowball's chance in hell in the mayoral runoff June 16 — against an avowed, out-of-the-closet heterosexual, no less — despite, or maybe because of his sexuality. It just doesn't seem to affect voters' perceptions of Oakley that he's gay.



CYNTHIA HALL CLEMENTS

Oakley hasn't run around waving the rainbow flag during this race. He's running on his record, an unprecedented strategy indeed, for a politician to ask voters to judge him by his performance. Even more curious, though, is that Oakley's opponent isn't playing the "gay" card. His lack of acknowledgement could be interpreted as acceptance of Oakley, in some form.

Homophobia should be so way last century, but pathetically, it's not, especially here in Texas, where just some two years ago, voters approved, by a 3-to-1 margin, a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Can't have those gays gettin' "married," now can we?

Texas would be the modern-day

version of Sodom and Gomorrah if gays hooked up legally, so fear social conservatives, and God would be really busy running around zapping all those sexual "sinners" into pillars of salt. The hell, fire, and brimstone crowd was happily calling down Old Testament curses and the Almighty's wrath on homosexuals from Sunday pulpits, before heading out to gluttonous meals at nearby all-you-can eat buffets. There they continued the lament on how homosexuals and their agenda are destroying the Norman Rockwell version of Americana, the glory days of old when we loved those like us and hated others.

We were doing quite well with hanging onto homosexual hate here in Texas — the buckle of the Bible belt, the land that launched W into the White House — and self-righteously justifying it by a misinterpreted allegedly God-ordained scripture or two. You've got to have some empirical evidence to support all that angst, after all.

Then common sense smacked some of us, at least in Dallas County, into reality on the way to the ballot box. We stopped worrying about what people did at night — and with whom they did it — and we started worrying about the jobs they did during the day.

(Not to worry you still-closeted homophobes, socially conservative East Texas is still a safe haven for you and an outlet for your abhor-

rence. No reality trip on gay rights for you yet.)

There weren't mass protests on the streets of Dallas, or in other major cities and small towns across Texas, but there has been a quiet effort in the court of public opinion, and a more effective one in the courts, of the state, to change perception of gays and gay rights. Somewhere along the way, we moved from plausible deniability — "don't ask, don't tell" — to indifference. Oakley can run as an acknowledged homosexual for mayor of Dallas, but the voters would rather focus on his record as a city councilman as his qualifications for mayor. It's an effort, but not a panacea, at correcting a moral wrong done against homosexuals — hatred for who they are — for a generation or more now.

A friend and I were talking today, wondering when, as Americans, we'll stop discriminating against homosexuals. She's hopeful it's only a generation now, that when her son and daughter, and my son, are our ages now, they won't remember when it was legal and morally acceptable — even encouraged — to discriminate against gays.

In one way, I hope she's wrong. A generation is too long to live with such hate.

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Supreme Court no friend of women

On May 29 The Bush Supreme Court under Chief Justice John Roberts delivered what could be a devastating blow to women experiencing discrimination in pay and promotion. After many years of employment at Goodyear, Lilly Ledbetter learned that she had been paid less all along than the 16 men at her management level, including those with less seniority. She sued under the nation's main gender discrimination law, Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, but the Court said she had no case. Why? In an opinion delivered by Bush appointee Samuel Alito, the majority said Title VII only allowed Ledbetter 180 days to sue from the time her discriminatory pay was initially set, even though it had been a tightly held secret in the company for more than a decade before she found out about it.



MARTHA BURK

While the statute does indeed call for an employee to act within 180 days of experiencing a specific discriminatory event, courts for the last 40 years have treated each new short paycheck as such an event — until now. Legal scholars are arguing about the long-term implications, but members of Congress aren't waiting. Carolyn Maloney, D-New York, is introducing a bill to give women a fairer shake by allowing a longer timeline for action.

Meanwhile, sex discrimination in corporate America marches on. In a case filed against General Electric two days after the ruling, female lawyers and senior management employees put forth damning evidence against the company. Citing pay and promotion data on top management, the women demonstrate that GE's claims of "diversity" and valuing female employees under lead defendant Chairman Jeffrey Immelt are, as they say in Texas, all hat and no cattle.

We shouldn't be surprised. Immelt, along with his board members Sam Nunn and Douglas Warner (also named in the suit) stood staunchly against women a few years ago by maintaining their memberships in the biggest ol' boys cult of all, Augusta National Golf Club. Even in the face of a national controversy over the club's policies, they defied their own corporate statements about fairness. At the same time, Immelt was engaging in what I call the "diversity dodge," that many companies employ to make themselves look good on race and gender while doing nothing, or worse, hiding outright discrimination. Immelt was saying all the right words, touting the "GE Women's Network" as a pipeline for top jobs. But the numbers, then as now, were damning. Of the 16,000 women in the Network (not all female employees belong), only 22 had made it to officer level in 2003.

