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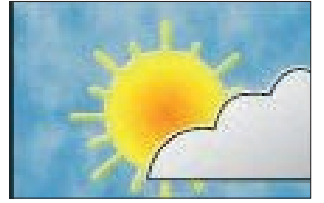
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Clockwise, from top: Hardin-Simmons University's famed Six White Horses participated in Saturday's Freedom Parade in Coahoma; Shriners Bob Noyes greets some young parade observers; a tractor tows a trailer decked out in red, white and blue finery.



Celebration of freedom

Coahoma community ushers in July 4 fanfare with parade, festivities

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — As it has for years, Coahoma found a red, white and blue way to get a jump on the July 4 holiday.

Saturday's annual Freedom Parade not only allowed residents of this Howard County community to put their best patriotic foot forward, it also fired the starter's gun on Independence Day observances in this area.

Led by patrol cars from the Department of Public Safety and Howard County Sheriff's office and a Marine color guard decked out in dress uniform, the parade went off without a hitch. It seemed

like everyone in Coahoma was involved, either as a participant or an observer.

Active duty service men and women, as well as veterans, were honored guests during the event. Veterans Billy and Ruth Bates, Carl Ford and Ross Roberts were parade grand marshals and the route was dotted with men and women in uniform.

Even the busiest man in town thought things went well.

Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs, one of the parade's organizers, took a quick moment from pre-



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BSISD officials keep eye on valuations

Tax rate rollback election would cause major woes to future budgets

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Taxpayers may not be the only ones feeling the bite of higher valuations. Taxing entities themselves may soon be feeling the sting.

Big Spring Independent School District officials are keeping a close eye on rising property valuations as they pre-



Waggoner

and the

pare a budget for the 2007-2008 school year.

While higher valuations mean more tax revenue, that may not necessarily be a good thing for BSISD. If the valuations rise too high district collects too

much money, it would be forced to call for a tax rate rollback election which could adversely effect the district's fiscal matters.

Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said that if valuations in the district — currently estimated at \$800 million — rise above the \$870 million range, the district would be

forced to call for a rollback election, in which case it is highly likely the district would be forced to shave its tax rate.

In that case, the district would lose money — not just from reduced local revenue, but from state sources as well.

Because of financing formulas approved in the past few years by the Texas Legislature, state

revenue for local districts is tied closely to the amount of money those districts can raise. Therefore, any drop in local revenue would mean less state aid as well, Waggoner said.

And once that money's lost, some of it may be lost for good, she warned.

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Funtastic Fourth taking new direction

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

"God and Country" will be the prevalent theme at the Heart of the City Park during the Independence Day holiday, as the sixth annual Big Spring Funtastic Fourth Festival prepares to head in a new direction.

Allan Johnson, owner of Allan's Furniture and president of the Downtown

Revitalization Association, said the day-long event is coming together well.

"It's just coming along awesome," said Johnson. "We're still a little short of our funding goal right now. As of Tuesday afternoon we're still approximately \$3,000 short of our goal, but we're making progress by leaps and

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Entertainment schedule

10 a.m. — Gospel Workshop of America
 10:40 a.m. — Holy Authority
 11:25 a.m. — Praise Inc.
 12:05 p.m. — Restoration Ranch Ministries Band
 12:45 p.m. — Devyn De Loera
 1:15 p.m. — The Kingsmen
 1:55 p.m. — Hit The Ground Running
 2:30 p.m. — A Road Less

Traveled
 3:10 p.m. — Suzie Gonzales
 3:40 p.m. — Rylie Armstrong
 4:10 p.m. — Gospel Jubilees
 4:30 p.m. — Talent Show
 5:50 p.m. — Patriotic presentation
 6 p.m. — Dan Dean
 7:45 p.m. — Crimson Soul
 8:45 p.m. — Stellar Kart
 10:10 p.m. — Laser light show

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club meeting July 9

The Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. July 9 at the Athletic Training Center to elect new officers for the 2007-2008 school year and to discuss other items concerning the upcoming school year.

The current officers encourage all parents of Lady Steer athletes to attend and support Big Spring girls athletics.

For more information, contact Leslie Whitten at 816-6764.

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.

BSGSA all-star teams raising funds

All four Big Spring Girls Softball Association All-Star teams are raising funds for expenses for the tournaments in Midland and Odessa each team will participate in. Each team needs to raise \$1,400.

The 14U All-Star team (Big Spring Lady Hawks) will be helping with the annual Big Spring ragball tournament.

Any individual, group or business wishing to donate can contact Stan Feaster at 816-9480.

Big Spring slates basketball camps

Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium will be hosting two Big Spring Boys Basketball Camps July 9-12.

New Big Spring Steers head basketball coach Marc Morris will lead both camps.

The first camp starts at 9 a.m. and is for incoming second through fifth graders. Registration be-gins 30 minutes before the start of the camp.

The second camp is for incoming sixth through ninth graders and will last from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration for each camp will take place 30 minutes before the starting time.

Cost is \$20 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

For more information, call Morris at 264-3662.

Big Spring Softball sets ragball tourney

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding its Annual Co-ed Ragball Tournament Friday through Sunday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Cost is \$110 per team with an eight game

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Mavs get their man in Nevada's Fazekas

By **DAVID JIMENEZ**

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Despite failing to trade into the first round of Thursday night's NBA draft, the Dallas Mavericks got the player they wanted in the second round.

The Mavericks added some front court depth by selecting Nevada forward Nick Fazekas with their first selection of the NBA Draft.

Dallas did not have a first-round selection, but team presi-

dent and general manager Donnie Nelson said it tried to trade up into the first round with the intent of drafting Fazekas. While those attempts to make a deal fell short, the Mavericks were pleasantly surprised that Fazekas was available with the 34th pick.

"We had a couple of things we were looking at," Nelson said. "Ultimately we didn't have to do it because our guy fell to us. We got the guy we were looking for."

Fazekas was a second-team All-

American this past season as he averaged 20.4 points and 11.1 rebounds per game in helping the Wolf Pack to a 29-5 record.

The 6-foot-11 power forward went as the fifth pick of the second round.

"Fazekas is someone we've had our eyes on for quite some time now," Dallas head coach Avery Johnson said. "He had a tremendous career at Nevada. We needed to get some size and some big guys that have some ability to score inside and outside."

The Mavericks traded the 60th overall pick to Orlando for the rights for North Carolina guard Reyshawn Terry — who was the 44th selection.

Dallas also selected Lithuanian guard Renaldas Seibutis with the 50th overall selection.

Fazekas was the top performer for a Nevada team that has gone 81-18 the past three seasons. He was named the three-time Western Athletic Conference

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HERALD photo/Layne Mims

Big Spring's Clayton Galloway releases a pitch in the 11-year-old team's 9-3 victory over Midland Tower's All-Stars Friday at Sherwood Park in Odessa. Galloway registered six strikeouts to help earn the win. The 11-year-old team faced Odessa Sherwood at 6 p.m. Saturday in second round action of the double-elimination tournament.

Little league all-stars shining in tournaments

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — Fields all across the Permian Basin were filled with Little League All-Star baseball games this weekend. Five teams represented the Big Spring Little League Baseball Association, with three of those teams playing their first tournament game Friday.

The Big Spring teams found much success, with only one losing their opening tournament game.

The 11-year-old team defeated the Midland Tower All-Stars 9-3 at Sherwood Park in Odessa. They played their second game at 6 p.m. Saturday against the Odessa Sherwood All-Stars.

The 12-year-old team also took a commanding 9-1 victory over

the North Central All-Stars. Their second round game won't be played until 8 p.m. Monday at Floyd Gwin Park in Odessa against the winner of a matchup between Northern and Jim Parker's all-star teams.

The 9-10 year olds were the only Big Spring team to be defeated Friday. They lost a close game to the Northern All-Stars, 4-3. They play their second game in the double elimination tournament at 5 p.m. Sunday at Beal Park in Midland.

Forsan's Pony All-Stars kicked off tournament play for the BSLI with a come from behind 9-6 victory over Andrews.

Forsan was down 4-2, heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, when pitcher Payton Parker knocked in Foster

Burchett with a single to start a 5-run rally.

Parker would later score on a passed ball to tie the game at 4-all.

Bryson Phillips knocked in Jake Rhoton and Patrick Robles to give Forsan a 6-4 lead it would not relinquish.

Parker picked up the victory with a six strikeout performance. Burchett and Zane Herrin would combine to close out the game on the mound.

Forsan's second round game was played at 2 p.m. Saturday against Odessa East's All-Stars at Christensen Stadium in Midland.

Big Spring Pony All-Stars were also in action at Christensen Stadium Saturday, playing their first game against Odessa Westside.

Big Spring's 11-year-old All-Stars put away Midland Tower by showing patience at the plate.

Big Spring drew six consecutive walks, scoring three easy runs in the top of the second inning.

Tobyn Tannehill would take advantage of the loaded bases with a single that scored Devin Roberson and Brandon Warner, giving Big Spring a 6-1 lead after two innings.

