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Freedom Parade

Coahoma to show its pride Saturday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

COAHOMA — It's a must see. Every year, Coahoma stages its Freedom Parade and it is often the first of Howard County's celebrations of the Fourth of July holiday. That will be the case this year, as the parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday and will honor a number of the community's residents — Billy and Ruth Bates, Carl W. Ford, Ross Roberts and Kim and Kathy Nichols.



Dobbs

The Bates, Ford and Roberts — all veterans — will serve as grand marshals for parade, which is always held on the

Parade Marshals

Billy and Ruth Bates
Carl W. Ford
Ross Roberts

Citizens of the Year

Kim and Kathy Nichols

Saturday closest to Independence Day, while the Nicholises are being honored as Coahoma's Citizens of the Year.

Billy Bates is a Big Spring native who attended Coahoma schools. After attending Texas Tech University for three years, he joined the U.S. Navy for four years. While serving as a hospital corpsman, he met Ruth Backlin, who was a Navy nurse, and they were married in 1953 in California.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Springer George Bancroft, who recently recorded an album of his own songs, will perform in a free concert Thursday at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

An evening with George Bancroft

Local teacher to display his songwriting, singing talents

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

After talking with George Bancroft, one is often left wondering if he's a teacher who writes songs or a songwriter who teaches.

Fortunately, the two aren't incompatible.

Bancroft, who spends much of the year teaching English at Big Spring High School, will display his singer-songwriter side when he headlines "An Evening With George Bancroft" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

The concert, which is free to the public, will allow Bancroft to perform songs he's written during the past decade.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "It's hard to play for people you don't know, but it's 10 times harder to play

"I'm pretty much a teacher who writes songs. I would like the opportunity to write songs, but I don't think I'll ever get to the point where I don't want to teach."

—George Bancroft

for people you do know."

Friends and strangers listening to Bancroft's music will hear songs influenced from a variety of sources, from storytelling in the Harry Chapin vein to country-tinged music popularized as the "Austin Sound."

Bancroft said he was always inter-

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Council finalizes Porsche Club deal

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

And the race is on — or at least approved — as the Big Spring City Council gave its final OK for a rental contract with West Texas Region of the Porsche Club of America Tuesday night.

The contract, which authorizes the club to rent a paved portion of the land at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park for racing, is a step in the right direction, according to Airpark Manager Col. Jim Little.



Little

"It's certainly a good thing for Big Spring," said Little. "The club's activities won't bring a huge amount of money into Big Spring, but it will bring some. It will also get our city's name out there, and that's always a plus."

Little said the "autocross" type of racing the club performs shouldn't cause any kind of problems for the day-to-day operations of the airpark.

"The autocross racing has the driver's racing against each others' times," Little told the council. "The portion of the airpark they would be utilizing is where the police department does its training, so it's out of the way of the runways and is secured by fences, which would minimize the risk of spectators unknowingly getting in the way."

According to the contract, the club plans to hold events primarily on

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Flooding swamps Central Texas; rescues under way

By JIM VERTUNO
Associated Press Writer

GEORGETOWN — Floods swamped Central Texas early today, and the downpour and high winds were so treacherous that helicopters were forced to abruptly halt efforts to rescue people stranded on rooftops, officials said.

Austin-area officials said there were reports early today of as many as 20 people trapped in fast-

moving water in trees, or atop vehicles or rooftops after hours of pounding rains.

"We got hard facts of 18-plus inches of rain in a couple of those places since midnight," said Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services spokesman Warren Hassinger.

The Marble Falls area, about 40 miles northwest

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GREAT RACE COMING

The public is encouraged to welcome competitors in the Great Race, which will be making a lunch stop in Big Spring on Monday, July 9 at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The first car should arrive at the community center about 11:45 a.m.

Lunch will be served to the public beginning at noon. Lunch tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce or at the Convention and Visitors Bureau office at City Hall.

Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, July 3.

BSISD TRUSTEES

A budget workshop is expected to dominate a meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District trustees at 5:15 p.m. Thursday.

The board is to discuss proposed revenues, expenditures, tax rates, salary considerations for staff and other items related to the proposed 2007-2008 budget.

The only action items on the agenda to consider resignations, retirements and employments.

The BSISD board room is located at Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place. The meeting is open to the public and limited comments will be allowed.

MOORE DEVELOPMENT

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board of directors will meet in executive session this evening to deliberate the offer of an incentive to a business prospect.

The meeting is set for 5:15 p.m. in the economic development corporation's board room at 215 W. Third St.

Also on the agenda:

- Any action as a result of the executive session.
- May financials
- Investment report
- Consideration and discussion of attracting retirees
- Public comments
- Board comments



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IN BRIEF

Big Spring QB Club meeting July 10

The Big Spring Steers Quarterback Club will conduct a meeting at 6 p.m. July 10 at Big Spring High School's Athletic Training Center.

All parents of players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

The 2007 season will mark the 100th year of football at Big Spring High School and the QB Club is looking for pictures for a commemorative program to be released this fall. Pictures can be from any year portraying Big Spring football.

Contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685 or Frank Stiles at 270-3401 with any questions.

Coahoma Annual Ragball Tourney set

Coahoma's 15th Annual Ragball Tournament has been set for Friday through Sunday at Coahoma's Softball Park.

Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. Friday.

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.

Big Spring Softball sets ragball tourney

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding its Annual Co-ed Ragball Tournament July 6-8 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Cost is \$110 per team with an eight game guarantee.

Register at the complex July 6 between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m. on the same day.

Contact Rodney Jones at 213-3750, for more details.

Country club holding golf classic

The Big Spring Country Club is holding the Crossroads of West Texas Gold Classic sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce July 14 and 15.

The classic is a 2-man scramble format and is limited to the first 100 paid teams.

The entry fee is \$180 per team with all entries to be paid in advance.

Entry fee includes a barbecue lunch for both days, free beverages, a Friday afternoon shoot-out and the ATMOS Hospitality Tent.

Call the country club at 267-5354 or the chamber at 263-7641, for more information.

No-tap benefit bowling tourney set

Big Spring Bowlarama will hold a second No-Tap Singles Tournament to benefit Mary Grace Jackson July 14 and 15 at 2:30 p.m. each day.

Jackson is seeking funds to help with expenses for her pending kidney and pancreas transplant.

There will be a men's, women's and junior's division. The cost is \$15 for the men's and women's division and

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Jenkins seeking help to start boxing club

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

Quickness. Stamina. Agility. These are some of the athletic qualities that boxing teaches.

Self-control. Hard work. Perseverance. These are some of the personality characteristics that boxing can teach.

Big Spring's Willie Jenkins hopes to teach all of these things to the local youth. He was born and raised in West Texas and started a boxing club in town in

the 1970's.

Unfortunately, he had to move to New York shortly after its creation, leaving the club in someone else's hands. Big Spring had a successful boxing club for several years, but as far as Jenkins knows, that club has been defunct for several years.

His goal is to rebuild that boxing club and to one day have boxers competing for the right to represent the United States in the Olympics.

Jenkins is willing to help train

boxers as young as eight years old through men in their 20's. Ideally, this service would be offered free of charge.

He still needs a lot of help to start the Big Spring Boxing Club, though. The first order of business is to find a location. The first time he started this club, he was given a building on the base to train in. Jenkins is unsure if he could obtain a similar situation this time around, but is willing to explore other options if not.

His next step would be to obtain equipment.

"We would need a lot of help from the community," said Jenkins. "We need heavy bags, jump ropes, mouth pieces, gloves, headgear ... There are several things we need to get started. I'm hoping that maybe there are some carpenters in town, who might help us put a ring up."

Jenkins understands the dan-

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Rangers embarrass first-place Tigers, 9-6



Texas Rangers' Sammy Sosa hits a second inning double during the Detroit Tigers and Texas Rangers game June 6 at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. Sosa had two RBIs, helping the Rangers top the Tigers 9-6 Tuesday.

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Jim Leyland joked Tuesday that he might take eight of his Detroit Tigers to the All-Star game.

A few hours later, it sounded as though he didn't even think he should be going.

"We got outpitched, outmanaged, outplayed and outhit, and we lost the game," Leyland said in a 20-second postgame news conference after a 9-6 loss to the Texas Rangers. "Good night, everybody."

The Tigers led 3-1 after six innings, but the bullpen and defense collapsed. Texas scored five times in the seventh, helped by two errors, and broke a 6-all tie with three runs in the ninth.

"That was a very exciting baseball game," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "They were up and we were up. I'm just glad we finished the game with the most runs."

Tigers closer Todd Jones (1-4) retired the first two batters in the ninth, but Michael Young walked and Sammy Sosa singled when Jones missed a sign from rookie catcher Mike Rabelo.

"I made a ridiculous mental mistake and blew the game," Jones said. "I let the team down, and I let the skipper down. There's absolutely no excuse for what I did — I lose my mind when I see other guys do that, and then I do it myself."

Jones did not elaborate

on the mistake, but Rabelo indicated that Jones was supposed to step off the rubber and look Young back to first.

After a discussion at the mound, Marlon Byrd hit a sharp liner to right that got by Magglio Ordonez and scored both runners. Ramon Vazquez followed with an RBI single, knocking Jones out of the game.

"They had us behind the 8-ball, but we were able to come back," Young said. "That's the story."

