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Wegman named Moore top gun

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Longtime local resident and businessman Terry Wegman was named executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring Wednesday, ending a nine-month search by the corporation's board of directors. Wegman, owner of Autotrend



Wegman

and a former member of Moore Development, will begin his duties July 15. "I think having served on Moore Board really perked my interest, so when the chance came, I had to pursue it"

said Wegman, who added he was excited about the opportunity. "I'm really looking forward to working with the board and working for Big Spring." Wegman served on the board from 1997-99 and was its president that final year. The Texas Tech graduate is also a former trustee with the Big Spring Independent School District, a

past board member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and has been on the city of Big Spring Planning and Zoning Commission since 1973, serving as chairman since 1988. Moore Development Board President Larry McLennan said he could not be happier with the choice. "He knows the community.

He is a dedicated and thorough individual. He's served on the Moore Board, been president of the Moore Board. I know he can be successful," said McLellan. Moore Development had been without an executive director since October 2006, when Kent Sharp tendered his resignation. See **MOORE**, Page 3A

Public input sought on \$1 million proposal

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Attracting small business operators and retirees to Howard County would be the goal of a five-year, \$1 million proposal laid out by a member of the Moore Development for Big Spring board of trustees Wednesday. Officials have batted around the idea of trying to attract retirees to Big Spring for a number of years. But Moore board member Frank Parker said the community shouldn't just focus on retirees, but prosperous professionals as well.



Parker

"There are many people who no longer need to live in crowded cities to make a living," Parker said. "There are many professionals who can live anywhere they wish and still do business around the world. And many retirees aren't really retiring, just moving to a place they'd like to live." Parker cited the com-

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Patsy Crenshaw stands next to an uprooted tree in her backyard. The tree fell victim to the 93 mph winds reported during Tuesday nights storm.

Torrential rains ravage across Texas Hill country

By APRIL CASTRO
Associated Press Writer

MARBLE FALLS (AP) — Still weary from constant downpours that have claimed 11 lives in the last 10 days, Texans braced for yet another deluge in the Hill Country. Overnight rainfall in

Central Texas was far short of the 10 inches that were in the forecast, but more was expected today and flash flood warnings were in effect throughout the area. Almost a week of nonstop rain — including 18 inches near Marble Falls early Wednesday morning — left

dozens of people stranded on rooftops, cars and in trees. No fatalities were immediately reported in the latest series of unusual summertime Texas rainstorms. Marble Falls, about 40 miles northwest of Austin, See **RAIN**, Page 3A

Pops goal within reach

Community donations make show possible; organizers thankful

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

"Big Spring and Howard County have come through again." That was the message Jan Hansen, co-chairman of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, delivered to members of the committee organizing this year's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display set for Tuesday night at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Although a handful of pledged donations have yet to be received, the committee is relatively certain it will have enough money to put on the show, which carries a price tag of approximately \$40,000.



"We're still hoping some donation checks will be coming in," Hansen said, "but we really want to thank the people and businesses in our community. "Last year I think I said something about the community's response being heart warming and I don't know that there's a better term for how the people of Big Spring and Howard County have answered our requests for financial help," Hansen added. "In past years it seems like the com-

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777 FUN RUN/WALK SET

Stanton High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is sponsoring a "777s" 7K run/walk July 7 at 7:07 p.m. Entry fee is \$17 with pre-registration. The fee on the day of the event will be \$20. Activities will be held at 109 E. First in Stanton, behind the Martin County Hospital. Awards will be given for first through third places. There will be special awards for 7th, 17th, 27th place, etc. For more information, call Kathy Dunn at (432) 352-5791. Entry forms can be picked up at 109 E. First in Stanton.

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.

BANCROFT IN CONCERT

George 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. tonight 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. 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."

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IN BRIEF

Funtastic 4th golf tourney slated

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a benefit golf tournament at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in order to raise money for the Funtastic 4th Celebration. It will be sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3188 Bingo.

The entry fee will be \$50 per player for the four person scramble format. Food and drinks will be provided.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place. There will also be door prizes and awards for the shots closest to the pin and longest drive.

Call the country club at 267-5354 for more information.

Permian Basin playday results

Three Big Spring women shined at Permian Basin Ladies Association Playday Wednesday at the Midland Country Club.

Joan Daniel finished second in the first flight with a gross score of 86.

Jo Ann Hilger topped the leader board of the second flight with a gross score of 93. Patty Sharpnack shot a 73 to earn the second flight's top net score.

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.

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Blazers selecting Oden over Durant

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The Greg Oden-Kevin Durant debate that lasted all spring will end quickly Thursday night.

Then the NBA draft gets interesting.

Oden and Durant will be gone after the first two picks, headed to their Pacific Northwest destinations. No worries about going to an unfamiliar place, or lengthy waits while TV cameras

capture their agony as teams pass over them.

Other players only wish they had it as easy.

"It is annoying. I wish I was in a situation like Greg and Kevin were in, where they just automatically knew where they were going," guard and longtime Oden teammate Mike Conley Jr. said. "They can start looking for houses or whatever. I have no kind of luxury like that."

Conley could go No. 3 to Atlanta — unless the Hawks

trade the pick. Or he could still be available when the Hawks use their second lottery selection at No. 11 — unless that one has been dealt.

Al Horford, Joakim Noah and Corey Brewer, the core of Florida's back-to-back national championship teams; Georgetown forward Jeff Green, and China's Yi Jianlian face the same uncertainty heading into one of the deepest drafts in years, one that could be shaken up by trades.

"I don't think a lot of people put a lot of focus on that, after the first two draft picks, because it's going to be fun to see where people end up," Green said. "There's a lot of talent in the draft. In my eyes, we feel like maybe the deepest draft since LeBron's draft (in 2003)."

The Portland Trail Blazers have the No. 1 pick, and they haven't said publicly which way they're leaning. And if they were

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Trading Tex could answer Rangers' problems



Texas Rangers' first baseman Mark Teixeira fields a ball for an out in the second inning against the Los Angeles Angels May 12 in Arlington. Teixeira, a two-time Gold Glove winner, has been the subject of several trade rumors this season.

Biscuits. That's the best way to describe the type of balls the Texas Rangers' pitching staff throws. Big biscuits waiting to be gobbled up by even the most mediocre of hitters.



JONATHAN HULL

It has been close to a decade since the Rangers last made an appearance in the postseason. Since that time, the team has routinely finished near the bottom of the league in team ERA rankings.

I know it's not as if their pitching was that great in the mid-1990s, when the Rangers found themselves being knocked out of the playoffs by the New York Yankees in the first round every year, but Ken Hill and Rick Helling offered more hope than anyone currently on the Rangers' staff does.

This season the Rangers rank 29th out of the 30 major league teams in team ERA.

This year, the Rangers again have the opportunity to do something about the lack of quality pitching arms. The possible answer to their woes on the mound? Mark Teixeira.

It is time to trade the

veteran first baseman, who will be in the last year of his contract next season. Teixeira is considered one of the league's premier players at his position and will command a large contract once he becomes a free agent. Especially since he employs the reincarnation of Satan himself, Scott Boras, as his agent.

The Rangers have whiffed more than once at a chance to secure arms of the future. Their most recent trade debacle occurred in 2005, when they traded Alfonso Soriano to the Washington Senators for Brad Wilkerson, Termel Sledge and pitcher Armando Galarraga.