The current suit, filed by Lorene Schaefer, a senior attorney with the company, tells us nothing has

changed at GE. Citing a clearly male dominated "officer's club" in the senior ranks, the complaint shows that female representation at the officer level is still languishing at 13 percent. And while the suit does not address women at lower levels in the company, my bet is management's attitude toward female workers is one area where the "trickle down" theory works. If women at high levels are so blatantly shut out, what are the prospects for those in the rank and file?

While this case is certainly an indictment against one of America's largest companies, GE is of course not alone. Big corporations use diversity departments and meaningless initiatives all the time to obscure the truth. It's sort of like Exxon Mobil claiming to be "green" while dodging responsibility for the Exxon Valdez oil spill (they've yet to pay out a dime).

It's unknown what effect the latest ruling from the Supremes will have on the women at GE and thousands of their sisters at other companies getting paid less, promoted less, and often patted on the fanny to boot. But one thing is sure — big corporations headed by men who say one thing and do another will try to sell "diversity" in place of fairness as long as they're allowed to do it by lax laws and female-hostile courts.

Congress ought to act fast to right this wrong.

Martha Burk is director of the Corporate Accountability Project.

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CWS

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don't deserve to be here? No," said left fielder Isaiah Howes, batting a team-leading .392 with 18 home runs. "Any team here is good enough. Underdogs? To me, that doesn't mean anything." The Cardinals reached the CWS with a 20-2 super regional-clinching victory over Oklahoma State. "Now that we're here," shortstop Chris Cates said, "we've made it known that Louisville is a good baseball team and we're a team that is going to be reckoned with here in the World Series."

Rice, which won the school's only national title in a team sport in 2003, is back for the second straight year. Last year the Owls went 2-2

here, going scoreless in a CWS-record 23 consecutive innings.

The Owls have won 35 of their past 37 games after an uncharacteristic 11-7 start.

"Every team has its ups and downs," Rice coach Wayne Graham said, "and our real down was at the first part of the season when we were trying to overcome injuries and trying to get our heads on straight."

Mississippi State has rebounded after losing eight of 10 entering the national tournament. The Bulldogs shuffled their lineup after late-season injuries. There are new starters at seven positions.

The Tar Heels will try to atone for last year's disappointing finish in the third game of the championship series.

RANGERS

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Young and Marlon Byrd. It was Laird's fourth of the season and first for the Rangers in four games.

"That kid (Gorzelanny) is tough," Laird said. "He throws a good fastball, a good slider and a good changeup. We figured it would be a battle tonight, but he left some pitches up with men on base and we got some good swings on them."

Gorzelanny ultimately allowed five runs and seven hits in seven innings, walking one and striking out four.

"Three unlucky pitches," Gorzelanny said, "and stuff happens."

Young drove in Loe with a single in the eighth off of Dan Kolb,

the former Brewers' closer who was making his Pirates debut.

Masumi Kuwata, the 39-year-old rookie and former Japanese league star, made his home debut for the Pirates by pitching a perfect ninth. About 40 members of the Japanese media were in attendance for the series.

"We never really threatened. It wasn't like we had a big rally," Jason Bay said. "He was just kind of missing the barrel (of the bat) or having us beat it into the ground, which — when a sinker-ball guy is on — what's going to happen."

Notes: Loe had his first major league hit, ending an 0-for-30 streak for Rangers pitchers. Ricardo Rodriguez was the previous Texas pitcher to collect a hit, on June 12, 2005. ... The Pirates have

not swept an interleague series since taking three in a row from the Cleveland Indians at PNC Park in 2001. ... Pittsburgh turned 11 double plays during the series. ... Of the 52 home runs hit at PNC Park this season, 36 have come with the bases empty (69 percent). ... The Rangers entered the game last in the majors in ERA and had given up less than four runs in a game only four times since May 6.

Twins 3, Braves 2

The Minnesota Twins once again couldn't score for Johan Santana. In the ninth inning, they more than made up for it.

Mike Redmond's RBI single capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning against Atlanta closer Bob Wickman, ruining

Tim Hudson's strong start and lifting the Twins to a 3-2 victory over the Braves on Thursday night.

"We won the game, and that's all we were looking for," said Santana, who gave up Brian McCann's solo homer in the fifth, Matt Diaz's RBI double in the sixth, and left trailing 2-0 after seven strong innings.

Dennys Reyes (1-1) pitched the ninth for the victory that the Twins wished could have gone to Santana, who has received more than three runs in only four his 14 starts this season.

Santana struck out nine and gave up only five hits, and despite throwing 108 pitches he expressed disappointment with manager Ron Gardenhire for not letting him take the mound for the eighth.

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Hamas fighters say they have arrested senior Fatah military commanders

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hamas fighters have seized Fatah's senior field commanders in the Gaza Strip, a spokesman for the Islamic group announced Friday, while Egyptian police said nearly 100 Fatah officials had crossed into Egypt.

The spokesman, Abu Obeideh, said the group's men arrested the commanders of the National Security organization and the elite Presidential Guard, along with a senior Fatah spokesman, a lawmaker and six other officials.

The men were being interrogated by Hamas, Obeideh said on Hamas TV.