Brad Wilkerson hit a three-run homer and Sammy Sosa had two RBIs for the last-place Rangers, who won for the sixth time in seven games and beat AL Central-leading Detroit for the second consecutive night. Byrd knocked in three runs during an 8-3 victory Monday.

"We're a good team," Byrd said. "We have ups and downs, but we play as a team and that showed tonight."

Akinori Otsuka (2-1), who allowed three runs in the eighth, got the win. Eric Gagne pitched the ninth for his eighth save in eight chances. He struck out Ordonez, the major leagues' batting leader, with two on to end it.

Otsuka went into the eighth with a 6-3 cushion and a 10-game scoreless streak, but couldn't hold the lead.

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Federer coasts through first-round Wimbledon match

By **STEPHEN WILSON**

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON — As a three-time Wimbledon champion, Venus Williams knows that getting through the early matches can sometimes be the tricky part.

Just making it past the first round this time almost proved too much.

Williams was down a set and a break, then down 3-1 in the final set, before pulling out a 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 win Tuesday over Alla Kudryavtseva, a 19-year-old Russian playing her first Wimbledon match.

"I think I've made my mistakes in the first round, and I think that it helps definitely to work out some of those cobwebs," Williams said. "I think being able to hit a lot of balls in some pressure situations will definitely help me in the coming rounds."

Williams, who has slipped to No. 31 in the rankings due to inactivity, injuries and a drop in form, came to Wimbledon without any grass-court match preparation. It showed in the first set as she struggled to keep the ball in the court.

"The first set went so fast and my balls were

just flying out and I didn't have any answers," she said. "That really bothered me because when things are going wrong, I can figure it out and change my game or adjust."

Down 2-0 and 0-30 on her serve in the second set, Williams looked in danger of going out in the opening round for the first time since her Wimbledon debut in 1997. But she righted herself to win six of seven games for the set.

Williams then had to fight back again from a break down in the third. And when she served at 5-4 down, 30-30, she was two points from defeat. The Russian missed a backhand, and Williams smacked a 119 mph service winner to hold. Williams then broke in the next game and served out the match at love.

"I enjoy the battle," she said. "I enjoy winning matches like this. This is what I do. If you want to be successful at anything, it doesn't come easy."

Williams won Wimbledon in 2000, '01 and '05, and finished runner-up twice to her sister, Serena, in '02 and '03.

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Switzerland's Roger Federer defeats Russia's Teimuraz Gabashvili, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, in their first round match Monday at Wimbledon in London. Federer faces Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro in the second round for his 50th straight win on grass.

MCT photo/Corinne Dubreuil

Obituaries

Felipe Cortez



Felipe Cortez, 83, of Big Spring died Monday, June 25, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park; Deacon Johnny Arguello will preside at both services.

Felipe was born Aug. 23, 1923, in Guadalajara, Mexico to Leandra and Pedro Cortez. Felipe married Martha Graciano on Nov. 23, 1953 in Mexico. They moved to Big Spring in 1971 from Mexico. She preceded him in death March 29, 1998. Felipe had worked at the Big Spring Country Club and later at the Big Spring State Hospital. He was a Catholic.

Felipe is survived by two daughters, Rosa Alcantar and her husband Frank of Big Spring and Patricia Cortez of Laredo; three sisters, Isabel Moreno of Big Spring, Janie Cortez and Maria Aleman, both of Austin; three brothers, Pedro Cortez of Waco, Carmelo Cortez and Antonio Cortez, both of Austin; six grandchildren, Ericka Guerrero, Veronica Martinez, Michelle Morales, Frances Alcantar, Francisco Guerrero and Rosa Maria Alcantar; and four great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Sergio Martinez, Francisco Guerrero, Jonathan Morales, Jacob Garcia, Hinjio Moreno Jr. and Gabriel Moreno.

The family will be at 100 NE 10th Street.

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

Paid obituary

George Amos



George Amos, 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 30, 1917, in Piney, Ariz. He married Johnnie June Chaney, May 17, 1941, in Gallup, NM. They came to Big Spring in 1946. She preceded him in death Dec. 20, 1998. He worked for 33 years at Cosden and Pina, retiring in 1979. He also farmed and ranched for a number of years in Howard County. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army in the Pacific and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by one son, John Paul Amos and his wife Becky of Big Spring; two daughters, June Russell of Big Spring and Vicki Hyer and her husband Tommy of Keithville, La; seven grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; two sisters, Gertrude Ellison of Anadarko, Okla., and Delta Brewer and her husband Harry of Piney, Ariz.; two brothers, Melvin Amos and his wife Oma and Paul Amos Jr. and his wife Lorinda, all of White River, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one grandson; one son-in-law, Mickey Russell, and one brother, Bill Amos.

The family will be at 2410 Alabama.

The family suggests memorials to the Children's Day Out Program, First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721.

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

Leonard Dale 'Pete' Carey



Leonard Dale "Pete" Carey, 86, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born May 14, 1921, in Sidney, Ohio, and married Helen Merle Belcher on Sept. 5, 1944, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Jan. 27, 1991.

Leonard had lived in Big Spring for more than 30 years. He worked at the Big Spring State Hospital as a painter before retiring.

He was a Baptist and served in the United States Army.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Barbara Carey of Big Spring; one daughter, Marie Watkins of Big Spring; one brother, Clarence "Dutch" Carey of Sidney, Ohio; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Mary Sue Wilson

Mary Sue Wilson, 88, of Whitney, formerly of Big Spring and Vincent died Monday, June 25, 2007, in Whitney. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2007, at Marshall and Marshall Chapel in Whitney. Burial will follow in the Bethlehem Cemetery in Whitney. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 12, 1919 in Whitney to Herbert S. and Etta (Clark) Connolly. She married "Hap" Wilson on July 15, 1939.

She taught school in Steiner Valley, Snyder and Big Spring for several years. She played piano for 27 years in the Vincent Baptist Church as served as president of the PTA at Gay Hill School in Luther. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Whitney.

Survivors include her husband, J. M. "Hap" Wilson of Whitney; sons, Mike Wilson and wife Tammy of Whitney and Jeff Wilson and wife Karen of Big Spring; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and one great great grandson.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, H.S. Connolly Jr. and sister, Betty Jo Watson.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors in Whitney.

Kim Leigh Adams Novak

Kim Leigh Adams Novak, 51, died June 20, 2007. Memorial Services are scheduled Thursday, June 28, 2007 at noon at Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home in Austin.

Lonnie O. Jones

Lonnie O. Jones, 84, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, in a Stanton nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Albert 'Al' Russell Mayo

Albert "Al" Russell Mayo, 93, of Midland, died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Anna Lou Robinson

Anna Lou Robinson, 82, of Stanton, died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, in the Hospice In Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Take Note

• **THURSDAY, THE PACHYDERM CLUB** will be meeting at Just Peachy. For more information or reservations, call Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

• **AN OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE** will be held all day Monday, July 16, at the offices of Dr. D.H. McGonagill Inc., 109 E. Third St. It is a come-and-go reception. Everyone is invited.

• **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.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriguez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

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

Police blotter

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

- **CHARLES USSERY**, 52, of 411 Glenna, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ERIKA CATE**, 27, of 3227 Cornell, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure of duty on striking a fixture or landscape.
- **JESHERRICK TAYLOR**, 19, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a capias warrant.
- **DAVID SUMMERS**, 58, of 6000 Lancaster, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **FORTUNATO ALVAREZ**, 19, of 1505 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a capias warrant.
- **ANGELINA MARTINEZ**, 23, of 940 Hickory, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **FRANKIE RUBIO JR.**, 17, of 2603 Fairchild, was arrested Wednesday on charges of no drivers license, failure to maintain a vehicle and an expired license.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 3500 block of S. Service Road.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 300 block of Tulane.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg.
 - in the 3200 block of 11th Street.
 - in the 2600 block of Chanute.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 58 inmates at the time of this report.

- **FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III**, 19, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of theft.
- **LEEROY CLAY KITCHELL**, 43, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Tuesday on a charge of sexual assault of a child.
- **KAMALUDDIN NADIR CROSS**, 25, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
- **ERIKA DAWN CATE**, 27, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Tuesday on charges of failure of duty on striking a fixture or landscape.
- **DIMUS JOE OLIVAS**, 29, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Carlton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of N.E. Third Street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Sherman. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Winston. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of Avion. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2400 block of Wasson. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Vasquez. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-10-25-31-36.

Number matching five of five: none.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-8-3

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• 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-

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• 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.

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RANGERS

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The Tigers loaded the bases with one out, and Sean Casey's two-run single pulled Detroit within a run. Craig Monroe followed with a sacrifice fly to tie the score.

The Rangers' ninth-inning rally was their second in three innings. They took the lead with five runs in the seventh.

Jason Grilli started the inning by hitting Victor Diaz with a pitch, and Gerald Laird followed with a double. That brought Tim Lincecum into the game, but Wilkerson hit his second pitch into the tunnel beyond the right-field fence for his ninth homer.

Errors by third baseman Brandon Inge and left fielder Craig Monroe let the Rangers add a fifth run. Sosa's ground-rule double to left — his second of the game — made it 6-3.

The Tigers scored twice in the first after loading the bases on an infield single and a pair of walks.