Wilkerson has never hit above .268 in a season and is batting a robust .220 this season. Sledge was immediately dealt to San Diego as a part of the Chris Young trade. So all Texas got for Soriano was a weak-hitting outfielder and a career minor league pitcher.

This isn't the first time the Rangers have whiffed at a trade though. I think the most frustrating trade the organization has made was when it traded young right-handed pitcher Chris Young, along with Sledge and promising first baseman Adrian Gonzalez to the San Diego Padres for

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Miller homers to lift Brewers over Astros

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Damian Miller went to the plate in the 11th inning with a rather simple goal.

"I was looking not to strike out, basically," he said.

Miller did a lot better than that.

The backup catcher hit his first homer of the season, a three-run shot that sailed into the Milwaukee bullpen and lifted the Brewers over the Houston Astros 6-3 Wednesday.

"I knew for sure it was probably a double," he said. "I guess I hit it better than I thought."

The Brewers finished up an 8-1 homestand, won for the 12th time in 14 games overall and improved the NL's best record to 46-32.

Houston went 2-7 on its road trip, and was swept by Milwaukee in a three-game series for the first time.

"We're certainly not playing winning baseball," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "We're not finding a way to win a ballgame. On the flip side, we're finding a way to lose ballgames. It's very disappointing."

Miller launched a one-out homer to left-center field that was speared on the fly by Brewers bullpen catcher Marcus Hanel. Miller hit the second game-ending home run of his career, with the other coming in 2000 for Arizona.

"I was due for another one," Miller said.

Fittingly, it was La Crosse Day at Miller Park. Miller was born in the Wisconsin city located on the Mississippi River in the northwest part of the state.

"I circled it on my calendar to make sure Damian Miller played on La Crosse Day," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said.

With one out in the 11th, Bill Hall doubled off the wall in left-center he stood at the plate for a moment, watching the ball fly, and had to hustle into second. After Geoff Jenkins was intentionally walked, Miller connected off Dave Borkowski (1-3).

"It wasn't bad luck," Borkowski said. "I threw bad pitches and lost us the game."

Dave Bush (6-6) pitched the final two innings in his first relief appearance of the season. He has made 15 starts.

Houston's Craig Biggio, three hits shy of 3,000, did not start. He pinch-hit in the 11th and popped up a bunt on a sacrifice try.

The Astros put runners on the corners with one out in the 10th but failed to score. Chris Burke pinch-ran for Mark Loretta at third base, but was caught in a rundown on Lance Berkman's grounder back to Bush.

Milwaukee starter Jeff Suppan gave up three earned runs in six innings.

He struck out a season-high seven without a walk.

Houston starter Woody Williams gave up two earned runs and six hits in six innings.



Milwaukee Brewers' Rickie Weeks makes the catch and the tag on Houston Astros' Eric Bruntlett in the 11th inning Wednesday in Milwaukee. The Brewers defeated the Astros 6-3.

MCT photo/Jeffrey Phelps

Obituaries

Police blotter

Albert 'Al' Russell Mayo



Albert "Al" Russell Mayo, 93, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 29, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 25, 1913, in Nevada, Texas, and married Phyllis Rosalie Avet on April 19, 1941, in Houma, La. Al and Phyllis were married for 64 years. She preceded him in death on Nov. 22, 2005.

Al served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the Battleship USS Alabama. He retired from Texaco in 1977 after 41 years of service. He worked as a rig builder offshore South Louisiana and worked many years as a pumper in the oilfields of East and West Texas. He was a member of Kelview Baptist Church in Midland and previously a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include one brother and sister-in-law, Leland and Colette Mayo of Edmond, Okla.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Pat and Beverly Mayo of Midland, Mike and Brenda Mayo of Garland and Bob and Diann Mayo of Miles; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Borden Gray of Borden County and Susan and Sammy Reed of Midland; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Mayo; one sister, Margaret Howard; and one grandson, Barry Mayo.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Salvation Army, 811 West 5th St., 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

Paid obituary

George Amos



George Amos, 89, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial with military honors will be 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 Pineyon, Ariz. to Renthie and Paul Amos. George grew up on a ranch on the Fort Apache Reservation in Arizona. He was a registered Tribal Member of the White Mountain Apaches. George married Johnnie June Chaney, May 17, 1941, in Gallup, N.M. They came to Big Spring in 1946. They were professional square dancers and had put on exhibitions across the country and had won numerous awards. George was also a square dance caller. Johnnie preceded him in death on Dec. 20, 1998.

He worked for 33 years at Cosden and Fina, 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 as a radio technician in the Pacific and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by a 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, Lisa Oxendine and her husband Chris, Loryne Colette and her husband Lee, Bill Amos and his wife Shelly, Jay Paul Amos, Dusti Rushing and her husband Joe D., Hank Schauer, and Holly Borel and her husband Ray; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Gertrude Ellison of Anadarko, Okla., and Delta Brewer and her husband Harry of Pinetop, Ariz.; two brothers, Melvin Amos and his wife Oma and Paul Amos, Jr. and his wife Lorinda, all of Whiteriver, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Pallbearers will be Hank Schauer, Bill Amos, Zack Amos, Jay Amos, Lee Colette, Joe Rushing, and Chris Oxendine.

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

Paid obituary

Anna Lou Robinson

Anna Lou Robinson, 82, died June 26, 2007. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton, with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, and the Rev. Waymon Swopes, pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church, assisting, with burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive freinds from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born to Robert Michael Anderson and Vela Johnson Anderson in 1925. Other than a brief stint while attending Draughn's Business College in Lubbock, she lived her entire life within a 25 mile radius of her hometown of Stanton.

Anna Lou graduated from Stanton High School in 1943, and three years later married R.V. Robinson. For 40 years they were active members of the Greenwood community and moved back to Stanton upon their retirement from farming. Anna Lou was preceded in death by her husband in 1999.

She was employed at the Midland Farmers Co-op Gin as a bookkeeper and cotton buyer from 1960 until 1980. She also worked briefly as a bookkeeper for Walters & Leonard John Deere Implement Company in Stanton.

Anna Lou was a lifelong Baptist and was an active member of the Greenwood Baptist Church for 40 years, and later the First Baptist Church of Stanton.

She is survived by sisters Verla Doggett and husband Richard, and Juanita Lindsey and husband A.L. (Bud), all of Stanton; daughter Debra Trantham and husband Richard of Midland; son Rodney M. Robinson of Midland; and son Don E. Robinson and wife Virginia of Katy; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are by Gilbreath Funeral Home, and in lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Hospice of Midland at P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702, First Baptist Church of Stanton at P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782, or Greenwood Baptist Church at 10909 FM 307, Midland 79706. Condolences can also be conveyed via the internet, at www.npwelch.com.

Betty Jane Archibald

Betty Jane Archibald, 73, of Waco and formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 27, 2007 in Waco. Graveside services are planned for Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Keith Clower officiating.

She was born Aug. 12, 1933, in Rockwall and had been an attendant and volunteer at the Big Spring State Hospital. She had lived in Big Spring, Sweetwater and Waco the past 10 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Reonia and husband Roy Don Fleming, of Mexia; a son, Archie and wife Aria Archibald of Oklahoma; a sister, Francis McDonald of Roscoe; three brothers, Gene Ausburne, of Sweetwater, and Bobby and Billy Ausburne, both of Waco; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Janie Marie Archibald.

Services under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home, Sweetwater.