Midland Tower was never able to recover, giving Big Spring pitcher Clayton Galloway the victory. He gave up three runs, just one earned, and registered six strikeouts.

The winners of the double-elimination tournaments will move on to a regional tournament at sites yet to be named.

Too little, too late for the Rangers to save season

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

Almost halfway through the season, the Texas Rangers have finally started playing some good baseball.

Too bad they dug themselves into such a big hole early, including 20 losses in May.

Even after winning four straight series, including two of three games at defending AL champion Detroit despite a 5-2 loss Thursday, the Rangers (32-46) were 16 1/2 games behind the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels. That's the largest deficit in any division in baseball.

"Our record is unacceptable. Not in a million years, I didn't think this was going to happen," shortstop Michael Young said. "We have to take the attitude that the season isn't over. It's about being professional and having a strong desire to win. If we do, I'm sure our second half will be more productive."

The Rangers, also eight games behind third-place Oakland, are scheduled to hit the midpoint of their season Sunday in Boston, the third of a four-game series.

"We didn't get off to a very good start. I learned a lot about my team and the fact that they

kept showing up every day busting," said rookie manager Ron Washington, whose record hasn't been above .500. "We stayed the course and we didn't make excuses. We stayed true to our work ethic."

And now Texas is finally seeing some positive results, with nine wins in 13 games. The stretch included the end of inter-league play during which the Rangers won a team-record 11 games against National League teams.

"It's showing that we can compete. I think guys were kind of losing some confidence," Frank Catalanotto said. "It wasn't fun coming to the ballpark and losing. ... We've proven lately that we've been playing some good baseball, so I think there's some optimism around here."

Still, with no realistic chance of competing for a playoff spot, the focus during the second half of the season will be on likely changes.

While in no hurry to make moves since the non-waiver trading deadline is still a month away, general manager Jon Daniels said Thursday he is in "listen mode" with calls from

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MCT photo/Khampha Bouaphan

Texas Rangers closer Eric Gagne pitches in the ninth inning against the Houston Astros June 23. Gagne is one of several Rangers rumored to be on the trading block.

Red, white and blue recipes

STRAWBERRY AND BLUEBERRY PARFAITS

1-1/2 cups fresh strawberries
1-1/2 cups fresh blueberries
1-3/4 quarts frozen vanilla yogurt
Strawberries and blueberries for garnish

Wash and pick over fresh berries. Place strawberries in a blender or food processor, and blend until almost smooth. Leave some chunks of berries in the sauce. Pour the strawberries in a bowl and set aside.

Wash the blender and add blueberries. Blend until smooth, leaving some chunks of berries in the sauce. Pour into another bowl and set aside.

Remove yogurt from the freezer and let stand for a few minutes, until slightly softened. Place about 2 cups yogurt into each of 2 bowls. Place the remaining yogurt into a third bowl, which will be about 3 cups.

In one of the bowls with 2 cups of yogurt, add the strawberries. Add the blueberries to the other bowl that contains 2 cups of yogurt. Stir the berries into the yogurt in each bowl until they are well blended. Then stir the plain yogurt until it is smooth and about the same consistency as the yogurt containing the berries. This process should be done as quickly as possible so the yogurt does not melt too much.

Once all the yogurt has been stirred, start with the blueberry yogurt and pour a layer into each of four parfait glasses. Then put a layer of the plain yogurt, and then the strawberry yogurt as the third layer. Garnish with fresh berries. Serve immediately.

If making ahead of time, place in the freezer until ready to serve, and garnish just before

serving. Makes 4 servings.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE FRUIT CUPS

1 pint fresh strawberries
1 pint fresh blueberries
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 pint heavy whipping cream

Slice strawberries and combine in a bowl with blueberries. Sprinkle berries with two teaspoons sugar. Whip cream until soft peaks form, and sweeten with remaining sugar. Serve berries in small cups with generous spoonfuls of whipped cream. Makes 4 servings.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE SKEWERS

1 pint fresh strawberries
1 pint fresh blueberries
1 pound white chocolate

Wash and dry berries. Cover a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Melt white chocolate in microwave according to package directions. Dip strawberries into white chocolate and place on parchment paper until chocolate hardens.

Place white chocolate-covered strawberries on skewers, alternating with blueberries. Chill until ready to serve. Makes about 8 skewers.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE POTATO SALAD

6 large red potatoes, unpeeled
6 slices bacon
4 hard-boiled eggs, peeled
4 small green onions, thinly sliced (white and light green part only)
1/2 cup blue cheese crumbles

Dressing:

1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
1/3 cup minced sweet bread &



MCT photo/Mark Cornelison

Blue Corn chips, red salsa and sour cream make a fitting appetizer for July Fourth celebrations.

butter chips
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
2 tablespoons reserved bacon drippings
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1/4 teaspoon celery seed
1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt

In a large pot of salted, boiling water, cook potatoes until fork tender. Drain; set aside. Cook and crumble bacon, reserving two tablespoons of drippings. In a medium bowl, stir together all dressing ingredients. If thinner dressing is desired, add small amounts of liquid from the pickle jar.

While potatoes are still warm, cut into small chunks. In a deep glass bowl, layer 1/3 each

potatoes, eggs and onions. Top each layer with 1/3 portion of dressing. Repeat two more times, ending with dressing. Top with crumbled bacon and blue cheese. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE CORN BREADS

8 tablespoons oil or bacon grease
1 1/4 cup cornmeal (white, blue and red)
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup buttermilk
1 egg, lightly beaten

Using the instructions below, make a batch of corn bread with each of the three colors of cornmeal. If you can't find red

cornmeal, color a batch of white corn bread with annatto powder or achiote paste, which color foods red. Blend a few tablespoons of buttermilk with 2 tablespoons of annatto powder or achiote paste until smooth. Blend into the batter with the other wet ingredients.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Put the oil in an iron skillet and set it in the oven for 3 to 5 minutes, until hot. Swirl to coat the pan.

Pour all but 2 tablespoons of oil into a 2-cup measure or medium bowl, and cool slightly. Keep the remaining oil and pan warm. Placing the pan on

top of the stove should be enough to keep it warm.

In a large mixing bowl, stir together the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt, and make a large well in the center.

Using a fork, beat together the buttermilk, egg and reserved oil. For red batter without red cornmeal, add achiote/buttermilk mixture as well. Pour into the well in the cornmeal-flour mixture and stir gently until just combined. Do not overbeat.

Pour the batter into the hot pan. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Source: Adapted from *Outofthefryingpan.com*

Introducing The Winners Of The 2007 "Big Spring Herald Baby Contest"

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Parents:

Robin & John Senter

Obituaries

Brenda Bedwell



Brenda Bedwell, 51, of Big Spring, went to be with the Lord on Friday, June 29, 2007, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Bill Ballard, pastor of Airport Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

She was born Aug. 6, 1955, in Benbrook and married Edward "Pete" Bedwell on April 1, 1981, in Lovington, N.M.

Brenda and her husband delivered the Big Spring Herald for more than 21 years. She loved sewing, quilting and crocheting. She enjoyed being with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Edward "Pete" Bedwell of Big Spring; one daughter, Dana Archer Hicks and husband Bryan of Kentucky; two sons, James Cogburn and wife Kim and Mike Cogburn and Jennifer Cate, all of Big Spring; her father, Clifford Ray Haley of Seminole, ; one brother and sister-in-law, Clifton Ray and Anita Haley of Seminole; three step children, Patsy Bedwell, Tammy Bedwell and Mark Bedwell all of Big Spring; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ila Fern Haley.

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

Mary W. Smith

Mary W. Smith, long-time resident of Big Spring and San Angelo passed away May 16 in Placentia, Calif., following a short illness. Mary was born June 3, 1916, in Encinal, Texas.

She was a cosmetologist and owned a salon in Kerrville for many years. She moved to Big Spring from 1950 until her retirement in 1999 when she moved to San Angelo. She was co-owner of the Hair Style Clinic and a long-time employee of LaContessa Beauty Salon in Big Spring.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Ted and Amanda Watkins; husbands, Leo L. Brooks, William Graves and Robert E. Smith; six brothers; two sisters; and one great-grandson.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth L. (Luane) and George Millican of Waxahachie; a son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Clara (Tootie) Brooks of San Angelo; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Don Hill of Brea, Calif.; a step-son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Elena Smith of Keller; a step-daughter, Linda Smith of Modesto, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; 11 nephews and nieces; and many friends in Texas and California.

A celebration of Mary's life was held in Brea, Calif., June 3, 2007. Graveside services will be held Friday, July 27, at the Encinal Cemetery in Encinal.