Carlos Guillen made it 1-0 with a sacrifice fly and Casey followed with an RBI single off the glove of third baseman Travis Metcalf.

After that, Nate Robertson and Willie Eyre hooked up in a pitchers' duel until Curtis Granderson hit his 10th homer in the fifth.

Granderson became the first player since Nomar Garciaparra in 2003 to reach double figures in doubles, triples and homers before the All-Star break.

On the next pitch, Placido Polanco hit a line drive that hit Eyre in the

chest. As he fell to the ground, the ball happened to land in his glove for the second out of the inning. He stayed down for several moments, but eventually walked off the field under his own power.

"I feel fine," he said. "I'm sure it broke a blood vessel, and it is going to be tender, but the X-rays were negative."

Eyre, who was making his first start in his 62nd major league game, allowed three runs in a career-high 4 2-3 innings.

Robertson, who came off the disabled list earlier in the day, allowed one run in 5 1-3 innings.

Texas cut the margin to 3-1 in the sixth on Sosa's sacrifice fly.

Notes: Guillen has at least one RBI in his last 10 games, the best streak by a Tigers player since Willie Horton had a 10-game run in 1976. ... Guillen's sixth-inning single extended his hitting streak to a career-best 13 games, and Ordonez also extended his streak to 13. ... Wilkerson entered with a .143 career batting average against the Tigers.

Indians 8, Athletics 5

The Oakland Athletics got a solid effort from ace Dan Haren and took a two-run lead into the bottom of the ninth inning. They still couldn't find a way to win.

That's how things have been going for the slumping A's.

Alan Embree gave up a two-run double to Travis Hafner and a three-run homer to pinch-hitter Kelly Shoppach — all with two outs — as the Cleveland Indians rallied past Oakland 8-5 on Tuesday night to hand the Athletics their season-

worst fifth straight loss. "This could have been a big lift for us. I let us down. It definitely stinks," Embree said.

Cleveland's five-run comeback kept Haren under earning his 10th consecutive win. The right-hander, who is 9-2 with a 1.91 ERA, allowed three runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Haren hasn't lost in 15 starts since falling to 0-2 in his second start of the season April 7. His nine-game winning streak matches Boston's Josh Beckett for the longest in the majors this year.

"He did a great job," Oakland manager Bob Geren said. "It was hot. He battled. He pitched well against a very good hitting team."

"It was a tough loss, obviously. We had it won

and they came back and took it from us."

Shoppach hit a 1-0 fast-ball from Embree into the left-field bleachers for his fourth homer, then was pounded by jubilant teammates as he crossed the plate. It was Cleveland's sixth win of the season in its final at-bat at Jacobs Field.

"It was exciting," Shoppach said. "I ran harder than usual because I was in a hurry to get beat up."

Shoppach caught Embree (1-1) when they both played for the Red Sox three years ago.

"It was do or die," said Shoppach, hitting .382 with 16 RBIs in 29 games. "I knew he'd go with his bread and butter and not let a young guy beat him on his second or third pitch."

The Indians' sixth victory in nine games pulled them into a first-place tie with Detroit in the AL Central. The A's are nine games behind the first-place Los Angeles Angels in the AL West and three back of second-place Seattle.

Rafael Betancourt (1-0) got the win after yielding Shannon Stewart's fifth homer in the top of the ninth that put Oakland ahead 5-3. Mark Ellis had four hits and three RBIs for the A's.

Mariners 8, Red Sox 7

At Seattle, Richie Sexson hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth and Willie Bloomquist also connected to help the Mariners overcome another shaky start by Felix Hernandez.

Seattle won for the sixth time in seven games and beat Boston for the seventh consecutive time at home. J.J. Putz got five outs for his 22nd save in 22 chances this season. He has converted 24 straight opportunities dating to last September, the longest current streak in the majors.

Putz fanned Mike Lowell, Jason Varitek and pinch-hitter Manny Ramirez in a perfect ninth.

Royals 12, Angels 4

Billy Butler, John Buck and Alex Gordon homered to snap visiting Kansas City's six-game home run drought, and the Royals took advantage of two throwing errors by third baseman Chone Figgins.

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PARADE

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After finishing their tours with the Navy, the couple moved to Lubbock for five years before returning to Coahoma in 1959. Billy worked at the Big Spring refinery and retired from Fina in 1986. The couple also farmed for a number of years. They are both members of the Coahoma United Methodist Church.

Roberts is a Coahoma native, the son of Virgil and Vada Mae Roberts, pioneers of the community. The 81-year-old attended schools in Coahoma for 11 years but didn't get to graduate because in 1944 he enlisted in the Navy. He served as a radar operator on three different ships during World War II and saw action during the invasion of Okinawa. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

After leaving the service, Roberts and his wife, Fern, lived in Pyote, Big Spring and Sand Springs before returning to Coahoma. He also worked at

the Big Spring refinery and retired after 32 years in 1982. He also owns and operates Roberts Auto Supply, which has been in business for the past 39 years.

Ford, the eldest of the parade marshals, was born in Nolan County in 1915 and lived most of his life in Big Spring.

Prior to joining the Army, he was part of the Civilian Conservation Corps and helped in construction of the rock buildings and roads atop Scenic Mountain. He served in the Army from 1941 to 1945 and was overseas for 32 months fighting in World War II's campaigns in Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was wounded in action and received a number of medals, including the Purple Heart and Silver and Bronze Stars.

After returning home, he was a truck driver, short-order cook and worked at the Big Spring VA Hospital. He also drove an ambulance and retired as a crew chief from the fire department at Webb Air Force Base in 1975.

A very active 92-year-old resi-

dent of Coahoma, Ford surprises most when he tells them his age. He is a 32nd degree Mason.

Kim and Kathy Nichols moved to Coahoma in 1976. He is currently the athletic director, as well as head basketball and golf coach, at Coahoma High School. She teaches Multiage K-1 classes at the elementary school.

"Their involvement with the young people of the community has always been a special part of their lives," said Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs, one of the event's organizers. "It has never been just a job for them. This is their home and they love the kids and care about this community."

Dobbs said this year's honorees have expressed gratitude at being selected, and take a collective pride in being Coahoma residents.

"We here in Coahoma hold the Freedom Parade to not only show pride in our country, but to honor patriotism and salute the men and women who have served and are serving their nation in the military," Dobbs

added. "And we're extremely pleased that a U.S. Marine Corps honor guard will lead this year's parade."

Always an impressive sight, there's little doubt this year's Freedom Parade will not disappoint. Bicycles, three-wheelers, wagons and carts occupied by red-white-and-blue-clad children draw smiles and laughter from spectators who line up along North First Street to watch the parade. Antique or classic automobiles and pickups join in.

And then there are the tractors — some dating back to the early 1900s while others will look as if their owners have just taken delivery from the implement dealer.

Dobbs said awards will be given for the best car, pickup truck, float, bicycle, child's ride and tractor.

The parade will line up at the football stadium and proceed south on North First (FM 820) through downtown to the north service road along Interstate 20. It will turn east to Sixth Street and back north to the city park.

Following the parade, a car and tractor show is scheduled at the park. There will be a people's choice award for each show, along with prizes to the top three vehicles.

Booths will offer ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs and other food, along with plenty of drinks, said Dobbs.

Participation is by donation, and all funds earned will go to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. First Bank is also supplying water for all parade participants.

That's one of the best parts about this parade — participants can be just about anyone.

"All you have to do is show up," Dobbs explained. "Just line up with everyone else at the football stadium and that's it. You don't have to be there at a certain time, just as long as you're there by 10 a.m. If you get there late, just grab on to back of the line and hang on."

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COUNCIL

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weekends and no more often than once a month, paying the city \$100 per event day.

Also approved during the meeting were:

- Final reading of an ordinance placing stop signs at the intersection

of N.W. Eighth Street and Ohio, making it a four-way stop.

- Final reading of an ordinance providing for participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System by employees of Moore Development for Big Spring.

- Final reading of an ordinance placing stop signs on North Monticello

at the Blackmon intersection.

- Consideration and approval of the Howard County Appraisal District's 2008 budget. The budget included a 20 percent increase

- First reading of approval of the preliminary/final plat of Avalon Subdivision.

- First reading of a reso-

lution authorizing routine agreements between the city and other parties for short term rental or use of city facilities,

- Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the request of funding from Texas Department of Transportation for crack sealing on the runway and seal coating of the airplane parking ramp.

The city will be responsible for 10 percent of the project costs.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing a subscription agreement between the city and LexisNexis for online legal research.

The council denied a permit request for six ducks at 428 Dallas.

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BANCROFT

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ested in songwriting, but that dream was temporarily derailed by athletics — he was an all-district line-backer for the BSHS football team in 1982 and walked on his freshman year at North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas.

"I knew I wanted to write songs when I was 12 or 13 years old; I always loved all kinds of music," Bancroft said. "I wanted to play music in high school, but I was busy with football. But I always knew when that journey was done, I'd get back to music."

His athletic "journey"

ended his freshman year at NTSU and he wasted little time in following his songwriting dreams.

"I turned in my football equipment and went straight down to a pawn shop and bought a guitar," Bancroft said.

Bancroft figures he was getting "decent" with his singing and songwriting by the time he graduated from NTSU, when, once again, the real world intervened — but only for a short while.