Larry Stevens

Larry Gene Stevens, 64, of Tulsa, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, June 22, 2007, in Tulsa, Okla. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Saturday, June 30, 2007, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Private family services are set for a later date with the Rev. Lynn Robertson officiating.

He was born June 4, 1943, in Eunice, W. Va.

Larry worked as a painter for many years and had served in the U.S. Army in Germany.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Stevens of Tulsa, Okla.; his mother, Ruby Stevens of Big Spring; four brothers, William "Bill" Stevens and wife, Earla of Phoenix, Ariz., Holbert G. Stevens and wife, Cindy, of Altoona, Pa., Johnny W. Stevens and wife, Diane of Chandler, Ariz., and Dannie E. Stevens and wife, Robin of Big Spring; a sister, Arlene Pineda and husband, Daril, of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Holbert Stevens, and two nieces.

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

Marion 'Buddy' Gambrell

Marion A. "Buddy" Gambrell, 78, of Forsan died Thursday, June 28, 2007 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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

- **GEORGE BERNHARDT**, 59, of 1202 E. Third Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license invalid, delivery of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia, disregarding a stop sign and failure to maintain financial responsibility of a vehicle.
- **GUADALUPE MORENO JR.**, 39, of 807 Crighton, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify.
- **CLINT ARNOLD HUFFMAN**, 37, of 607 Chanute was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY** was reported in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1800 block of Nolan.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1700 block of Settles.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED** was reported in the 1500 block of Sixth Street.
- **DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- **QUESTIONABLE DEATH** was reported in the 1800 block of Scurry. According to officials with the police department, a white male subject believed to be a transient broke into a vacant home on Scurry, where he is believed to have bled to death from an injury sustained while entering the home. An autopsy has been ordered

Sheriff's report

- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 600 block of Goliad.
 - **THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of Eighth Street.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ANGELINA ANITA MARTINEZ**, 22, was transferred Wednesday to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **DAVID BRIAN WILKINSON**, 28, was arrested by

Fire/EMS

the HCSO Wednesday on charges burglary of a building and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **MELISSA YOUNG**, 38, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of N. Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Osage. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Andree.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-12-43-48-49-50. Number matching six of six: 0.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 26-27-32-35-36. Number matching five of five: 3.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-3.

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still flip-flopping Wednesday, they weren't the only ones.

"I'm taking the big guy," Washington center Spencer Hawes said when asked what he would do. "Look who wins the championships. Nothing against Kevin, but you just got to look at the backbone of championships."

So then, Oden over Durant? "I'm not saying that, I'm not going to go that far," Hawes said. "Conventional wisdom would say that you take the big guy, but that's a tossup, that's a tough one to say. I can't say on the two individuals, but next

year if it's a similar scenario I guess I go with the big guy. But I don't know, this year I guess I'm a man divided."

It's not an easy choice. Oden tested better at predraft camp, Durant had the sharper work-out in Portland.

Dominant big men are usually impossible to pass up, and late Wednesday night ESPN.com reported, citing unidentified sources, the Trail Blazers had let Oden know that he's their man.

Oden has been compared to Bill Russell for his rebounding and shot blocking, and he led Ohio State to the national championship game even while failing to regain full strength after surgery on his right wrist.

"You can see why he'd be a No. 1 pick," Durant said. "I think he's one of the best centers to come out of college. He's quick and agile, he's 7-feet, 250. I've never seen that in a center before."

Players like Durant don't come around often, either. The swingman from Texas was the college player of the year after averaging 25.8 points and 11.1 rebounds, ranking fourth nationally in both categories. And if he falls to Seattle at No. 2, he'd make a terrific consolation prize.

"Without question, Kevin Durant's the most talented player in this draft," Texas A&M point guard Acie Law said. "But if I'm building a franchise,

as most teams at the top of the draft are, you can't pass up a guy you can just build your team around.

Because there's guys in the league that can score 20, 25 a game, like Kevin Durant can, but you're not going to find a 7-foot manchild that can just patrol your line for 10, 12 years."

There's much more in this draft beyond Oden and Durant. Law said the top 15-20 players could become stars, setting up plenty of intrigue around the remainder of the lottery.

The Phoenix Suns were hoping to move up, the Charlotte Bobcats were possibly open to moving down, and the Trail Blazers were rumored to be

interested in landing a second lottery pick.

Green was surprised to be called to a Tuesday workout in Phoenix with Brewer and Noah, even though the Suns aren't scheduled to draft until well after the lottery. That shows there's interest in players after Oden and Durant, with the Florida trio hoping to make the Gators the first school with three top 10 picks in the same draft.

"We're just winners," Brewer said. "We know how to win."

Green was seated next to the draft's unknown, Yi, illustrating how much the shape of the NBA has changed in the last two decades.

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Adam Eaton and Akinori Otsuka.

Otsuka remains with the team and was a nice find. However, Eaton was supposed to be the biggest part of the deal for the Rangers. He's wearing a Phillies jersey now.

Chris Young has a 2.26 ERA for the Padres this season, while Gonzalez is hitting .282 with 14 homers and 51 RBIs. So even when the Rangers do have a promising pitcher on their staff, they trade him away for garbage.

So why trade Teixeira after all of the missed opportunities by the Rangers' front office in trying to execute a good trade?

I can think of three reasons.

1. Chances are the Rangers aren't going to re-sign him once he hits the open market anyway. He promises to be the

most sought after free agent of the 2008 off-season. Boras will be wanting the bank for him as well. Personally, I expect to see him wearing Yankees pinstripes, making him another player that I am forced to loathe.

2. Try, try again. The Rangers shouldn't give up on executing a good trade just because they've failed at it so many times. Yes, this was the organization that traded away the only good player they received for Alex Rodriguez. It's also the team that traded Juan Gonzalez for a bunch of guys, who produced almost nothing — except for closer Francisco Cordero, who the Rangers traded to the Brewers and is now once again one of the league's top closers — during their Rangers' tenure. All of that aside, owner Tom Hicks and general manager Jon Daniels have an opportunity to finally produce a trade that brings good fortune to Texas.

3. If there is one position that the Rangers have had success producing in the minors, it is first basemen. Here's a list of former Rangers' first basemen that came up through the farm system and are now starting for other teams.

- The aforementioned Adrian Gonzalez is now San Diego's every day starter at first and is hitting for a .282 batting average with 14 home runs and 51 RBIs.

- Travis Hafner plays at first and designated hitter for Cleveland. Although he is only hitting .259 so far this season, he's batted better than .300 and knocked in more than 100 RBIs the past three seasons for the Indians.

- Carlos Pena took over every day duties at first for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays this season and has hit 17 home runs.

The Rangers traded all three of these players because they had Teixeira entrenched at the first base position. Only starting catcher

Gerald Laird and Otsuka remain on the current major league roster from the players Texas acquired from those trades.

However, based on the production of those three players, I put a considerable amount of faith in the Rangers' ability to develop a replacement for Teixeira.

Chances are they won't find another complete player like Tex, who ranks amongst the top offensive leaders at his

position and is also a two-time Gold Glove winner. It's just a shame that the Rangers probably won't be able to lock him up for long term.

He's the easiest solution on the Rangers' team to cure these pitching woes. The Yankees, Dodgers, Orioles, Angels and Braves are all rumored to be interested in acquiring Tex. All, with the exception of the Yankees, have pitchers currently on their roster that would help the

Rangers immediately, as well as, top prospects in their farm systems that could lay a solid future for the Texas staff.