Cordelia 'Cordy' Munoz

Cordelia "Cordy" Munoz, 64, of Big Spring died Friday, June 29, 2007, at the Alliance Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

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

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **FRANK JOHNSON**, 48, no address given, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **MONICA MARTINEZ**, 24, 1516 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **CHRISTOPHER NELSON**, 23, 538 Westover, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ASHLEY L. WARD**, 25, 19 Chapin Rd., was arrested on charges of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.
- **ANDREA HILARIO**, 20, 800 W. Marcy, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ALICE RIOS GUZMAN**, 34, 703 Aylesford, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JAMES R. DRIVER**, 47, 1102 Highway 176, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky, the 600 block of Holbert, and the 2500 and 2600 blocks of Rebecca.
- **CREDIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 1700 block of Third and the 1100 block of Aylesford.
- **MANUFACTURE/DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Interstate 20.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place, the 200 block of Marcy and the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

Independence day...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Dorothy Lamb meeting room, 500 S. Main St. The public is welcome.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-13-14-33-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-6-6

Take Note

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT COSDEN CREDIT UNION** to help pay medical expenses for Raul Robles. Any assistance would be appreciated. The account is No. 761882.

• **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.

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• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

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Cuban accuses Nellie of stealing Mavs' secrets

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Mavericks owner Mark Cuban claims in an ongoing dispute with his former coach that Don Nelson used "confidential information" to help the Golden State Warriors pull off a stunning first-round playoff victory.

That accusation is part of Cuban's response to an arbitration claim Nelson has filed against Cuban to get \$6.5 million of deferred compensation, which Nelson said he is owed for his time with the Mavericks from 1997-2005.

"Don may know that (Dirk) Nowitzki likes to turn toward his left shoulder not his right shoulder, but we don't think that's a trade secret or confidential information," Nelson's attorney, John O'Connor, said by phone Friday from his San Francisco office. "Cuban apparently does."

Cuban didn't respond to e-mail Friday, when he had left hip replacement surgery. A team spokeswoman said the Mavericks had no comment about the arbitration case.

The Warriors became the first No. 8 seed to win

a best-of-seven playoff series to knock out the top-seeded team, winning in six games. The stunning end to the Mavericks' season came a year after they made it to the NBA Finals, then lost in six games against Miami after taking a 2-0 series lead.

The counterclaim by Cuban, in which he also contends that Nelson violated a noncompete clause in his Dallas contract when he became Golden State's coach last summer, was first reported by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Friday. Nelson's arbitration

claim was filed May 1 after failed attempts to settle the dispute with Cuban. The claim was filed while the playoff series between the Warriors and Mavericks

was still ongoing.

"Don is a bit embarrassed that he is part of this, and that people might think this was his idea," O'Connor said.

Nelson's contract with

the Mavs included a clause that called for arbitration to settle any disputes. A panel of retired judges will hear the case later this year, likely in October or November.

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teams that are likely contenders.

Though Daniels hasn't mentioned any names, the Rangers have some veteran players signed only through this season that could be attractive to other teams:

° Eric Gagne. The right-hander closer has made an impressive comeback from elbow and back operations that limited him to 15 1-3 innings the past two seasons. He is 2-0 with eight saves in eight chances and a 1.23 ERA, while allowing runs in only two of his 23 appearances.

° Akinori Otsuka. Back in the setup role after 32 saves last season, the right-hander is 2-1 with four saves and a 2.64 ERA.

° Kenny Lofton. The 40-year-old center fielder has been to the playoffs 10 times with six teams in his 15 major league seasons. The leadoff hitter has a .289 batting average with 52 runs scored and 16 stolen bases.

° Sammy Sosa. After a year out of the baseball, the 38-year-old slugger last week became the fifth member of the 600-homer club. He is hitting .255 with 13 homers and 62 RBIs, tied for fourth in the AL.

Even though Mark Teixeira is on the disabled list with a strained left quadriceps muscle, teams will inquire about the switch-hitting first baseman. The Rangers likely will listen. The slugger is eligible for salary arbitration this year and can become a free agent after next season — with no guarantees that he will stay in Texas.

But Young is untouchable after a new \$80 million contract this year that will keep him with the Rangers through the 2013 season.

After a horrible start — Young was hitting only .198 after a three-game series against the New York Yankees to start May — the shortstop is hitting .296 and could be headed to his fourth straight All-Star game.

Young has hit .358 since that Yankees series and is on pace for his fifth straight 200-hit season.

"As far as the whole package is concerned, I'm not where I want to be, but I feel good about where I'm at now," he said. "The toughest part was the fact that I was struggling and we were losing. ... It seems like for a month and a half, it seems like I tried harder every day, and that just doesn't work in baseball."

BRIEFS

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guarantee.

Register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Friday. 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 \$12 for the junior 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 by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Texas Tech schedules camps

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

Visit TexasTech.com for more information.

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The bride's adopted mother is Monta Lee Beights of Midland. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Clint and Burnell Bayes of Big Spring.

Best girls of the bride were daughters Shaunna Harkins and Jessica Harkins. Flower girl was Mitzi Fortin.

Best girls of the groom were daughters Amanda Bayes and Samantha Bayes. Thomas Schroeder served as an usher.

The couple have postponed their honeymoon until after the cotton harvest. They will reside in Big Spring.



► **Births**



Ivan Anthony Vela

Ivan Anthony Vela, a boy, was born June 13, 2007, weighing 3 pounds, 2 ounces and was 16 inches long.

He is the son of Dondee Zamora and Eugene Vela. He is the grandson of Raul and Sandra Vela and Donna Guzman and Israel Zamora and the great grandson of Benjamin and Ophelia Garcia, the late Eugene Vela, Pascuala Vela, the late Ricardo Guzman, Dominga Guzman and the late Mr. and Mrs. Israel Zamora Sr.

He will be welcomed home by his brother and sister, Zachary and Celestina.

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L u k e A n d r e w B r o r m a n, a boy, was born at 8:46 p.m. June 22, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20-1/4 inches long.

He is the son of Jeff and Christy



Luke Andrew Borman

Borman and the grandson of Rod and Theresa Lewis of Big Spring and Tony and Dorothy Borman of Vega.

He was welcomed home by siblings Chance, Blake, Brett and Taylor.

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Rylie Kay Sanders

Rylie Kay Sanders, a girl, was born at 7:48 a.m. June 10, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

She is the son of Tammy and Shaina Sanders of Odessa and the granddaughter of Terry and Cindy Sanders of Big Spring, Fred and Susan Zellars of Odessa and Robert Pringle of Joaquin. She is the great-granddaughter of Bernard and Shirley McMahan of Big Spring, Tuffy and Billie Zellars of Odessa, Runt and Lindee Pringle of Lamesa, the late Ruby Pringle, Earl and Luci Sanders of Maysville Okla. and Barbara Sanders of Dayton, Texas. Great-great-grandparents are Dean and Charles Herring of Levelland, Romell Pringle of Lamesa and Jack and Linda Cloud of Lubbock.

► **Menus**

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Fish patty, oven fries, corn on the cob, orange wedges, crackers, milk choice.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Jello with fruit, roll, milk choice.

Wednesday: Holiday.

Thursday: Corn dog, chips, carrots, fruit cup, milk choice.

Friday: Chicken patty, new potatoes, broccoli with cheese, ice cream or pudding, wheat roll, milk choice.

New Hope Christian School

Monday: Corn dogs, pork n beans, pears, milk.

Tuesday: Homemade pizza, carrots, green beans, milk.

Wednesday: Holiday.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, milk.

Friday: Hamburger on a bun, tossed salad, peaches, milk.

FCCLA sponsoring 777 walk/run

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. Stanton, behind the Stanton, behind the Family and Martin County Hospital. Awards will be given for first through third places. There will be awards for those who place seventh, 17th, etc.

For more information, call Kathy Dunn at (432) 352-5791. Entry forms can be picked up at 109 E. Stanton.

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Alon closes acquisition of 102 convenience stores

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy Inc. announced Friday that it has closed its acquisition of Skinny's Inc., a privately-held Abilene-based company that owned and operated 102 FINA branded stores in Central and West Texas. The purchase price was approximately \$70 million, subject to post-closing adjustments. "At Alon, everything we do revolves around achieving our strategic

objectives. By adding these 102 retail stores, we continue to build on our objective to expand the physical integration of our Big Spring refinery," said Jeff Morris, president and CEO of Alon. "Over the next few months, we will be converting these stores to the 7-Eleven brand, thereby solidifying our leadership position as the largest 7-Eleven licensee in the United States. We look forward to welcoming the Skinny's family, knowing

that with their help we will make a successful transition." Alon, headquartered in Dallas, is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products, operating primarily in the South Central, Southwestern and Western regions of the United States. The company owns and operates four sour and heavy crude oil refineries in Texas, California and Oregon, with an aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of

approximately 170,000 barrels per day. Alon markets gasoline and diesel products under the FINA name and is a leading producer of asphalt. Alon also operates more than 300 convenience stores in West Texas and New Mexico under the 7-Eleven and FINA brand names and supplies motor fuels to these stores from its Big Spring refinery. In addition, Alon supplies approximately an additional 900 FINA branded locations.

PARADE

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parade business to comment on the number of entrants.

"We really don't know exactly how many entries we have; they're still coming in," he said about 30 minutes prior to the parade's 10 a.m. start. "But we have the Cossacks (motorcycle club) and a lot of other entries we didn't have last year. It looks like it's going to be pretty successful."