An 18-month career as a stockbroker allowed him to salt away enough money to once again jump-start his music career. For the next three years, he "worked flunky jobs and wrote songs" in Austin and spent most of his free time listening to

other singer-songwriters. In addition, he released two full-length recordings of his songs.

Once again, the real world intruded.

"I went back to school in San Antonio and got a teaching certificate," he said. "I also had a little band down there for a couple of years. I ended up teaching in San Antonio and playing in my band on the weekends."

In 1997, however, the grind of performing, teaching and starting a family proved to be too much and he called a temporary halt to his music career. He and his wife started a family and moved back to Big Spring.

Last fall, an encounter

with local resident Len Morgan rekindled Bancroft's love of songwriting.

"He has a studio here in Big Spring," Bancroft said. "I saw that studio and decided to start writing songs again. I figured, 'What the heck, I've got a guitar, I might as well write some songs.'"

As for the question of whether he is a teacher who sings, or a singer who teaches, Bancroft supplies the answer without hesitation.

"I'm pretty much a teacher who writes songs," he said. "I would like the opportunity to write songs, but I don't think I'll ever get to the point where I don't want to teach."

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FLOODS

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of Austin, got the most rain, said National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Lenz. He said up to 18 inches fell overnight, and more was expected throughout the day.

Hassinger said four rescue attempts before dawn were abandoned because of wind and rain, and he didn't know what happened to the people needing help.

One aborted rescue mission had attempted to get four people from the roof of a house in Granite Shoals, where water was about 4 feet from the top of the building. They had pulled a possible drown-

ing victim from the water, Hassinger said.

One successful helicopter-assisted rescue plucked a Williamson County sheriff's deputy and another person from atop the lawman's car along the San Gabriel River near Georgetown, Hassinger said.

Ray Thomas and his wife fled their house on a peninsula between the North and South San

Gabriel rivers at about 4:45 a.m., after hearing an emergency weather radio bulletin. He stood on the banks of the South San Gabriel River later in the morning, using binoculars to see if his house was under water.

"We're lucky we got out," he said, still unsure whether his house was OK. "In September we were praying for rain. What worries me now is

the rain that's still to come."



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Biggio gets a hit closer to 3,000 in Astros loss to Brewers

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Brewers capitalized on a big break while the Houston Astros can't seem to catch one.

Johnny Estrada's grand slam highlighted a nine-run sixth inning and the Brewers rallied to beat the Houston Astros 11-5 on Tuesday night.

Tony Graffanino added a pinch-hit, two-run homer and Rickie Weeks, batting .196 with runners in scoring position, delivered a bases-loaded single in the same inning as the Brewers blew the game open.

"We're not getting it done," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "What makes matters worse is we're giving up a lot of runs. We can't keep the ball in the ballpark. We're not making good pitches. We're not keeping the game close and it's hard on us."

The lone bright spot was Craig Biggio, who inched closer to the 3,000 hit mark with a single, leaving him three shy of becoming the 27th player to reach that milestone.

"It's nice," Biggio said of his hit. "But once again, it's a disappointing loss and that's the most important thing. They swung the bats real well."

The NL Central-leading Brewers have won 11 of 13 since Detroit's Justin Verlander threw a no-hitter on June 12. "We keep coming across the

wrong team at the wrong time right now because everybody's hot," Biggio said. "We can't sit here and cry about it, we've got to be able to turn around and get it done."

The Astros, with one game left of a nine-game road trip, have lost six of their last eight.

The 41-year-old second baseman played Tuesday night after being held out of the lineup Monday. He won't play Wednesday, setting the stage for reaching the historic plateau at home when the Astros begin a four-game series against Colorado on Thursday.

"It's standard policy for day games (following night games)," Biggio said. "But you're always available for a double-switch or pinch-hitting or whatever way the game takes us. That hasn't changed."

Biggio, who was 1-for-13 against Milwaukee starter Claudio Vargas, lined the first pitch down the third-base line for a hit in the third inning. Biggio took a called third strike in the first, flied out in the fifth and grounded out in the seventh.

Trailing 4-2, the Brewers chased Astros' starter Wandy Rodriguez (4-7) with three runs and then tacked on six more off reliever Rick White in the sixth. It was the most runs in an inning this season by the Brewers, surpassing the seven Milwaukee scored in the sixth

inning against St. Louis on May 1.

Bill Hall and Estrada reached on walks and Kevin Mench blooped a hit into left. Weeks followed with a sinking line drive that skipped under the glove of right-fielder Luke Scott for an error. Hall, Estrada and Mench scored on the play that ended Rodriguez's night. Rick White relieved and Graffanino hit the first pitch for his fourth career pinch-hit home run.

"Obviously, we caught a break when the ball got by the outfielder, but when you get in those situations, you want to keep the line moving," Graffanino said.

The Brewers loaded the bases on a walk, a double by Ryan Braun and an intentional walk to Prince Fielder. Estrada followed with his first career grand slam to close out the scoring.

"We walked three guys four, actually, one was intentional," Garner said. "Then we just couldn't make a pitch."

Rodriguez went five innings, allowing six runs and seven hits with four walks and five strikeouts. Before the disastrous sixth, Rodriguez's only mistake was an 0-2 pitch that Braun hit for a two-run homer in the Brewers' first inning.

Carlos Lee's two-run shot in the sixth broke a 2-2 tie. He tied Fielder for the NL lead with 62 RBIs.



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Houston Astros second baseman Craig Biggio makes a throw to first base against the Chicago Cubs April 9. Biggio picked up his 2,997th career hit Tuesday in the Astros 9-6 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers.

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OUR VIEWS

Funtastic Fourth theme promises to be real winner

A propos. There's not a better description for the "God and Country" theme established for the sixth annual Funtastic Fourth Festival set for July 4 at Heart of the City Park.

While some might equate the theme to the festival heading in a new direction, we can't think of a better direction for festival organizers to take.

Allan Johnson, owner of Allan's Furniture and president of the Downtown Revitalization Association, said the day-long event is coming together nicely, although organizers are still a little short of their funding goal at present.

As of Tuesday afternoon the DRA was still approximately \$3,000 short of its goal, but Johnson said the committee was "making progress by leaps and bounds."

Johnson said scheduling for entertainment — as well as vendors — has all but been set in stone.

This year's celebration will not include a battle of the bands. Instead, local churches are getting involved. That's a trend Johnson hopes will continue and expand in the future.

"The Lord is responsible for giving us this country, and he has a right to be thanked for it," Johnson said. "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."

We believe Johnson and the rest of the DRA's organizing committee deserve praise for taking that stand. There's no doubt in our collective mind that our nation could not have possibly have prospered without the Lord's blessing.

That's something we should all take to heart. Of course there will be plenty of entertainment throughout the day-long event.

A new laser light show, coordinated to the new theme, is on taps. In addition, Stellar Kart, a contemporary Christian rock band, will be playing.

A local Christian rock band, Crimson Soul, will also make an appearance, as well as other gospel music groups.

The festival will still feature many of the same activities from past celebrations, but Johnson says there will simply be more of it — more food, games and fun.

Combine all that with an observance designed to thank God for blessing our nation and you've got what we believe will be an absolute winner.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, thank you for listening.

Amen

From punching bags to voters

Let's face it, they have us playing defense. Those of us seeking fair and comprehensive immigration reform are barely holding the line against those who promote anti-immigrant sentiments.

Immigration restrictionists, conservative radio demagogues and race-baiting politicians have made this nation much more divided, xenophobic and intolerant in the last year.

As a result, the bill about to be resurrected in the U.S. Senate this week is already so politically compromised to ease the fears of conservative hardliners that it is not worth saving.

The new bill is designed to exploit future guest workers without giving them a chance to stay here legally, and places more emphasis on the job skills of visa applicants than on the ties they have with relatives who already live in the United States. It punishes legal immigrants who may have already been waiting years to be reunited with relatives.

In fact, in spite of huge immigrant-rights demonstrations, a midterm election backlash against immigrant-bashing politicians and a new Democratic majority in Congress, the bill now under consideration is much further to the right than the one passed by the Senate and rejected by the House last year.

Yet the Senate is still trying to amend it and move it further and further to the right. Immigrant rights advocates have been left in

the pitiful position of begging for crumbs.

Instead of drawing a line in the sand on how many draconian amendments they are willing to swallow, instead of declaring some provisions totally unacceptable, some immigrant rights leaders are still telling us to support this measure blindly — "because it's the only bill we can get."

Well, sometimes having no bill at all is better than having a bad one.

Yet, playing defense, these immigrant rights advocates insist that we should support the current bill, because even if the Senate version turns out to be hideous, they say it can always be fixed in the House version.

Of course, that's not just wishful thinking. It's dreaming.

The House may be led by Nancy Pelosi and a Democratic majority, but it's still the same House roamed by viciously anti-immigrant demagogues like Reps. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and Tom Tancredo, R-Colo. If the Senate fight has been divisive and counterproductive for this nation, we can expect the House fight to be even more vicious and damaging.

In fact, we can expect the House debate to be much more blatantly anti-Hispanic. After all, fear of Hispanic empowerment is what really drives many of these immigrant bashers.

If you let them talk long enough to get past the usual whining about how they can't condone giving amnesty to lawbreakers, you hear them explain that what they really oppose is any form of a "path to citizenship" for the 12 million illegal immigrants who are

already here.