Meanwhile, 97 senior members of Fatah's security and administrative apparatus arrived in the Egyptian port of El-Arish hours after fighters from the militant Hamas group took control of Gaza, an Egyptian security official in El-Arish said.

The retreating Fatah members, who fled aboard a fishing boat, were transferred to camps affiliated to Egypt's security forces, a police official in Cairo confirmed.

Ruth Graham, wife of the renowned evangelist Billy Graham, dies at age 87

MONTREAT, N.C. (AP) — Ruth Graham, who surrendered dreams of missionary work in Tibet to marry a suitor who became the world's most renowned evangelist, died Thursday. She was 87. Graham died at 5:05 p.m. at her home at Little Piney Cove, surrounded by her husband and all five of their children, said a statement released by Larry Ross, Billy Graham's spokesman.

"Ruth was my life partner, and we were called by God as a team," Billy Graham said in a statement. "No one else could have borne the load that she carried. She was a vital and integral part of our ministry, and my work through the years would have been impossible without her encouragement and support.

"I am so grateful to the Lord that He gave me Ruth, and especially for these last few years we've had in the

mountains together. We've rekindled the romance of our youth, and my love for her continued to grow deeper every day. I will miss her terribly, and look forward even more to the day I can join her in Heaven."

Ruth Graham had been bedridden for months with degenerative osteoarthritis of the back and neck — the result of a serious fall from a tree in 1974 while fixing a swing for grandchildren — and underwent treatment for pneumonia two weeks ago. At her request, and in consultation with her family, she had stopped receiving nutrients through a feeding tube for the last few days, Ross said.

A public memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Montreat Conference Center. A private interment service will be held the next day in Charlotte.

Gates to tell Russians that U.S. missile defense plans in Eastern Europe will proceed

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates says the Bush administration is not willing to replace its plan for a missile defense system in Eastern Europe with Russia's counterproposal for a radar site in Azerbaijan.

That's the blunt message Gates was to deliver to Russian Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov during a private meeting Friday at the NATO gathering in Brussels.

Speaking to reporters Thursday, Gates said that despite strident Russian opposition, the U.S. will proceed with its plans for a radar system in the Czech Republic to watch for missile threats and 10 interceptor rockets in Poland to shoot down any missiles.

Gates dismissed any notion that Russia's push for joint use of a radar station in Azerbaijan could replace the broader U.S. plan.

Astronauts to repair space shuttle's thermal blanket during mission's 3rd spacewalk

HOUSTON (AP) — Two astronauts planned to climb out of the international space station to staple down a thermal blanket that peeled back during the launch of

space shuttle Atlantis.

James Reilly and Danny Olivas were expected to emerge into the void of space shortly before 1:40 p.m. EDT Friday on the mission's third spacewalk.

Meanwhile, engineers continued testing whether a bad power feed going into the Russian side of the international space station was causing failures in computers that control the outpost's orientation and produce oxygen.

The power feed hooks up the Russian side to a pair of new solar arrays that were delivered to the space station by the shuttle and connected to the orbiting outpost by two of Atlantis' crew members during a spacewalk Monday.

"A power line has a certain magnetic field around it, and that can affect systems near it," said Mike Suffredini, NASA's space station program manager. "This is the leading theory today."

Frozen N. Korea funds that held up nuclear disarmament pact finally moving

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The U.S. and its allies urged North Korea to act on its pledge to start dismantling its nuclear program after frozen money that had been Pyongyang's main condition to disarm was on its way Friday to the communist nation's accounts.

Despite the key demand apparently being met, other sides involved in the protracted six-nation arms talks with the communist nation acknowledged that progress still would be slow.

"The future task of denuclearization is much more difficult than the (banking) issue," South Korea's nuclear envoy Chun Yung-woo said Friday upon returning from Washington where he met his U.S. counterpart.

"Even though the fund transfer problem is resolved, North Korea could come up with more demands," Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso said in Tokyo. "There is no guarantee we can resume the six-party talks right away."

Some \$25 million in North Korean accounts had been frozen at Macau's Banco Delta Asia since 2005, when the U.S. blacklisted the bank.

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Greater Vision will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Baptist Church, 810 E. 11th Place. The public is invited to attend a night of spirit-filled music featuring the most-awarded trio in the history of gospel music.

Greater Vision to perform at Trinity Baptist Church

"Greater Vision," a Gospel trio first organized in 1990, will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Baptist Church, located at 810 E. 11th Place.

The vocals and rich harmony Greater Vision has become recognized for is a result of blending the three unique and versatile vocalists. Gerald Wolfe, the group's founder and emcee, sings the lead. Prolific songwriter Rodney Griffin handles the baritone part for the trio and Jason Waldroup, the group's youngest member, provides an exceptional tenor voice.

The group has been named Trio of the Year

by both The Singing News Magazine and The Southern Gospel Music Association. Greater Vision has also received numerous honors for Song of the Year, Album of the Year and Video of the Year, while Griffin has been named Songwriter of the Year for seven consecutive years.