Following the parade, a truck and tractor show was scheduled at the community park. There was a people's choice award for each category, along with prizes to the top three vehicles.

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

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BSISD

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When the Legislature mandated cuts in local property tax rates two years ago, it left school districts a little bit of an out — districts, on their own discretion, could add four cents to their respective tax rates.

Almost every school district in the state took advantage of this so-called "golden pennies" proviso, Big Spring included.

However, if a rollback occurs, that extra four cents allowed by the state would be the first to go, and it is uncertain if local officials could ever get them back.

"We think those golden pennies were a one-time deal," Waggoner said. "We'd lose them for good and would be punished year after year after year after that."

How much money the district would lose depends on what state

financing formula kicks in. Those "golden" four cents would account for about \$310,000 in local revenue, but the total loss would exceed that amount, Waggoner said.

"At the very most, we would lose \$1 million, but I really don't think that's in the realm of possibility," she said. "I think it would closer to \$500,000 in state funding."

If that occurs, the cuts will likely come from special projects, such as new buses or lights for the dis-

trict's baseball and softball fields.

"And the problem comes in the years after that, especially if we can't get those four cents back," Waggoner said. "We'll survive, whatever happens, but this would put us behind on things we want to do." Regardless of whether a rollback election occurs, local school district taxpayers are already assured of a significant drop in the tax rate.

In the fiscal year com-

ing to an end, local taxpayers paid a rate of \$1.37 per \$100 valuation. Because of state mandates, that rate will drop to \$1.04 per \$100 valuation this year — with or without a rollback, Waggoner said.

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FUNTASTIC

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bounds."

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

"We've got it down," said Johnson with a laugh. "We're ready for Wednesday."

Johnson said this year's Funtastic Fourth will take a new direction compared to years past.

"Starting this year we're taking a new direction with the Funtastic Fourth," said Johnson. "We decided to scrap the battle of the bands and we've taken a completely new direction. The Funtastic Fourth is going to be a celebration of God and country. We're getting a lot of local churches involved and our long term goal is to get every single church in town involved in this event."

"The Lord is responsible for giving us this

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

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

"We're bringing back out laser light show," said Johnson. "It will be coordinated and it will be a new show that people haven't seen before. It will be coordinated to our theme, and it's going to be an awesome event. We're also going to have Stellar Kart, which is a fast-rising contemporary Christian rock band. They are on the national scene and were in the Netherlands last week."

"We're also going to have a local favorite that is coming up fast in the same genre, which is Crimson Soul. A Road Less Traveled and Hit The Ground Running will also be performing. We

also have Dan Dean from Phillips, Craig and Dean, The Heartland Church Worship Band. He's also a nationally known act, and he'll be part of the prime time event."

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

"All of the goodies we've had in the past are going to be the same," said Johnson. "In the kids section we're going to have a water slide and several different things as far as the water rides are concerned. We're also going to have the inflatables, horseback rides and a washer tournament. Those things will all be the same as in years past."

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

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

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• MEET & GREET - 2:00-3:30 PM

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• Mall Walking -8:00 AM
• Supper Club Cowboy's - 5:30 PM

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• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM
• Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 AM

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• Coffee @ Just Peachy Cafe - 10:00 AM
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Former NFL players only have themselves to blame

By the time former NFL players got done telling their stories of pain and poverty to Congress, there was barely a dry eye in the House.

With good reason.

It's easy to feel sympathy for someone like Curt Marsh, the former Oakland Raider offensive lineman who said playing in the NFL led to 31 surgeries, including the amputation of his right leg eight inches above the ankle.

Marsh has a Super Bowl ring on his finger, a metal plate in his neck and screws holding most everything else together.

Then there's Brent Boyd, the former Minnesota Viking who has struggled with depression and other mental problems from the battering his brain took while playing in the 1980s. Unlike Marsh, Boyd lost his case for permanent disability benefits.

Boyd is bitter and not

afraid to show it. The NFL and its player's union, he told members of Congress, have been "using their tactics of delay and deny and hope I put a bullet through my head to end their problem."

Sad cases, indeed. Sad enough for some politicians to suggest there ought to be a law against the way ex-players have been treated.

There won't be. Those gathered before the House Judiciary Subcommittee the other day understood that. For them, the hearing was a chance to argue their case in a very public forum, and an equally good chance for our elected officials to show they care.

The sad stories are sure to continue, if only because there are so many. The question then becomes how much can be blamed on the NFL and how much is the fault of the players themselves?

Football is a violent, brutal sport. It's even more violent and more brutal when played by the biggest and best players.

The retired players should have understood that when they joined the league. They didn't.

Because when you're 25 you think you're indestructible, and the future seems a long way away.

That future is now for some 10,000 former players, and it's more painful than they ever imagined. Just 317 are receiving disability payments, and most of the others believe they should be getting far more in pension pay than they do.

This week's hearing did help turn up the pressure on the league and the NFL Player's Association, who decide how much of the \$1.1 billion fund for pensions and disability will be paid out and to whom it will be paid. What they haven't been able to win in courts and arbitration hearings, the former players are trying to win by rallying public support.

The campaign is starting to have an effect. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has set a summit

next month to try and work things out between the league, the union and the retirees.

Hall of Famer Mike Ditka says it's a simple matter of right versus wrong. The league, he says, is rich and getting richer, and should take care of those who played a part in making it what it is today.

Union chief Gene Upshaw believes it's not so simple. He said last month that benefits have increased, but that he was tired of explaining it to Ditka and others.

"I'm not sure he would understand it if I did," Upshaw said, adding: "Yes, I'm calling him stupid."

Upshaw's been doing a lot of name-calling lately. Just last month he reacted angrily to comments about paltry pensions by Hall of Famer Joe DeLamielleure by saying he would like to "break his ... damn neck."



TIM DAHLBERG

MAVS

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Player of the Year three times.

In his junior year, Fazekas averaged 21.8 points per game and 10.4 rebounds in 2006. He scored 20.7 points and grabbed 9.4 rebounds a game as a sophomore in 2005.

Fazekas finished his college career as Nevada's all-time leading scorer with 2,464 points and second-best rebounder with 1,254.

He also shot 53 percent from the floor and 81.5 percent from the foul line.

Fazekas is one of six players to score 2,000 points, grab 1,000 rebounds, shoot 50 percent from the floor, and

shoot 80 percent from the free-throw line in NCAA history.

"I'm excited about going to a winning program in the NBA," Fazekas said. "I've been a winner who can't wait to win. I've been overlooked my whole career. I'm happy Dallas took a chance on me."

NBA Most Valuable Player Dirk Nowitzki is entrenched as the starting power forward. But the Mavericks got little scoring from centers Erick Dampier and DeSagana Diop as they suffered a disappointing loss in the first round of the playoffs to the Golden State Warriors despite winning a team-record 67 games.

Dampier is also coming off a shoulder surgery which limited his playing time late in the season.

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WEST		EAST	
♠ A J 10 9 4		♠ 6	
♥ K 5		♥ Q J 10 9 6	
♦ 8 6 2		♦ J 7 5 3	
♣ 9 4 3		♣ Q 10 5	
SOUTH		West	
♠ K Q 8 3		♠ A 10 9	
♥ A 7 3 2		♥ 8 6 2	
♦ Q 10			
♣ K 7 2			

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♠ 3♠ Pass
3NT
Opening lead — jack of spades.

Declarer frequently has no idea at the start of play what course he will be pursuing at the end. He often begins with what seems to be a sensible line of play and waits to see what develops.

Consider this case where South got to three notrump after West had overcalled in spades. Declarer won the spade lead with the king and could count seven top tricks consisting of a spade, a heart, three diamonds and two clubs.

Since he had to score at least one additional club trick, he led a club to the jack at trick two, losing to East's queen. South ducked East's queen-of-hearts return and won the next heart with the ace. He then cashed three club tricks. East and South each discarding a heart as West parted with a spade. This was now the position, with declarer needing four more tricks:

North		East	
♠ 7 5		♠ 10 9	
♥ A K 9 4		♥ J 7 5 3	
South		West	
♠ Q 8 3		♠ A 10 9	
♥ 7		♥ 8 6 2	
♦ Q 10			

Gauging the situation perfectly, declarer cashed the ace and queen of diamonds, purposely cutting himself off from dummy's king, and then exited with a heart to East's nine.

East took his two heart tricks, but had to lead from the J-7 of diamonds into dummy's K-9 at the end, giving South the contract.

Note that declarer could also have made four tricks in the diagrammed position by cashing the Q-K-A of diamonds and then ducking a spade to West, endplaying him. Either way, South was virtually certain to make the contract, but he could hardly have predicted that he would finish with a choice of end-plays when the play began.

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► Anniversary

Charles and Joan Beil



Charles and Joan get acquainted

Charles and Joan Beil are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary June 20, 2007. They married in Joan's home town, Pauls Valley, Okla., at the First United Methodist Church on June 29, 1957, about three weeks after they both graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

They spent the first two years of their marriage in El Paso and Philadelphia where Charles served as an air defense missile officer in the U.S. Army. They have lived in Big Spring for 45 of those years, having moved here from Oklahoma City in 1962. Charles worked in a sales job with Burroughs corporation for four years after being transferred here.