In order to appease them, the new bill has been gradually altered to delay the time when these immigrants can become eligible for citizenship. But no amount of time — it's now up to at least 13 years — is enough to satisfy those who are determined to thwart Latino empowerment.

They know that if and when these Latinos become citizens and voters, they will remember those who made them feel so unwelcome.

Someday, there will be a huge political price to pay for today's anti-immigrant climate. And while some conservative politicians try to delay that day from arriving, others are still trying to make sure it never comes.

That's why many politicians, mostly Republican, only want taller fences (and only at the southern border), and more police-state tactics to round up and deport many of the hardest working people in America.

They acknowledge that 12 million people can't be deported and yet they offer no solution for reducing the illegal immigrant population. After all, if there were no more illegal immigrants, who would they use as punching bags?

Here's a Republican reality check: As much as they claim to detest illegal immigrants, the anti-immigrant leaders need these people to keep their own gig alive.

If there were no illegal immigrants, they would have to find another issue to be bitter about.

And that's why they are not about to allow their punching bags to become voters.

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Taking pictures and pitching washers

Interviewed David Redwine about his wildlife photography 15 years ago. He did exceptional work back then and has kept improving. His pictures are in national publications.

When I heard about some big colorful birds that had taken up residence in Andrews, I called David. He lives in Andrews. He knew all about those birds.

"We have about two hundred of them now," he said. "They showed up in 2004 and we really don't know how they got here. Maybe somebody had them and they were released or somehow escaped their cage. They're Monk Parakeets with yellow, green and blue feathers and have orange beaks."

The birds are native to Argentina and Brazil, and are sometimes called Quaker Parrots. They're one of the top 10 talking bird species. Redwine says they shriek and holler and most people think their call is monotonous and

irritating. He found their communal nest in the top of a yucca plant. It's well insulated so the birds can live in Andrews year round. They'll eat anything, including cat and dog food.

He has turned 250 acres of family land south of Colorado City into a combination wildlife sanctuary and resort. He's set up blinds to photograph deer, coyotes, bobcat and all types of birds. He has even taken some pictures of rattlesnakes.

When David was studying parasites in graduate school at SMU, he cut open a rattler from the Black Gap Wildlife Preserve near the Big Bend and discovered a new type of tapeworm. It is named after him. He says that's his claim to fame.

David and his wife, Patricia, have built an 18-basket disc golf course. They did the work themselves. When they finished the 18th basket on July 4 a couple of years ago, they painted the pole red, white and blue. David gave us a ride over the course in one of his all-terrain vehicles. Beautiful place.

David is a pretty good disc

golfer. Some of the baskets are 200 yards away from the throwing point and he can usually get to the basket in two throws.

He is also good at washer pitching. On his property he has created a couple of washer pitching courses. He invited Susan and me to one of his parties recently. When we arrived, we had already been slated for a washer-pitching tournament. The grid was set up so the loser advanced to the next level of competition. The winner got to go play disc golf or do whatever he or she wanted to do. Some chose to play pool in David's fancy recreation room.

Up to that point, my washer pitching experience was practically non-existent. I had thrown some casually but never in competition. This was serious stuff. A couple of men in the group had worked in the oil patch and thrown lots of washers. After the first game, I did advance, which meant I lost. I didn't get much better the second game, but somehow managed to win. During the second flight of the tournament, I put a washer in the hole my very first throw. It felt so good!



Congress puts pressure on NFL TENNIS

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**

AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON — Aging NFL retirees told Congress Tuesday that playing professional football left them with broken bodies, brain damage and empty bank accounts. Lawmakers said they may get involved if a better pension and disability system isn't created.

Former NFL players told a sympathetic House Judiciary subcommittee tales of multiple surgeries, dementia and homelessness, all while trying to fight through the red tape of the National Football League and the NFL Players Association's disability system.

The league and the players association said pensions are improving and there's no need for Congress to step in.

Curt Marsh, an Oakland Raider from 1981-87, described a leg amputation, more than 30 surgeries and multiple doctor visits before he was approved for disability payments.

Brent Boyd, a Minnesota Viking from 1980-86, talked about his bouts with homelessness as a single dad and brain damage he blames on multiple concussions from his football days.

The late Mike Webster, the Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Steelers' center who suffered from mental illness that was widely attributed to head injuries, died homeless in 2002, his lawyer told the committee.

The players from the '50s, '60s and '70s laid the groundwork for the popularity of the NFL, a billion-dollar industry, and should be treated better, lawmakers said.

"Perhaps there ought to be a legal solution," said Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah.

But the NFL and the NFL Players Association told lawmakers that pensions for older players are on the rise.

Last week, they agreed to allow any former player who qualified as disabled under the Social Security system to be considered as disabled under the NFL-NFLPA system.

"I don't think a law change is necessary," NFL Senior Vice President Dennis Curran said. "I don't accept that the process is broken."

Retired football players have been openly critical of the NFL and the players' union over the amount of money older retirees get from a \$1.1 billion fund set aside for disability and pensions.

The league says \$126 million a year goes into pension and post-career disability benefits for retired players and their families. The accounts pay out \$60 million a year to those players, \$20 million of it for disability payments.

But only 317 out of more than 10,000 eligible players are getting disability payments out of that fund, officials said.

"It's right versus wrong," said Mike Ditka, a Hall of Fame Coach and player for the Chicago Bears. "It's do the ethical thing or do the wrong thing. So far, they've chosen to do the wrong thing."

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Serena, seated courtside with their mother, Oracene Price, called out encouragement and advice throughout Tuesday's match.

"It's so important to have that support," Venus Williams said. "It was definitely key today for my win."

Maybe Venus will repay the favor when her sister, who struggled in the early going of her first-round win Monday over Lourdes Dominguez Lino, returns to action Wednesday against Alicia Molik of Australia.

Top-seeded Justine Henin was lined up for a second-round match

against Vera Dushevina of Russia, with No. 3 Jelena Jankovic against Jarmila Gajdosova of Slovakia, and 1997 champion Martina Hingis against Aiko Nakamura of Japan.

In men's play, four-time defending champion Roger Federer was to play 18-year-old Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina as he seeks his 50th straight win on grass. No. 3 Andy Roddick was due on Centre Court against Danai Udomchoke of Thailand.

Among the big name winners Tuesday were defending women's champion Amelie Mauresmo, 2004 winner Maria Sharapova, second-seeded Rafael Nadal and former champion Lleyton Hewitt.

The biggest cheers on Centre Court and across the grounds were for Britain's Tim Henman, who reached the second round by outlasting Carlos Moya 13-11 in the fifth set. The match had been suspended by darkness at 5-5 in the final set Monday.

A double-fault by Moya on the third match point of the 24th game of the set — and seventh match point overall — gave Henman a 6-3, 1-6, 5-7, 6-2, 13-11 win.

"This place is so special to me and I've had so many experiences over the years I always believe that good things are going to happen," said Henman, a four-time semifinalist playing his 14th Wimbledon.

BOXING

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gers that some in the community would see from boxing. He knows that critics will tell him that he's just teaching kids how to fight.

"Kids here need all the help they can get," he said. "Just look around town and see what's going on. I think that a parent would much rather see their kid in the ring, fighting in a controlled atmosphere rather than on the street or in prison. Sure boxing can be dangerous, but wouldn't a parent rather see their child in the paper for participating in a boxing club over seeing them getting busted for drugs? Kids have too much time on their hands. If we can get them in off the streets, then we can teach them better ways of dealing with troubles."

Jenkins says he will hold his fighters not only to a high standard in the ring, but also to a higher standard outside of the

ring.

"You have to be a good citizen to be a member of this club," he explained. "You have to be good in the community. You have to be good in school. There's no place in this club for someone who just wants to learn how to fight better on the street."

Jenkins feels that boxing should be a sport that teaches athletes how to control their emotions and how to persevere through tough times.

"Boxing isn't about rage and seeing who the meaner guy is," he said. "In boxing, you better be able to control your rage. Losing your mind in the ring is a good way to get knocked out quick. Everything should be controlled in the ring."

Jenkins has asked that anyone interested in providing help by volunteering to be a trainer or by giving a monetary or equipment donation, contact Herald sports editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail questions to sports@bigspringherald.com.

BRIEFS

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\$12 for the junior's division.

Three mulligans can be bought at the time of registration at the cost of \$5.

Anyone wanting to participate, but can't attend the dates of the tournament can arrange a pre-bowl by calling Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer.

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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It is as if Bugliosi, who prosecuted the Manson murders, gives you the minutest detail of even the reddest of red her-rings. If you need a cure for insomnia, this might work.



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Current Politics

• **“At the Center of the Storm: My Years at the CIA”** (327.127 TEN G) On a more current theme, George Tenet, former director of the CIA, has written his account of the events that led up to the tragedy of 9/11. This book is Tenet’s revealing account of the inner workings at the Central Intelligence Agency. Just from leafing through Tenet’s book, it’s pretty engrossing and will be hard to put down. It is not a fast read, but one that will take a person some time to process.

How To

• **“MySpace Unraveled”** (004.69 MAG L) As a parent, are you concerned with MySpace? Larry Magid and Anne Collier have written a parental guide to this far-reaching teen social networking tool.