Wolfe has been named Favorite Male Vocalist for six consecutive years and Waldroup has received Gospel music's Favorite Young Artist and Favorite Tenor awards.

The public is invited to attend a night of spirit-filled music featuring the most-awarded trio in gospel music.

Monday, July 9. "Avalanche Ranch" will be a fun and God-filled experience.

You are invited to our Web site at www.fum-cbs.org for a complete and updated listing of all scheduled events and activities. Take a click around and see the many opportunities that are available at our church buildings located at Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

First Baptist Church Big Spring

First Baptist Church is pleased to announce that the Rev. Ken Coffee will be coming to serve as its interim pastor. We are excited and invite any of you who are without a church home to come and visit. There is a place where you can serve, here at First Baptist.

We have had an exciting week of Vacation Bible School this week. Our theme for this year's school was "Game Day." We hope the kids had as great a time as the adults did!

For the next couple of weeks, our girls who are involved with the mission group, Girl's Auxiliary, will be serving as hostesses during our Wednesday evening meals in hopes that a few good tips might come their way to help them offset the price of their GA Camp expense this summer. If you want a great meal at a nominal price, want to help some wonderful kids attend camp this summer and be a part of a meaningful Bible study, First Baptist Church is the place to be on Wednesdays during the summer months. The meal begins at 5 p.m. in our Family Life Center.

For more information concerning our church and its ministries, call 267-8223.

First Presbyterian Church

While part of the congregation is camping and worshipping at Fort Davis, those remaining in Big Spring will be led in worship by Dan Miracle, senior student at Austin Theological Seminary. He will preach from the common lectionary: Psalm 5:1-

8; I Kings 21: 1-21; Galations 2:15-21; and Luke 7:36-8:3.

The choir will present "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" by Robert J. Powell, based on Psalm 84 and "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" by the modern composer Mark Hayes.

The Service Committee asks members and guests to come to a "Cookout in the Courtyard" following worship on Sunday, June 24, as part of their continuing emphasis on world hunger.

First Presbyterian is located at Eighth and Runnels.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The congregation invites you to worship with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday. A nursery is provided.

To celebrate Fathers Day from 5-7 p.m. Sunday,

we are having a home-made ice cream fellowship in our multi-purpose center. Happy Fathers Day to all the fathers.

For further information or a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-8214.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

"Lift Off-Soaring to New Heights with God" is the theme of the North Birdwell UMC Vacation Bible School beginning Monday, June 18. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. until noon each day through Thursday. The daily sessions, featuring hot air balloons, Bible stories, music, snacks, crafts and recreation. Age limits are 5 years through 12 years. Parents will need to come with their children on Monday to complete the registration process. Also, this year, all children will be held inside until a parent or guardian comes to pick them up at noon. On

Thursday evening, June 21, the church will host the children and their families for a night of fun and food. The closing program will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a cookout featuring hamburgers and hot dogs.

Angel Food Ministry orders for June conclude today at 6 p.m. Delivery will be June 30 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Orders for July may be placed beginning on delivery day.

Pastor Joel Miller and the congregation of North Birdwell UMC invite you to attend any and all worship services, activities and programs sponsored by the church. Regular Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes for all ages beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a short time of fellowship. Remember, God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it! The North Birdwell UMC is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane.

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Our summer schedule begins with Holy Communion celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrews will hold their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, June 16, beginning at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201, or visit our Web site www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries

Come celebrate the Lord with us. Brother Terry Miller from Manitoba, Canada is preaching this Sunday and next Sunday. Come and be blessed. Spring Tabernacle is located at 1209 Wright St.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services are at 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

The spaghetti supper planned Saturday evening has been canceled.

Bible studies continue during the week. Call 267-7163 for details.

Operation On-Going Support continues with June's recommended items as follows: Tooth brushes, toothpaste and Chapstick. Please continue to contribute to the AT&T phone card fund so the troops can call home.

Captain Hunze's newsletter is in the red binder in the parish hall so everyone can read his news from Iraq.

St. Paul Lutheran



Don and Judy Earley

Baptist Temple to host Earley Praises June 24

Sunday, June 24, Don and Judy Earley, a singing duo from Fort Worth known as "Earley Praises," who consider themselves "ministers in song," will present the morning worship service in song at Baptist Temple.

Their desire is to lift up the name of the Lord through the songs that He has given Don. They have ministered in many churches, conferences, retreats, revivals, and banquets throughout the United States and have enjoyed the opportunity to sing with several nationally known groups.

In 2005, the Gospel Music Artist Association named Don Songwriter of the Year, and his song "I Would Choose Jesus" was named Song of the Year. Awards from the Southern Gospel Music Association of Texas

include Group of the Year in 2000, Male Vocalist of the Year for Don in 2000 and 2003, and Female Vocalist of the Year for Judy in 2001 and 2004.

In each of these years, a song written by Don was nominated for Song of the Year.

Their testimonies reflect the peaks and valleys of their early years of marriage and how the Lord is allowing them to use those experiences for His glory.