Now the only trick is to trust Hicks and Daniels enough to actually execute a decent payoff.

History tells us not to count on it.

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BRIEFS

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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.

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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

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

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp

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Texas Tech schedules camps

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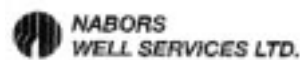
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Police investigating aggravated robbery

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating a report of aggravated robbery that allegedly took place in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street early Wednesday morning.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the police department, the crime was reported at approximately 5:45 a.m. Wednesday by the 33-year-old male victim.

“According to the victim, he was approached by three Hispanic males who demanded money from him,” said Everett.

“That was at approximately 5:30 a.m. One of the Hispanic males displayed a knife, at which point he gave them an undetermined amount of cash. They also took his cell phone.”

Everett said the victim reported the suspects left in the direction of a silver sports car, but further details were unavailable.

No injuries were reported as a result of the alleged robbery, and no arrests have been made, according to Everett.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

MOORE

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“If you look at the timetable involved, no one can say this board rushed into this decision,” said McLellan. “We received many applications, including some from Big Spring — some good ones. But we wanted to take our time and we wanted to look at some people with experience

outside of Big Spring. We hired a consultant, Laurin Prather, and he looked at all the applicants — we interviewed some — and he visited with people in the community. Finally, he said ‘you’ve got the best guy for the job right now in this town.’

“He recommended Terry and I think it is a great fit. I think Terry will hit the ground running.”

To help Wegman make the transition, the board will keep Prather’s firm, Lubbock BCD Inc. on retainer. Wegman will also receive professional training in economic development.

“We believe that will be a good benefit. Terry will be able to call Laurin any time to answer questions or get assistance. It will be on an as-needed basis,” said McLellan.

Wegman will be hired

on a three-year contract and paid an annual salary of \$62,000 the first year, \$67,000 the second year and \$72,000 the third year.

Moore directors noted that the previous executive director was receiving \$72,000 annually.

Wegman will close his business of 35 years. He and his wife, Debbie, have three grown sons. She is director of the Big Spring Visitor’s and Convention Bureau.

RAIN

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was spared any rain overnight, but Williamson County north of Austin got about 3 more inches. Storm systems near Austin and San Antonio were expected to dump at least 4 more inches of rain in the area

Thursday, and up to 10 inches of any systems merge, the National Weather Service said.

Early Wednesday, the downpour and winds were so treacherous that helicopters were forced to halt efforts to rescue people from rooftops. Marble Falls Mayor Raymond Whitman said there were 32 high-water rescues,

and Austin-area officials said there were reports of up to 20 people needing to be saved.

Whitman, whose own living room was filled with water Tuesday night, said some looting had been reported in flood-damaged areas and extra police officers were to be on duty throughout Wednesday night. No cur-

few had been mandated in this town of 7,200, but Whitman said he would institute one if people were out.

The Texas National Guard dispatched troops and vehicles to Central Texas, as well as other areas hit by storms from the Oklahoma border to the Rio Grande Valley.

INPUT

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munity’s many medical professionals and health care facilities as assets to attract newcomers, as well as lower cost of living and other positives.

His proposal would be to spend \$200,000 a year for five years on direct mail-outs and publications targeting professionals and retirees with information about Big Spring.

“I’ve been told that

direct mail is the way to go because you can focus on a certain target area. I’ve also been told that one mailing is not enough. You have to saturate them,” said Parker.

He also said he would like to see Big Spring apply through the Texas Department of Agriculture to become a certified “retirement community,” something that would cost about \$5,000.

“How important is it to get that designation?” Richard Steel, another board member, asked

Parker.

“The only advantage I know of is to get on their Web site. They do pledge to work with you and assist you, but I don’t know how they do that. It (the program) has only been in operation 18 months, and I am sure they are still growing,” Parker said. “I do know they have been very helpful and very responsive toward me.”

Parker said his intent was to bring a proposal before the board and contacted to see if they have

“All I want to do today is get a discussion going and get the community talking about this. They may have ideas and I’d like us to hear from them,” said Parker.

“I think it is something we should follow through with,” said Larry McLellan, board president. “I think it could have a domino effect on our community.”

Steel suggested that some of the communities certified by the agriculture department be contacted to see if they have

reaped any benefits.

Also briefly discussed was a problem with available housing in Big Spring for families wanting to move to the community.

“This is exactly like the chicken and the egg. Do you build the homes, hoping to attract people or do you ...” said McLellan, making his point.

The board appeared in agreement that the availability of housing would improve if there becomes a strong need.

And Parker said his pro-

posal wasn’t for a mandatory five years.

“If after three years it isn’t working, we can stop. But I don’t think you could judge it on one year. That wouldn’t be enough time,” he told the board.

The board agreed to get input from the community and possibly place the proposal on next month’s agenda as an action item.

In other business, directors approved May financials, investments and previous minutes.

POPS

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mittee has always reached this point thinking, ‘Well, Big Spring always comes through for us,’ but there’s always been a little apprehension there,” Hansen continued. “That’s not the case this year and it really is a wonderful feeling. We’re confident that when the rest of the money comes in, we’re going to have plenty for the show.”

Held every July 3, “Pops in the Park” features a performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, followed by a fireworks show that is coordinated with the symphony’s patriotic music.

Crowds pack the amphitheater every year and the crowd always spills over into the park and along U.S. Highway 87 with between 10,000 and 15,000 attending the concert, and as big a crowd or an even larger one is expected this year.

And this year, as it did a year ago, the committee is asking all military personnel from the community who happen to be home on leave during the holiday to take part in the “Parade of Flags,” which opens the symphony and chorus’ show.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corpo-

rate sponsorships. More importantly, they make it possible for organizers to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

“We always want to stress this is the community’s celebration,” Hansen said. “It’s an opportunity to gather with friends and family at the park and join everyone in celebrating that we live in the greatest country on Earth.”

“Nobody celebrates the Fourth of July holiday like Big Spring does,” she continued. “That’s part of what makes this such a wonderful show — it brings visitors from outside our community. That’s one of the real rewards from being a part of the organizing committee, getting a chance to look at what this community puts together. We should all take pride in that.”

Symphony Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann’s list of musical selections the Symphony and Chorus will perform during two segments of the concert begins with a performance of “Fanfare for the Common Man,” followed by “Stars and Stripes Forever,” “To the Colors,” “The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,” “The Star-Spangled Banner,” “Salute to the Armed Forces,” “Liberty Bell March,” “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” and “Over There.”

The mood will change then with “A Cohan

Salute,” “A Broadway Celebration,” “Best of the Beatles,” “Billy Joel Medley,” “Beach Boys Medley,” “Fifth of Beethoven,” “Summon the Heroes,” “Wind Beneath My Wings,” “Let There Be Peace on Earth” and “America the Beautiful.”

During the intermission, a video presentation honoring local men and women currently serving in the military, the symphony will return and perform “Hoe Down” before the fireworks show begins.

Selections for the fireworks show, Graumann said, will be “Radetzky March,” “Washington Post March,” “National Emblem March,” “Star Trek Theme,” “Star Wars Theme,” “The Star-Spangled Banner,” “You’re a Grand Old Flag,” “American Patrol,” “1812 Overture” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

The evening’s entertainment will be opened by a local band, as Los Greengos — made up of Donnie Green, Keith McGuire, Ben Kilgore and Adrian Calvio — takes the stage at 6 p.m.