They brought two young daughters with them at that time and a third daughter was born in Big Spring in 1962. Their daughters are Beverly Beil Newsom, the wife of Dr. Gary D. Newsom, a native of Big Spring; Brenda Beil Payne, wife of Gary A Payne of Sugar Land; and Charlotte Beil Wilhoit, wife of Jon Wilhoit of Marietta, Ga. Their three daughters have provided them with six granddaughters and one grandson. They love

their family dearly and have celebrated this anniversary with all of them on a family travel experience to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Later, the two of them will take a cruise to the Norwegian fjords and Iceland.

Charles and Joan are the children of family friends who both lived in Oklahoma. Charles grew up in Seminole, Okla., and Joan grew up in Pauls Valley, Okla. Charles' father was best man in the wedding of Joan's parents. Charles and Joan first got acquainted when they were six months and four months old (see photo). Their lifelong friendship led to a romance at Oklahoma University.

Charles majored in business administration and Joan received a degree in music, having majored in piano and played saxophone in the university band.

The Beils have enjoyed Big Spring and served the community in many ways. Joan taught piano and directed the children's choir and serves in the chancel choir and the bell choir at the First United Methodist Church. She also plays the piano when requested for



Twenty-two years later

church activities. She served as president of the local Music Study Club and the 1955 Hyperion Club. She initiated and established the Big Spring Symphony Guild. She visits infirmed members monthly and cooks monthly for the weekly Bible study luncheon.

Charles became employed by the First Federal Saving & Loan Association in 1966. He served as executive vice president, president and chairman of the board during 23 years of service. He expanded the institution to four offices and \$180 million in assets. He was elected by the industry to serve as a director of the Dallas branch of the Federal Home Loan Bank, where he served as vice chairman. also, he was elected president of the Texas Savings & Loan League in 1985-86.

Charles began community service in Big Spring by serving as president of the Jaycees and establishing the first Rattlesnake Roundup. He served as

director and vice president of the local Chamber of Commerce and six years as a member and president of the local school district board of trustees. He served three years on the city council and three years as a member and president of Moore Board for Economic Development. He served a trustee, president and campaign chairman of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Charles served as president of the Big Spring Concert Series and was recognized as Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers with a proclamation signed by the local mayor. He conceived and established the fountain in Comanche Trail Park Lake and conceived and founded the Big Spring Area Community Foundation. He served as president of the Foundation for five years and currently serves as a trustee. He has served his church as chairman of



Fifty years later

the administrative board, stewardship chairman, missions chairman and member of the finance and trust committees.

He and Joan have also represented the local church at the annual conference of the Northwest Texas Conference and represented the Conference at the World Methodist Council in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Beils have especially enjoyed and appreciated the Rotary Club and its activities. Charles was elected president of the Big Spring Rotary Club in 1978. He was further elected District Governor of the Northwest Texas District for 1984-85. He has been responsible for establishing eight new clubs in the District, including the Greater Big Spring Club. He was awarded the Presidential Citation for accomplish-

ments by international President Carlos Canseco and the outstanding past governor in the central part of the U.S. in 2003.

The Beils have enjoyed traveling the world and have traveled all seven continents and most major countries and cities. Rotary friends have been gracious hosts for many of these trips. Charles and Joan have attended 11 foreign international conventions of Rotary. They have also enjoyed hosting foreign exchange students from several countries.

The Beils owned the Coronado Hills Apartments for more than 26 years.

The Beils' hobbies are traveling, dancing and socializing with friends. They have had a most enjoyable life together and have enjoyed the many years in Big Spring.

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Kenee' Elaine Carter and Matthew Wayne Dover

Carter and Dover

Kenee' Elaine Carter of Dallas and Matthew Wayne Dover of Dallas will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2007, at the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Kenee' Elaine is the daughter of David and La Lani Carter of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Jean Parker and the late Frank T. Parker of Big Spring, and Ray and Janice Lewis and the late Nell Lewis of Denver, Colo.

She is a graduate of

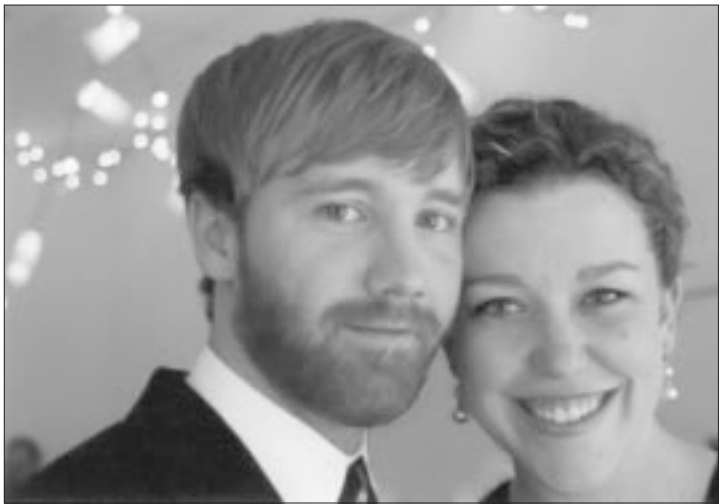
Lubbock Christian University and is employed with Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas.

Matthew Wayne is the son of Nancy and John Dover of Bakersfield, Calif., and the grandson of John and Barbara Coleman of Carlsbad, N.M., and Chuck and Lois Dover of Bakersfield, Calif.

He is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University and is employed with C.F. & Co. of Dallas.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Carolyn Hanson serves up some delicious-looking pie during Saturday afternoon's Howard Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion at the Howard County Fairbarn.



Shane Roman Blackshear and Katy Elisabeth Blakeney

Blakeney and Blackshear

Tim and Terri Blackshear are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Shane Roman Blackshear to Katy Elisabeth Blakeney. The wedding will be held

at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2007, at the Nexus Community Church in Early.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Dudley and Emily Blakeney of Harlingen and the grand-

daughter of Turner and Mary (deceased) Blakeney and A.W. and Gene McCain.

She received her bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts and sciences from Howard Payne University and her master of divinity with an emphasis on global missions from George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

She is employed at Nexus Community Church in Early as the minister of community and missions and at Moore Printing in Brownwood.

The prospective groom is the son of Tim and Terri Blackshear of Big Spring and the grandson of Horace (deceased) and Opal Blackshear and Odell (deceased) and Wanda Roman, all of Big Spring.

He received his bachelor of science degree in mass communications from Howard Payne University and attended George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

He is employed as pastor of Nexus Community Church.

Send your information to life@bigspringherald.com

Who's Who



Lefever

Justin Lefever, son of Rhonda and David Lefever of Big Spring, graduated from DeVry University's Irving campus June 24.

Justin graduated with a bachelor of science degree in technical management.

Sarah Diane Shadix of Big Spring graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., May 26. Sarah graduated with a bachelor of arts degree.

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ed upon and made official by their votes.

A very short time after that, the judge issued a statement that he had been informed by "not an abnormally large group of concerned citizens" that the site the court ruled on was questionable. Evidently because of this, the judge then stated that along with the West Highway 80 site, a second site that has been declared unsuitable, next to the courthouse, was to be reconsidered as a possible location. The two rubber-stamp commissioners, along with the judge, approved this motion in the last court meeting.

There seems to have been no consideration given regarding the ruling made by the court that the jail site would be on West Highway 80. Are the court's legal decisions to be left to the whims of

the county judge and a "not an abnormally large group of concerned citizens?"

The residents of this county deserve to know who these "not an abnormally large group of concerned citizens" are who can obviously sway the judge so easily. Why were they not at the commissioners court meeting to openly debate the proposed jail sites?

By his actions/inactions, the judge has certainly indicated that he is a puppet. It would be of great interest to know who is pulling the strings. Remember "wishy-washy Charlie Brown" of Peanuts fame?

ARDIS McCASLAND JR
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have a huge complaint about city and county officials using their authority and badges to break the law.

On June 12, some friends and I went to La

Posada for lunch. It was about 11:30 a.m. or so when we got there. We noticed a city police car in the parking lot running when we went in. The officer was eating lunch with another person. They were there about one hour or so, the whole time this car was running, wasting gasoline and breaking the law.

I do believe it is against the law for a car to be unoccupied and running. When we went to pay out, another couple commented on the police car running outside. The man said he had parked right beside it. My friends and I realized it was an unmarked car that gentleman had parked beside. So, there were two city police cars in the parking lot running for more than an hour.

I really do not think we taxpayers should have to pay for so much waste.

I have also seen county deputies parking in handicapped parking zones.

One June 23 at Taco Villa, I pulled in and there was a city police car in a handicapped zone.

Employees of the city and county break the speed zone laws all the time.

If you want people to obey the law, so should the officials.

I would like to know if there is some kind of book that people can pick up and write these officers tickets when they break the law, because the other officers are not going to ticket their own.