Come worship with us at 400 E. 11th Place. Our service times begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m.

Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. we have prayer meeting for the adults and activities for the youth and children. Call 267-8287 for more information.

Church is located at 810 Scurry St.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9

p.m. each day. A light meal will be served. Call 267-2291 for transportation. The church is located at 401 E. Fourth. First graders through sixth graders are invited to "come and learn to be a hero!"

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Sunday, Coahoma United Methodist Church will celebrate Father's Day by hosting "Doughnuts With Dad" in the church fellowship hall at 10 a.m. All fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, stepfathers, soon-to-be fathers, stand-in fathers and act-like fathers are invited to come with their children and receive a special Father's Day blessing. The celebration will be followed by our regular worship services at 11 a.m.

Normal Sunday school classes will begin at 9:45 a.m. All are invited to join us as we worship in song and in scripture.

Wednesday, the youth will be meeting for worship and study at 6 p.m. and the Praise Band and choir rehearsal will be at 7 p.m. All ages are encouraged to come to choir rehearsal as we praise the Lord in song. The Ministry Team will meet Thursday in the fellowship hall. They will be joining the Worship Committee meeting at 7 p.m. to assist in planning summer worship services.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful members met June 4 in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Following the invocation by Jan Hansen, President Kathryn Wiseman called for committee reports. Debbie Wegman has found a source to take the e-waste products still left in the airport area.

This was tabled for 30 days to see if we can find someone to remove the products for less than \$500. Debbie also asked for volunteers to man collection boxes at Pops in the Park. Pat Simmons reported on the progress of the "eyesore" project, as well as the business-member drive, which is going well.

We were updated about the hummingbird feeders in the Pocket Park. We need birds. Several Keep Texas Beautiful Award entries were sent to state in time to be considered.

Raul Benavides told of progress on the wildflower plantings. Permission must be received from the Texas Department of Transportation in some areas.

The courthouse beautification project was also discussed and a committee will look into plans for

the effort.

The Fall Flower Extravaganza will be Oct. 20 along with Make A Difference Day and Love Our Lake Day.

Three people will attend the state meeting and the awards banquet will be

Sept. 6 at the Big Spring Country Club.

KBSB will host a booth at the Howard County Fair, Sept. 26-29.

New members and volunteers are welcome. KBSB's next meeting will be July 2.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the four of hearts to South's jack and your king. How would you play the hand?

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| West | East |
| ♠ K Q 7 6 | ♠ A 4 |
| ♥ A K | ♥ 7 5 |
| ♦ Q J 4 | ♦ K 9 6 3 2 |
| ♣ 10 9 6 3 | ♣ A Q J 2 |

If you stake the outcome on a club finesse at trick two, the contract is sure to go down if South has the king. He would return a heart, and you would finish with only eight tricks.

You could also fail by attacking diamonds immediately, even though that is a better play than finessing a club. If you led the queen or jack of diamonds at trick two, for example, you would go down if South had something like:

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| ♠ J 9 3 2 |
| ♥ J 9 6 |
| ♦ A 10 8 7 |
| ♣ K 5 |

The most promising method of play by far is to lead a spade to the ace at trick two and a low diamond from dummy at trick three. If South has the ace, you are sure to make the contract whether he takes the ace or follows low.

If he rises with the ace, you have nine tricks — three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club regardless of how the diamonds are divided. If he does not go up with the ace, you also score nine tricks by turning your attention to clubs after the diamond queen holds. Even if the club finesse fails, you are home, scoring three spades, two hearts, a diamond and three clubs.

The only time the contract goes down by adopting the suggested method of play is when North started with precisely the singleton ace of diamonds and South has the king of clubs, in which event you could make three notrump by leading the four of diamonds from your hand at trick two. As opposed to this one remote possibility — less than a 2 percent chance — it is significantly better to start the diamonds by leading a low one from dummy initially.