Presenters of the event include the *Big Spring Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony, Fiberod, KBYG, KBST and The Click Ranch — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in fund-

ing or in-kind services.

For those unable to serve as “Presenters,” Hansen noted that the committee is also seeking support at different levels — “Stars and Stripes” sponsors that donate \$3,000 or more; “Texas Star” sponsors, donating \$2,000 or more; and “Rocket” sponsors, donating \$1,000 or more.

“Stars and Stripes” sponsors for the show are Fiber Glass Systems, H.E.B. and Robinson Drilling.

The lone “Texas Star” sponsor at this point is the Wal-Mart Supercenter, which is featuring the evening’s opening act Los Greengos.

“Rocket” sponsors to date include Alon USA, the Worthy Company, Medicine Center Pharmacy, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Cornell Companies Inc.

“We’re very excited that some of these major sponsors have increased their donations this year, plus some of them are new to the list in all the major categories,” Hansen added. “We really want to thank those who support us, no matter how they are able to contribute.”

It is that support, she noted, that has allowed the organizing committee to expand and improve the show every year.

“It seems like the crowd gets a little larger every year,” Hansen said. “And that’s one of the reasons

we always try to make each year’s show a little bigger and better. This is the largest single event in terms of the people gathered at one time that we have in our community each year.”

Military personnel interested in taking part in the “Parade of Flags” should also contact Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

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OUR VIEWS

Freedom Parade in Coahoma will kick off holiday

It's a must see. Every year, Coahoma stages its Freedom Parade during the Fourth of July holiday. This year the parade is scheduled for Saturday and will honor four veterans in particular — Billy and Ruth Bates, Ross Roberts and Carl W. Ford.

Those four will serve as grand marshals for parade, always held on the Saturday closest to Independence Day.

Two other Coahoma residents will also be honored. Coahoma ISD teachers Kim and Kathy Nichols are being honored as Citizens of the Year.

The community holds the Freedom Parade to show 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.

And it is always an impressive sight.

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.

According to Quail Dobbs, a member of the parade committee, awards will be given for the best car, pickup truck, float, bicycle, child's ride and tractor.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. after lining 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 y 10 a.m."

If you get there late, just grab on to back of the line and hang on.

We can't think of a better invitation.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are always there to help us back up.

Amen

The Lott/Feinstein love-fest

In their joint appearance on "Fox News Sunday," Sens. Trent Lott and Dianne Feinstein unwittingly gave a seminar on the corrupting influence of governmental power, the "bipartisanship is a virtue" myth and the urgent need for term limits.

During their interview, which was billed as a "rematch" but more closely resembled a love fest, the senators seemed to agree with each other way more than they disagreed — and this from legislators reputed to be ideological opposites.

The senators were busy congratulating themselves over their collegiality and how nice senators looked during Seersucker Suit Week in the Senate, and commenting on the ignorance of American talk show listeners.

While I'm not a fan of incivility, I would have felt far better represented if these two lovebirds had engaged in heated debate and at least one of them demonstrated the faintest connection with us mortals outside the governing class.

Speaking of which, host Chris Wallace asked Lott about his recent statement that "senators on both sides of the aisle are being pounded by these talk radio people who don't even know what's in the bill."

Though Lott lamely attempted to weasel out of his statement, he did nothing to restore his credibility on this issue. Nor did he apologize for or retract it.

Unlike the Senate, which has tried to ramrod this bill through with an unprecedented lack of hearings, talk radio has been informative and hosted a serious, substantive dialogue on the bill. It is not the ever-demonized talk radio that is casting about dis-

paraging barbs like "racism" and "nativism" to tar its opponents. It is politicians and other high-browed commentators whose commonality is demonstrated by their shared arrogance.

Both senators argued, typically, that any action on the immigration bill is better than none. Sadly, career politicians of both parties too often believe America's continued greatness depends on their proactive, energetic governance and superior knowledge and moral judgment.

When politicians behave as though they believe governance is about them rather than representing the competing interests of people with largely different world-views, something is way out of kilter. The Framers never anticipated governance without conflict or controversy, but structured the system precisely to accommodate the vigorous presentation of competing interests.

Besides, when we see legislative compromise like we have with the various iterations of the immigration bill, we can be sure that conservatives are getting the short end of the stick. When so-called conservative senators bend over backward to accommodate the likes of Sen. Ted Kennedy and earn his lavish praise, we know all we need to know about the "wisdom" of this bill and what it portends for the national interest.

When "conservatives" jump in bed with politicians who view "multiculturalism," "diversity" and "tolerance" as the highest virtues, on a major piece of legislation that would advance those ideas while targeting for dilution the unique American culture and the primacy of the English language, something is radically wrong.

These legislators can continue to tout bipartisanship and collegiality as the highest goals of government. Likewise, others unschooled in history, the Constitution, politics and human nature can swoon

over the seductive, but mindless prospect of political leaders like Ross Perot, and perhaps Michael Bloomberg, who come along from time to time and promise to deliver America from the evils of partisanship and bickering.

But I'd prefer a little realism to such empty promises and nonsense any day. Politicians who pretend they will bring such harmony about controversial, weighty issues are either ignorant of politics and human nature or are so incorrigibly arrogant that they believe the manifest superiority of their ideas, once properly explained, will usher in universal consensus and goodwill.

But as for the two senators at hand, I'd far rather have seen them engaged in a spirited exchange over issues they couldn't possibly agree on so readily if they truly reflected the polar opposite views held by their respective constituents.

I'd have a much warmer, fuzzier feeling if Sen. Lott had demanded explanations from Sen. Feinstein concerning her party's refusal to approach the war on terror as if it were a war, our enemies as if they were enemies and the immigration issue as if preservation of our culture and national security matter.

But if the two just couldn't resist discussing "bipartisanship," I'd have felt much better if Sen. Lott, in between kiss-blowings had asked Sen. Feinstein why her party refused to leave politics and partisanship at the water's edge.

Until we have answers to these questions and to the mystery of how legislators with ostensibly opposite ideologies can so easily agree on controversial issues, I think we can dispense with lectures from the governing class, which, in my view, has overstayed its welcome.

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Keep those soldiers coming

The other day I noticed an Army recruiting commercial, shrewdly fit into a baseball game. Good macho stuff. It was all about toughness and protecting our glorious nation. It keyed on Memorial Day and was appropriately weepy too.

But worse luck, it is getting ever more costly to persuade new young cannon fodder to keep signing up to go to war.

There are all those expensive ads to run and all those generous signing bonuses to pay. These days, potential soldiers are treated as low number draft picks.

They get special non-cash dispensations too. For instance, they needn't any longer be high school graduates, and among new recruits, 26 percent now are not. GED equivalency is perfectly fine, and that percentage is rising. Nor do they still have to carry a clean police record. A certain amount of criminal past can be winked at. What's needed now are simply warm bodies, and to sign them up without too many embarrassing questions asked.

But as young people wise up about a brutal war of questionable national purpose, fewer are willing to join or to re-enlist. With increasing frequency, even West Point grads are dropping out at

the end of their commitment. This leaves a higher and higher percentage of video game addicts to conduct our dirty work. Nothing wrong with that, one supposes, until the real bullets start to fly. Fortunately, the Pentagon learned its crucial public relations lesson on this issue in Vietnam. Now the press is no longer allowed to publish footage of the flag-draped dead or the amputated living as they arrive home. Otherwise still fewer recruits would enlist.