While I'm ranting, the city fines people for not mowing their lots. Why doesn't the city take its own advice and mow its own empty lots or pay a fine for not doing it?

My father always told

me to clean up behind my own back door before I try to clean up someone else's. Sounds like pretty good advice. Now if the officials will take that advice, everybody might not mind getting told to mow their places.

LAURA COKER
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter in reference to the dog problem in Coahoma. My renters live on Culp Street in Coahoma. We have called in repeatedly about pit bulldogs in the area.

After numerous calls to the sheriff's office, they keep telling everybody there's nothing they can do.

As a concerned citizen, I think something should be done about this. Numerous people have been bitten by these animals and nothing has been done about it!

My renters are being held hostage in their own home. They have children and fear for their lives. They cannot go outside their house in fear of being bitten. I think this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed.

HERB TOLISON
 COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

I got a chuckle out of the fact that this lady that wrote in about Red Mesa chose to add something to the "small amount of smokers."

Well, let me add my opinion. In the city of Big Spring, the non-smokers have the entire city which is non-smoking. You want all us smokers' paychecks as well?

The focus has been how

bad smoking is for a person. Yes, it stinks and well everybody has cancer cells in their bodies which when the time is right do kick in and sometimes not.

Focusing on smoking issues is minimal compared to the drinking and driving people do.

I smoke a cigarettes. I don't get drunk and drive and hit an innocent person which a lot of times ends up in the death of a innocent person. The drinking is what people need to focus on, not the smoking.

Everybody already reaps the rewards of the fact that us smokers pay high taxes which keeps your taxes down. Ponder that.

Focus on the abuse of these innocent children in our community as well. Focus on the clean up of our town.

Just remember, we smokers are basically targets in the city. If the drinkers were targeted, it would be much more appreciated because nobody would get killed by a drunk driver.

So, let that one business that is actually making in possible for us "little group of smokers" to actually enjoy not being put out on the street but sit in an air conditioned building and enjoy ourselves while paying your taxes alone.

TAMMY ADAMS
 BIG SPRING

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I read a wonderful story the other day about a man named John. It went like this: John is the kind of guy who can always make you feel that life is truly worth living. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone asks him how he is doing, you can rest assured that his reply will be, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"



DARRELL RYAN

He is a natural motivator. When someone is having a bad day, John is there telling them how to look on the positive side of the situation. Being curious, one day I went up and asked him, "I don't get it! You just have a positive attitude all of the time. How do you do it?" He replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or ... you can

choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or, I can choose to learn from it.

"I simply choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested. "Yes, it is," he said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life."

I reflected on what he said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it. Several years later, I heard that he was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60

Parent's Corner

feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw him about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins, wanna see my scars?" I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

"The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter," he replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked.

He continued, "The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurs-

es, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man.' I knew I needed to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said John. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. 'Yes', I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity.'"

"Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'"

He lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything. After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. What's your choice?

Darrell Ryan, is the director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.



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Sheriff Dale Walker looks on as Mike Welling keeps the burgers and hotdogs cooking at the annual county employee appreciation cookout.

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DAV Commander Ed Meiser, left, poses with J.L. Stevens, Leon Engele and Tom Lewis, who recently received letters of appreciation for their work with veterans.

DAV shows its appreciation

Herald Staff Report

Saying they have shown "outstanding character" to their comrades, Big Spring Disabled American Veterans Chapter Commander Ed Meiser has recognized three members with letters of appreciation.

"These individuals exemplify outstanding character through dedication to the organization providing service to their fellow comrades," said Meiser. "It is truly an honor and a joy to work with such open-hearted comrades in making someone's life just a little

bit brighter."

Presented letters of appreciation were J.L. Stevens, senior vice commander; Leo Engele, adjutant/treasurer; and Tom Lewis, judge advocate.

The DAV offers free service to the nation's veterans, assisting them in obtaining medical care and benefits. The organization also provides representation before the Department of Veterans Affairs, support and free transportation for sick and disabled veterans to and from VA medical facilities across the nation, said Meiser.

"The dedicated and experienced members of

DAV Chapter 47 are committed to upholding the high standards and integrity of the organization through their sincere service to our veterans," said Meiser, who was recently re-elected chapter commander, beginning his eighth consecutive year in the Big Spring chapter. He was also elected senior vice commander for DAV Department of Texas, serving members, chapters and all veterans across the state.

For more information on the DAV, visit www.dav.org or contact the local chapter at 263-5163.

Cars and Stars was wonderful fund-raiser for state hospital

Cars and Stars Co-Chairs Mark and Stacie Barr and Doris Huijbregtse brought together a diverse and enthusiastic group of volunteers who made this year's fund-raiser a social and financial success. The volunteers navigated through uncharted waters introducing this new venture to the Howard County area, and it was a great learning experience which brought us a new world of volunteers and opportunities.



BILLIE CHRISTIE-MORGAN

Our Cars and Stars netted more than \$35,000 — our most profitable fund-raiser to date. Thank you Howard County and donors from the entire West Texas-area for helping the patients at Big Spring State Hospital. Stacie already is

busy working on next year's Cars and Stars. Congratulations to Sherri Key — the lucky winner of the 2007 Chevrolet Equinox.

Big Spring State Hospital patients enjoyed refreshments and gifts during their annual Summer Fun Day welcoming the arrival of summer. Fun Day Chair Suzanne Markwell planned another outstanding party, with assistance from volunteer Lucy Flores who enlisted the help of her church's youth group volunteers. Plenty of bright new T-shirts, caps, and flip-flop shoes were handed out to appreciative patients by nearly 20 volunteers. Brenda Wilkerson and Cyneather Woodruff took Summer Fun Day to patients on the Medical Services Unit, and Bill and Shirley Bodin scooped ice cream for our soft drink floats.

Activity Therapies, Food Services, Plant Management and the volunteers teamed to sponsor a hot dog cookout for

patients and staff. It is so rewarding to continue to watch Summer Fun Day grow during the past 19 years with the addition of new activities, new gifts and most of all, new volunteers. That afternoon, country and western entertainer Jody Nix played his guitar and sang for the patients to complete a full Summer Fun Day.

A summer workday scheduled for Aug. 14 will tackle Christmas Appeal Letters. These letters will be mailed in early September to churches, clubs and organizations in our 58-county area. We have been busy updating mailing lists and preparing for the workday. If you have some extra time Aug. 14, please come to the Community Relations office to help fold and address letters and enjoy good company.

Volunteer Dorothy Sheppard is requesting Christmas cards for patients who want to send cards to their loved ones. Patients also will receive a package that includes coffee,

chocolate mix and \$5. If you have all-occasion greeting cards to donate, bring them to the Community Relations Office. We can use the cards for the patients' card display in the Fashion Shop. The patients enjoy sending cards to family and friends. Stocking the card display is one of Dorothy's weekly activities. She also prepares wonderful lunches for the Chalet volunteer workdays and VSC Board meetings and organizes a monthly birthday party for the patients on the Medical unit. Thanks, Dorothy for making the day brighter for many of the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

The Volunteer Services Council Board is taking a summer break but they are still busy with special projects. We will meet in August for annual Board training.

Would you or your club or church group be interested in sponsoring a monthly birthday party for a group of patients?

We are in need of cupcakes or a birthday cake for 30 patients. This is a really neat volunteer project and is something the patients really appreciate. If interested, call me at 268-7535.

Community volunteers Lucy Griffith, Ann Duncan, Robin Hallman and Lucy Flores are busy working on the Volunteer Council Scholarship Nursing Scholarship committee reviewing applications and preparing to make final selections to award this year's nursing scholarships. This year's scholarship deadline is July 6. You may pick up an application at the Community Relations Office. Memorial donations may be made to the Volunteer Services Council, Big Spring State Hospital for the Nursing Scholarship Fund. The family will be notified of your tax deductible donation.

Billie Christie-Morgan is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

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Two lawsuits were filed Friday in McNairy County Circuit Court by Ronald Griswell, the father of two girls killed, Raven Griswell, 15, and Nicole Griswell, 19.

One of Griswell's lawsuits is similar to another filed last week that accuses Critchley, the owner of his dragster and event organizers of negligence. Griswell's other lawsuit claims that although organizers failed to get a parade permit, police failed to enforce city law by stopping the event.

The second lawsuit accuses the city — including Mayor David Robinson, Police Chief Neal Burks and all five members of the city's Board of Aldermen — of failing to ensure the safety of spectators or to warn them of the dangers. It seeks to permanently bar Cars for Kids or similar events from being held in Selmer, as well as unspecified compensatory damages.

The police chief said he had not been served with the lawsuit and could not comment. A message left for City Attorney Terry Abernathy after business hours on Friday was not immediately returned. A message left at the home of the mayor was not immediately returned.

The suit against Critchley, car owner AMS Staff Leasing Inc., event organizer Larry Price and Cars for Kids-Southern Style Inc. seeks \$5 million in compensatory damages and \$15 million in punitive damages.

A message left at AMS Staff Leasing, based in Texas, after business hours was not immediately returned. Critchley, of Texas, has not spoken publicly since the accident.