• **“Baffled Parent’s Guide to Coaching Tee Ball”** (796.357 BRO B) Have you been suckered (volunteered?) into coaching your son or daughter’s T-ball team? We have the book for you! This book, by Bing Broido, will help you figure it out. And when they graduate to Little League, check out Ned McIntosh’s “Little League Drills and Strategies” (796.357 MCI N).

Rodeo

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo has just concluded and the library has two great

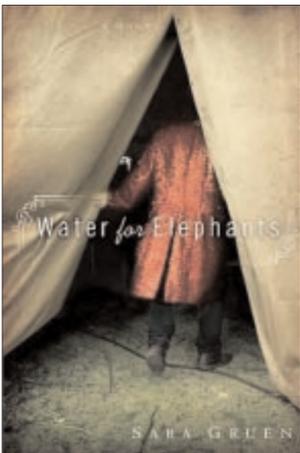
books on rodeoing.

• **“Ty Murray: King of the Cowboys”** (B MUR T) by Murray with Steve Eubanks assisting. Before he was even out of diapers, he was climbing atop his mother’s Singer sewing machine case, which just happened to be the right size for Ty to practice his bull riding. In **“King of the Cowboys,”** Murray invites you into his world of rodeoing and read his take on his remarkable accomplishments and life.

• **“Wild Ride: The History and Lore of Rodeo”** (791.840 BER J) by Joel H. Bernstein. Bernstein presents a fascinating history of rodeo from its rugged beginnings in Mexico to today’s professional circuits. This book captures the mystique of the cowboy and his place in Western folklore, from the early days when groups of cowboys from neighboring ranches met to settle arguments over who was the best at performing ranching tasks to the multi-million-dollar prizes and endorsements awarded to today’s professionals all over the world including Canada, Brazil and Australia.

Fiction

• **“Strike Force,”** a new Dale Brown book is in. In a review from Publisher’s Weekly, Brown takes the subject of his latest from current headlines — the rapprochement between Iran and Russia (the former wants to secure nuclear technology, the latter a new foothold in the Middle East). The emergence of an Iranian nuclear arsenal sets off a crisis, which the usual high-tech weaponry and clean-cut American flyboys (and now girls) deal with as effectively as ever in Brown’s fictional world. The author presents his Iranian characters as more than cardboard villains, skillfully showing the influence of Islamic culture on their motivations. Of course, Brown also provides plenty of fast action and exotic hardware, like the XR-A9 space plane, plus such nice touches as a U.S. president who wants to make a space flight. Techno-thriller fans and aviation buffs will be well rewarded.



• **“Water for Elephants.”** Sara Gruen has written a gritty novel on life in the circus. The public sees only the glamour and glitter. They do not see the tawdry, brutal side. In **“Water for Elephants,”** told in flashback fashion by nonagenarian Jacob Jankowski, he recounts the wild and wonderful period he spent with the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth, a traveling circus

he joined during the Great Depression. **“Water for Elephants”** is a New York Times bestseller.

Biography

• **“This Time, This Place: My Life in War, the White House, and Hollywood.”** Jack Valenti was a special assistant and confidant to President Lyndon Johnson when he was lured to Hollywood in 1966 by movie moguls Lew Wasserman and Arthur Krim. A life-long film lover, he once cited the 1966 film **“A Man for All Seasons”** as his all-time favorite. When he took over as president of the Motion Picture Association of America, Valenti was caught between Hollywood’s outdated system of self-censorship and the liberal cultural explosion taking place in America. Valenti abolished the industry’s restrictive Hays code,

which prohibited explicit violence and frank treatment of sex, and in 1968, oversaw creation of today’s letter-based ratings system. Valenti died on April 26 of this year but not before he completed his biography. It resonates with big names, both political and entertainment-wise and no one had a better view of both arenas than Valenti. Do read this, you will be surprised at what you may learn. Howard County Library

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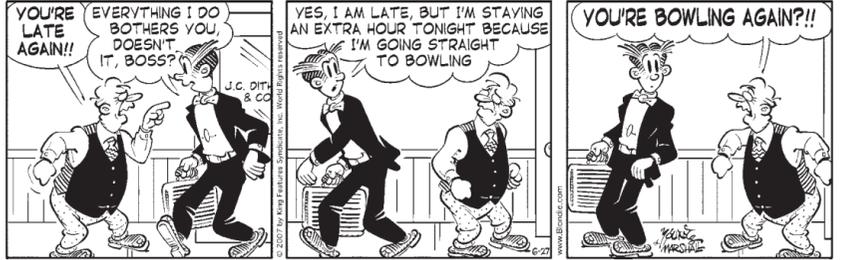


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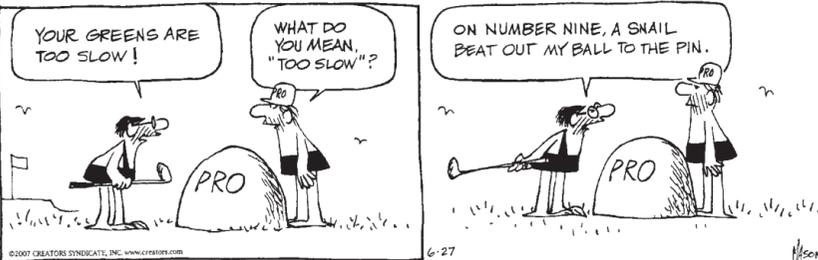
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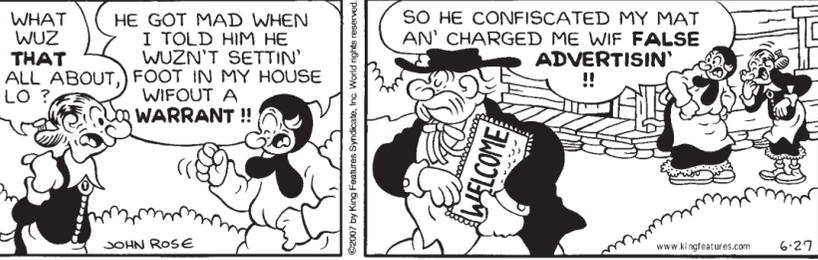
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 27, the 178th day of 2007. There are 187 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on June 27, 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

On this date: In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

In 1846, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces completed their capture of Cherbourg from the Germans.

In 1950, the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution calling on member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

In 1969, police raided the

Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village; patrons fought back in clashes considered the birth of the gay rights movement.

In 1977, the Supreme Court, in *Bates v. State Bar of Arizona*, struck down state laws and bar association rules that prohibited lawyers from advertising their fees for routine services.

In 1977, the Republic of Djibouti became independent of France.

In 1986, the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled that the United States had broken international law and violated the sovereignty of Nicaragua by aiding the contras.

In 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement.

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross Perot is 77. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired Army General John Shalikashvili, is 71. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is

69. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 65. Actress Julia Duffy is 56. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 52. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 48. Actor Brian Driller is 47. Actor Yancey Arias is 36. Actor Tobey Maguire is 32. Gospel singer Leigh Nash is 31. Actor Drake Bell (TV: "Drake and Josh") is 21. Actress Madylin Sweeten is 16.

Thought for Today: "Real education should educate us out of self into something far finer — into selflessness which links us with all humanity." — Viscountess Nancy Astor, American-born British politician (1879-1964).

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Ketchup squeezes bigtime with upside-down bottle

By FRANK GREVE

McClatchy Newspapers

People used to reach for the ketchup bottle with a little dread.

Would they have to poke a knife up the bottle's neck to get the ketchup going? If the bottle was an old-fashioned squeezable, would it emit that conversation-stopping sound that made kids giggle? Would the first thing out of the bottle be a sneeze of watery juice?

Those days are virtually over, and the liberation is especially worth celebrating around Independence Day, the year's peak holiday for ketchup.

The condiment's founding fathers were East Asian spice exporters who sold British and Dutch traders something like Worcestershire sauce that they called "ketsiap." That was in the 1600s. A century later, Nova Scotia farmers added surplus tomatoes and sugar to the mix. The rest is history.

According to an industry survey, 96 percent of U.S. households keep ketchup on hand, more than have salt and pepper. But that doesn't necessarily mean thriving sales. By the late '90s, in fact, with burgers and fries on the outs in a fat-phobic society, ketchup sales were flat.

The only way to sell more, decided H.J. Heinz Co., the world's dominant ketchup producer, was to get people to eat more, which was easier said than done. It entailed solving all of ketchup's consumer problems, especially the challenge of getting more ketchup out of the bottle faster. Also key would be overcoming people's reluctance to take all the ketchup they really want.

The result was the mas-

sive and much-loved upside-down ketchup bottle, which empties as fast and cleanly as a gas can at a NASCAR pit stop. "Ready when you are," was Heinz's introductory slogan for it.

(That was much grabbier than Henry John Heinz's 19th-century pitch that replacing homemade ketchup with his meant "blessed relief for Mother and the other women of the household.")

Except in restaurants that still use 14-ounce glass bottles, the new version ended the tyranny of know-it-alls who made you hold the bottle at a 45-degree angle and tap it in some special place. And it saved shirts and ties while liberating decent people from what humorist Dave Barry might call farting ketchup.

Ketchup's modern revolution began in 1991 in a small precision-molding shop wedged between a scrapyard and a saloon on the south side of Midland, Mich. The key prop in the dingy scene was a molding press that was meant to turn injections of liquid silicone into flexible, one-piece precision valves.