So if you are having trouble dredging up new troopers, the next best thing is to clutch onto the old ones. For one thing, they're cheaper. By downplaying post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other psychological injuries, you can just send the grunts back into combat without treatment. This both beefs up your troop count and circumvents those pricey sessions they would be entitled to if they became disabled veterans.

As citizens, we are indebted to the *Hartford Courant* newspaper, perhaps in search of another well-deserved Pulitzer, for tracking the tragic cases of GIs who have been ordered back to the front despite their traumatic emotional wounds. What their suffering families have come to learn is that in the eyes of the Pentagon, the only thing that really matters anymore is deployment numbers.

Therefore, the old rules of enlistment, both written and implicit, no longer apply. Maximum combat

periods have been lengthened; minimum home rest periods have been shortened; and access to health treatment for both active duty soldiers and discharged vets has been eroded.

This shameful treatment of the troops comes as no surprise. Shameful wars beget shameful behavior. After all, this is not a war to defend our nation, but rather a war to destroy someone else's. It is hard to seek public sacrifice for aggression, and so none has been sought.

Except, that is, from the soldiers themselves. They're all volunteers. We can do with them whatever we want. For example, we seek appropriations to "Support the Troops," but use the bulk of it to pay defense contractors and mercenaries. And to build a giant fortified embassy in Iraq to serve as America's Middle East command post for decades to come.

But all this empire building does require soldiers. Lots of soldiers. Much like the Empire's white-clad troopers in Star Wars. To get them on board we must lie about the worthiness of their cause and promise them medical care that will never be forthcoming. Few U.S. wars have displayed less virtue.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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On top

'08 HUMMER H2 scaling new heights

I can now say that I've been to the mountaintop, and the new HUMMER H2 got me there.

Unless I had been behind the wheel myself, I never would have thought any vehicle capable of going up and over many of the obstacles we traveled during the recent media sneak peak preview of the 2008 HUMMER H2 held in Colorado and New Mexico.

While my colleagues and I did get to drive the more powerful H2 and H2SUT on the paved road, most of our two-day test drive was what you would definitely call "off road."

And yes, there were a few white-knuckle moments when it felt like I was "going vertical" while climbing a steep grade. I was absolutely amazed at how capable the H2 and H2SUT really is.

To put it in perspective, there were several places where we had one, two and even three wheels off the ground. While spotters helped direct us over boulders, there were a couple of grades so steep that I had to look out of the sunroof to see them.

If you're not accustomed to doing a lot of

rock crawling, it can be a little unnerving.

But at every obstacle, I was absolutely blown away by the H2's smooth, steady and sure-footed ability to take on all challenges. Even while crawling over boulders and cliffs, inside the cab the ride was smooth and comfortable.

In the hour-ride to the trailhead, I noticed how comfortable the ride was on the paved highway. It was like riding in a big luxury sedan. I was very impressed with how the

suspension team engineered the H2 to produce a smooth ride with responsive handling on the road.

When it comes to suspensions, normally

there's a trade-off between on-road smoothness and off-road capability. I really thought once we got on the trail I was going to bounce all over the place, but that wasn't the case.

Not only did the HUMMER H2 and H2 SUT (Sport Utility Truck) make easy work of tough terrain, it really made the ride feel like a stroll through the park.

The engineering of this vehicle is absolutely phenomenal.

The big news for the '08 model can be seen



Putting the new 2008 HUMMER H2 to the off-road test in high desert.

under the hood and inside the cabin.

The new four-door, four-wheel drive models are powered by an all-new 6.2-liter all-aluminum small-block V-8 (393 horsepower/415 lb.-ft. torque) and mated to a six-speed automatic transmission that produces a sub-8-second 0-60 mph time. In addition to producing more power (towing capacity has been increased to 8,000 pounds), it's also more fuel-efficient than its H2 predecessor. Equipped with a 32-gallon fuel tank, the new H2 has a cruising range of 367 miles on a tank of gas.

Jeff Luke, chief engineer on the H2, announced that upgrades have also been made to the cooling system and transfer case, which now yields a 39-1 crawl ratio.

Several new safety features have been added as standard equipment, including a new electronic stability control system with rollover mitigation technology, panic brake assist, a new traction control system, and a roof rail head curtain side airbags with rollover sensing system. That's in addition to the standard



anti-lock brakes and tire pressure monitoring system.

The inside has also been redesigned offering more refined, premium appointments throughout. There's an all-new instrument panel and, get this, the H2 now has a full third-row seat (with heating/air conditioning

vents) that now provides seating for up to seven passengers. The rear seats can fold flat for additional cargo storage when not needed for passengers.

The new interior is "plush," making the HUMMER H2 a worthy competitor to the Land Rover Range Rover for

both capability and luxury in the premium SUV segment, which also includes the Lexus LX470 and Lincoln Navigator.

After two days behind the wheel, I can attest that it is comfortable, refined and extremely capable. Not only does it have the ability to climb like a mountain goat on the trail, it's even able to ford streams up to 24-inches deep.

Consumers will also have more optional items, including a new rear-seat DVD entertainment system, a navigation system, a rear-view camera system, heated windshield washer fluid, while OnStar and XM Satellite Radio are standard on all models. The rear backup camera system is also nice. The monitor is located in the center console on models equipped with navigation. For others, the optional feature includes a special rear-view mirror that includes a "pop out" display when the vehicle is placed in reverse.

The new H2 and H2SUT will begin production in July with an initial dealer delivery date scheduled for August. Pricing won't be made available until closer to release.

"The 2008 HUMMER H2 represents a major step in the evolution of this iconic vehicle," Martin Walsh, HUMMER general manager, pointed out.

I couldn't agree more. The new H2 is scaling new heights for HUMMER.

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20 beheaded bodies found on banks of the Tigris River, Iraqi police say

BAGHDAD (AP) — Twenty beheaded bodies were discovered Thursday on the banks of the Tigris River southeast of Baghdad, while a parked car bomb killed another 20 people in one of the capital's busy outdoor bus stations, police said.

The beheaded remains were found in the Sunni Muslim village of Um al-Abeed, near the city of Salman Pak, which lies 14 miles southeast of Baghdad.

The bodies — all men aged 20 to 40 years old — had their hands and legs bound, and some of the heads were found next to the bodies, two officers said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

Meanwhile, a parked car bomb ripped through a crowded transport hub in southwest Baghdad's Baiyaa neighborhood at morning rush hour, killing at least 20 people and wounding more than 50, another officer said on the same condition.

Many of the victims had been lining up for buses, awaiting a ride to work. Some 40 minibuses were incinerated in the explosion, police said.

UN inspectors head to NKorean reactor site; Japan slams Pyongyang over launches

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — U.N. inspectors headed to North Korea's key nuclear reactor Thursday to discuss a long-delayed shutdown of the facility, as the country came under increasing international criticism for launching missile tests this week.

The visit is the first International Atomic Energy Agency trip to the Yongbyon facility since its monitors were expelled from the country in late 2002.

Olli Heinonen, the deputy director of IAEA, told APTN that his team would tour the facility and discuss specific arrangements for future verification of the reactor shutdown and monitoring. He emphasized that the visit was not a formal inspection.

"We go to see the facilities and continue our discussions in more details," Heinonen said in footage shot by APTN at his Pyongyang hotel before departure for the reactor.

Israeli troops battle Fatah militants as army operations move from Gaza to West Bank

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops imposed a curfew on downtown Nablus and clashed with Fatah militants as the army's activities moved Thursday from Gaza to the West Bank.