Court-martial delayed for 4th soldier accused in rape-slaying

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — A military judge on Friday said he would allow evidence that the fourth of five soldiers accused in the rape and murder of a 14-year-old Iraqi girl had previously said he wanted to hurt Iraqis.

Witnesses testified to having heard Spc. Jesse Spielman, 22, of Chambersburg, Pa., saying he wanted Iraqis dead.

"I don't care if they live or die. They will either support insurgents or breed insurgents. I want them dead," Pfc. Thomas Doss recalled Spielman saying of three detainees their unit had stopped during a patrol.

The hearing was the final opportunity for attorneys to hash out details and evidence before Spielman's court-martial.

Among the issues was whether the court would allow into evidence inflammatory statements Spielman made about Iraqis and details of alleged detainee



Seattle Times photo/Thomas James Hurst
Jane Balogh registered her dog, Duncan MacDonald, as a King County voter.

Woman pleads not guilty over registering dog to vote

SEATTLE (MCT) — A Seattle area grandmother who registered her dog to vote pleaded not guilty this week to making false statements on a voter-registration form.

Jane Balogh, who says it's too easy for a voter to register illegally, sought to prove her point by registering one of her dogs, Duncan MacDonald, as a King County absentee voter.

She put her phone in Duncan's name, and that apparently sufficed. Although the Australian shepherd-terrier mix signed each ballot envelope with a picture of a paw print, he didn't vote. Balogh wrote "void" on each ballot.

The King County prosecutor's office charged Balogh, 66, with making false or misleading statements to a public servant, a gross misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Balogh last week said

she planned to plead guilty. She changed her mind because election officials were using Duncan's canine outing as proof the system worked.

"She's just kind of annoyed because Duncan's still on the voting rolls," said Balogh's lawyer, Kristen Anderson. "Somebody is clearly not getting the message."

It's not that no one is paying attention, said Laura Lockard, acting election program manager for voter services. But there is "an arduous process" to have someone — even if that someone is a dog — taken off the voter rolls.

To successfully remove Duncan, Balogh will be presented with a letter challenging her dog's registration and calling her to a public hearing.

"They need to fix their system," Balogh argues. "And if they don't, I've wasted my time."

Lt. Col. Stephen Henley, the military judge, left open the possibility the testimony would not be allowed during the court-martial if the evidence presented then does not support it.

Henley also said Spielman's court-martial will begin July 30, one week later than originally planned, because of scheduling conflicts for defense witnesses.

Prosecutors do not allege that Spielman took direct part in the rape of Abeer Qassim al-Janabi or the murder of her and three others in her family. Instead they contend he was aware of a plan to attack the family and came along with the others near a checkpoint south of Baghdad on March 12, 2006.

Spielman faces up to life in prison without parole if convicted on rape and murder charges.

Three other soldiers have been convicted in the attack during the 101st's yearlong deployment.

Former private Stephen Green of Midland, Texas, faces charges of rape and murder. He will be tried in federal court because he had been discharged from the Army before allegations arose that U.S. soldiers were involved in the attack.

A trial date for Green has not been set, and prosecutors are awaiting word from the U.S. attorney general on whether to seek the death penalty.

The killings in Mahmoudiya, a village about 20 miles south of Baghdad, were among the worst in a series of alleged attacks on civilians and other abuses by military personnel in Iraq.

Investigators said the soldiers killed three in the family before raping the girl and setting fire to her body to destroy evidence.

Mistrial declared in case of girl accused of gang member's murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A mistrial was declared Friday after a jury couldn't reach a verdict in the case of a 17-year-old girl accused of fatally stabbing a member of the notorious MS-13 gang during a brawl in a city park last year.

Jurors deliberated for three days before telling state District Judge Devon Anderson they were deadlocked in deciding the fate of Ashley Benton.

Benton was accused of murdering MS-13 gang member Gabriel Granillo by plunging a double-bladed knife into the 15-year-old's heart during a June 2006 gang fight.

The jury began deliberating Wednesday, following a week of testimony, including testimony from five gang members.

As Anderson declared a mistrial, Benton and at least one of the jurors wept.

A hearing was scheduled for July 12 to decide what happens next in the case.

Prosecutors, who contend Granillo was running away from the fight when he was stabbed by Benton, said they have not decided whether to retry the teen.

Prosecutor Mia Magness said she wasn't disappointed by the jury's inability to reach a verdict.

"My sense is they really struggled with the dynamics of the offense, the fact that they had to look to gang members for information and I think that's difficult to ask anyone to do," Magness said.

Benton's attorneys said she stabbed Granillo in self-defense after he swung a bat at her during a brawl between MS-13 and the gang Crazy Crew, with which Benton was affiliated.

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Police hunt man seen fleeing from bomb-packed car in London

By **JILL LAWLESS**

Associated Press Writer
LONDON (AP) — Police mounted increased patrols in a jittery London Saturday as detectives conducted an intense hunt for a man seen running from an explosives-packed car in the heart of the city's entertainment district.

Two Mercedes loaded with gasoline, gas canisters and nails were found abandoned Friday in what police believe was an attempt to kill scores or even hundreds of people. Detectives said they were keeping an open mind about the perpetrators, but terrorism experts said the signs pointed to an al-Qaida-linked or inspired cell.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown was briefed on the investigation and the security threat by counterterrorism officers at Scotland Yard on Saturday, the prime minister's office said.

Police would not comment on a report by ABC News in the United States that police had a "crystal clear" picture of one suspect from CCTV footage.

Forensics experts were searching the two cars for clues. One was abandoned outside a nightclub in Haymarket, a busy street of shops, clubs and restaurants just yards from Trafalgar Square



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and Piccadilly Circus.

The other was towed after being parked illegally in nearby Cockspur Street and was discovered in an impound lot about a mile away in Park Lane, near Hyde Park.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, the Metropolitan Police anti-terrorism chief, said the two devices could have caused "significant injury or loss of life."

"The discovery of what appears to be a second bomb is obviously troubling, and reinforces the need for the public to be alert," he said.

The plot rattled London a week before the second anniversary of the July 7 suicide bombings that killed 52 commuters on the city's transit system, and two days after Brown succeeded Tony Blair as prime minister.

"London on the Edge" said the front page headline in *The Independent* newspaper Saturday, while the *Daily Mail* asked, "Where's the Next Bomb?"

Brown urged people to be alert, saying Britain faced "a serious and continuous security threat."

The *Times* newspaper reported that police had distributed a document to nightclubs two weeks ago warning of the threat from "vehicle-borne explosive devices" — car bombs.

The document, prepared by the National Counterterrorism Security Office, took the form of general counterterrorism advice for British clubs.

The government's crisis committee, code-named COBRA, was due to meet Saturday and police said they were strengthening

patrols in the city to reassure the public.

Tens of thousands of people were expected to march through central London later Saturday in the city's annual Gay Pride parade, which ends at Trafalgar Square.

Terrorism experts said the improvised devices discovered Friday were similar to ones used by homegrown terror cells — much like the bombs used in the July 7 attacks — although the discovery of the second device suggested a coordinated and more sophisticated attack.

Intelligence officials were examining a post on an Islamist Web site hours before the cars were found suggesting Britain would be attacked for awarding a knighthood to novelist Salman Rushdie and for intervening in Muslim countries.

The U.S.-based SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist Web sites, said a post on the al-Hesbah forum asked, "Is London craving explosions from al-Qaida?" and added: "I say the good news, by Allah, London will be hit."

SITE said the message had been posted to an unmoderated, public section of the forum, and its relationship, if any, to the car bombs could not be verified.

Smoky cabin forces flight back to airport

DALLAS (AP) — An American Airlines flight bound for Atlanta returned minutes after takeoff Friday night when a smoky haze appeared in the cabin.

Fire trucks greeted the 140 passengers on Flight 848 when the plane landed at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport about 15 minutes after takeoff. There was no fire on board and nothing mechanically wrong with the plane, American spokesman Tim Wagner said.

The flight was canceled because there was no other aircraft to replace the plane, he said.

Man charged with intimidating flight crew

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A Jet Blue Airlines flight was diverted from its original flight plan after a passenger became irate when the crew refused to serve him more alcohol, Department of Justice officials said Friday.

Jose Roman, 26, was arrested by the FBI Thursday and charged with assaulting and intimidating flight crew and with interfering with the ability of flight crew members and flight attendants to perform their duties, said U.S. Attorney Terrance Flynn in a written statement.

Roman was on flight 622 from George Bush International Airport in Houston en route to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, when the flight was diverted to Buffalo/Niagara International Airport.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Kennedy Jr. said in a written statement that Roman made statements to the crew and other passengers that he was going to shoot and kill the flight crew when the plane landed in New York.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall

Bush, Putin, China share world's distrust, poll finds

By WARREN P. STROBEL
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — At last, President Bush can take some solace in being dissed by much of the planet: At least he's not alone.

Support for the United States and Bush's foreign policies remains low, according to a poll in 47 nations and territories released Wednesday. But skepticism of Russian President Vladimir Putin and wariness of China's rising power are growing.