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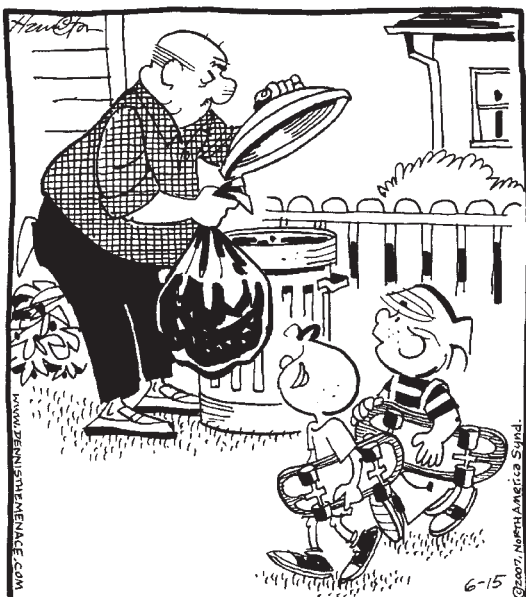
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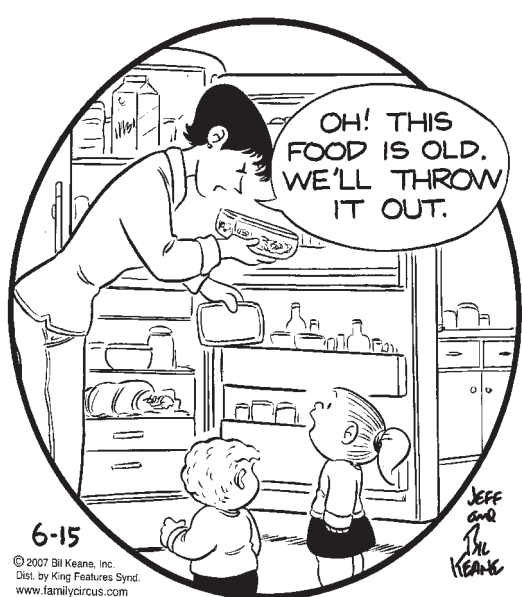
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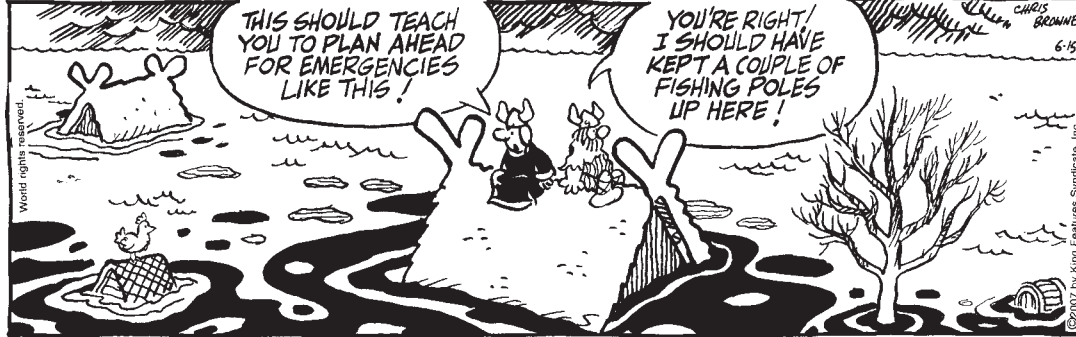
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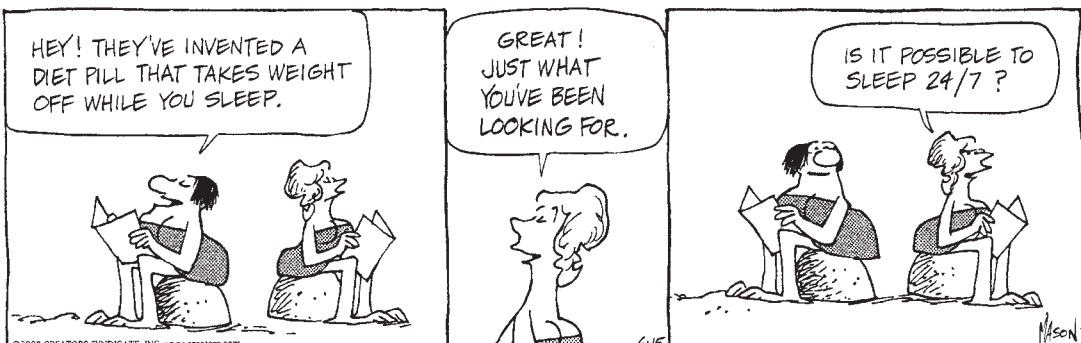
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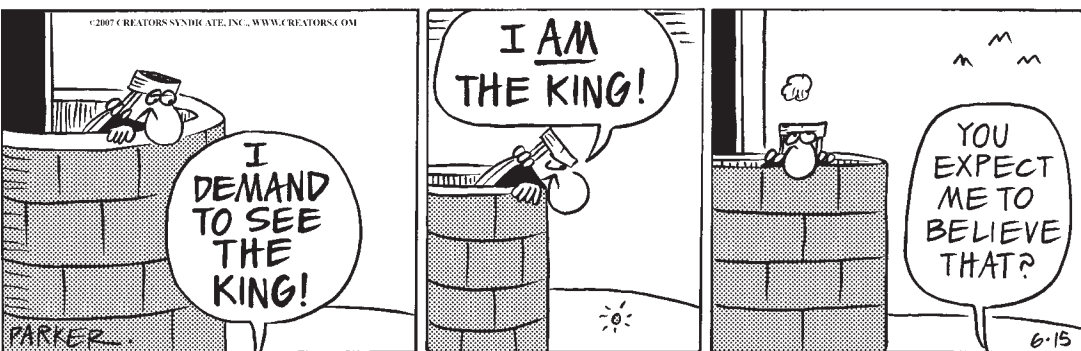
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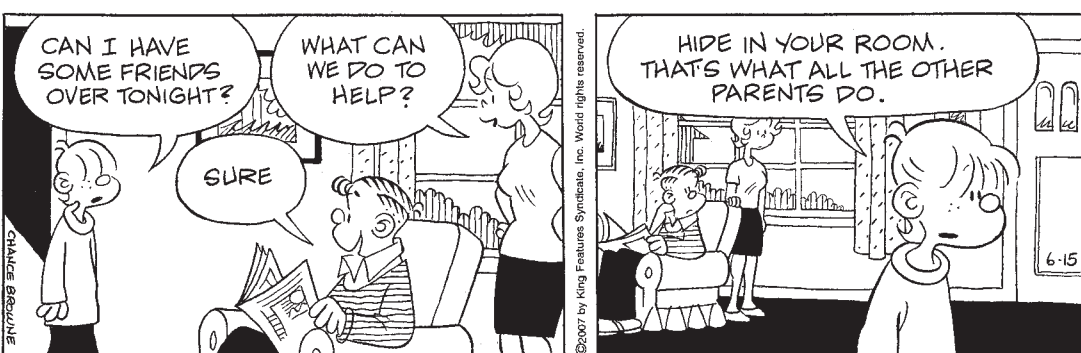
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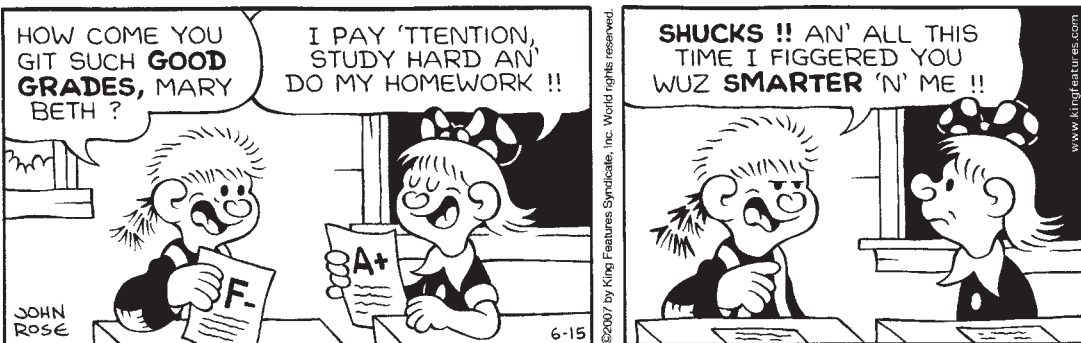
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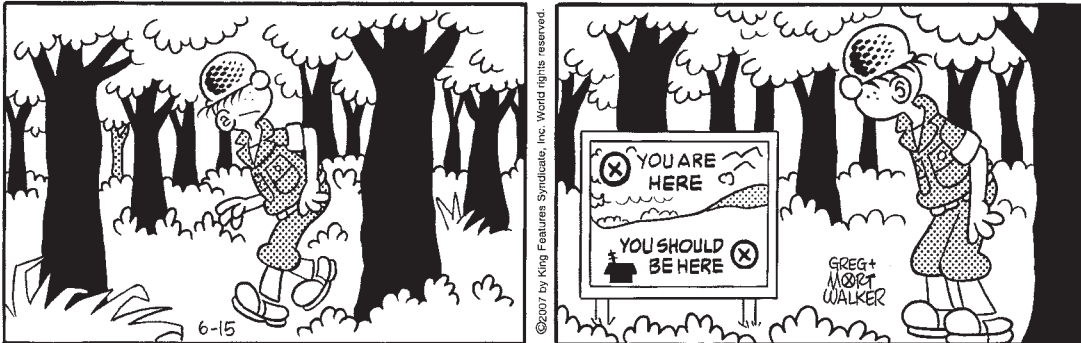
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, June 15, the 166th day of 2007. There are 199 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta...