The Nablus raid was an indication that Israel will not stop fighting militants linked to President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement — even though Israel is supporting Abbas in his struggle against Hamas, the Islamic group that seized control of the Gaza Strip two weeks ago.

The Nablus operation, which Palestinian witnesses said was the largest in several months, began late Wednesday as two fiercely resisted incursions into Hamas-controlled Gaza were ending.

In those operations, Israeli forces killed 11 Palestinians, including a 12-year-old boy, in the bloodiest fighting since the Hamas takeover. The dead also included eight gunmen.

In Nablus, five Israeli soldiers were wounded by bombs set off by Fatah militants overnight in the old, densely populated part of the city known as the casbah, where troops combed alleyways and entered houses searching for gunmen and weapons. One Fatah man was arrested, the army said.

Brown to name Cabinet after ending decade-long wait to become prime minister in Britain

LONDON (AP) — Britain's new leader Gordon Brown was appointing his senior circle of ministers Thursday after he ended a decade-long wait to become prime minister, stepping from Tony Blair's shadow determined to repair divisions over the unpopular Iraq war.

Brown, a 56-year-old Scot, planned a host of changes from Blair's final team, bringing a crop of young legislators into his government.

He also was looking beyond his Labour ranks — much like French President Nicolas Sarkozy — to offer roles to opposition legislators and leading business figures.

"I will build a government that uses all the talents," Brown told reporters outside his Downing Street office. "I will invite men and women of good will to contribute their energies in a new spirit of public service."

Advances to ex-opposition Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown and former London police chief John Stevens were rebuffed, but officials said Brown would spring surprises with his new team.

Crews gain ground on Tahoe wildfire during break from winds but fear forecasts

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) — A break in the wind allowed firefighters to gain ground on a stubborn wildfire near Lake Tahoe as they prepared for more blustery conditions forecast for Thursday.

More than 2,100 firefighters took advantage of the calm to tame the blaze on two fronts — near the small

town of Meyers to the south and on the edge of several densely populated subdivisions near the lake itself, where another flank jumped a containment line a day earlier.

Their work kept the flames from spreading Wednesday, and the fire was 55 percent contained by nightfall, said a U.S. Forest Service fire commander.

But authorities remained cautious, since the forecast calls for 15-25 mph winds and gusts that could reach 40 mph Thursday afternoon. A surprisingly large gust earlier in the week had thrown firefighters off their line and forced the evacuation of a 300-home subdivision.

Embryonic stem cells created from unfertilized eggs, not embryos, scientists report

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists say they've created embryonic stem cells by stimulating unfertilized eggs, a significant step toward producing transplant tissue that's genetically matched to women.

The advance suggests that someday, a woman who wants a transplant to treat a condition like diabetes or a spinal cord injury could provide eggs to a lab, which in turn could create tissue that her body wouldn't reject.

Ethicists disagreed on whether the strategy would avoid the long-standing ethical objections to creating embryonic stem cells by other means.

Such cells can develop into virtually any tissue of the body, and scientists hope to harness them for producing specialized tissues like nerve cells or pancreas

cells to treat a range of illnesses. But the process of harvesting the stem cells destroys embryos, which many people oppose.

Federal Reserve expected to leave federal funds rate unchanged at 5.25 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve has gone a year since it last changed interest rates and it could be another year before the Fed moves off the sidelines.

That is the betting of many private economists who think Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are perfectly content to sit back and watch economic developments unfold according to their script.

Fed officials, wrapping up a two-day meeting on Thursday, were expected to announce that for the eighth consecutive time they will leave the federal funds rate unchanged at 5.25 percent.

"It looks like the Fed is going to stay on hold for as far as the eye can see," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

"They are not going to ease as long as unemployment is as low as it is and they are not going to tighten while they are faced with an unraveling housing market."

While Bernanke acknowledged recently that the housing slump is lasting longer than Fed officials had expected, in most other respects the economy is performing exactly according to the Fed's desires, officials said.