Two would-be challengers to the global order, Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, aren't very popular, either.

Even Osama bin Laden's favorables are down, particularly among Muslims.

The poll of 45,200 people by the Pew Global Attitudes Project paints humankind as increasingly worried about the environment, unsettled by Iran's apparent quest for nuclear weapons and distrustful of the world's major powers.

"Clearly, people are troubled by a whole range of problems in the world, and there's no one they look to and say, 'Oh, there's a solution,'" said Andrew Kohut, the president of the Pew Research Center.

The poll is particularly bad news for Bush and Putin.

In 37 of the countries surveyed, overwhelming majorities had little or no trust in Bush "to do the right thing in foreign affairs." Suspicion of U.S. efforts to promote democracy abroad is nearly universal. Even in Eastern Europe, post-Cold War affection for the U.S. is dissipating.

Putin — who has squelched dissent at home and played hardball with Russia's energy resources — got a "no confidence" vote from a majority of the public in 22 countries.

"Over the past four years, confidence in Vladimir Putin's leadership has plummeted in Western Europe and

other advanced democracies," with the sharpest declines in Germany, where it fell from 75 percent confidence in 2003 to 32 percent, the poll's authors said.

Views of China were mixed. People in many countries in Africa and Latin America view China's growing influence in their regions as positive; more positive than U.S. influence, in fact.

But people in advanced economies see China's economic challenge differently. Fifty-five percent in Germany, 64 percent in France and 45 percent in the United States consider China's economic impact a "bad thing." In South Korea, Japan, India and elsewhere, there's worry about Beijing's expanding military.

Majorities in 30 countries have little confidence in Iran's Ahmadinejad, while majorities in 14 countries distrust Venezuela's Chavez.

The poll, based on interviews by telephone and in person, was conducted in April and May. The margin of error is 2 to 4 percentage points, varying by country.

No polling was conducted in Iraq, Iran, Cuba, North Korea or Syria.

While previous surveys have found a tailspin in support for the United

Global opinion on world leaders

A survey of 47 nations* shows a lack of confidence in the leaders of some of the world's dominant countries.

Number of countries polled where more than 50 percent say they have little or no trust in each leader to do the right thing in world affairs:



*Includes the Palestinian territories

Source: Pew Global Attitudes Project poll of 500 to 2,026 adults in each country, April-May 2007; error margin: +/- 2-4 percentage points, AP, MCT Photo Service

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States since the invasion of Iraq, the Pew poll contains disturbing new findings:

— The least favorable views of the United States were in Turkey, a long-time NATO ally, where they stood at 9 percent.

— There's widespread support worldwide for pulling U.S. and NATO troops out of Afghanistan, with Islamic countries overwhelmingly in favor and people in NATO countries divided. That could indicate that anger

with the Iraq war has tainted the effort in Afghanistan, which had widespread legitimacy after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

— Majorities in 43 of the countries surveyed — including in the United States — say Washington promotes democracy mostly where it serves its

own interests.

As McClatchy Newspapers first reported, Undersecretary of State Karen Hughes issued a national public-diplomacy strategy last month intended to reverse the decline in America's global image, particularly in the Muslim world.

But Kohut said that to change Muslims' attitudes, "you have to change American policies, not do a better job of explaining them."

The poll's most surprising finding might be this: In Israel, a plurality of 42 percent said the United States was too supportive of their country.

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1960-present
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Date of flag, states added

13 stars 13 stripes* 1777-1795 Original 13	21 stars 1819-1820 Ill.	30 stars 1848-1851 Wis.	38 stars 1877-1890 Colo.
15 stars, 15 stripes** 1795-1818 Vt., Ky.	23 stars 1820-1822 Ala., Maine	31 stars 1851-1858 Calif.	43 stars 1890-1891 N.D., Mont., S.D., Idaho, Wash.,
20 stars, 13 stripes; remains at 13 1818-1819 Tenn., Ohio, La., Ind., Miss.	24 stars 1822-1836 Mo.	32 stars 1858-1859 Minn.	44 stars 1891-1896 Wyo.
<small>*Adopted June 14, 1777; states included Del., Pa., N.J., Ga., Conn., Mass., Md., S.C., N.H., Va., N.Y., N.C., R.I.</small>	25 stars 1836-1837 Ark.	33 stars 1859-1861 Ore.	45 stars 1896-1908 Utah
<small>**Adopted May 1, 1795</small>	26 stars 1837-1845 Mich.	34 stars 1861-1863 Kan.	46 stars 1908-1912 Okla.
	27 stars 1845-1846 Fla.	35 stars 1863-1865 W.Va.	48 stars 1912-1959 N.M., Ariz.
	28 stars 1846-1847 Texas	36 stars 1865-1867 Nev.	49 stars 1959-1960 Alaska
	29 stars 1847-1848 Iowa	37 stars 1867-1877 Neb.	

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U.S. Marines in dress uniform lead the way during Saturday's Freedom Parade in Coahoma. The event marked the start of Howard County observances of the July 4 holiday.

Big Spring Herald Early Deadlines

Retail	Classifieds
Wed., July 4th Deadline, Mon., July 2nd, 3:00 p.m.	Wed., July 4th Deadline, Mon., July 2nd, 5:00 p.m.
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- 6 p.m. Performance by Los Greengos
- 7:45 p.m. Parade of Flags grand entry, Symphony, Chorus begins performance with Salute to Armed Forces
- 9:20 p.m. Pictorial tribute honoring local men and women currently serving our country in the Armed Forces
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WHINERS

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He does have limits. Jacobs grew up in a military household and will share advice his father, a Marine, often would impart: You're not hurt. Walk it off. Indeed, too much griping can be destructive. Whining is highly contagious, like a virus. As it moves through an organi-

zation morale can suffer. It's tiresome to hear how much the new guy liked his old colleagues or how another state had more progressive rules. "You left there because you couldn't find a job, so just how effective was that policy that you liked?" asked Esther Lumsdon of Cary. "Either embrace your adventurous 9-year-old inner child or 'Delta's ready when you are.'" Dealing with whiners

head on can be difficult. Most people try to avoid conflict. Rather than confronting the person or situation, they cope in other ways. Some fire off e-mail or walk down the hall to whine ... er, share their plight with colleagues.

Hartley and her peers found a way to poke fun.

"When she was out of the office, we would complain to each other about what was hurting us. 'Oh, my eyelash hurts so bad.' 'This strand of hair is in agonizing pain.' 'This fingernail tip, the pain is excruciating!'" wrote Hartley, who has left that company. "Whenever she would complain, we would just giggle amongst ourselves." Still, Hartley was glad to be rid of her. "You have no idea," she said by phone.

Patty Briguglio tries to weed out whiners from the start.

She owns MMI Associates, a Raleigh public relations firm that has a staff mostly under 30. People of that generation require a special tact. They grew up playing on teams that didn't keep

score. They got trophies just for participating. Many, she said, lack a sense of accountability.

Recruiting, then, can be difficult.

Briguglio needs workers who are willing to carry cases of wine up three flights of stairs in high heels. She needs employees who will work long hours when a project

demands it and those with the resolve to fight for a client.

What she finds are 20-somethings fresh out of college wanting to start at \$50,000 a year as a vice president. She gets resumes forwarded by parents who expect her to hire their children. Applicants want to know how much vacation they

get before asking about job responsibilities.

She takes those actions as warning signs of whiners.

"People think that because they're in public relations, they're walking around at an event with a glass of wine, flipping their hair," she said. "I assure you, the only one doing that is me."



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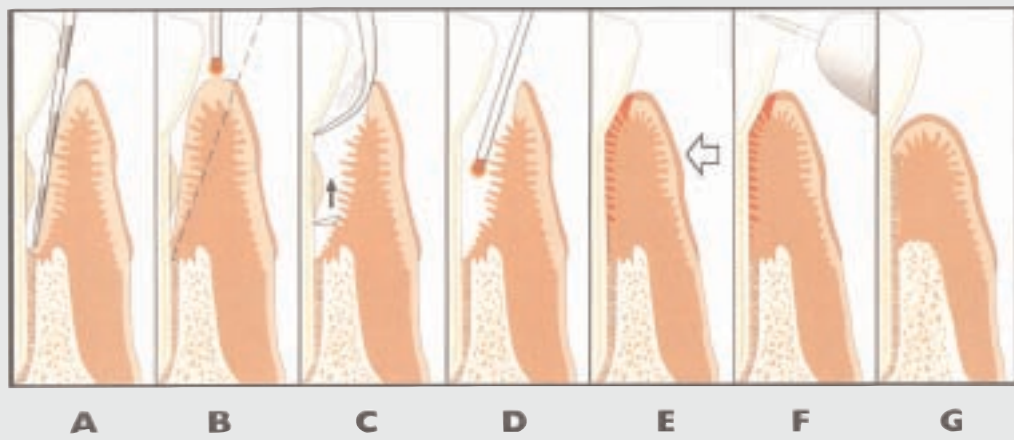
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