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River. In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II...

is 43. Country musician Tony Ardo is 43. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 41. Rock musician Jimmy McD is 39. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 37. Actress Leah Remini is 38. Actor Jake Busey is 36. Bluegrass singer-musician Jamie Johnson is 35. Rock musician T-Bone Willy (Save Ferris) is 35. Rock singer Dryden Mitchell (Alien Ant Farm) is 31. Rock musician Billy Martin (Good Charlotte) is 26.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with letters and words like BAEZ, DIGS, BATES, OLGA, IDEA, ABODE, LIGHTNING, NORGE, ATONCE, LETTUCES, SON, ERR, OATH, GLOWWORM, SAP, AWFUL, ARNO, LORE, CALLS, NYU, SONIC, TRAP, ODES, TOGAS, VPS, FLARES, SUP, HARE, SAD, SAW, UNCLE, SAM, MINIME, RIALS, LAMP, POONED, AKRON, ORAL, RANG, LEDTO, TYPE, AIDE.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Biopic about Ritchie Valens, 8 Stem (from), 15 Cell-door component, 16 Of tenths, 17 Lipstick Jungle author, 19 Swiss-born artist, 20 Diane's Godfather role, 21 Spirit-raising session, 22 Paid spots, 24 Wool-coat owner, 26 Small pianos, 30 First-year Kennedy Center Honors recipient, 36 Vandal, 37 Parting words, 39 Stage platform, 40 Nancy cartoonist, 43 Orchestra section, 44 Not well made, 45 Seth's mom, 46 Inconsistent, 48 Sounded annoyed, 50 Pig stealer of rhyme, 52 Oath affirmation, 53 Rectangular shape, 58 Fella, 60 Skater Lipinski, 64 Star of the silent Ben-Hur, 67 Auction-house category, 68 Entered illegally, 69 European potted plant, 70 "Make up your mind!"