It wasn't working quite right, however. Paul Brown, the shop's stocky, bullheaded owner, spent his days sitting before the press on a four-legged stool, chain-smoking and rethinking the valve's design.

("I would pretend I was silicone and, if I was injected into a mold, what I would do," recalled Brown, a computer-phobic, intuition-guided shop technician.)

His vision was a dispensing valve for a new kind of shampoo bottle that would be storable



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One of the greatest inventions since right turn on red: the top-down ketchup bottle. With its help, ketchup sales are surging and Michigander Paul Brown, the computer-illiterate, intuition-guided inventor of the bottle's clean-pour dispensing valve, will never have to work again.

upside down on, say, a tub's edge. The valve had to open easily when squeezed and shut securely when the squeezing stopped. No drips, no leaks — ever.

To that end, Brown, then 48, and his mold-maker, Tim Socier, who's deft at computer-assisted design, came up with a valve that's a little silicone dome with right-angled slits cut in its top. When the bottle's sides were pressed, the dome's slits opened like flower petals and released the contents. When the pressing stopped, the air sucked back into the dome caused it to retract and the slits to shut.

Time was running out, however. Brown had maxed out his credit cards. He was in hock to his mother and 10 investor-friends. None of his 111 prototypes really worked. It was Friday night, and the first poten-

tial big buyer was due Monday.

So Brown turned to Socier, then 31, who agreed to work through much of the night to craft one more design variant, thinning the dome around the slits. On Saturday morning, Socier called Brown in to show him something. It was the new prototype, and it worked

perfectly.

Brown sat back in his chair and said: "Holy cow, I just hit the jackpot."

He was right. The customer bought in. Eventually, so did baby food-maker Gerber, which uses a version of the valve in its sippy cup. So did NASA when it needed a leak-proof drinking-

water system for space-walking astronauts. So did shampoo and cosmetics makers. Years later, so did Heinz and Hunt's, Heinz's main competitor, for their top-down ketchup bottles.

Brown sold out in 1995 for about \$13 million. He paid off his investors 100-fold and built himself "a barn that any man would kill for," complete with a knotty-pine wet bar. He bought a winter place in Key Largo, Fla., and an RV pad in Casa Grande, Ariz., for his fifth wheel.

Socier still works part time for Brown's old company, Liquid Molding Systems Inc., but he finds his greatest satisfaction in the slightly profitable cigar store he's opened in Midland.

Before they got into upside-down ketchup, marketers at Heinz headquarters in Pittsburgh turned another ketchup tradition upside down. They came out with green ketchup in 2000, then purple ketchup, both in slim, swirly, "EZ Squirt" bottles aimed at kids.

Two years later — prompted, some say, by a security breach that dis-

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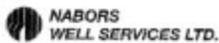
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KETCHUP

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closed that Hunt's was working on the same idea — Heinz introduced its pour-from-the-bottom bottle.

"A lot of consumers already were storing their ketchup upside down," said Patrick Macedo, Heinz's brand manager for the condiment. "We just helped them do what they were already doing better."

The top-down bottle doesn't leak, thanks to a variant of Brown's patented valve. It won't spew ketchup spit — which Heinz calls "serum" — thanks to an ingenious little grooved trap that runs around the cap. It collects serum and remixes it into dispensed ketchup as it comes out.

Even flatulence is down. As Wayne Cleary, Heinz's manager of packaging systems, put it: "The product is at the opening, if stored correctly. You're not waiting for the product to come down to the opening with the air and all."

And how top-down ketchup pours. In old-fashioned squeeze bottles, Cleary explained, the stream of ketchup "drooped as it poured." That's because people generally poured it at about a 45-degree angle, slowing the flow.

"With the inverted package, it comes out in a straight line," he said. "It's not gonna droop." This — along with a bigger valve opening — fulfilled Heinz's basic goal. It got more ketchup out of the bottle faster.

The top-down bottle won packaging-industry awards and consumer raves, and its sales have grown by about 25 percent a year since Heinz introduced it in 2002.

Customers switching from other kinds of bottle accounted for a lot of that increase, however. Getting people to eat still more ketchup remained a challenge.

The key, according to Macedo, was to recognize that ketchup was "a very social product," typically consumed by people dining together. They see themselves as sharing the ketchup, he said, or at any rate they feel they should restrain their appetites for it, especially if they think it might run out.

A bigger bottle would make people less likely to ration and more likely to indulge, Heinz marketers theorized. If true, ketchup would work like 2-liter Coke: The bigger the bottle, the greater the consumption.

By studying supermarket receipts, Macedo said, Heinz discovered the key to increasing its \$3 billion global ketchup business: "When people moved from a 24-ounce bottle to a 36-ounce bottle, they used 44 percent more ketchup. When they moved from 24 ounces to 46, they used 78 percent more."

Basically, shoppers went through big bottles at nearly the rate that they'd gone through smaller ones. To promote that tendency, Heinz paid to shift its big bottles — and its wildly popular top-down bottles — to eye-level positions in every U.S. supermarket.

Eye-level display usually increases sales at least 10 percent, according to Gene German, a food marketing professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Soon, Heinz's new no-neck 46- and 60-ounce behemoths, sculpted to fit on refrigerator-door shelves, will be offered with top-down valves, too. Lovable ketchup at last.



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Emergency responders sort through this traffic accident that occurred at the intersection of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Gregg Street early Monday morning. According to witnesses at the scene, the GMC sport utility vehicle was traveling north on Gregg Street when it struck the Ford F-150 pickup, which was traveling east on Martin Luther King Blvd., on the passenger side. The driver of the pickup claimed to have had the right-of-way at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported as a result of the mishap.

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Two Republicans speak out against war

WASHINGTON (AP) — After four years of combat and more than 3,560 U.S. deaths, two Republican senators previously reluctant to challenge President Bush on the war announced they could no longer support the deployment of 157,000 troops and asked the president to begin bringing them home.

“We must not abandon our mission, but we must begin a transition where the Iraqi government and its neighbors play a larger role in stabilizing Iraq,” Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, wrote in a letter to Bush.

Voinovich, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released his letter Tuesday — one day after Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, the panel’s top Republican, said in a floor speech that Bush’s strategy was not working.

“The longer we delay the planning for a redeployment, the less likely it is to be successful,” said Lugar, who plans to meet later this week with Stephen Hadley, Bush’s national security adviser.

Lugar and Voinovich are not the first GOP members to call for U.S. troops to leave Iraq. Sens. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Olympia Snowe of Maine and Gordon Smith of Oregon made similar remarks earlier this year. But their public break is significant because it raises the possibility that Senate Democrats could muster the 60 votes needed to pass legislation that would call for Bush to bring troops home.

President Bush pushes for major overhaul of U.S. immigration law

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, short on political capital and time, is devoting much of what’s left of his term in office to getting an immigration deal.

Starting with an April 9 speech in Arizona, in which he talked tough about border security and prodded Congress to

get moving, Bush has staged a dozen immigration events. That’s not counting his four radio addresses on the topic in that time, or his phone calls to lawmakers, or his bold prediction that he’d see reporters at the bill-signing for a bill that seemed dead.

His agenda reflects that immigration is a White House priority for multiple reasons.

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Raging California wildfire jumps fireline, forces evacuations

MEYERS, Calif. (AP) — Efforts to tame a raging wildfire that has destroyed some 200 homes near Lake Tahoe suffered a setback Tuesday when a backfire set by firefighters to control the blaze jumped a fireline, forcing a new round of evacuations, authorities said.

Firefighters were working to protect a development outside South Lake Tahoe when the blaze expanded, prompting the evacuation of a 300-home subdivision.

Authorities also issued a voluntary evacuation order for a pricey waterfront subdivision on the lake, officials said. About 2,000 people evacuated, according to South Lake Tahoe Police Lt. Martin Hale.

“It’s a fairly populated area,” said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Tim Evans. “That certainly is not good news for our firefighting efforts here.”

The fire started Sunday near the south end of Lake Tahoe. By Tuesday afternoon, the blaze had consumed more than 2,700 acres — about 4.2 square miles — and was about 40 percent con-

tained, fire officials said.

Brown to take command in Britain as Blair’s decade in power ends

LONDON (AP) — Tony Blair’s decade in power ends Wednesday after facing questions in Parliament and having a last lunch at No. 10 Downing St. before Gordon Brown takes command of government.

For Brown, who for 10 years has controlled the national finances as chancellor of the exchequer, it is the culmination of a long — and reportedly frustrating — quest for the top job.

Brown’s devotion to fiscal “prudence” and his commitment to increasing aid to Africa are well known, but questions remain to be answered about what he intends to do in Iraq and more generally about his foreign policy goals.

British troop numbers in Iraq have rapidly fallen through 2007 and soldiers are now stationed on the fringes of the southern city of Basra.

Blair has left his successor an option to call back more of the remaining 5,500 personnel by 2008 — an opportunity likely to be grasped by a leader with an election to call before June 2010.

Fed takes pulse at 2-day meeting; no change in rates expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Keeping inflation under control as the economy emerges from a yearlong sluggish spell is certain to be a matter of lively debate for Federal Reserve policymakers.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his central bank colleagues open a two-day meeting Wednesday, where the economy’s current and future performance will be assessed. The strength of the anticipated economic rebound, the depth of the housing slump, problems with risky mortgages, the state of the employment climate, and the direction of gasoline and other energy prices will figure prominently into those discussions.