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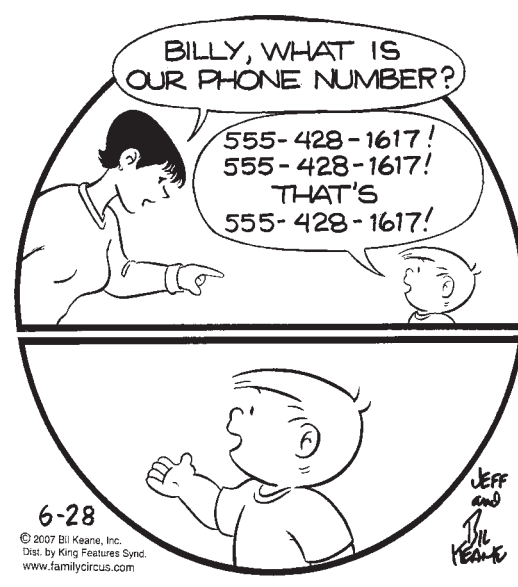
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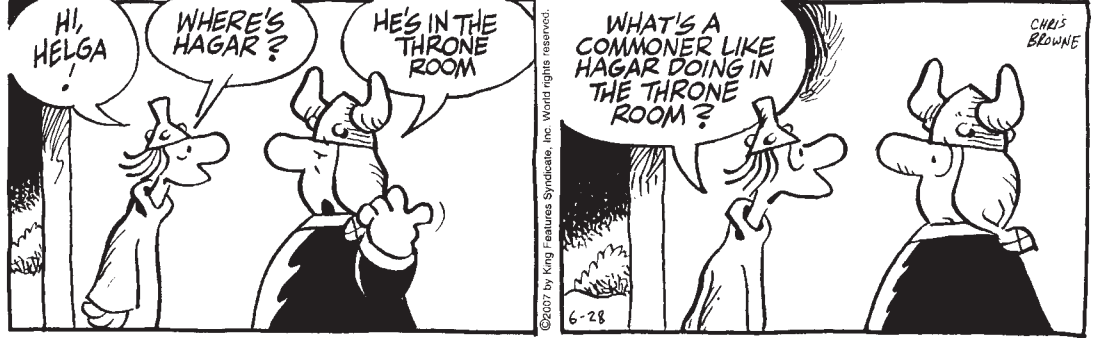
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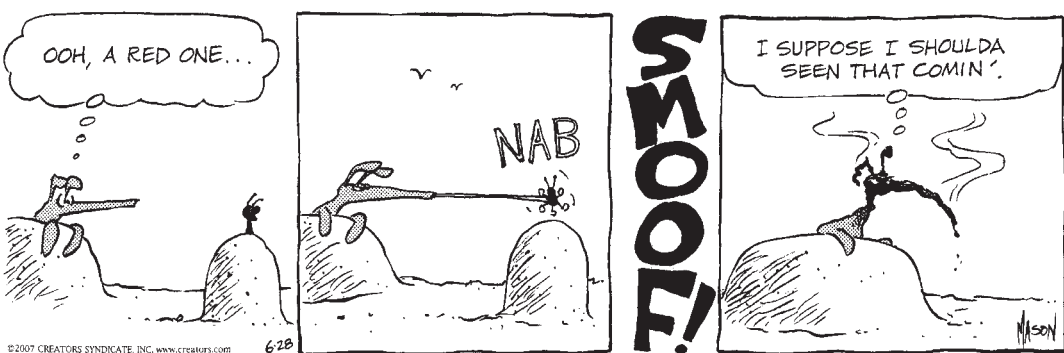
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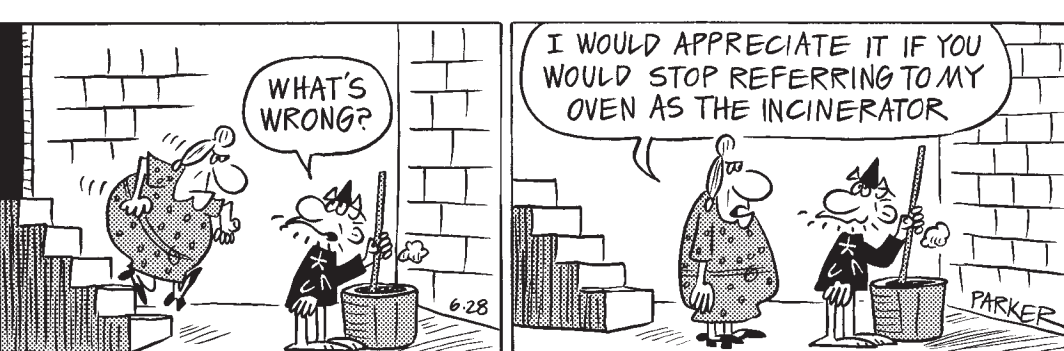
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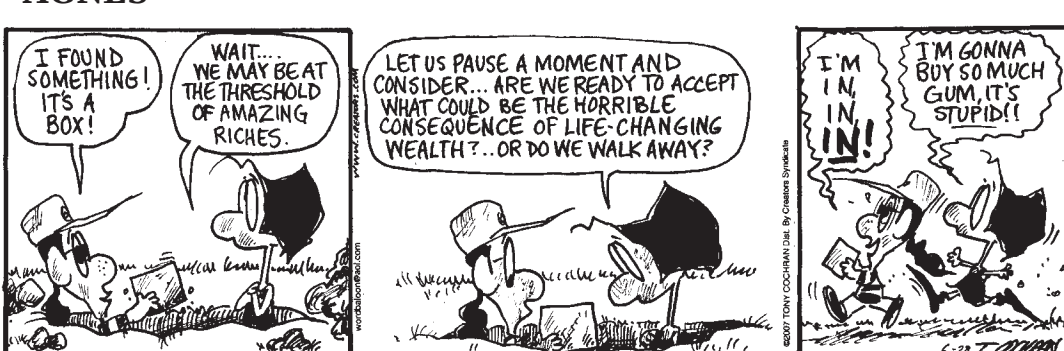
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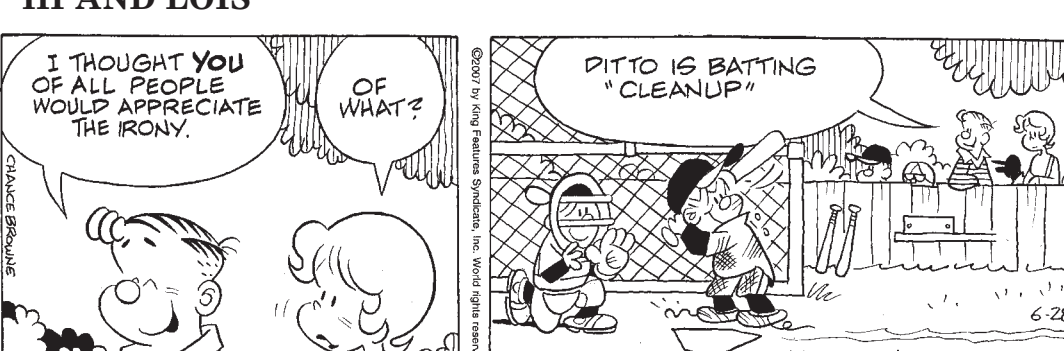
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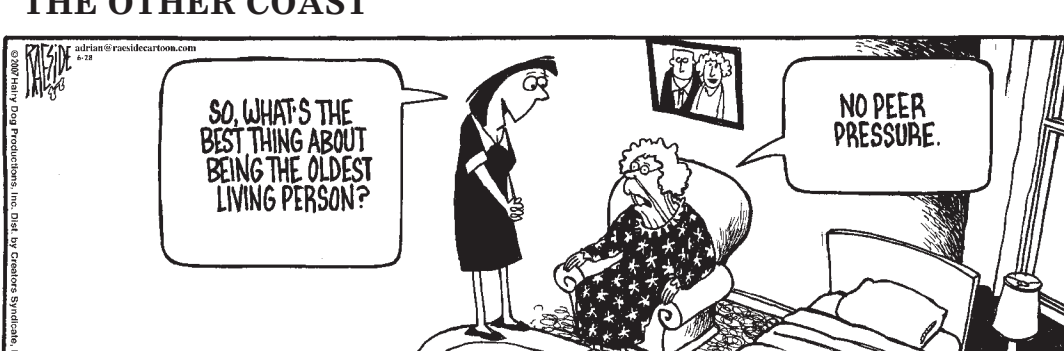
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 28, the 179th day of 2007. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 28, 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated in Sarajevo by a Serb nationalist — the event that triggered World War I.

On this date:

In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose, although her actual existence is a matter of historical debate.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Va.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending World War I.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service.

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

In 1996, the Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year-old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school.

Today's Birthdays: Blues singer-musician David "Honeyboy" Edwards is 92. Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 81. Senate Armed Services Chairman

Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 73. Former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta is 69. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 62. Actor Bruce Davison is 61. Actress Kathy Bates is 59. Actress Alice Krige is 53. Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 47. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 45. Actress Jessica Hecht is 42. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 42. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 41. Actor John Cusack is 41. Actor Gil Bellows is 40. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 38. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 38.

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| ACROSS | 56 Mean one | 8 Right-angle bend | 32 Nights before |
| 1 Box office hits | 57 "The Queen City" | 9 Maritime distances | 33 Cheesy sandwich |
| 6 Is in hock | 60 Petri-dish gel | 10 Fish condiment | 34 Columnist Bombeck |
| 10 Sealing material | 61 Square footage | 11 Assist in a scam | 35 Treacherous |
| 14 Bee-related | 62 Teacher for one | 12 Ring out | 38 Cry "Taxi!" |
| 15 Soccer legend | 63 Baseball great Sandberg | 13 Fashion mag | 42 Learned ones |
| 16 Genesis son | 64 Cry out loud | 18 Sax player's buy | 44 Cacophony |
| 17 Jane Fonda film of '68 | 65 Keep for later | 23 Corrida cry | 45 Actress Collette |
| 19 "It's been ___!" | | 25 Sweet seller | 47 For dieters |
| 20 Usher's offering | | 26 Contract Bridge Complete author | 48 "Peachy keen!" |
| 21 Monthly expense | DOWN | 28 Temple scroll | 49 Early American tycoon |
| 22 Blotch of color | 1 Rummy cakes | 29 Hole-making tools | 50 Cathedral topper |
| 24 Thoroughbreds' homes | 2 Eye-bending designs | 30 Londoner's "later" | 51 Crowd sound |
| 26 ___ monster (large lizard) | 3 Terra ___ | 31 Prince Harry alma mater | 52 Like soufflés |
| 27 Brit. lexicon | 4 Swell | | 53 Mom's mom |
| 28 Put up with | 5 In a tangle | | 54 Had down pat |
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