FIRST FAMILY? by S.N. Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- 23 Have no use for, 25 Gets ready for dinner, 26 Khan (Kipling tiger), 27 More noble, 28 Circle or city preceder, 29 House finish, 31 Easel support, 32 Need bed rest, 33 Castaway's home, 34 Canadian village official, 35 Misspoke, 38 Gray shade, 41 Gilbert & Sullivan princess, 42 Salon service, 47 Clara Bow nickname, with "the"

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-70 indicating starting positions for words.

Texas news in brief

McCain says he supports border fence with Mexico

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Republican presidential candidate John McCain said Thursday he supports a U.S.-Mexico border fence and dismissed landowners' concerns that it would cut off their access to water from the Rio Grande.

The Arizona senator said he "hopes they would have access to water and other things, but the farmers in my state are very upset because the constant trafficking of people across their land."

McCain, a co-sponsor of a bipartisan immigration overhaul struggling for support in Congress but backed by President Bush, was in Texas Thursday for a fundraiser at the home of San Antonio attorney and longtime Republican donor John Steen, reports stated.

One critic of a border fence said that it might make sense in Arizona, but in Texas, "it's crazy."

Immigration overhaul bill revived after being left for dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Left for dead a week ago, legislation to strengthen border security while bestowing legal status on millions of illegal immigrants is showing signs of life.

Senate leaders announced plans Thursday night to revive the White House-backed measure as early as next week, although neither Majority Leader Harry Reid nor his GOP counterpart, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, issued any predictions the bill ultimately would pass.

Instead, they issued a statement that said in its entirety: "We met this evening with several of the senators involved in the immigration bill negotiations. Based on that discussion, the immigration bill will return to the Senate floor after completion" of sweeping energy legislation that has occupied the Senate this week.

There was no immediate reaction from the bill's numerous Senate critics.

Murphy city manager leaving post over sting operation

MURPHY (AP) — The city manager who approved a controversial sting operation with "Dateline NBC" to catch sexual predators is "parting ways" with the city as part of a \$255,000 settlement approved by the City Council.

The City Council voted unanimously Wednesday night to approve a separation settlement with City Manager Craig Sherwood, responding to a public outcry from people upset that the operation brought sexual predators and police brandishing weapons into a neighborhood in the small Dallas commuter town.

Under the settlement, Sherwood will be paid \$255,000 and other benefits associated with the buyout of his contract.

The contract was to expire in 2010.

In November, "Dateline NBC," an organization called "Perverted Justice" and the Murphy police conducted a sting operation that led to the arrests of 24 men.

No one has been prosecuted in the cases resulting from the sting.

4 teenagers killed, 2 injured when car slams into train

BAYTOWN (AP) — Six teenagers in a stolen car slammed into a freight train parked at a railroad crossing early Thursday, killing four of them and leaving another in critical condition, authorities said.

The impact tore the roof off the teenager's Jeep Cherokee as it skidded under a tanker before winding up on the other side of the tracks, said Lt. John Martin, a spokesman for the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities believe the 15-year-old driver, identified as Bobby Davis, didn't see the train until it was too late around 4 a.m. at the dark intersection, which didn't have a crossing gate or lights.

Legislator calls for outside review of Houston crime lab

HOUSTON (AP) — A state lawmaker said local authorities should accept an independent investigator's recommendation to appoint a "special master" to review hundreds of criminal cases believed tainted by problems in the Houston Police Department's crime lab.

Houston Mayor Bill White, Police Chief Harold Hurtt and Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal have said they don't see a need for the independent monitor called for in a report issued this week.

But state Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, said Thursday he'll work with fellow lawmakers to pressure the city into hiring such a monitor.

"It looks like to me that they're trying to sweep some of their final problems under the rug," said Bailey, chairman of the House Committee on Urban Affairs.

The recommendation for an independent monitor was just one part of a final report by Michael Bromwich, a former U.S. Justice Department inspector appointed two years ago to oversee an independent investigation of the lab. The report cites hundreds of "serious and pervasive" flaws in forensic cases mishandled by the lab's DNA and serology sections.

Bromwich released his report Wednesday, formally ending the independent probe into how evidence was processed in more than 3,500 cases handled by the lab in the past 25 years.

The report commended recent improvements to the lab, but it also suggested the special master be appointed to review

180 blood-analysis cases from the 1980s and early 1990s involving convicts now in prison.

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.

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