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The Sagittarius moon and the Cancer sun are the oddball couple arriving at the party together, headed in different directions. Cancer sun holds back, half wanting someone to notice her, while Sag moon serves a punchline with the party punch. This offbeat relationship heightens interactions between yin-yang counterparts in ourselves.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're mentally strong and socially charismatic. So you should be able to avoid labor. Think: Tom Sawyer's method of "painting" the fence. Make it look so fun that everyone wants to do it for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). All you see is the bright side. Perhaps that's because it's all you're looking for. When there's nothing worrying you, you make quite an impression. Do some entertaining tonight, when you'll be the host with the most.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your work seduces you because it's either bigger or just different than anything you have tried in the past. Don't be afraid. By doing what you can't do, you learn how.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Over all, enjoy yourself. Everything good happens while you're busy enjoying yourself. Normal channels of doing business get complex and interesting. A perfect stranger could become a boss or client.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You share stories with someone you care about. Tell your tales in equal measure. Easy confessions, nothing too wild — and only give up as much information as the other person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An emotionally loaded event is in your future. Already you're feeling the first signs of jitters. The stakes are high for everyone, not only you. But this, ultimately, is a game. The lighter your approach, the more winning it'll be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be aware when people aren't meeting your minimum standards, which apply to both business and love relationships. These standards include self-respect and respect for others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are certain people with whom you find it very easy to communicate on a visceral level — you get it, down deep, no questions. Those are the types you need in your life now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The universe isn't being subtle with you. Quite the opposite — it's practically shouting. When you follow the obvious signs, you're led to the right place in the

perfect time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to go to the top of the mountain to get perspective on your life. Of course, if a mountaintop is available, it won't hurt. Without the proper perspective, you could wind up spinning your wheels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Uncomfortable situations are a gift — something you absolutely need in order to reach your goal. And you're in just the strong kind of mood to ask yourself, "What am I learning from this?"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't get too comfortable. The universe is either expanding or contracting, but it's never static. Be ready by knowing what you want to happen.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo, born Sept. 4, 1984, and I'm dating a Gemini, born June 7, 1974. We're 10 years apart. We get along great and have so much fun together. He treats me like an angel. We've been together for almost nine months and have lived together all this time. We're planning on buying a house together because the lease is almost up on the place we're in now. I can see myself with this man for many years to come. I second-guess myself sometimes because I get scared that something may happen, but then I just think it is my perfectionism falling into

place. I just don't wanna make a mistake. Am I making a mistake, or just full of anxiety?"

If you're having anxiety, take it slow. You do have powerful chemistry, but I'm concerned that over time you might discover just how different you are. You're younger than he is, and you could at some point feel he's limiting you. Buying a house together is an awesome responsibility, especially before you know you're ready to spend the rest of your lives together. If love is true, it will wait.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: What differentiates Meryl Streep as an actress? She's a risk taker. With Uranus on her Cancer sun, Streep is unafraid to take a chance on radical roles that stretch her emotional sensibilities to the point of discomfort. Cancers can tap their powerful emotional range, but few Crabs willingly push themselves out of their shell as Streep does — and still appear so gracefully contained.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Lately, my mother has been all over the place, mood-wise. For starters, she has accused me of stealing from her and hitting her (neither is true). When a family member became seriously ill, Mom accused her of faking it. One of my in-laws was diagnosed with cancer, and Mom rolled her eyes and said, "Big deal."

Mom has pretty much cut off all contact with the family. She hasn't talked to any of her relatives for years, yet all she does is complain about how they cheated her and used her. My dad has been dead for two decades, and my mother grows angry with anyone who has anything nice to say about him. I have good memories of Dad and don't appreciate hearing her insults about him and his side of the family.

Mom had a feud with a former neighbor and would call the police and drug hotlines constantly, trying to get the woman arrested. I don't know if this woman sold any drugs, but my mother called the police so often, the officers contacted her doctor, and her doctor contacted me.

I told the doctor of my concerns, but he offered no advice. Meanwhile, my mother just gets angrier and more paranoid. She remembers conversations we never had, yet insists her memory is perfect and that I'm forgetting on purpose. If I could forget anything, I'd like it to be her behavior and how horrible she makes me feel.

I have a sense of obligation to watch out for her, but if she weren't my mother, I'd probably walk away. I see a therapist to vent my frustrations, and it helps, but my relationship with Mom is not improving. Is there anything I can do? — Sad Daughter

Dear Sad: Call Mom's doctor again and suggest that she be evaluated for dementia, and, if that is ruled out, ask the doctor if he would refer Mom to a therapist who can prescribe medication, because she seems mentally ill. You also can contact the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) at 1-800-272-3900 and ask for assistance.

Dear Annie: I am a 65-year-old widow who would like to find another husband someday. I am active, attractive and own two

small businesses.

I'm even a pretty good singer. I joined a seniors' dating site, and in one month received 335 messages from men my age and younger. The problem is, the ones I reply to don't answer me. The few who do respond become invisible after a short time.

One man was so pleased with my answers to his questions, he wrote, "Thank you for being you!" He called me twice and then disappeared.

I know if they met me, they'd like me, but I can't get them to meet me. Do men think 65 is old even when they are older than that? — Angie

Dear Angie: Unfortunately, many of them do, but not all. It might work better for you to meet men in person. You sing? Join a choir or a musical theater group. Take dance lessons, work for a political candidate or travel. Get out there and let your friends know you are interested.

Dear Annie: I read your answer to "Wondering in the Northeast," who has gastric reflux and can't eat anything on the menu. I'm a banquet manager, and we handle many special dietary requests. Having advance notice is always great, and our chef can usually accommodate any request. "Wondering" should ask the bride to put her in touch with the caterer, then let the caterer know what her food requirements are.

I would rather serve special meals than have guests bring their own food. Also, to all vegetarians eating in a banquet situation, let your host know in advance of your dietary requirements. Our job is to make all guests happy. — Here to Serve in South Dakota

Dear S.D.: Our thanks to you and all the caterers who wrote.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Arnold," and I have been married nearly 10 years. We have a good, solid relationship and four wonderful young children. I



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

am a stay-at-home mom, while Arnold runs his own company, which is quite successful.

The problem? We live in an older home that is in need of numerous repairs. Our roof and driveway need immediate attention, our pool requires ongoing upkeep, and the basement

needs a complete overhaul. Arnold seems to think he can do all this by himself. He imagines he has time to clean the pool, and paint and plaster the basement. Yesterday, I caught him online looking up how to lay roof shingles.

Annie, my husband is delusional. He works 16-hour days and most weekends. When he's home, he is too tired to lift a finger and all he wants to do is play with the kids. Not to mention, Arnold is not particularly handy, and his work turns out shoddy.

When I suggest we pay someone to fix things, Arnold gets mad and a huge argument ensues. I even researched the cheapest laborers in our area and presented this information to Arnold, who then freaked out and told me to "drop it" because he'd get it done. We can afford to pay someone, no problem, but Arnold refuses.

Right now, I have no bathroom vanity and no usable sink, as Arnold removed them to paint the bathroom seven months ago. His procrastination is making me crazy. How do I get him to understand? — Need a Handyman in Dallas

Dear Dallas: Starting multiple projects and leaving them unfinished is often a sign of attention deficit disorder. You can contact the National Resource Center on AD/HD at 1-800-233-4050 or CHADD (chadd.org) for support and information.

In the meantime, tell your husband you are hiring someone to finish the bathroom, and then do it, even if Arnold throws a tantrum. These decisions should not be his alone.

Dear Annie: Do you think it is appropriate for a

mother to scratch her son's back if he is 35 years old? This occurs nearly every time my husband and his mother are together. And it is not a "scratch my back real quick, I can't reach" kind of thing. She usually asks him if he wants her to scratch his back, and then she puts her hand under his shirt and scratches for up to 15 minutes. Sometimes she will rub his back or scratch the top of his head as well. Other times, he will actually ask her to do it, even if I am right there.

Is it just me, or is this inappropriate? It makes me so uncomfortable that I have to leave the room when it happens. — Torn in Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Torn: This is the kind of thing that seems to have sexual overtones, but most likely is completely innocent. Mom has probably been scratching Sonny's back since he was a baby. He likes it. She enjoys knowing she can do this for him. And yes, she may derive satisfaction from seeing you get all flustered, but that's because you allow it. We think this is too small a deal to make you so unhappy. Ignore it. It's no skin off your back.

Dear Annie: This is for "Just a Grandma," whose toddler granddaughter, "Fiona," misbehaved in a restaurant. Bravo to her for not saying one word. Her son and his wife know their child behaved like a brat. They can see what she sees. Obviously they do not "give in" to their daughter all the time, because the parents told her she couldn't walk around in the restaurant — hence the tantrum.

Fiona will grow up, but Grandma's words of criticism will never be forgotten. She raised hers. Let them learn. — Smart Grandma

Dear Grandma: Many grandparents were irate that we didn't advise "Just a Grandma" to chastise her son and daughter-in-law for the way Fiona is being raised. We understand the temptation, but it rarely achieves anything but resentment.

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